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Santa seeks help from Toys for Tots

By Bill Bokholt
Public Affairs Officer

Santa Claus needs help more than ever this year and MCLB has joined forces with Barstow Community Toys for Tots coordinators to give him a hand so Christmas morning will be a little brighter for many underprivileged children who might otherwise not receive a present.

The goal of the on-base campaign is to give everyone the opportunity to voluntarily donate toys in the Toys for Tots boxes conveniently located throughout Nebo and Yermo Annex. Base firefighters will collect the toys before the end of November so they can be presented during the local Toys for Tots Telethon. Because of safety concerns, only new and unwrapped toys can be accepted. All locally donated toys stay in the High Desert.

Individuals, groups and organizations that would rather make a monetary donation than give a toy can make out a check or money order to Toys for Tots and drop them off at the Nebo Fire Department.

The 21st Annual Toys for Tots Telethon airs from the

Barstow Elks Lodge on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 December 2 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with live music, local personalities and an auction of donated items.

Mal Wessel, Barstow Toys for Tots coordinator, said, "We really need auction items for the telethon this year. If anyone has something they'd like to donate give us call at 252-3093 and we'll make arrangements to pick it up."

Fire Chief Bob Wyman (577-6732) is the Base Coordinator again this year with assistance from base firefighters and GySgt. Peter S. Errigo (577-6192) is handling Marine participation. Individuals, groups or organizations wanting to help should contact Wyman or Errigo.

"Christmas and kids... how can you not get into the spirit of the season? This is my fourth year to coordinate the base's campaign, and I'm just hoping people will keep coming through like they have in the past" said Wyman.

The Barstow Community Toys for Tots program is sanctioned by the Toys for Tots Foundation, Quantico, Va.

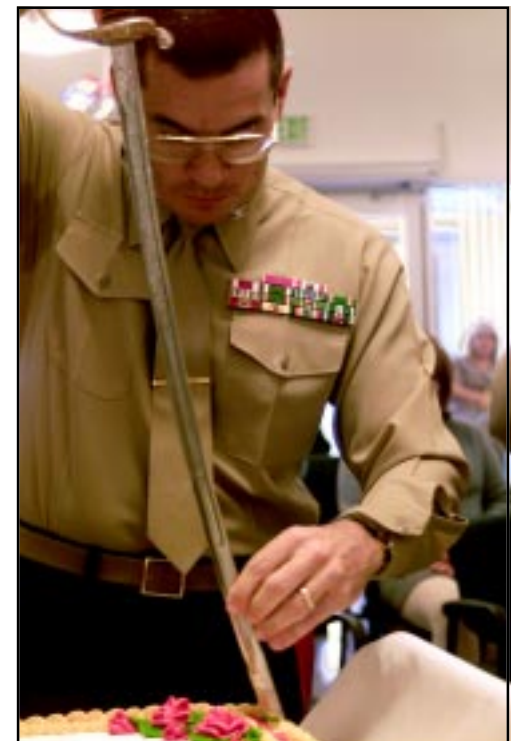


Photo by LCpl. Cory Kelly

Colonel Mark A. Costa, base commander, slices the Marine Birthday Cake at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow, November 9. See Pages 6-7 for more coverage on MCLB Barstow's celebration of the Marine Corps' 225th Birthday.

Act approves military participation in TSP

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Military members will be able to create their own retirement nest egg by using the Federal Employees Thrift Savings Plan beginning next year, Department of Defense officials said.

A portion of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 that President Clinton signed October 30 allows service members to participate in the civilian retirement plan, said Navy Capt. Elliott Bloxom, DoD's director of military compensation.

The Thrift Savings Plan offers Federal civilian employees the same type of savings and tax benefits that many private corporations offer their employees under so-called 401(k) plans. Money invested in the TSP comes from pre-tax dollars and reduces taxable income; investments and earnings are not taxed until they're withdrawn.

The plan has been in place since 1986.

The authorization act would allow active duty and Ready Reserve service members to invest up to five percent of their basic pay in the plan and all of any special and incentive pays they may receive - including bonuses - up to a total \$10,500 annual limit.

Civilians in the current Federal Employees Retirement System receive matching government funds in the TSP program. The investment benefit for the bulk of the military force, however, will resemble that of workers in the old Civil Service Retirement System. Those employees also have a five percent ceiling and receive no matching funds.

Service members may be eligible for matching funds in limited instances. Under the Special Retention Incentive portion of the legislation, members in certain critical specialties may receive matching funds based on

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Potential fire danger discovered at MCAS

During a recent power outage at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, firefighters discovered a potentially hazardous condition that could result in injury and fire.



As power was restored to the building, a significant power surge activated several electrical safety devices. Two surge protectors experienced traumatic failure during the re-powering. Although these units prevented the power surge from reaching and damaging the computers that they were attached to, they were destroyed by the power surge. This destruction resulted in the ignition of the internal parts of the units resulting in fire which had the potential to ignite surrounding materials.

The above picture is of two units that failed with resulting fire.

The units are called Power Trader 1000, Model Number P-1 ES, and are manufactured by EFI Electronics of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The units were purchased through GSA and are a stocked item.

THE COMMANDER'S FORUM

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the Base Commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via e-mail to SMB Barstow Commanders Forum.

Q Yes, I'm calling to complain about the Masters sandwich machine at the Maintenance Center. It's an old machine, and it has a plastic feed for all the sandwiches and stuff. It keeps messing up; it milks employees for \$2.25 each. They keep repairing it, I guess, and it keeps breaking down, and people are not getting money or the product that they pay for. Someone needs to contact Masters and have that machine moved and put in a state-of-the-art machine. It's time that the employees out here at repair get some new machines. We just need that machine out of there and get an up-to-date one in there.

Thank you.

A Thank you for your interest, your questions give me an opportunity to explain the situation. The Marine Corps Exchange Services Branch provides vending machine services to the base personnel by use of outside contractors. The sandwich machine in Building 573 is owned and operated by Master's Vending Services through a contract

with the MCX. The machine in question has been repaired and is in proper operating condition. Master's Vending instituted an inspection checkoff sheet that the resupply driver must complete on each visit. The main purpose of this checkoff sheet is to ensure each machine is working properly prior to the driver leaving. If the machine is not working properly, a repairman will be dispatched the following day to correct the problem.

