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MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, Calif. – Major Gen. (select) Jack A. Davis relinquishes command of Marine Corps Logistics Bases to BGen. (select) Richard S. Kramlich in a ceremony at MCLB Albany, Ga., Friday.

Davis leaves to assume command in New Orleans as the Commanding General of the Marine Forces Reserve.

Kramlich was born Feb. 27, 1951, in Oak Harbor, Wash., but grew up in Whitehall, Penn.

He received a commission as an officer in the Marine Corps in June 1973 following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Analysis.

In June 1974, after completing The Basic School and Ground Supply Officers School, he was assigned to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and placed in charge of supply accounts at Marine Aircraft Group-13 and Marine Wing Support Group-37.

He was ordered to Okinawa in 1976 where he became the unit supply officer for 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Marine Division.

After attending and graduating from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., in March 1979 with a Master of Science Degree in Materiel Management, he became an economics instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Returning overseas in June 1982, he served with the 3rd Supply Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group as the officer-in-charge, general account,

SASSY Management Unit.

After returning to the United States in 1983, he was assigned to Headquarters, Marine Corps, as a project officer in the Material Management and Policy Branch of Installations and Logistics.

He was then ordered to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College and graduated in June 1988.

Next, Kramlich was assigned to the 2nd FSSG as the 2nd Supply Battalion S-3 Officer and later as the officer-in-charge, SASSY Management Unit.

In December 1990, he deployed to Saudi Arabia where he was the officer-in-charge, SASSY Management Unit for the 1st FSSG during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

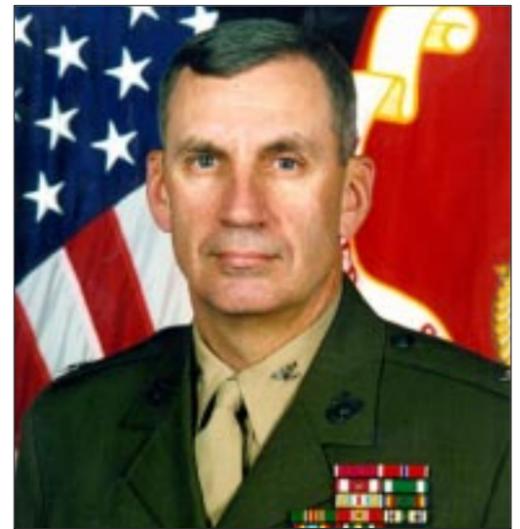
He returned to the United States in June 1991 to attend the Marine Corps War College and, following graduation, served on the faculty of the Command and Staff College.

He returned to the 2nd FSSG in July 1994 where he served as the deputy G-3 prior to taking command of the 2nd Maintenance Battalion in December 1994.

Upon completing that tour in June 1996, he was assigned to the group staff as the assistant chief of staff, G-3.

In June 1998, he executed orders to the U.S. Central Command to serve as the Deputy for Logistics and Security Assistance at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award) and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.



Col. Richard S. Kramlich



BGen. Jack A. Davis



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

Turn out the lights, the party is over – Well, maybe not a party, but this is a gentle reminder to shut off all unnecessary lighting at the end of the work day. The base is using much more electricity than it should, according to Larry Emmons, base energy manager. "We really need to cut back on wasting energy. Our electric bill is running about 35 percent higher than it should be."

Yermo clinics now open for business

By GySgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

There is good news and bad news regarding the move of the Nebo Medical and Dental clinics to Building 582 in the Yermo Annex.

The good news is that, as of today, the move is complete. Both clinics and the pharmacy resume operations today.

Patients and other customers are requested to contact Base Information at 577-6211 or the Base Duty Officer at 577-6961 for the new phone numbers.

The bad news is the the Barstow TRICARE beneficiary service office permanently closed April 1 – and that is no April Fool's joke.

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The CO/XO's Corner

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

Marines, Sailors, civilian Marines and families of the Logistics Base community:

Last year I wrote an article that challenged the validity of the old military adage, "Never Volunteer!" Well, it is that time of year again. The week of April 9-15 is set aside as National Volunteer Week. General Jones, CMC, in his message says, "Volunteers are key members of the Marine Corps Family, who by their involvement, diversify and expand the skills we can offer to our community."

If volunteers are so important then why the old adage, "Never Volunteer?" I believe that there is a natural fear to volunteer because of the unknown. But, that unknown can quickly be changed. Each and every time we volunteer our efforts for others, someone benefits and when we acknowledge that benefit, there is no doubt in the purpose. First, we just need to know who needs help, what they need, and decide how we can help.

The volunteer spirit of the famous inspires us. However, those who offer their time and talent without fanfare do most of the effort not in the spotlight by the famous, but behind the scenes. Those are the ones we take time this week, and each year, to publicly recognize and to join with those who are directly helped by them to add our note of thanks.

I ask those who have volunteered before to recommit and I ask those who have not taken the first step to consider volunteering. We are

surrounded by opportunities – we can contribute time and money to our annual Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive, the Combined Federal Campaign, or many of the charity fund raising events that involve walking or running. Your time and talents can be donated to organizations such as Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, the Red Cross, mentoring at the schools in town, or spending time with veterans at the home in Barstow. The Base and Barstow community offer the full spectrum of service organizations looking for the unique talents you possess or the time and desire to serve others. I encourage each of you as we celebrate National Volunteer Week to ask the question, 'what do I have to offer?' and then seek the answer to the question, 'where can I apply my talent and time to serve others?' Each of us is better off because of someone who volunteered their service. But, there are still many opportunities unfulfilled. Each of us has something to offer, we just need to find the best match. This is one of the best ways for us to continue to become more of a community on base and within the greater Barstow area.

As always I ask you to stay informed and stay involved. This time I ask that you do it as a volunteer. As we blaze a new trail for our future, let's add a new adage, "be a volunteer, make a difference." Take that first step to realize that the benefits you receive will exceed the time and effort you give.

— THE C.O. SENDS.

He is our fortress

By Lt. Cmdr. Tom Cook
Command Chaplain, MCLB Albany

In June of 1995, Capt. Scott E. O'Grady, U.S. Air Force, was flying a NATO mission over Bosnia when an enemy rocket slashed through his F-16 aircraft. After O'Grady pulled the ejection handle, ejected, and began his parachute descent, he saw Bosnians watching him. Once down, he ran for his life, scurrying for cover in the thin vegetation. "God protected me," he said later.

Then O'Grady's ordeal really began. He ate grass, leaves and insects. Desperately thirsty, he prayed for rain. That night, it rained.

Meanwhile the Bosnians were searching for him, shooting into the bushes with their weapons. Not willing to give away his

position, he was afraid to turn on his electronic beacon for several days. Then on the fifth day, he heard a radio call: "Basher One One." Basher was O'Grady's code name - he was in contact with a search aircraft.

