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## LA Police Chief to speak at Law Enforcement breakfast

By GySgt. Frank Patterson  
Public Affairs Chief

Law Enforcement Weekend begins May 21 at the Oasis Club with the annual Law Enforcement Breakfast.

The breakfast is open to everyone.

Bernard C. Parks, Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department is scheduled as the guest speaker this year.

He was sworn in as a police officer Feb 1, 1965 and rose through the ranks to become the head of one of the largest municipal law enforcement agencies in the United States. Chief Parks supervises 9,600 sworn and 3,000 civilian employees who oversee public safety in the City of Los Angeles. He is responsible for a budget of more than \$1.3 billion.

Chief Parks is recognized as a leading authority on training and developing in leadership and management. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Management from

Pepperdine University and a Master's in Public Administration, in addition to other academic achievements over the last 26 years.

In 1976, he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He was the first black officer from the LAPD selected for the academy.

As an accomplished speaker, Chief Parks has made scores of presentations nationally and internationally concerning contemporary criminal justice issues and practices.

Later in the afternoon, different law enforcement agencies will play in a softball tournament at the Sportsark in the City of



Chief Bernard C. Parks

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## SecNav honors military spouses

By Richard Danzig  
Secretary of the Navy

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is May 14 and I urge everyone to take time to convey gratitude to our military spouses for the major role they play in nurturing our families, our communities and our service.

Our spouses have been there to hold down the homefront, even on those numerous occasions when we could not. Without their great unwavering support, servicemembers would have great difficulty maintaining mission focus. Not only have they been spouses and parents to our children in our absence, but

they have also been teachers, nurses and jacks-of-all-trades.

I encourage each of you to take time to thank your spouse personally for their continuous support, courage, strength, love and patience.

Please take the time to acknowledge the unique contributions of our military spouses to morale, retention, job performance and readiness. I solicit the support of commanders and commanding officers in providing special recognition of military spouses through appropriate activities and proclamations that convey our appreciation and gratitude.

## President proclaims Asian/Pacific heritage month

Seeking America's bright promise of freedom and fairness, millions of men and women of Asian and Pacific descent have immigrated to our nation through the past two centuries to participate in our great experiment in democracy. Although they left behind their native lands and many of their loved ones, they carried in their hearts a rich and ancient history and a proud heritage.

Throughout the decades, the principles and cherished traditions of Asian and Pacific Americans have infused our way of life, and their diligence and determination have helped build and sustain our nation. Asian immigrants and indigenous U.S. Pacific Islanders have made contributions to every facet of American life. Yet all too often, Asian immigrants and Pacific Islanders had to endure discrimination as our society struggled with its growing diversity.

Overcoming prejudice and other hardships, these determined men and women have strengthened our society, our economy, and our national character in the process.

Asian and Pacific Americans today

continue to make substantial contributions to our country and our culture, and this year's theme, "Celebrating Our Legacy," calls on us to recognize our common human spirit.

Scientists and researchers like David Ho untangle the mysteries of human biology; astronauts like Kalpana Chawla explore the heavens; human rights activists like Dith Pran inspire us with their courage and conviction; athletes like Michelle Kwan dazzle us with their grace and endurance; and inspiring leaders like Daniel Inouye and Bill Lann Lee fight for justice and equality for all our people.

These sons and daughters of Vietnam, India, China, Korea, Japan, Cambodia, Fiji, the Philippines, Thailand, and many other nations, as well as the islands of Guam, American Samoa, and Hawaii, have enriched every aspect of our society with their talents, intellect and determination.

While our nation has made enormous strides on the path to full equality and inclusion, our work is far from finished.

My administration has strived to empower the Asian and Pacific American

community by working to strengthen our economy, enforce our civil rights laws, invest in health and education, and promote racial reconciliation.

Thanks in part to our economic initiatives, the median household income for Asian and Pacific Americans has significantly increased since 1993, while the poverty rate has declined by more than eight percent.

We have launched a new initiative to end racial and ethnic health disparities, and we established the first-ever Office of Minority Health Research and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health.

Working to renew our commitment to excellence in education, my administration also has secured a 35 percent increase in funding for bilingual and immigrant education.

To honor the accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Americans and to recognize their many contributions to our Nation, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450, has designated the month of

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Photo by Sgt. Kevin Dolloson

### Dig it!

Steve Pullman, crane operator with Jet Construction Co., excavates part of Boll Ave. to replace sewer lines. Drivers are asked to drive safely and be observant during the two-month project.

# Teamwork: Speaking from the same sheet of music

By **BGen. C. L. Stanley**  
Commander, MCAGCC 29 Palms

While growing up, mom and dad set high standards, and it seemed as though everywhere my brother and I went, those standards were reinforced. If we played outside and "accidentally" trampled a neighbor's flowerbed, mom knew about it before we got home. If I "borrowed" a friend's toy, just for a day, dad somehow found out. If we didn't turn in our homework at school, my parents knew about it before we got home.

We knew mom and dad loved us, but the people who called or visited

our home with scoop about their young sons were welcomed by our parents. These neighbors, teachers, older family members and acquaintances had such phenomenal credibility with my mother and father. On Sundays, we'd go to Sunday school and church. Invariably, the lessons of the week would be echoed from the pulpit. Talk about a conspiracy! We were trapped, but it worked.

As we got older, moral courage became second nature to us. Our moral compasses and respect for others were firmly rooted. Making hard, sometimes unpopular, decisions is never easy, but I can make them to-

day thanks to the lessons learned years ago. My childhood gave me deep roots to draw on. These roots continue to support me today.

Unfortunately, neighbors, teachers, older family members and acquaintances don't enjoy the same credibility they once did. Today, there's more skepticism. People are told to mind their own business. Parents may not take kindly to a neighbor's complaint about a damaged flower garden. Some parents would even hesitate to call another parent with a complaint about their child, for fear of verbal assault or physical retaliation.

This skepticism extends to every

facet of society; the military is definitely not immune. Thus, it is harder to enforce standards when those standards aren't uniformly understood or enforced by everyone. The breakdown in values, the glue that holds our families together, to include our Naval Service family, leaves everyone poorer in many ways—emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually.

A chaplain recently told me of his sadness about the death of a young Marine in Somalia, because his flak jacket wasn't properly fastened. The round from an enemy's weapon had managed to find that small area of critical vulnerability.

The chaplain had to administer the Last Rites. He still believes that Marine's death was avoidable...he can still see that Marine's face. A face full of promise. A life snuffed out prematurely.

There are thousands of similar stories, not all from chaplains, I might add. There's the Marine who fell asleep in a fighting position, who never woke up—his citation reads "... He gave his life for his country." The Marine or Sailor who threw away a canteen cup, only to learn that another shipmate died when he picked up what he thought was a discarded

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## Are you Y2K compliant?

By **Lt. Michael Michener**  
Base Chaplain



I think I've had my fill of questions about this institution being Y2K ready or that weapon system or this ship or that

bank and this computer and that chip and on and on and on.

But I imagine on Dec. 31 at about 11:55 p.m. I'll be glad that Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) and the bank receiving my direct deposited paycheck have jumped through all the hoops ensuring they are ready for the Jan. 1 rollover.

There even seems to be some level of anxiety within Christian circles about the year 2000. Many of us wonder if Christ will return in Y2K.

The scriptures tell us that He will return to take those who know Him to heaven to be with Him for all eternity. *"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we*

*will be with the Lord forever.*" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

There are several references in the Bible that gives us clues to when Christ will return.

We know that when He comes again, cataclysmic events will occur that will likely upset the normal way we do things. Enough evidence exists to suggest that He could call all Christians out of the world before what is known as the "Great Tribulation." There is also evidence that Christians will have to go through the tribulation or even be called out halfway through.

Of course, Jesus may not return next year. Instead, He could come today. The point is the Bible does not precisely predict Christ's return. The disciples were expecting Him to come back in their day.

In efforts to wise and prepared, some people have stockpiled water and canned foods just in case all the pre-Y2K planning misses some important function resulting in power, food or water shortages. Others worry about their cash flow when the year rolls over to 2000 and are beginning to keep a couple thousand in cash in their homes. Some have resorted to collecting and hoarding gold coins. The scripture tells us that we should be willing to give

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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.

## How will Financial issues be resolved?

The following information is drawn from a variety of private sector and official sources including news media products and trade association surveys and should be considered to be reliable, but not necessarily authoritative, as no one can predict future events with complete certainty.

**Q. Are year 2000 problems in the financial services industry likely to occur?**

**A.** Any person or organization that uses computerized systems or equipment can be affected by the Year 2000 date change. Banks, credit unions and savings institutions can be especially affected by the problem. Why? Because so many of the transactions they handle involve date-sensitive information, such as the dates when deposits or payments are made, which in turn affects account balances and interest calculations. That's why the financial services industry is taking aggressive steps to make sure its computer systems will process transactions properly in the year 2000. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, chairman of a senate committee on year 2000 problems, has said the financial services sector — including the banking and securities industries



— appears to be "in the best shape" of all the seven priority areas he has identified.

