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Marine Corps to increase manpower, end strength

By Cpl. Susan Smith

Marine Corps Base Quantico

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — The Marine Corps is expanding its end strength by 3,000 Marines.

The increase from 175,000 Marines to 178,000 Marines is directed in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act Fiscal Year 2005, passed Oct. 8, 2004. "The committee believes that an increase in manpower is essential to the Marine Corps' ability to provide and sustain the force levels required of it by our national security strategy," reads the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services NDAA press release.

"The 3,000 Marines will be phased in over the next three years—roughly

one third each year," said Lt. Col. Tim Corley, head of the Future Operations Branch, Manpower Plans and Policy. "Increasing the end strength by 3,000 will better position the Marine Corps to fight the global war on terror and decrease the amount of stress on the force," said Corley.

The Marine Corps is currently comprised of 24 infantry battalions; however, they are not staffed to 100 percent. Prior to deployment, infantry battalions must receive augments from other units to bring manning up.

"Approximately 2,000 of the 3,000-Marine increase will go toward bringing our 24 infantry battalions up to 100 percent of their wartime requirement," explained Frank Donahoe, deputy director of the Total Force Structure division at the Marine Corps Combat

Development Command. "The boost in infantry battalion manning will reduce the requirement for augments, build greater unit cohesion and improve training readiness."

The majority of the increase in Marines will come from accessions; therefore Marine Corps Recruiting Command will receive 425 recruiters to help recruit more Marines. Marine Corps Recruiting Command will receive 425 allocations—278 next fiscal year and the rest will be phased in from there. Foreign military training units will be formed to help train foreign militaries throughout the world to help our allies and friends train and establish a professional military.

"Each [Marine Expeditionary Force] will get 135 Marines to establish foreign military training units con-

sisting primarily of infantry Marines," Donahoe said. "I MEF training units are scheduled to be fully operational in 2006, then II MEF in 2007 and III MEF in FY 2008."

Training and Education Command will get 120 new positions—60 Marines for various school instructors seats and 60 Marines for Security And Stability Operations training at March Air Force Base in California.

Due to emerging requirements, an additional 45 Marines will be assigned to operating force units for the CH53 Delta support requirements.

Also, an additional 20 Marines will fill Combat Service Support Element operating force units for contingency contracting billet requirements.

"These are the Marines who write contracts for the units out there (in Iraq

or Afghanistan) if they need to get support from the local economy," said Corley.

"The cost for the increase will be paid out of supplemental funding. We are requesting 159 million in the FY 2005 supplemental," Corley explained. "The manpower costs beyond FY 2005 have not yet been exacted; however, they are expected to be slightly higher."

A decision has yet to be made on whether additional increases will be made. The NDAA FY 2005 directed the Corps to increase by 3,000, but left the decision to the Marine Corps for any further increases up to a limit of 9,000. "We will continue to look at the emerging requirements and make decisions regarding any more increases based on those requirements," said Corley.

SOQ joined Navy to become corpsman, help people

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

Combat Correspondent

In 1993 Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Topp, a corpsman, had just graduated high school in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, and was deciding what to do next. He knew he wanted to work in the medical field so he could help people, and he was also interested in joining the Marine Corps.

Unfortunately, there is no medical field in the Marine Corps.

"So I shipped off to become a sailor 13 days after my 18th birthday," he said.

At his first duty station in San Diego, Topp had the opportunity to care for patients and help people like he wanted. But there was also a down side, he said.

Topp cared for elderly patients and found it difficult to deal with their sometime critical conditions.

"Even though it is a job, you are still caring

for these people everyday and getting to know them. It was hard when my first patient died," he said.

Soon after, Topp got a taste of the Marine Corps when he was attached to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines at Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

During this tour, Topp deployed to Japan, Thailand and Kuwait.

"I really enjoy deploying and working with the Marines was a lot of fun," said Topp.

There is a good relationship between the Marines and corpsmen, because we take care of each other, he explained.

