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## Law Enforcement Week honors police everywhere

By Cpl. Mike McQuillan

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MCLB Barstow is still in the wake of Law Enforcement Week, a nationwide celebration of those who bear the thankless day-to-day responsibility of protecting human lives.

It originated in 1958 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower established May 1 as Law Enforcement Day. President John F. Kennedy followed by proclaiming May 15 as

Peace Officers Memorial Day and designating that week as Police Week. Each year, communities and law enforcement agencies across the country organize their own events to commemorate the occasion.

"In November, we reflect on the proud traditions and sacrifices of past and present Marines," said Maj. Leonard Miller, base Provost Marshal. "This May, we honor our law enforcement brethren."

The Provost Marshal's office aboard MCLB Barstow teamed

with the Barstow Police Department, California Highway Patrol and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to assemble a weekend of events filled with remembrance, camaraderie and competition. It began with a Law Enforcement Breakfast at the Oasis Club, featuring Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles Police Chief, as the guest speaker. More than 100 Law Enforcement officials and guests attended.

Following the breakfast was a

series of competitions, including a rifle/pistol shoot at the MCLB range and a softball tournament at the Barstow Sportsark.

Besides the festivities associated with Law Enforcement Week, the military policemen aboard MCLB also spent the weekend in an act of togetherness often overlooked - 24 hours a day they maintain the security of the base.

There are no days off for PMO. While most base residents are sleeping, military policemen (MPs) are

patrolling the streets, manning the front gates and responding to various distress calls.

During the warmer months, the MPs must be especially alert for drunk drivers. With May as Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month, people should be aware that the roads are the most dangerous this time of year.

See Page 7 for more on Law Enforcement Week

## High Desert Memorial Day celebrations

### Freedom Memorial Festival

The Freedom Memorial Festival of Barstow kicks off May 29 at 8 a.m. with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard presenting the colors during opening ceremonies at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow at 100 East Veterans Way. Immediately following an 8 to 11:30 a.m. pancake breakfast,

an old-fashioned community fair with face painting, game booths and races will be held across the street from the Veterans Home at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 2571 Barstow Road from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The celebration concludes with awards, the Miss Barstow and Miss Teen Barstow courts and live music by The Ambassadors Jazz Ensemble from Barstow College from 7 to 10:30 p.m. For more info, call Chris Obering at 255-2369.

### Lucerne Valley Memorial Day Service

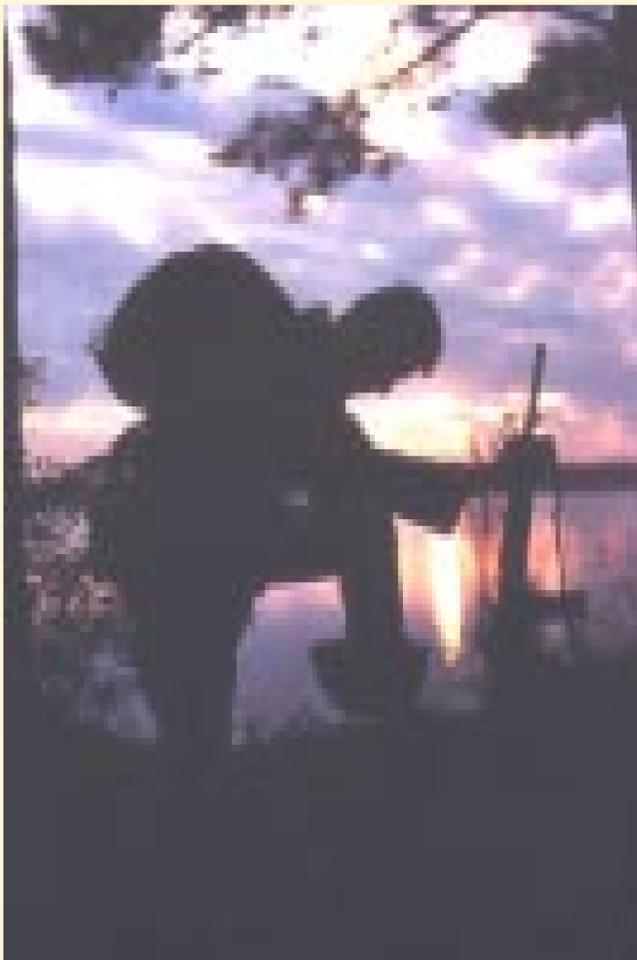
A MCLB Walking Color Guard will present the colors at the 10 a.m. Lucerne Valley, Calif. Memorial Day service on May 31. The Memorial Park cemetery is on Hwy 18 next to the Baptist Church in Lucerne Valley. Traveling from Barstow, take Hwy 247 (Barstow Road) south to the 4-way stop in Lucerne Valley. Turn right, travel approximately one half mile and the cemetery will be on the right. For more info, call Sharon Fritz at (760) 248-7048.

### Barstow and Daggett Memorial Day Services

V.F.W. Post 2143 will conduct a Memorial Day service May 31 at Mt. View Memorial Park (cemetery), 37067 Irwin Road, Barstow. The 11 a.m. ceremony will start with the posting of the colors by a MCLB Walking Color Guard. A similar service will be held at the Daggett cemetery immediately following. For more info, call Richard Willey at 253-3229.

### Memorial Day 21-gun salute

Headquarters Battalion Marines will fire a 21-gun salute using the 40mm guns on Boll Field at noon May 31. One round will be fired every minute until all 21 rounds are used. The 21-gun salute is only fired on four occasions: in honor of the President of the United States (current president, ex-president and president elect), President's Day, Independence Day and Memorial Day. The public is invited to observe this special occasion.



## Planned power outages should affect entire base

MCLB Barstow will undergo electrical power outages during the next two weekends in order to modify and connect utility poles and connections of the new underground service going into the housing area.

The first outage is scheduled for Saturday, May 29 from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Power will be shut off in Buildings 129, 17D, 176, 177, 321 (Credit Union), 301 (Family Restaurant), 115, a117, 114, 185, 186, 187 and the RV Park. Housing will be affected intermittently in the morning and again in the late afternoon.

All power will be restored by 6:30 p.m.

The second outage is basewide, including Yermo and Nebo, on June 6. Read next week's BARSTOW LOG for further information.

Don't forget to turn off your computers the days of the outage.

For more info, call Bobby Proctor at 577-6278.

## The Proud ...



The Few,

The GOLD

Photo by Christine Olivolo

Mike McQuillan of MCLB's Gold running team blazes through the finish line of the 4th Annual Fort Irwin to Veterans Home Relay Race May 22. The seven-strong Gold Team finished in second place overall. See Page 10 for more on the race.

## The Commander's Forum

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool the Base Commander uses to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call 577-6535 or send your concerns via LAN to COMMANDERS FORUM@HQTRS1.

### Suggestions for improving base safety and appearance.

**Q:** Yes, I work up at the Maintenance Center, up here by Bldg. 198.

About a year and a half ago I put in a request to remove the safety bulletin board that is over by Bldg. 573 underneath the water tower.

The reason is because of the fact that not a lot of people can see that sign and it is a hard area to get to, especially now, and it looks so tacky over there.

Well, it came back stating that they will remove the slats from the fence, it costs too much money to move the sign. I don't see that where it's benefi-

cial where it is at because like I said, not too many people can understand or even see the sign. It would be better out on the main entrance to Yermo. Now with this new people coming here in May, whatever is happening, it would be a lot better if they could see something that doesn't look so tacky. I would like to get a response to this, maybe something can be done to make the base a little more presentable where everybody can see the safety sign.

Thank you very much.

**A:** Thank you for your interest in the safety and appearance of our Logistics Base.

The safety sign you mentioned was of limited value at its water tower lo-

cation, and it was removed on April 14.

Base Maintenance Division is coordinating with Base Safety Division to identify the best new location for the sign.

You will soon see the sign back up in a better location.

Thank you for contacting the Commander's Forum with your concern.

It is through efforts such as yours that will help us achieve our vision of being the "Best Base."

Everyone is encouraged to look beyond themselves, question what we do, and how we can make things better.

Thank you for your involvement.