**Q. What is my financial institution doing to make sure that its systems will work correctly?**

**A.** From the smallest to the largest, Federal Deposit insurance corporation (FDIC) and National Credit Union Association (NCUA). Insured institutions are checking and renovating their computer systems to make sure they will operate smoothly in the year 2000.

Federal regulators require banks, credit unions and savings institutions to have plans in place to be Y2K-ready. Each readiness plan is different because it must be tailored to its own situation. Even so, these plans are detailed road maps that set out specific dates by which each step must be taken. Banks and savings institutions are expected to have these crucial steps completed well before the year 2000.

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# News Briefs

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

## Role playing league

The Fort Irwin Gamers Society is welcoming new members from MCLB Barstow. The society meets on a regular basis at Fort Irwin and plays science fiction, role-playing and war games. The next major event is a Warhammer 40K tournament in El Paso, Texas. With enough participation, FIGS may begin holding meetings in Barstow. For more info, call Army Staff Sgt. David Brown at 380-5949.

age, grade, address, parents' full names, and military unit and phone number. Mail entries to: Armed Services YMCA National Headquarters, 6225 Brandon Ave., Suite 215, Springfield, VA 22150. For more info, call Mary Page at

(703) 784-9526.

## Parenting class offered

MCCS Personal Services is offering a parenting class May 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Bldg. 129. The class

will cover discipline strategies, growth and development from infancy to adolescence for children from birth to age 16. Cindy Martinez, MFCC Intern, and June Treadwell, RN, of the New Parent Support Program will teach the class.

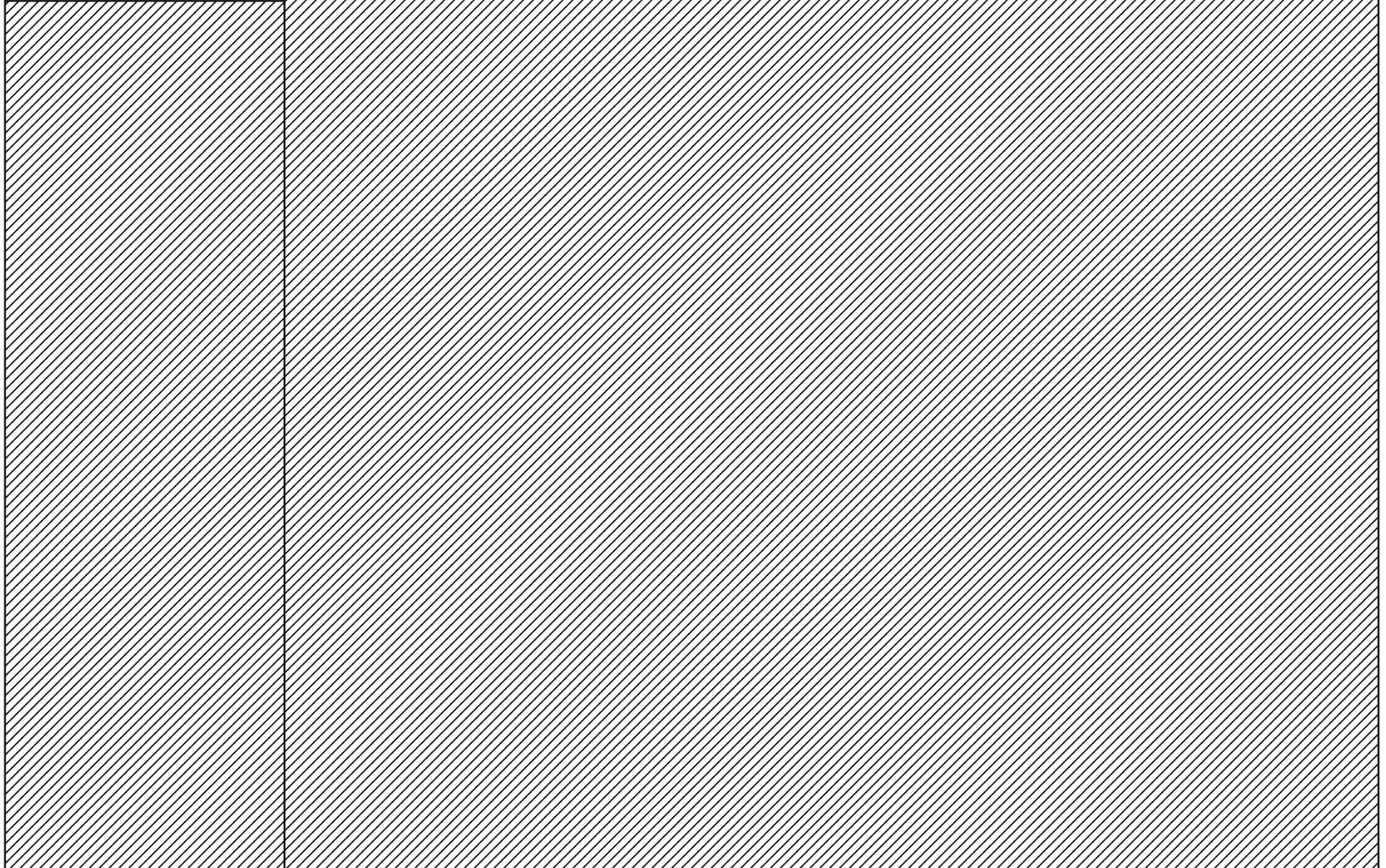
Space is limited. The class is open to all active duty military and DoD civilians on a space-available basis. Reserve a spot before May 20. For more info, call 577-6533.

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## Poster contest

Your elementary age child could win \$500 and have their artwork published on the Internet by winning the 1999 Armed Forces YMCA Poster Contest. The theme of this year's contest is "My Military Family." First-place finishers will receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond, second-place finishers will win a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, runners-up will also receive prizes.

The contest is open to elementary school children of active duty and reserve families. Entries should be on unlined, white, letter-sized paper. Entries are unlimited. Each entry should have the child's name,



# Thrift Savings Plan open season continues

**Submitted by**  
Human Resources Office

*The following questions and answers give insight to civilian federal employees about retirement planning through the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP).*

**Who pays the administrative costs of operating the TSP?**

The plan's major expenses include development and operating costs of the record keeper's computer system, and printing and mailing publications and participant statements. There are two sources: forfeiture of noninvested agency automatic contributions and earnings on participant and agency contributions. Federal Employee Retirement System employees who leave federal service before they are vested in the TSP forfeit the one percent automatic agency contributions and earnings on those contributions.

Accrued administrative expenses, after forfeitures, are deducted from the earnings of the investment funds. Participants bear all investment management fees of the C stock fund and F bond fund. The Thrift

Investment Board provides annual financial statements detailing expense deductions with May participant statements.

The effect of net administrative expenses (after forfeitures) on the rates of return of the three funds is measured by the expense ratio of each fund. The monthly expense ratio is the total monthly administrative expenses charged to each fund, divided by the average fund balance during that month.

**How do I change the way my existing account balance is invested?**

If you want to change the way money in your account is invested in the three TSP funds, you must submit an interfund transfer request form (TSP-30) to the TSP Service Office. However, it's more efficient and faster to make changes over the ThriftLine. Choices you make on the election form (TSP-1) to allocate contributions only apply to future contributions to your account.

**What is the ThriftLine?**

The ThriftLine (1-504-255-8777) can be used anytime with a touch-tone phone. The line offers

monthly rates of return for the three TSP funds as well as the most recent 12-month return rates.

TSP participants can also use the ThriftLine to obtain information about their accounts. In addition, if you have ever invested in the C or F funds, you can use the ThriftLine to change how much you allocate to each fund.

If you have contributed your own money to the account and are still a federal employee, the ThriftLine can tell you how much you may be eligible to borrow and the current interest rate for TSP loans.

To use this automated service, you'll need your Social Security number and TSP personal identification number, included in welcoming letters to new contributors. If you don't know your PIN, you can request that a new one be mailed to you. You also can ask the ThriftLine for a new PIN containing four digits of your choice.

**How do I start or change contributions to my TSP account?**

Obtain an election form (TSP-1) from your Human Resources Of-

fice. Use the form to show whether you want to contribute a percentage of basic pay or a fixed amount each pay period. Also use an election form to change the amount of your TSP contributions.

If you die, proceeds of your TSP account go, by statutory order of precedence, first to your surviving spouse, then children, then parents. If you want somebody else to receive the money, you must complete a designation of beneficiary form (TSP-3).