Being stationed at Twentynine Palms also gave Topp the chance to increase his job related knowledge and learn the new position of Medical Supply Petty Officer.

He has accomplished many things and has been helping patients and Marines all over the world since he became a corpsman.

"I also spent time in many parts of California, Washington and Guam," said Topp.

In March 2004, Topp was assigned to Branch Medical Clinic MCLB Barstow, Calif., and has been making a name for himself ever since.

His hard work paid off when the Branch Medical Clinic awarded him the title of Sailor of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2005.

"(Petty Officer 2nd Class) Topp is a great sailor and a great corpsman," said Petty Officer 1st Class Allan Maluto, senior enlisted leader at the clinic and the one who nominated Topp for Sailor of the Quarter. "He is valuable to the clinic and does his job of maintaining all the medical supplies well," explained Maluto when asked why Topp received the nomination.

"It is an honor and privilege to be nominated for this award," Topp said.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Topp

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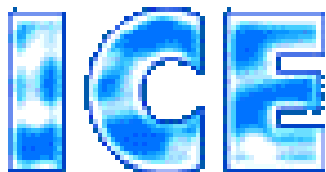
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Check out the Marine Corps Web site:

<http://www.usmc.mil>
or MCLB Barstow at:
<http://www.barstow.usmc.mil>



Customer Comments:

As a member of the Oasis Club, I thought that all special events were free? If so, wouldn't the New Year's Eve Celebration be free for all dues paying members?
Thank You!

Service Response:

The New Year's Eve Celebration was not considered a special event, but rather an annual club event. Members of the club were offered discount prices on tickets. The event is costly and in order to

reduce the losses that normally are incurred by the club to host an event such as this, advance tickets sales were offered. By Dec. 28, no tickets had been sold and the event was cancelled.

These comments and responses were sent utilizing the base Interactive Customer Service Evaluation Web site, located at https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=381.

Chaplain's Corner

He is no fool, who gives up what he cannot keep

By Lt. j.g Tavis Long
Command Chaplain

Whatever he did, Jim Elliot, was a gifted speaker, writer, and teacher. Even on the wrestling mat, Elliot was a winner. Whatever he put his hand to he did well. When he graduated from Wheaton in the early '50s he had the whole world ahead of him. Jim could have gone anywhere and done anything and he would have been successful.

However, after hearing about the Auca Indians in Ecuador, he decided to board the Santa Juana, a freighter, and head for the jungles of South America to take the Gospel to these Indians.

Jim arrived in Quito, Ecuador in 1952. Excited and determined, he began the process of learning the various Ecuadorian Indian dialects so he could take the Gospel to the Aucas, who had never seen a white man before, much less have one bring them a foreign religion.

God even provided a partner for Jim. On Oct. 8, 1953, in a civil ceremony in Quito, Ecuador, Jim married his college sweetheart, Elisabeth Howard.

In the autumn of 1955, the Elliots teamed up with a bush pilot named Nate Saint. Saint had spotted an Auca Indian village on the beach of the Cururay River. For the next few months, Nate and Jim dropped gifts to the

Indians hoping to build a relationship with them. Their plan worked, as each time they dropped gifts, the Aucas appeared to be pleased and made friendly gestures towards the crew.

The missionaries planned to make direct contact with the Aucas in January of 1956. However, just before the New Year, the Aucas murdered several employees for Shell Oil Company who were in the jungle digging for natural resources.

Undaunted, Jim and his crew decided there were too many positive signs from the Aucas and it was best to keep the 1956 deadline.

As Jim put it: "Our orders are: the Gospel to every creature."

In January of 1956, on schedule, Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, and two other men touched down on the beach of the Cururay River and set up a base camp.

Two days later, before the crew could make contact with the village, the Aucas attacked the camp.



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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

1st Lt. Michael Smith, executive officer, Headquarters Battalion, finishes the last stretch of a 3-mile conditioning hike Friday. This was the first of many hikes the battalion will do. Friday, MCLB Barstow Marines will conquer a 5-mile course.