### Is smoking allowed outside the family restaurant?

**Q:** Sir, I frequent the Family Restaurant on Thursday nights for their all-you-can-eat dinners. As I walked out one night there was a group of Marines smoking at the front entrance of the Family Restaurant. I almost ran them over as I was leaving the building. The butt can was in the vicinity of where they were standing.

I would like to know if this area is a designated smoking area, and if so, can it be moved? I do not wish to be assaulted by secondhand cigarette smoke just after I have had a good meal.

**A:** Thank you for your inquiry to the Commander's Forum.

The entrance area of the Family Restaurant you referred to in your inquiry is indeed a nonsmoking area and it is posted as such.

The butt can located there is intended to provide a place for cigarette disposal for those entering the Family Restaurant. The patio area in the rear of the building is the designated smoking area.

Again, thank you for your concern.

Should you have any problems or concerns regarding the Family Restaurant in the future, please feel free to contact the Family Restaurant Manager, Richard Marceau, at 577-6429. He will be happy to assist you.

## May we always remember

By Lt. Michael Michener  
Base Chaplain



It was early in the morning as the troop transport attempted to make its way across the English channel. Everyone was nervous because of the threat of German subma-

ines that lurked below where the eyes could not see. They were only an hour into their journey when the noise of the waves crashing into the bow and the drone of the diesel engines were interrupted by the loud crash of the torpedo blasting into the side of the hull. The heightened level of fear and anxiety escalated even greater as the soldiers scrambled to care for the injured and shore up the damaged hull. Their efforts were daunted by the overwhelming task and soon they had to surrender the ship to the salty water of the channel. The ship was going down. The men threw themselves into the sea as the ship sank. Some died because of the blast. Several died because of hyperthermia and drowned. Some were rescued.

My father-in-law was one of the lucky ones.

He was pulled out of the water and into the rescue boat. After a few days he recovered from the cold shivers he had from the water. He doesn't like to talk about his experience much but he does like to remember. He remembers the soldiers and sailors who died around him. He remembers that thousands of men died during WWII in an attempt to stand up to the coward Hitler. He remembers that it was his duty to serve his country and assume the risk of losing his life for the sake of freedom.

We too have a duty. It is our duty to remember - to remember the sacrifices that have been paid by thousands of men and women who gave their lives to protect our freedom. We must remember those who died defending our right to free speech and our right to demonstrate in an orderly fashion and our right to practice the religion we choose. Hitler did not care about those things. In fact, we know he murdered millions of Jews because they didn't share his religious persuasion. But millions of soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines have put their lives on the line over the years

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### Chapel Hours

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

Confession services before Mass

### Yermo Bible Study

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

## Installations 96 percent ready for Y2K

By Paul Stone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — You've heard the horror stories: Elevators suddenly stuck between floors, building security systems lock you in or keep you out, power supplies suddenly go dead—all because of the Y2K computer bug.

Now hear the good news.

If you work or live on a DoD installation, or work in a DoD-operated building, odds are good you won't even experience anything more than just a hiccup in services as Dec. 31, 1999, becomes Jan. 1, 2000.

"Our progress is excellent," said Doug Hansen, director of installations requirements and management for the Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Installations. Hansen is monitoring Y2K efforts on DoD's 637 installations and buildings both in the United States and overseas. "As of the end of April, 96 percent of installations have completed their fixes and another two percent will be done in June."

Hansen said his office's efforts are focused on five key areas: energy, including electricity, natural gas and oil; water supply; waste water; safety services, such as 911, fire protection and traffic lights; and security services for build-



ings and personnel.

The major push, he said, has been on finding and replacing embedded microchips that might malfunction. Everything from security and fire alarms to 911 emergency systems often function with information technology. But embedded microchips are not nearly the problem once predicted.

"In general, we found that only about three percent of the microchips we've been looking at had to be replaced," Hansen said. "It's not a big problem. It's been more of an exercise in determining if there was a problem. And what we found out is, we're doing all right."

The Year 2000 problem, nicknamed "Y2K," refers to the past computer industry practice of writing years with just two digits — 1999 would be "99." Because of this digital shorthand, some computer systems

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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.

## Military Spouses tour

Active duty Marine Corps, Navy and Army spouses are invited to attend the free Quarterly Spouses Tour of Fort Irwin and Barstow June 1 - 3.

The first two days will be held at Fort Irwin, with informational meetings and tours introducing spouses to services available and military life.

Military Affairs Committee of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce will host the third day. It begins with a free continental breakfast at the Veterans Home on Barstow Road at 9 a.m. After presentations by the Veterans Home Public Relations Department and the Barstow Police Department, the first stop will be the Factory Outlet and Tanger Malls, where guests will receive discount coupons for selected shops. A free lunch at Lake Dolores Resort for all participants is included. A tour of Calico Ghost Town will follow lunch with the tour ending at the Veterans Home about 3 p.m.

Participants should dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water to drink while at Calico. Space is limited so registration is required. For more information call Personal Services Division at 577-6533 or Peggy Teal at the Fort Irwin Outreach Center at 256-1735.

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For more info call Wayland Fairchild, 577-7327.

## Leave Donors needed

Willie Wright, Heavy Mobile Equipment Business Center, has been affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone wanting to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain an application through their division administrative officer.

For more info, call Pat Snyder at 577-7284.

## Savings Bond Campaign

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:

The bond campaign ends June 30.

Save today – enjoy tomorrow, buy U.S. Savings Bonds.



Contact one of the following representatives today:

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

## MCLB Barstow reunion

A reunion in Barstow is being planned for June 19 for all active duty and retired Marines who served at the Marine Corps Logistics Base (Marine Corps Supply Center at that time) Barstow, California, during the late 1960s through the 70s. Contact Susan Moretz (503) 745-7456 or E-mail moretza@open.org for more information.

## Servmart online

Personnel with Internet access

may now order office supplies online at <http://mcsd4.ala.usmc.mil/mclbbarstow/servmart>.

A DSSC credit card number or valid job number is also needed to order items.

The program allows the user to select nomenclature, NSN, or FSC, then build a shopping cart for all the items ordered.

Once the shopping cart is complete, personnel in MMSD will receive the order, pull it, and deliver it.

On-site training may be re-

## Buckle Up America

May 24-31 is "Buckle Up America" week.

All adults are encouraged to set the example for their children this week by buckling their safety belts and ensure their children use safety restraint devices too.

Traffic crashes continue to be the number one killer of children. Six out of 10 children who die in crashes are not properly restrained, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety

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# The 101 Critical Days of Summer begin on May 31

Submitted by  
Base Safety Office

Ah! Life is good! Backyard barbecues, volleyball and swimming at the beach, little league, scenic vacations to the mountains for back packing boating; the choices, activities and potential for fun and happiness are endless. Summer is almost here!

But wait! Before you make your final plans, there's something you need to know.

As we approach the "Critical Days of Summer" - Memorial Day through Labor Day - the experts predict 37 Marines and Sailors will die in traffic crashes as well as 13 more in other off-duty activities. More daylight and better weather provide more opportunities for travel and recreation. However, far too many of our shipmates ignore the risks associated with the Critical Days of Summer.

Last year, 30 off-duty Marines and Sailors were killed in traffic crashes while 13 others died while participating in leisure-time activities.

Some tips:

Recreational water, sports and other outdoor activities produce in-

juries. It's a fact of life. Practicing risk management, however, may lessen the risks.

If boating, take a small boat safety course. Boaters must stay alert and sober and wear life jackets when underway.

When swimming in unfamiliar areas, enter the water feet first: Spinal cord injuries are permanent. Swim only in those areas where lifeguards are present.

For all sporting activities, use conditioning and stretching exercises and wear your personal protective equipment. Avoid overexertion.

Summertime in the great outdoors also means hiking and camping. You've heard of filing a trip plan when you're on the water, do the same when you're hiking or camping in remote areas. Bring a cell phone and wear appropriate clothing, shoes and personal protective equipment.

Check weather reports prior to

## ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT CHART DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS IS ILLEGAL

Prepared by DMV in cooperation with the CHP, Office of Traffic Safety, Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, and Department of Justice.

There is no safe way to drive while under the influence. Even one drink can make you an unsafe driver. Drinking affects your **BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION (BAC)**. It is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08% or more (.04% or more if you drive commercial vehicles or .01% or more if under 21). Even a BAC below .05% does not mean that it is safe or legal to drive. The charts show the BAC zones for various numbers of drinks and time periods.