If you submit your form before January or July, your choices become effective the first full period in January or July.

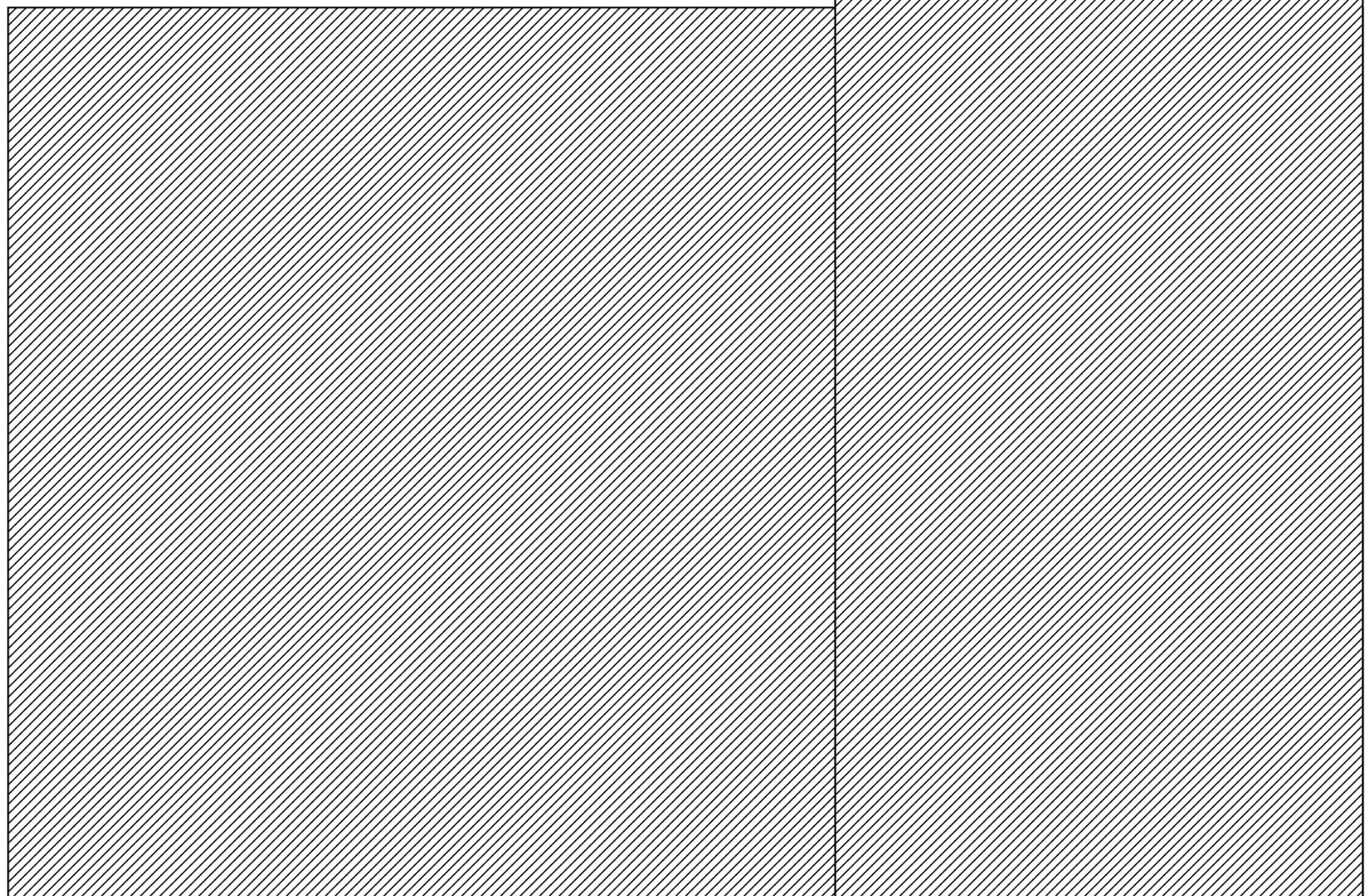
If you submit the form during either of these months, your choices take effect the first pay period that begins on the date your employing office accepts the form. Your agency

deducts the amount you choose from each pay period and continues doing so until you submit another TSP-1 to stop or change the amount. You don't need to submit an election form each open season.

**How are earnings allocated to TSP accounts?**

Monthly earnings for each investment fund are calculated on month-end balances as of the end of the prior month, plus half the total contributions and loan repayments credited to accounts in the current month. (The prior month's end balance includes earnings as well as any loans, forfeitures, adjustments and interfund transfers processed in the current month). This method treats all contributions equally in the allocation of earnings, no matter

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# Not 'just an accident'

By GySgt. Frank Patterson  
Public Affairs Chief

Most of America knows what the Vietnam Memorial Wall looks like. It is a solid black granite tribute to more than 58,000 servicemembers who gave their lives defending the ideals of the United States – the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Imagine those names were replaced by the names of every man, woman and child killed on our nation's highways.

The Wall would be totally redone in 18 months.

The really sad tragedy is many of these accidents may have been avoided if some people had taken a cab home after having "one too many" at the bar.

About 40,000 people die on our nation's highways annually. While a victim's family might think their loved one's death was just an unfortunate and perhaps unavoidable act of fate, in reality the majority are innocent victims of the abuse of America's most used and abused drug: Alcohol. Alcohol is not a factor in the average fender-bender; only 10 percent of minor, no-injury accidents involve a drinking driver. But alcohol is a factor in up to 40 percent of serious-injury accidents and half of the accidents in which someone dies.

While all accidental deaths are tragedies, the fact a driver has willfully put himself behind the wheel while inebriated means he/she has taken a life, not just been part of an act of fate.

Too many drinkers must live knowing they have destroyed a family, marriage or friendship. Too many drinkers are drivers. It is not a workable combination. Until each of us understands the relationship between alcohol and driving, too many accidents will continue to take too many lives. Accidents will happen, but not because of alcohol.

Impairment begins with your first drink. For safety's sake – if not yours at least for someone else's – never drive after drinking.

For more information on Substance Abuse, call MSgt. Wanda Collins, MCCC-PSD, at 577-6533.

## Magistrate Court results:



**Charge:** Driving under the influence, driving with open containers of alcohol.

**Sentence:** Guilty. \$290 fine for DUI, \$100 fine (suspended) for the Open Container. Driving privileges on any federal lands or installations revoked for 60 days, except for education or work purposes.

**Charge:** DUI.

**Sentence:** Guilty. \$500 fine, must complete drug/alcohol abuse counseling.

**Charge:** Driving under the influence of drugs, possession of a controlled substance, driving with an open container.

**Sentence:** Guilty. \$500 fine for DUI, \$500 for possession of a

controlled substance, \$100 for open container. Must complete drug/alcohol abuse counseling.

**Charge:** Possession of a controlled substance.

**Sentence:** Guilty. \$1,000 fine. Must complete drug/alcohol abuse counseling.

**Charge:** Unauthorized use of a mineral material (A Bureau of Land Management case).

**Sentence:** Guilty. \$500 fine, \$250 restitution.

**Charge:** Speeding.

**Sentence:** Guilty. \$100 fine (\$75 suspended), traffic school.

**Charge:** Speeding.

**Sentence:** Guilty. \$100 fine (\$50

suspended), traffic school.