Chapel Services

Protestant
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Catholic Mass

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
505 E. Mt. View St.
Barstow
Sundays, 7:30 a.m. Misa En Espanol
9:30, 10:30 a.m. English

Jewish Services

Congregation Bamidar Shel Ha-Am
130 Eastgate Road
Barstow
Saturdays 10 a.m.

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Leave Sharing Program

Ralph V. Baca, Badge #9169, and Tangia T. Joseph, Badge #8334, Maintenance Center Barstow, have been affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may do so by obtaining a leave donor application form through their administrative officer.

For more information, contact Pat Snyder, Maintenance Center Barstow administrative advisor, at 577-7138.

MCLB School Liaison Officer

All MCLB Barstow parents and guardians of Barstow School District students are invited to attend a meeting to meet the new MCLB school liaison officer, Master Sgt. Richard Holman, Monday at 4 p.m. in Building 236.

If unavailable to attend or for more information, contact Holman at 577-6858 or e-mail him at richard.holman@usmc.mil.

Steroid Control Act

MARADMIN 011/05, signed Jan. 7, ammended the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 1990.

The new Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004 ammended the definition of anabolic steroid to include tetrahydrogestrinone, androstenedione and specific related chemicals used to promote muscle growth.

Androstenedione, or any "andro"-containing substance, a steroid precursor, will now be listed as a Schedule 3 controlled substance.

Starting Saturday, Article 112A of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, makes wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, importation or introduction of the substance on any government installation, vessel, vehicle or aircraft illegal.

For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Johnson, substance abuse control counselor at 577-6851.

Blood Drive

A blood drive is scheduled to be held Jan. 27 at the Base Gym, Building 44, and the Maintenance Center, Building T598, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All departments should submit

a list of voluntary donors to the Human Resources Office no later than Monday.

Tsunami Relief Effort

Community residents and business owners are encouraged by Barstow Mayor Lawrence Dale to make a donation to the following organizations at this Web address: <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/6770278>.

Checks can be made out directly to the organizations, designating all funds to be used for "Tsunami Relief" and mailed to the City of Barstow, 220 E. Mountain View St., or drop off checks in locked donation boxes at City Hall, 220 E. Mountain View, Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, 409 E. Fredricks or the Mojave United Way, 210 East Williams.

No cash please.

Pass and ID closure

MCLB Barstow's Pass and ID Office will be closed Jan. 31 through Feb. 2.

All hardware and software equipment will be upgraded during this time frame.

The office will reopen on Feb. 3 at 7 a.m.

As a reminder the Pass and I.D. office's hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and is closed from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

All active duty and family members are recommended to make an appointment for I.D. card issuance.

Appointments can be made by calling (760) 577-6371/6969. For more information regarding the office closure call (760) 577-5857/6457.

Bible Study

Bible study is scheduled for every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Commander's Workshop, Maintenance Center. Bring a lunch. The current study is "When God doesn't make sense."

Beginning today at 6 p.m., bible study will be held in Fellowship Hall at Memorial Chapel. The study will be "What in the world: An in-depth study of the world's religions."

All are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Lt. j.g. Tavis Long at 577-6849.

Sempertoons

Created by Staff Sgt. Charles Wolf USMC Active



"Congrats on the new Rank Marine"



"Hey, Heard your husband got promoted!!!... Congrats on the new Pay Raise!!!"

Annual Notification of Right to Representation

Pursuit to Section 7114 (a) (2) (b) of Title V, U.S. Code, as ammended by the Civil Service Reform Act (PL 95-454) this is to inform you that AFGC Local 1482 shall be given the opportunity to be represented at any examination of a bargaining unit employee of a management representative in connection with an investigation if:

- the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee and
- the employee requests representation.

