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## MCB employees to receive commemorative medallion

By BARSTOW LOG Staff

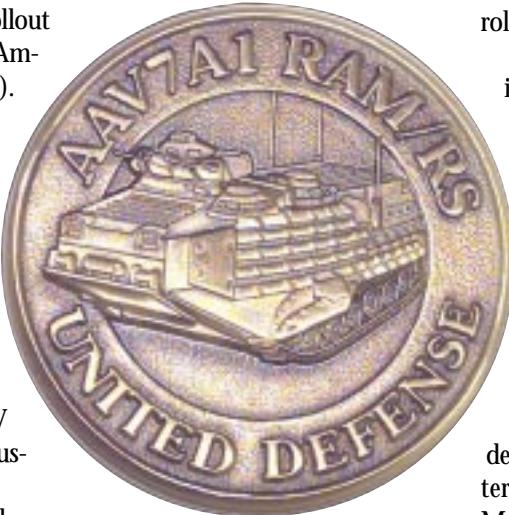
A special coin will be given to all Maintenance Center Barstow employees in celebration of the rollout of the Marine Corps' modified Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV).

The United Defense Limited Partnership (UDLP) division commissioned the stamping of a commemorative medallion signifying the "Reliability, Availability, and Maintainability/Rebuild to Standard" (RAM/RS) AAV rollout May 6. The San Jose, Calif., firm modifies the AAV hull to accept the RAM/RS suspension.

The memento is a 1 1/4-inch brass coin with engravings of the U.S. Ma-

rine Corps seal on one side and the AAV7A1 on the other.

"Because of the limited number



of medallions, and to ensure that

each Maintenance Center employee receives one, supervisors will verify an employees' listing and sign for the medallions," said Joann Bond, rollout chairperson.

Supervisors will receive further instructions regarding where and when to pick up the medallions prior to May 6. Distinguished visitors and AAV rollout committee members will receive a medallion as well.

"There is a lot of effort that goes into the AAV RAM/RS project by those who never touch a wrench. This medallion represents the hard work and dedication of all Maintenance Center employees," said Col. Joseph Martin Jr., MCB Director. "We owe them all a big thanks."

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# EARTHQUAKE

## And the winner of the 32 inch T.V. is ...



Photo by Cpl. Kevin Doloson

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive came to a close Friday at the base exchange with Col. Mark A. Costa (left), Base Commander, drawing the winners for several prizes ranging from Sureshot cameras to car stereos and color televisions.

For a list of winners and prizes, see page 7.

## Sir, the platoon is formed ...



Photo by Cpl. Mike McQuillan

LCpl. Joanna Bucknam – recently promoted to corporal – reports the platoon to GySgt. Lee Taylor (left) during the drill portion of the Meritorious Corporal board held March 29. Bucknam continued on to win the board.

## Commissary privileges double for reservists

From Military Report

The last Congress doubled the number of annual visits reservists, National Guard and gray-area retirees (younger than 60) can make to the commissary – from 12 to 24.

The Commissary Privilege Card – issued by guard and reserve units – is still required, along with a valid identification card. Reserve retirees not yet 60 years old, who will be eligible for retired pay at age 60 are also eligible; as are family members of reserve and retired reserve personnel.

During active duty, reserve and guard personnel can visit the commissary as many times as they wish without it counting against their 24 visits.

Additionally, National Guard members on state active duty for federally declared disaster operations (and their family members) can use commissary stores during the period of their active service. The required documentation is a military order stating that the National Guard member is serving in support of a federally declared disaster.

Retirees who want to get a card by mail should contact their regional personnel team. Reservists needing a Commissary Privilege Card should contact their unit administrator or call: Marine Corps Reserve, (703)

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## The CO/XO's Corner

The "CO/XO's Corner" is a tool the Base Commander and Executive Officer use to open the lines of communication from the command deck to all personnel and to disseminate essential information as rapidly as possible.

# Base Commander confronts rumors, misconceptions

Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines of the Logistics Base:

Unfortunately, there are many rumors and misconceptions going around right now about "contracting out," "privatization," and "commercial activities studies" or "CA studies." This is a result of a number of planning sessions, announcements of studies and an extended waiting period we have had to endure before the approval and formal announcement of our planned CA studies. I am still limited in the specifics I can share on our planned CA studies until the Department of the Navy formally approves our plan and then notifies Congress. After that is done, I will hold a series of all-hands meetings for members of

the base staff to inform you of the plan we developed. However, there are some things I can share with you now, and so I would like to clarify the following points:

First, the only area where "privatization" is being considered is in providing utilities to the Base. Privatization is the process of changing a public entity to private control and ownership. It does not include determinations as to whether a support service should be obtained through public or private resources. Privatization of utilities is part of a DoD-wide mandate to complete by 2003. Our utilities and energy managers are working with Southwest Division of NAVFAC to develop the requirements for this base and the

specifications that will go into the request for proposals that utility companies would bid on. This process will take a number of months and the schedule is just being formalized. I will keep you informed of the progress of this effort and we will ensure affected members of the Base staff are informed and involved.

Yes, we have developed a comprehensive contract for family housing that will take over after the current maintenance contract runs out and we start the new fiscal year in the fall. This new contract will take over some of the functions currently done by Base staff for housing maintenance and services on a reimbursable basis; however, this will not result in any cuts in maintenance per-

sonnel. Our intent is to support family housing with a single source of maintenance and services.

Next, with respect to the CA studies or A-76 Studies, when we enter the competition process, it will be just that, a process that will probably last nearly two years to complete. The competition involves US, the government team, preparing OUR proposal on how we will do business in the future. This IN HOUSE proposal is matched against proposals from contractors to do the same work. The details of this process will be made more clear to you when I can share the specifics of the CA studies we plan. But let me tell you in advance, WE are in this together, OUR proposal will

be OUR best shot at keeping the IN HOUSE TEAM as the winner of the competition!