**Charge:** Joyriding.

**Sentence:** Guilty. \$50 fine.

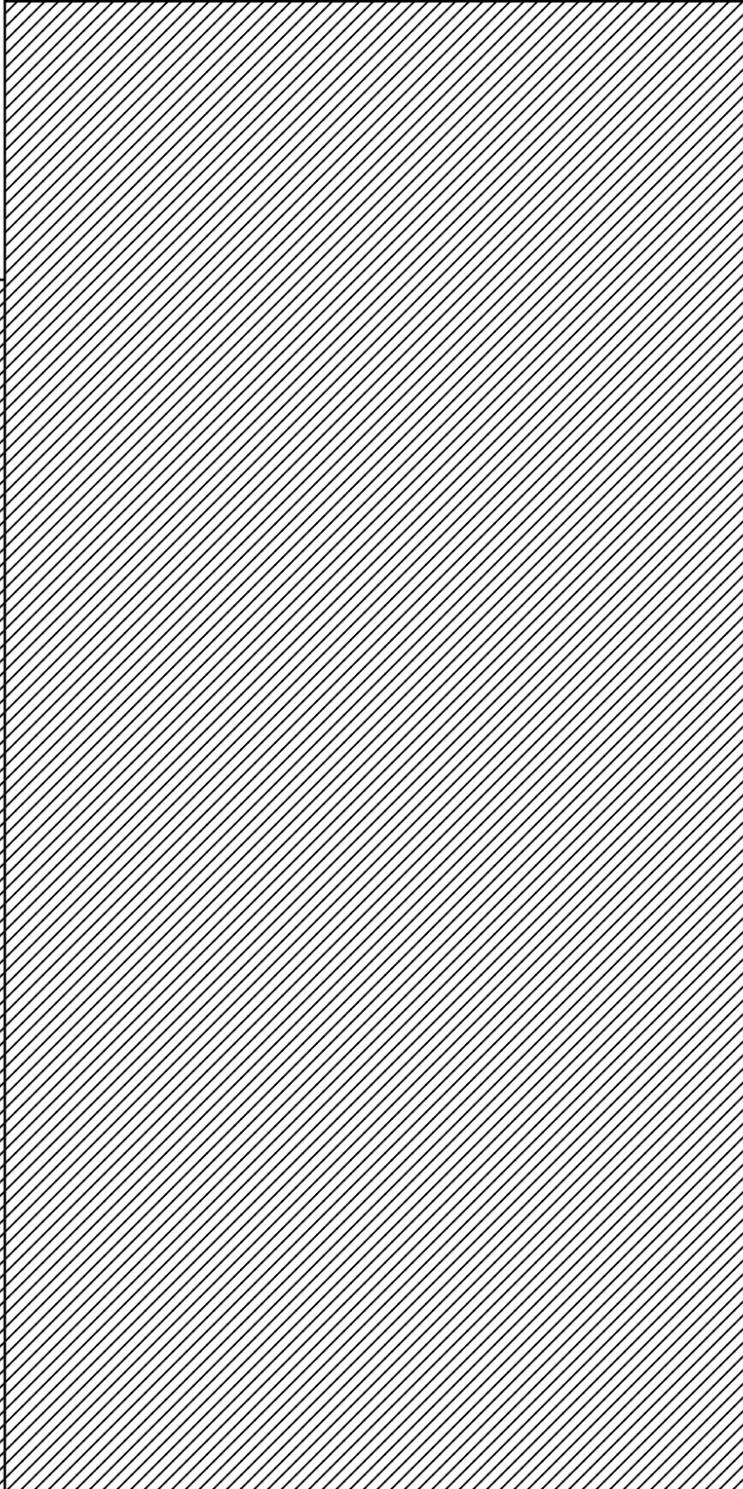
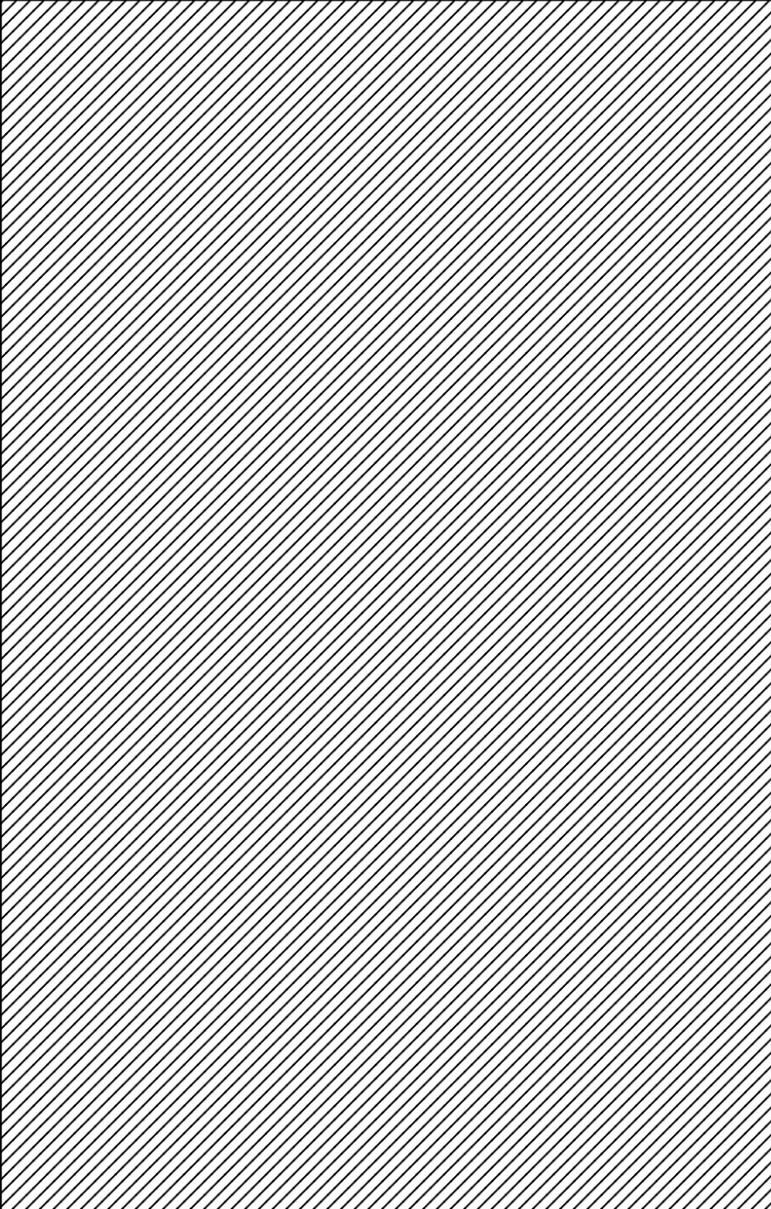
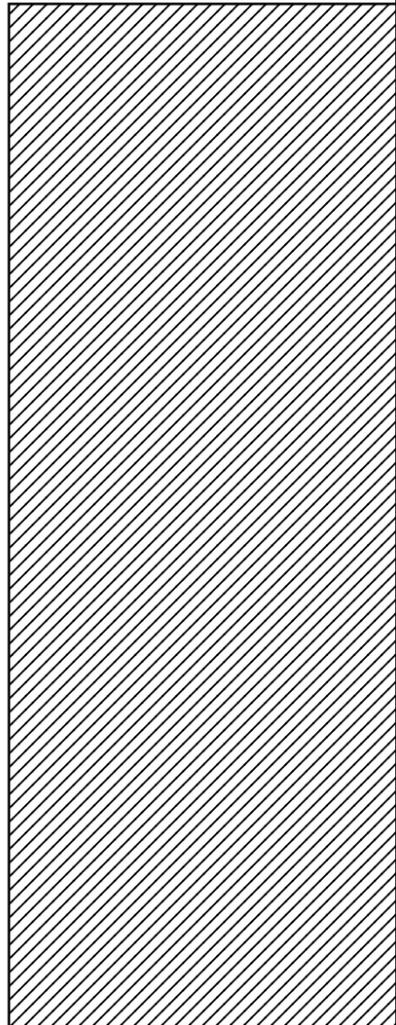
**Charge:** Failure to appear.

**Sentence:** Arrest warrant pending.

**Charge:** Speeding.

**Sentence:** Pled not guilty. Trial set for May 21.

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**(Above)** MGen. Gary S. McKissock, Commander, Marine Corps Materiel Command, thanked the Maintenance Center workers for their efforts in bringing the AAV RAM/RS program to life. Between MCLBs Barstow and Albany, 680 AAVs will be refurbished and returned to the Fleet Marine Forces. The program, which is slated to run for four years, will cost half of what the previous IROAN (Inspect and Repair Only as Necessary) program did over a 10-year period.



**(Above)** Surprisingly quiet for the Maintenance Center under its place in the sun during the program will extend the life of the AAV (AAAV) is fielded in 20

**(Right)** The Marine Corps Pendleton, Calif., entertained guests throughout the ceremony.

## The 'new'

By GySgt. Frank Patterson  
Public Affairs Chief

The sun was high and shining in addition to the Marine Corps' stage at a rollout ceremony May 13.

Hundreds of Maintenance Center Marines and distinguished guests gathered for a formal luncheon in applause as the first of 340 amphibious assault vehicles (AAVs) rumbled to center stage.

The monstrous, 30-ton behemoth is recognized worldwide as the premier amphibious assault vehicle — sports a new chassis and a 14,000 gallon-per-minute water pump.

