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DLA affirms EG&G selection

By Gerda Parr

Defense Logistics Agency

The Defense Logistics Agency announced Friday the final decision on the public private competition for performance of distribution operations at Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, Calif. On Jan. 7, EG&G Logistics, Manassas, Va., was tentatively selected over the government's internal proposal based on overall cost savings to the government. Three appeals to that decision were filed and were carefully assessed by the DLA Appeal Authority. The March 10 decision affirms the selection of EG&G.

Three adversely affected employees filed an appeal on 23 items. The American Federation of Government Employees Local 1482, on behalf of their members, filed an appeal on 16 items. EG&G filed an appeal on two items. To be eligible for consideration, an appeal must identify

noncompliance with requirements and procedures set forth in OMB Circular A-76, the guidance governing the public-private competition, or specific items entered on the cost comparison form. To be successful an appeal must demonstrate the items appealed, individually or in the aggregate, would reverse the tentative decision.

After a thorough review of the appealed items, the DLA Appeal Authority, denied the appeals because he "... could not identify any significant problems with the challenged cost items, either individually or in the aggregate such that the tentative decision might be considered unsupported or in error."

The transition period from a government to a contractor work force at DDBC is scheduled for completion by July 30. It is estimated a maximum of 110 government employees may lose

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Clinics temporarily move

By Cdr. Gregory L. Simpkins

Branch Clinic

Plans are underway for the Branch Medical and Dental clinics to move to Building 582 at the Yermo Annex while rehabilitating the current buildings at Nebo.

The actual move to the temporary facility is tentatively scheduled March 29 through April 5. The clinics will occupy Building 582 for 12 to 24 months pending project completion.

Patients and other customers are requested to contact Base Information at 577-6211 or the Base Duty Officer at 577-6411 for the new phone numbers.

Primary care services for eligible beneficiaries are not available during the moving period to allow transition of medical staff and equipment. Exceptions are active duty members and civil service employees with on-the-job injuries. A temporary station will be at Building 185, rooms 10 and 11, to accommodate these customers. Station hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sick call hours are 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Sick call hours resume April

5 at Building 582. For dental emergencies, contact a pager at 735-3795.

From March 29 - April 5 TRICARE Prime patients enrolled to BMC, Barstow and Weed Army Community Hospital who are routinely followed up at the Branch Clinic may be seen at Weed for urgent care needs. The Weed Urgent Care appointment number is 386-3777/3124. Consequently, during the move, all other patients must seek urgent and primary care elsewhere using their medical insurance coverage, e.g., Medicare, TRICARE Extra or TRICARE Standard.

The clinic's Pharmacy closes March 30 and resumes normal services April 6. Medical and Dental services will also resume normal operations April 6.

To get to Building 582 take I-15 North. Take the Yermo exit and turn right. At the four-way stop sign, turn left. Turn right into Yermo Annex. Follow the road to Building 582 on the left across from the Fire Station.

For more information contact Cdr. Simpkins or the Appointment Desk at 1-800-633-0170. During the move contact 221-4235/4234.



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Just hanging around ...

LCpl. James D. Hosey, base property supply clerk, prepares to descend the fire training tower during battalion rappel training Tuesday. Marines are working on their rappelling skills to get them ready for the mountain survival course at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Facility in Bridgeport, Calif., this summer. According to GySgt. David S. Wersinger, rappellmaster, the next training involves rappelling out of CH-46 helicopters.

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Show support for the team, regardless of gender

By MajGen. C.L. Stanley

Commanding General, 29 Palms

March is Women's History Month, and I'm asking everyone – men in particular – to take a few moments to think about the significant contributions women in America have made and the important role they play in today's military.

The theme for this year's observance is "An Extraordinary Century for Women – Now, Imagine the Future!" This special month gives us the opportunity to relive the past, experience the present, and envision the future of women in our society.

It has only been a few years since the number of jobs women have been allowed to perform in the military has expanded. Therefore, expect to see more women in the highest ranks of our profession in the future.

We are evaluated and promoted based on

performance, and women have proven themselves capable – just like men – of meeting any challenge that comes their way.

There's no doubt that women are immensely talented and have much to offer, but there are still people who hold on to old stereotypes with regard to their ability to perform. They're wrong, of course.

Today, women serve as fighter pilots, aboard combatant ships, as aircraft mechanics, engineers, scientists, and in our coveted, forward-deployed Marine Expeditionary Units. When the balloon goes up in a hot spot, women answer the call along with their male counterparts. We're one team, regardless of gender.

Despite the advancements being made in the military, there are still women in uniform who feel that they have to work twice as hard as their male counterparts in order to be accepted as equals in the workplace. This is true in the civilian world

as well. Equal pay for equal work may be the law; but we're not quite there yet. Male chauvinism doesn't quite capture the essence of some women's experiences. Far too many still have to deal with backward mind-sets of men who feel that women should fit into preconceived domesticated roles.

On another level, there are females who serve in our ranks who feel that they're in military occupational specialties designated for "women only." Never mind the fact that their jobs are important, or that we need quality people in every field. This type of thinking is also wrong. Our Naval service strives hard to meet its recruiting and retention goals every day ... further underscoring the need for good people, regardless of gender, across the MOS spectrum. We can ill-afford to have people leave our ranks because they don't feel like a member of the team.

Like it or not, men, many women feel stresses that we'll never feel. I'm asking you to take a few

moments out of your schedules this month to go to some of the special observances being held in celebration of March is Women's History Month. Whether or not you work with women on a daily basis is irrelevant. In fact, if you don't, I'd say that it's even more important that you show your support by actively participating in these events, and have leadership discussions on the subject of women in our ranks.

Embracing the theme, "An Extraordinary Century for Women – Now, Imagine the Future," there are more than a few of my "XY" chromosome shipmates who will be working for a woman in the future. I wouldn't want to see you flameout because of your preoccupation with old, stereotypical thinking. Take the opportunity being afforded this month to focus on the overlooked and undervalued role of American women in history. You never know, you just might learn something in the process.

What is gained from our losses?

By LtCdr. Tom Cook

Command Chaplain, MCLB Albany

Dave Dravecky's left arm was his fortune. As a pitcher, he had been the pride of the San Francisco Giants. But powerful as it was, his arm was not immune to malignancy. He had gone through treatment and was back on the field. He even wrote a book about it: "Comeback." Dravecky returned the following season to pitch against the Reds. His 4-3 defeat of the Cincinnati Reds on Aug. 10, 1989 is still remembered as one of the most awe-inspiring moments in baseball.

But Dravecky's comeback was curtailed. One week later, in his second game back, Dave's arm shattered while pitching to a batter for the Montreal Expos. He still has a vivid memory of the event.

"Just when my control began to slip in the sixth inning, an all-star batter stepped up to the plate. I got the signal for a sinking fastball, started my windup and – CRACK – when I released the ball, even the fans heard the bone in my arm snap. I lurched forward and immediately crumpled to the ground writhing with pain."

Dravecky's doctors believed briefly that Dave's arm might heal and pave the way for another comeback. Tragically though, two years and three operations later, on June 18, 1991, his shoulder and pitching arm had to be removed to save his

life. It was over. The "Comeback Kid" would never come back.

The morning after surgery Dave was horrified by his reflection. His arm and shoulder were gone, along with the left side of his collarbone. What would his family think of him? What would other people say about him? It didn't take long for him to learn.

He says, "As important as my left arm had been to me, it meant nothing to them. It was enough that I was alive."

His career as a major league pitcher was clearly over; yet Dave gratefully understood he was about to experience a deeper level of existence than he had ever known before.

On October 5, 1991, for a special event at Candlestick Park, Dave wore his Giants uniform one last time. It was officially "Dave Dravecky Day," and he received a standing ovation as he was driven around the park with this family, lifting his hat happily to the crowd. He could see the pain on many faces as people wept in response to what they perceived as a tragedy.

Dave views his brush with death far differently. He writes in his second book: "When You Can't Comeback," "When I look back over all I've learned from other people who have suffered, all I've experienced of their love and all God has shown me of His mercy, I think; if I'd have con-

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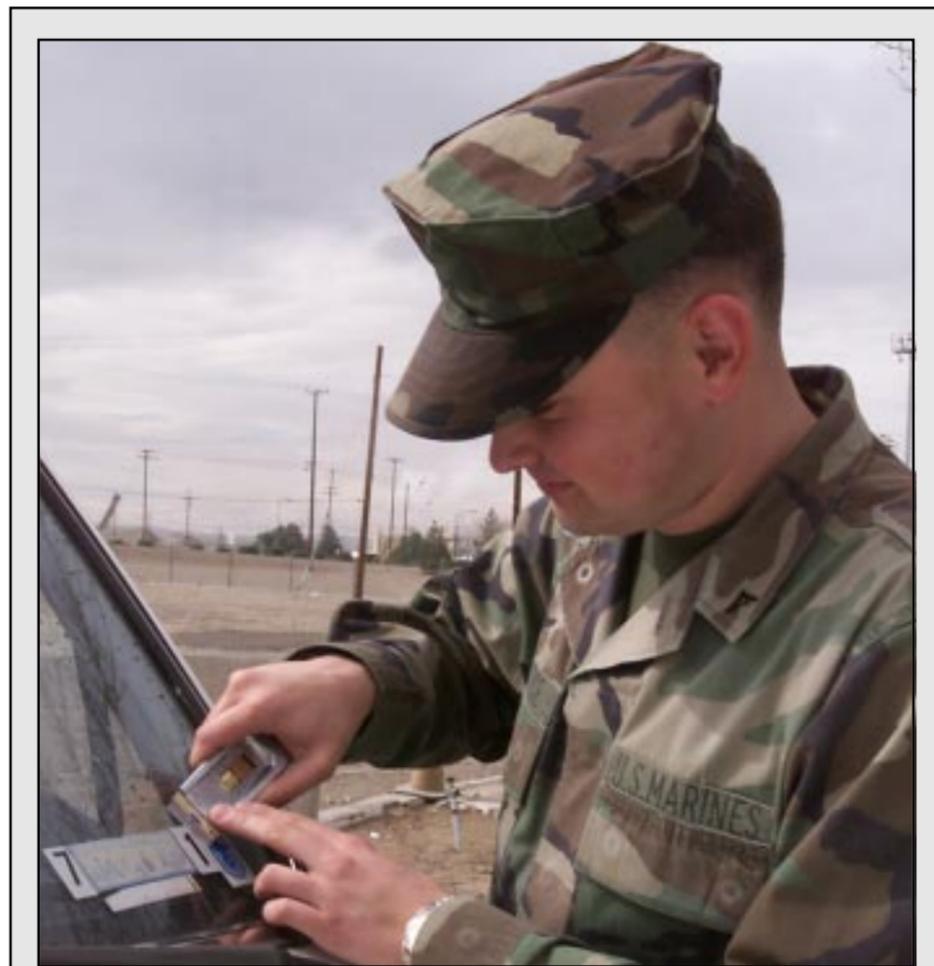


Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

Just doing my job ...