MCX personnel will ensure that all vending machines have a repair hotline number attached to each machine. When a machine breaks down, the patron should call the repair hotline number, and MCX personnel will take the information and contact Master's Vending for next-day repair service.

Properly functioning machines are the responsibility of the vender. However, without the patrol notifying MCX personnel or Master's Vending, repairs cannot take place when needed.

It is the intent of MCX and Master's Vending to provide top-quality machines that operate properly, and when they do not they will be fixed the following day.

Q My question is, I was just over at the MWR, I guess it's called MCCS now, to buy some tickets. I paid with a check, and they insisted that I provide them a social security

number.

I am a little concerned that writing social security numbers on checks is asking for some trouble, and I need to know why you need to have my social security number. In this age and date with theft of identify and everything else it just doesn't seem like a smart thing to do.

I have other available identification such as a driver's license and my worker's badge and stuff, so I'd appreciate if someone would get back with

me and explain to me why you really need my social security number for everybody in the world to see.

Thanks.

A Thank you for your comments and concerns. Per Marine Corps Order P1700.27A, all personal checks must contain the name, social security number, unit address, and home/work telephone number of the individual presenting the check. It must also contain the name and

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On November 2, the BARSTOW LOG ran a SCAM Alert from credible sources reporting that OMNI Military Loans is using the E/MSS personal identification numbers of Marines to start allotments. According to the Camp Pendleton Staff Judge Advocates Office no evidence has currently been found to support these claims. However, Marines are still strongly cautioned about giving their PIN numbers to anyone for any reason.

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Who hasn't seen a similar scene before? Sergeant Fernando Gonzalez, Provost Marshal's Office, cites a driver during a recent traffic stop aboard the base. Gonzales noted that he doesn't see his job as being just about ticketing people, but reminding them that safety is everyone's job. Next time you see an MP smile and wave. After all, they're just doing their job.

Listening to God's warning signals

By Lt. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



The other day I was pulling out into an intersection at the Marine Corps Logistics Base when I heard the sound of a horn. I looked toward the direction of the sound and, to my chagrin, there was a vehicle that I did not see when I pulled out into the intersection. No doubt the person driving the vehicle wanted to give me the hand signal of indignation. I was thankful for the warning sound that prevented an accident. I did not see it coming because the vehicle was in my blind spot as I entered into the intersection.

When we enter into the intersections of life, sometimes we have blind spots.

We try to control and anticipate life, making the best decisions that we can.

However, we have blind spots in unanticipated

events. We also have warning sounds to help us avoid some of those unwanted events. Some call those warning sounds conscience, listening to the advice of others, intuition, experience, and the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 3:15 states, "As has just been said, 'Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.'" Our hearing gets clogged by the busy-ness of life, and pride prevents us from listening to the advice of others. Sometimes our estrangement from God because of our anger toward Him over circumstances prevents us from hearing the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 10:36 further states, "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God you will receive what He has promised." The best way that I have found to help with the unclogging of my hearing is to have private moments with God. It is during those private moments in prayer that I admit my failures and my shortcomings, and I am honest with God

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Chapel Hours

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services before Mass

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11 - 11:30 a.m.
At the Colonel's Workshop
For more info call
Don Brooks at 577-7165.



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NEWS BRIEFS

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Adopt-a-Vet

The Chaplain's Office is signing up sponsors for the Adopt-a-Vet program. This is an opportunity to show appreciation to the men and women who have served this country. Many veterans don't have anyone to share Christmas with and would not receive a gift if it weren't for this program. The mission is to ensure that every veteran in the Veterans Home of California - Barstow receives a Christmas gift.

To purchase a gift for one of these veterans, sign up with RP2 Julie Dennison at the Chaplain's Office, Building 126, Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Sundays after each service at the Base Chapel. All gift ideas are under \$25, and adoptions are not limited to one veteran.

For more info call RP2 Julie Dennison, 577-6849, or e-mail her at dennisonj@barstow.usmc.mil.

Patton Museum

In 1942, German troops under the command of Field Marshall Irwin Rommel, "The Desert Fox," were on the move, marching through North Africa and moving to take over Egypt and the Suez Canal. The world needed desperate measures to stop this force from creating an empire for the Third Reich.

America called on a native Southern Californian, General George S. Patton, Jr., to stop the German juggernaut. Patton chose the Mojave Desert as the best location to train the force

required to stop Rommel. Patton led his troops through some of the most brutal combat training in the desert environment to prepare them for the war in Africa. Soldiers were expected to run a mile in 10 minutes while carrying full packs and rifles in 110-degree heat. They were issued one canteen of water per day. Many GIs referred to the Mojave Desert as the "Land that God Forgot."

