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Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

SPARKLING CLEAN – Months of dirt and grime are cleaned off this government-owned vehicle Friday at the base's recently opened car wash.

Keeping it clean

By Cpl. Brian Davidson

BARSTOW LOG staff

The long reign of the dirty government vehicle has come to an end.

The base's state-of-the-art, full-service vehicle wash rack at Nebo is now open for service after a yearlong construction period.

The wash rack combines a hi-pressure spray wand and an automatic brush and wash system large and versatile enough to accommodate a standard sedan or an 18-wheel

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Base loses former teacher, beloved benefactor

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan

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On April 26, 1969, members of local civic organizations joined East Barstow Elementary School students on Sorenson Field to pay tribute to the school's principal. They marched in a pass-in-review for a final "thank you" before she retired.

The five-foot one-inch, gray-haired woman stood in towering fashion before the parade of local citizens who praised her for years of service to their children and to the community. The public school was located aboard the Marine Corps Supply Center (now known as MCLB Barstow) and had educated local youth and military children under her tutelage for the past 12 years.

Sixty-five-year-old Clara B. McKinney was two months from retirement as principal of East Barstow, which was renamed in her honor two days after the ceremony. She could finally put her feet up and relax.

Little did the people of Barstow know, the fist-shaking, kind-hearted lady would spend another 33 years contributing to a community that would someday nominate her for Barstow's "Woman of the Century" honor.

As her peers settled into the twilight of their lives, McKinney declared, "I have no intention of just sitting in a rocking chair."

"She was the most unforgettable character that I ever met," said Norma Lee Price, retired kindergarten teacher at McKinney School, dubbed by her husband as "Clara B's Disciple."

"When God made her he just took the mold and broke it."

McKinney died Jan. 28 of ovarian cancer at the age of 96. Within hours after her death, word of mouth spread the news along with countless testimonials and stories of "remember when."

McKinney was born Sept. 24, 1903 in Osceola, Mo. As a child, she moved to Inkom, Idaho, with her grandparents in a covered wagon.

She met her future husband Emery while teaching at a mining camp in Ely, Nev. They married in 1929 and moved to Barstow in 1943 when Emery McKinney's job transferred him. She began teaching that year at what is now Cen-

tral High School.

"I always thought of Clara as the pioneer type," said Price. "The kind that looked around, saw that something needed to be done and did it. That's the way the pioneers were. They didn't just take care of their own. They took care of any stranger who came along. That's what made this country great."

Price first met McKinney in 1965, after moving to Barstow from San Diego.

"I had not planned to teach," said Price. "My son was about four years old, and I wanted to stay home with him."

She eventually met a local school principal at a furniture store, who told her that there was a shortage of teachers. The principal told Price of a half-day opening at East Barstow Elementary.

"My mother was a teacher; my aunt was a teacher. They both told me that women principals would give you nothing but grief," said Price. "I said 'I've had six great years of teaching kindergarten. I'm not about to have a lousy year with a woman principal.'"

The man challenged Price to meet with

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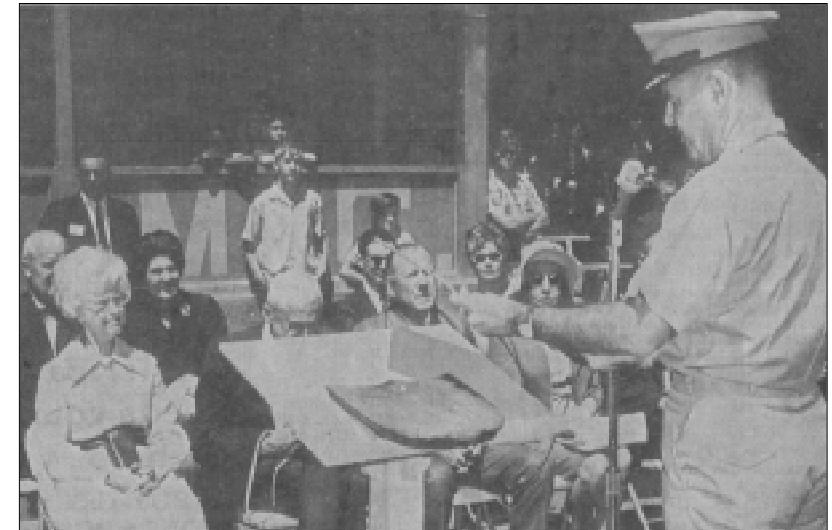


Photo from MCLB Barstow historical files

Clara B. McKinney (seated, left) listens as BG James E. Herbold, Jr., commanding general, 1969 Marine Corps Supply Center, reads the inscription on a plaque she received for her years of educating the children of Marines stationed here. More than 300 students passed in review after the presentation. McKinney passed away Jan. 28.

What does Black History Month mean to me?

By SSgt. Larry J. Lewis

EO Representative, HqBn Barstow

I have often been asked what Black History Month means to me. It means many things – things that are hard to precisely define because feelings and emotions are difficult to define. I am clearly aware of who and where I am. I accept certain responsibilities because I am an African-American. Regardless of the negative connotation the word "black" suggests, it is the belonging to a culture of a people who have endured much adversity which links me to the struggle and provides me with opportunities that weren't always available.

It means recognizing and learning about those who came before me and understanding and appreciating their struggles throughout history.

It means I have an opportunity to learn about people who have done remarkable things in the development of our society, especially at a time when I haven't had the fortune to identify with anyone I have learned about.

It means overcoming obstacles, adversities and refusing to be ostracized.

It means recognizing African-Americans before me have laid the cornerstone and many

sacrifices were made to do so. It reminds me that I am also obliged to carry the baton; that it is a privilege to continue this legacy.

It means challenging myself to overcome obstacles.

It means understanding the sacrifices of others and being proud to know your culture has made significant contributions.

It means dispelling the stereotypes and myths that have been perceived for many years. It means knowing my performance and character are the true measures of my ability.

It means I have an opportunity to be proud and allow other cultures to recognize the great worth of my culture.

It means learning more about other great African-American contributors besides Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It means clarifying the true contributions of leaders like Malcolm X, instead of the deluded views of many black youth who've been manipulated by the symbolism of that leader to sow confusion. Malcolm's defiance was one of his most outstanding characteristics, but corporate America used that defiance as a marketing appeal to a new generation. Malcolm X became a symbol of anger as well as pride and racial awareness.

It is a reminder of Kwanzaa – a sense of ethnocentrism or a rite of passage.

It means realizing progress is what really counts: Don't criticize from the outside – get into the fight.

It means it is my responsibility to overcome the obstacle no matter the consequences or oppression.

It means dignity is a quest worth pursuing. It is my challenge.

It means being a father, teacher and leader.

It means tearing down the walls of racism and diversity that have isolated and polarized us.

It means teaching a new generation a better way.

It means raising the standard within myself and my family.

It means accepting responsibility.

For me, Black History Month means the power of community, the power of family and, most importantly, the power of self-determination through independent self-definition.

It seems prejudice and racism are increasingly open and seemingly ineradicable in our schools. The purpose of education is to learn to like the world through knowing it. The central underlying cause of failing to learn is contempt

for the world.

What Black History represents for me is an educational process of revelation; illuminating the censorship the traditional curriculum is predicated on and the political indoctrination it perpetuates.