**HOW TO USE THESE CHARTS:** Find the chart that includes your weight. Look at the total number of drinks you have had and compare that to the time shown. You can quickly tell if you are at risk of being arrested. \* If your BAC level is in the grey zone, your chances of having an accident are 5 times higher than if you had no drinks, and 25 times higher if your BAC level falls into the black zone.

**REMEMBER:** "One drink" is a 1 1/2-ounce shot of 80-proof liquor (even if it's mixed with non-alcoholic drinks), a 4-ounce glass of wine, or 10 ounces of 5.7% beer. If you have larger or stronger drinks, drink on an empty stomach, are tired, sick, upset, or have taken medicines or drugs you can be **UNSAFE WITH FEWER DRINKS**.

**TECHNICAL NOTE:** These charts are guides and are not legal evidence of actual BAC. Although it is possible for anyone to exceed the designated limits, the charts have been constructed so that fewer than 5 persons in 100 will exceed these limits when drinking the stated amounts on an empty stomach. Actual values can vary by body type, sex, health status, and other factors. \*VC §23152, §23153, §23136, §23140 DUI/Driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs.

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CHART SHADINGS: MEAN: □ (.01%-.04%) May be DUI - DEFINITELY UNLAWFUL IF UNDER 21 YRS. OLD\*\* □ (.05%-.07%) Likely DUI - DEFINITELY UNLAWFUL IF UNDER 21 YRS. OLD ■ (.08% Up) Definitely DUI \*\* NOTE: It is unlawful for anyone under 21 years of age to drive with a BAC of .01% or higher. If caught driving with a .01% BAC or higher, the driving privilege is lost for one year. DL 636 (REV. 12/97)

leaving home, flash floods and electrical storms can place you in harm's way.

Avoid the hottest time of day. Wear a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. Don't dehydrate; drink plenty of water.

Your summer can't be complete without using a motorized vehicle in one way or another.

By the way, your chances of dying in the military are highest when you're

out on the highway. Speed, fatigue and alcohol have played major roles in the past.

How do you lessen your chances of being involved in a crash?

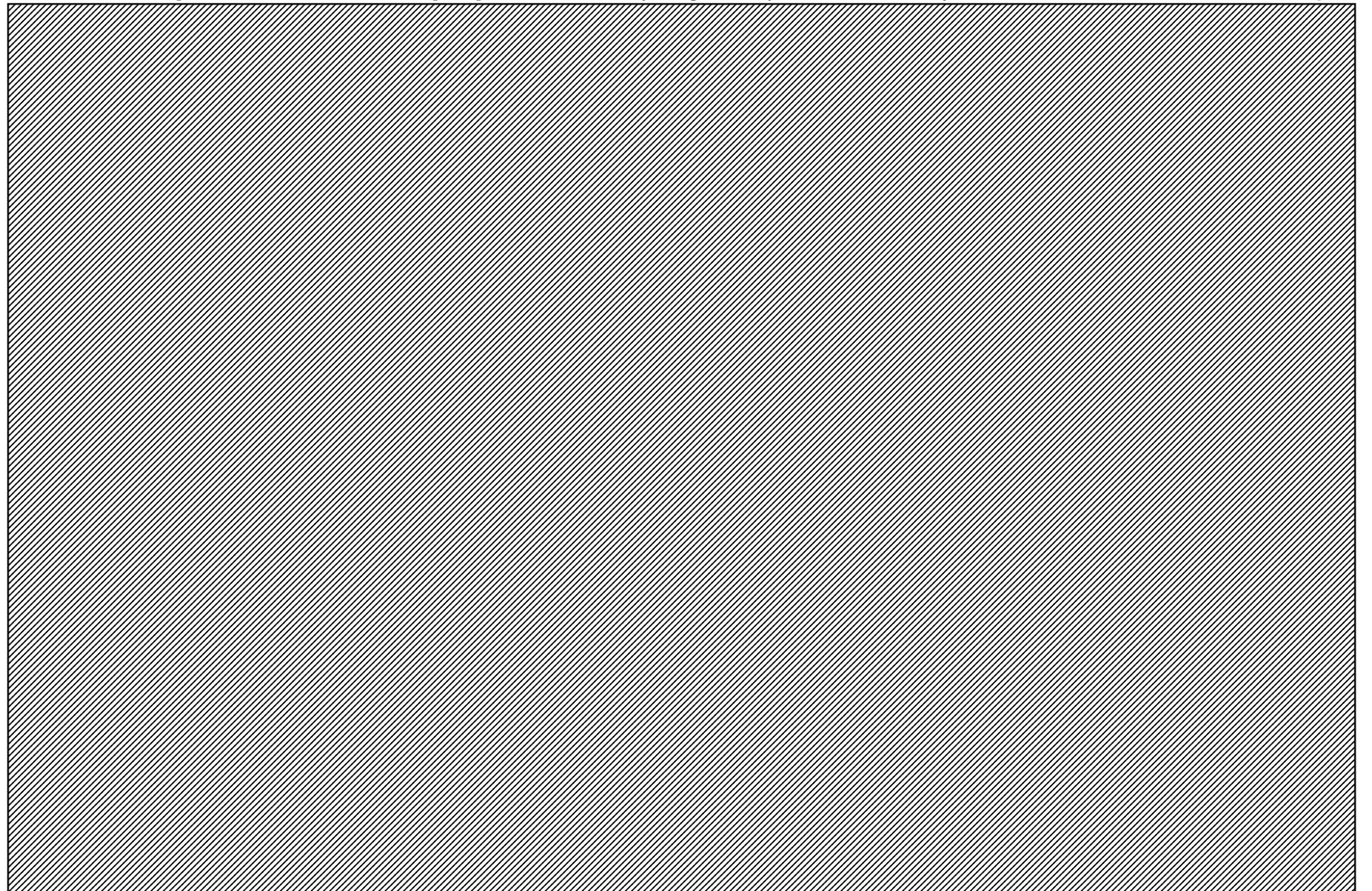
Simple - first, don't drink and drive or ride with anyone who has been drinking. If you find yourself in a questionable situation call a sober friend.

Your career, your life or that of

another person is a steep price to pay for involvement in a crash or DWI.

Just because the speedometer reads 120, doesn't mean you have to make the needle reach it. Speeding is a factor in 30 percent of all fatal crashes nationwide resulting in more than 13,000 lives lost. Last year, 38 Marines

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# 'New' policy on fraternization is nothing new to Corps

**Compiled by**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

"The relationship between officers and enlisted should, in no sense, be that of superior and inferior nor that of master and servant, but that of teacher and scholar," said MajGen. John A. Lejeune, 13<sup>th</sup> Commandant of the Marine Corps, nearly 80 years ago. For Marines, that statement still holds true today.

But now, the sister military services are catching on to what the U.S. Naval services have always known; familiarity breeds contempt.

As the Marine Corps order on fraternization says, "... policy defines fraternization as personal relationships between officers and enlisted members that are unduly familiar and that don't respect differences in grade and rank. When prejudicial to good or-

der and discipline or of a nature to bring discredit on the Marine Corps, these described relationships are prohibited. Prejudice to good order and discipline or discredit to the Marine Corps may result from any circumstance which calls into question."

Marine Corps policy continues to state: Relationships between officers and enlisted must always reflect the difference in rank. Fraternization is

not limited to relationships between officers. Neither is it primarily a gender issue for the Corps."

In July 1998, Defense Secretary William Cohen directed all of the services to "... adopt uniform, clear and readily understandable..." fraternization policies. Cohen stated that the current separate policies were "... corrosive to morale, particularly as we move toward an increasingly joint en-

vironment."