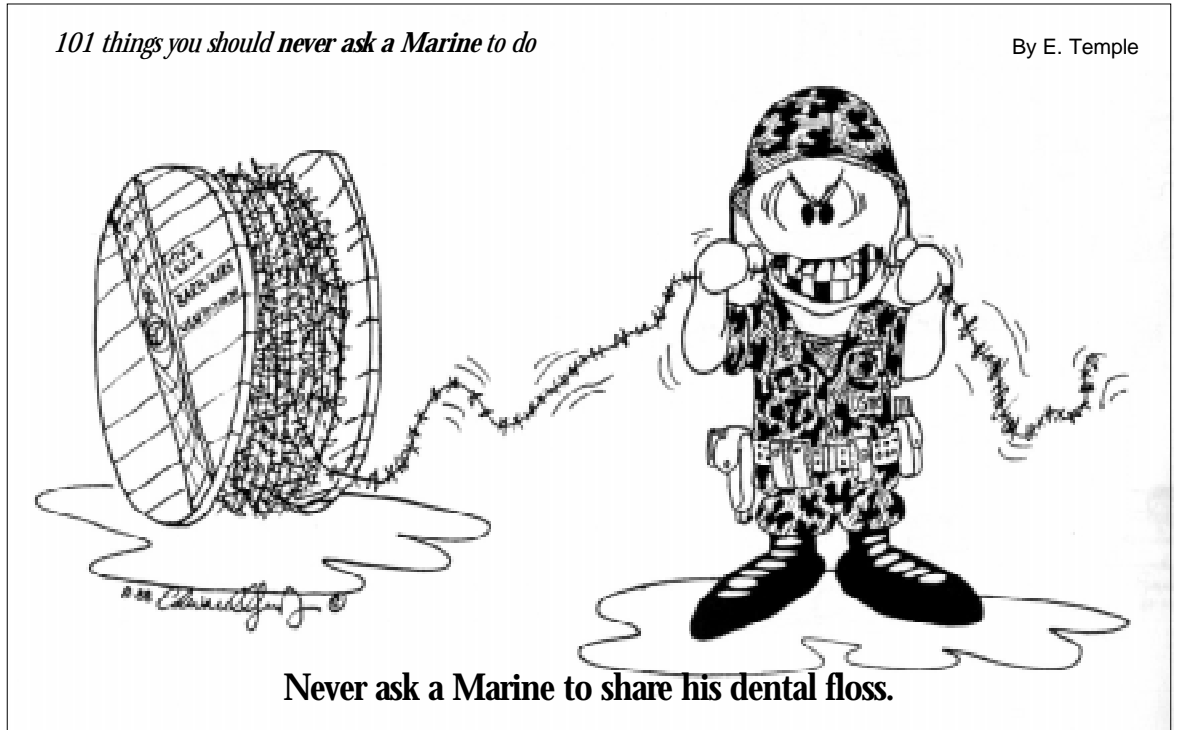
Patton's Desert Training Center covered an area 250 by 350 miles. It stretched west from Chiriaco Summit to Indio, Calif., north to Searchlight, Nev., and south to Yuma, Ariz. It was the largest simulated theater of operations in the history of military maneuvers. Through the next 2 1/2 years more than one million men would train at the Center, then ship out losing their lives while fighting in World War II.

The General George Smith Patton, Jr., Memorial Museum commemorates the life of this remarkable man, and the history of the Desert Training Center. The museum is off Interstate 10 in Chiriaco Summit, Calif., approximately 30 miles east of Indio. It is open daily from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more info call (760) 227-3483.

Gym Closures

The base gym is closed today for the Health and Safety Fair; however, the weight room remains open.

The scheduled gym hours for Thanksgiving weekend are:



November 23	Closed
November 24	8 a.m.-3 p.m.
November 25	8 a.m.-3 p.m.
November 26	8 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more info call GySgt. David Wersinger at 577-6899.

CWRA Turkey giveaway

Congratulations to Kathleen Dunham, Human Resources Office. She won the third \$15 turkey giveaway certificate in the weekly drawing November 9.

Be sure to get your entry in for the free turkey giveaway the Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association sponsors annually. The final drawing is at 11 a.m. today at the Oasis Club.

Upon receipt of a certificate, they take it to Stater Brothers and redeem it for a turkey.

Forms are available from any CWRA representative or at the Public Affairs Office at Building 15.

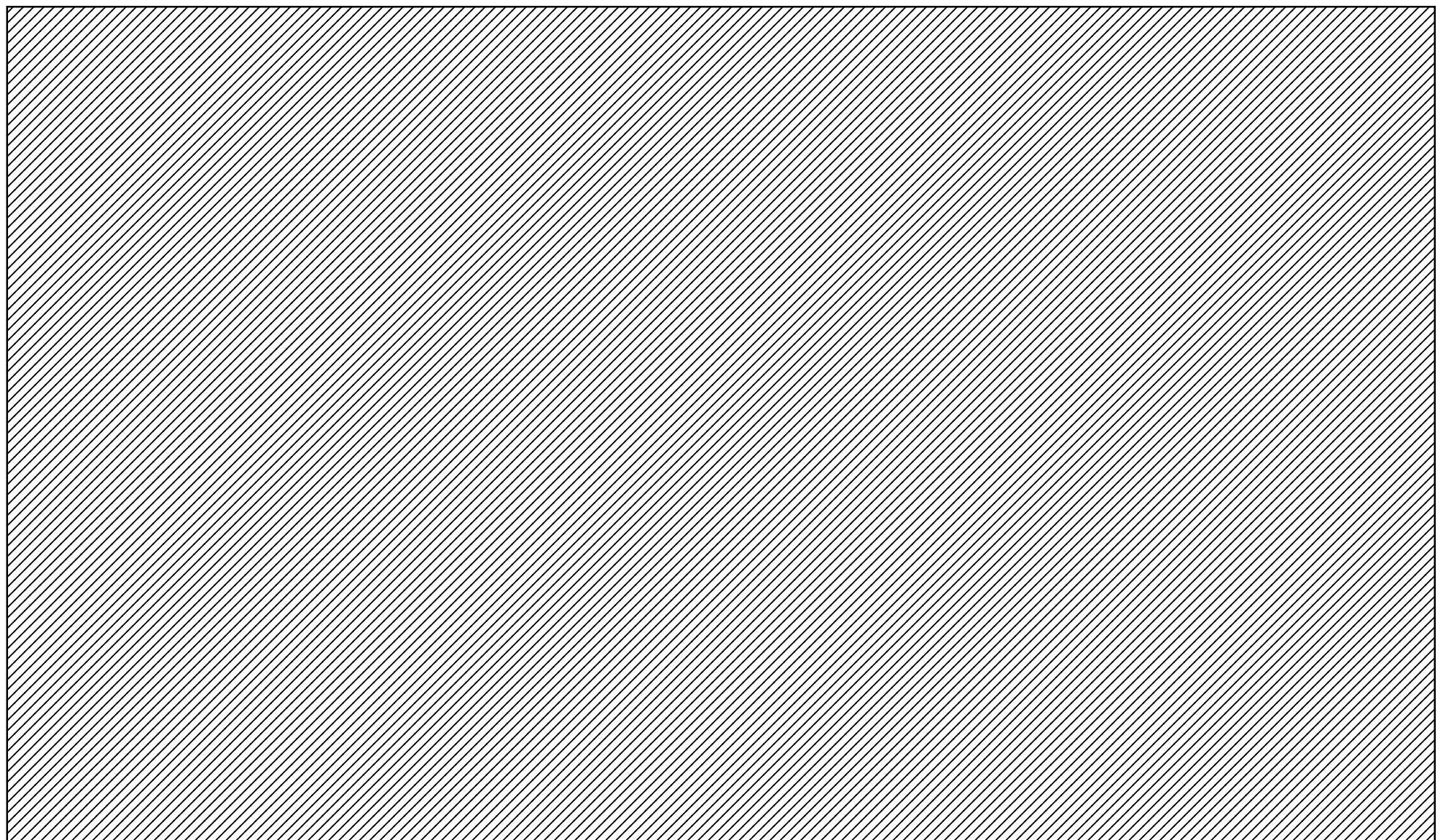
For more info call Dan Keim, 577-

6614.

