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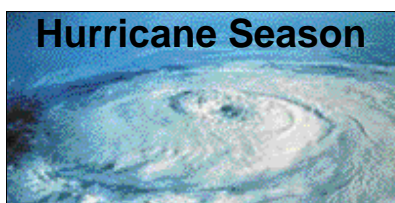
MCLB Update

Town Hall Meeting...

Col. John Lopez, the commanding officer of MCLB Albany, will be presenting a brief TODAY during a "Town Hall Meeting" at 4 p.m. in the Base Theater. The brief will outline the geothermal project for Base Housing. The contractor for this project will also be on hand to answer any questions.

Light the Night walk...

This is the first year for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to hold its "Light the Night Walk" in Albany, Oct. 1 at Riverpoint Park. The purpose of the one mile walk is to raise funds for research to discover cures for blood cancers. You can register at Web site www.lightthenight.org.



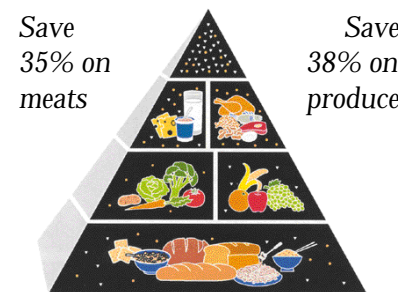
Hurricane season continues. For updated information regarding base conditions and work schedules, call the MCLB Albany destructive weather hotline at 639-7600.

Recycling...

In accordance with Marine Corps Order 5090.2A -- Environmental Compliance and Protection Manual, MCLB established the Qualified Recycling Program as a measure to keep the base environment clean. Currently being recycled are glass, cardboard, aluminum cans, newspaper, white paper, magazines, phonebooks and plastics, such as food product bottles. For more information, call the Environmental Branch at 639-5637/6261.



Commissary offers great savings



Comptrollers meet for area conference

CECELLIA LYON
PLANS & RESOURCES

The Southwest Georgia Chapter of American Society of Military Comptrollers is sponsoring a professional development conference, "Harvesting Financial Rewards," Oct. 21, in the Base Conference Center.

Featured speakers will be Dr. Francois Melese, associate professor, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. and Mr. John Bunnell, Director of Certification, ASMC Headquarters, Alexandria, Va.

Dr. Melese teaches defense economics and public budgeting at the Defense Resources Management Institute. DRMI offers executive level courses in defense management to military and civilian leaders in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Melese has conducted multiple courses in Africa, Asia, Europe, Central and South America.

An active researcher, he has published extensively on defense, energy, public budgeting, international trade, and labor issues. Dr. Melese has advised officials in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Marines Corps Systems Command as well as other senior officials.

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Provocative play debuts

EMBLEM STAFF

The Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Ga., in conjunction with the Albany District Attorney's Domestic Violence Task Force, proudly presents the dramatic play "Daddy, Don't". Charles, a retired Marine and Thelma Williams have been married for twenty-three years. Almost immediately from the onset of their union, Thelma has been a victim of domestic violence. Their children now ages 23, 17, 16 and 14 emotionally bear the scars that Thelma physically hides. "Daddy, Don't" is dense with unforgettable images.

We see through the eyes and lives of their children how domestic violence spawns other abuses — alcohol abuse, premature sex, drug solicitation. A belief that domestic violence should be permissible in relationships spirals their two daughters into mirrored abusive relationships. The play "Daddy, Don't" reminds us that domestic violence rarely occurs as a single assault. Instead, such acts of aggression are usually the culmination of a long history of emotional psychological abuse and are often cyclical in nature. They are the out-



TONY RAWLS
(First row, l-r) Sgt. Tremakia Summerlin, 1stSgt. Anthony Wade, Rosita McDuffy, Sgt. Daryl Rogers. (Second l-r) Sgt. Maj. Cherry McPherson, Gunnery Sgt. Richard Walker, Linda Hoffer, Sgt. Paulette Lora. (Third row, l-r) Gunnery Sgt. Vincent Woodbury, Master Sgt. John Richard, Staff Sgt. Tracy Gilliam and Lance Cpl. Daryl Walker.

ward signs of a dysfunctional relationship.