LCpl. Joshua Eustice, vehicle registration, scrapes an expired sticker off a windshield in front of pass and ID.

Eustice came back to his hometown of Barstow in 1997 after serving one year in Okinawa, Japan.

"I guess it's better being stationed here than anywhere else," he said. "At least I'm close to my family."

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.

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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 email at daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil.

NMCRS Bake Sale

The Budget Office at Building 15 hosts a bake sale March 20 from 7:30 a.m. until all goods are sold. Proceeds benefit the ongoing Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive.

For more info, call Cpl. Kyran Ramcharan at 577-6623.

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	
CySgt. Michael Claudio	577-6533
SSgt. Robert J. Munroe	577-6684
Sgt. Mario Rivas	577-6871
Cpl. Kyran Ramcharan	577-6623
LCpl. William J. Sierra	577-6784
LCpl. Patrick J. Snyder	577-6784
U.S. Navy	
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

Social Security newsletter

As of March 1, the Social Security Administration will send Social Security news as it happens to individuals and organizations across America who request it. Social Security E-News is an electronic newsletter available free to subscribers through the agency's Internet site.

To subscribe to the newsletter, visit <http://www.ssa.gov/eneews>.

Wild West Night

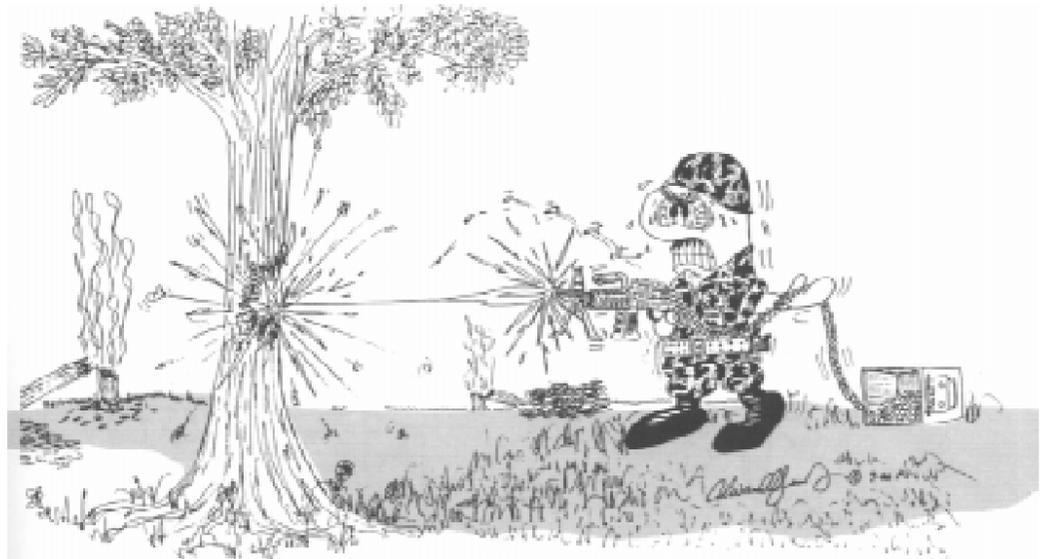
Fleet Support Center hosts 1880s Wild West Night March 25 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Oasis Club. The evening opens with a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner from 7-8 p.m. After dinner, the real fun starts with a live DJ, line dancing, contests and more. Guests will receive free souvenir mugs while they last. Tickets cost \$10.50 in advance (must purchase by Tuesday) and \$12.95 at the door. All military and civilian personnel are welcome. For tickets and info, call Capt. Kenneth Quiner at 577-7776 or contact your section representative.

Sonic Booms?

Base residents may experience occasional sudden loud noises from sophisticated aircraft flown by military pilots training for combat. High-speed training is done in a neighboring air-space complex used by Edwards Air Force Base, the National Training Center, Fort Irwin and the Naval Air Warfare Center, China Lake, and in a high altitude supersonic corridor north of Barstow.

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to cut down a tree.

Although the pilots fly according to strict regulations and approved procedures, personally witnessed questionable incidents should be immediately reported to the Edwards Air Force Base Chief of Community Relations, Mr. Dennis Shoffner.

Contact him at (661) 277-3517 or through e-mail at dennis.shoffner@edwards.af.mil.

National Professional's Day (Formerly known as Secretary's Day)

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is having a luncheon April 18 at the Oasis Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Guest speaker Lauri Cloud is scheduled to give a speech on "Exercising Your Value in the Workplace." Cloud put herself through college while raising three children. After graduating she went to work as an accountant for a "Big 8" firm in Las Vegas. Two years later she started her own business un-

til she incorporated in 1992 and became president and CEO. After selling her business in 1998, she developed numerous workshops and lectures which she presents throughout the United States.

The luncheon consists of Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf and other side dishes.

Tickets are \$8.50 per person which includes meal, gratuity and cost of the speaker, and may be purchased from any of the CWRA representatives listed below:

Name	Phone
Dan Keim	577-6614
Frederico Molino	577-7210
Ed Guz	577-6183
Vince Chavez	577-7731
Barbara Kulseth	577-6771
Kay Servais	577-6233
Wrayanne Huddleston	577-6182
Barbara Kent	577-7382
Tangia Joseph	577-7230
Bruce Rowe	577-7207
Cliff Acles	577-6896
Ed Frey	577-6940
Richard Tusing	577-6492
Ernie Hawkins	577-7046

Career Fair

Barstow College and the Desert Dispatch are hosting a Career and Education Fair March 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We anticipate the Career and Education Fair will be as successful as last year," commented Fontella Grimes, counselor, Transition and Career Planning Center. "There will be a chance for everyone to explore employment training and educational opportunities."

The fair provides information to students, area residents and job seekers about transferring to four-year colleges and universities, career planning activities and training in resume writing, dressing for success, and interviewing skills.

If a resume is required, there will

be a resume writing workstation during the fair. Attendees can have an on-the-spot resume designed for only \$5.

Area high school juniors and seniors will be transported by bus to attend the fair, courtesy of the Schools to Careers Grant.

All attendees are encouraged to dress professionally and bring a current resume for prospective employers to view. Some company interviews will be conducted during the fair by one of the five dozen employers invited to attend.

Representatives from colleges and universities around California and Nevada will be attending.

The fair is free to the public and is being held in the Barstow College Gymnasium at 2700 Barstow Rd.

For more info call 252-2411, ext. 7350 or 7212.

CWRA Getty Museum Trip

The base Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is planning a trip to the Getty Museum April 22.

This is an exceptional opportunity to see one of the world's largest collections of paintings, classical antiquities, bronze and marble sculptures, photography and much more.

The collection includes art works dating from ancient history through contemporary times, and it is considered one of the best and most diverse collections in the world.

Contact one of the following CWRA representatives for tickets and info.

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Ed Guz	577-6183
Vince Chavez	577-7731
Barbara Kulseth	577-6771
Kay Servais	577-6233
Wrayanne Huddleston	577-6182
Barbara Kent	577-7382
Tangia Joseph	577-7230
Bruce Rowe	577-7207

Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-064-00	Cable Splicer WG-2504-08	02-16-00	03-22-00	03-01-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-034-00	Motor Vehicle Operator WG-5703-08 (Temp NTE 1 year)	02-29-00	03-28-00	03-14-00	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>.

CDC earns second NAEYC accreditation

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan
BARSTOW LOG staff

When you see children playing at the base Child Development Center, you'd never know it if they were celebrating.

The staff of the CDC has a reason to uncork the apple cider nowadays, having earned their second accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

The Marine Corps directed in 1996 that all of its child care facilities be accredited by NAEYC every three years. Although accreditation from NAEYC is voluntary, the military has



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Linda Hill joins two-year-olds Marley Moon (center) and Gregory Hazlett at the lego table.

mandated that centers meet the organization's high criteria. MCLB gained its first accreditation in 1996.

"That validates that we have a high quality program," said Theresa Meugniot, CDC Director. "NAEYC holds possibly the highest standards in the nation."

According to Meugniot, MCLB was the fourth site in the Marine Corps to gain accreditation.

Meugniot and her staff began planning last spring by compiling a self-study package. The package included 100 pages of family questionnaires, staff surveys, classroom observation notes, and a time schedule. The CDC submitted the booklet to NAEYC headquarters in Washington D.C. NAEYC sent a validator from Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to visit the site. The validator makes his recommendations to a panel in Washington, which decides on whether or not to grant accreditation.

"The self study is the backbone to the whole thing," said Maynard Florence, Training and Curriculum specialist at Nellis AFB. "It's my job to decide if I agree with the way they evaluated themselves. Their self study was very accurate."

The validator helps determine if 11 categories are fully met, partially met or not met.

"They passed with flying colors," said Florence. "The staff put in a lot of hard work. It was evident that there was a lot of teamwork going on. Oftentimes I saw two or three teachers

working together in the same classroom."

"A lot of programs are only four hours long," Florence added. "It's tougher to run an all day program. It takes a lot more patience."

The CDC earned high praise in child-staff interaction, health and safety, learning environment and materials available.

"The classroom space was much larger than most places," said Florence. "It went above and beyond standards. It's nice that they can have that space to spread out."

"We really didn't have to change anything for the visit," said Meugniot. "Some things that we thought were only partially met were fully met. We were further ahead than we thought."

"I would recommend the center to anybody," said Michelle Phillips, parent and former caregiver/administrator at the CDC. Her four-year-old daughter Chelsea has attended the CDC all her life.

"It taught me a lot about how to be a parent," she added. "As a parent, I feel very safe bringing my daughter there every day."