Electrical Power Outage

A power outage is scheduled December 2 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. for buildings 437, 558, 577, 578, 588, 614, 628, Y3, T582 and 579 to replace splices in underground cables.

Don't forget to shut off computers and other electrical appliances December 2. For more info call Marvin Manness, 577-6717.



Marines seek former Lejeune residents for health survey

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – If your children were conceived or born at Camp Lejeune anytime between 1968 and 1985, the Marine Corps needs you to participate in an environmental health survey.

Marine officials said they are trying to reach about 10,000 former residents to participate

in the survey. They have already contacted 6,500 people.

The Marines are working with the U.S. Public Health Service's Agency of Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to determine if low-level exposure to two cleaning compounds — tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene — can cause certain health concerns in children.

"There have been several studies that have

looked at the health effects of these two chemicals on unborn children and have been linked to specific birth defects and childhood cancers, such as leukemia," said Dr. Wendy Kaye, chief of epidemiology and surveillance at the agency.

Officials determined the two chemicals were present in drinking water on base from 1968 to 1985. One came from an off-base dry cleaners. The other chemical came from run-off associated with the Camp Lejeune industrial area.

Marine officials said they discovered the chemicals in the water supply in the early 1980s. "The testing indicated we might have a quality concern with the water from both the Tarawa Terrace and

Hadnot Point water distribution systems," said Marine Col. Michael Lehnert, head of Marine Corps Facilities and Services Division.

"When we confirmed the contamination of the water, we took the necessary steps to close the wells and notified the appropriate authorities," he said. "News of the situation and what the Corps was doing to guarantee quality water for the residents was carried in the base paper and the local media."

The Marines capped the wells in 1985. No federal or state laws were violated and no health effects were known from the chemicals.

However, in 1997 an ATSDR study in Woburn, Mass., showed health effects from high levels of these chemicals. Because of that study, scientists wanted to see what the effects were from low-levels of contaminants. The

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Job Watch

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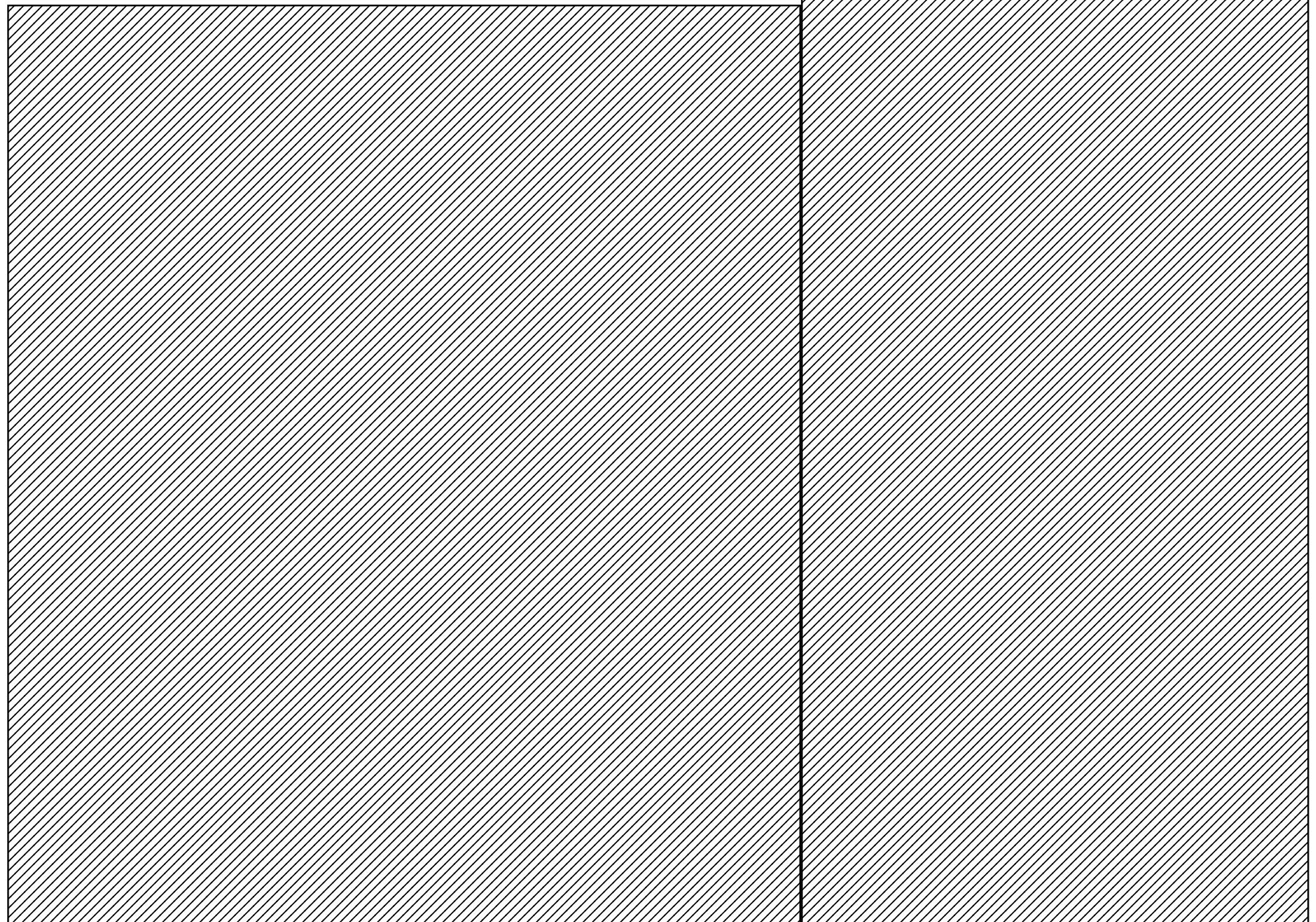
Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their resume to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office 24-hour employment information line at 577-6919.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.