In the same sense I believe black history is also very political but no less than mainstream. The major difference is black history proponents are conscious of their politics and take responsibility for them, and in so doing, give every individual the chance to be "the means to their own ends." No longer can any one person or group be thought of as the central concern which matters.

A multicultural education is not a fad – it is the active production and creation of culture through the collaboration of people across lines of color with respect for the integrity of each individual as a unique being within a dynamically complex society.

It is very difficult to maintain and preserve a culture while living in a multicultural society because we've not been trained to respect, appreciate and understand cultures differing from our own.

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We all need stabilizers

By Lt. Michael Michener

Base Chaplain



Our hearts grieved as we listened to the news about Alaskan Airlines Flight 261. Our prayers go out to the families of those lost on that flight.

The news reports tell us the crew had trouble with a mechanical piece called the plane's horizontal stabilizer. That part is supposed to keep the plane flying on a level path. Without it working properly, a plane cannot stay airborne.

The analogy is a rather strong metaphor for our own lives as well.

Each one of us needs a stabilizing factor

in our life. Occasionally, we like to believe that we make our own destiny. We like to think we are the ones in control of our lives, but the reality is everything we accomplish is because of God's grace in our lives. When we accomplish great things, wise people are able to acknowledge God at work. The Bible reminds us "... not by might nor by power, but by My spirit, says the Lord Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6)

Another passage that brings me stability is Psalm 112:1 and 7. *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*"

My prayer is every person will know the stabilizing force of God in their lives, and they never experience a mechanical failure.

Blessings,
Chaplain Michener

Chapel Hours

Protestant

Sun. 8:30 a.m.

Catholic services will not be available until April 2.

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday

11 - 11:30 a.m.

At the Colonel's Workshop

For more info call
Don Brooks at 577-7165.

Black History Month: Wrapped in Pride



Photo by Eliot Elisofon, 1970, Eliot Elisofon Photographic Archives, National Museum of African Art

Paramount chief Nana Akyanfuo Akowuah Dateh III in Kumase, Ghana, wears a toga-like garment made with kente. To truly appreciate the beauty of this colorful apparel, log on to <http://www.si.edu/nmafa/exhibits/kente/about.htm>.

The cloth called "kente," made by the Asante peoples of Ghana and Togo, is the best known of all African textiles.

Kente's reknown has spread internationally, so that it is now one of the most admired of all fabrics.

This strip-woven cloth began in the former Gold Coast of West Africa as festive dress for special occasions – traditionally worn by men as a kind of toga and by women as an upper and lower wrapper.

Besides its well-known use as spectacular apparel, kente also appears in many other important forms of regalia among the Asante and Ewe, including drums, shields, umbrellas and fans.

Over the past 40 years the cloth has been transformed into hats, ties, bags and many other accessories worn and used on both sides of the Atlantic. Individual kente strips are especially popular in the United States when sewn into liturgical and academic robes or worn as a "stole." Kente patterns have developed a life of their own, appropriated as surface designs for everything from Band-Aids and balloons to beach balls and Bible covers.

Kente, for many, bridges two continents, evoking and celebrating a cultural heritage.

Editor's Note: The above was taken from "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity" – a web site by the National Museum of African Art.

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News Briefs

Tax season cometh, VITA stands ready

According to Benjamin Franklin, only two things in life are inevitable: death and taxes. While you are on your own concerning the former, we can help you out in the case of the latter, because the only thing worse than having to pay money back to the government is trying to decipher the tax forms and legal mumbo-jumbo.

The good news is base personnel have knowledgeable, trained individuals standing by to help them wrestle with tax laws and perform timely electronic filing.

Armed with sharp pencils and hours of intensive tax-law training, VITA volunteers stand ready to tackle your income tax problems.

Marines and their families normally receive their refunds via electronic deposit within 10 days and save from \$50 to \$200 in commercial preparation fees.

The following is a list of VITA reps and their phone numbers. Call today; don't wait until April 13.

Name	Phone
U.S Marines	
GySgt. Michael Claudio	577-6533
SSgt. Robert J. Munroe	577-6684
Sgt. Mario Rivas	577-6871
LCpl. Kyran Ramcharan	577-6623
LCpl. William J. Sierra	577-6784
LCpl. Patrick J. Snyder	577-6784

Name	Phone
HM1 George W. Mosier	577-6081

Civilian Marines

Vincent Chavez	577-7098
Jacqueline L. Fadely	577-6874
Barbara J. Holt	577-7480
Barbara Kulseth	577-6771
Terri T. Lloyd	577-7378
Cheryl A. Mitchell	577-7479
Tom Quenga	577-7440

Cupid's Quest returns

The Navy is again sponsoring the

"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 email at daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil.

annual Cupids' Quest Sweetheart Dinner and Scavenger Hunt.

The event starts Friday at the Oasis Club with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. The dinner, a choice of either prime rib or chicken breast, starts at 7 p.m.

The cost is only \$12.50 per adult and it is open to all Oasis Club members, their guests and those personnel who are eligible for membership.

Reservations are required. Call 577-6575 to make yours today.

Battle Color Ceremony

MCLB Barstow is once again honored to host the U.S. Marine Corps Battle Color Ceremony at Sorenson Field March 9 at noon.

Watch in awe and admiration as the Silent Drill Platoon flawlessly executes a precision drill program without verbal commands.

Listen as "The President's Own" marching drum and bugle corps entertains and delights with contemporary and traditional music while executing their own drill program.

These are the best the Marine Corps has to offer. And you are invited to watch them perform in this free traditional ceremony. This is the same parade performed every Friday night at Marine Barracks at 8th and I streets in Washington, D.C., for dignitaries from the four corners of the world.

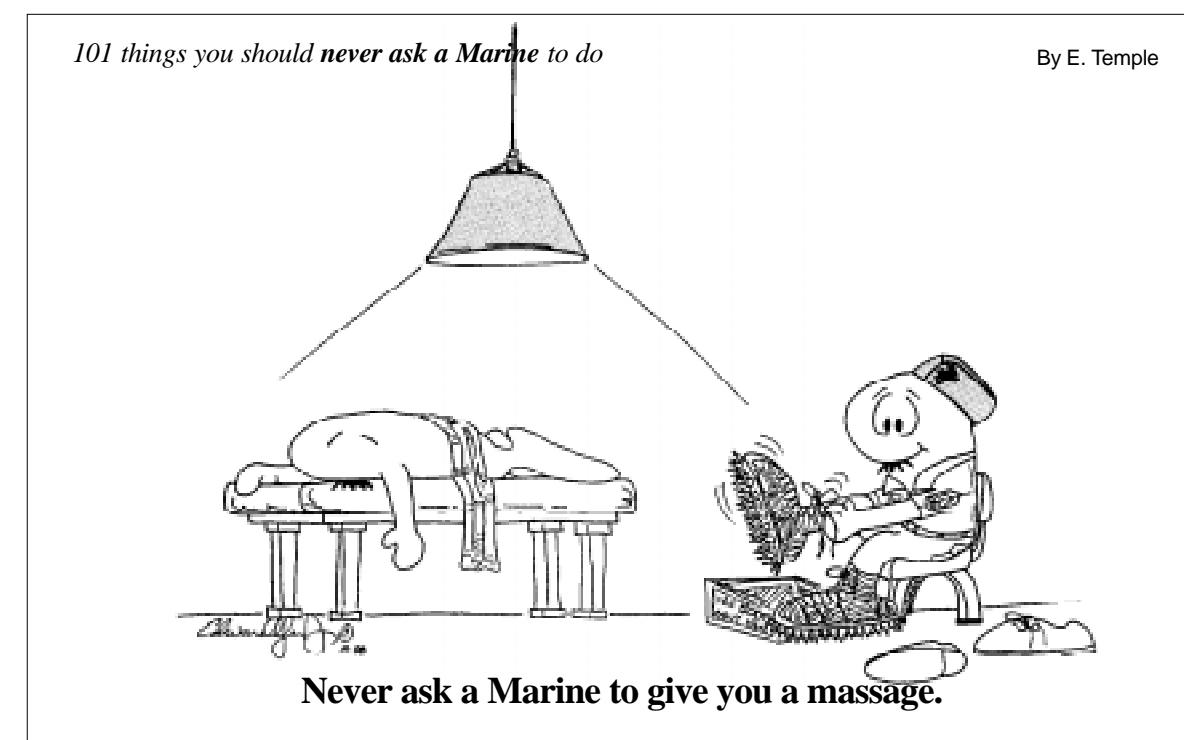
Call 577-6430 for more info.