In preparation for the announcement of the CA Study, we were visited by two contractors who specialize in advising commands undergoing studies. These visits allowed members of the staff to see the types of services that can be provided to assist OUR TEAM in putting together the BEST proposal during the study. We will hire the best contractor to support our study to assist us in achieving success.

There are no planned RIFs or any layoffs in the base staff in the immediate future! Yes, we have some FTE

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## What did you learn from this?

By Lt. Michael Michener  
Base Chaplain



I got stranded alone in the foothills of the Sierra mountains about a month ago. I drove my truck up to look at a campground at 7,500 feet. It got stuck in the snow. I dug for two hours and could not get it out so I grabbed my jacket and flashlight and walked out to the road where I planned to flag someone down for help. No one came. So, I decided to walk a couple miles down the mountain to catch someone driving up the road. Again, no one drove by. I realized then that I was going to be in for a long night. I ended up walking down the mountain for four and a half hours to about 6,400 feet, most of which was in the dark. My feet were covered with blisters and my legs were sore (I didn't have my good boots on).

I was never lost. I was on the road the whole time. I was a little nervous because I was deep into bear and mountain lion country. Every time a small rock rolled down from the ledge above me I quickly turned on the light and looked for a lion that might be stalking me. I kept telling myself, "don't run and make yourself look like supper." (I've probably watched too many movies). I finally found one person. If I hadn't found him, I would have slept under the pine trees. I was able to persuade him to drive me to the nearest phone twenty-five miles away.

The next day as I told my story to those I know, many would ask, "Did you learn anything from this?" There were two lessons learned. The first is to always be prepared. Some could say that I should not have drove up there alone. Others would say that I should have had a shovel in the truck. Another lesson could have been to not leave the truck without the backpack I had in the rear that had extra clothes and water and my knife in

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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

Tue. & Thu. 11 - 11:30 a.m.  
At the Colonel's Workshop  
For more info, call Chris Moya  
at 577-7268.



### Are banks/ credit unions ready for Y2K?

Q. What are banks doing to inform their customers on Y2K?

A. Banks have become community leaders on Y2K by helping their customers, including businesses, learn about the issue and make preparations. They are holding small business seminars and working with community groups to encourage readiness.

Q. How are banks preparing for Y2K?

A. Independent sources including consultants and columnists, have singled out the banking industry as one of the best prepared to keep their business running smoothly. Banks are preparing in similar fashion as they would for a fire, hurricane, flood or other potential crisis. They have backup plans so that it will be business as usual for all of their customers.

Q. How can I find out what my bank/credit union is doing to prepare for Y2K?

A. If you are concerned about your bank or credit union, stop by for a visit or call them to hear about the things they are doing to keep your money safe and accessible. Navy Federal Credit Union has been working toward achieving a seamless transition to the year 2000 since 1991. Navy Federal Credit Union has posted the following statement on their website: "Navy Federal wants to reassure our members that we are taking a proactive approach to the year 2000. In fact, we have been an industry leader – working with and advising credit union trade associations and our regulator to assist other credit unions with year 2000 issues." The Navy Federal Credit Union website is located at <http://www.navyfcu.org>. Many banks and credit unions are including Y2K updates in their monthly statement. Look for them.

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Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California  
Colonel Mark A. Costa, Commanding Officer

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# News Briefs

## Secretary's Day Luncheon

Wednesday is Secretary Appreciation Day. Treat your secretary to the Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Secretary's Day Luncheon Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oasis Club.

Jeanette Hayhurst, Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Barstow will speak on the topic of "Power for the New Millennium." The menu includes choice of Chef salad or Honey-glazed chicken with potatoes Au gratin, vegetable, rolls and beverage.

Tickets are \$6.50. For more info, call:

Fred Molino	577-7210
Ed Guz	577-6183
Bruce Rowe	577-7207
Dan Keirn	577-6614
Cliff Acles	577-6733
Ed Frey	577-6940
Richard Tusing	577-6492

## Supervisory Training Day

The Federal Managers Association is sponsoring a "Supervisory Training Day" in conjunction with their quarterly luncheon and training session Thursday.

Training begins at 7 a.m. and in-

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact, a phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via LAN to PAO@PSD.

cludes Prevention of Sexual Harrassment and Equal Employment Opportunity updates, an Ethics for Supervisors session and a Civilian Employment Assistance Program refresher. The luncheon menu is Sweet and Sour pork for \$5.00 or Chef salad for \$4.50. Reservations are required and must be made no later than tomorrow. Call your FMA representative for reservations or more info.

Glen Stoops	577-7433
Bob Wyman	577-6866
Lorinda Meinicke	577-7774
Lorella Garcia	577-6352
Connie Zamora	577-6657
Donna Wilder	577-6638
Dallas Harris	577-6602

## ASMC Luncheon

The next ASMC luncheon is scheduled for April 27 at 11 a.m. at the Oasis Club.

Doris Lowe and Capers Hamilton of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will give a presentation on the topic "Are you Ready for Retirement?" The menu is beef stir-fry with steamed rice, vegetables, roll and beverage or Chef salad. Tickets are \$5.00 and should be purchased by April 23.

For tickets or more info, call:

Billie Reed	577-7875
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Lou Ann Presley	577-6636
Connie Lewellyn	577-6596
Tito Escobedo	577-6369
Randy Meyer	577-6366
Sophia Cisneros	577-5140

## Free Health Screening

The Barstow Masonic Temple at 221 Avenue J is offering a free medical screening for children 18 and under for treatment at Shriners' Hospital for Children May 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Local doctors will screen for treatable orthopedic problems, residual burns, scoliosis, club foot, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and many other ailments. Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization records, guardianship papers and W-2 or 1040 forms for 1999.

No appointments necessary. For more info, call 252-5800 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

tion begins at 7 a.m. Walkers, strollers and runners may choose between one-and-a-half, three-or nine-mile route. For more info on participating, forming teams, pledge sheets etc., contact Corky Nottingham at 252-5023 or Donna Siegle at 242-9784.