Navajo Marine recalls Code Talkers' contributions during World War II

By Cpl. Cullen James, USA
Fort Huachuca Scout

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. – America's World War II island-hopping campaign in the Pacific was about to start in 1942, and the U.S. military still didn't have something it desperately needed – a communications code the Japanese couldn't break.

Then, Philip Johnston had a revolutionary idea: Use the native language of the Navajo Indians. Johnston, the son of a missionary to the Navajos, was one of the few outsiders who could speak the tribe's tongue fluently. The language is unique to the Navajos and had no written form at that time, so a person who didn't know the oral vocabulary was helpless.

Johnston tried several times to convince the Navy his idea had merit, but failed. It was a call to then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt that finally convinced the Navy to give his idea a shot, said John Goodluck Sr., a Marine Corps Navajo code talker during the war.

For the test, he said, the military



Official USMC photo by K.W. Alfather

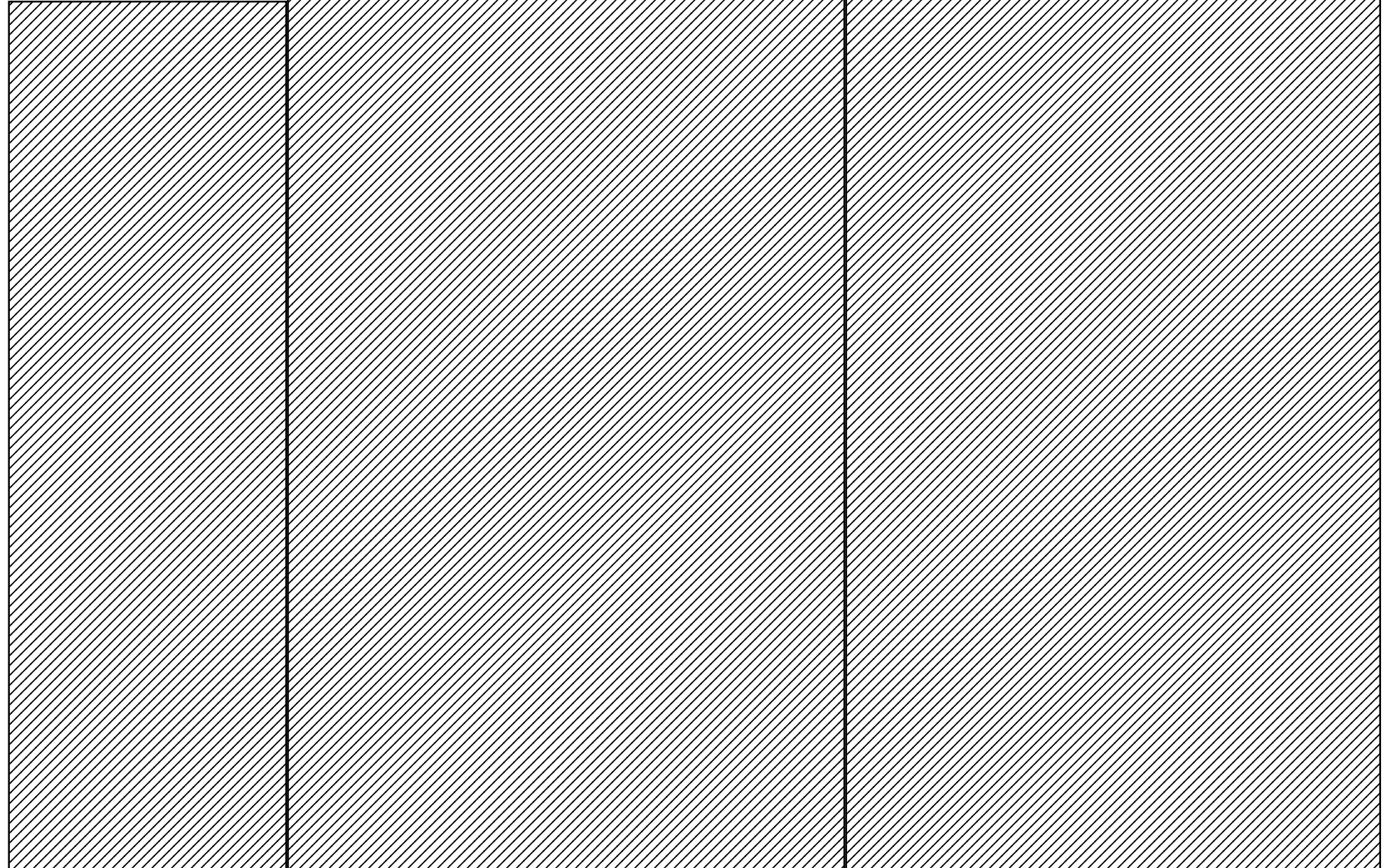
Privates First Class George H. Kirk, Ganado, Ariz., and John V. Goodluck, Sr., of Lukachukai, Ariz., relax in their campsite on a hillside in Guam in 1943.

set radios 300-400 yards apart and sent coded messages using both Navajo code talkers and regular Morse code machines. "The code talkers deciphered the message in under a minute, the machine took an hour," Goodluck said. After military approval, the Navajo

council had to decide whether to support the idea.

"Everyone on the council was for it except for one. They slept on it for a night and decided to do it — they said it was good and

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225th Birthday Celebration

Reflecting upon two and a quarter centuries of the Corps' existence, MCLB Barstow Marines celebrate their birthday as only Marines can

Story and photos by LCpl. Cory Kelly
BARSTOW LOG staff

Just as Marines around the globe did, Marines here took heed to the prescription of the 13th Commandant Gen. John A. Lejuene and gathered Saturday to remember the birth of the Corps.

Hundreds of Marines headed to Primm, Nv., for MCLB's Marine Corps Ball. The guest speaker and eldest Marine present was Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander.