An elite Marine Corps Tactical Recovery of Aircraft/Personnel team was airborne and on its way to the war-ravaged hills of the former Yugoslavia. O'Grady was finally rescued. He credited his survival to the Marines, prayer and his faith. He told one reporter, "The first thing I want to do is thank God. If it wasn't for God's love for me and my love for God, I wouldn't have gotten through it. He is the one that delivered me here, and I know that in my heart."

One of the most wonderful truths about

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Chapel Hours

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

Confession services
before Mass

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11 - 11:30 a.m.
At the Colonel's Workshop

For more info call
Don Brooks at 577-7165.

The power of Honor

By SgtMaj. Alford A. McMichael
Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps

Fellow Marines, let me reemphasize a simple, but sometimes-overlooked truth: the characterization of your discharge will impact your opportunities for success in the future, and might affect your self-esteem and personal sense of pride. Occasionally, there are Marines who lose sight of this fact and then have trouble dealing with the consequences.

For example, in a recent letter to the editor of one of our professional journals, an individual wrote to express his concerns about having received an Other Than Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps. Interestingly, he said that he felt bad about his separation because the Corps had been a major part of his life, and it had given him a great sense of honor and responsibility. His main point, however, was that he didn't understand why he couldn't get a second chance to correct his missteps. He knew that he had violated the trust and confidence placed in him as a Marine, and understood that the Marine Corps had to take legal action in his case. Still, the writer appeared to be genuinely dejected by his separation and its characterization. While I don't know the details of the incident, I was struck by the emotion in the letter. Its strong appeal for a second chance suggested that civilian life might not have been going well for this individual. His situation highlighted the fact that an Other Than Honorable Discharge has negative long-term consequences.

It is important to remember that the characterization of your discharge will depend entirely on the nature of your service. Most Marines perform their duties and conduct themselves in the manner in which they are expected, and will thereby rate a favorable characterization. However, these papers are not "rubber stamped." Our profession requires that our standards of behavior be higher than the norm. We insist on discipline, integrity, and courage because the nature of warfare requires that we obey orders, trust each other, and be able to set our fears aside in order to accomplish the mission. If you meet these standards and perform your duties as expected, then at the end of your days in uniform, you will receive a ringing endorsement that carries the full confidence of the United States Marine Corps – an Honorable Discharge.

An Honorable Discharge is more than a piece of paper that you are given at the end of your enlistment. It is a document that shows that you have served your country faithfully

and honestly. It is a reflection of your commitment to duty, and demonstrates that you have done your part to protect and advance our national interests. In short, an Honorable Discharge is, as our Commandant has stated, "both a sign of dedication to the prosperity of our nation and a measure of personal character."

An Honorable Discharge can also be considered your ticket to success because it is an effective endorsement from the U.S. Marine Corps that tells prospective employers or college admissions committees that you are dependable and reliable. Since hard work and personal responsibility are familiar concepts to Marines, it also says that you can remain committed to a cause and see it through to its completion. Moreover, it correctly implies that by virtue of your military service, you are better equipped than your civilian counterparts to overcome adversity and find solutions under stressful conditions.

These distinctions are important because there are a growing number of employers who give hiring preferences to former service members. They recognize, especially in the case of Marines, that your training has given you a sense of discipline, honor, and commitment that many of your civilian peers do not have. In the business world, managers see this as translating into greater efficiency and productivity. However, not everyone who served in the military has these attributes. Therefore, the "truth teller" that lets an employer know if you are going to "measure up" is the characterization of your discharge. An honorable characterization suggests that you have these attributes, and will therefore be an asset to any employer.

An Honorable Discharge also affords you civil service preference in the federal government, as well as many state, and local governments. Municipal employers, such as the police and fire departments, often favor former military members not only because of the training that we receive, but also because those jobs require disciplined professionals who can think quickly on their feet. They want people who are trustworthy and reliable, and are able to work both independently and as part of a team.

For some, the greatest utility of an Honorable Discharge is that it entitles you to all the benefits the Veterans Administration offers. These include the educational packages known as the Montgomery G. I. Bill and the Marine Corps College Fund. The MGIB provides up to \$19,296 dollars, and the MCCF will grant up to \$50,000 dollars to pay for your college.

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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 and phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil.

ASMC luncheon

The American Society for Military Comptrollers has scheduled a luncheon for April 13 at 11 a.m. at the Oasis Club. Lunch will be a choice of beef stew w/noodles or chef's salad. Tickets cost \$5. The guest speaker will be Charles Mitchell from Barstow Community College. He plans to speak about the similarities of private and government job skills and how to become more competitive in today's job market. For more info, call Lou Ann Presley at 577-6636.

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 until 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 Keirn	577-6614
Frederico Molino	577-7210
Ed Guz	577-6183
Vince Chavez	577-7731

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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

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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Bruce Rowe	577-7207

Identifying chain e-mail

Chain e-mail distracts recipients from their work, degrades network performance, and is a denial of service threat. Likewise, responding to chain e-mail to reprimand the sender by selecting "Reply All" serves to proliferate the problem by contributing to net-

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do



By E. Temple

Never ask a Marine to call for help.

work saturation.

According to MARADMIN 136/00, users of the Marine Corps Electronic Network are advised to delete chain e-mail upon receipt.

Chain e-mail often comes in the form of a promotional or virus hoax. Signs of a hoax include statements such as: "For every person that you forward this e-mail to, you will receive" "Send this message to everyone you know" and "This is true; your hard drive will be eaten; this is no joke"

Ignore any e-mails regarding these supposed promotions or viruses, and do not forward them.

Additionally, understand that global group addresses are for the use of official business only; personal use is not permitted.

MAD Dash 10K Run

The Marine Aviation Detachment at China Lake is hosting the 12th MAD Dash 10K run/5K walk at China Lake April 22. Prizes are awarded to the top overall male and female finishers and the top three finishers in each category of the 10K run.

The entry fee is \$15 in advance and \$18 on race day. The fee includes a T-shirt.

For more info, call GySgt. Robert Corsey at (760) 939-8099.

For more info call Bobby Proctor at 577-6278.

English CLEP

The Base Education office will administer the College Level Examination Program Test for English April 11 at

7:30 a.m. in Building 302. A passing grade earns six college-level English credits and fulfills Park College's requirements for English 105 and 106.

For more info, call Rich Johnston at 577-6118.

Power outage planned

There will be an electrical power outage Sunday from 7 to 11 a.m. to repair 12Kv breakers in the Yermo main substation.

Buildings 599, 609, 610, 611, and the southwest corner of the Building 573 compound will be affected by the outage.

For further info call Bobby Proctor at 577-6278.

Leave Sharing

Ray Silva, Jr., of the Transportation Management Division of Installation and Logistics Department has been affected by a family medical emergency.

Anyone desiring to donate leave may submit a leave donor application to their department administrative office.

For more info call Connie Zamora at 577-6657.

Enter the car show

MCAGCC Twentynine Palms has scheduled a car show June 3 and is looking for people to enter. Cash prizes and trophies are offered to winners in more than 20 different categories, including People's Choice, Best of Show, Electronic Sound Systems and Best Paint.