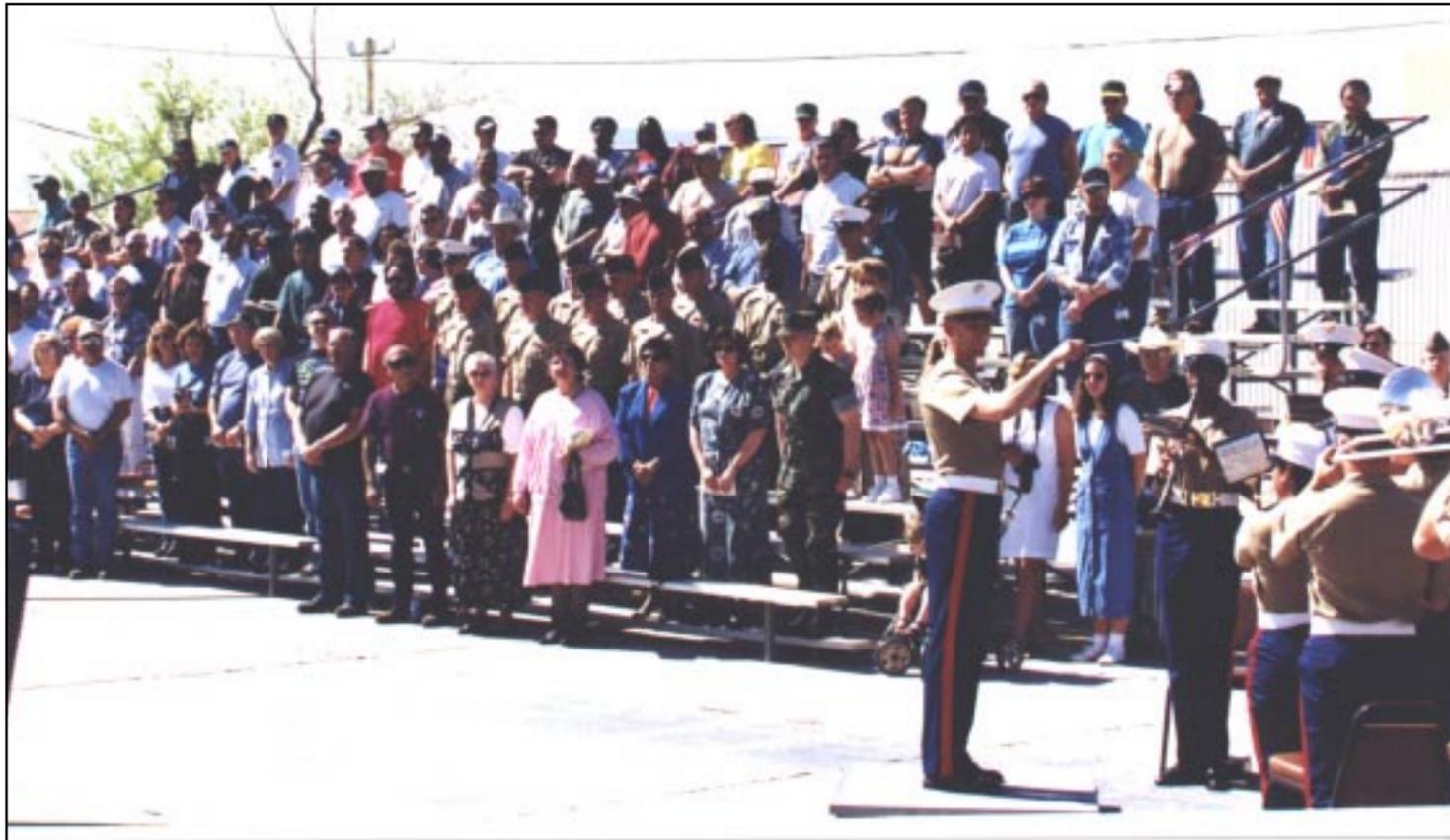
The \$300 million, four-year program will see other 340 AAVs to be rebuilt at

Above and below photos by Cpl. Mike McQuillan



**(Left)** up on the fare at the American employees following

**(Right)** Frederico Garza, Brett H. Skeel, the commander of the Immediate Marine Corps to Pendleton, the 19th Army ro



Above and right photos by Sgt. Kevin Dolloson

For its size, the first AAV rebuilt at the RAM/RS program assumes the ceremony. The RAM/RS programs are behemoths until the advanced 12.

Band from Marine Base Camp and visitors with a various arrangement.

## AAV: Pointing to the future of amphibious operations

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Center employees, sts erupted into ap- pious assault vehicles

emoth – long recog- e amphibious assault is, engine and two rjet pumps.

project includes an- MCLB Albany.

Maintenance Center workers load the hamburgers, hot dogs and other at the barbecue coordinated by the can Federation of Government Em- es Union - Local 1482, immediately ing the ceremony.

nt, from L to R) Sgt. Adam rixsen, Base Stables; SSgt. James , Traffic Management Office; Sgt. ohmann, Post Office; and Cpl. Rhett Provost Marshal's Office; presented lora to open the rollout ceremony. iately after the presentation, the es loaded their horses and headed rump, Nev., to present the colors at 99 Challenge of the Champions Mili- deo.

The suspension, which was taken from the combat-proven U.S Army Bradley Fighting Vehicle, raises the clearance of the AAV back to its original factory height of 18 inches. Numerous modifications made after the vehicle's introduction in 1984 had weighted down the craft and reduced its maneuverability.

A Cummins 525-horsepower, turbocharged diesel engine kicks another 125 horsepower into the vehicle's get-up-and-go allowing on-land speeds of up to 45 miles per hour.

The waterjets increase ocean speeds to seven knots reducing the time it takes to land troops in an amphibious assault.

The AAV provides armored protection, command, control and repair capabilities while transporting Marines and cargo from ship to shore. It can also

be rigged to breach minefields.

The rebuilt AAV is much more than just a new weapon for the Corps. It represents the future of cooperation between military and private industry, and the institution of better business practices to save the Marine Corps – and the taxpayer – money.

While four of five distinct stages in the rebuild process are accomplished in-house, the remaining modifications to accept the new suspension are performed at United Defense Limited Partnership in San Jose, Calif. The hulls are stripped down to bare metal, and all components are removed before they are shipped to UDLP.

Teamwork is the key to whole process though. While the vehicle is in transit to UDLP, all the components that were stripped off it are rebuilt through

cooperation between the Cost Work centers at the Maintenance Center.

CWC personnel recently voted for the personnel they felt contributed most to the success of the RAM/RS program.

Malcolm D. Sims and Katherine Schwan, both of CWC 723, AAV Hulls; Michael J. Mroz from CWC 740 Machine Shop; Tommy L. Byrd, CWC 740 equipment cleaner, and Mary S. Dube, CWC 732 Ground Communications were all chosen by their teammates to represent their respective CWCS during the rollout. Each representative received a certificate and other mementos during the ceremony.

Malcolm Sims was recognized overall for having garnered the most votes.



Photo by Sgt. Kevin Dolloson

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**Spiritual advance**

The Command Religious Program is sponsoring a four-day spiritual advance June 2 - 6 at the Lake Arrowhead Wilderness area. This year's theme is "Growing Strong in Christ." The advance is open to all military and DoD employees. Service members wishing to attend must receive approval from their OIC, as permissive TAD status is required.

Participation is limited to 20 people. To reserve your spot or for more info. call Cpl. Brad Price at 577-6849.

**Freedom Festival**

The Freedom Memorial Festival of Barstow kicks off May 29 at 8 a.m. at the Barstow Veterans Home. Activities begin with a pancake breakfast, followed by an old-fashioned community fair with face painting, game booths and races. The celebration will conclude with awards, the Miss Barstow and Miss Teen Barstow Courts and live music by The Ambassadors Jazz Ensemble from Barstow College. For more info, call Chris Obering at 255-2369.

**Leave donors needed**

Donna Butler, Base Safety Office, and Ray Silva, Jr, Transportation Management Division, have been affected by medical emergencies. Anyone desiring to donate leave through the Leave Sharing Program can get a leave transfer form from their division administrative officer.

**Bond allotments**

The Marine Corps' 1999 U.S. Bond Campaign is underway. Servicemembers who want to begin or increase a bond allotment should contact their section representative:

- Meredith Taylor 577-6478
- MSgt. Joseph Hood 577-6849
- HM2 Olaes 577-6580
- SSgt. Jim Bell 577-6899
- SSgt. Robert Munroe 577-6684

The bond campaign ends June 30. Save today - enjoy tomorrow, buy U.S. Savings Bonds.



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canteen cup ... instead, it was a booby trap. The enemy got to it first. Paying attention to minor details, sometimes seemingly petty details during peacetime, might save your life in war. When our adrenaline is pumping over-time ... with the smell of cordite all around us ... a friend lies crumpled, close by, dead. Although we can still think, there's very little time to think. We respond instinctively. Good habits ... habits honed during peacetime, might

mean the difference between life and death.

I can think of no better guarantor for success than for all of us to be on the same sheet of music. Everywhere our Marines and Sailors turn, they should hear the same mantra. Uniformity, regardless of unit.

I believe many joined our ranks looking for this standard of consistent excellence. We're short-changing them if we don't give it to them.