Not all parents approach the CDC with the same level of confidence, said Phillips. Navy Lt. Tina Horth, doctor at the Branch Medical Clinic, brought her six-month-old daughter to the CDC in 1998.

"She was very leery about it," recalled Phillips. "She had a notebook that was full of questions about the place."



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Lorena Hughes, CDC Caregiver, consoles one-year-old Camryn Brown.

"She's my first and only baby," said Horth. "I was really concerned about day care."

Horth and her husband weighed several childcare ideas, including private day care centers and hiring a nanny.

"My daughter loves it," said Horth. "She's normally pretty shy, but there she opens up and is making friends. At the end of the day, sometimes she doesn't want to leave."

Horth praises the CDC for the safe environment it provides.

"Not to put the others down, but it's not the same," said Horth. "The classrooms have cameras in them, and they're always supervised."

Horth plans to leave MCLB Bar-

stow in July 2001.

"I hope we can find a place like this wherever we go next," she concluded.

The NAEYC website, <http://www.naeyc.org>, was last updated in December and doesn't include MCLB Barstow's February accreditation. The site includes detailed information on the organization and criteria for accreditation.

"The big difference with a NAEYC accredited program is that it gives children the opportunity to explore and learn at their own level," said Meugniot. "That gives everyone the chance to excel."

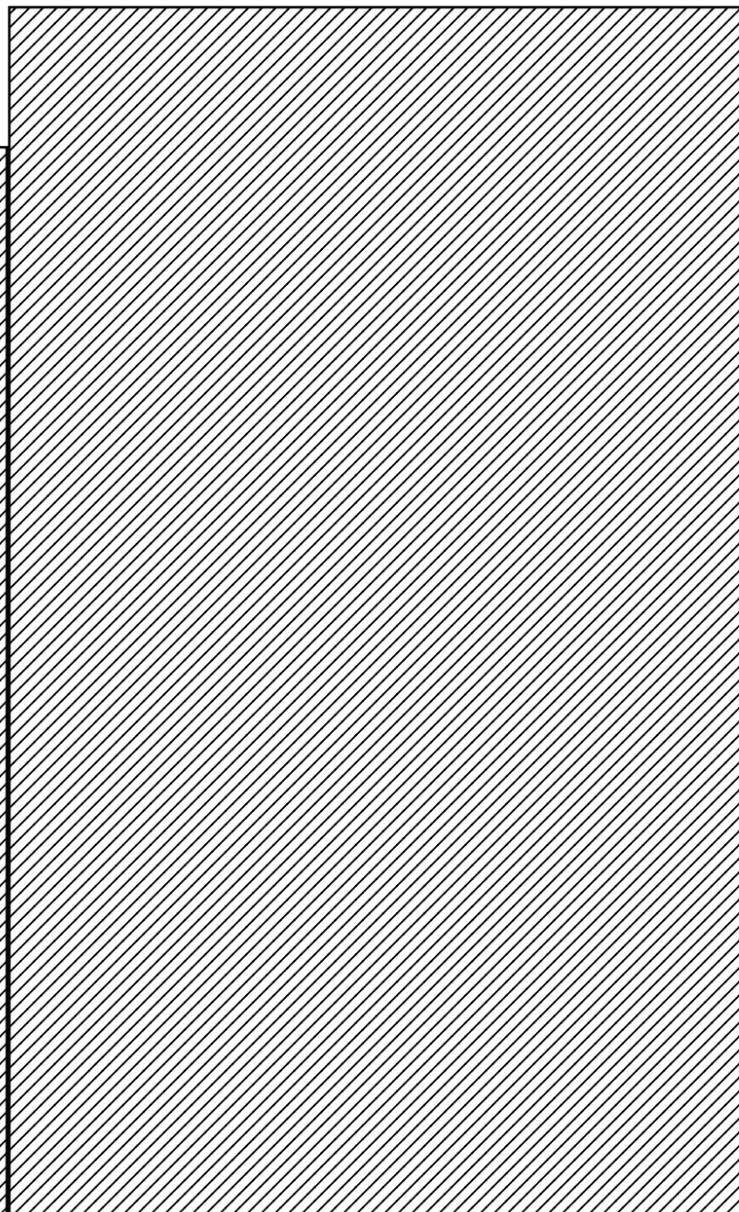
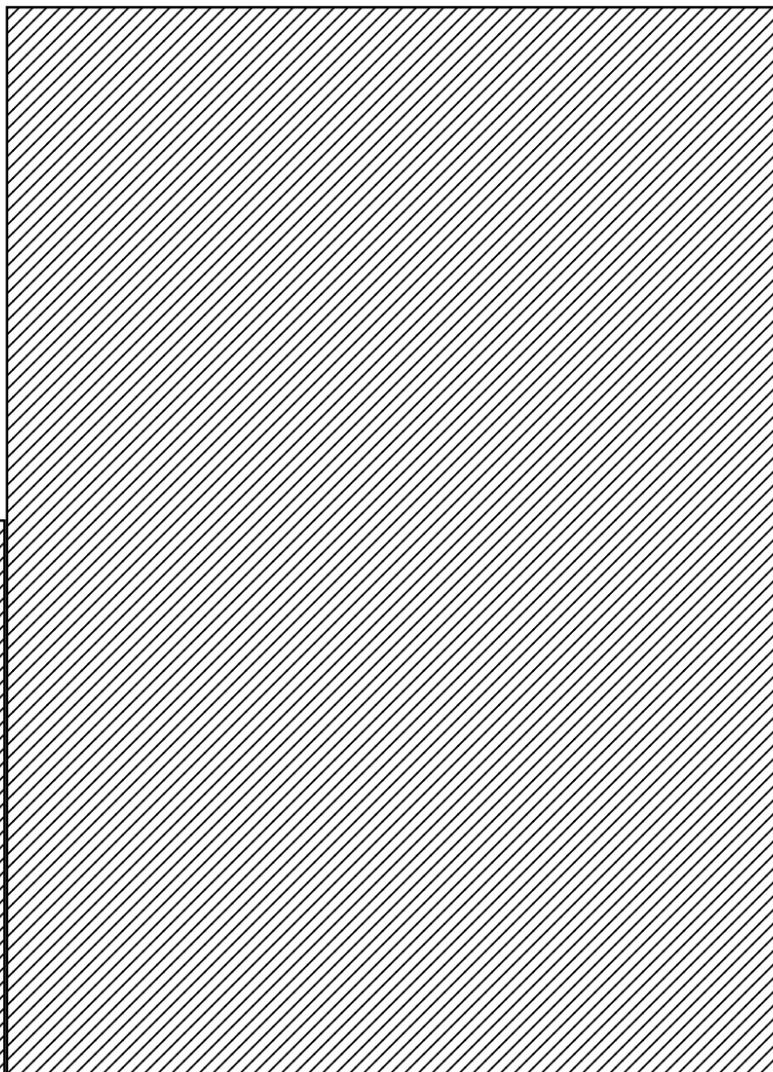
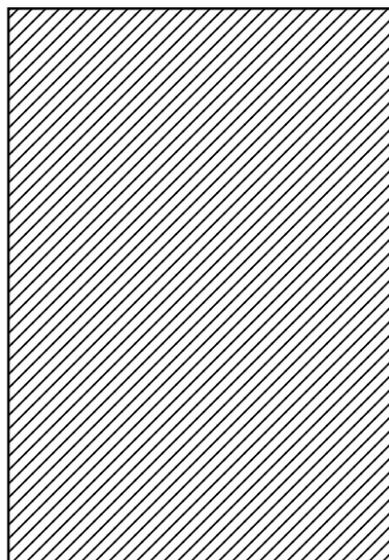
The current accreditation is valid until February of 2003.

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tinued as a ballplayer without cancer and missed all this, now that would have been a tragedy."

The disappointment we tried to avoid. The calamity we never expected. The unhappy ending no one predicted. Our casualties may be financial, relational or physical. What we do with them is the key to our future success. We can give up. Or with faith that God's ways are above our ways, we can start again.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declared the Lord. (Isaiah 55:8)



Jagman's knowledge saves Marine \$\$\$

By 1stLt. Rolando R. Sanchez
Staff Judge Advocate

The following is a fictional consultation between a Marine and a legal officer. It demonstrates how vulnerable Marines are, and the services the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate can provide to counteract it.

Captain Jagman, the legal assistance officer, was in the process of interviewing Cpl. Victimisme about a contract for a bedroom suite.

"So what can I do, sir?" Victimisme asked curiously. "There has to be some law out there that can protect me."

"You bet there is devil dog," Jagman re-

sponded. "It's called the Truth-in-Lending Act, and it's the only way to get out of this contract."

"You really don't want the furniture do you?"

"Absolutely not," said Victimisme. "The arms on the chairs are weak, the legs wobble, and the bed has noisy springs. Our neighbors keep complaining about the noise. But Sam's Furniture Store won't answer my complaints."

"The Federal Truth-in-Lending Act requires you to be told the cost of a credit purchase," stated Jagman. "You weren't told that on this contract. You may be able to persuade Sam to cancel the contract if you agree not to file a lawsuit."

"But what do I have to be told?" asked Victimisme.

"The law," answered Capt. Jagman, "states you must be shown the 'APR' (or Annual Percentage Rate) on your credit sale. That's the rate it costs you to use credit."

Jagman did some quick math, "Your rate is 22 percent. That's high."

"You could've saved money by shopping around. A bank could have offered you a lower rate."

attorney out in town for that."

"Those are important things to know," exclaimed Victimisme. "I can see now how much harder the Federal Truth-in-Lending Act makes it on immoral, thug merchants. It actually encourages you to shop around and save money."

"In addition," said Jagman, "the Act applies when you make a purchase which includes a second

mortgage on your home, such as a major repair or remodeling job. In such a case you would have three business days to think about the deal and to cancel it if you wish. All you do is send written

“Every Marine should know about the Truth-in-Lending Act. It’s like legal armor that prevents people from taking advantage of you.”

Certainly a credit union's loan rate would have been lower. You could have even shopped at a few other finance companies to see about lower rates. The 'APR' is your key. Just remember, 'Buyer Beware - Better Compare.'

"You must also be told the dollar amount of your finance charge," Jagman continued. "Without both of these disclosures on your credit contract, you can sue Sam's Furniture Store for twice the amount of the finance charge plus court costs and reasonable attorney's fees. Of course you would have to get an

notice of your cancellation to the creditor."