ASMC/FMA Luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers and the Federal Managers Association invite everyone to their luncheon Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. at the Oasis Club.

The guest speaker will be Col. Mark A. Costa, Base Commander, who will present a view of the successes of 1999 and the challenges of 2000. Tickets are \$5 for choice of Chef Salad or Mushroom Chicken.

For more info, call Lou Ann Presley



at 577-6636 or contact your ASMC/FMA representative.

PMO Events

The Provost Marshal's Office is doing child fingerprinting Feb. 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Bldg 36.

This invaluable program helps identify/locate children if they become lost or missing.

Do you have lots of valuables in your home? Do you have a plan to track them if they are stolen?

Never fear – Operation Identification helps identify high theft or valuable items in your household.

An engraver is available to mark and serialize items for easy identification by a recovery team. Come to Bldg. 36 Feb. 23 from 8 to 10 a.m. to learn more about this program.

PMO has redesigned its Lost and Found Program, and it will be in full swing by mid-February. PMO asks you take any found items and turn them in to the nearest military policeman or at Building 167.

PMO has a couple special events happening in February. Today they are participating in the "Jump Rope for Heart" at Crestline Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Feb. 18-19 they are providing security at the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., air show.

For more info on these events, call Sgt. Melvin Miller, 577-6409.

Safety Shoes

Safety shoes are available Feb. 16 at Yermo Annex in front of Bldg. 573 from 7 to 11 a.m. and at Nebo Annex at the east end of Bldg. 236 from noon to 2 p.m.

Laughlin Sweetheart Trip

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is planning a day trip to Laughlin, Nev., Feb. 12.

The bus leaves from Bldg. 44 at 8 a.m. and returns from Laughlin at 7 p.m. Trip highlights include sightseeing and a buffet at the River Palms Hotel.

The price is \$15, which includes a \$10 deposit to be returned in Laughlin.

For more info, call Dan Keirn at 577-6614 or your CWRA representative.

Scholarship, loan program

The Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society is offering the Vice Adm. E.P. Travers Scholarship and Loan Program that either grants up to \$2,000 per year or gives a \$3,000 per year interest-free loan. Application deadline is March 1.

For more info, call NMCRS at 577-6627 or 256-1378, or stop by their office.

Pre-retirement planning seminar

The Human Resources Office is offering a seminar Feb. 16-17 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to all base employees with at least five years of retirement coverage.

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Job Watch

Annc No. Title/Series/Grade

Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
01-13-00	02-14-00	01-27-00	MCLB Barstow
02-02-00	02-29-00	02-16-00	MCLB Barstow
02-07-00	03-06-00	02-22-00	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their resume to:

**Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418**

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office 24-hour employment information line at 577-6919.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

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

It's your right; exercise it

By Capt. Sean Dugan
Base Voting Officer

The Presidential Primary season has begun. This Fall we will elect one-third of the Senate, all of the House of Representatives, the President of the United States and – depending on the state you call home – the Governor, State Senate and State House of Representatives.

This is a very important election year because the President will appoint three to five members of the Supreme Court and approximately half of all Federal judges. The President will also deal with important domestic and international issues, and will craft policies to guide the Nation through the next four years.

I realize many of you may not have voted for some time, and for the younger Marines, may have never voted at all. It is difficult to know the issues in your local elections; how your Representatives have voted in Congress; or make heads or tails of the positions and beliefs of the many candidates running for the Presidency.

Thankfully, there are Web sites that can help you make wise, informed choices.

It is time to register all Marines and their family members who wish to vote in the election this Fall.

Call me at 577-6712 today to get registered. Or log on to <http://www.govote.com> or <http://www.selectsmart.com/president> if you have access to the Internet.

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tractor and trailer.

More notably, the wash rack system is designed to be environmentally friendly. It is housed in a steel and concrete structure 40 feet wide, 20 feet high and 120 feet long. It is engineered to collect and recycle the water and chemicals used in the washing process with minimal exposure to the ecosystem.

"The new system is self-contained and recycling. It's one of the best systems now available," said Rich Tusing, ROICC engineering technician. "Because no system is completely self-recycling and some fresh water is used for the rinsing process, the water has to be collected for routine treatment at a water treatment plant to remove the chemicals and soaps."

Ameriko Inc., a general contracting firm based

in Pasadena, especially designed the system to meet stringent environmental concerns of pollution, according to Bill Van Vlack, a project manager with the firm.

Similar systems at truck stops use open drainage systems connected to municipal storm water collection systems.

"The storm water drainage system that would have served the wash port system is condemned, so additional consultation with subcontractors was needed to construct a system that could reclaim and hold the necessary levels of wastewater created until treatment," said Van Vlack.

Fresh water is used as rinse water to prevent the film build up that occurs when recycled water is used as rinse water. The excess accumulated water is then removed and shipped to the Industrial Water Treatment Plant and Recycling Facil-

ity for treatment.

Until the wash port's ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Marines and civilian Marines handled the chore of cleaning government-owned vehicles with a water hose and scrub brush at the motor pool.

Originally, construction was projected to take nine months; however, weather conditions and supply delays ex-

tended construction to nearly a year. Despite delays, the project was held within the budgetary allowance, according to Bill Bow- ers, base transportation manager.

Ameriko Inc. won the contract for the project with a bid of \$338,669.66, employing as many as 12 people through the dura-

tion of construction.

This is the first wash rack the company has constructed for the base, but the company is no stranger to the DoD. Ameriko Inc. recently renovated the bachelor officer quarters and a physical fitness center at Camp Pendleton, according to Mac Smart, Ameriko Inc. director of construction.

Contract bidding

for more wash ports is in the works.

"A locomotive wash rack will soon be under construction at the Yermo Annex and should be complete in a couple of months," said Tusing. "The locomotive system will be manual in nature, unlike the [port] in Nebo," he said.

Two other wash ports are scheduled for construction within a year's time, totaling four in all.