There are classes for hot rods, antiques, modern cars and off-road vehicles. The show is open to the public. Admission is free for spectators. The fee to enter the show is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate.

For more info, call MCCS Marketing at (760) 830-6296 or e-mail vollmerm@29palms.usmc.mil.

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 15.

Name	Phone
U.S. Marines	
GySgt. 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

Job Watch

Annc.#	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
OTR-039-00	Budget Assistant GS-0561-05 (Temp NTE 1 year)	03-21-00	04-18-00	04-04-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-041-00	Computer Specialist GS-0334-09 (Temp NTE 1 year)	03-23-00	04-20-00	04-07-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-148-00	Environmental Protection Specialist GS-0028-11	03-24-00	04-07-00	04-21-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-153-00	Artillery Repairer WG-6605-07 (Term NTE 1 year)	03-27-00	04-25-00	04-10-00	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>.

N/MCRS drawing winners announced

By GySgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

The second local drawing for the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society was held Friday at the Marine Corps Exchange.

1stSgt. Charles J. Allen III will be hitting the desert trails on a new Huffly 15-speed mountain bike.

SSgt. Bruce E. Raymond can watch Star Wars Episode I on the new VCR he lucked into – all he has to do is buy the movie.

GySgt. Frank J. Raymond hasn't won the Lotto yet, but he did walk away with a \$100 gift certificate from the Marine Corps Exchange.

Jimmy H. Cruse won a matching set of his-and-hers Marine Corps watches. So what are you giving your wife for Mother's Day Jim?

CWO Jeffrey L. Clawson can have a party and invite all his friends to come watch home movies now that he has a JVC camcorder. Who has the popcorn?

Conratulations to all the local drawing winners.

There isn't any word from Camp Pendleton whether the base had any winners in their drawing, but my fingers are crossed. After all, there are still two more drawings.

Think Ford – Ranger ... Mustang.

The local winning tickets numbers were:

1stSgt. Charles Allen	397829
SSgt. Bruce Raymond	398045
GySgt. Frank Raymond	053261
Jimmy Cruse	398344
CWO Jeff Clawson	397388

The third drawing is at the Marine Corps Exchange tomorrow. The winners will be published next week.



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Mary Griffiths, medical clinic secretary, stands amidst a pile of papers and moving boxes in the Branch Medical Clinic.

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"TRICARE beneficiaries may obtain health care assistance from a beneficiary service representative or health care finder by calling Foundation Health Federal Services at 1-800-242-6788, or by visiting the TRICARE Service Center at Fort Irwin," said Cmdr. Gregory L. Simpkins, Asst. officer in charge, BMC. "The TRICARE Service Center is in the Dr. Mary Walker Building, Bldg. 170, which is located diagonally across from the Weed Army Community Hospital."

The temporary clinics are located in Building 582 near the

Marine Corps Exchange at the Yermo Annex.

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 the Yermo Annex. Follow the road to Building 582 on the left across from the Fire Station.

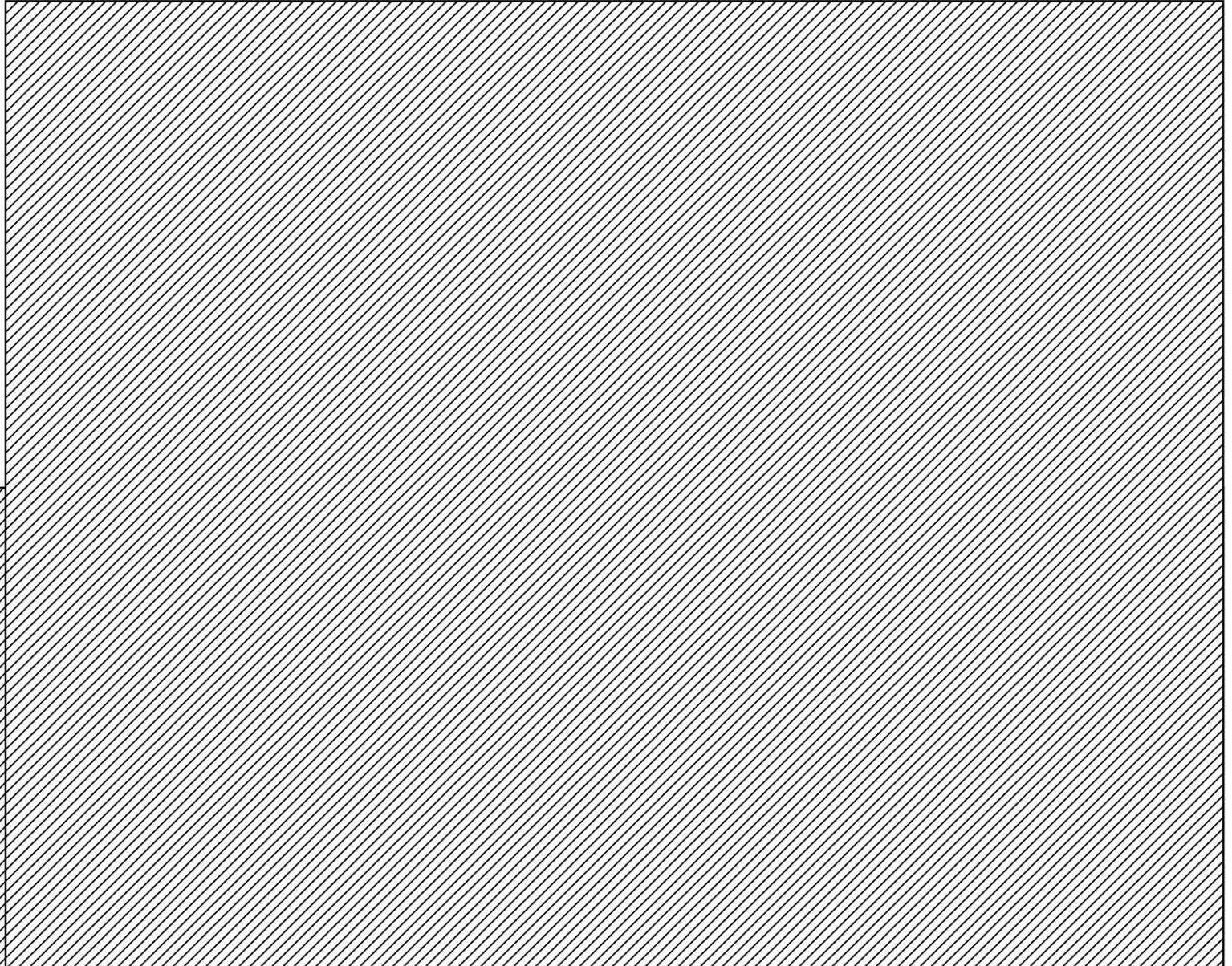
The Occupational Health office will remain at Yermo Annex when the clinics return to Nebo in 12 to 24 months following renovation and remodeling of their buildings.

For more information contact Cmdr. Simpkins or the Appointment Desk at 1-800-633-0170.