In his speech, Costa recounted his whereabouts during his last 28 Marine Corps birthdays and asked each person there to spend the time remembering their forefathers and reflecting on their beginnings and the heritage of the Corps. The youngest Marine present was PFC Edward M. Torresosorio, who was born October 3, 1981, in Cali, Columbia.

General James L. Jones, 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, reminded Marines around the globe that, "We are United States Marines and for two and a quarter centuries we have defined the standards of courage, esprit and military prowess.



Photo by Curt Lambert

(ABOVE) Colonel Ervin Rivers, commander, Maintenance Center Barstow, presents a slice of cake to LCpl. Tighree U. Thomas during the November 8 Cake Cutting ceremony at the Yermo Annex. (BELOW) Lance Cpl. Derrick D. Christoff carries the M-14 as part of the color detail during the Cake Cutting ceremony at the Veterans Home of California – Barstow November 9.



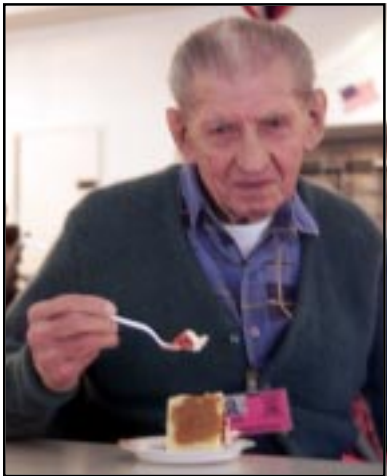
Sword detail members (FRONT to REAR) Sgt. Nicholas Alderete, Cpl. Michael J. Huckaby and Cpl. Micheal G. McGee prepare for the entrance of the Official Party consisting of SgtMaj. John D. Hathaway, base sergeant major, and Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander.



Marines and civilian Marines gathered for a Cake Cutting ceremony November 9 for the personnel working at Nebo.



Captain Vincent D. Applewhite, base inspector, and wife, Linda, show off their dancing skills out on the floor at the 225th Marine Corps Ball Saturday at the Primm Valley Resort and Casino in Primm, Nv. Applewhite was just one of MCLB's Marines who got down on the dance floor and boogied the night away.



At 91 years old, Sgt. Edwin Lewis Silvey, was the oldest Marine present at the Veterans Home Cake Cutting November 9.



Sergeant Maj. John D. Hathaway, base sergeant major, cuts the cake. (RIGHT) Color guard members (FRONT to REAR) LCpl. James D. Hosey, Cpl. Pete B. Martinez III, Sgt. Omar M. Ebanks (HIDDEN) and LCpl. Derrick D. Christoff (HIDDEN) present colors.



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their contributions from basic pay. In return, the member would have to agree to spend at least six years in the specialty.

"The match is discretionary by the service secretaries," Bloxom said. "We will be meeting with the services to determine how the services want to implement this. I would envision at this point that the services would offer the match similar to the way they offer the selective reenlistment bonus."

Bloxom said the services might offer TSP matches instead of a selective reenlistment bonus, but nothing in the law says service members cannot receive both.

The legislation calls for the plan to be implemented within 360 days of the signing of the legislation. "Of course, the critical date will be determined by when the (Federal Retirement)

Thrift Investment Board is able to provide timely and accurate services to our members," Bloxom said.

"Accommodating DoD will double the number of individuals who are eligible to participate in the TSP. Right now, we envision that members will be able to enroll in the TSP beginning in October 2001. That will mark the start of a special 60-day open season."

Participation is optional and not automatic. Service members who want to sign up or change their investment levels generally would do so during designated "open seasons" – the same as civilian employees.

"Actual cash contributions would not start until after that open season," Bloxom said. He estimated service members would actually begin investing by January 2002.

DoD officials are working with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the Thrift Investment Board

on how to get the whole program up and running. Forms and educational materials will go out to service members so they can make an informed choice during the open season.

The TSP program currently allows employees to invest in any or all of three mutual funds: a government bond fund, a corporate bond fund and a stock fund. TSP administrators currently estimate that May 1, 2001, will be the stand-up of two new mutual fund options: international stocks and small-business stocks.

For more information on how the program works for civilian employees, visit the TSP Web site at <http://www.tsp.gov>. The site includes a range of forms and publications, news releases, Frequently Asked Questions and investment calculators, and it offers on-line account access. Information on TSP for the Uniformed Services – UNISERV – should also be available at the site soon.

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because He accepts me and loves me just as I am. When I come to God alone, in honesty, the Spirit of God gives wisdom, discernment, direction, peace, and contentment. All of my questions are not answered, but I

am given hope and encouragement to go through the situations in which I find myself. I would encourage each one of you to make time for God. Keep praying and be open to the warning sounds that He gives.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

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SSN of their sponsor (all information must be provided on the face of the check). This information is sought under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, Executive Order 9397 of 22 November 1943 and Marine Corps order P5211.2. It is used for identification and collection purposes in the event of

nonpayment. Providing an SSN is strictly voluntary. However, failure to provide your SSN will result in nonacceptance of your check. All information provided is handled in compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974. The SSN is only used in tracking