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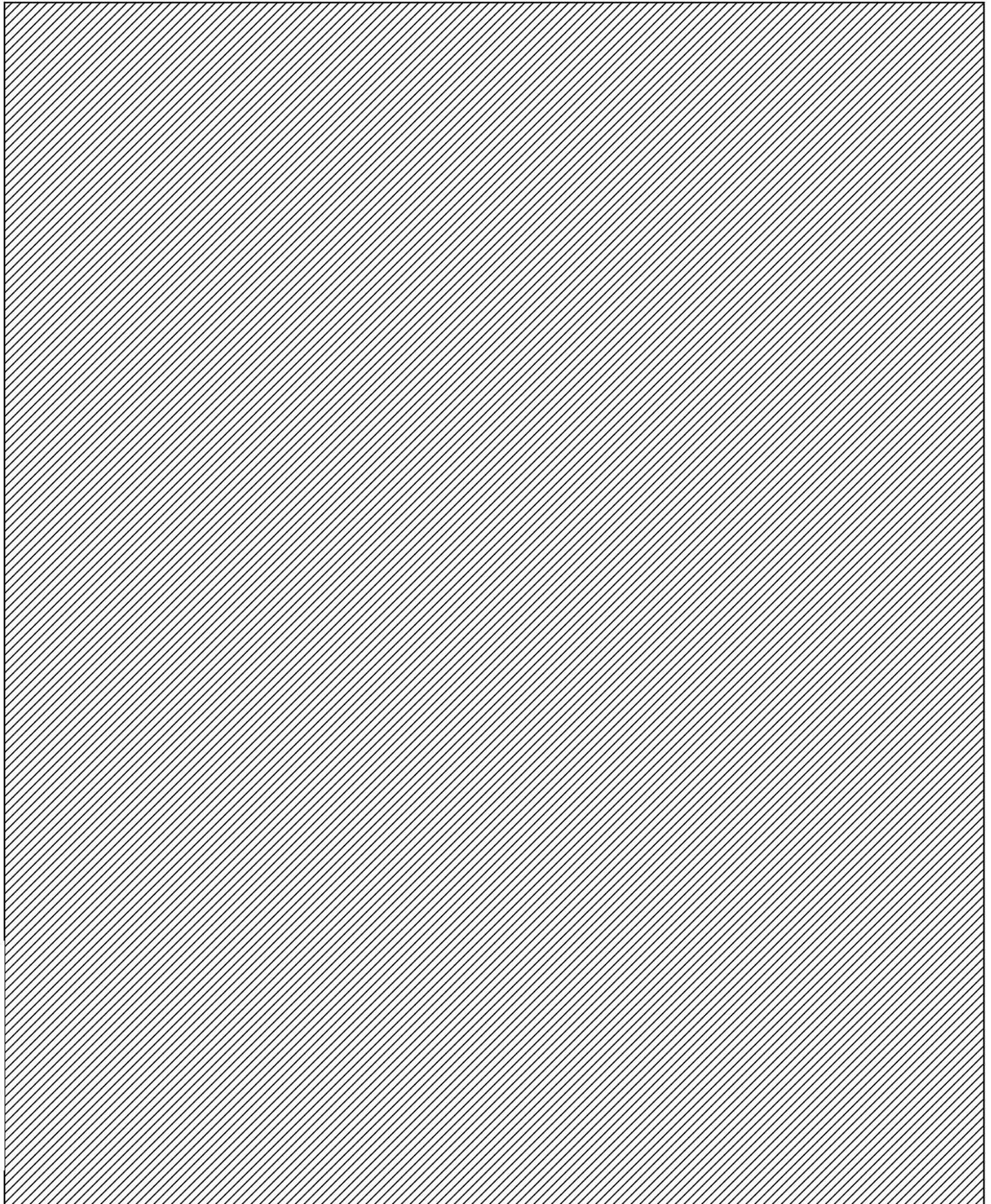
what month they were received by the TSP record keeper. If the record keeper receives a contribution after your pay date but processes it within the same month, the contribution still receives earnings for that month. The "Summary of the Thrift Savings Plan for Federal Employees" and "Guide to TSP Investments" provide greater details. Both are available through the personnel office and on the Internet at <http://www.tsp.gov>.

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Barstow. The league, which starts at 4 p.m., should last through Sunday.

Also, a pistol/rifle tournament is scheduled for May 22 and 23 starting at 7 a.m. at the base rifle range. Prizes will be awarded in different vendor categories. A barbecue follows the shoot.

For more info, call GySgt. Joe Daquila or 2ndLt. Dan Morfitt, Provost Marshal's Office at 577-6667 or on the Internet at <http://members.tripod.com/BMLEA>.



# Jobs

Ann.#	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location	Ann.#	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-95-99	Crane Operator WG-5725-11	03-08-99	09-30-99	03-22-99	Calif., Ariz.	OTR-27-99	Motor Vehicle Operator WG-5703-08 (Temp NTE one year)	03-24-99	09-30-99	04-07-99	Calif., Ariz.
DEA-118-99	Library Technician GS-1411-06/07	03-22-99	06-19-99	04-02-99	Calif., Ariz.	OTR-35-99	Computer Specialist GS-334-11 (Temp NTE one year)	04-06-99	09-30-99	04-20-99	Calif., Ariz.
DEA-140-99	Firefighter GS-081-03/04/05/06	04-05-99	09-30-99	04-19-99	Port Hueneme	OTR-36-99	Material Handler WG-6907-07 (Temp NTE one year)	04-07-99	09-30-99	N/A	NavWpnsSta Seal Beach/Fallbrook
DEA-157-99	Sandblaster WG-5423-07 (Term NTE 13 months)	04-13-99	06-15-99	04-23-99	Barstow	OTR-38-99	Material Handler WG-6907-05 (Temp NTE one year)	04-07-99	09-30-99	N/A	NavWpnsSta Seal Beach/Fallbrook
DEA-161-99	Clinical Nurse GS-610-07/09	04-28-99	05-28-99	05-12-99	Calif., Ariz.	OTR-39-99	Ordinance Equipment Repairer WG-6641-08 (Temp NTE one year)	04-09-99	09-30-99	4-19-99	NavWpnsSta Seal Beach
DEA-162-99	Clinical Nurse GS-610-05/07/09	04-28-99	05-28-99	05-12-99	Calif., Ariz.	OTR-42-99	Supervisory Computer Specialist GS-0334-12 (Temp NTE one year)	04-20-99	05-18-99	05-04-99	Barstow
DEA-164-99	Firefighter GS-081-04/05/06	04-29-99	09-30-99	05-13-99	Camp Pendleton	OTR-44-99	Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairer WG-5803-08 (Temp NTE one year)	05-04-99	06-01-99	05-18-99	Barstow
DEA-178-99	Machinist WG-3414-10	05-05-99	06-04-99	05-19-99	Calif., Ariz.	OTR-49-99	Electrical Worker WG-2805-08 (Temp NTE one year)	05-03-99	06-03-99	05-17-99	MCAGCC 29 Palms
DEA-179-99	Telecommunications Mech. WG-2502-10	05-03-99	05-28-99	05-17-99	Barstow	OTR-50-99	Electrician WG-2805-10 (Temp NTE one year)	05-05-99	06-02-99	05-19-99	MCAGCC 29 Palms
						OTR-52-99	Voucher Examiner GS-540-05 (Temp NTE one year)	05-10-99	05-21-99	N/A	Calif., Ariz.

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

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up our lives and our agenda for the sake of others. So, all of the stockpiling could be a good thing if it is intended to give to others who have no means of saving.

If Jesus comes back in the year 2000, and if there are shortages and

if everything seems unpredictable, I imagine we would be better served by helping others come to know Him rather than worrying.

*"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all*

*his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after*

*all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* (Matthew

6:28-34)

Worrying Christians may very well be a paradox.

Shhhh — Was that a trumpet I just heard?

Blessings,  
Chaplain Michener

## BRIEFS from Page 8

### Asian/Pacific celebration

Join members of the base community as they celebrate Asian/Pacific Heritage Month.