## TMO/SATO

The Travel Management Office and SATOTravel have completed their move to Bldg. 236. All contact numbers are unchanged. For more info, contact SSgt. Neville Golding at 577-6259.



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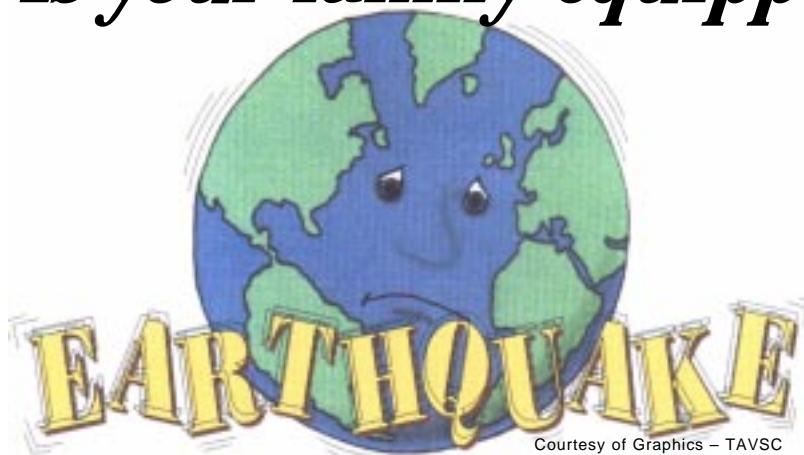
Make sure you have the following items in your home, at your office or in your car:  
fire extinguisher,  
first aid kit,  
wrench, flashlight and extra batteries, water and  
disinfectant, radio and extra batteries, dry or canned food, alternate cooking source (barbecue and charcoal) and blankets, clothing and shoes.

After a major earthquake, electricity, water, and gas may be out of service. Emergency aid may not reach you for several days.

## March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Barstow's annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica for healthier babies will be Saturday, April 24, at 8 a.m. starting at Kmart, 510 E. Virginia Way. This year's theme is "Saving Babies Together." Registr-

# *Is your family equipped, prepared for an earthquake?*



*Here are a few important tips every family should know when preparing for earthquakes.*

## **Know Your Environment**

### **Safest place in the house:**

During an earthquake, stay away from heavy furniture, appliances, large panes of glass, shelves holding heavy objects, and masonry veneer (such as the fireplace). These items tend to fall or break and can injure you. Usually a hallway is one of the safest places if it is not crowded with objects. Kitchens and garages tend to be the most dangerous. Also know the safest place in each room. It will be difficult to move from one place to another during a severe earthquake.

### **Exits and alternative exits:**

Always know the possible ways to exit your house and work place in emergency situations.

### **Location of shutoff valves:**

Know the location of the shutoff valves for water, gas and electricity, and how to operate the valves. If you are not sure, contact your utility company.

### **Make Special Provisions**

#### **Elderly, disabled or persons under medication:**

These people may have difficulty moving around after an earthquake. Plan to have someone help them to evacuate if necessary. Also, they may

need special foods or medication. Be sure to store several days' supply of these special provisions.

### **Persons who don't speak English:**

People who cannot speak English often rely on their family or friends for information. If they are separated during an earthquake, they may need help. Prepare emergency cards written in English indicating identification, address and any special needs.

### **Pets:**

After an earthquake, you should be concerned with your own safety before taking care of your pets. Storing extra food and water for pets is always a good idea. Keep them in a secure place at home after an earthquake. If you are evacuated, they will not be allowed at the emergency shelter.

### **Know Community Resources**

#### **Police and Fire:**

Know the locations of the nearest fire and police station.

### **Shelter and medical care:**

After a damaging earthquake, emergency shelters and temporary medical centers will be set up in your community. Contact your local Office of Emergency Services to find out the plans for your area.

### **Community plans:**

Know your neighbors and their skills: you may be able to help each other after an earthquake. Also know where to go to help your community after a disaster. It may be days before outside emergency assistance arrives. It is important to help each other.

### **Plan to Meet**

### **Plan to reunite:**

Make a plan on where and how to reunite family members. Choose a person outside the immediate area to contact if family members are