Consequently, Thelma's children have not just witnessed sporadic acts of violence, but have grown up in an environment in which violence is an accepted form of conflict resolution and that the social order of the Williams' family depends on physical domination.

"Daddy, Don't" forces us to consider the effects of domestic violence on children and brings us to the realization that a family is more than a collection of individuals. It's a complex set of dynamic interrelationships in which each member is affected by the others. Only by recognizing this interdependence can we hope to success-

fully end the cycle of domestic violence. Through tears, love, humor and most importantly hope Thelma strives to break free of the emotional and physical chains that bind her and her children to not just an emotional prison, but also a physical one, with invisible walls that, unlike bars, prevents escape through intimidation and fear.

Written, directed and produced by Julie Hughes, Victim Advocate Program Manager, "Daddy, Don't" will be performed aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Georgia starting at 9 a.m. Oct. 7, Oct. 14 and at 7 p.m. Oct. 28.

For more information call 639-7938.

Admin plans stand-down

EMBLEM STAFF

MOL and its implementation of BCP-1 is part of a "quantum leap in capability" for admin services.

Col. John P. Lopez, commanding officer, MCLB, will host an admin stand-down from Oct. 5 - 7, which will consist of ensuring Molenrollment so that Marines here can utilize the capabilities now available. The stand-down will be held in the Administration Office, Bldg. 7122.

During the stand-down, Marines will enroll in MyPay, have their pay, Service Record Book, and/or Officer Qualification Records audited. Weapons custody cards will also be issued at this time. Marines should bring any supporting documents for items involving marital status, change in dependant status, or change in duty status (such as limited duty to full duty), etc.

Administrative stand-down schedule for Oct. 5 — Oct. 7

Oct. 5, 2004		(Oct. 6 cont.)	
Band	8 — 10 a.m.	MTCR	3:15 — 3:40 p.m.
DISB	10:15 — 11:15 a.m.	MDIR	3:45 — 4 p.m.
SCMC	11:20 a.m. — 1 p.m.		
S600	1:15 — 3 p.m.	Oct. 7, 2004	
DLAO/BPAO	3:15 — 3:45 p.m.	SYCO	8 — 11 a.m.
CNTS	3:45 — 4:15 p.m.	SJAO	11 — 11:30 a.m.
		BNAJ	11:45 a.m. — 12:45 p.m.
Oct. 6, 2004			
ILBP/ILGM/ILTM	8 — 10 a.m.	TECH	1 — 2:30 p.m.
LCHQ	10:15 — 11:15 a.m.	MCCS	2:30 — 3:30 p.m.
BNSI	11:20 — 1 p.m.	LCPD/PRDT	3:30 — 4:30 p.m.
PSDO	1:15 — 3:15 p.m.		

Marines may enroll in MOL at Web site www.fas.mol.usmc.mil/TFAS/login.do and MyPay at Web site www.mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx.

Points of contact are Gunnery Sgt. John Kelly or Gunnery Sgt. Regina Williams at 639-7140.

MCCS receives high ratings for its Food & Hospitality program

NANCY PASTERBNACK
MCCS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MCB QUANTICO, Va. — Thirty-eight Marine Corps Community Services Food and Hospitality activities have earned excellent ratings in the 2003 Marine Corps Food and Hospitality Excellence Awards program.

The awards were presented to command representatives at the MCCS Annual Training Conference which was held Aug. 24 in conjunction with the American Logistics Association/MWR Conference in Denver, Colo.

The goal of this annual awards program is to provide

meaningful recognition to non-appropriated fund food and hospitality activities that have achieved the highest degree of excellence during a fiscal year.

According to Carol Garland, head of the Marine Corps Food and Hospitality Operations Branch, "The Excellence Award Program adopts quality management principles by encouraging all activities to achieve excellence, rather than having winners and losers. We are especially proud this year to honor our activities that have achieved excellence and continue to provide a valuable service for our Marines and their family members during times of deployments."