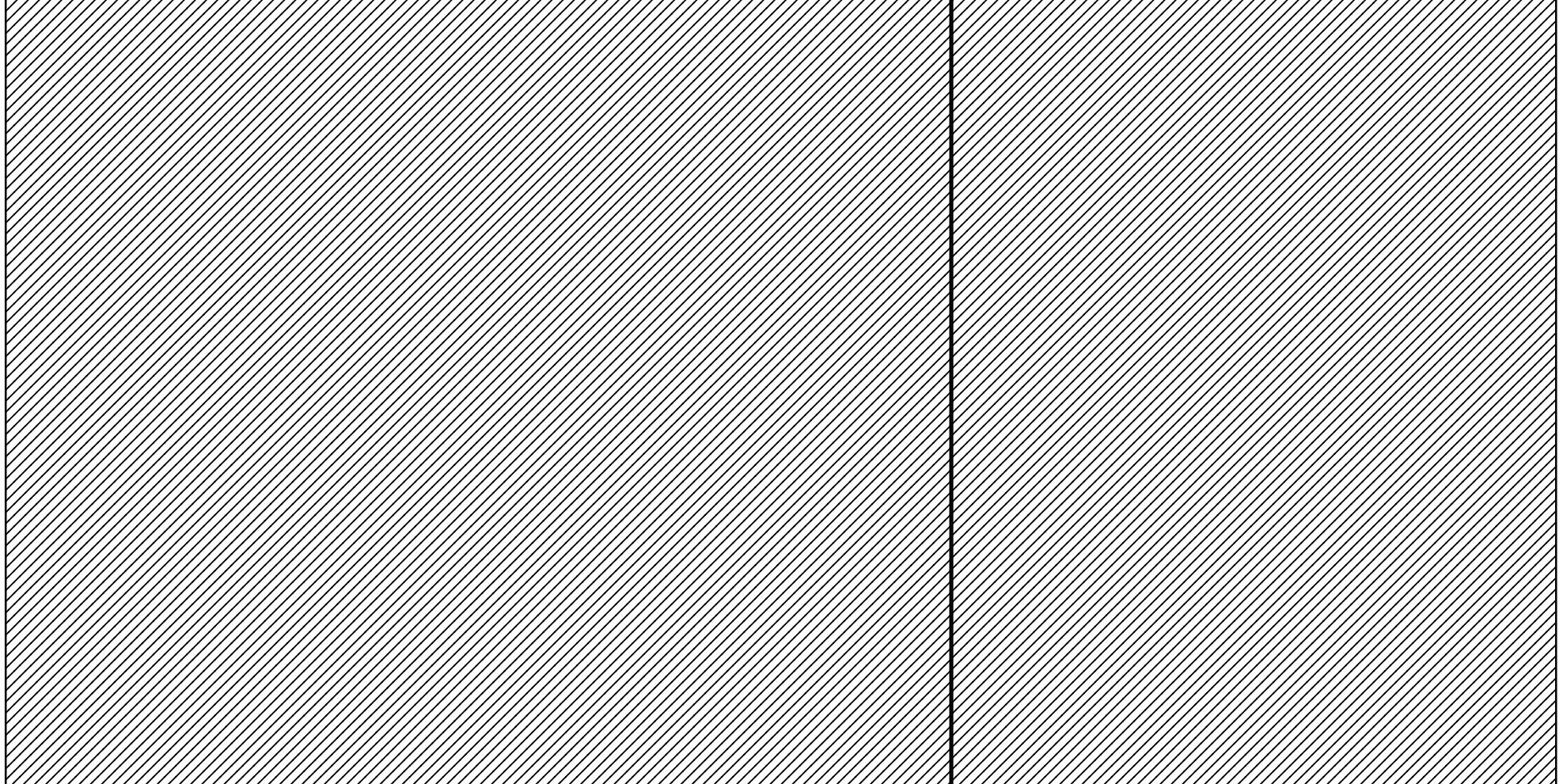
Use of the wash systems is limited to authorized government vehicles and equipment. Personally owned vehicles are not authorized.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

BUT WILL IT PASS A WHITE-GLOVE INSPECTION? A government-owned van travels through the new, state-of-the-art, automatic wash rack recently opened at Nebo. The environmentally friendly facility cost a little more than a third of a million dollars and can accommodate tractor-trailer rigs also.

"The new system is self-contained and recycling. It's one of the best systems now available."



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McKinney.

"He said, 'You go out and you meet with Clara. If you still feel that way after you've met with her, just call me, and tell me you don't want the job,'" Price recalled.

"So I went out, and I was determined I was not going to like her," she continued. "I went, and I met her. She conquered me. I came out of there after about 20 minutes. I looked at the secretary and said, 'That is some kind of woman.' It was just the way she treated me. She had a big smile on her face. She told me exactly what she expected, and I was won over."

"I called [the other principal] and said, 'Where do I sign?'" she laughed. "I could hardly wait. I enjoyed every year with her."

Price recalled a time when she turned to McKinney for help. The school had run out of construction paper, while all of the new orders went to other schools in the district.

"Clara got on the phone with the Superintendent of Schools and she said, 'I just called to let you know that as of this Friday, there will be no more school until after Christmas.' I heard the superintendent say 'WHAT?' She had the phone, but I could hear it," Price laughed. "She had this twinkle in her eye and this grin on her face but her voice was just dead serious."

"She said, 'You can't expect my primary teachers to teach kindergarten and first and second grades when they don't have any materials to work with.'

"He said, 'There will be a truck out at your house by noon.' Sure enough at noon when I turned my kids loose, there was a truck and sure enough they were unloading."

The superintendent had collected construction paper from the other schools in the district and had it delivered to McKinney that day.

After McKinney retired Price remained as a teacher. When the school closed in 1971, she transferred to Montara School, where she retired in 1995.

"I would always treat the children as she did," said Price.

McKinney kept active in the Barstow community, keeping memberships with the University Women's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma for women educators and the NAACP. She was also named an honorary member of the Laguna Indian Tribe.

With education as her true passion, the retired principal and music teacher turned her attention toward Barstow Community College.

"She was always pro-student," said Dr. Ted Baca, former Vice President of Instruction at the college. "She was instrumental in starting an early childhood education program at the school. Not only did she help establish a curriculum, she taught the classes as well."

"She also helped develop a childcare center for students who had children. Because of her efforts, as well as many others, the school now has a state-of-the-art day care facility," said Baca.

"You could tell just by looking at her that she was something special," he added. "She had a real intense sparkle in her eye. She touched the lives of hundreds and hundreds of people. She played a big role in making this community what it is today."

Upon leaving her job at Barstow College, the 90-year-old child advocate mentored teen mothers in a county-sponsored program and also tutored until December when she was stricken with cancer.

"I noticed at the funeral, a number of young people there who she helped get scholarships. She probably

even helped them financially. I wouldn't be a bit surprised," said Price. "She wouldn't let you know who she was helping."

When McKinney learned of her illness in December, family members say she chose not to endure a grueling cycle of chemotherapy.

"She was 96," said Price. "She was ready to meet her maker."

Price said she spoke with McKinney's daughter, Margaret Gifford, about Clara's feistiness even while on her deathbed.

"She said it was like Clara was not ready to give up yet," recalled Price.