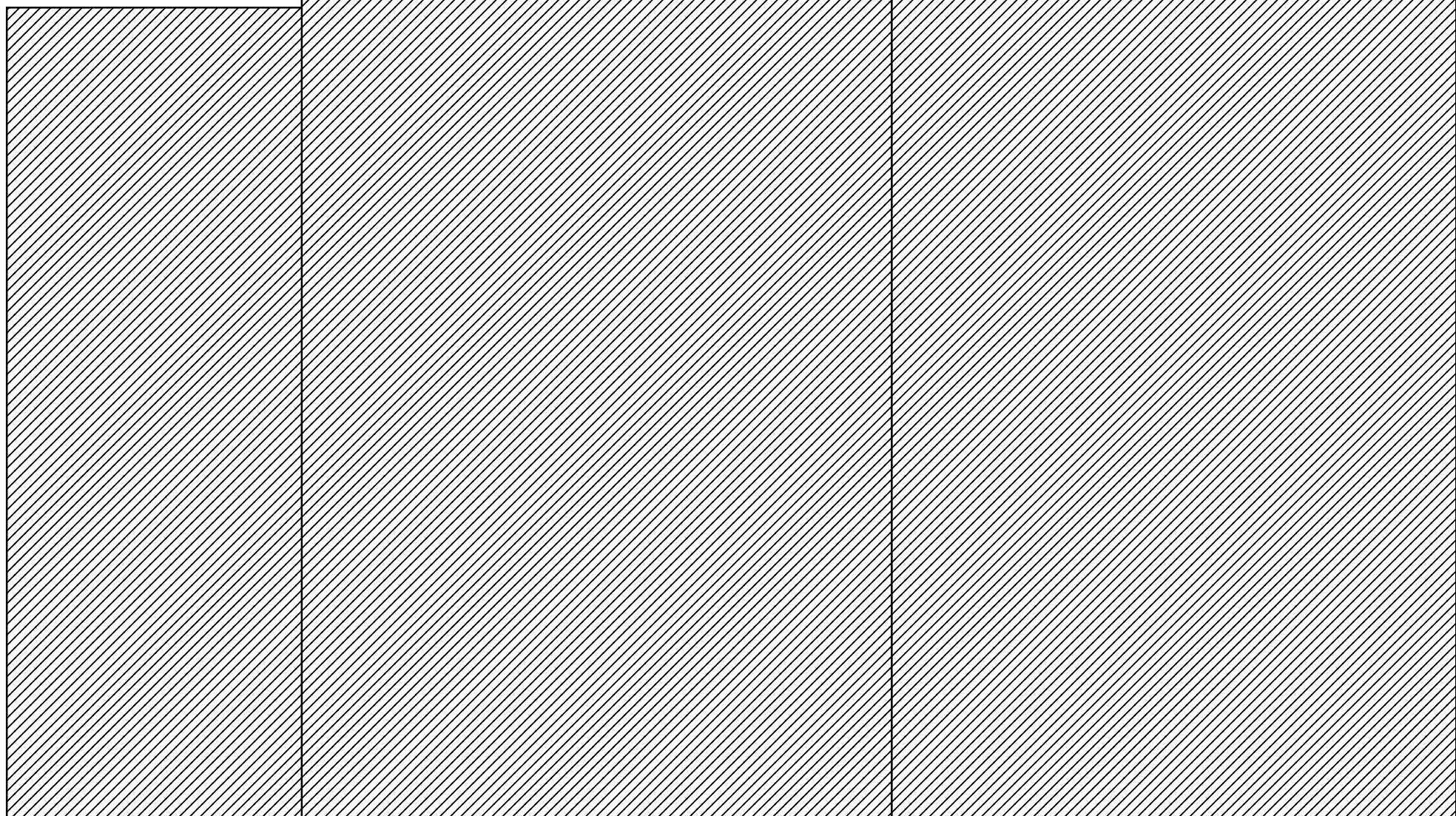
separated. Long distance phone service will probably be restored sooner than local service. Remember, don't use the phone immediately after an earthquake, and make local calls only for emergencies.

### **Plan for children:**

Know the policies of the school or daycare center your children attend. Make plans to have someone pick them up if, after an earthquake, you are unable to do so.

### **Plan Responsibilities**

There will be many things to take care of after an earthquake. Make a plan with your family, friends and neighbors assigning specific responsibilities to each person. Remember that it may be difficult to get around after an earthquake, so each person's tasks should be related to where he/she may be.



# Personal Services Division offers tips on positive parenting

**By Grace Walls**

MCCS Children and Youth Programs

How can you, as a parent, discipline your child without shouting, losing your cool and/or spanking?

There are many methods which can help you raise your child without resorting to hitting them or being an autocrat in your home.

First, be aware of what it is your child can and cannot do developmentally. What this means is that with babies and young toddlers, make sure you childproof your home. Putting up all dangerous and fragile items in your house makes life safer for the baby and easier on you. Do respond to his/her cries with understanding, and try to determine why the child is crying. Remember that babies cry to communicate their needs. They are not yet capable of using language.

With toddlers and preschoolers, introduce time-outs for misbehavior wherein the child is sent immediately to a designated "no fun" area and told how long he'll have to stay there. The rule of thumb for time-outs is one minute for each year of a child's age.

Another hint is to let them have their temper tantrums. Often these are brought on by fatigue or hunger so if you are aware of your child's physical needs you may be able to avoid tantrums. If you can't and she has one, try to ignore it while it runs its course, and then calmly discuss the issues at hand.

With preschoolers and older children, give your child a warning if he misbehaves, and if he continues to misbehave, withdraw some privileges, which may be a favorite TV show, an expected treat, playing computer games for that day, etc. You also must back up your threats. If, for example, you threatened to take your child's video games away if they didn't do their homework, and you hear from his teacher that he didn't turn in his homework that week, then take those privileges away for a period of time, over the weekend, for instance.

Also, with preschoolers and school-age children, anticipate trouble spots and act to prevent them. For example, if you have a five or six-year-old who finds sitting quietly in church to be impossible, bring along a book, a coloring book and crayons or introduce him to "cat's

cradle" and bring along the string for it. He'll entertain himself and will find sitting quietly easier.

Second, make sure you have rules of behavior in your household that you've explained to your child. You might even write them up and place them on the refrigerator to refer to and to remind them. If your children are old enough, (school-age and older), enlist them in helping make your household rules. Children who have a say in making up the rules are more likely to follow them.

Third, be careful in choosing your battles wisely. Ask yourself the following questions: Is this going to cause irrevocable physical or psychological harm? Are you caught up in a power struggle for no good reason? If you go along with your child, how are you going to feel about it tomorrow? Do you have a compelling reason to deny this request? Examples of this are if your child wants to put ketchup on his waffles, instead of syrup and he'll eat them, let him or if your child wants to sleep in his clothes to make getting ready for school quicker and he's wearing sweats, let him. Neither will harm him, and giving him a choice in these little things, helps him to learn to make choices in life.

Fourth, make sure

you reward your child's good behavior. Be sure you notice her good behavior and compliment her on it. If she makes up her bed without being asked, tell her how much you appreciate her doing so. Tell him how proud you are of the 100 percent he received on his spelling test. A child needs positive feed back just as we do. They are more likely to follow our requests if we make sure to notice their efforts and reward them.

Fifth, make sure you tell your child everyday that you love him/her. Give your child hugs, pats on the back, and other forms of physical affection. All children want and need to know that they are loved and cherished by their parents. When they are assured of this, they are more likely to try to behave well because they won't want to displease you.