MCCS nonappropriated fund food and hospitality activities such as snackbars, direct operated fast food outlets, clubs, restaurants, mobile canteens, temporary lodging facilities, and recreational lodging are eligible for the award. To be eligible for the award, individual food and hospitality activities must have operated for the entire past fiscal year, they must at least break even, and must show significant gains in customer service, financial performance, human resources, and operations.

Each activity is evaluated against criteria of excellence established by the Food and Hospitality Operations Branch staff. A panel from the Personal and Family Readiness Division, MCCS's headquarters organization, individually evaluates and judges each of the nominations against the award criteria.

For more information about the Food and Hospitality Excellence Award Program, contact Nancy Pasternack, catering and event specialist, at 703-784-3894 or e-mail to nancy.pasternack@usmc-mccs.org.

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CPL. ANDREW P. ROUFS

CFC... the season for giving!

Col. John P. Lopez, commanding officer, MCLB Albany, kicked off the 2004 CFC campaign recently with an address to key persons here during a breakfast held at the Crossroads Restaurant. The campaign commenced Sept. 28 and will run through Nov. 13.

A Few Good Words



LT. CDR. ROGER RICHARDS
COMMAND CHAPLAIN

'Master packer'

At my house, I am known as "the Master Packer." I just have the ability to fit things into nearly any given space and maximize usage. It doesn't matter whether we are packing the trunk of the car for a trip or loading the dishwasher. I just seem to be able to look at an area, look at what needs to go in and figure out the best arrangement so as to get the most use out of the space available.

This has some advantages, but some drawbacks, as well. For instance, if my wife knows that we need to get a lot of stuff into an area, she will get me to take care of it. On the other hand, sometimes if we add things to the existing cargo, I will take everything out and completely reload it. I like to see everything up front before I decide how I need to put it in.

The biggest drawback to being the Master Packer is that I tend to feel like I can do it better than anyone else. After all, if I am the master, then certainly I can do it better than another person. The worst part of all is that it fosters in me an attitude that I have to be right. If I can do it the best, then obviously I will always be right.

This line of thinking can easily lead to a feeling of infallibility. This attitude can lead to disaster. First, it will not allow us to take suggestions from other people. I once had a commanding officer who felt like since he was the CO, he automatically knew more about the operation of the ship than anyone else. Unfortunately, he was an aviator in command of an oiler. He had officers on-board who had spent over 20 years each serving aboard oilers and knew more than he did about underway replenishment. One of the CO's decisions, which went against the recommendation of the deck department head, resulted in serious injury of one of our Sailors. Because the CO felt he was infallible, it resulted in needless injury.

There are times, however, when we would benefit from listening to others. The wisest person knows that even though he may be an expert, too many times we fail to see a better way because we have become so accustomed to doing it in a manner that has proven effective in the past. He knows that he is also prone to mistakes and does not always have the fullest information.

The Bible tells us that all people are fallible. We are not perfect. We all make mistakes. I hate to say it, but sometimes, even the Master Packer is wrong. We have a term for our fallibility. It is called "sin." It means that none of us is perfect. The only One who is perfect is God. The only man who has ever been perfect is the one called Jesus, and he was perfect because of His unique relationship with God. If you, like me, sometimes think of yourself as the master of anything, you should remember that we are human and subject to being wrong. We are all sinners and in need of God's forgiveness. There is nothing bad about being right, just don't ever get to the point that you don't think that you can be wrong. God alone is perfect. Not even the Master Packer is right all the time.

Semper Fi in the Lord, and I hope to see you in church on Sunday.

COMMAND RELIGIOUS PROGRAM WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday School 9 a.m.
Divine Services 10:30 a.m.
For more information, call the Base Chapel at 639-5282. For emergencies, call the Officer of the Day at 639-5206.