"There was something else she needed to do, or somebody else she needed to see." She said she had to tell her mother, "Mom, it's okay to just let go."

The First Congregational Church hosted more than 300 visitors to the McKinney funeral on Feb. 1.

"[Clara] wanted a celebration. She did not want a funeral," said Price. "There was no sadness. Everybody went away with a good feeling."

McKinney's Barstow legacy spans generations from before the baby boom to the recent neo-post-modern youth often misunderstood by people half her age. Perhaps it's only a frac-

tion of what's to come.

The McKinney School now serves as a Youth Activities Center for military children.

Donations are now accruing to form the Clara McKinney Early Childhood Scholarship Fund.

Besides the tangible contributions in her name, there is now a diffusion of wisdom created by Barstow's matriarch of the last 100 years. And, as many believe, she also has some unfinished business.

"Heaven will never be the same," said Price. "She's going to set them straight."

READY, FRONT

Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

HQMC releases FTAP re-up incentives

First-term Marines are being offered the opportunity to attend some of the military's most highly coveted schools as reenlistment incentives.

According to MARADMIN 581/99, Headquarters Marine Corps has acquired 260 school seats to use as these incentives.

The courses are the Airborne Course at Fort Benning, Ga.; Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) at North Island, Calif.; and the Mountain Survival, Winter Mountain Leader, Summer Mountain Leader and Cold Weather Survival courses at Bridgeport, Calif.

"First-termers have a wide variety of reenlistment options," said SSgt. Robert Munroe, Base Career Planner. "This is a great opportunity for a new Marine to experience things his job here would not normally entitle him to."

The Marine Corps normally has an annual turnover of approximately 20,000 first-term Marines. This means that every year,

20,000 Marines who are on their first contract ensure it remains their only contract. Additionally, Marines are needed to fill the gaps left when other Marines retire or are unable to complete their contract for a variety of reasons. Because of this, the reenlistment goal for Fiscal Year 2000 has increased to an all-time high of 5,791.

To ensure the success of the first-term reenlistment goal, HQMC established a framework for apportioning retention requirements by five major Marine commands: Marine Corps Combat Development Center, Marine Corps Recruiting Command, Marine Forces Atlantic, Marine Forces Pacific and Marine Forces Reserve.

The school seat quotas are apportioned to these commands based on their first-term end-of-active-duty-service population and further apportioned by class report date.

"Barstow has 45 first-termers," said Munroe. "So far we've managed to reenlist nine of them since October."

For more info on FTAP, contact SSgt. Munroe at 577-6684.

SALUTES

Reenlistments

SSgt. Joey L. Rancourt
Sgt. Gilbert F. Rodriguez
Sgt. Phillip G. Lamb
Cpl. Rafael Marquez II

Good Conduct Medal

MSgt. Joseph K. Hood
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Step aside SunTzu, Murphy knows real Laws of Combat

Submitted by

1stSgt. Charles J. Allen III

In a few short weeks the nation's military academies will graduate about 4,000 new officers into the commissioned ranks of our armed forces. They will join an ancient and honored fraternity.

One that has been around ever since homo combatus first picked up a club to smite other primates hornin in on his territory.

The typical freshly minted lieutenant or ensign wants to succeed badly and, perhaps more importantly, avoid embarrassment. Accordingly, the more ambitious among them will no doubt

look for the secret formula to success, by reading the Chinese warlord Sun Tzu's 500 B.C. treatise, "The Art of War." Others might search in Frederick the Great's 1747 "Instructions for His Generals," and some will read the more recent collected memoranda Gen. George Patton issued to his corps and division commanders in World War II.

But why bother with book-length tomes? An Army colonel of my acquaintance has distilled everything any new officer needs to know about fighting into a single page.

Call his crib sheet "Murphy's Laws of Combat."

Murphy's Laws of Combat

1. You are not supermen.
2. Suppressive fires – won't.
3. If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
4. Don't look conspicuous – it draws fire.
5. When in doubt, empty the magazine.
6. Never forget your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
7. If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
8. No plan survives the first contact intact.
9. All five-second grenade fuses will burn down in three seconds.
10. Try to look unimportant, because the enemy may be low on ammo.
11. If you are forward of your position, the artillery will fall short.
12. The enemy diversion you are ignoring is the main attack.
13. The important things are always simple.
14. The simple things are always hard.
15. The easy way is always mined.
16. If you are short of everything but enemy, you are in combat.
17. Once you've secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
18. Incoming fire has the right-of-way.
19. No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection.
20. If the enemy is in range, so are you.
21. Beer math is 2 beers times 37 men equals 49 cases.
22. Body-count math is 3 guerrillas plus 1 probable plus 2 pigs equals 37 enemy killed in action.
23. Friendly fire – isn't.
24. Things that must be together to work usually can't be shipped together.
25. Radios will fail as soon as you desperately need fire support.
26. Anything you do can get you shot – including doing nothing.
27. Make it too hard for the enemy to get in, and you can't get out.
28. Tracers work both ways.
29. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
30. If you take more than your fair share of objectives, you'll have more than your fair share to take.
31. When both sides are convinced they're going to lose, they're both right.
32. Professional soldiers are predictable; the world is full of amateurs.
33. The enemy will only attack on one of two occasions: When you're ready for them, and when you're not ready for them.
34. Murphy was a grunt.

Marine Trivia:

Chesty's Top 10 Trivia Questions

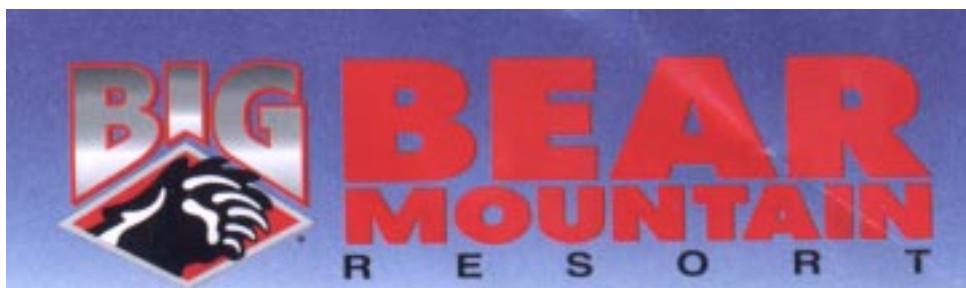
Submitted by

SSgt. Robert W. Cole

1. Who commanded the V Amphibious Corps in the Pacific island-hopping campaign?
2. Who was the first Marine aviator?
3. Which President ordered the Marine detachments removed from ships and threatened to reduce the Corps to little more than Naval station guards until Congress put a stop to his efforts?
4. Who was the first U.S. aviator to reach 20 aerial victories in World War II?
5. When U.S. forces entered World War I, what was the size of the Marines' aviation section?
6. True or false: General George Washington's half-brother Lawrence was a Marine?
7. What techniques were used in the Vietnam operation code-named "Sting Ray?"
8. What was the 1950 amphibious landing at Inchon titled?
9. What was the size of each Marine detachment assigned to a ship in 1797?
10. Who was the first Marine awarded the Medal of Honor?