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God is that He is faithful to His people. In our everyday lives, we may not always be aware of His presence. But in the darkest days, the most frightening nights, God becomes an almost tangible presence. No matter how terrifying our circumstances may be, He is with us. And when the crisis is over, we, like Scott O'Grady, recognize that His power has saved us, and His love for us is the only reason we have prevailed.

"Then you will say to the Lord,
"You are my fortress, my place of safety; you are my God, and I trust you." (Psalm 29:2)



Marines stand down, focus on retention

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan
BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB Barstow Marines stood down from their regular duties last week to uphold the goals of the Commandant of the Marine Corps' First Term Alignment Plan. The purpose was to influence Marines with an end of active service in this fiscal year to keep the option of re-enlisting.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, directed a retention stand down to take place at every command before March 31.

"My intent is for all of us to spend the better part of 48 hours focusing on re-enlisting our Marines," said Jones in his message to all Marines 017/00. "We need to develop a schedule to address each of our Marines on a personal level."

The Marine Corps outlined a quota of 5,788 first-term Marines to re-enlist during Fiscal Year 2000 and has filled all but 1,237 of them, according to SSgt. Robert J. Munroe, career planner.

The Commandant didn't outline a specific agenda Marine Corps wide. Instead, he empowered commands to find their own way to exercise the stand down.

"The quality of our retention standdown rests

"I don't want anybody twisting your arm. What you do next is your own decision."

with each commander and our staff NCO leadership," said Jones. "We are only limited by our imagination."

MCLB began the stand down with a staff NCO briefing, followed by a roundtable discussion with the base sergeant major and the base's 27 FTAP re-enlistment candidates.

"I don't want anybody twisting your arm," said Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander. "What you do next is your own decision."

"We have 25,000 Marines with an EAS this year," said SgtMaj. John Hathaway, base sergeant major. "That means 20,000 are going into the civilian world. It makes our civilian corps better to have former Marines out there."

The sergeant major led a round table discussion on the first day of the standdown to discuss the future plans of each Marine.

"It was important to get the Marines together and go around the room and address each and every Marine's plans personally," said Hathaway. "Within the sergeant major community, we've been asked to personally reach out and touch each Marine around us."

Marines shared their plans with one another, which varied from re-enlistment or using the Montgomery G.I. Bill for college to working for electronic firms for beginning salaries of \$65,000 and more.

"I was really impressed with how well prepared the Marines were," said Hathaway.

"I learned that we have a higher caliber of people in the Marine Corps than I imagined," said Cpl. Brad Price, NCOIC of the battalion S-1. Price plans to separate in July and attend the University of Cincinnati and eventually obtain a law degree. "I figured that most people were bums when they got out and just moved back in with their parents."

"I wouldn't even say I benefited from it personally," Price continued, "but it was a great experience. The sergeant major kept it positive and didn't let us gripe."

"It helps me understand our younger Marines," said Hathaway. "When I was a first-termer, it was 'Are you re-enlisting or not? No? All right, get out of my office!' Things are different now."

The sergeant major added one thing he would like to see done differently.

"We need to do this earlier, before the boat spaces come out," he said. "The Marines themselves brought that one up."

On the second day of the standdown, each Marine present at the round table met with Maj. Kathy Maloney, battalion commander, to discuss their plans one on one.

"Our purpose is to identify those who are undecided," said Munroe. "We found four or five guys who aren't sure what they want to do next. Those are the ones we can help and possibly re-enlist."

"I really have no definite plans, but I want to keep my options open," said Cpl. Elder A. Reyes, communications center operator who reaches the end of his current contract in July. "I didn't know you could re-up for two years."

After the stand down, Reyes began to compile a two-year re-enlistment package for submission to Headquarters Marine Corps.

"I'm pretty sure it will get approved," said Reyes. "I'm still undecided, but it's like the sergeant major said, I don't want to close the door without thinking about it first."

Reyes said that if he re-enlists, he will request to stay in Barstow and be near his parents, who live in Apple Valley.

The standdown inspired the pros-



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Cpl. Ernie Mena recently took the plunge and elected to stay in the Marine Corps for another two years.

pect for future round table discussions.

"It won't be confined to one subject," said Hathaway. "We can use that setting to identify other issues."

Hathaway alluded to the recent NCO symposium at Headquarters Marine Corps, where 11 sergeants assembled and made their recommendations to the Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

"Communication is the key," said Hathaway. "We could use that format and see how we could use it toward Barstow."



PERSONAL SERVICES BULLETIN

Marine Corps Community Services – Personal Services Division

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2000

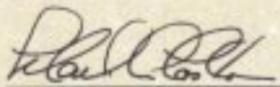
Daily, headlines in newspapers across the U.S. tell the sobering story—more than three million children are neglected, abused and/or killed annually. The tragic impact of this abuse is felt nationwide, including our community aboard MCLB Barstow; and

Equally sobering is the thought that these acts of violence are at the hands of the very people who should be making sure that their children are safe and secure in their own homes. This is a chilling reality, but some things can be done to turn the tide. Each of us can and must take positive action; and

The first step is to take personal responsibility for making our households violence free, safe and secure for our loved ones. In keeping with our philosophy of "Taking Care of Our Own," each Marine and member of this community can increase his or her participation in our effort to prevent child abuse by assisting families in getting the help they need and having the conviction to report suspected abuse; and

The entire community can make the difference and stop violence through increased awareness, education and intervention;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, COLONEL MARK A. COSTA, do hereby proclaim April 2000 as Child Abuse Awareness Month across this military installation. I call upon all Marines and Civilian Marines to be a part of the all-star Marine Corps team to help "Keep Kids...SAFE AT HOME."



MARK A. COSTA
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding
Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow

The Month of the Military Child

By Stephanie Wilson
Public Affairs Technician

April, the Month of the Military Child, focuses on the special circumstances of children who grow up in the military. This is a good time to remember all the unique situations military children face, and let them know how much their sacrifices are appreciated. Think of the strain of frequent moves to new towns, or even to new countries.

With every move they have to become familiar with new names and a new house, school, teachers and friends. Other children and adults may not understand the military culture and language. Their military friends are always coming and going. Deployments, training and TADs may take dad or mom away from the home for extended periods of time.

Consider how often your children meet these challenges and use them to build character. Then take some time this month to let them know how proud of them you are, and how much you love them. Here are just a few ways you can show

your appreciation.*

- Say "I love you."
- Read out loud together as a family.
- Use positive reinforcement to encourage responsible behavior.
- Help them to discover their own special gifts by letting them develop an interest in activities such as sports, music, dance, drama, etc.
- Encourage their independence.
- Allow your child to express his feelings.
- Listen to your child and look him in the eyes when he is talking to you.
- Encourage your child to be proud of his name, his ideas and his work.
- Build a file of mementos of things in which your child participated (note that they did not necessarily have to excel at these activities).
- Point out and appreciate unique qualities in your child that make him special.
- Set aside time each day to give your child your undivided attention, even if it is 15 minutes.