Victimisme got up to go, "I'll remember that sir ... along with 'Buyer Beware - Better Compare.' Every Marine should know about the Truth-in-Lending Act. It's like legal armor that prevents people from taking advantage of you."

The Staff Judge Advocate does more than just help Marines get out of a bad contractual obligation. The SJA provides assistance on legal matters of all natures.

If you have any legal assistance questions call them at 577-6874.

GTCC deadline pushed back

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Service members and DoD civilians now have until May 1 before use of the government travel credit card is mandatory, DoD officials said March 3.

DoD is one of a number of agencies given two extra months to implement the program, said Nelson Toye, DoD's deputy chief financial officer.

William J. Lynn, undersecretary of defense (comptroller), signed the memorandum announcing the extension March 1.

"Within DoD the primary reason for the delay is that we were so late receiving the guidance," Toye said. "Our components came back to us and asked for an extension. When we applied to the General Services Administration they were willing to grant us the extension."

Toye said that GSA officials made it clear there "would be no more extensions."

Toye's guidance in the meantime to DoD finance officials is to implement the travel card program to the extent possible.

He said the extension does not

mean Congress is rethinking the policy. It has just taken longer than expected for government agencies to work out the details.

DoD issued new policies in mid-February to implement travel card requirements in an amendment to the Federal Travel Regulation published by the GSA in the Jan. 19 Federal Register. The amendment implements requirements in the Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998.

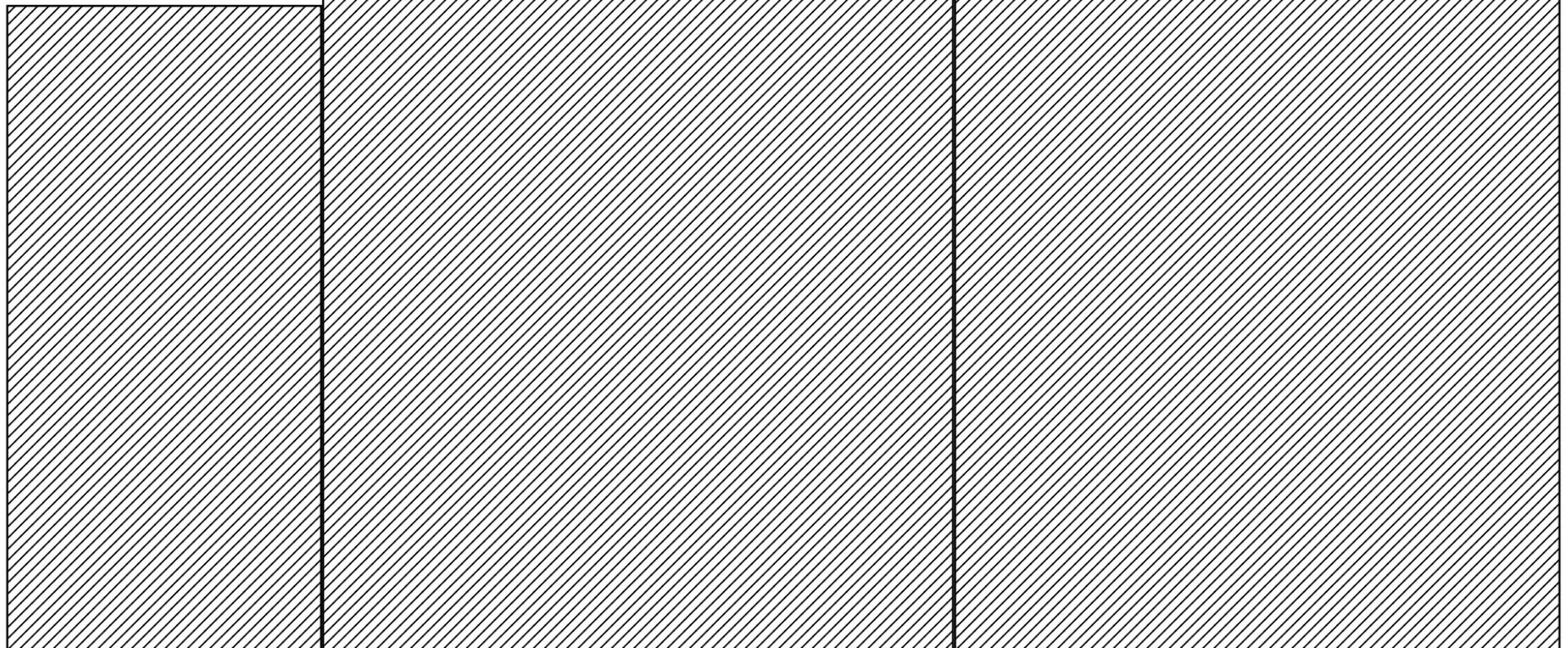
The Defense Department began using travel cards in 1983 to pay for lodging, transportation, rental cars and other allowable expenses.

The current contractor is Bank of America VISA.

The new travel card rules will be included in Volume 9, "Travel Policy and Procedures," of the DoD Financial Management Regulation DoD 7000.14-R.

The base is continuing to implement GTCCs as previously reported in the BARSTOW LOG. For more information call 1stLt. John

See GTCC Page 16



It's for a good cause....



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Colonel Mark A. Costa, base commander, digs deep to support the annual Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society fund Drive, as Bertie Dailey, one of the fund drive coordinators, registers the ticket purchase. CWO William Bradshaw (center) supervises the process. NMCRS contributions make possible loans and grants to Sailors and Marines for emergencies such as food and shelter, emergency transportation, medical/dental expenses, funeral expenses and vehicle repairs. They also provide for many other forms of assistance to Sailors, Marines and their family members.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund Drive

The local prize drawings coincide with the drawings at Camp Pendleton starting March 24. The prizes awarded in each drawing are listed below. Numbers in parentheses indicate number of drawings for that item.

If you have any questions call CWO William Bradshaw at 577-6899.

March 24

Camp Pendleton
\$100(4), \$200 or \$500
MCLB Barstow
Coleman 'Trail Ridge' sleeping bag (2)
Nintendo 64 system
\$100 gift certificate (for MCX)
Minolta Traveler 35mm camera
CharBroil gas grill
Blaupunkt CD car stereo

March 31

Camp Pendleton
\$100 (4), \$300 & Ford Escort
MCLB Barstow
Huffy 15-speed mountain bike
JVC VCR
\$100 gift certificate (for MCX)
Woman and Man's USMC watch
JVC camcorder

April 7

Camp Pendleton

\$100 (4), \$400 & Ford Ranger
MCLB Barstow
vTech 900MHz phone/answering machine
Sony Playstation
\$100 gift certificate (for MCX)
Sharp 3 CD stereo
Fisher wall-mountable CD stereo
JVC 27" TV

April 14

Camp Pendleton
\$100, \$500 & Ford Mustang
MCLB Barstow
vTech 900MHz phone/answering machine
Discovery S700 35mm camera
JVC VCR
USMC standing clock
\$100 gift certificate (for MCX)
Magna 21-speed mountain bike
Fisher wall-mountable CD stereo
JVC 32" TV

Key Personnel

Name	Section	Phone
Bertie Dailey	PAO	577-6430
Meredith Taylor	HRO	577-6478
Cpl. Ramcharan	Finance	577-6623
Ed Goetz	Pub. Works	577-6183
SSgt. Owen	MCCS	577-6899
LCpl. Verene	HqBn	577-6663
Paul Aviles	Repair Div.	577-7165