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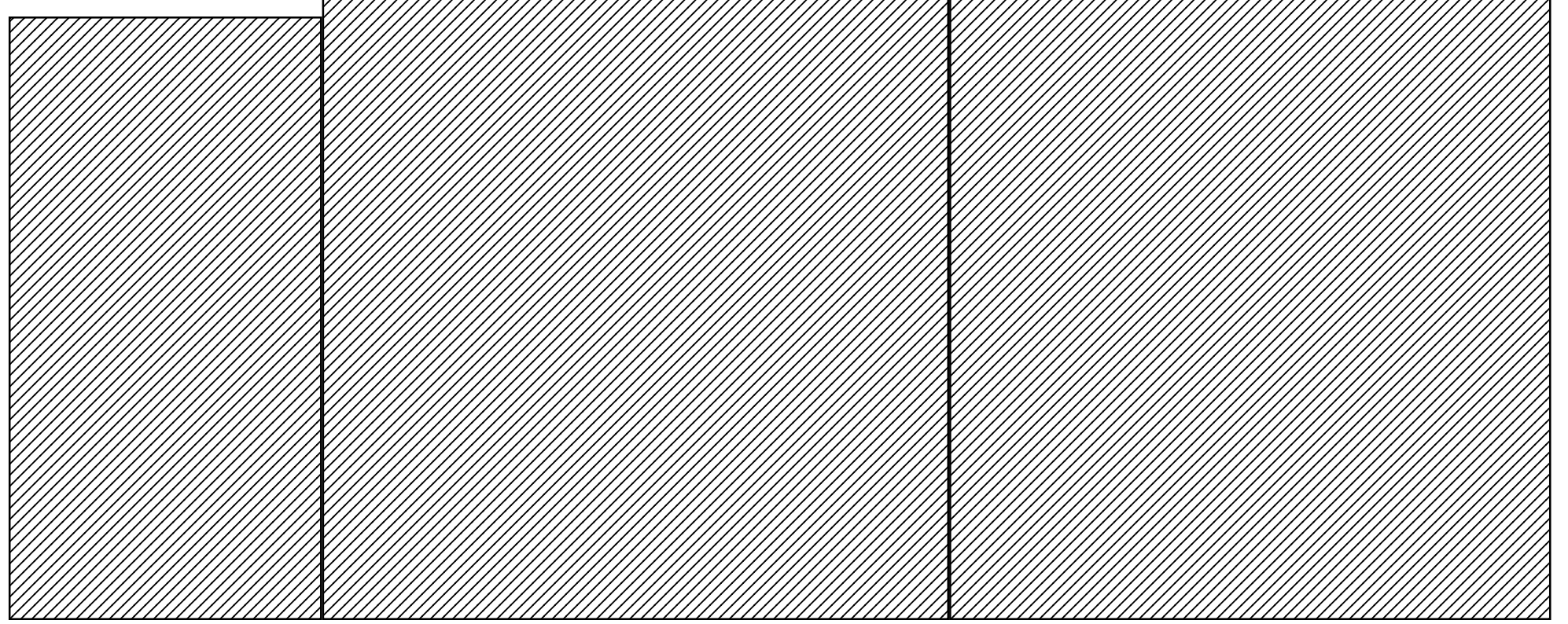
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ATSDR scientists came to the Marine Corps to continue their study.

"We are estimating that there were between — about 16,500 children born or conceived at Camp Lejeune who lived in base housing between 1968-1985," Kaye said.

All families whose children were born or conceived at Camp Lejeune from 1968 through 1985 are encouraged to participate in this survey, whether or not the child has exhibited any health concerns, Marine officials said. To participate, call the National Opinion Research Center at (800) 639-4270. NORC is conducting the survey for the ATSDR.

For more information about the ongoing study, call the ATSDR at (888) 42-ATSDR, extension 5132. The Marine Corps has also established a toll free number at (877) 261-9782 and a Web site, <http://www.usmc.mil> for general information.





Toys for Tots Tournament

Tees & Trees is hosting the annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament November 25.

Get a team together, and join this tournament. By participating, you're also supporting the Barstow Community Toys for Tots program.

Call Tees & Trees Golf Course, 577-6431, for all the details – and sign up today.

By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Major Brian T. Ballard (center), director, and Harry Sherman (right), business operations officer, Marine Corps Community Services, and store employees watch as Col. Mark A. Costa (left), base commander, and Army LtCol. Robert Algermissen (behind Costa), garrison commander, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, cut the ribbon to the Railhead Exchange/Super 7-Day store at the Yermo Annex November 13.

The exchange, which is a partnership effort between the Marine Corps and the Army, provides more and better services for the Army personnel stationed at the Yermo Annex during training rotations at the National Training Center, as well as for the civilian Marines working at Yermo.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Weekly Lunch Menu

Today – Mushroom-stuffed chicken.

Friday – Tuna casserole.

Monday – Jumbalaya.

Tuesday – Creole pork chops.

Wednesday – Chicken Cordon Bleu.

Thursday – Turkey w/trimmings.

All above meals served with coffee, tea or soft drink.

The Family Restaurant is open 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Lunch is served Monday–Friday at the Family Restaurant 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Lunch is served Monday–Friday at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m.–noon. Price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

The Family Restaurant also offers an *a la carte* and sub sandwich menus for lunch. The Cactus Cafe offers limited *a la carte* and sub sandwich menus for lunch. Call 577-6428 for info.

Thursday Family Night Dinner

Tonight – Chicken Cacciatore.

Next week – Closed.

Family Night dinners are served Thursday evening at the Family Restaurant from 4:30–7:30 p.m. Prices: (military & civilian) \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5–11 years), children 4 years and under are free. Everyone is welcome. Bring family and guests, and enjoy a good meal.

MCCS Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

The Exchange/7-Day Store (Nebo) is open 10 a.m.–6 p.m. The Family Restaurant is open 9 a.m.–2 p.m. serving turkey and all the trimmings. All other MCCS facilities are closed for the holiday.

The Gym/Fitness Center is open November 24 from 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Semper Fit seeks ...

Semper Fit seeks resumes for the Armed Forces Ski Team Trials.

The trials are being held in two different categories; Cross Country and Giant Slalom.

The cross country trials will be held at Ethan Allen Firing Range, Jerico, Vt., January 27-30.

The Giant Slalom trials will be held at Mt. Mansfield Ski Area, Vt., January 29-February 1.

The Armed Forces team competes at Conseil International Sports du Militaire (the International Council of Military Sports) ski week at Jerico, Vt., March 6-11.

Submit resumes through the Semper Fit officer by January 2.

Semper Fit is also looking for participants in the Armed Forces Cross Country Championships to be held at Vancouver, Wa., February 15-19.

The All-Marine Team will consist of 10 men and five women.

Submit resumes to the Semper Fit officer by December 11.

For more info on these and other military sports programs, call Semper Fit, 577-6971, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4p.m.

GUNNY'S PICKS

Week 12

Dental Technician Second Class Daniel M. Chadkewicz broke a three-way tie Monday by choosing Denver over Oakland.

Chadkewicz claims Detroit is going to the Super Bowl, but added that one should "Never ask a Marine to choose Gunny's Picks."