*Adapted from "Don't Take It Out on Your Kids" by Katherine C. Kersey

Keeping children safe

By Alicia de Griffith

Family Advocacy Program Manager

Every year in this country more than 3 million children are reported abused or neglected. Three of these children die every day. These statistics are particularly alarming in light of the fact that overall crime statistics have gone down since 1993, while the number of children reported abused and neglected increased by nine percent.

While it is important to take note of these statistics, it is more important to prevent abuse and neglect from happening in the first place. That is what April's observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month is all about.

As concerned individuals and responsible community members, we can make an impact by acting on a few simple yet helpful recommendations:

1. Make nurturing children a priority in parenting. Children need to know they are special and loved.
2. Help a friend, neighbor or relative. Being a parent isn't easy. At one time or another, we all can use a helping hand.
3. Take time to take care of yourself. When the little and big problems of everyday life feel overwhelming, take a time out, take a deep breath, turn on some music or reach out to friends, neighbors or relatives who can help.
4. Monitor your child's television and com-

puter use. Watching violent films or playing violent computer games can harm young children. It teaches that aggression is an acceptable way to handle frustration and solve problems.

5. Get involved. Volunteering to help with organized children's activities such as sports, scouts and the Youth Activity Center are great ways to promote and advocate for children.

6. Report suspected abuse or neglect. Keeping children safe is the responsibility of everyone in our community. If you have reason to believe children have been or may be harmed, contact the Family Advocacy Program at 577-6533 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., or the Provost Marshal's Office at 577-6666 24 hours a day.

April's observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month reminds us all of our collective responsibility to keep our children safe from the abuse and neglect that robs so many of this country's children of their childhood, their sense of security, and their future. Together, we really can make a difference.

For more information about how to prevent child abuse and neglect, please contact the Family Advocacy Program at 577-6533 in Building 129.

For a recorded informational message about child abuse, call the 24-hour Personal Services Division hotline, 1-800-GET-NEWS, and choose extension 205 (Emotional Abuse), 206 (Neglect), 207 (Physical Abuse), or 208 (Sexual Abuse).

PSD Briefs

Retired Military Almanac 2000 is here

The year 2000 Retired Military Almanacs have arrived.

These valuable books provide information for retirees and their families on retired pay, benefits, entitlements, privileges, taxes, health care, veterans benefits, and social security.

The Almanac can also be used as a pre-retirement planning guide.

If you would like your own copy of the Almanac 2000, call Stephanie Wilson at the Retired Activities Office, 577-6533.

TAP Class for retiring/separating military personnel

A Transition Assistance Program workshop for retiring or separating military personnel and their spouses will be held Monday-Thursday, April 17-20.

During the four-day workshop guest speakers will cover Career Exploration, Civil Service Job Applications, the Job Search, Resume Writing, Interviewing, Veteran and Retiree Benefits and more.

Put on your civilian clothes and head over

to Building 37 April 17-20 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you're a retiring or separating Marine, Sailor or soldier, you and your spouse are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information, call the MCCS Personal Services Division TAMP section at 577-6265 or 577-6533.

Baby sitter certification

The Child Development Center is offering the American Red Cross Baby Sitter's Course to all military and base employee dependents April 18 and 19.

The classes will be held in the CDC, Bldg. 372, from 8 a.m. to noon both days, and a registration fee of \$16 is required at time of registration. The fee covers the cost of both the Baby Sitter's Guide and certification card.

Grace Walls, CDC curriculum specialist and certified Red Cross instructor teaches the course. The class is for children 12-18 years old who are interested in baby-sitting aboard the base. Register at the CDC by April 14.

For more info call Grace Walls at 577-6049/6287.

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Base PMI practices what he teaches, brings home bronze

Story and photos by
Cpl. Brian Davidson

BARSTOW LOG staff

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – The Western Division Championship Service Matches ended with an awards ceremony Friday morning and one of MCLB-Barstow's own took his place on stage as one of the best in the West.

Sgt. Fabian Garcia, a primary marksmanship instructor with the Marksmanship Training Unit, earned the 11th bronze medal during competition in the Service Pistol Match.

Garcia was one of only two tyros to earn a medal during the contest.

The Pacific, Eastern and Western Division Championship Matches lay the groundwork for the Marine Corps Championship Matches. Units from around the Corps field their rifle and pistol teams with their best shooters, often determined by intramural competition. These teams compete in the division matches and the medallists continue on to compete in the Marine Corps Championship.

Garcia's two-day match aggregate score of 520 points with 12 'Vs' ranked him as 44th out of 254 competitors. Only the top ten percent of the field receive medals and 31 distinguished marksmen were not included in the medal count. This year 23 medals were awarded; 4 gold, 8 silver and 11 bronze.

"After the second day of match firing I didn't think I would make the cutoff point for the medals," said Garcia. "I'd heard that the last bronze [medal] was taken by an aggregate score of 525 and I fired my lowest score Wednesday – a 257 with two 'Vs', making me five points short for medal contention."

After learning that he, like most of the competitors at the division matches, would return to his unit with memories and a wealth of knowledge gained from the intensive experience, Garcia proceeded to Camp Margarita Squad Bay 33324 to prepare for a night on the town with his teammates.

Unbeknownst to him, he was given bum scoop.

SSgt. T.E. Eddy, a member of the USMC Rifle and Pistol Team who shared the squad bay with the MCLB Gold Team, congratulated Garcia for taking a medal as Garcia entered the squad bay.

"I could only ask myself, 'why is SSgt. Eddy congratulating me?' He won the first gold for the pistol match," said Garcia.

"You took the 11th bronze, Garcia," said Eddy. Eddy was sure of the information he was given. It came directly from the Range Statistics Officer and was signed by Col. J.N. Mueller, the match executive officer.

"A lot of times people spread the wrong information when it comes to scores at matches like these because they've heard unofficial numbers from someone else and they pass it on to others," noted Eddy.

Three other shooters had the same point totals as Garcia, but he outdistanced the nearest competitor's 'V' count by five.

Though well-versed in instruction and handling of the M9 9mm, Garcia said he believes the clinics taught by instructors from the USMC Pistol Team gave him the tools he needed to fill in the gaps in his technique.

"GySgt. [William] Bethards shared some really good pointers on mental and physical conditioning for marksmanship," said Garcia. "Particularly about focusing only on the fundamentals and finding a keyword or phrase to help me do that."

An apt pupil, Garcia applied what he learned. "When I hear the command from the sound shed, 'Ready on the right', said Garcia, nothing else matters." "My wife doesn't even exist."

In addition to learning, Garcia has shared some of his theories on marksmanship with the best shooters in the Marine Corps.

He has even introduced a new word into their vocabularies—gription: a firm and positive handle to provide necessary friction.

"As Instructors on the USMC Rifle and Pistol Team begin to use the phrase more it'll be used throughout the Corps," said Garcia, who is preparing for competition in the Marine Corps Championship Matches.