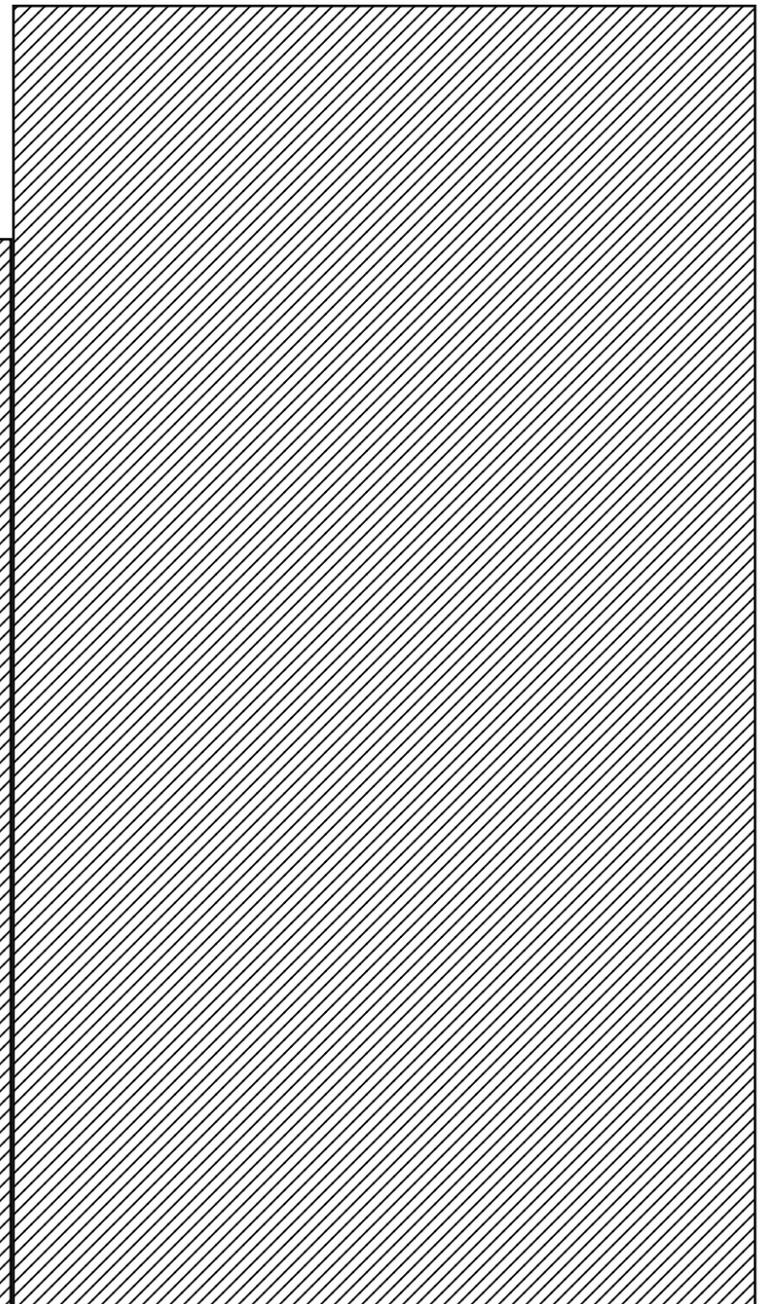
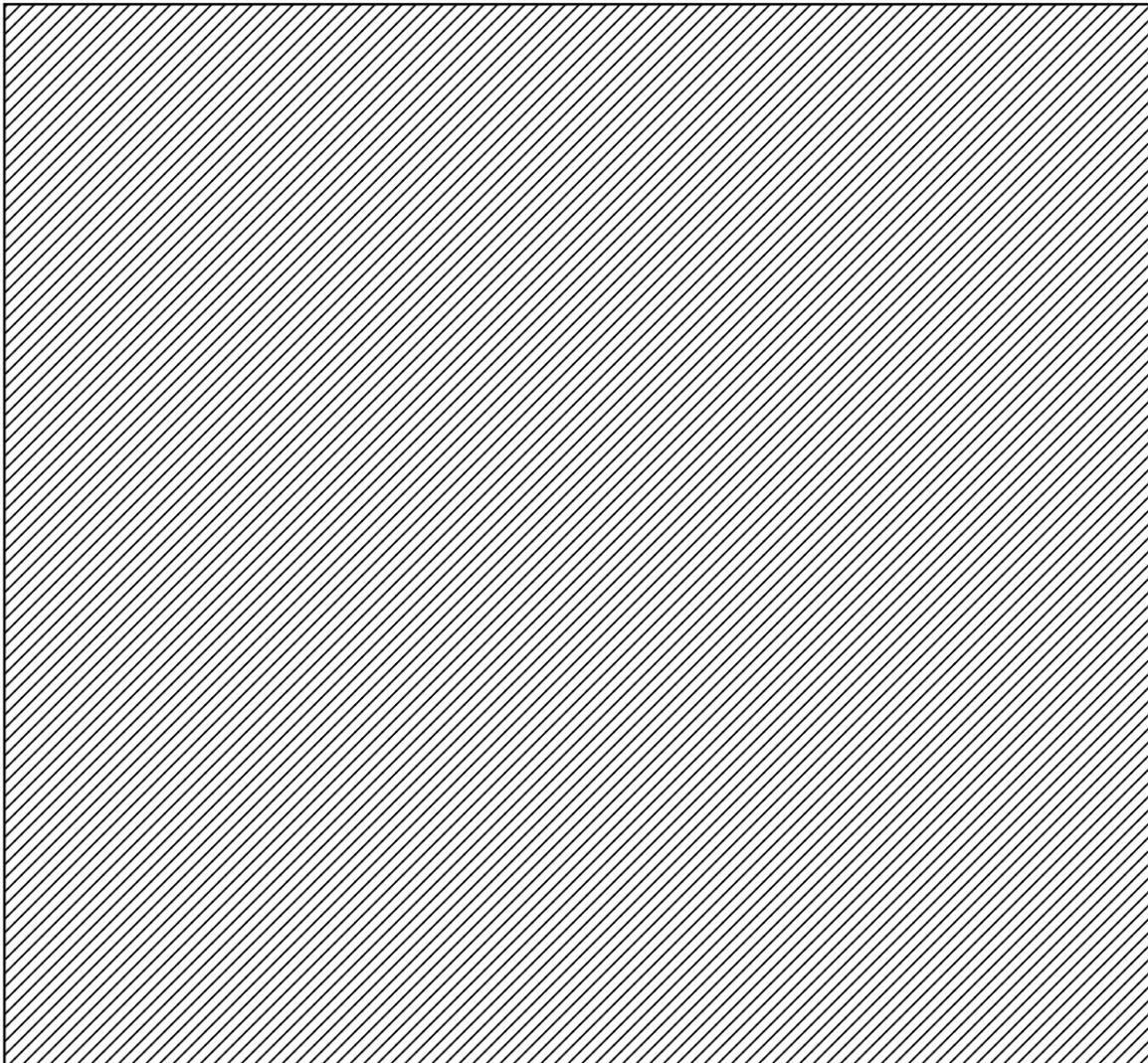




Photo by Curt Lambert

Gunnery Sgt. David Cooley, base stables SNCOIC, and BGen. Jack A. Davis, discuss the recent improvements at the facilities and the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard. This is Davis' last visit as LOGBASES Commander. Davis expressed his regret for never having ridden with the color guard as the commanding general. As an avid rider himself, he said he would have been proud to ride.



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Lieutenant Col. Mark Maloney, director, Fleet Support Center (left), and Colonel Gerald Varela, assistant chief of staff for business reform (center), listen as Major Gen. Paul M. Lee, MATCOM commander (right), addresses Fleet Support Center staff members during a briefing.

Stars shine bright over MCLB Barstow

Compiled by
BARSTOW LOG staff

Major Gen. Paul M. Lee Jr., Commander of Marine Corps Materiel Command, and BGen. Jack A. Davis, Commander of Marine Corps Logistics Bases, visited MCLB Barstow March 8-10.

The generals discussed the future direction of the base. They were also on hand to attend the Battle Color Ceremony on Sorensen Field.

Davis visited on his final trip as commander of MARCORLOG Bases. He has been selected for major general and command of the Fourth Marine Division later this year.

Lee, on the other hand, expects a long running interest in the operations of MCLB Barstow.

"This is my first visit, but it won't be my last," said Lee. "You can look forward to seeing me here this summer."

Both generals visited the Maintenance Center and Fleet Support Center at the Yermo Annex, seeing first-hand the operations that lead to providing the Fleet Marine Forces with the equipment it needs.

"You support two MEFs, not just one," emphasized Lee to the heads of FSC. "The Army will be asking more of you, not less in the future. Your role

will remain important."

Davis alluded to the constant change in the demands of the Fleet Marine Force.

A prime example he used was that the workload resulting from Operation Desert Storm has subsided, yet the demands of MCLB are likely to rise again. He said the base would never go away, but employees should not rest

on their laurels

Also during the visit, Col. Dennis Long, LOGBASES Chief of Staff, briefed the civilian employees of the base at a Friday morning town hall meeting.

LOGBASES Sergeant Major Earl L. Suggs used his visit to meet with the troops and discuss issues concerning enlisted Marines.

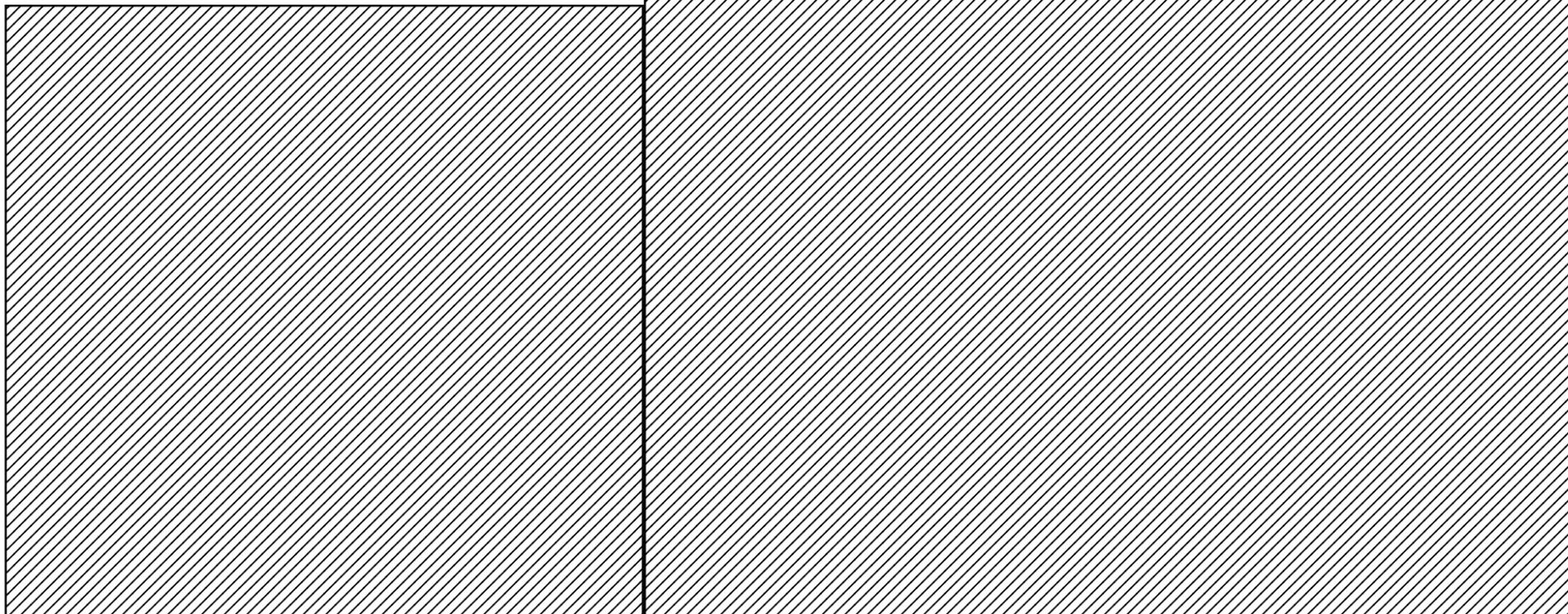




Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

The Silent Drill Platoon demonstrates trust in one another as they come inches from the business end of an M1 Garand rifle and real bayonet.



The Silent Drill Platoon marched onto Sorensen Field in column, executing the rifle manual.



The percussion section of the Drum And Bugle Corps performed a number during "Music in Motion."



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

A capacity crowd lined the bleachers of Sorensen Field during the Battle Color Ceremony. Toes were tapping and fingers snapping as the "Commandant's Own" Drum and Bugle Corps performed stirring renditions during "Music in Motion."

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By Sgt. Mike McQuillan
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Drum and Bugle Corps and Silent Drill Platoon formed on Sorensen Field March 7 for a capacity Barstow Military and civilian base personnel, local residents and children from nearby schools gathered for the hour-long ceremony.