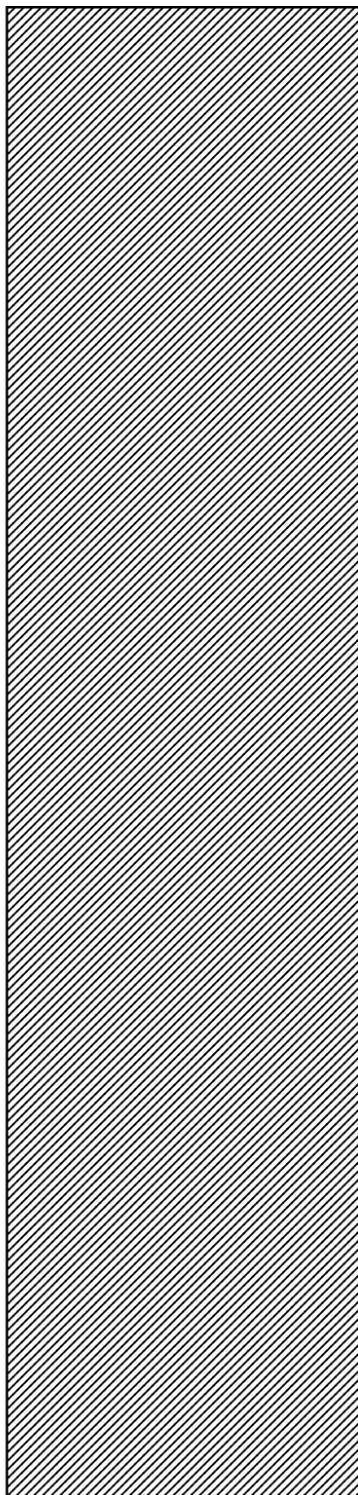
The services submitted policy changes to Cohen that he approved Feb. 3.

Once implemented, individual service policies will share common standards with respect to relationships between officers and enlisted personnel, recruiters and potential recruits, and trainers and trainees.

The standards that other services

will begin living with are the same standards the U.S. Naval services have always upheld. In other words, there is no change to either the Marine Corps' or the Navy's orders regarding fraternization.

To learn about these policy changes, visit the American Forces Information Service website on the Internet at <http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/fraternization>.



## A Marine learns ... Spirit comes from the heart - not hand, not brain

By SSgt. Glenn Holloway  
CamPen Joint Public Affairs Office

The old man made his way down the aisle at the store, between the medicines and magazines. He'd perfected the shuffle-like gait his damaged feet forced him to use. The scars on his hand melded with the gnarly old cane he used to balanced himself. His face was an old plank, weather-beaten and worn; each line a road to another craggy feature. Hard times had carved their initials into the wizened surface.

I immediately said a short prayer, hoping I would never be like him. He could hardly go three steps without stopping to catch his breath. He used each pause to take in his surroundings. A kid in a candy store, I thought as I watched him look at everything as if it were new to him.

"Poor old guy's lost his mind-Alzheimer's probably," I thought.

Then, from halfway down the aisle, he looked at me.

His eyes, crisp blue chips of ice shining from a cave of overgrown eyebrows and puffy red

lids, met mine and danced with merriment I had overlooked in his haggard features.

A loud voice, mellow as 12-year-old scotch, said good morning to me. The ghosts of a thousand Marines lifted him under the arms. In a moment, he was sticking out his hand to shake mine. "How ya doin' Marine?" he asked me.

A genuine concern filled his shiny eyes.

Taken by surprise at his newfound agility, I stammered a reply, barely audible to his gun-deafened ears. I felt like a kid who'd just been caught stealing cookies. I was sure he had read my thoughts of a few moments earlier. But he didn't seem to notice my milquetoast response as he began to tell me about his career as a Marine.

Landing at Iwo, he took a round in the shoulder. A clean wound in one side and out the other saved him from the carnage of the following days as his friends laid down their lives in the black soil on the sides of Mount Suribachi.

He had been with Chesty when the Communist Chinese placed themselves in the Marines' gunsights. His body had been racked, his

youth murdered by banshee-like winds slicing through the ranks. Frostbite staked a claim to his toes, leaving them blackened and stinking. Somehow his hands survived. Age was their only enemy.

As the old jarhead spoke, I realized how much I had missed in my initial assessment. Sure there were battle scars, crevices etched by a glacier of hard times but some were from laughter. Laughter from good times spent with long-lost buddies in slummy bars in bad parts of town and pretty ladies met on liberty in New York City - lots of laughter.

I began to feel guilty listening to the old Marine. I realized how often I had seen these aged warriors and dismissed them as just another slow person in my way. The truth is there aren't many left. World War II was a long time ago.

Our Corps is rich with traditions and history. Let's face it, a lot has happened in 224 years. We all know the textbook history provided courtesy of the green monster, but another source often overlooked is the veterans still here blessing us with their presence. They may be a little slower these days, but they were once strong young men and women just like us. 'Some day our day will come' has more than one meaning.

I failed as a journalist that day; I didn't get the old man's name. He told me when we introduced ourselves, but I dismissed it like I usually do. As a Marine, I didn't fail. I managed to gain some of his spirit and enthusiasm, and they carry me through when I'm not really motivated about getting up in the morning.

Semper Fidelis.

*There are many veterans here in Barstow at the Veterans Home. Many have no family or friends left. If you get a chance stop by and say "Hi" to these past warriors. Their stories are interesting; their compassion and love for Country is genuine, and you just might learn something about yourself too.*

*Happy Memorial Day from the staff of the BARSTOW LOG.*

## Services seeking MIA survivors and next of kin

Compiled by \_\_\_\_\_  
Base Public Affairs Office

The Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel office and the military services have mounted a massive outreach effort to locate families of more than 8,200 servicemen still missing from the Korean War and Cold War.

The expanded outreach effort hopes to accomplish several goals.

First, family member reference blood samples are needed to compare to DNA sequences from recovered remains.

Second, family members often possess personal or wartime documents that may aid in identifying an unaccounted-for serviceman.

Finally, the military services are seeking to keep family members updated on specific recovery operations.

If remains are recovered and identified, families will be asked to make decisions regarding the burial of the serviceman.

A joint U.S.-North Korean team recently recovered remains believed

to belong to six U.S. servicemen.

This is the first joint remains recovery operation in North Korea this year and the 10<sup>th</sup> overall since these joint recoveries began in 1996.

Since July 1996, these teams have recovered what are believed to be the remains of 35 soldiers. Three have been identified.

These operations result from negotiated agreements between the governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the

United States led by the DPMO.

The DPMO has also obtained agreements to conduct archival re-

search in North Korea of wartime military records that may relate to American POWs.

Four such visits have been con-

ducted since 1997, with hundreds of documents obtained which relate to American prisoners.

Beyond the Korean War outreach effort, families of Cold War unaccounted-for servicemen are also being sought. Through the work of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIA's, the remains of 18 servicemen shot down during the Cold War have been recovered and identified, with more than 120 still unaccounted for.



Photo by LCpl. Brian Davidson

From right, Cpls. Rene Ardila and Julia Guadalupe, joined National Training Center Fort Irwin soldiers in presenting the colors at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow 3rd Anniversary Celebration May 19.



Photo by Cpl. Mike McQuillan

**Each service has established a toll-free number to keep the families of missing servicemen fully informed on Korean War and Cold War remains recovery operations.**

Family members should contact the appropriate service casualty office to provide their name, address and relationship to their loved one.

If the missing serviceman was in the Marine Corps, the number is (800) 847-1597. The Navy number is (800) 443-9298. The Air Force number is (800) 531-5501 and the Army number is (800) 892-2490.

Families of civilians missing from these conflicts may contact the State Department at (202) 647-6769.



Photo by Curt Lambert

(Above) Chief Bernard C. Parks, Los Angeles Police Department, speaks to MCLB Barstow military policemen. The question and answer session followed his guest appearance at the Law Enforcement Breakfast which united law enforcement agencies from throughout Southern California.

## MCLB Barstow Law Enforcement Weekend 1999

### Pistol

**Individual Standings**  
 1st - Hosteller, San Bernardino Sheriffs Dept.  
 2nd - Rosselli, Anaheim Police Dept.  
 3rd - Izumi, San Bernardino Sheriffs Dept.

**Team Standings**  
 1st - San Bernardino Sherriffs Dept.  
 2nd - California Highway Patrol  
 3rd - Barstow Police Dept.

### Rifle

**Individual Standings**  
 1st - Gracey, California Highway Patrol  
 2nd - Rosselli, Anaheim Police Dept.  
 3rd - Leigh, El Segundo Police Dept.