BGen. Bradley M. Lott, Commanding General, 1st Force Service Support Group, awards Sgt. Fabian Garcia the bronze medal for his marksmanship efforts.



(Above) Staunch supporters of the Marine Corps' Competition in Arms Program confer with BGen. Bradley M. Lott after the awards ceremony. The retired and former Marines are peers of the best marksmanship instructor Lott ever learned from, the late GySgt. Carlos Hathcock.

(Left) Sgt. Fabian Garcia, wearing sound protectors, applies the fundamentals of pistol marksmanship during the slow-fire portion of competition on match day one. Ensuring proper "gription," as Garcia calls it, is applied when handling the M9 9mm service pistol is a major factor in his success.

E/MSS: DFAS offers automated service for managing personal payroll actions on the Internet or over the phone.

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is trying to make your life easier through an on-line and touch-tone system.

The new service, Employee/Member Self Service, will allow personnel to make certain changes to their official pay and account using personal computers and touch-tone

phones via an Interactive Voice Response System.

"This is a voluntary option that provides an alternative to completing and submitting hard forms for certain pay sections," said 1stLt. John K. Norris, base finance officer. "DFAS customers will be able to change their own Federal tax withholding status and exemptions; change their correspondence address; start, stop or change their electronic

fund transfer allotments; and update their electronic fund transfer information."

Upon completion of an action E/MSS will display a "No later than" date for the change to be made. According to Norris, you can verify changes through E/MSS three to seven working days after a change is made, or by reviewing subsequent Leave and Earnings Statements.

There are many security features

built into the E/MSS design. Access to the system will be controlled with the use of social security and personal identification numbers. Temporary PINs are sent to customers with the option to customize them upon login.

Personal computers need to have Netscape Navigator 3.0, 4.01 or higher, Microsoft Internet Explorer version 4.0 or higher or Netscape Communicator to participate in E/

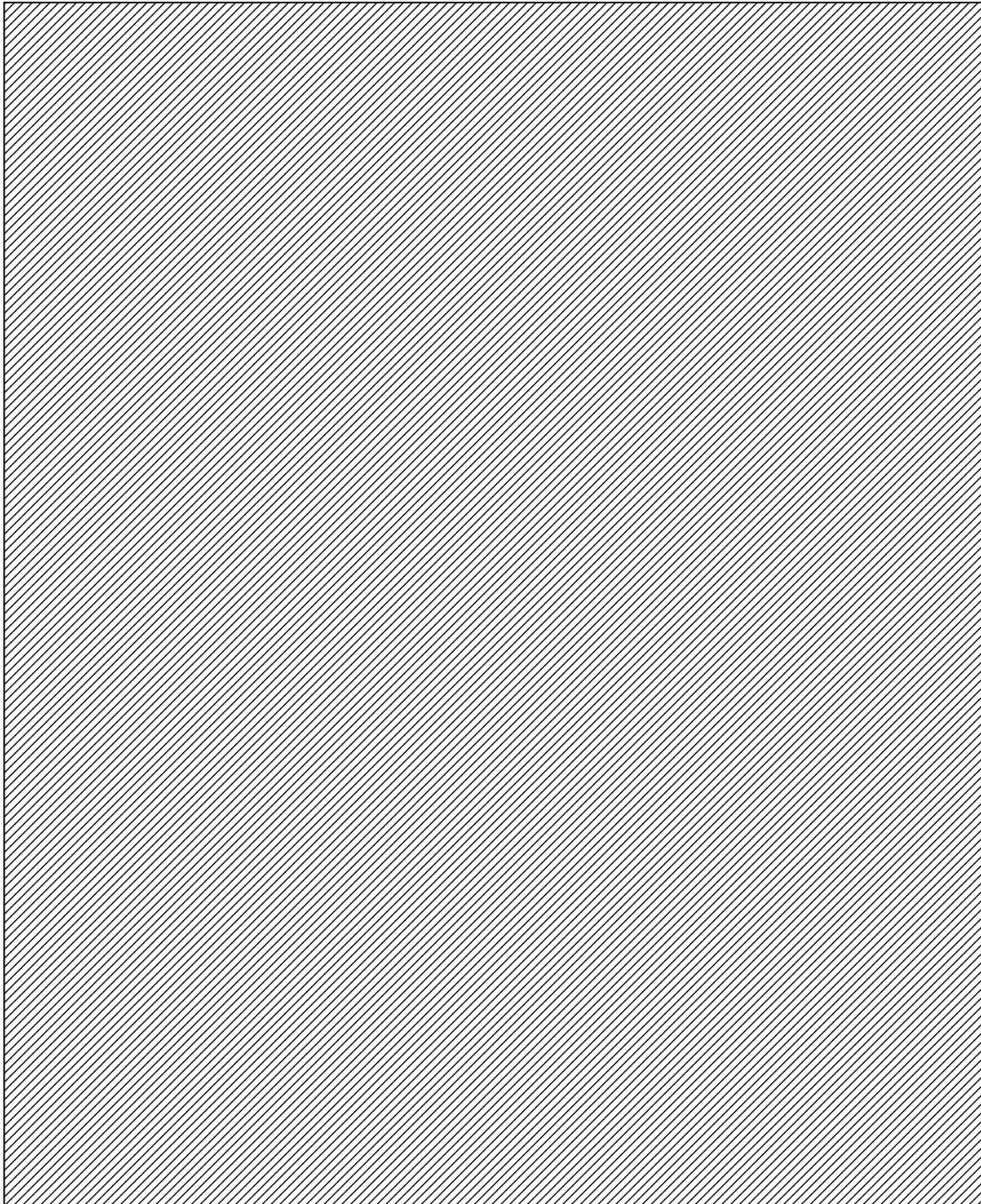
MSS.

E/MSS is available 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week, with customer support open Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Civilian personnel have already begun receiving their E/MSS notifications in the mail with a temporary PIN. Distribution of E/MSS notifications and PINs to active duty and reserve Marines began March 28.

"Safeguard your PIN in the same manner you would a bank card PIN because of the implications it has on information access," warned Norris.

If you have any questions contact 1stLt. John K. Norris at 577-6726 or SSgt. Gregory S. Duplechain at extension 577-6708. You can also check out the DFAS web site at <http://www.dfas.mil/ems>.



MCCS



MARINE CORPS Community Services Barstow

By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Shop MCX and save!

Our April Sale began April 1 with great specials on CharBroil gas and charcoal grills.



CharBroil gas grills – 30,000 BTU at only \$159.99.

CharBroil gas grills – 44,000 BTU at only \$199.99

Kingsford charcoal grills – 22 1/2-inch at only \$39.99

And check out these other great buys during our April Sale:

Sega Dreamcast \$199.99

Sony Playstation \$99.99

The April Sale runs through April. Our Easter Sale is April 21-24. 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 more information on this sale.

Gas Station hours of operation

We've received a number of requests

for the MCX Gas Station's hours of operation. So, here it is:

Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cash and credit purchases.

Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cash and credit purchases.

Anytime – 24 hours a day, seven days a week for credit card purchases.

Lunch menu for this week

This week's lunch menu at the Family Restaurant & Cactus Cafe:

Today – Lasagna.

Friday – Hoki fish, fried rice.

Monday – Beef stew and noodles.

Tuesday – Fried chicken and mashed potatoes.

Wednesday – Pork stir-fry and rice.

Thursday – Soft tacos, beans and rice.

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 for military; \$4.50 for civilians.

The Family Restaurant also offers a la carte and submarine sandwich menus for lunch.

The Cactus Cafe offers a limited a la carte and submarine sandwich menu for lunch.

For more info call 577-6428 for both the Family Restaurant and the Cactus Cafe.

Family Night Dinner Menu

Tonight – Italian Night – all you can eat!

Next week – Mexican Night – all you can eat!

(All-you-can-eat dinners are for in-restaurant consumption, not for take-out.)

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

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.

Climbing Walls are up!

The Climbing Walls are up and running at the Youth Activities Center.

Kids can come by and try their hand at the newly completed Climbing Wall.

If your children are not already registered at the YAC, stop by the Clara McKinney Complex or call 577-6499 or 577-6287.

Golf Twilight League begins

The Twilight League at Tees & Trees Golf Course begins on April 18 and continues every Tuesday through August 1.

Entry fee is \$20 and only the first 48 paid sign-ups will be accepted. All others will be on standby.

Call Tees & Trees Golf Course at 577-6431 for more details on the Twilight League or any other feature of the golf course.

Easter Brunch

Make reservations now for Easter Brunch at the Family Restaurant on April 23.

Menu includes: omelettes cooked to order, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham or bacon, oven-roasted potatoes, creamed beef, biscuits, baked chicken, fried chicken, vegetables, pancakes and syrup, french toast, assorted beverages, cereals, fruit and desserts.

Adults \$6.95, children 5-12 yrs. \$3.95, under 4 years are free.

Call 577-6110 or 577-6418.

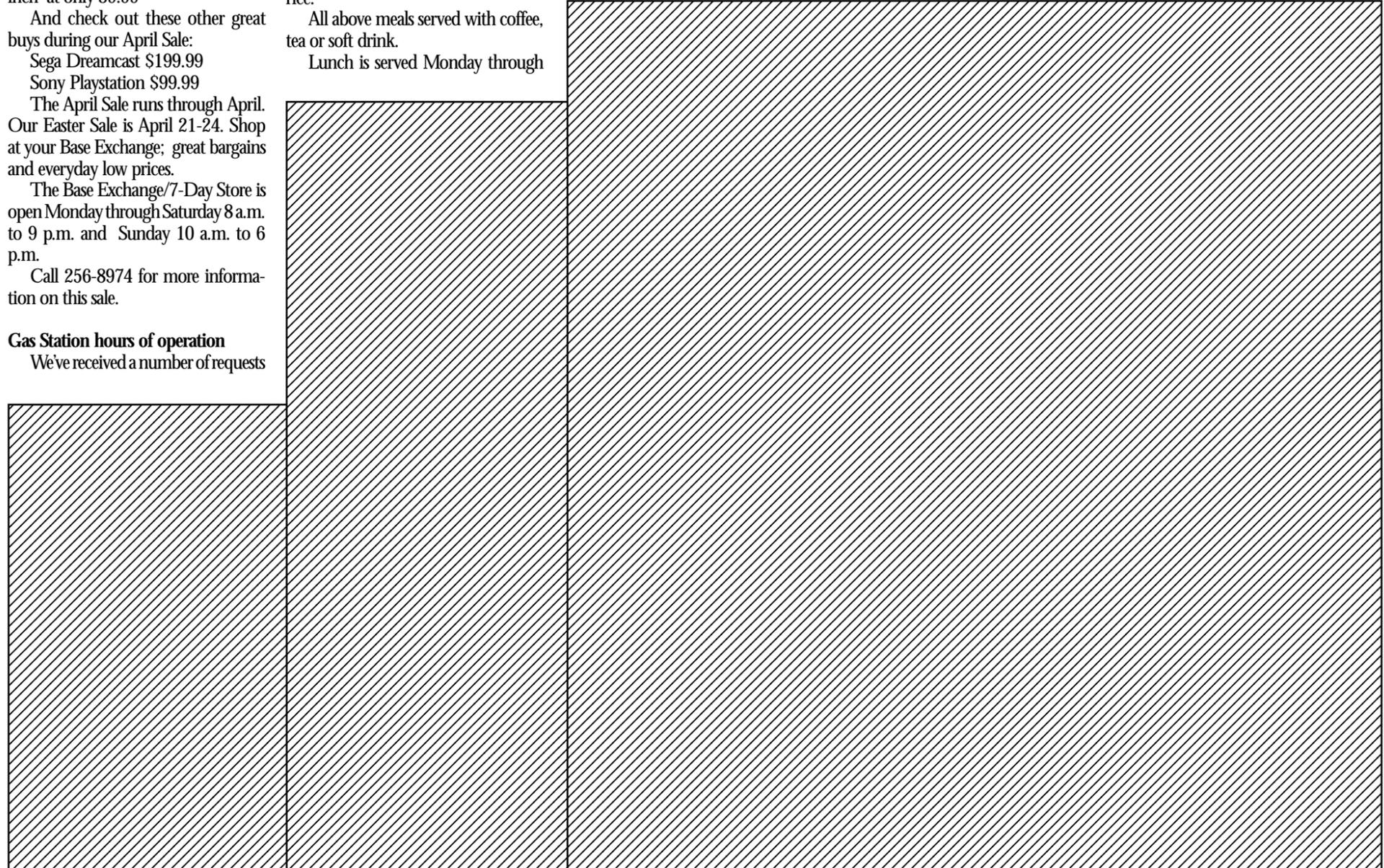
New Aerobics Instructor

Semper Fit has a new aerobics instructor.

Her name is Shanda Barela, and her classes are Monday and Wednesday from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Membership fees are \$25 per month with a \$2 walk-in fee for non-members.

Call 577-6971 for details.



SPORTS

Volleyball reaches playoff rounds, No FeFe victorious

WASSUP over CHALLENGERS

Wassup found when you are playing against a 50-minute clock every point counts.

Challengers opened the series in their normal fashion, taking the first game 25-20. In the second game Wassup kept the score tight for the first few volleys, but before long they jumped out to a good lead, never letting the Challengers come closer. At 18-14 Wassup started their run for the money and never looked back. Challengers got one more chance at 24-18 when Joey Rancourt lost the serve. With the serve back, the Challengers rallied within two but losing the serve put them out of the game down 25-23.

A second game loss is nothing new to the Challengers who normally go for the series win in the tiebreaker game, but as the time wound down they found themselves short a point at 14-13. One last serve by Bryan McClune gave Wassup the game and the series win.