Sixth, with older children, especially teens, make sure you monitor their activities at home, school and when they are out with their friends. Make sure you have met their friends, know where they live, and who their parents are. Keep in close contact with their teachers, write notes to them, phone them, and pay attention to your child's school work. Make spot checks from time to time. What this means is that when your child says he'll be at Jim's house for the evening, drop by at Jim's

**See PARENT Page 9**

**"A child needs positive feedback just as we do. They are more likely to follow our requests if we make sure to notice their efforts and reward them."**

Grace Walls, MCCS Children and Youth Programs



# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Marine Corps Multi-Commodity Maintenance Center Barstow, California

**From the Director ...**

## MCB Director emphasizes inventory accuracy

**By Col. J. Martin Jr.**

MC Director

How do you plan for a successful event, such as a party? There are so many details ... And which activities should be done in what order? When do you order the food? How early do you have to reserve the band or DJ? Should you send out invitations? Or just phone everyone on the guest list? Should you keep track of how many confirm they will attend? Wait a minute, we already ordered the food; maybe we should quit calling people after we confirm as many as we ordered food for ... Let's organize this thing and create a checklist.

Now how do we plan to successfully rebuild an Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV)? It has how many parts? How do we know which ones we'll have to replace? Well, how many did we replace on the last one?

Soon we'll be able to answer the question

of how many parts make up an AAV. And we'll know which ones are replaced on each vehicle we repair. The MRPII System, CompassCONTRACT®, will keep records on each and every asset we rebuild. And it will provide us with a schedule of activities, similar to the checklist we mentioned in the discussion of the party, to ensure that we accomplish all of the activities in the right sequence.

The list of parts provides a special function in MRP. It serves as the checklist to ensure that we have everything we need, when we need it. If we don't have a serviceable part, MRP tells us to order, fabricate or repair it, whichever is appropriate. So how does MRP know if we need it? Now we're talking about inventory accuracy.

If the database doesn't know that you've got that part in your toolbox, just in case you ever need it, it's going to tell us to order one. And if it doesn't know about those pallets of

roadwheels piled under the sunshade, it will tell us to order those, too. On the other hand, if it thinks that we've got an item, but we've already used it without updating the system, MRP won't know to order one, and we'll end up missing that critical item when we need it.

Traditionally, we've been concerned with the value of inventory in Warehouse 405. These parts were bought with Maintenance Center money, and tied up our funds until they were charged to the customer. In a sense, we only paid attention to the inventory that we "owned."

In CompassCONTRACT®, we're less concerned with ownership, and we're more concerned with availability. This means that we care if we have a reparable assembly, we want to know if an item is on order, and we want to know the status of those items that are in process. Anything that is not in a condition to assemble into a complete end item represents

a "demand" for that item. If an item is missing or damaged, the system registers a demand and proposes a plan – whether through purchasing or repairing the item – to meet that demand.

For this reason, we need to ensure that MRP has visibility of all the items that may satisfy the demands within the system. Any assets that are kept in hidden corners represent lost opportunities to meet the demands, and MRP will plan to correct those deficiencies through other avenues. In short, we'll be spending money that we don't need to, and we won't be as competitive as we could be.

Inventory accuracy – it's something that all of us need to be concerned about, and it's something that we can all influence.

While we focus on the AAV RAM/RS contract, help us ensure that all of the AAV components are visible to CompassCONTRACT®.

## Here is the latest AN/TPS-59 Radar update

**By Rey Jantoc**

Communications/Electronics Business Center

The AN/TPS-59 Radar delivered to MACS-I in June 1998 was recently shipped from MACS-I to the Lockheed-Martin Factory at Syracuse, NY. The following is a letter received from MARCORSYSCOM dated Dec. 10, 1998.

Dear Sir,

I know you have heard several times from myself and others from the AN/TPS-59 Program Office, what a tremendous job you and your folks have done on the AN/TPS-59 Radar rebuild. I wanted to pass on to you what I considered to be the most sincere and highest compliment you could possibly receive.

While doing a recent AN/TPS-59(V3) fielding, one or two Senior Engineers from Lockheed-Martin Corporation commented to me on what a remarkable job Maintenance Center Barstow had done on the AN/TPS-59 Radar Rebuild Program.

We are very fortunate to have you and your crew working on behalf of the USMC. Thanks. Take Care.

CWO4 R. Wienert  
AN/TPS-59 Project Officer  
MARCORSYSCOM

Our third AN/TPS-59 arrived on June 30 1998, and the rebuild process began on this unit. We completed this antenna on Jan. 28, 1999. This AN/TPS-59 was accepted by Bruce Swift of Lockheed-Martin and CWO Steinke of MCTSSA, Camp Pendleton, Calif., for the Fleet Marine Force (FMF).

This completed overhauled AN/TPS-59 is being shipped directly to Lockheed-Martin Factory at Syracuse, NY to be retrofitted to a "V3" shelter.

The "V3" Shelter is the most recent modification to the AN/TPS-59 Radar, giving it a current state of the art shelter, incorporating among others, the latest electronics data acquisition.

Again, mahalo (thank you) to all Cost Work Centers (CWCs) involved in our rebuild: Electrical (CWC 731), Row Power Supply (CWC 734), Row feed (CWC 735), Cable (CWC 738), Machine Shop (CWC 741), Paint, Canvas and Gasket (CWC 748), Technical Library (CWC 613), our own Electronics/Communications Business Center Production Comptroller, and Maintenance Section handling our trouble calls.

Pictured left is the CWC 733 crew: (front row) Dale Whitacre, Sgt. Brian Yost, Pete Garibay, Jessie Sanchez, Steve Kruz, Rey Jantoc, Don Snyder, Bill Roberts. (Back row) LCpl. Rick C. Aguilar, David Pacheco, Joe Lebrun, Dennis Hall, Ed Ballard.