### Rifle

**Team Standings**  
 1st - El Segundo Police Dept.  
 2nd - Anaheim Police Dept.  
 3rd - El Segundo Police Dept.

It takes more than just a steady hand to be a member of a Special Reaction Team. Members must think quickly and decisively act even quicker. There is no room for second-guessing. Below, a military policeman from MCAGCC 29 Palms aims in on a group of targets.

### Softball

1st Place Fort Irwin  
 2nd Place Nellis Air Force Base



Photo by Sgt. Dustin Gannon



Photo by 2ndLt. Daniel Morfitt

(Right) Maj. Leonard D. Miller presents the GySgt. J.W. Heikennen Perpetual Trophy to Tom Rosseli, Anaheim Police Dpeartment. The trophy is awarded annually to the individual shooter with the highest combined score from the pistol and rifle shoots. The trophy was named in honor of GySgt. John W. Heikennen, the military police operations chief, who passed away Jan. 24.

### CHAPLAIN from Page 2

for the sake of America, so that we could live in society and even disagree with each other if we so choose in a civil way that honors each person's right to be different.

We have a great debt we owe to those who have fought to defend our freedoms. This Memorial Day, as we

celebrate the holiday, let us take a few moments to remember those fallen heros of our nation. Let's take time to pay a portion of that debt by thanking God for their sacrifice. May we always remember.  
 Blessings,  
 Chaplain Michener

## Jobs

<u>Annc.#</u>	<u>Title/Series/Grade</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>1st Cutoff</u>	<u>Location</u>	<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., Ariz.	DEA-202-99	(Term NTE 24 months) Computer Specialist	05-17-99	06-14-99	05-28-99	San Diego
DEA-118-99	Library Technician GS-1411-06/07	03-22-99	06-19-99	04-02-99	Calif., Ariz.	DEA-204-99	GS-334-12 Clinical Nurse	05-21-99	06-25-99	06-11-99	Lemoore, CA
DEA-140-99	Firefighter GS-081-03/04/05/06	04-05-99	09-30-99	04-19-99	Port Hueneme	OTR-27-99	GS-610-05/07/09 Motor Vehicle Operator	03-24-99	09-30-99	04-07-99	Calif., Ariz.
DEA-157-99	Sandblaster WG-5423-07 (Term NTE 13 months)	04-13-99	06-15-99	04-23-99	Barstow	OTR-35-99	(Temp NTE one year) Computer Specialist	04-06-99	09-30-99	04-20-99	Calif., Ariz.
DEA-164-99	Firefighter GS-081-04/05/06	04-29-99	09-30-99	05-13-99	Camp Pendleton	OTR-36-99	(Temp NTE one year) Material Handler	04-07-99	09-30-99	N/A	NavWpnsSta Seal Beach/Fallbrook
DEA-178-99	Machinist WG-3414-10	05-05-99	06-04-99	05-19-99	Calif., Ariz.	OTR-38-99	(Temp NTE one year) Material Handler	04-07-99	09-30-99	N/A	NavWpnsSta Seal Beach/Fallbrook
DEA-188-99	Nurse Specialist GS-610-11	05-10-99	06-10-99	05-24-99	Camp Pendleton	OTR-39-99	(Temp NTE one year) Ordnance Equip.	04-09-99	09-30-99	4-19-99	NavWpnsSta Seal Beach
DEA-190-99	Family Program Counselor GS-101-11	05-12-99	06-02-99	N/A	Camp Pendleton	OTR-49-99	Repairer WG-6641-08	05-03-99	06-03-99	05-17-99	MCAGCC 29 Palms
DEA-192-99	Clinical Nurse GS-610-9/11	05-12-99	06-11-99	05-24-99	Calif, Ariz	9CP1912	Electrical Worker WG-2805-08	05-14-99	06-14-99	N/A	Barstow
DEA-198-99	Laborer WG-3502-03 (Term NTE 13 Months)	05-17-99	06-01-99	N/A	Calif, Ariz		Pers. Management Spec.				
DEA-199-99	Engineering Equip Oper. WG-5716-10	05-17-99	06-01-99	N/A	Calif, Ariz						

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

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on Jan. 1, 2000, might treat "00" as "1900" or just shut down all together. Almost any computer system may be vulnerable and needs to be checked and then, if necessary, fixed to handle the year change or replaced. Microchips are also vulnerable and need to be tested or replaced. A computer system that recognizes the year 2000 date and processes data correctly is called "compliant."

Hansen said once all repairs are made, installations will test systems throughout the remainder of this year to make sure they function. This is especially important in such systems as power, water and emergency services, which rely on a number of systems to operate properly. Installations can fix everything on the base, but if the fix is not compatible with systems outside the installation, services could be interrupted, he explained.

He said local commanders, as well as representatives from the Defense

Logistics Agency, are working closely with local suppliers of electricity, natural gas and oil to ensure uninterrupted supplies during the Year 2000 date change.

"We have a tremendous outreach program and cooperation in this country to ensure the nation's power grid operates properly and there's great confidence that there will be no interruption in services," Hansen said.

Water supplies are being handled nationally by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hansen said. Even if a water supply system shuts down, he explained, most can be operated manually.

As for gasoline, Hansen said there are no indications at this time supplies will be a problem. He said commanders will be monitoring their stocks and coordinating with local suppliers as the year progresses to ensure adequate supplies are on hand.

While Hansen is confident about power, water and fuel supplies for U.S. installations, the outlook for overseas installations is less certain.

Rosanne Hynes, director for Y2K Outreach for the assistant secretary of defense, command, control and communications, has been visiting overseas installations, and said the issues there are much more complex.

"Overseas you're dealing with a foreign nation as your supplier for electricity and water, and Y2K progress varies greatly from country to country," Hynes said.

In addition, systems that supply power and fuel often cross national borders.

For example, Hynes pointed out that Germany gets 30 percent of its natural gas from Russia, and Italy receives some of its electricity from Switzerland.

"It's not like the United States, where you have a national effort going on that reaches down from the federal government all the way to

states, cities and towns," she said. "You have to work with everyone individually."

She said a strong push is under way to ensure overseas installations experience no interruptions in power and energy supply in the Year 2000.

Several groups are working with host nations to resolve any existing concerns before the end of the year.

These include:

- o The International Inter-Agency Working Group, co-chaired by DoD and the U.S. State Department.

- o The NATO Consultation and Control Board.

- o The Allied Year 2000 Cooperation Committee, a group formed to detail procedures host nations need to take and ensure countries meet all Y2K standards.

"It's been very challenging," she said, but added that as the year has progressed, DoD has seen increased cooperation and a better understanding by host nations of how important it is for U.S. forces stationed overseas

to have uninterrupted flow of services.

In the meantime, installations both in the United States and overseas are developing strong contingency plans for any problems that may occur.

For example, Hansen said, generators would be used to provide critical electrical needs if temporary power outages occurred. And military police could be used if traffic signal systems failed, just as they often do during power outages that occur from time to time.

The key to Y2K, Hansen said, is not to panic, but to treat Y2K just as a typical winter storm that might cause minor inconveniences.

"Installations have been working the Y2K issue for more than two years," Hansen said. "Progress is excellent and we are not expecting any glitches beyond spotty, temporary problems."

"Commanders have spent their entire careers taking care of troops and families, and they're going to do it through Y2K."

### From BRIEFS Page 3

Administration.

In 1997, car crashes killed 2,087 children 15 and under; 1,244 of those victims were completely unrestrained.

Similarly, 17,270 of the 30,068 adults killed in car crashes in 1997 were unrestrained.

Enjoy your Memorial Weekend, but please, "Buckle Up," America.

### Staff Board begins

The 1999 Staff Sergeant Selection board convenes July 20.