Crossroads Restaurant Menu

Today Soup of the Day Baked chicken Homemade Brunswick stew Mashed potatoes Okra gumbo Fried cabbage Corn muffins Salad bar	Steamed rice Collard greens Cornbread & butter Salad bar
Friday Soup of the Day Fried whiting Chicken pot pie Steamed rice Cheese grits Green beans Almondine Rolls & butter	Tuesday Soup of the Day Fried chicken Braised beef w/gravy Mashed potatoes Buttered noodles Broccoli w/cheese sauce Southern style green beans Rolls & butter
Monday Soup of the Day Homemade beef stew Smothered chicken breast Oven roasted potatoes Mixed vegetables	Wednesday Soup of the Day Spaghetti w/meat sauce Grilled ham steak Candied yams Spaghetti noodles Fried rice Peas & pearl onions Garlic bread Salad bar

Lunch Buffet & Lunch Buffet Takeout — \$5.95
Soup & Salad and Soup & Salad Takeout — \$3.95
(add dessert \$4.95)
Express Lunch — \$3.95

**Hours of Operation — Mon. - Fri.,
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Marine Corps Training

Tan & Gray Belt

Contact Gunnery Sgt. Crane at 639-7489 or Staff Sgt. Dixon at 639-5115 for the date and time of the next training session.

Corporal's course

Contact Staff Sgt. Floyd at 639-5130 for the next session.

Pistol Range

• Oct. 25 — 29
The safety brief is at 10 a.m., the Friday prior to qualifying.

Classes

• Oct. 6 — 8 - 11 a.m.
Annual training at the Base Theater.
• Oct. 13 — 8 - 11 a.m.
Rifle Squad PME at the Base Theater.

MCCS Test & Review

• Oct. 5 — 9 a.m. review
• Oct. 7 — 1:30 p.m. test
• Oct. 12 — 9 a.m. review
• Oct. 14 — 1:30 p.m. test

PFT

• Oct. 14 — 7:30 a.m.

• Oct. 21 — 7:30 a.m.

• Oct. 28 — 7:30 a.m.

Location TBD. All PFTs are now on Thursdays due to classes being offered on Wednesdays at the Base Theater.

Swim Qual

• Oct. 4 — 8
Swim qual will be held at the Albany State University pool from 1 - 4 p.m. Participating Marines will meet at Bldg. 3500 to travel to Albany State by POV.

Training

• Oct. 6 — 3 p.m.
Battle study for officers at the O'Club.

Operations

• Oct. 15
Morning Colors
• Oct. 29 — 11 a.m.
Battle Colors

For more information on training times, dates and locations, call the Battalion Training Office at 639-5130, or visit Web site www.ala.usmc.mil/hqbn/S-3ops.asp.



Warrior Competition will be held Oct. 19-21. Names of teams and team members must be submitted to 1stLt. Verhegge no later than Oct. 13.

MCCS It's All For You!

The Week Ahead

Fri. Oct. 1	Sat. Oct. 2	Sun. Oct. 3	Mon. Oct. 4	Tues. Oct. 5	Wed. Oct. 6	Thurs. Oct. 7	
Getting ready for the Ball and need your medals mounted? Oct. 18 is the deadline for having your medals mounted in order to have it completed in time for the Ball. Drop your uniform off at the back of the MCX By October 18!	Tonight's Movie Executor: The Beginning R 7 p.m. 639-5166 ALL	Tonight's Movie Without A Paddle PG13 7 p.m. 639-5166 ALL	BINGO Bingo Room at Pin City Restaurant 2-45 p.m. 639-5227 ALL	TAMP Workshop through Oct. 7 8am-4pm Bldg. 3000, Classroom 1 639-5426 AB	Playmoring Base Chapel Annex 9:30-10:30 a.m. 639-5199 ALL Can't Find 'Em, Grind 'Em Learn About Your Manual Transmission Auto Skills Center 639-5226 ALL	Retires Breakfast Crossroads 630am 639-5277 R Base Education Open House 10am-2pm College apps. available 639-5162 ALL Tonight's Movie Suspect Zero, R 7 p.m. 639-5166 ALL Right Hand Man Night O'Club 4 p.m. 639-5715	"Daddy Don't" Dramatic Play presented at Base Theater FREE PME for all Active Duty 9 a.m. 639-7938 AB Ladies Night at the Auto Skills Center 639-5226 ALL

Entry Deadline is October 5!