Job Watch

<i>Annc.No.</i>	<i>Title/Series/Grade</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Close</i>	<i>1st Cutoff</i>	<i>Location</i>
SW8255-05-218043-DE	Pneudraulic Systems Worker WG-8255-07	01-07-05	01-14-05	01-10-05	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above position should submit resumes online at the following Web sites: <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

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

For more information concerning job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357/6279/6481.

This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

"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 Thursdays before noon for consideration in the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Respect earned, not often given

By Cpl. Jeremy Gadrow
Combat Correspondent

It's 7:55 a.m. and "First Call" is played over a public address system. Five minutes later, "Sound Attention" can be heard and Marines and sailors stop what they are doing to face the flag.

People in cars - civilians, and service members alike - should come to a halt. The flag is raised as "To the Colors," is played and on the first note service members in uniform snap a proper salute and hold it until the last note.

"Carry On" is played and everyone resumes their normal routine.

While this is the proper honoring of the colors, it often occurs much differently.

"It happens quite often," said 1st Sgt. Donald R. George, acting sergeant major, MCLB Barstow.

"Every morning I see people drive through the colors ceremony, or what we like to call 'civilian Marines' continue to walk while the music is being played."

"I think there are three reasons (why this happens)," said George. "Either they are just ignorant of military procedures, they can't tell colors is going on because their music is too loud or they just don't care."

The same can be said for service members in civilian

clothes and civilians outside of vehicles.

In the Marine Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual, it states, if you are driving when colors is underway, proper etiquette is to pull over and stop, sit at attention and wait until "Carry On" is played. You do not salute while you are in the vehicle.

Cars driven by civilians, should also stop during colors and remain at respectful attention until the ceremony is finished.

"Marines should know what to do during colors," said George. "They learn that during boot camp."

If personnel are in civilian attire when colors begin, stand at attention, face the direction of the flag and once again, resume activity when "Carry On" is played, according to the manual.

In the case of civilians, while no action is required, it is strongly encouraged to render proper respect to the flag during colors, said George. "Civilians can stop and put their hand over their hearts and remove their (hats)."

Marines, sailors and civilian Marines are also encouraged to step up and set the example for others around base.

"Don't be afraid to correct those who don't do what they should," said George. "I don't see it happen as often as it should."



Photo by Sgt. Cory Kelly

Base personnel, military and civilian, are to render proper respects to the colors during both morning and evening colors ceremonies held daily.

Don't take government grants for grant-*ed*

By Cpl. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

Money doesn't grow on trees, or does it? With a series of new grant scams that have recently arisen, this statement is starting to become reality for scam artists.

Advertisements offering a free grant for education, home repairs, home businesses or to pay bills are popping up all over the United States, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert. These ads claim that an application is guaranteed acceptance and the money never has to be repaid.

The Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, warns that "money for nothing" grants are often scams, the grant isn't free,

it isn't guaranteed and it often isn't available to the consumer."

The scam occurs when unsuspecting consumers give out their personal bank account information which allows the "company" to take money out of the consumer's account, states a consumeraffairs.com article. It also depends on the willingness of the consumer to reveal check routing information, which allows scam artists to use desktop software to create fake checks from the consumer's account and debit the processing fees without the consumer's signature.

Some of the common grant scams to watch out for are those that say they'll give consumers a grant if they send a certain amount of money, some will contact consumers and offer

government funds and others will send a U.S. Department of Education Free Application For Student Aid after a fee is paid, said Francis Villeme, MCLB Barstow's education officer.

Some scams even request money for a processing fee which they claim is to cover finding a grant source and sending the appropriate application package in the mail. However, instead of getting this information, a list of foundations and agencies to which you must write and request an application is sent.

"You can get this information for free," said Villeme. The information is available at the base education office, any public library or on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.finaid.org.

Education about what the qualifiers are for a grant can prevent becoming a victim of these scam artists.

Most sources that provide grant money do not give grants to individuals to use for personal need, states the FTC consumer alert. They are usually given to serve a social need such as bringing jobs to an area, training under-employed youth, preserving history and other things that would improve the community.