The detail, consisting of the "Commandant's Own" Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and the presence of the Marine Corps Battle Colors, travels the globe and gives more than 400 performances annually.

The Commandant's Own opened the ceremony with the "Music in Motion" performance. They combined traditional pieces with contemporary songs, adding in a precision marching routine.

The Silent Drill Platoon followed with their legendary



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

on the way.

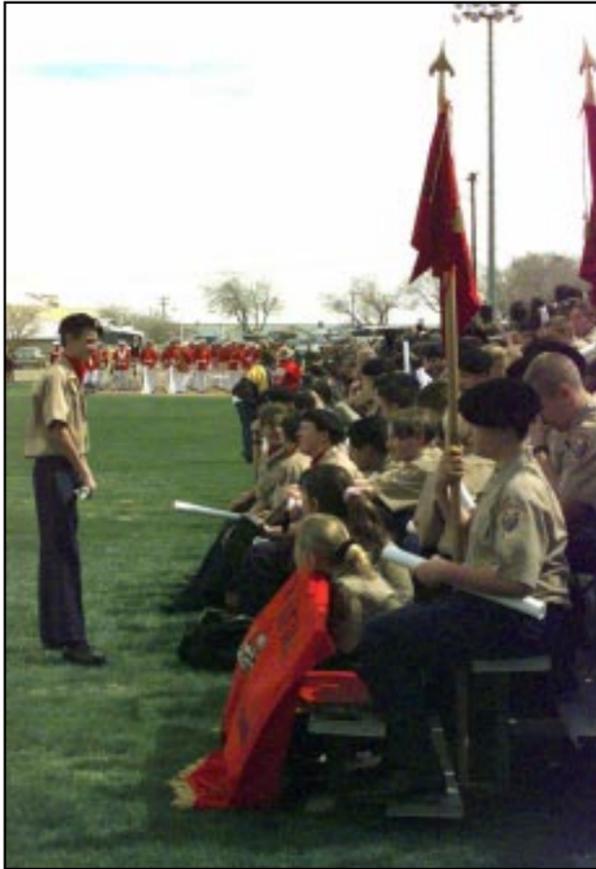


Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Barstow's own Positive Force Drill Team watched from the stands as the Drum and Bugle Corps took the field.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

The Silent Drill Platoon performed intricate drill routines without verbal commands.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

"Music in Motion" complete with syncopated crashing cymbals.

nd marches on

Marine drill performance. They executed a precision routine with old-fashioned fully functional M1 rifles with fixed bayonets, without the aid of verbal commands. The routine includes a precision rifle inspection, during which rifles are casually tossed from one Marine to another without missing a beat -- or dropping a weapon.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of the Battle Colors. The Color Sergeant, considered to be the senior non-commissioned officer in the Marine Corps, presented the National Ensign alongside the Marine Corps Battle Colors, complete with streamers representing 225 years of battles, operations and campaigns. The Marine Barracks at 8th and I in Washington, D.C., is given the singular honor of keeping the Battle Colors.

The ceremony comes to Barstow each year and should return to Sorensen Field March 2001.



Photo by Sgt. Michael McQuillan

Playing a xylophone may look fun, but requires intense concentration as these Marines demonstrated during their duet performance during "Music in Motion."

NATIONAL FROZEN FOOD MONTH

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

The base commissary is battling to be the best small commissary in the continental United States.

In an appeal to customers, the commissary celebrated their new freezers and cold storage units along with National Frozen Food Month. After a spectacular entrance by the Marine Corps Mounted Color guard and a few words from Roy Speight, director, Western Pacific Region DeCA, commissary personnel opened the doors and welcomed their patrons.

With a cup of specialty coffee and a

slice of chocolate cake, customers wandered through the aisles to sample frozen entrees.

Once they had what they came for patrons were treated to one last gift as they headed back to their cars. Everyone walking out the door received a small door prize.

There may not be a celebration every day, but patrons can always relish in the friendly service and low prices.



Kool-Aid came out of retirement and donned his cammies for the children from the Child Development Center.



Ray Gardea cut the cake to kick off the frozen food celebration.



Cindy Fults passes out specialty coffees as patrons come in to look for specials. Store employees and guests dressed up in tuxedos to play the part of penguins during Frozen Food Month.



Oldest veteran passes away at Veterans Home

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir
BARSTOW LOG staff

One of the first 100 Americans to receive the French National Order of the Legion of Honor, and perhaps the oldest American veteran, passed away in her sleep at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow, March 6.

Dorothy Kohlars, 104, served on the front lines in France as a nurse in an allied forces hospital near the Argonne front during World War I.

As a bandage nurse, she spent most of her time applying dressings to wounded soldiers. "There was a dire need for nurses back then, and women

like Dorothy filled that need," said Barbara Churchill, a Navy nurse during World War II, in a 1998 Desert Dispatch interview. "She paved the way for nurses."

Kohlars was born in Hanover, Mass., on Aug. 22, 1895, and signed on for active duty after graduating nursing school near the end of World War I. After returning from the war in 1919 she was stationed at an Army hospital near Nogales, Ariz., on the Mexican border, with a black cavalry regiment known as the Buffalo Soldiers.

Kohlars was not allowed to treat the soldiers because she was a white woman, but according to her longtime

friend Edward Cole, Kohlars took to caring for their wives and children.

Amy Kenneally, a Veterans Home of-

fice technician, called her passing "beautiful and peaceful."

"She had a ton of friends," Kenneally said. "She was loved by everyone who knew her."

One of Kohlars' favorite friends is a group from MCLB Barstow. Because she could not get out of bed to watch the Marine Corps birthday ceremony at the Veterans Home, BGen. Jack Davis, commander, MARCORLOG BASES and Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander, made sure she got to participate in the celebration by having the Marines from the walking color guard present her with the colors in her room.

"Miss Dorothy was always pleased to see 'her Marines' as she referred to us," said Costa. "I believe all the Marines who visited her that day, from BGen. Davis to the most junior Marine of the color guard, were both proud and privileged to share our birthday with her."

Costa cherished the past 20 months when he had many occasions to visit

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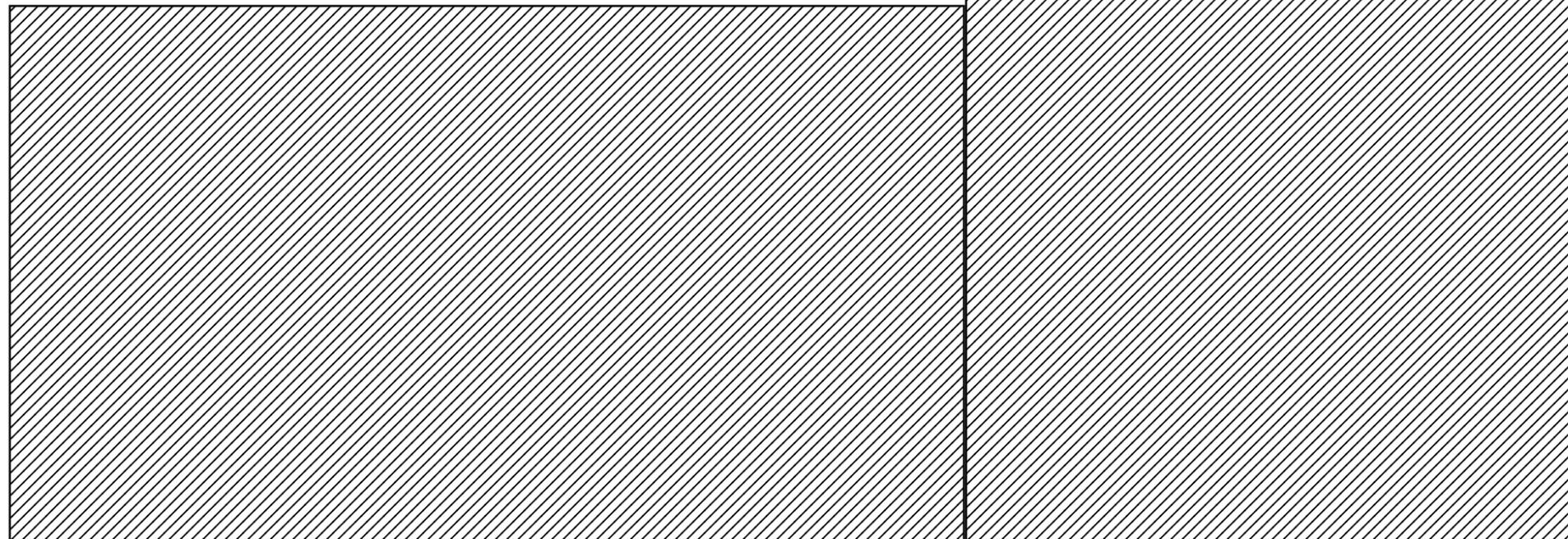
"There was a dire need for nurses back then ... She paved the way for nurses."



Dorothy Kohlars sits on an Army mount while attached to the 10th Cavalry around 1919. Kohlars helped pave the way for nurses in today's military branches with her work during World War I.



Kohlars received the French National Order of the Legion of Honor at 102. She was one of the first 100 Americans to receive this honor. She also received the 75th anniversary medal from World War I.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Maintenance Center Barstow

From the Director ...

Success through teamwork

By Col. J. Martin Jr.
MC Director

Team members,

First and foremost. The Integrated Quarterly Review (IQR) held here Mar. 1 and 2 was a total success. Maintenance Center Barstow's success is a direct reflection of all superb people aboard this program. Your long arduous work and diligent effort has paid off in huge dividends. We are within schedule and cost on the AAV RAM/RS Program.

Some comments made by Ed Learner, program manager, and staff while touring the Maintenance Center: "The professionalism and motivation here is overwhelming." "This is the first time I have seen Better Business Practices and efficiency gained on the production line." "This place is so clean and organized." "Now I

see how you made your production numbers every month, you should be proud." "Please pass on to all that I'm very pleased with what's going on out here in Barstow and look forward to coming back, keep up the good work." "Thank you."

These comments are for all the employees that made this IQR and program a success. I must extract a phrase from Philippians 2:3, "Don't be selfish ... Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself." You all have truly showed this effort by working as a team in order to represent "Success".

I would say the two most important words are "Thank You" which the program manager and I can't say enough, and secondly, "We" which represents the teamwork mentality here at Barstow. And just as a side note, the least important word is "I". There is no room for individuals within this program! Our success is built on teamwork. Great job!