Answers

1. LtGen Holland "Howling Mad" Smith.
2. LtAlfred A. Cunningham.
3. President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908.
4. Capt. Joe Foss, VMF-121.
5. 41 men. (Six sailors, one warrant officer and 34 enlisted)
6. True: Lawrence was a member of 43rd Foot Regiment drawn in 1740, known as "Gooch's Marines."
7. Reconnaissance operations in which seven-man teams observed the enemy, then called in artillery, fire-bombers and helicopter gunships.
8. Operation Chrysanthemum.
9. Hvy: Lieutenant, eight sergeants, eight corporals, three drummers, three fifers and 140 privates.
10. Cpl. John Macalee aboard the U.S.S. Galena on May 15, 1862.



Story and photos
by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir
BARSTOW LOG staff

About an hour down Highway 247 through Lucerne Valley, nestled in the mountains 8,805 feet above the desert floor is Big Bear Mountain Resort.

Featuring 34 skiing trails and four freestyle parks, Big Bear has something to offer everyone from the beginner to the expert.

If you are just getting into winter sports, Big Bear offers four courses in skiing and snowboarding.

First-time skiers and snowboarders can get into a package which offers a four-hour workshop, lower mountain lift ticket and specialized rental equipment.

Old man winter hasn't been cooperating

"The past two years has been the worst as far as snow. But that doesn't stop people from coming out and having a good time on the mountain."

with the mountain this year, so there isn't much fresh fallen powder to be seen, but man-made snow allows skiers to have a blast even when the weather isn't cooperating.

"I've been working here for five years," said a Big Bear employee. "The past two years has been the worst as far as snow. But that doesn't stop people from coming out and having a good time on the mountain."

"I first started going to Big Bear last season," said Cpl. Frank Ventura, a local snowboard enthusiast. "The coverage was better last year, but it's still a great place to board. They keep it well covered with the man-made snow."

Ventura wasn't as interested in the snow packed runs as much as he was in the freestyle parks. "They have awesome freestyle parks. It's the main reason I go up there," he said.

Big Bear is seeing a lot of competition from its mountain rival Snow Summit, where MTV is broadcasting "Snowed In." The show may draw more people, but those true to the sport are staying away.

"Snow Summit gets totally packed," said Ventura. "Here you don't have to worry about so much traffic."

Finding out the snow report on Big Bear is phone call away at 1-800-BEAR-MTN or check out their Web site at <http://www.bearmtn.com>. Their Web site has everything from ticket prices and purchases to a webcam that broadcasts daily.

Big Bear tickets are also available by phone at (909) 585-2519. If you don't own your own gear check out Big Bear rentals – from skis and poles to boots and boards for under \$30 per day.

One day tickets can also be purchased on base for \$27.50 from the Information, Tickets and Tours Office.



The ski lodge offers everything to warm up your body from hot chocolate to spirits. If you're getting a little hungry visit one of the lodge's three eateries.



Big Bear Mountain Resort is located an hour-and-a-half from Barstow down Highway 247 through Lucerne Valley. The resort features nine lifts taking you to more than 30 different and challenging trails. Trails range from beginner to expert levels with freestyle parks for the truly adventurous.



The Big Bear Express High-Speed Quad keeps lines to the highest summit short by carrying up to 2,200 passengers per hour.



Trevor Easter catches air off a jump in the Quicksilver Terrain Park.

Transitions

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir
BARSTOW LOG staff

A small group of Marines from MCLB Barstow visited the Corporate Gray Career Fair for military personnel Feb. 3, to see what kind of jobs would be waiting for them at their End of Active Service commitments.

More than 60 companies from Radio Shack to the Computer Sciences Corporation were on hand to woo prospective employees.

Companies like Lockheed Martin and Raytheon Systems Company offered specialized technical jobs with wide ranges of salaries, while Mail Boxes, Etc., and 7-Eleven, Inc., offered the chance to be your own boss and invest in your own store.

"I went to the job fair looking for an electronics technology type of job," said Sgt. Frank Rodgers III, whose EAS is in June. "I found a few jobs I qualify for and a few jobs I'd like to have."

Rodgers has been working on his resume and preparing for his transition out of the military since November of 1999.

"By going to the fair I saw how good my resume is, and how well prepared I am to get out compared to a lot of people I saw that were totally unprepared with EASs coming up sooner than mine," he said.

Job search companies and local colleges were also on hand for people who didn't see any interesting jobs. Many service members are missing opportunities for employment when they get out of the service for that reason. They are waiting for something to come to them.

"One of the major mistakes people make is thinking there will be a job out there waiting for them when they get out," said Thomas M. Ochala, financial consultant, Merrill Lynch.

When Ochala retired in the early

'80s, he found himself getting out of the military without preparing for the civilian world.

"It was a difficult time," he said. "More people were looking for work than there were people hiring."

"Marines getting out now are fortunate; coming out into a strong economy and having the skills companies are looking for, but they shouldn't come out thinking there will be a job waiting for them," said Ochala.

Being prepared and seeking out employment are two keys to having a job after the military, according to Ochala, another lies in the type of job you will accept.

"Don't paint yourself into a corner," he warned. "A lot of Marine officers think because they are [currently] in charge of people and things they should be in charge of

Taking the step from Marine blues to corporate gray

people and things [when they get out].

"Offering them a job in sales sounds foreign to them," Ochala said. "But as a Marine officer you are always selling something to someone."

The time to start thinking about your next career move is not when your EAS hits double digits. But as it gets closer you do need to ask yourself whether or not getting out of the military is right for you.

"The Marine Corps is a great organization," said retiring Col. Wayne A. Spencer, assistant chief of staff, facilities, Camp Pendleton. "Make sure getting out is what you want to do."

However, once you make that decision, Spencer advised that it is never too early to prepare for your transition into the civilian sector.