If contacted by a company claiming they have government grants available and you haven't applied or the company states they have free grants for school, beware. These are signs that you are being scammed, said Villeme. If you have been contacted, visit the education office or legal office to verify if

in fact the company is legitimate.

"Being targeted is going to happen," he said. "Just be aware of what they are saying and know that these scams are out there."

To file a complaint with the FTC or to get free information on consumer issues, visit www.ftc.gov or call toll-free 1-877-382-4357. The FTC enters all reported Internet, telemarketing, identity theft and other fraud related complaints into a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the United States and abroad.

If there is any suspicion of a grant scam, go to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and pursue the point from there, said Villeme.

3/1 Marines pay respect to those lost on 9-11, in Fallujah

By Cpl. Randy L. Bernard
1st Marine Division

FALLUJAH, Iraq—Although it has been years since the twin towers in New York City fell, the Marines fighting insurgency within the city of Fallujah do so because they remember the terrible actions against their home.

These Marines got the chance to show their respect to not only those killed in New York, but also their fellow Marines who fell during the attack on terrorism in Fallujah with a flag raising ceremony Jan. 16.

“We had the privilege of bringing a group of flags, our national colors, the New York State flag, the New York Police Department flag, and a World Trade Center flag on tour through the city of Fallujah to our rifle companies in third battalion,” said Lt. Col. Willy A. Buhl, battalion commander for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment.

“We want to connect with the folks back home in any way that we can. These flags were sent to us in an effort to connect with the Marines and sailors forward deployed out here,” said the 42-year-old native of Los Gatos, Calif. “The flags had been flown at ground zero at the site of the attack on 9-11. The New York City chief of police actually sent them to us with the request that they be flown in the city of Fallujah for the folks back home, and for us.”

The four flags were taken into the city, where the battalion’s rifle companies have established firm bases, so that the Marines could pay tribute to the lives lost at the cost of freedom.

“I think that every Marine feels something special when they see our national colors. Many of (the Marines) are on duty because of the events on 9-11,” said Buhl. “I don’t think that

there was a man today that didn’t have an emotional feeling inside, especially after all we have done here in Iraq over the last seven months, and after all of the men who have made and continue to make the ultimate sacrifice here to defend our freedoms.”

The national colors were presented to the companies like the famous image of Marines raising the flag atop Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima during World War II.

“That is maybe the most famous symbol of military excellence, and it represents all the sacrifice of all Marines since the beginning of our Corps and ensures that we enjoy the blessings of liberty in our great nation,” said Buhl. “That image is going to be famous until the end of time.”

Among the battalion’s Marines, those that were residents of New York felt a special pride in the ceremony.

“I feel proud and privileged that we had the opportunity to pay our respects to the people who suffered the most from the tragedy of 9-11,” said Staff Sgt. John P. Saul, a platoon sergeant with Company K, 3/5 and a 27-year-old native of Niagara Falls, N.Y. “And also to let the people of New York know that we are still out here continuing to fight the individuals that caused that tragedy to happen.”

Though Buhl was raised in northern California, he was born in New York, and shares a bond with his roots.

“I was honored to receive a letter from someone as senior as the chief of New York police, but on a personal level, unlike a lot of the tours and things that we do over here, this was just for the folks back home,” said Buhl. “I feel honored and privileged to support the people of New York and our great nation.”



Photo by Cpl. Randy L. Bernard

An American flag that was once flown over ground-zero in New York City is prepared for a ceremony in the city of Fallujah to remember those who lost their lives in terrorist attacks on 9-11 and those service members who sacrificed their lives to bring justice to the people responsible.



Photo by Cpl. Randy L. Bernard

Marines of Company I, 3rd Battalion, re-enact the scene from the famous flag raising by Marines on Iwo Jima during World War II. According to Lt. Col. Willy A. Buhl, the battalion commanding officer, the image is a symbol of military excellence and represents the sacrifice of all Marines since the beginning of the Corps in exchange for liberty. The Marines raised the flag as a symbol of respect for those lost in the global war on terrorism, and the attacks on 9-11.