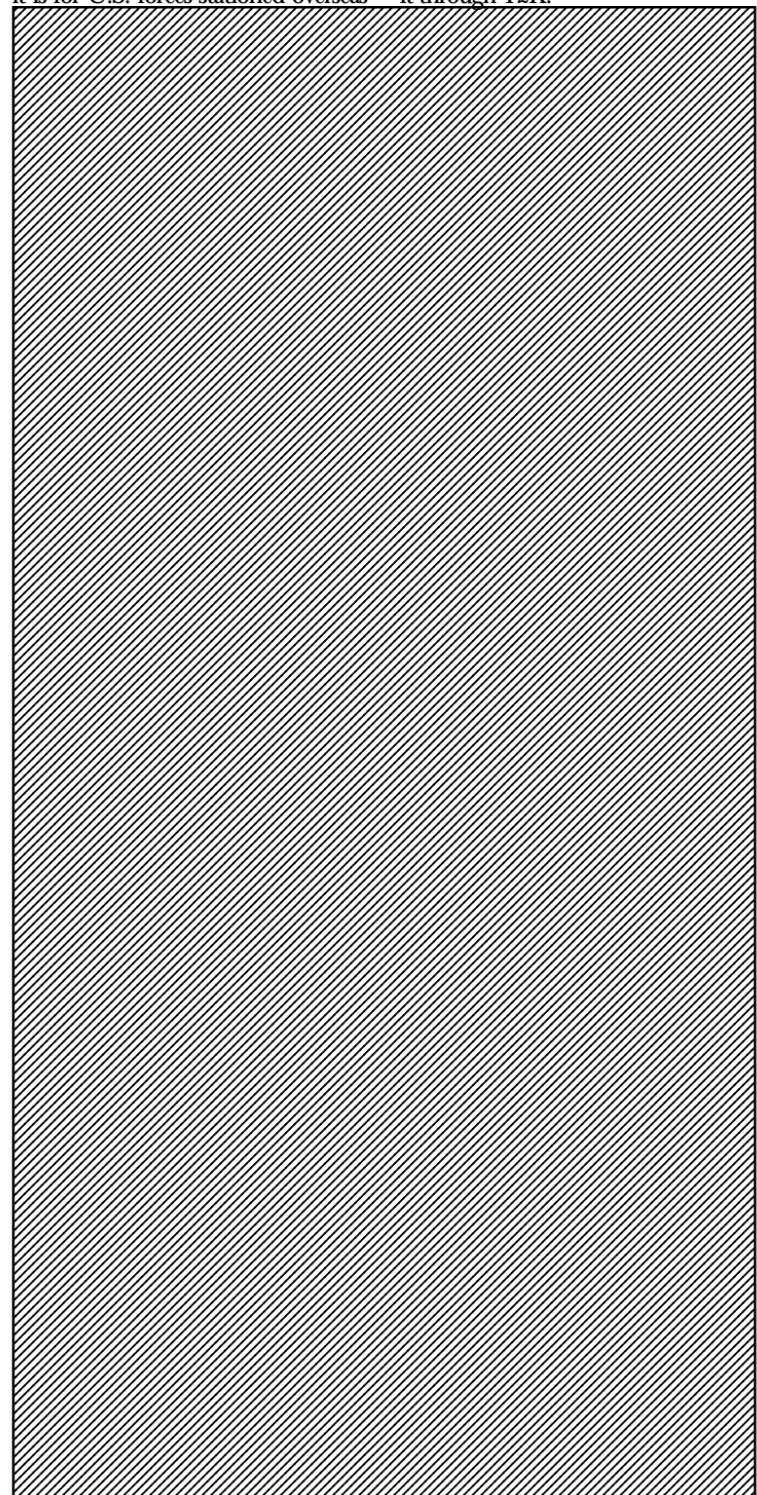
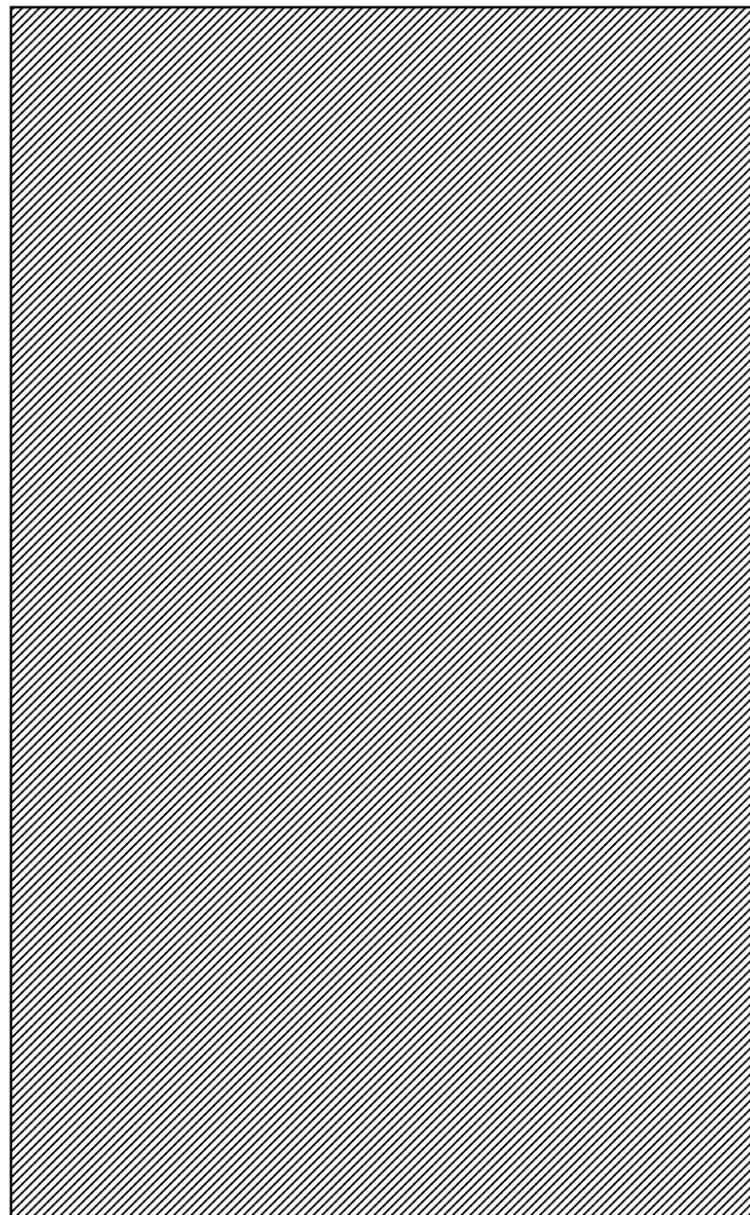
All eligible sergeants must complete the Sergeants Nonresident Course (MCI Program 8000 series), the

NCO Basic Nonresident Program (MCI Program 7000 series) or the Marine NCO (MCI Course 03.3).

Marines are required to complete all nonresidential professional military education courses/programs by July

20. Completing a resident professional military education course does not fulfill the nonresidential requirements.

For more info call Headquarters Battalion administration at 577-6661 or read MARADMIN 227/99.



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and Sailors died in speed-related crashes.

You know the rules; obey them.

Fatigue is a common summertime problem especially with busy schedules and long-distance driving trips. Plan your trip to incorporate a stop every few hours and overnight en route if required, and factor in the same routine for the return trip.

Safety belts and motorcycle personal protective equipment (reflective vests, helmets, appropriate attire, gloves) are proven lifesavers. Use them.

Our goal is to save those 50 lives previously mentioned.

Following the rules and using risk management can make your summer happier and healthier.

Best wishes for a safe Memorial Day holiday and a fatality-free summer.

# MCCS Update ...

By James H. Gaines  
MCCS Publicity



Photo by SSgt. Matt Olivolo

## Take the plunge this summer at one of the base pools

Sgt. Chris Galbraith "flips" over the news that the Oasis Club and Family pools open tomorrow; just in time for Memorial Weekend.

This year the pool hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The pools will be closed Monday. Lap-swimming hours at both pools are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.

Civilians participating in the base civilian physical training program are allowed to use the Family Pool for lap swimming only in addition to the military and retirees.

Only authorized pool patrons are allowed to use the pools. Authorized patrons include military, retirees and their family members. Each authorized patron is permitted to have one guest. Patrons will be asked to show their identification cards and sign in prior to using the pool.

Oasis Club pool access is restricted to members of the club system and their immediate family.

Authorization for Department of Defense civilians and their family members to use the pools is being examined.

Parents are asked to accompany their children at all times and ensure their children observe all posted pool safety rules. They are also reminded to ensure their child is not sick or has open wounds when using the pool.