Festivities will take place in the beer garden Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A lunch of multi-cultural dishes will be served and family entertainment will be provided. Tickets are \$7 per person. For tickets or more info, call:

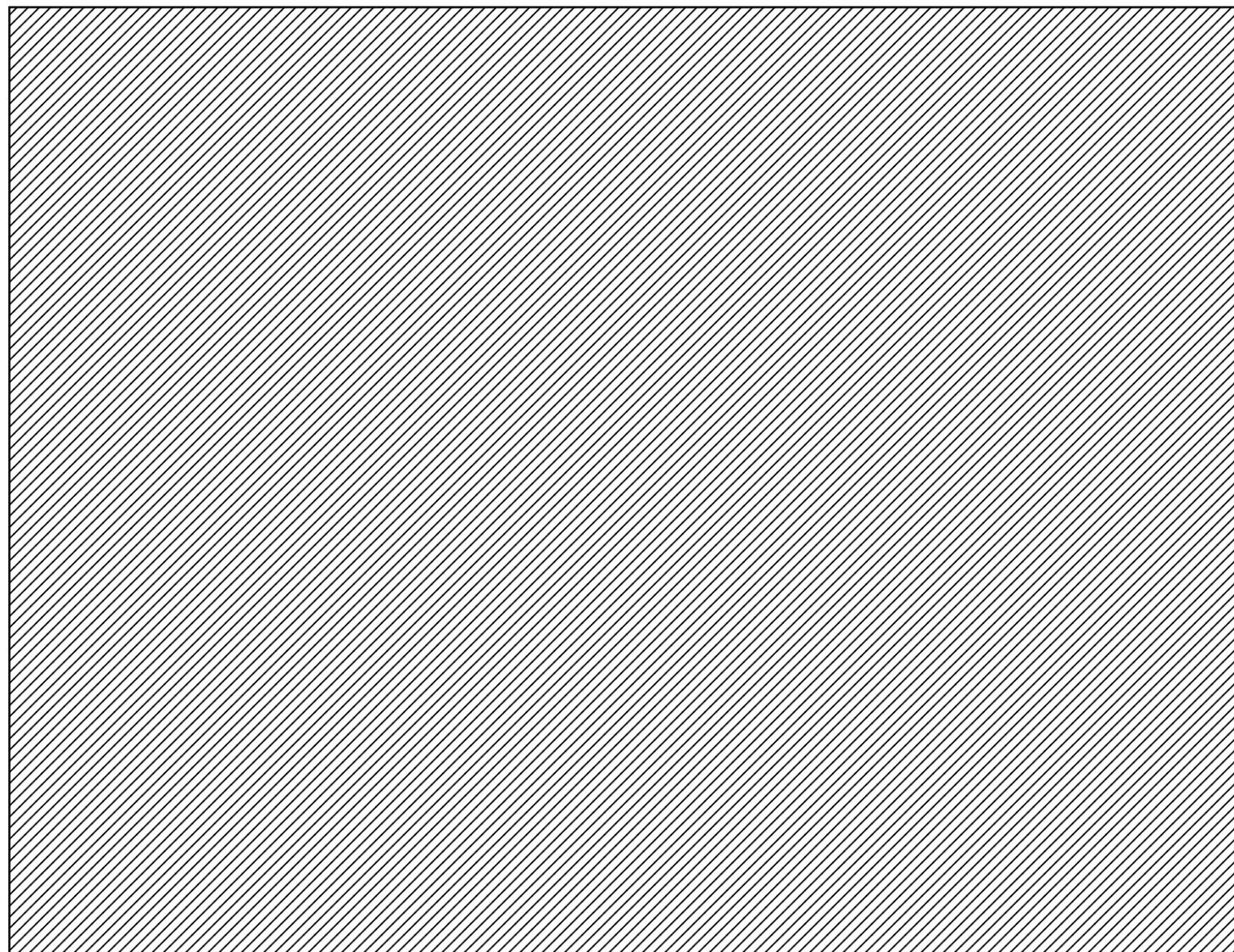
Dan Keirn	577-6614
Tulu Nisulu	577-7104
Brett Wong	577-6578
Vee Pasco	577-6391
Carina Bonner	577-6619
Sam Callego	577-6632
Ernesto Glina	577-6757
Vince Chavez	577-7386
Fred Molino	577-7210
Heggi King	577-6244
Sharon Lange	577-6599

### Bowhunter alert

The base archery league holds matches Sundays at 5 p.m. at the indoor range in Bldg. 204.

All DoD employees and family members are welcome to participate.

For more info, contact Lt. Mike Michener, at 577-6849.



### Incoming!

Kenneth Lee (foreground) winds up before pelting a golf ball down the fairway at the ninth hole of the Tees and Trees Golf Course during Friday's Marine Corps Ball Golf tournament. Meanwhile, Scott Clift (left) anticipates his next drive.

The tournament raised more than \$700 to support this year's Ball.

Other events planned this summer include at least two more golf tournaments and a raquetball tournament.

The proceeds from these events will go to defray the cost of tickets for the Marine Corps Ball.

"We want to keep this year's Ball affordable for the junior Marines," said Capt. James M. Sobien, MC Ball Committee president.



Photo by Sgt. Kevin Dolloson

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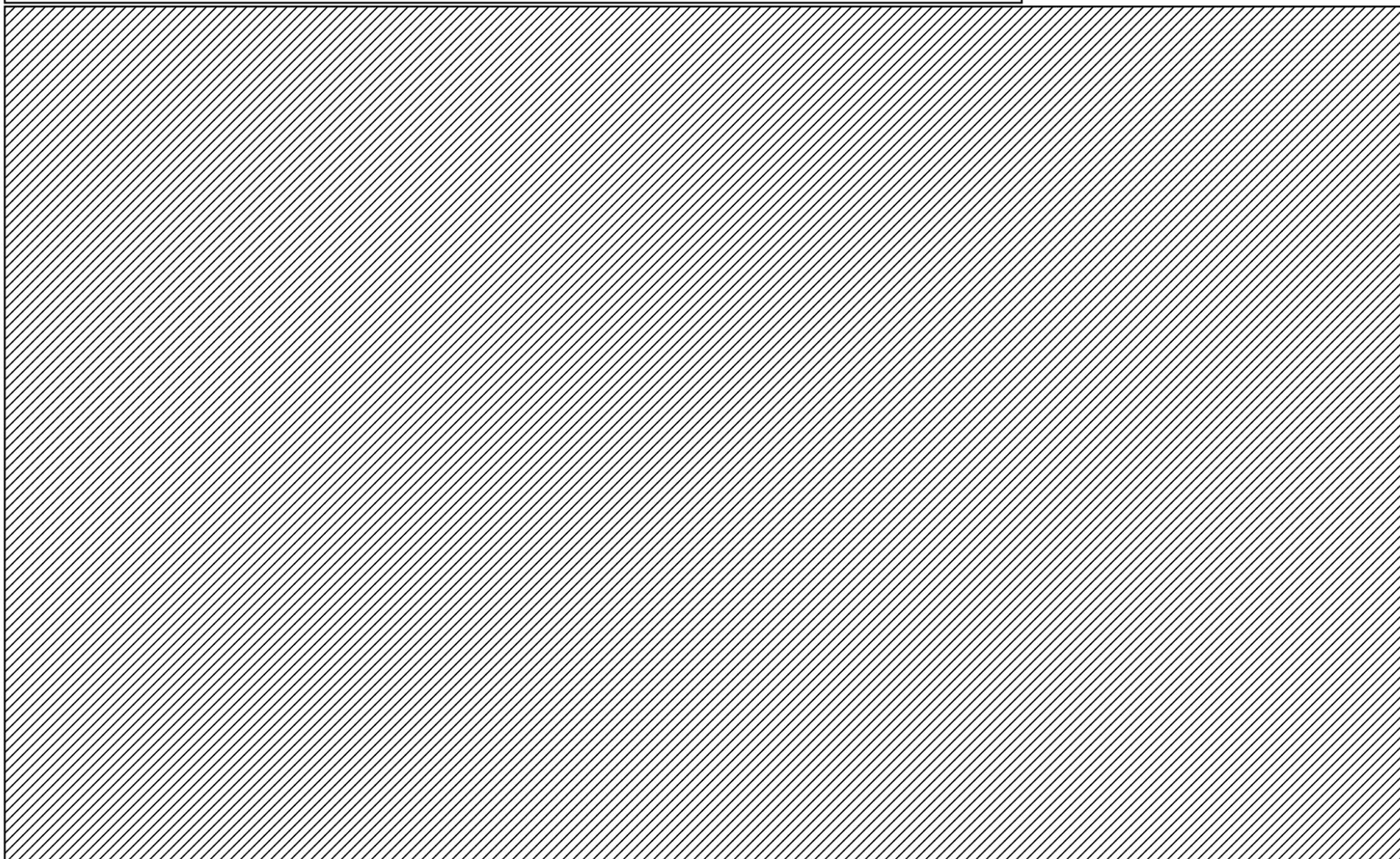
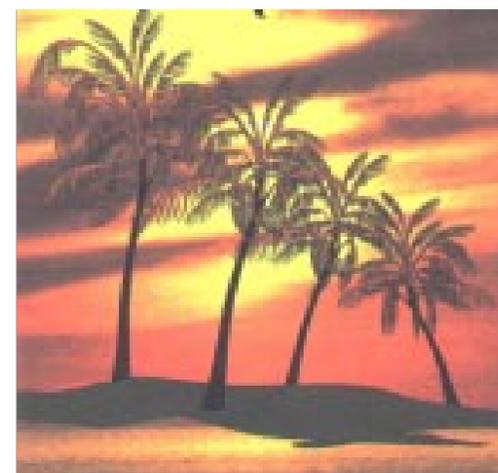
May as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

Now, therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 1999 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

I call upon the people of the United States to observe this occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-third.