Photo by Cpl. Randy L. Bernard

Marines of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment mount an American flag to a make-shift flagpole in preparation for a ceremony to honor those people lost in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and to pay tribute to their fallen brothers in arms. The flag, along with the New York State flag, New York Police Department flag, and World Trade Center flags were all sent from ground zero to be flown in the city of Fallujah.



By Tina Sanchez
MCX Marketing

Family Restaurant Says "Thank You"

Monday is the Family Restaurant's "Customer Appreciation Day!" Don't miss a chance to let us say "Thank You" by giving away free food and beverages!

Starting at 11 a.m., a delicious assortment of free foods for your dining pleasure will be available, until we run out.

For more information, call 577-6428. Come early - you don't want to miss out on this event!

Cactus Cafe Closing

Effective Feb. 1 the Cactus Cafe, on Yermo, will be permanently closed. To keep our patrons happy, the food and hospitality branch will be expanding the menu at Lanzer's Lounge in the Maintenance Center. The menu will have an expanded sub sandwich selection, an assortment of salads, two entrees to choose from each day, two side dishes and much, much more! Call 577-6176 for more in-



Super Star Student Program

Is your child a Super Star Student? Let the MCX reward your child for good grades!

Patrons in grades 6 through 12, who maintain a "B" average or better for the grading period are invited to participate.

Super Star Students receive a scratch-off card per grading period with the chance to win prizes such as MCX gift certificates, disposable cameras, phone cards, gum machines, portfolios, and clothing! There are three grand prizes at your MCX to include a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and two \$500 Savings Bonds.

Recent winner for the \$1,000

savings bond was Courtney Brown, 6th Grade, Barstow.

The winner of the \$500 savings bonds was Lakeisha Jones, 10th Grade, Barstow.

Is your child eligible? Students must be authorized MCX patrons and visit their local MCX store manager within 30 days of receiving their report card. Prizes must be claimed within 30 days.

For more information on the Super Star Student Program, call 256-8974.

Need a Hobby?

MCX has it covered. The Hobby Shops have everything needed to get a hobby started. The Ceramic Hobby Shop, Wood/Rock Hobby Shop and the Auto Skills Center are located in Building 375, on the corner of Boll Ave. and S. Iwo Jima Ave. These shops are open Wednesdays through Fridays from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Ceramic Hobby Shop has a fabulous selection of pre-poured molds to choose from. Marke, ceramic specialist, will take you step by step through the process to help your creativity flow. Call Marke today at 577-6228 for more information.

The Wood/Rock Hobby Shop can help you turn quartz, jade and jasper into beautiful pendants, earrings, rings and bolo ties. Learn how to use the Lapidary equipment housed right in this shop! If you fancy working with wood, then this is the shop for you! Build furniture pieces like tables, book shelves and much more. Let Tim show you how make those special grooves and corners that will accent your piece perfectly. Call Tim at 577-6441 to get your project started.

Auto Lovers - check out the Auto Skills Center! Beef up your ride or perform general maintenance. Jason will be happy to help with your automotive needs. Now is a good time to get the car or truck in shape for Spring! For more information on what the Auto Skills Center has to offer, Call Jason at 577-6692.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and the Hobby Shops are here to help! Create something for that "someone special" at the Ceramic and Wood/Rock Hobby Shops, or visit the Auto Skills Center to prepare a vehicle.



Cranky Baby?

Do you have a cranky baby on your hands? Then New Parents Support Program has a solution for you! Join NPSP Tuesday for their "Solutions for Cranky Babies" class! This informative class will help you learn how to soothe your cranky babies. As a participant, you will receive a Heartbeat Music Therapy CD free of charge, a \$12 value.

"Solutions for Cranky Babies" class will be held at the FAP Classroom in Building 129 from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information on this and other New Parents Support Program HOT TOPICS! classes, call 577-6332.