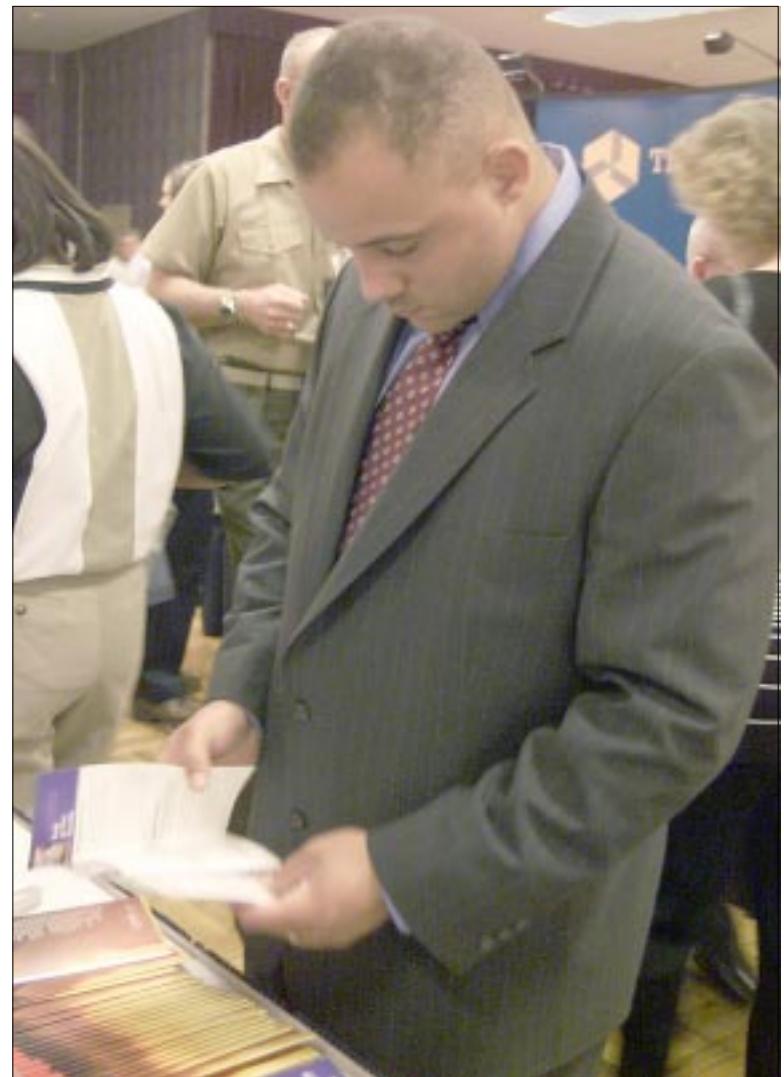


Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

(Above) Frank Rodgers III checks out a few pamphlets from one of the more technical companies. "I went to the job fair looking for an electronics technology type of job," said Rodgers, whose EAS is in June. "I found a few jobs I qualify for and a few jobs I'd like to have."



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

(Left) Frank Ventura talks with a representative from Lockheed Martin, the largest holder of government contracts in the United States.



By Jim Gaines

MCCS Publicity

Shop the Base Exchange

Shop at your Base Exchange; great bargains and everyday low prices.

Before you shop anywhere else, check out the great deals at your Marine Corps Exchange.

The Exchange/7-Day Store is open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for details.

Lunch menu for this week

This week's lunch menu at the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe offers a savory variety:

Today—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, beef gravy.

Friday, Feb. 11—Hoki fish, macaroni and cheese, roll/butter.

Monday, Feb. 14—Beef tips and noodles.

Tuesday, Feb. 15—Mushroom Stuffed Chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy.

Wednesday, Feb. 16—Chili Mac and grilled cheese sandwich.

Thursday, Feb. 17—Lasagna.

All above meals served with coffee, tea or soft drink. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Price is \$3, military, \$4.50 civilian.

The Family Restaurant also offers an a la carte as well as a sub sandwich menu for lunch. The Cactus Cafe offers a limited a la carte and sub sandwich menu for lunch.

For more info call 577-6428.

Family Night Dinner Menu

Tonight—Mexican Night—all you can eat!

Thursday, Feb. 17—Hamburger Pie—all you can eat!

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

Prices: \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5 to 11 years), children 4 years and younger are free. Price is the same for military and civilian personnel.

Join the Aerobics or Kick Boxing class and feel better

Stephanie Jefferies invites all MCLB military and civilians to join her Aerobics class, or her Kick Boxing class or both.

The Aerobics class is on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The Kick Boxing class is on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The fee is \$15 per month—military and civilian. There is a \$2 walk-in fee.

For more info call 577-6898

Sweetheart dinner dance & scavenger hunt

The MCLB Navy sponsored Sweetheart dinner dance and scavenger hunt will be held at the Oasis Club tomorrow.

A no-host cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

The menu includes: Prime rib or chicken breast, baked potato with sour cream, butter & chives, green beans Almondine, roll/butter, tossed salad with dressing, and apple pie with whipped cream for dessert.

The cost is \$12.50 adults (no chil-



Calico 6th Annual Civil War Commemoration Feb. 19-21

The great Civil War will be commemorated this President's Day Weekend at Calico when the small ghost town is occupied by Union and Confederate armies Feb. 19-21.

Nearly 200 troops from the American Civil War Society will set up camps throughout the town. Additionally, the personas of President Abraham Lincoln and generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant will offer their perspectives on the war. Lincoln is scheduled to read his famous Gettysburg Address Feb. 19 at 4 p.m., Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m. and Feb. 21 at 3 p.m.

Even though Calico will be under martial law, visitors are able to roam the military encampments and participate in guided tours of the town. Ladies fashion shows and afternoon high teas will be held daily, and a Saturday evening barbecue behind the firehouse allows visitors to dine with the troops. A cotillion follows the barbecue.

Two one-hour battle reenactments are scheduled daily. More than 10,000 rounds of rifle and cannon ammunition will be expended throughout these battles.

Wagon and horse trail rides are a new feature at Calico. Calico is located on Ghost Town Road and Interstate 15, just 10 minutes north of Barstow.

For more information call 1-800-TO CALICO or check out their informative website at <http://www.calicotown.com>.

dren). Open to all Oasis Club members, their guests and those eligible for membership.

Reservations are strongly suggested—please call 577-6575, and call as soon as possible.

ITT ticket prices much lower than gate prices

Save big bucks with ITT's tickets to popular Southern California attractions.

Here are just a few of the tickets we have.

Disneyland:		
(1 day)	\$28.50, (5 days)	\$54.50
Knott's Berry Farm:		
Adult	\$32.50, Child	\$25.00
Sea World		
Adult	\$32.50, Child	\$25.00
Universal Studios:		
Adult	\$29.50, Child	\$24.00
Magic Mountain:		
Adult	\$24.00, Child	\$20.50
Wild Animal Park:		
Adult	\$18.00, Child	\$13.00
San Diego Zoo:		
Adult	\$21.00, Child	\$11.00

Long Beach Aquarium:
Adult \$24.00, Child \$13.00

Call ITT for more info on these and other tickets or for trips planned—577-6541.

child, with a \$.50 shoe rental.

Saturday and Sunday Family Special adults bowl for only \$.75 per game, children \$1 for 3 games, with a \$.50 shoe rental.

Don't forget, free bowling for all couples Sunday.

Call the Bowling Center for more info at 577-6264.

SPORTS



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

NTC's Sidney Collins, Number 23, jams a feed from Tim Woods in this successful "Alley Oop" play. NTC put away Clinic, 93-50.

Scoreboard

NTC takes over BUSINESS 65 – 54

NTC spoiled the Business' plans for an undefeated season with a 15-point victory Feb. 3. The two finished the regular season with equal records leading to last night's championship game. The scene wasn't too unfamiliar, because four former Hoyas now wear NTC jerseys. On the other side, former Bohica stars Fred Waddell and Joseph Hood lead their team to the finals. Waddell had considered retiring from the Marine Corps one venue at a time, explaining his absence from the court this season. He will return for the championship game.

NTC dominates CLINIC 93 – 50

In a rematch from two weeks ago, NTC and the Clinic each suited up the minimum five players. That meant all players would stay on the court for 40 minutes.

NTC opened the game with a merciless 25-4 lead. The Clinic responded with a run of its own, narrowing the gap to 27-14 early in the second quarter. Haphazard passing from NTC led an irate crowd to accuse them of point shaving. NTC squelched the idea by exploding with a series of baskets, highlighted by a three-point "swishfest" by Mike Santos. The Clinic trailed 41-20 with 3:00 left in the second quarter, and vowed to keep them under 50 for the half. NTC's Sidney Collins ended the half with a monster jam putting his team up 46-20.