Why are we adopting ISO 9000?

- To comply with customer requirements.
- To compete in domestic and worldwide markets.
- To improve our quality system.
- To improve subcontractors' performance.

Three basic requirements of ISO 9000

1. Document your processes that affect quality.
2. Retain records and data describing the quality of the product or service.
3. Ensure your processes produce consistent quality.

Maintenance Center Barstow Overhead costs

By Rick Bremen

Production Management Department

Overhead, just what is overhead? Overhead is not just the "people that work upstairs", it is far more. Overhead is part of the total cost to run the Maintenance Center on a daily basis. In FY 99 the total cost to operate the Maintenance Center was \$95 million, yes million! Of this, \$55.4 million was direct cost to include direct labor and materials, and the remaining \$39.6 million was overhead cost. In this \$39.6 million, \$18.9 million was for indirect (overhead) labor and the other \$20.7 million was for other overhead expenses.

Indirect labor costs includes "people upstairs" but also includes all supervisors and other administrative personnel within each Business Center and on the floor. This cost is about 20 percent of the Maintenance Center's total costs. Let's look at the other 22 percent of costs that make up overhead. The areas of overhead and associative costs are depicted below:

Base Support Costs include:

Hazmat Disposal Services	\$ 800,386
Hazmat Disposal	\$ 402,958
Industrial Waste Treatment Plant	\$ 325,271
Utilities	\$ 2,275,948
Personnel Support	\$ 63,158
Comptroller	\$ 99,000
Human Resources Office	\$ 655,710
Contracting & Purchasing	\$ 97,040
Plant Account Property	\$ 96,786
Communications	\$ 28,964
Multi-Media	\$ 8,851
DoD Printing	\$ 90,094
Maintenance Directorate	\$ 539,805
Information Systems	\$ 658,479
Public Works	\$ 278,835
Building Maintenance	\$1,021,152
Tools & Equipment Maintenance	\$1,110,392
Preventive Maintenance	\$ 177,021
Minor Construction, under \$100,000	\$ 107,468

Motor Transportation	\$ 711,513
Refuse/Garbage Disposal	\$ 34,780
Fire Protection	\$ 305,494
Safety	\$ 65,482

External Overhead Costs include:

Military Compensation	\$ 638,000
Federal Employment Compensation	\$1,601,814
Defense Financial Accounting Service	\$1,849,999
Major Maintenance	\$2,176,000
Copier Contracts	\$ 17,890
Parts Cleaner Contracts	\$ 120,866
Other Contracts	\$ 287,305
CIM Office	\$ 153,858

Internal Overhead Costs include:

Tuition & Training	\$ 114,000
Awards	\$ 285,903
Indirect Material	\$3,323,968
Depreciation	\$1,402,066
Travel	\$ 213,000

Some of these expenses might surprise you. Now that we've identified the costs involved in overhead expenses, in future articles we will give a brief explanation of what each cost is, and some ideas as to what we all can do to help reduce these costs. Please keep in mind the reduction of overhead expense requires the help and cooperation of everyone in the Maintenance Center. The lower our overhead costs, the lower our rates; the lower our rates, the more work we get; the more work we get, the more people we employ; etc. You get the idea. We welcome suggestions on ways to reduce overhead.

ISO 9002

Maintenance Center Barstow's future and your job depend on it.

Remember:

It is not a test;
It is a customer requirement.
It is not going away.

ISO Motto

Say what you do.
Document it.
Do what you say.
Prove it.
Improve it.

SPORTS

Olympic swimmer becomes Marine leader

By Cpl. Derek A. Shoemake
PAO, MCAS Cherry Point

One day, when he was four years old, 1stLt. Gregg Burgess, Low Altitude Air Defense Platoon Commander with Marine Air Control Group 28, part of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, followed his sister to the pool. It was his first step in becoming one of the greatest swimmers in the world.

After six years, the 10-year old Burgess realized he was better than the other guys. He placed second in the nation in his age group for the 100-meter freestyle, competing against children from all over the country.

"I was pretty serious about swimming," said the Jacksonville, Fla. native. "Even at that age." Burgess said he would even watch Olympic swimmers on television, admiring them and wishing he were in their place.

"By the time I got to that level I was not in awe of [the athletes I had seen on television] anymore," he said. "Many of them were my

competition."

According to Burgess, many people thought his age would prevent him from winning a medal. They were wrong.

In 1992, he swam his way to a silver medal in the Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. The Olympic medalist said his family's constant support helped drive him to his victory.

"They were with me every step of the way," he said.

His mother even kept the medal.

The following year, Burgess, the then-University of Florida junior, continued his success in college by being named the NCAA Most Valuable Swimmer. That same year he broke the American records in the 200- and 400-yard individual medleys; his 200-yard record still stands today.

After college, Burgess joined the U.S. Swim Team to compete in the Olympics for a second time. Unlike in 1992, Burgess left the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta without a medal. Still, this experience didn't bring him down. He decided it was

time to do something more.

In 1997, Burgess entered the United States Marine Corps.

"I wanted to say I was an Olympic swimmer, and I wanted to say I served my country. I didn't want to look back on my life and not have done that," said Burgess.

Burgess cited many similarities between being a Marine and his experience as a world-class swimmer. "Marines are a cut above [the rest]," he said. "They are elite, well trained and will do what it takes to get the job done."

He also credited swimming for providing him some of the tools he has used as a Marine officer.

"In swimming I learned to give my best all the time," said Burgess. "That has also given me better endurance."

Fortunately, being in the Marines has not completely removed Burgess from the sport he once dominated. Last year, he competed in the 2nd Military World Games in Zagreb, Croatia. Though he did not win, his performance earned him the title of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry



Official USMC photo

1stLt. Gregg Burgess, Low Altitude Air Defense Platoon Commander with Marine Air Control Group 28, part of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and Jacksonville, Fla. native, receives Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point's 1999 Military Athlete of the Year Award from MajGen. Thomas A. Braaten, Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

Point, N.C.'s Athlete of the Year.

Currently, Burgess does not plan to compete in any more national or international swimming contests. What he does intend to do is stay in

the Marine Corps.

"If I had to say right now, in ten years, I'll probably still be in the Marine Corps," he said. "I love doing what I'm doing."

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their positions. Employee assistance programs will be offered to include a voluntary separation incentive of up to \$25,000. Additionally, EG&G must offer the employees a "right of first refusal" for all non-management positions created by award of the contract.

"After reviewing an appeal filed by DDBC employees, as well as an appeal filed by AFGE Local 1482 on behalf of the employees, the DLA Appeal Authority has determined that the tentative award decision to contract out the DDBC operation will stand. While this news is disappointing, I will do all I can to ensure the transition from a federal workforce to a contracted workforce is smooth, and there is no degradation in support to our customers. I will work closely with EG&G to ensure they are welcomed into the DDC organization, and we step off together in order to continue to support America's soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines in the best manner possible," said LtCol. James A. Kessler, USMC, Commander, DDBC.

Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, Calif., a field activity of the Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pa., distributes a variety of items including large tactical vehicles and equipment; for example, howitzers; M1A1 main battle tanks; high-mobility, multipurpose, wheeled vehicles and ship propellers, shafts and anchors.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Shop MCX and save!

The St. Patrick's Day Sale ends Friday. Take advantage of the great buys on sale today and tomorrow.

The Spring Sale starts Saturday and runs through the end of March with more great buys.

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

The Base 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

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

Today – Chicken cacciatore, vegetable, roll/butter.

Friday – Hoki fish, rice, roll/butter.

Monday – Mexican fajitas, rice, roll/butter.

Tuesday – Beef stir-fry, rice, roll/butter

Wednesday – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll/butter.

Thursday – Chicken cacciatore, vegetable, roll/butter.

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 for both restaurants.

Family Night Dinner Menu

Tonight – Enchilada, taco, rice and dessert.

March 23 – Beef ribs, baked potato, vegetable and desert.

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.

Harlem Ambassadors

“Lade Majic” and the Harlem Ambassadors have challenged the MCLB Marines to a basketball game!

“We will put on a clinic against the Marines,” said the woman star of the Harlem Ambassadors.

Gentlemen, have you ever been beaten in basketball by a woman? Not just beaten by a few points – but really trounced?

This may be a first for you! Are you up to the challenge? The whole world will know the answer April 4. That's when the world famous Harlem Ambassadors meet the MCLB Marines.

Tickets for this “gotta see” event go on sale March 20.

Watch for flyers and more details in this column next week.

For more information, participation, tickets, etc. call 577-6971.

This is one event you don't want to miss.

SURVEY FOR HOBBY SHOPS & ITT

Your participation in this survey is very much appreciated. Allow us to serve you better by using your input to determine the hours of operation for the Hobby Shops and ITT.

The three proposed hours of operation are:

- 1 - 4 days per week at 10 hours per day.
- 2 - A 5,4,9 operation schedule.
- 3 - Keep days and hours of operation the same.

Please complete this survey form and drop it off, or send via guard mail to MCCS Business Operations, Bldg #44. Or mail via U.S. Postal Service to MCCS Business Operations, MCLB, Barstow, CA 92311.