New Parents Support Program would like to extend an invitation to you and your child (infant to 5 years old) to join Playmornings. Playmornings is play time that includes music, art experiences, snack and developmental play - great for getting out to socialize with other moms! Children should have current immunization records. Come play with us every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Youth Activities Center Gym. Register by calling 577-6332 or pick up a form at the first Playmoming.

Racquetball Tourney

Have you signed up for the Racquetball Tournament yet? Get ready to put your racquetball skills to the test! This tournament begins on Feb. 7, and there is still time for you to join!

This exciting tournament will be played as an "On-Call" tournament, single elimination; best 2 out of 3. An "On-Call" tournament consists of players names being randomly drawn and placed into brackets. The Sports & Athletics Director will contact each participant according to where their name falls within the tournament bracket. Each player will be responsible for reporting the results of the match to the Sports & Athletics Director and the winner from each match will move onto the next bracket. All players are required to wear protective eye-gear during the match and wrist lace worn appropriately.

There are two levels of players - a Novice Category (1 - 3 years of experience) and a Skilled Category (4 or more years of experience). The winner from each category will receive a professional racket sponsored by Ektelon! Door prizes will be given away and are sponsored by E-Force. Trophies will be awarded to players from each category.

Don't miss this exciting competition and your chance to win great prizes! Show them what you've got! All active and retired military, their families, and civilian employees authorized to use the Semper Fit facility are invited to play!

Call the Sports & Athletics Director at 577-6817 or e-mail to sharon.momison@usmc.mil to sign up today!



MCCS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 20th - 26th

Today
- Poker Team Night at the Oasis Club, it all starts at 5 p.m.
- Darts, pool and CD music at the Enlisted Club, join us at 6 p.m.
- Family Night Dining at the Family Restaurant from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday
- TGIFriday Family Nights at the Oasis and Enlisted Clubs.
- Pre-Inventory Sale ends today! Don't miss out on your chance to save 10 - 50 percent off of selected clearance items!

Saturday
- College Football at the Enlisted Club starting at 5 p.m.

Sunday
- NFL Sunday Ticket Football at the Enlisted Club

Monday
- Customer Appreciation Day at the Family Restaurant. Free food starting at 11 a.m. Get it while it lasts!

Tuesday
- Burn your own Steak Night with a free movie at the Oasis Club begins at 5 p.m.
- Right Hand Night at the Oasis Club begins at 5 p.m.
- Karaoke Night at the Enlisted Club begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesday
- Midweek Relaxation Hour at the Enlisted Club.

MCCS Contact Information

MCCS Director	577-6733
Director Secretary	577-6733
NAF Personnel	577-5835
Food & Hospitality	577-6176
Family Restaurant	577-6428
Lanzer's Lounge	577-7887
Oasis Club	577-6342
Enlisted Club	577-6495
TLF	577-6418
Recreation	577-6817
ITT	577-6541
Bowling Center	577-6264
Ceramic Hobby Shop	577-6228
Auto Skills Center	577-6441
Wood/Rock Hobby Shop	577-6692
Health & Fitness	577-6812
Semper Fit	577-6898
Equipment Issue	577-6812
Marine & Family Services	577-6533
NPSP	577-6332
Children Services	577-6287
Education	577-6118
Base Library	577-6395
Super Seven Day Store	256-8974
Railhead Exchange	577-7092
Barber Shop	577-6688
Financial Management	577-6391
Tees & Trees Golf	577-6431
Marketing	577-6968

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When the men failed to check in to the base, their wives reported to the authorities and within a few hours the Ecuadorian Air Force, the US Army, Air Force and Navy swarmed along the Cururay River looking for any sight of the missionaries.

Jim Elliot, just 29 years old, was found dead, lying down stream with the others. Their bodies had been brutally pierced with spears and hacked by machetes.

The news was reported to the wives back in Quito. Amazingly, on hearing of the murders, Jim's wife quietly replied, "The Lord has closed our hearts to grief and hysteria, and filled in with His perfect peace."