Photo by Curt Lambert

## Winners of the local Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive prize drawing:

<b>2 – \$100 gift certificates:</b> Ann Lazenby LCpl. Ignacio Melgoza Alvarez	<b>Weber bar-b-que Kettle:</b> Lt. Cmdr. P. G. Kremp	<b>Koss boom box w/CD player:</b> Lee Carlson	<b>Lanny Morris</b>
<b>JWin Radio w/CD player:</b> Donna Chisom	<b>2 – Cannon Sure Shot cameras:</b> Capt. Michael Phillips Lt. Joe Charlton	<b>2 – Panasonic cordless phone w/ answering machine:</b> Lee Banwason SSgt. James Bell	<b>JVC 3-disc stereo system:</b> HM3 Antonio Magdaleno
<b>AT&amp;T Cordless Phone:</b> John Daugherty	<b>Sansui VCR:</b> CWO William Bradshaw	<b>Daewoo VCR:</b> HM3 Andrew Blakely	<b>2 – Blaupunkt car stereo system:</b> Jay McDonald DT3 Raigeil Manigat
<b>Weber portable gas grill:</b> Corina Bonner	<b>AIWA boom box w/CD player:</b> LCpl. Rafael Marquez	<b>20" JVC TV:</b>	<b>27" JVC TV:</b> Col. Joseph Martin

**32" JVC TV:**  
Earl Jefferson

**JVC compact VHS camcorder:**  
Tom Stickley  
Congratulations to the winners, and also to Kathy Petermann, Comptroller Department, who won the '99 Ford Mustang in the Camp Pendleton drawing. Donations keep the NMCRS working.

## Jobs

<u>Annc.#</u>	<u>Title/Series/Grade</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>1st Cutoff</u>	<u>Location</u>
DEA-95-99	Crane Operator WG-5725-11	03-08-99	09-30-99	03-22-99	Calif., Arizona
DEA-103-99	Electronic Technician GS-856-07/08/09 (Term NTE two years)	03-22-99	04-20-99	04-02-99	Calif., Arizona
DEA-118-99	Library Technician GS-1411-06/07	03-22-99	06-19-99	04-02-99	Calif., Arizona
DEA-125-99	Computer Specialist GS-334-12	03-29-99	04-30-99	04-12-99	Navy Cntr. for Tact. Sys. – San Diego
DEA-126-99	Family Services Counselor GS-101-11 (Part time)	03-25-99	04-23-99	04-08-99	Barstow
OTR-08-99	Electrician, WG-2805-10 (Temp. NTE one year)	01-19-99	04-16-99	04-02-99	Calif., Arizona
OTR-27-99	Motor Vehicle Operator WG-5703-08 (Temp. NTE one year)	03-24-99	09-30-99	04-07-99	Calif., Arizona
OTR-30-99	Automotive Worker WG-5823-08 (Temp. NTE one year)	03-25-99	04-22-99	04-01-99	Port Hueneme
OTR-31-99	Heavy Mobile Equipment WG-5803-10 (Temp. NTE one year)	03-25-99	04-23-99	04-01-99	Calif., Arizona

For more information contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6484.

## The Tri4Life rides through MCLB Barstow



Photo by LCpl. Brian Davidson

Athletes competing in the Transcontinental Triathlon for Life – from Santa Barbara to New York City – passed through the gates of MCLB Barstow Tuesday afternoon. Marines and civilians turned out to ride along as the athletes made their way to Daggett.

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it. I tried to convince my wife that one part of being prepared included buying a new truck equipped with four-wheel drive and a winch. She didn't fall for that line and thought there was a cheaper lesson that I consider.

The second lesson I learned was that no matter how prepared you are, there will always be some things that will occur as surprises. There will always be some things that happen beyond your control. When that happens, it is important to trust in the things you already know. You have to keep your head and develop a plan. If I hadn't found the one person up there, I was planning to break pine branches off and make a bed of pine needles and cover myself with pine branches. If I got too cold, I could just keep walking.

How does God fit into this picture? Glad you asked. Two passages come to mind. The first is 1 Peter 3:15. *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be PREPARED to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* It is important for each of us to know why we believe what we believe so we can share that with others. I need to be prepared to answer questions people may have regarding my faith. From the time when each of us could begin talking, one of our favorite words has always been "why?" Today, I am able to tell people that the

"why" is because of God's love for each of us.

The second passage that comes to mind from this mountain experience is in the gospel of Matthew.

*"On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you"* (Mt. 10:18-20).

No matter how prepared I am to share my faith, there will be times when I will be surprised or when I simply will not have the answers. When that happens, I can remember that eloquence and seminary education never saved anyone. My vocabulary may be inadequate. My grammar may be poor. I may even be shy and uncomfortable speaking in public. But God can take my meek and incorrect words and use them in a powerful way to help others. The theme of both passages is that we must share our faith.

Sometimes that sharing will come out of a holy boldness and confidence. Sometimes it will have to happen because we are afraid and don't know what to say. Either way, God can use us if we trust in Him. What lessons are you learning?

Blessings,  
Chaplain Michener

### The purpose of the '99 Transcontinental Triathlon for Life:

- To raise awareness about the empowering effect of exercise.
- To present Athletic Spirit Awards.
- To serve as role models to youth living with challenges.
- To be inclusive for the public with no boundaries in regard to gender, challenge, socioeconomic or lifestyle choice.
- To elevate personal power.
- To motivate others into increasing their quality of life and to appreciate all of those who have sponsored and supported the cause.

For more information about the Tri4Life and to monitor the athletes' course, visit the website at <http://www.tri4life.org>.

## Y2K from page 2

### Home medical equipment

#### Q. How can I ensure my home medical equipment will be Y2K ready?

A. There are a few things you could do:

1) Talk to the company you leased the equipment from and ask about its Y2K status.

2) Access the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh> and click on the year 2000 icon. Several medical equipment manufacturers are listed with information about their products. Look up the Y2K status of your equipment, or contact the company directly.

3) Check for a 1-800 number listed on the equipment and call for information.