2004 Commander's Cup Golf Tournament
October 9 & 10
Grand Island Golf Club
2-man teams + 36 holes + Best Ball & Scramble
\$1000 cash first prize for each flight (based on a full field). Hole-in-One Prize: 2005 Harley Davidson Motorcycle, sponsored by Flint River Harley Davidson and AG Edwards!
Eligible: Any golfer with a current GHIN handicap index.
Entry Fee: \$80 per golfer (includes cart, range balls, breakfast for morning rounds and lunch both days)
Format: AM and PM shotgun start. Saturday: Best Ball; Sunday: Scramble. Maximum handicap spread of 7 strokes between partners.
Entry Forms: Call MCCS at 639-7875, or find printable entry forms on our Web site. ALL

ELIGIBILITY LEGEND

ALL: Open to all Active Duty, Retirees, DoD Civilians, Contractors, Reservists and their family members
AD: Active Duty and their family members
R: Retirees and their family members
C: DoD civilians and their family members
X: Contractors and their family members
Y: Reservists and their family members



Come join the fun! Oct. 12, 6 - 9 p.m. Free dinner, movie and childcare. All spouses of Active Duty personnel are invited to attend. You must register by Oct. 6 at 639-5199.

Daddy Don't

MCLB Albany, in conjunction with the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Task Force, proudly presents the dramatic play "Daddy Don't." This play will be performed at the Base Theater as a special PME for military personnel on **Oct. 7 & 9 a.m.**

Other performances for Active Duty members, family members, base employees and retirees will be held on Oct. 14 and 28. Call 639-7938 or 639-5232 for more information. All performances are free of charge.

October 14: 7 p.m. (note time change) ALL
October 28: 7 p.m. ALL

MCCS Marketing Hotline 639-5268

MCCS Web site www.ala.usmc.mil/mccs



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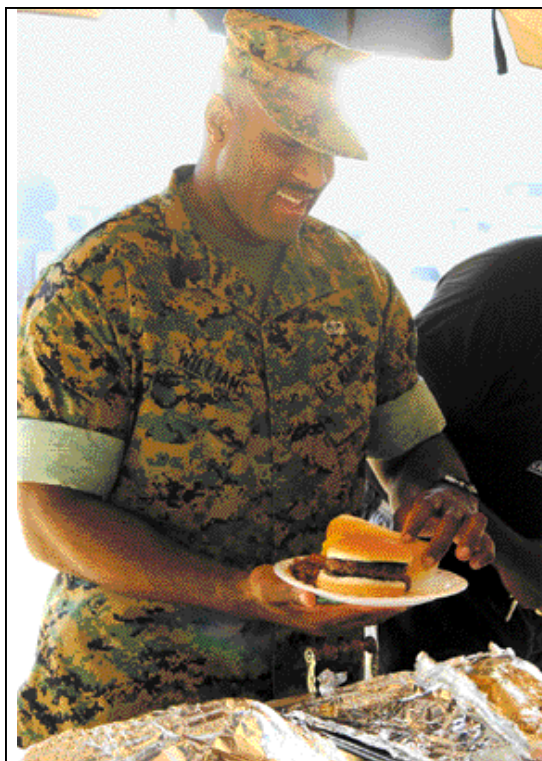
Staff NCOs host Troop Appreciation Day



Staff Sgt. Collier Smith and Master Sgt. Darrell Williamson seem delighted to serve the troops during Troop Appreciation Day, held adjacent to the Tun Tavern Staff NCO Club.



Marines enjoy camaraderie and an afternoon off work while relaxing on the deck of the Staff NCO Club.