A few years later, Elisabeth and her daughter Valerie returned to the beach where her husband had given

his life for the sake of the Gospel.

On the beach, she was met by the chief of the Aucas who extended to her the hand of friendship. Elisabeth and Valerie continued to minister to the Aucas and through their efforts many were converted to Christianity.

Rarely, today, do we hear such stories of purpose.

Jim Elliot was determined to reach the Aucas for Christ even though it meant death.

Elisabeth and Valerie were determined to forgive the murder of husband and father to return to give the Gospel to an unreached people.

Do you have purpose to your life?

To the Elliot's, purpose was in working for the Kingdom of God and sharing the Gospel. The eternal destination of the Aucas was more

important than personal comfort.

Like the Apostle Paul, Jim affirmed, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21) Life, to Jim, was all about serving Christ, spreading the Gospel, and doing His will.

You may call his life a foolish waste, but before you judge, listen to his own testimony.

Before he died Jim exclaimed, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Jim gave up the things of this world to live for the God who gave him saving grace and eternal life.

Even though it cost him his own life, he was determined to share that love with those who took pleasure in his death. Now that is purpose!

Would you be willing to do the same?

Gunny's Picks

Conference Championships



Congratulations to Janet Alvarez, of Public Works, winner of this week's Gunny's Picks.

Alvarez won based on point totals and, of course, choosing the winning teams.

"Looks like Yogi has done it again, picked the winners," she said, crediting her dog for the wins.

Some folks use a rabbit's foot; Alvarez has her pooch for good luck.

For the conference finals, the duo has New England taking the AFC over Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia winning the NFC. All right then fans, what do you think?

Sunday

Atlanta @ Philadelphia*

*New England @ Pittsburgh

1966 DODGE: Station wagon 383 engine, auto, air, runs needs TLC, \$1,200. Call 254-1913.

1984 NISSAN: King cab truck, two tone brown, automatic transmission, pwr windows and locks, sun roof, air shocks, very good condition, \$900. Call 255-4205.

1984 BUICK LESABRE: Asking \$700. Call 256-8250 or 251-767-1119.

1989 HONDA HATCHBACK: Quarter mile race car, (not street legal) tilt fiberglass front end, roll bar, lugs changed, Plexiglas windows, wired for 1.6 motor, needs motor and trans, \$1,500. Call 254-1913 or cell 760 285-4931.

2000 TOYOTA: Sienna LE, Capt. seats, running boards, roof rack, front leather bra, CD player, green, \$9,500. Call 253-4979.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1993 Alpenlite XL 5TH wheel, 26-ft, xlt cond, new tires, extra long oversize queen bed, rear kitchen, self contained, sleeps four, \$7,000. Call 252-1908.

MISCELLANEOUS: 2000 XR 250 dirt bike, \$2,300 OBO; 2000 XR 100, dirt bike, \$1,300 OBO; 16 ft. dual axle trailer, two years old, black, side rails, \$850 OBO. Call 253-4979.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two 1500-watt, Infinity Studio speakers, and Kenwood complete stereo system, \$500, firm. Call 253-5926.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dodge engine, \$250; Jeep 360 engine, \$250; Volkswagen, four old style mag rims, all \$55; Chevy aluminum two quad manifold, \$110; 4x4 brush/grille guard, \$125; 1989 Honda car parts. Call 254-1913.

MISCELLANEOUS: Ikea bunk bed, desk top below, blue and silver, \$65 OBO. Call 253-4947.

MISCELLANEOUS: New Craftsman 25 gal. upright air compressor 5.5 HP, \$300 firm. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Six-piece entertainment center, solid wood Narra custom made in the Philippines, \$250, must see to appreciate. Call AWH 253-2394.

PETS: Free cat to a good home, female, full grown, litter box and travel box included, spayed and has all shots, needs TLC. Call 256-0255.

MISCELLANEOUS: Maytag Dryer, \$75, bread maker \$25. Call 256-2434.