### Military health care

#### Q. What is the status of DoD Health Affairs compliance with Y2K?

A. DoD biomedical equipment is currently 96 percent Y2K compliant. The remaining four percent was to be compliant by March 31. "Biomedical" means instruments and equipment typically found in a clinic, hospital, doctor's or dentist's office. As an example, some electrocardiogram (EKG) machines have a date function that could be affected by Y2K. However, the EKG equipment records analog signals, which are not date dependent, the equipment deals with dates only to tag the data. DoD Health Affairs has taken the lead in verifying biomedical equipment compliance along with a multi-agency federal working group consisting of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Veterans Affairs, Indian Health Service, and Public Health Service. The group has collaborated with equipment manufacturers to develop a database of compliance information for biomedical equipment in the Military Health system.

#### Q. Will Y2K affect my family's DEERS enrollment?

A. BUMED is tracking the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) which automatically confirms medical benefit eligibility. DEERS was on track for Y2K compliance by March 31.

#### Q. When does DoD expect TRICARE to be in compliance?

A. According to Clarisa Reberkenny of OSD Health Affairs,

mission critical systems and automated information system are undergoing end-to-end testing for Y2K compliance. DoD officials are meeting with TRICARE contractors on a reoccurring basis to monitor progress. The DoD deadline for compliance was March 31.

American families stationed overseas may find themselves in communities not as fully prepared to deal with Y2K concerns as back home. The good news is infrastructures outside of America may be less dependent on centralized computerized services, so the consequences of a single computer failure may be less intrusive in daily living.

The bad news is it may be difficult to find anyone who can answer questions about local capabilities or the status of efforts to cope with Y2K issues. There is, fortunately, a growing awareness of the potential problem. Japan, the United Kingdom and Germany (where many Americans are stationed) have extensive Y2K programs. For example, the European Union recognizes the possibility of a serious disruption, and has a very good Y2K website at <http://www.ispo.cec.be/y2keuro>.

In Europe, NAVFUR base commanding officers are very aware of the possible impact of Y2K on DON families and are actively querying local companies which provide electrical power, gas, water/sewage, telephone services and banking services to bases and the communities where our people and their families live. Contact your local base Y2K office for additional information.

Commands should emphasize the following general points regarding Y2K to all hands:

- Because of extensive preparation, the effects of the Y2K bug will be minimal on the lives of you and your family.

- Keep your money in the bank. Don't cash in your stocks.

- Your military pay records and personnel records will be safe.

- Don't over-prepare. Think about Y2K as a potential winter storm and prepare accordingly.

- Since computer systems are interconnected across the country and around the world, it is reasonable to expect some possible degradation of network-dependent systems for a short period, but the effects can be expected to be an inconvenience not a catastrophe.

- If someone tells you the sky is falling in regards to Y2K - beware, they are probably trying to sell you something.

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transfers and reductions that we must make for many reasons, but those will involve billets that are UNENCUMBERED. Yes, there was a lapse in hiring, that was done consciously to allow shifting of funds to cover shortfalls or misalignments in budgets this year. And yes, we are hiring temps and terms to fill positions that may not endure the CA studies. However, when positions require hiring a permanent full time position, we are doing just that. These hiring actions are being used to avoid adverse actions in the future.

Hopefully this edition of the CO's Corner provided you some factual information and dispels some of the rumors concerning some of you. As I mentioned, once our plan is approved and Congress is notified, I intend to meet the next day with all the affected employees of the Base staff and shortly thereafter with the other members of the Base staff to outline our plan for installation reform and how the CA study is but one part. OUR GOAL IS TO COMPETE AND WIN, to do that we must continue to improve the services and products we provide. As always I ask you to stay informed and stay involved. Together we can succeed.

THE C.O. SENDS

**Prepared Childbirth classes**

Expectant mothers delivering in June or the end of May are invited to attend a prepared childbirth and lactation education program. Registered Nurses Norma Ashmawee and June Treadwell will conduct the program each Tuesday at the Branch Medical Clinic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning May 4.

Participants will view videos, receive valuable articles regarding childbirth and also discuss labor and delivery. There will also be lectures and practice sessions for mothers-to-be and coaches.

Dads are also welcome to attend and should consider this the best way to bond with newborns.

For more info, or registration call 577-6332 or 470-5779.

For other family services available through the Personal Services Division, call 577-6533.

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784-9317; Army Reserve, 1-800-325-1869; Navy Reserve, 1-800-535-2699, Ext. 5500 or (504) 678-5500; Air Force Reserve, 1-800-525-0102, ext. 227.

"This is a great thing for a lot of our local reservists," said Judy Mendez, base commissary manager. "Now a lot of our regular customers can come to the commissary twice a month instead of once."

For more information, call the base commissary at 577-6438.

**PARENT from Page 5**

house and make sure he is there. Let them know of your concerns and speak to them about your concerns for their well being. Talk with them about the dangers of substance abuse and early sexual activities. Make sure you are up when they come home at night. Children do listen to their parents when it comes to substance abuse and sexual issues. They are less likely to get involved in these dangerous activities if they know their parents are concerned

and are actively involved in their lives.

Seventh, make sure you listen to your child and make an effort to converse with them daily. Use reflective listening to make sure you understand your child's concerns and to get an understanding of their feelings. Make a point of doing something together as a family at least once a week. Go on picnics, go to the movies, go to church, go swimming, bowling, garden, walk,

bike, or fish together. The point is to do something enjoyable other than watch television on a weekly basis. This will help keep your family's togetherness and will help your child to behave. He/she is more likely to obey you if he/she feels that being part of your family is a rewarding, loving, caring and, sometimes, fun experience.

For more information about parenting programs, call MCCS - PSD at 577-6533.



# MCCS Update ...

**By James H. Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

## Appliance Sale at MCX

Panasonic 1.0 cubic foot, 1000 watt, black or white microwave ovens. Regularly \$129 now only \$99.99

One-, two- and three-dollar assortment of housewares, stationery and toys - come and get 'em.

Bath tissue, 6-roll, \$1.69 while supply lasts.

The Exchange is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info please call 256-8974.

## Family Restaurant & Cactus Cafe weekly lunch menu April 15th through April 22nd.

*Today* - Lasagna.

*Friday, April 16* - Tuna Casserole.

*Monday, April 19* - Tacos.