Gunnery Sgt. Bari Williams grabs a plate of "chow."



Sgt. Carey Washington prepares to cut the "14" ball into the corner pocket during a friendly game of pool.



After engaging in the afternoon's activities, Marines eagerly rushed the line to satisfy their appetites.



Staff Sgt. Smith was one of several staff NCOs to volunteer.



Cpl. Lynden Gwartney chomps down on a hot dog, which was part of the variety of foods offered during the event.

ICE, you — the customer

DAVID WALTON
BUSINESS PERFORMANCE OFFICE

Don't put your ideas or suggestions about a MCLB Albany service on the shelf. Go to MCLB Albany's Interactive Customer Evaluation Web site at www.ala.usmc.mil. Click on ICE and make your comments known.

ICE allows customers to comment on the services they use. Service managers use this customer feedback to continuously review, improve, and provide the highest quality service possible.

Customer comment cards are anonymous unless a customer specifically provides their contact

information. To receive a response customers must indicate they wish to be contacted and provide their name and contact information.

How you communicate your comments, good ideas, pats on the back, or concerns, are your personal decision.

One way is to tell your friends and co-workers, a method that has been shown to make change happen about 0.0% of the time. Or, you can use ICE to tell the right people — the people who can make change happen. It's up to you!

If you would like to learn more, contact David Walton, manager, ICE Web site, via the ICE mailbox at smblogmice@logcom.usmc.mil.



CPL. ISAAC PACHECO

Presidential salute

The Albany Marine Band visited Plains, Ga., for the annual Peanut Festival. It was also the birthday of former President Jimmy Carter, pictured (right photo) standing on the balcony with former First Lady, Rosalyn Carter.



CPL. ISAAC PACHECO

KVN service to Marine Corps

1ST LT. KIMBERLY VERHEGGE
BASE ADJUTANT'S OFFICE

The forerunner of the Key Volunteer Network, the Key Wives Program, began at the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

The Key Volunteer Network assumed its new name in 1993. The network focuses on educating families, resulting in a self-sufficient Marine Corps family that enhances mission readiness.

KVN is a communication network, formed within a unit, to help keep families better informed about the mission and tasks of that unit, and to assist in establishing a sense of community in the unit.

The purpose of each individual Key Volunteer is to serve as a communication link between the commanding officer and unit families, to provide information and referral services and to act as a role model to demonstrate good coping and stress management skills.

As the link between the CO and unit families, KVN has an obligation to keep confidential personal information shared by unit families. Safeguarding confidential information shows respect for a family's privacy and protects the credibility and integrity of the network.

As Marines and Sailors stationed aboard MCLB Albany, we sometimes overlook how much we need this network. I often hear Marines

say that we do not need the KVN because we are not a deploying unit. I also listen to those same individuals discuss how the KVN is simply a gossip network that provides no positive attributes.

As the family readiness officer, I would like to introduce you to our network. We are working hard to reach Marines, Sailors and their families. We are also attempting to assist these individuals by supporting numerous events aboard MCLB.

For example, the Key Volunteers came out in force to support the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society's "Run for Relief." The volunteers also raised money in support of local families, hosted the Spouses Night Out, supported the Month of the Military Child Celebration, and welcomed the families who recently joined our community.

We can't do it alone, however. We need your support to make our Key Volunteer Network a success. Without the support of the active duty members and their spouses, it will not be a success.

Our network is still actively seeking volunteers. The network is designed to support Marines and their families. We are devoting our efforts to accomplishing just that.

If you are interested in joining our network in supporting the Marines and families aboard MCLB, contact the Marine Corps Family Team Office at 639-5199 or our KVN coordinator, Charlene Baggs, at 439-2297.

Military Retiree Survey

Your input is needed in order to ensure our community relations program is providing the essential interaction between the active duty military and our retiree community. We want to identify your needs as military retirees, family members, and surviving spouses, as well as improve your understanding of current military operations, missions, and requirements. Please take the time to complete this mail-in survey.