The Clinic opened strong in the second half with a 7-2 run. The Clinic kept a slight edge in the next 10 minutes with NTC leveled off at 65-37. But within

three minutes, the score leaped to 80-42.

NTC downshifted for the final minutes of the game as the Clinic held them scoreless for two and a half minutes finishing off at 93-50.

Tim Woods led with 22 NTC points. Matt Weir was close with 19 points for Clinic.

ENFORCERS top ROCK BOTTOM 64 – 31

The Enforcers introduced their brand of hardwood brutality Monday night.

Travis Dilk opened the game with a speedy lay-up just 15 seconds after tip-off. Quick passes and aggressive ball handling befuddled Rock Bottom, who couldn't shake off an early fog. Though they moved the ball well, Rock Bottom couldn't sink an early shot. Through 12 minutes of play, only two foul shots had prevented a blank on their side of the score board.

Meanwhile, the combination of Dilk and Monte Matthews on the baseline produced 20 points in the first half alone. Ace rebounder Michael Hall added to the lethal fast break of PMO, producing a 26-10 half-time lead. Matthews charitably sat the bench in the second half, finishing with 12 points.

Rock Bottom halted PMO's run to the hoop with the aid of coast-to-coast hustle by Derrick Christoff, who produced seven steals in the half. Three-point sensation Ernie Mena couldn't find his mark, leaving guard William Scruggs the task of scrapping for field goals. The game and season ended with a 64-31 victory.

TRADER ADS: Please submit all Trader Ads to daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil by noon Friday.

ENTERTAINERS WANTED: The Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Multi-Cultural Day Committee is seeking entertainers for May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If interested, respond by Feb. 12. Call Kim Whaley at 577-6508.

1985 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL: Gray interior and exterior, fully loaded, well maintained inside and out. \$3,500 OBO. Call 256-6447.

1985 JEEP CHEROKEE: White, manual trans., new tires, brakes, clutch. \$2,500 firm. Call 252-7600.

FOR SALE: AIWA stereo system, 200w, five speakers, 3-disc changer, dual cassette, AM/FM radio, electronic graphic equalizer, 3-D sound, multi-jog dialer, full-function remote. Unused, still in box. \$350 OBO. Call 957-1622.

FOR SALE: Panasonic VHS VCR (up to 6 hour) older model, needs minor alignment of loader, \$40; Radio Shack TRC-457 40 ch CB base radio, mic and pwr cords, \$20. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

FOR SALE: Amateur radio, Heathkit RF osc., .03-110 MHz, \$10.; Cushcraft 3-element 2M beam, \$15; Alinco ACR206T 2M Synthr radio w/ accessories, xlt for packet, \$80. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

FOR SALE: Amateur radio, Realistic Pro 2005, 400 ch scanner w/800 MHz Rx, \$100; two GE Porta-mobile II radios (8-ch), VHF Hi-band w/ accessories, \$15 each. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

FOR SALE: 500 lb. overhead air hoist, \$125. Call 243-1392.

FOR SALE: Black & Decker hard seat grinder dressing tool, 10 new stones, two drives, four pilots, \$125. Call 243-1392.

FOR SALE: Oak roll-top desk, \$300; Brother word processor, good for term papers and resumes, uses 3.5" disks, \$100; electric range, \$150. Must see to appreciate all items. Call 252-7198.

FOR SALE: Playset & Swing, good condition, includes swing set, slide pole and slide. Cost \$1,100 new. Sacrifice for \$350 or reasonable offer. Call 252-0224.

FOR SALE: 1997-99 Ford F150 - F250, factory sliding rear window, take out, \$200. Call 243-1392.

FOR SALE: 411 GM Posi rear end; 455 Olds Engine; 400 Olds trans. \$350 for all. Call 252-9199.

FOR SALE: 27-foot Catalina sailboat, located at Camp Pendleton with a military slip that transfers with the boat. Way too many upgrades to list. \$12,000. Call 957-1812 for details and pictures.

FOR SALE: Registered thoroughbred brood mare, 15 yrs, 15.2 hands, English reignier, dark bay. \$1,000 negotiable. Call 952-1934.

WANTED: Older 4x4 in running condition or not. Call 252-9199.

VALENTINE BOXES: Say you love her with a handmade wooden sweet-heart box. Made of purpleheart, canary or walnut. Only \$20 each. Call 255-2115. Ask for Jim.

FOR SALE: Sectional, blue, 2 recliners love seat with small storage area, queen-size sofa sleeper, also a rocker/recliner. Must see to appreciate. \$1,500 OBO. Call 256-6632. Lv. msg.

BRIEFS from Page 3

Agency representatives will provide information on military deposits, Social Security, financial planning, estate planning, the Thrift Savings plans and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. The course will also be offered in April and July.

For more info, call Marva Johnson at 577-6965.

National Dental Health Month contest

United Concordia, the TRICARE family member dental plan, is sponsoring two contests for TRICARE dental patients.

The first is a literary contest for ages 8-12. Contestants must write a story (fictional or non-fictional) no longer than one side of an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper about their dentist.

The other contest is for ages 3-7. The entry form includes a drawing that must be colored. Winners of each contest receive a \$100 savings bond.

For more info, call Gloria Sheppard at 577-6593.

YMCA art and essay contests

The Armed Services YMCA is sponsoring an essay contest to youth of military families in four age categories ranging from pre-school to high school.

The subject must focus on the importance of reading. Poetic entries are acceptable. Winning entries can win up to \$1,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds.

The ASYMCA is also sponsoring an art contest for military children from Kindergarten through 6th grade. The theme is "My Military Family."

The top prize is a \$500 savings bond and selection as the Millennium 2000 poster for Military Family week in November.

For more info, call Andree Swanson at (703) 866-1260 or log on to <http://www.asymca.org>.

SBP made easy

Do you know what will happen to your personal and real property when you die? Do you know about and understand the Survivor Benefit Plan?

If you're not sure, come by the Retired Activities Office to review two new publications: "Help Your Surviving Spouse - Now!" and "SBP Made Easy: The Survivor Benefit Plan."

The Retired Activities Office is located in Bldg 129. Call Personal Support Division at 577-6533 for more info.

MMEA on board

The MMEA is scheduled to brief military personnel regarding career choices Feb. 16 at 8:30 a.m. at various locations here.

First-termers will be at the base Chapel. Career enlisted will brief at the Oasis Club. Officers will be at the CO's Conference Room. Senior enlisted will be at the Red Wing Conference Room in Bldg. 15.

SHARE Program

SHARE Program signups are Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. Pick-ups are Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. until noon.

Anyone who has previously signed up for this program is requested to inform others about the program.

SHARE is available to everyone, re-

gardless of rank, address or budget. Sign up this month to see how beneficial it is to your family, you will be surprised at the items you can receive for \$15.00.

Steaks, lobster, chicken, ham and much more.

For more information call Gus at 252-2949.

MEANS from Page 2

Most cultures are not destroyed because of violent forceful takeovers by an opposing nation. They are destroyed because their ways and ideas are considered illegitimate and irrelevant by a stronger and more powerful culture. Language, values, traditions and beliefs considered

primitive, illegitimate or irrelevant are destroyed.

When a dominant culture assumes authority then other cultures can no longer take it for granted their culture will continue to exist. They must struggle to keep it alive.

It means Black History Month helps in winning that struggle.