For more info call CWO Bill Bradshaw or Brenda at 577-6543.

### 7-Day Store entrance closed

The 7-Day store entrance will close today, and remain closed through the period of gas pump area construction behind the 7-Day Store.

Please use the exchange main entrance during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Family Restaurant & Cactus Cafe weekly lunch menu May 27 through June 3.

**Today** - Burritos and Mexican rice.

**Friday, May 28** - Tuna casserole.

**Monday, May 31** - Memorial Day Holiday. No lunch menu today. Family Restaurant open holiday hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with menu service.

**Tuesday, June 1** - Braised pork, mushrooms, Rice Pilaf & vegetable.

**Wednesday, June 2** - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes & vegetable.

The Cactus Cafe is closed Friday, May 28.

Lunch is served at the 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.

For further info call 577-6428.

### Family Night Dinner Menu at Family Restaurant

**Tonight** All you can eat: Beef Stroganoff, buttered noodles, salad bar, vegetable, roll/butter, dessert and beverage.

**Thursday, June 3** - All you can eat: Pizza, salad bar, dessert and beverage.

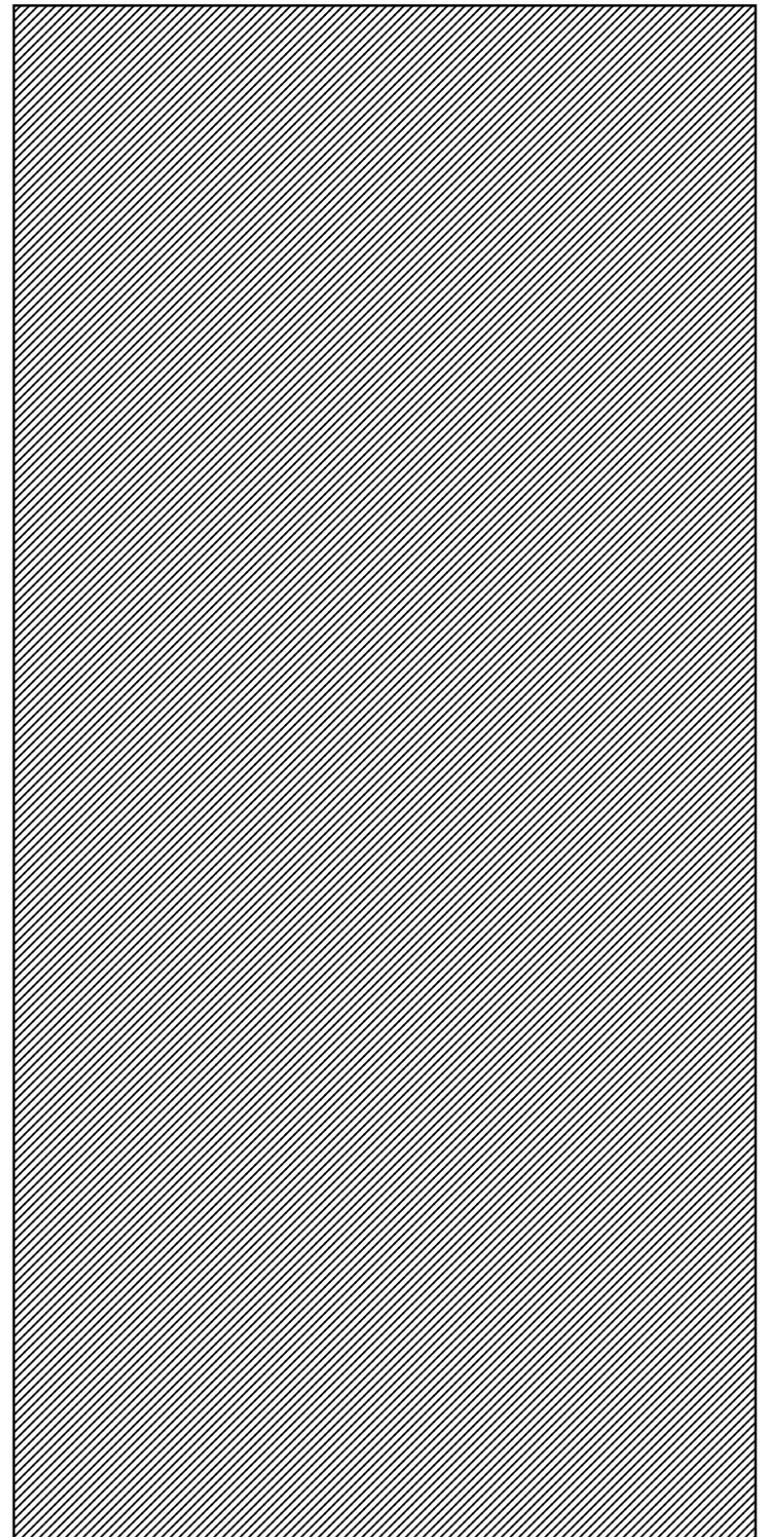
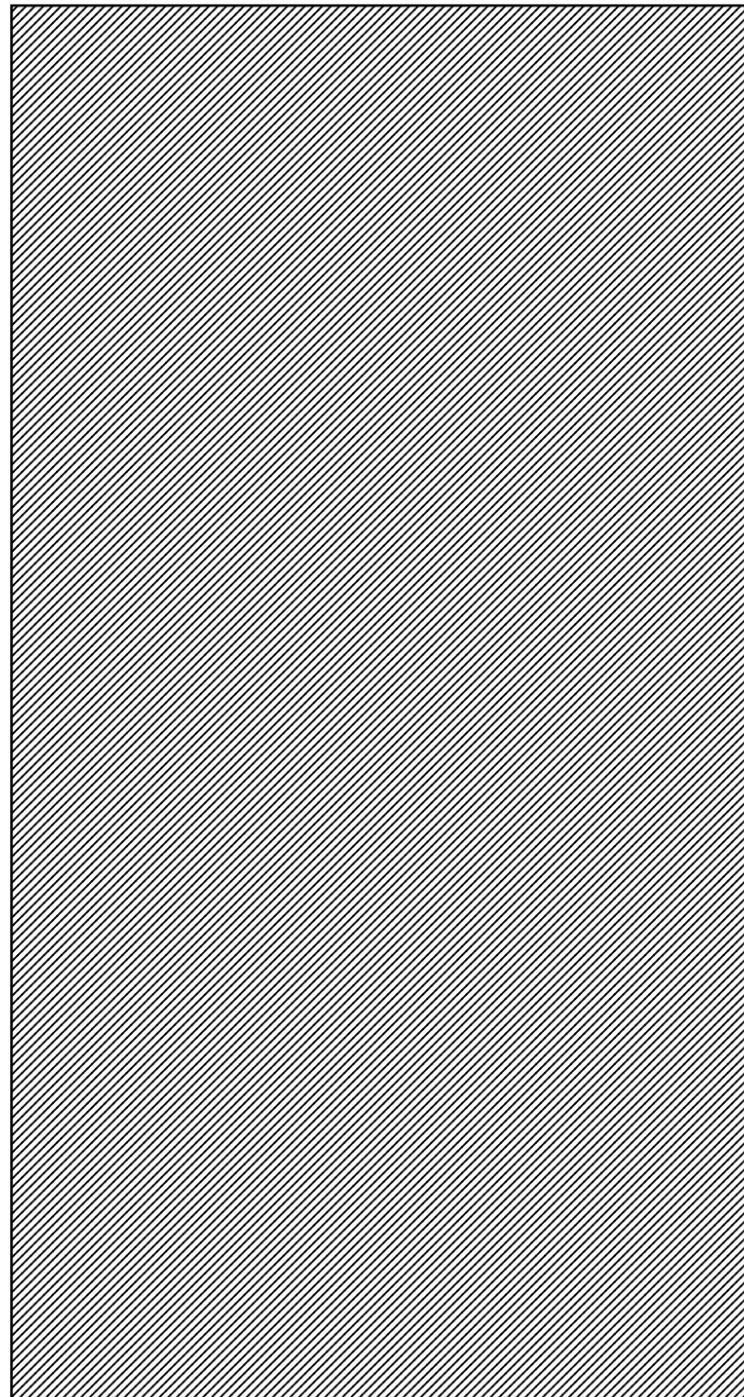
Family Night dinners are served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday.