Captain Steve A Butler, USMC, Dir. Public Affairs

Please fill out and mail this survey to: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany GA
Attn: Public Affairs Office Code 70000, Community Survey, 814 Radford Blvd, Albany, Ga 31704-0306

* - required fields

*Full Name: _____

*Address: _____ *City _____ *ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prior military service dates: _____

Rank/Branch of Service (if applicable): _____

Distinguished military service awards (Purple Heart/ Flying Cross, etc): _____

Would you like to receive free delivery of *The Emblem*, our base newspaper?
Yes ___ No ___

If Yes: Would you be interested in a introductory low cost Package that includes daily home delivery of *The Albany Herald* newspaper along with Thursday delivery of *The Emblem*?
Yes ___ No ___

What activities or services aboard base are most of interest to you and your family? _____

If you already read *The Emblem*, what topics would you like to see covered in the newspaper? _____

Are you interested in attending monthly social events aboard base to meet and greet current Marines, Sailors, and civilians?
___ Very Interested ___ Maybe every 3 months or once a year ___ Not interested

If you are a military retiree (regardless of branch), would you be willing to serve as a speaker to young Marines about your past military experiences?
Yes ___ No ___

Would you be interested in attending a focus group in order to give feedback about the services offered aboard base (including the Commissary, Exchange, Marine Corps Community Services, Legal Assistance, etc)?
Yes ___ No ___

Meeting — From Page 1
Berkeley; his masters at the University of British Columbia, Canada; and his doctorate at Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.

Prior to his current position, Dr. Melese taught at the Lowder Business School at Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., and has since spent time as lecturer and visiting scholar at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Calif. and the University of Paris I (Sorbonne), France.

At the request of the State Department, he represented the United States on two previous occasions at NATO/EAPC meetings.

John Bunnell is the Director for Certification at ASMC Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. He joined the staff at the time of his retirement from federal service in April 2002. Bunnell's area of responsibility includes the Certified Defense Financial Manager Program and the Enhanced Defense Financial Management Training Course.

While still relatively new to the full-time staff, he is no newcomer to ASMC. Bunnell is a "Life Member" of ASMC and began his volunteer role with the Washington chapter, serving several years as vice president and

other assorted committee assignments.

He served on the ASMC National Executive Board in one of several roles continuously from 1981 until his retirement from the Department of Defense.

Mr. Bunnell's federal service began with the U.S. General Accounting Office and concluded with the Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense.

He left the GAO in 1977 to join the overseas military banking staff in the Office of the Secretary of Defense Comptroller, and after 14 years of banking he joined the staff of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service on its first day of operation, Jan. 1991.

Bunnell worked with the DFAS until he rejoined the OSD staff in 1998.

Pensacola Marines depart

CAPT. STEVE BUTLER
MCLB PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

For two weeks, Marine Corps Logistic Base Albany accommodated more than 1,100 Marines who evacuated here from Pensacola, Fla., with food and shelter for the duration of Hurricane Ivan's pre-strike evacuation procedures and post-cleanup efforts.

Even though damage in Pensacola was extensive with cleanup operations still taking place, these Marines packed up and headed home last weekend.

Agencies aboard the base, along with local area community leaders, worked around the clock to support and entertain the Pensacola Marines.

Community support included the Albany Chamber of Commerce, working with the City of Albany, to supply buses for the Marines to visit the Albany Mall during their first weekend here. Additional support was received from various organizations within the community.

Individuals and civic groups donated items from books to dartboards, and one company even

donated two pallets of snack and candy products.

Pensacola Marines continuously expressed their gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of Albany support and hospitality.

The Pensacola Marines took full advantage of the available extended base activities and store hours. Activities such as the movie theatre, bowling alley, convenience store and snack bar opened earlier than normal, or developed mobile support operations to the warehouse area where they were staying. Recreational sites such as the skeet shooting range, swimming pool and golf driving range were in high demand during their stay here.

The base activated its Destructive Weather Operations Center — a 24-hour emergency response cell. The DWOC supported the Pensacola Marines and provided a first alert information entity for all civilian and military personnel during the hurricane conditions.