Please check box below that applies to you:

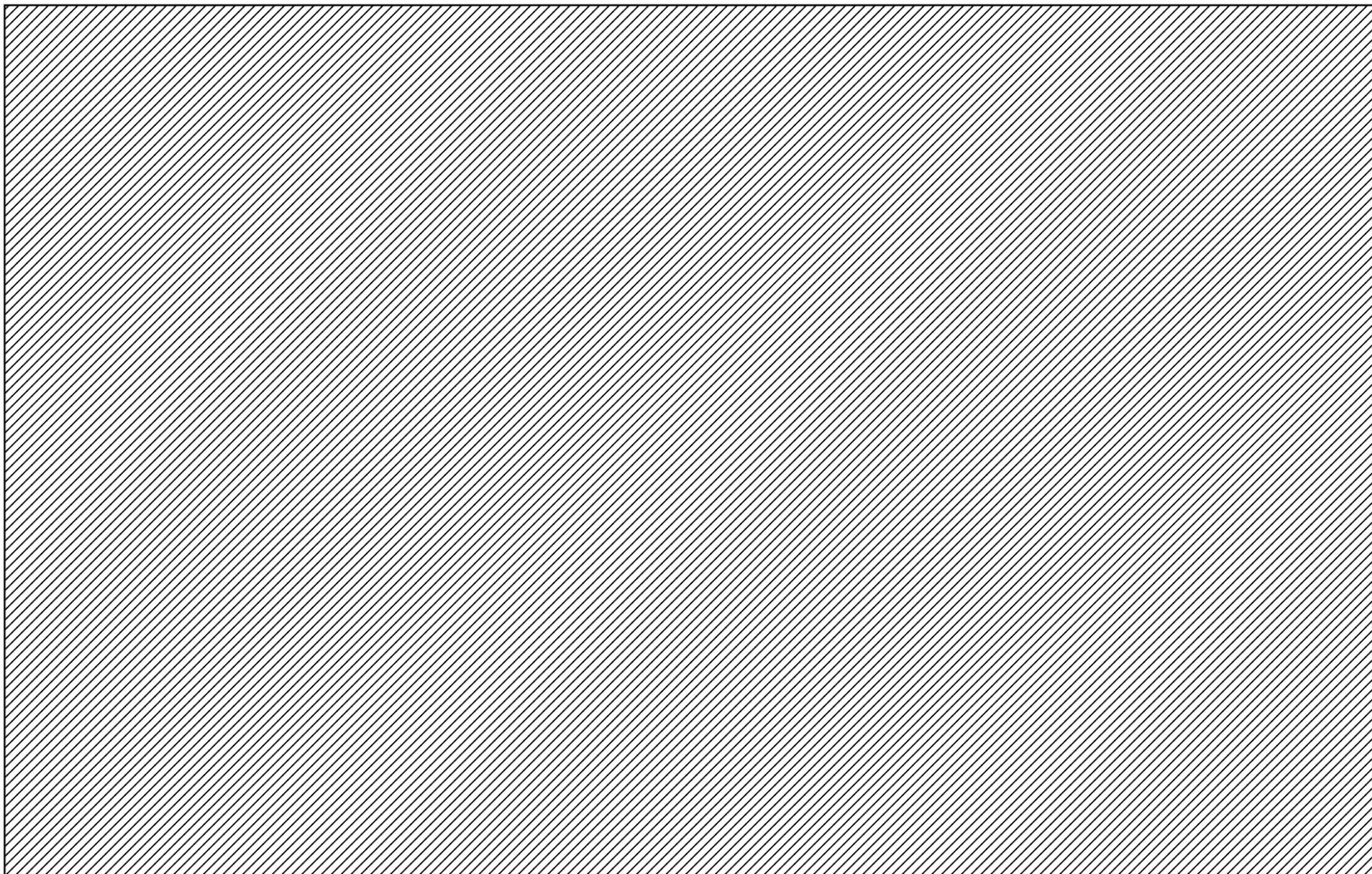
- 1 - Active Duty Military
- 2 - Military Retiree
- 3 - MCLB Civilian employee
- 4 - Family Member of 1, 2 or 3 above.

Please indicate your preference for hours of operation for the following (only check one box for each Hobby Shop and ITT):

- 1 - Change hours to 4 days per week at 10 hours per day.
- 2 - Change hours to a 5, 4, 9 operation schedule.
- 3 - Keep days and hours of operation the same.

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Auto Hobby Shop.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceramic Hobby Shop.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wood/Rock Hobby Shop.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ITT.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for your participation. The results of this survey will be detailed in this column in a future issue.



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

1969 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL: 2 door, engine needs headgasket, great classic restorable car. \$350 OBO. Call 252-9199.

1981 BUICK REGAL: Custom rims, interior, hydros., custom paint.. Must sell, needs minor engine work. Asking \$4,000. Call 256-0651.

1991 TOYOTA TRUCK: SR5 4x4, V6, X-cab, PS, PB, PW and locks, AM/FM stereo w/cassette, camper shell, low mileage. Asking \$9,200. Call 252-7374.

1992 TOYOTA: Pickup truck, rebuilt engine, new clutch, alternator, battery and tires. Asking \$3,000. Call 252-4726.

1996 FORD MUSTANG: 3.8 ltr, V6, manual transmission, fully loaded, black, Alpine CD player, only 35,000 miles. \$11,200. Call 254-3085 nights, (909) 584-9470.

1997 FORD RANGER: Pickup, low mileage, black, 4 cyl. 2.3 eng. w/4 speed manual trans. and overdrive, A/C, AM/FM cassette with CD player, sliding rear window, custom paint. Asking \$10,500 or take over payments. Call 252-3355 AWH. Lv msg.

1964 VW BEETLE: New tires, new rims and interior. A steal at \$1,200. Call 252-9199.

1989 LAYTON 5th WHEEL: 19 ft., solar system, microwave, self-contained. \$5,000 OBO. Call 253-2320.

FOR SALE: 2 mountain bikes, NISHIKI 26 inch, silver, 18-speed; 27 inch, teal, 21-speed, xlt cond., for serious riders. \$175. Each. Call 253-4263.

FOR SALE: Ford custom 474 engine 600 HP, new never started, porter/polished, roller rocker arms, balanced/blueprinted, Keith Black flat top pistons, high rise intake, very large cam. \$8,000 OBO. Call 241-8967 for more details.

FOR SALE: Big block Chevy cross tunnel ram intake manifold, polished aluminum. \$300. Call 241-8967.

FOR SALE: 1965 Nova shell, no engine, no transmission. \$3000. Call 955-8598 after 5 pm.

FOR SALE: Ford 302 high performance engine. \$1,000. Call 955-8598 after 5 pm.

FOR SALE: 1995 Coachmen Catalina lite camper, 27', new tires, beautiful interior, sleeps 6, bedroom, bunk-beds, bathroom, cable, stereo speakers. Must see to appreciate. \$11,000. Call 252-7119.

FOR SALE: Moving, getting rid of everything in the house. Couch, love seat, washer and dryer, other household items. Call 957-1747 to make offer.

FOR SALE: Snowboarding gear, slim bindings, size 10 Rage boots, all for \$50. Only used one season. Call 252-4726.

FOR SALE: Eagle fish finder, xlt cond., cost \$250. New asking \$100. Call 256-6629.

FOR SALE: Tires, Firestone, truck, LT 215-85 R16, xlt cond., 5 at \$25. each, 2 at \$15. each. Call 256-6629.

FOR SALE: Piano, dark maple, made by Story and Clark, xlt cond. \$900. Call 252-1059.

FOR SALE: Cellular phone, NEC, Digital Talk 2000, leather case, extra battery and car charger included, just activate. Call 253-4263.

FOR SALE: Cellular phone, Nokia 638, with battery, charger and leather case. \$35. Call 253-2394 AWH

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

FOR SALE: Sectional, blue, 2 recliners love seat with small storage area, queen-size sofa sleeper, like new, must see to appreciate, \$800 OBO. Also blue rocker/recliner. \$15. Call 256-6632. Lv msg.

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. \$10,500. Call 957-1812 for details and pictures.

FOR SALE: Electric Mobility, Rascal, model R200, 3-wheel scooter with instructions and walker holder, never used, stored inside. Purchased 12-10-98, for \$1,688. Asking \$1,300 OBO. Call 256-6117.

FOR SALE: AM/FM Stereo, radio with 8 track tape recorder, 14½" high, 9½" wide speakers. \$25. Call 242-8839

FOR SALE: Pet carrier/kennel, 21" long, 16" wide. \$20. Call 242-8839.

FOR SALE: Navy pea coat, good cond. \$20. Call 242-8839.

YARD SALE: 2020A Eniwetok, furniture, pictures, car parts, clothing, ornaments, mattresses, yard decorations etc. 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

LOST: Emerald wedding ring, reward. If found, contact 252-4726.

WANTED: 1965 or 1966 Dodge Dart, car or parts, running or not. Call 252-9199.

GTCC Q-n-As

Several questions have been received at Headquarters Marine Corps regarding the mandatory usage of the GTCC and the conditions required for reimbursement. These are a few of the most commonly asked questions and their answers.

Q: If a traveler is not exempted from mandatory use of the GTCC, and that traveler fails to use the GTCC for official travel expenses, will that traveler still be reimbursed for their travel expenses?

A: Yes. The traveler will still be reimbursed for their travel expenses. However, such failure to use the GTCC may subject the traveler to appropriate administrative or disciplinary action.

Q: Is issuing the GTCC mandatory for all government personnel (military and civilian) who are not exempted from mandatory use?

A: No. Issuing the GTCC is not mandatory for all government personnel. DoD policy requires mandatory use of the GTCC but not mandatory issuance. Personnel who do not have or anticipate having a requirement to travel do not require a card. However, those personnel who are required to travel and are not within an exemption category must apply for a card if they anticipate travel in the near future.

Q: If a traveler is exempted from mandatory use of the GTCC, will they be required to use their personal funds to cover their travel expenses?

A: No. Personnel who are exempted will be authorized to draw a travel advance from their servicing disbursing/finance office. Travel orders should state the traveler is "exempt from mandatory card use."

Q: Are travelers required to charge their airline, bus and rail tickets to their GTCC?

A: No. Airline, bus and train tickets will continue to be procured through the government-contracted commercial travel office unless otherwise authorized by the traffic management office.

Q: Is the Marine Corps seeking any additional exemptions other than the ones listed in MARADMIN 94-00?

A: Yes. The Marine Corps has requested, via the Department of the Navy, exemptions from mandatory use for junior enlisted personnel and for permanent change of station travel.

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Norris at 577-6726.

For more information on DoD's travel card program, visit the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at <http://www.dfas.mil> or the Bank of America site at <http://www.bankofamerica.com/government>.

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with Miss Dorothy.

During a Memorial Day ceremony the base's Mounted Color Guard proudly saluted her last year.

"Delivering to her a photo of that salute, a National Ensign and Marine Corps flag set and an eagle, globe

and anchor pin on different occasions were tangible ways of telling her how we admired her," Costa recalls. "I know she cherished each of those."

"She was concerned about our nation and where it was going to the very end. That is why, she told me, she was always so pleased to see the American flag and 'her Marines' car-

rying it. I know I will miss her, and I know many others will too," said Costa.

A memorial service for Kohlars will be held at 1:30 p.m., March 23, at the Veterans Home.

The chapel at the Veterans Home will be dedicated in her honor.