*Tuesday, April 20* - Beef Tips.

*Wednesday, April 21* - Teriyaki Chicken.

*Thursday, April 22* - Sweet & Sour Pork

The Cactus Cafe will be closed Friday, April 16.

## Family Night Dinner Menu at Family Restaurant

*Tonight*: All you can eat: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll/butter, dessert and beverage.

*Thursday, April 22*: BBQ beef ribs, potato wedges, vegetable, roll/butter, desert and beverage.

Family Night dinners are served from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Thursday. All you can eat \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children 5 to 11 years, children 4 years and under are free. Call 577-6428.

## Mother's Day Brunch

It's not too early to plan to take mom to Mother's Day Brunch at the Oasis Club. Reservations are requested, so plan now to attend. The numbers to call for reservations are 577-6418/6110.

Mother's Day Brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, May 9 (Mother's Day).

The menu includes: Eggs Benedict, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, Lyonnaise potatoes, Crepes Suzette, french toast, Quiche Lorraine, carved "Steamship" round

of beef, carved baked ham, carved roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, french-cut green beans Almandine, and seasonal fresh fruit.

The dessert menu includes: fresh strawberry tarts, double-dutch chocolate cake, french apple pie, chocolate mousse, flan and jello.

Beverages include: orange juice, grapefruit juice, cranberry juice, coffee, tea or milk.

Prices are: \$4.50 all mothers, \$8.95 adults, \$4.95 children five to 12 years of age, children four years and under are free.

## Aerobic instructor Stephanie is back

Stephanie is back at MCLB. Her classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The classes emphasize step, high and low circuits as well as interval training.

Costs: \$2 walk in fee - for one session, or \$15 month military or civilian.

Plan to sign up, and get in shape. For more details call 577-6896.

## Gina's Aerobic Class

Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with Gina Galbraith. Gina offers an early afternoon aerobic class.

Gina's classes also emphasizes steps, high and low circuits as well as strength/resistance training.

Costs: \$25/month military, \$30/month civilian with a \$2 walk-in/one-session fee.

For more details on getting in shape call 252-2213.

## Gym/Fitness Center's temporary hours

The Gym/Fitness Center will be operating under temporary hours for an unspecified time. The hours are 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Regular hours will be resumed as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Tickets and Trips

The Renaissance Faire is coming up - and ITT has the tickets. The Renaissance Faire runs from May 1 through June 26.

ITT has season passes to Magic Mountain. \$45 adults or children. Call for full list of our tickets.

On Saturday, April 24, ITT has a trip to the George C. Page Museum. Two vehicles will be making this trip, so there is still room if you would like to go.

This is a triple feature trip, the

George C. Page Museum, the La Brea Tar Pits (which is included in the admission price of the museum), plus a stop at the Farmer's Market.

Transportation is \$10 round trip. Admission to the museum is \$6 for general admission, \$3 seniors, \$2 children.

This is going to be a fun trip, there is still room, but hurry.

ITT is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call Betty at 577-6541 for the latest on tickets and trips planned.

## Tees and Trees Golf Course Specials this month

Tees and Trees specials include 18 holes of golf for DoD civilians for only \$13 (this does not include cart).

Seniors and ladies can play for only \$5 on Wednesdays.

Don't forget to drop by and sign up on or before April 19 for the Twilight League, which begins April 20. There is a \$20 entry fee for 15 weeks of fun and great golfing.

Tees and Trees Golf Course is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Call 577-6431 for details on above specials or info about the Twilight League.

**1986 FORD AREOSTAR VAN:** Needs work, see at 1200 Munda. \$500. Call 252-4524.

**1970 OLDS CUTLASS:** 2 door, 350 engine, auto, A/C, mags, runs good. \$2,100 or trade for older Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler or truck. Call 252-9199.

**1979 MOTORHOME:** 25 ft., class A, roof/dash air, generator, sleeps 8. As is or trade for older Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler car or truck. \$1,500. OBO. Call 252-9199.

**1985 HONDA ATC:** 185S, runs great. \$500. OBO. Call Steven at 252-5196.

**1993 CAMPER:** Viking, sleeps 8, has large stove and heater. \$2,500. OBO. Call Steven at 252-5196.

**FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER:** 1983 Terry Lite, good cond., sleeps 4, fully self contained, heater, cooler, shower/toilet, refrigerator, 1 fresh water tank, 2 grey tanks, includes hitch, easy to pull with most any truck. Asking \$3,500. OBO. Call 252-2269 AWH.

**TELEPHONE:** Cellular, Motorola Microtac/325, w/flip design, large-colored LED display, 22 memory locations, includes Airtouch Cellular service plan and AC and car adapters. \$75. OBO. Call 957-1657.

**MISC. FOR SALE:** Auto-drip coffee maker (Proctor-Silex) new still in the box; \$8; 35mm camera KX-100 (new) \$10; Auto light-plug in car cigarette lighter. \$10. Call 242-8839.

**MISC:** Japanese antique coffee table, 10" high, 19" wide, 5 1/2' long. \$50. Call 242-8839.

**MISC:** 5HP chipper/shredder (Sears) xlt cond., paid \$500. recently repaired for \$230. Sell for \$250. Call 242-8839.

**FOR SALE:** Electric treadmill w/ digital display, odometer, speedometer, and calorie counter. \$75. OBO. Call 255-4339.

**WANTED:** Driver needed to bring boat eastward for \$1,000. Call collect (706) 867-8723.

**WANTED:** 1966 Dodge Dart car or car parts. Call 252-9199.

**WANTED:** Small out-board motor 15 to 20 HP, for small boat, will trade 9HP and cash. Good running motor needed. Call 256-2048 AWH.

**GARAGE SALE:** Multi-family, April 16, 17 & 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in parking area across from 1015 Cape Gloucester. Call 252-7753.

**THANK YOU:** The family of Eva Peralta would like to thank the Maintenance Center for all of their support and prayers during our loss. Thank you, God bless you all. The Peraltas