Bill Clinton  
President of the United States



1991 FORD EXPLORER XLT: V-6, 2WD, 166K miles, PW, PL, mirrors, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette, tow pkg. Asking Blue Book value. \$5,000. Call 252-1885. Ask for Monty.

1986 CORVETTE: Xlt cond., must see. Drive something exciting for the price of an ordinary car. \$9995. Call 252-6912.

1985 FIERO: 4 cyl, runs good. \$1,800 OBO. Call 948-5140 after 6 p.m. Ask for Jim.

1986 FORD RANGER: 156K miles, with rack, 4 extra tires and rims. See at 1200 Munda. \$1,000. Call 242-4524.

TRAILER: Komfort, 22 ft., good cond., new tires, sleeps 4 adults comfortable, self-contained, bath w/shower. Perfect for camping trips. \$3,250. Call 252-3011. Lv msg.

1979 MOTORHOME: 25ft., class A, roof/dash air, generator, sleeps 8. As-is or trade. Call 252-9199.

1970 OLDS CUTLASS: 2 door, 350 engine, auto, A/C, mags, runs good; also 455 engine and 400 auto trans. Trade or OBO. Call 252-9199.

CAMPER SHELL: Fits longbed Ford F-150. Xlt cond., white, slider window. \$500 OBO. Call 252-8451.

FOR SALE: Whirlpool refrigerator, 2 years old, 20 cubic ft., xlt cond. Call Steve 247-1155 evenings. Lv msg.

FOR SALE: Baracuda/Alpha 2, new automatic pool cleaner. Make offer. Call 256-8803.

FOR SALE: Various pieces of exercise equipment. Good deals available. Make offer. Call 247-1155 evenings. Ask for Steve.

FOR SALE: Dinette set, 6-pc, oak, 4 chairs, 1 bench. \$200 OBO. Call 252-3653.

FOR SALE: Parts car, 1984 LeBaron convertible. Call 252-9199.

FOR SALE: 1987-1997 Nissan tailgate, good cond. \$40 OBO; '86 Toyota bench seat, good cond. \$30 OBO. Call 252-5576.

FOR SALE: 50 ft. chain link fence, with 70 ft. of top rail and 12 posts, includes misc. connectors, end caps and hardware. Asking \$75. Call 252-1885. Ask for Monty.

MISC. FOR SALE: Turtle sandbox, \$4; white wood crib w/mattress, \$35; wicker bassinet, \$5; two car seats, \$2 and \$5; wicker changing table w/compartments, \$8; other items available. Call 252-8259.

MISC. FOR SALE: Lawn swing,

\$150; child's swimming pool, \$30; sandbox, \$20; other items available, 1200 Munda. Call 252-4524.

MISC. FOR SALE: Kenmore washing machine, \$100; GE electric dryer, \$75; Hoover vacuum cleaner, \$35; Two answering machines, \$10 and \$15. Call 952-1137 after 6 pm.

MISC. FOR SALE: Sears electric blower/vacuum mulcher, 2hp, less than 2 yrs old. \$45. Call 242-8839.

MISC. FOR SALE: New Proctor-Silex auto-drip coffee maker, \$8. Call 242-8839.

MISC. FOR SALE: Navy Pea Coat, used, good cond., size 38. \$25. Call 242-8839.

MISC. FOR SALE: Cast iron jigsaw, \$30; electric typewriter, \$35; two re-curve bows — one fiberglass, one wood, \$15 and \$25. Call 252-4352.

WOOD-WORKING TOOLS: Delta 4" belt; 6" disc sander; 1 hp biscuit jointer; rotary tool with router attachment and more. Call 255-2115.

PETS: Adorable kittens, free to good home. Call 252-7118. Lv msg for Pat.

PETS: Free to good family, mix Cocker/Golden Retriever dog, male, 3 yrs old, neutered, good with children, moving overseas. Call Monty at 252-1885.

PETS: Australian Shepherd puppy, 3 months old, female. See at 1200 Munda. \$150. Call 252-4524.

# MCCS Update ...

By James H. Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

### Great buys at MCX

Ladies' spring dresses \$14.99 to \$17.95, Calvin Klein fragrances for women \$22.50 to \$49. Haggar men's golf shirts regularly \$29.99 now \$17.99. Haggar men's casual khaki pants regularly \$34.99 now \$24.99

The Base Exchange accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express and Deferred Payment Plan.

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

### Family Restaurant & Cactus Cafe weekly lunch menu May 13th through May 20th.

- Today** - Lemon pepper chicken.
- Friday, May 14** - Salmon croquettes.
- Monday, May 17** - Spaghetti & meat sauce.
- Tuesday, May 18** - Baked chicken.
- Wednesday, May 19** - Enchilada casserole.
- Thursday, May 20** - Stuffed cabbage.

Lunch is served at Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to noon. Price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

The Cactus Cafe will be closed Friday, June 14. For more info call 577-6428.

### Family Night Dinner Menu at Family Restaurant

**Tonight:** All you can eat: Chimichangas, soft tacos, Mexican rice, refried beans, dessert & beverage.

**Thursday, May 20** - Carved roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad bar, vegetable, roll/butter, dessert 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.

### Cooking and sewing

Two classes are being offered by Kris Keirn. These classes will be held on base. If you would like to participate, let us know so we can determine class sizes.

The first class is a cooking class, uniquely titled "Stirrups in the Kitchen." If you would like to do something delicious and different for your next holiday get-together, or your next potluck, here's your chance

to learn how and have fun too.

Classes will be held 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The other class is a sewing class. If you've always wanted to make an outfit that fits you just right, or make a beautiful quilt, this is the place to learn how. The hours are the same as the cooking class. If you're interested in either of these classes call Kris at 252-7789 or Vickie at 577-6199

### Another possible class

This is a Tai Chi Chih (pronounced Tie-chee-chuh) class.

Tai Chi Chih is neither a martial art nor a vigorous exercise program. It's a series of relaxed, flowing movements, which are done while standing or sitting, that improve the energy level, health, coordination and balance of an individual.

The instructor is Cathy Penwell, a practitioner and certified instructor of Tai Chi Chih since 1982.

Tai Chi Chih is relatively simple to learn, with most people learning the movements in a few lessons. People of all ages and levels of fitness can learn and benefit from this procedure.

Tai Chi Chih is a therapeutic and gradual way of conditioning the entire being. Considered to be a moving meditation, it is a useful tool in centering and focusing one's attention; thus creating a mental state of increased awareness and calm. With practice you will be able to concentrate, function and relax simultaneously.

The class will be offered if enough people show interest. Call 577-6543 to state that you would be interested. The cost has not yet been determined at this time. Calling to say you are interested will not commit you to the class; we just need to know the amount of interest in such a class.

### Sauna down

The Sauna at the Base Gym is down for repairs, and will not be back in operation for approximately one month.

We apologize for any inconvenience during this time.

### Free Charlie Daniels tickets

Marine Corps Community Services Business Operations has free tickets to the Charlie Daniels Volunteer Jam at the Blockbuster Pavilion, rain or shine, on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The tickets are free to all military and civilian DoD MCLB personnel, with a maximum of 10 tickets per family.

On the Nebo side, you can pick up your tickets at the main Exchange. On the Yermo side, contact Brenda at 577-7139 (MCB), or Bea Asher at 577-7048 (FSCB).

Come and celebrate Armed Forces Day at the Charlie Daniels concert.

### Sea Serpents tryouts

Swim team tryouts for the MCLB Barstow Sea Serpents, a competitive youth swim team, (military family members ages 6-18) will be held at the Family Pool on Tuesday, May 18, at 4 p.m.

Requirements for this competi-

tive swim team consists of being able to swim the length of the pool freestyle and backstroke without stopping.

The cost is \$10 per month for first child and another \$5 per month each for the second and third child. The fourth child is free.

Call CWO Bill Bradshaw for details at 577-6543.

### ITT trip to LA Arboretum

On Saturday, May 22 ITT will have a trip to the Los Angeles Arboretum in Arcadia. Cost is \$10 round trip transportation per person. Admission at gate is \$5 adult, \$3 seniors, \$1 children - five to twelve years of age. If you get tired of walking, there is a tram that runs through the park, the fee is \$1.50.

ITT has tickets to the fabulous Renaissance Faire held annually at Devore at the base of the Cajon Pass. The event runs from May 1 through June 26. Prices are: \$12 adults, \$5.50 children.

ITT, located in the Bowling Center, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Betty at 577-6541 for details.