All you can eat \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children 5 to 11 years, children 4 years and under are free.

For more info call 577-6428.

### Auto Hobby Shop summer hours

The Auto Hobby Shop's new hours begin Wednesday, June 2nd. The hours will be Wednesday -Friday 1-9 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 577-6441 for more info.



# MCLB Gold finishes second in 40-mile relay



Photo by Sgt. Christian Galbraith

Mark Costa (front left) leads the Red Team to the finish line during the 4th Annual Fort Irwin to Veterans Home 40-mile Relay Race. The red team finished 12th of 16 competing teams.

The MCLB Gold Team set out to defend its title Saturday morning at the fourth annual 40-mile relay race from Fort Irwin to the California Veterans Home - Barstow.

The Marine Gold Team fielded seven runners between 20 two-mile race segments. Many of the teammates had to run two, three or four legs of the race.

Though MCLB Gold led the pack throughout half of the course, Fort Irwin's 2/11 Armored Cavalry Regiment avenged last year's second place finish by winning the race in 4 hours, 6 minutes and 11 seconds.

This marks the third time that MCLB and 2/11 were the initial finishers in the race.

At the awards ceremony following the race, MCLB Barstow commander Col. Mark A. Costa congratulated the winners and affirmed that the Marines will be back next year.

The money raised from sponsors and participants will benefit the Veterans Home, Chamber of Commerce and other non-profit organizations.

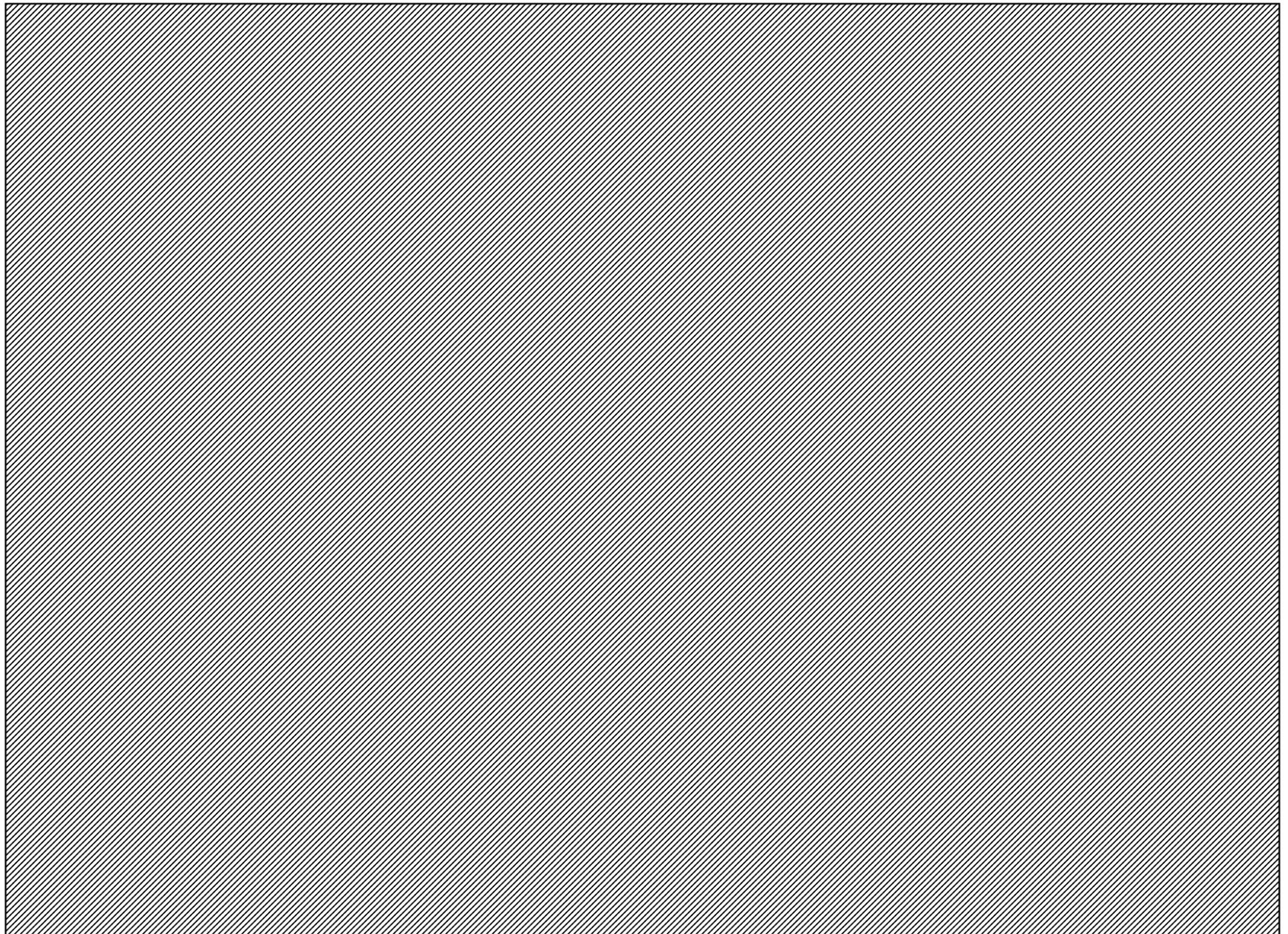
## The Teams

### MCLB Gold

- Morad Alkarsh
- Daniel Cartagena
- Micheal Claudio
- Scott Clift
- Chris Jurgensmeyer
- Mike McQuillan
- Matt Olivolo

### MCLB Red

- Mark Costa
- Brian Davidson
- Sean Dugan
- Peter Errigo
- Neville Golding
- Jimmy Hill
- John Norris, Jr.
- Frank Patterson
- Craig Putnam
- Kyran Ramcharan
- William Sierra
- James Sobien
- Don Zautcke



**1991 FORD MUSTANG LX:** 4 cyl, exc condition, 75K miles, 5 spd, cruise, A/C, sunroof, cassette stereo, P/W, PL, mirrors. Asking Blue Book of \$4,700. Call 252-7080.

**1986 CORVETTE:** Xlt cond., must see. Drive something exciting for the price of an ordinary car. \$9995. Call 256-6912.

**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.

**FOR SALE:** Premium Pioneer stereo system. VSX-DIS receiver, PD-M95 CD player, CT-W840R double cassette, turntable, Bose 901s, Bose 601s, manuals, extras, \$3,000 new. \$1,100. Call 256-5302.

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

**CAMCORDER:** General Electric, full-size VHS camcorder. Includes battery, charger and carrying case. Very good condition. Call 254-2599 after 4 p.m.

**COMPUTER:** MacIntosh LCII w/ printer, all software included, Dictionary/Encyclopedia and Mavis Bacon typing program, great for word processing. All for \$350. OBO.

**MISC FOR SALE:** New, never used dinette cushions for (over the cab) truck camper. \$60 OBO. Call 254-2599 after 4 p.m.

**MISC FOR SALE:** Various pieces of exercise equipment. Good deals available. Make offer. Call 247-5511 evenings. Ask for Steve.

**MISC FOR SALE:** Used black pipe, great for fences, all sizes. Call 257-3455 for more info. Lv msg.

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

**MISC FOR SALE:** Whirlpool refrigerator, 2 years old, 20 cubic ft., xlt cond. Call 247-1155 evenings. Ask for Steve or lv msg.

**PETS:** AKC German Shepherd puppies, 7 wks old, shots, dewormed, both parents AKC registered, German descendents and on property. Call 256-2802.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank all those involved in the Navy Relief Drive (both at Barstow and Camp Pendleton). I'm driving my new car now and I owe it all to you and your efforts to make this the best drive ever. My special thanks to Major Maine (Camp Pendleton), David Duncan (Encinitas Ford) and a big hug and kiss to George for selling me the winning ticket. Kathryn Petermann, Fleet Support Center, MCLB, Barstow, CA

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank my co-workers and friends for the love that was shown to me at my farewell luncheon. A very special thanks to my comrade, Ms. Flo. Belinda Roberts