Ouch.

That's OK, Chadkewicz - I chose this week's *101 Things* especially for you.

(Heh, heh, heh)



- *Tampa Bay at Chicago
- *Indianapolis at Green Bay
- *Cleveland at Tennessee*
- *Buffalo at Kansas City*
- *Carolina at Minnesota*
- *Cincinnati at New England
- *Oakland at New Orleans

- *Detroit at NY Giants
- *Arizona at Philadelphia*
- *San Diego at Denver*
- *NY Jets at Miami*
- *Atlanta at San Francisco
- *Dallas at Baltimore*
- *Jacksonville at Pittsburgh*

Monday Night

Washington at St. Louis (53)

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.

Please submit all Trader Ads to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

1989 NISSAN 4X4 PICK-UP: 5-spd, A/C, 89K miles, A/T tires, custom rims, tint, custom bumpers w/hitch, runs excellent, \$3,750 OBO. Call 252-0039.

1988 FORD RANGER: w/camper shell, 5-spd, red, CD player, \$900 OBO. Call 252-2500.

1998 BLAZER: P/D, P/W, A/C, CD, 4X4, Black, very well maintained, transferable warranty, must sell, \$16,500 OBO. Call 252-8666.

1994 DODGE CARAVAN: PS/PB/w/DL ABS, new tires, smog cert. Retail \$6,600; asking \$5,800. Call 252-2656. Lv. msg.

1991 HONDA CIVIC: 5-spd, motorswap, Wings West body kit, fresh silver paint, roll cage, NOS, full sway and strut bars, custom interior, 18" Niche 3-pc whls, coilover susp., complete trophy car – nothing left to do, make offer. Call 252-0039.

1965 FORD 1/2-TON PICK-UP: Less than 200 miles on tires and shocks, needs a little body work, \$700. Call 253-3056.

MISCELLANEOUS: Exercise equipment: Nordic Rider, \$100; Ab machine, \$15; Fitness Flyer, \$75; Exercise Blade, \$25; Twist and Spin, \$10 or trade for ?; Suze Orman's "Financial Freedom" series of CDs and books, new \$50 or trade for ? Call 253-5926.

MISCELLANEOUS: Wall unit, walnut w/overhead lights, like new condition, \$600. Call 951-4548.

MISCELLANEOUS: Kenwood 5-CD, carousel-type, CD player, \$50. Call 252-3638.

MISCELLANEOUS: Queen-sized waterbed, \$35; Super-single waterbed w/12-drawer pedestal (1 drawer missing), \$20; sheet sets for both, like new, \$5 each; older zig-zag sewing machine, \$10. Call 252-3824.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bose subwoofer, \$150; dining table, solid Oak, seats 6–10 people, \$500 will take payments; Kenmore range hood, 30", almond color, like new, \$30; barbecue grill, charcoal, \$10. Call 255-3045.

MISCELLANEOUS: Brown and beige high/low carpet, approx. 50 yards \$50. Call 253-5926.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two pieces of beige carpet in excellent condition, one piece 10'X7', one piece 10'X11', \$25 each. Call 252-2059. Lv. msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Portable-electric range w/ 1-qt non-stick pot, \$15; grass trimmer, cordless battery, rechargeable \$20. Call 242-8839.

MISCELLANEOUS: Weed-eater, \$5; chair that makes into a bed, \$5; wooden rocker w/pad, \$25. Call 256-7428.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sofa and loveseat w/matching coffee table and 2 end tables, \$150; treadmill, 0-6 mph, \$75 OBO; men's and women's 26", 21-speed mountain bikes, \$150 for both. Call 252-3023.

GARAGE SALE: Clothes and many household items, 3-pc sofa, washer/dryer, bedroom set, 1301 Montezuma. Call 252-2500.

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important to support it," he said. Goodluck and others went to Camp Pendleton, Calif., for Marine Corps basic training and code-talking school and then headed to the Pacific. Eventually, 379 code talkers would serve.

"Some say there were 400, but many failed," Goodluck said. "You had to understand both Navajo and English."

Code talkers' messages were strings of seemingly unrelated Navajo words. They would translate each word into English, and then decipher the message by using only the first letter of each English word. For example, several Navajo words could be used to represent the letter "a" - "wol-la-chee" (ant), "be-la-sana" (apple) and "tse-nill" (ax). The code was unbreakable so long as an eavesdropper didn't know the oral vocabulary.

While the Navajos used more than one word to represent letters, about 450 common military terms had no equivalent and were assigned code words. For example, "division" was "ashih-hi" (salt); "America" was "Ne-he-mah" (Our Mother); "fighter plane" was "da-he-tih-hi" (hummingbird); "submarine" became "besh-lo" (iron fish); and "tank destroyer" was "chay-da-gahi-nail-tsaidi" (tortoise killer).

Just by speaking their language, the Navajos could easily transmit information on tactics and troop movements, orders and other vital battlefield communications over telephones and radios. "We were always on the radio. We would see a ship or airplane and tell them what we saw," Goodluck said.

Goodluck said he served in the 3rd Marine Division from March 1943 to December 1945 and participated in the invasions of Guadalcanal and Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, Guam and Iwo Jima.

After the war, Goodluck returned to Arizona and worked for the U.S. Public Health Service as a truck driver, ambulance driver and translator for English-speaking physicians on the reservations.

"They didn't have doctors or clinics on the reservations when I first started. The nurses had to carry these huge bags and would give the shots to people in the areas we visited," he recalled.

The Department of Defense officially and openly honored its Native American code talkers in 1992. The services enlisted code talkers from many tribes during the war. While their purpose was a kind of open secret then, their contributions were still largely unknown to the public. Now, however, the Navajo code talker exhibit is a regular stop on the Pentagon tour.

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non-paid checks in order to make restitution through the IRS. The IRS does not currently recognize any other means of personal identification.

The theft of identity and abuse of credit is certainly an important issue to which we are extremely sensitive. The only people to

observe the SSN on the checks are the cashier, who must also initial them upon receipt, and the store manager who stores them in the store safe until the next day's deposits are taken to the bank.

All MCCS personnel handling money are trained to safeguard such information and are made aware of the sensitivity of such information.