The DWOC ensured the constant monitoring of Pensacola Marines' health and welfare by providing a myriad of logistical support such as

medical, food, transportation, portable showers/toilets, sleeping cots, tables, audiovisual /computers, communications and much more.

"While it is an unwaiverable fact that 'Marines always take care of their own,' and the base never thought twice about supporting these Pensacola Marines in their hour of need, the fact that the Albany community embraced this motto, as evident by the outpour of humanitarian aid, speaks volumes about this great area," said Col. John Lopez, commanding officer, MCLB.

On Sept. 13, the Marine's evacuation commenced. Other naval military and civilian residents of Pensacola were afforded alternate means of evacuation.

Having been used before as a hurricane relief shelter for Marine recruits stationed at Parris Island, S.C., MCLB proved once again that it is capable of handling such emergency situations.



CPL. ISAAC PACHECO

More goodies...

Pensacola Marines received a pleasant surprise when a local Albany company donated two pallets of snack and candy products. This was one work detail the Marines didn't mind volunteering for, and the truck was unloaded in record time.

Leave donation requests for employee emergencies

To donate annual leave, submit an Optical Form 630-A. Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient (Within agency) under the Leave Transfer Program. For more information, call 639-5228.

• **Cindy B. Shelton**, an employee of Supply Chain Management Center, needs leave donations for recuperation from surgery. Call Diane Bradley at 639-

7351 for further information.

• **Beryl W. Brown**, an employee of Fleet Support Division, needs leave donations for recuperation from an auto accident. Call Sherrie Kuck at 639-5881.

• **Robert A. Dickerson**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations due to illness. Call Thomas Newton at 639-6348.

• **Reid E. Merritt**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations to care for family member. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

• **Brenda M. Washington**, an employee of Transportation Voucher Certification Division, needs leave donations for recuperation from illness. Call Genny Goerling at

639-5674.

• **Larry W. Dowdy**, an employee of Public Works, needs leave donations for recuperation from heart attack. Call Diane McCall at 639-8064.

• **Linda K. Laney**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for recuperation from back surgery. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

• **Warren R. Teague**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for treatment of lung cancer. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

• **Nancy C. Elmore**, an employee of the Child Development Center, needs leave donations for treatment of cancer. Call Billie Lewis at 639-5220.

• **Phillip C. Reed**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for treatment of tumor. Call Brenda Brandt at 639-6308.

• **Kimberly C. Tison**, an employee of Maintenance Center Albany, needs leave donations for recuperation from back surgery. Call Mary Belcner at 639-6901.

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MCAS Beaufort

• The deTreville House

MCB Camp Butler

• BeachHead

• Globe & Anchor Enlisted Club

• The Palms Club

• Courtney Lodge

• Hansen Lodge

• WestPac Lodge

MCB Hawaii

• Theater SnackBar

• Lodge at Kaneohe Bay

MCAS Iwakuni

• Club Iwakuni

• Food Court

MCB Camp Lejeune

• American Graffiti Café

• Anthony's Pizza

• Camp Johnson Filling Station

• Castaways

• Industrial Area SnackBar

• Robin Hood

MCAS Miramar

• The Miramar Inn

MCAS New River

• Big Dog Deli Mobile

• Bowling Center SnackBar

• Corner Café

• Holmes Mem. Enlisted Club

MCB Camp Pendleton

• Bowling Center SnackBar

• Doc's Diner

• Double Deuce Enlisted Club

• Margaritaville Sports Bar

• Major Munchie's Catering

• Trucks

• Pizza Company

• Theater SnackBar

• Ward Lodging Facility

MCB Quantico

• The Crossroads Inn

MAGTFCT Twentynine Palms

• Charlies Coffee House

• Mobile Canteens

• Quick Break

• Warrior Club Dining &

Beverage

• Steepy Tortoise Lodge

MCAS Yuma

• Dos Rios Inn

• Lake Martinez Recreation Area