NO FEFE topples WASSUP

Wassup's momentum did not carry through to the next series getting shut down by No FeFe in two games. No FeFe stayed true to their name in the first game taking it straight to Wassup 25-18.

Showing they are the best team in the league, No FeFe continued to bump, set and

crush the ball down Wassup's throats dominating the second game 25-8.

NO FEFE dominates SCRUBS

Craig Myers, Scrubs, set the pace for the game, taking a hard shot off the face on the opening serve. No FeFe finished with a 25-12 win over the Scrubs in the first game.

The Scrubs appeared to have figured out how to stop the No FeFe's crushing spikes holding them to no more than a two-point lead in the second game. Scrubs tied the game at 11 but gave up the serve to No FeFe's Arthur SanNicolas who took his team on a nine-point run. No FeFe ended the game and the match 25-13.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

Reupena Su'e sets the ball for another "slam-tastic" spike by No FeFe.

Sports Briefs

Take me out to the ball game

The San Diego Padres annually show their appreciation for the military by holding a Military Appreciation Day.

This year it is April 13. MCLB Barstow's own Mounted Color Guard leads off the ceremonies with the presentation of the colors,

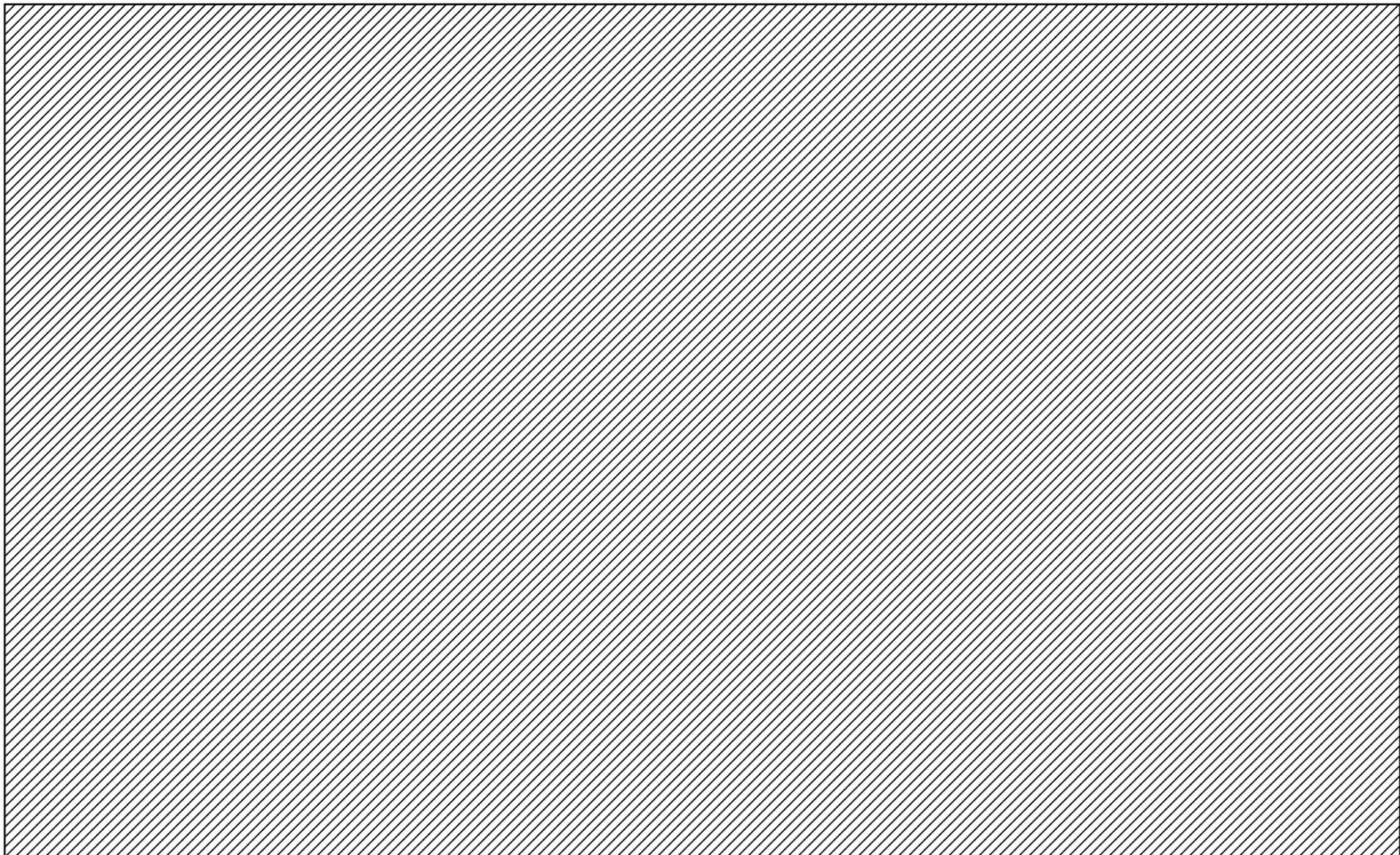
and the game starts at 2:05 p.m.

Half-price ticket vouchers are available from COMNAVBASE, San Diego. The ticket vouchers must be purchased in advance and presented at the gate.

Ticket prices vary: \$10.75 for field, \$9.50 for plaza, \$8.50 for lounge, and \$4.50 for grandstand seating.

Marines have permission from the Battalion Commanding Officer to be off that day if they are attending the game, and it is approved by their section supervisor.

1stSgt. Charles Allen is arranging transportation and ticket purchases for all interested Marines. For more info call him at 577-6700.



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

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

1967 RAMBLER: 4-door, rebuilt engine, new interior and paint. \$2,500 OBO. Call 252-9155. Lv. msg.

1989 LINCOLN TOWN CAR: 4-door, cruise control, PW, PB, needs minor work. \$1,000 OBO. Call 256-0986 AWH.

1997 FORD RANGER: Pickup, low mileage, black, 4 cyl. 2.3L eng. w/4-speed manual trans. and overdrive, A/C, AM/FM cassette with CD player, sliding rear window, custom paint. Asking \$9,950 OBO. Call 252-3355 AWH. Lv. msg.

1995 HONDA CIVIC LX: Grey, automatic, 4-door, tinted windows, spoiler, alloys, power package, cruise control, extras. \$7,500. Contact Pete or Yvette Colby at 252-3251.

FOR SALE: Wheels, 1994 Toyota 4x4 steel mag wheels in great shape, replaced w/aluminum wheels. Moving must sell. Call 955-8317.

FOR SALE: GM Posi rear end; Olds 455 engine; 400 Olds transmission. Call 252-9199 after 4:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Rugs—5'X8', \$20.; 6'X9', \$10; 10'X12', cream beige with Hawaiian floral design, \$30. Call 255-3045.

FOR SALE: Club, lock and key security for your car, like new, \$18; 15" hub caps, chrome five lugs, like new, \$2.50 each. Call 255-3045.

FOR SALE: Fish tank w/light, glass top, 3'X18" tall, only \$35. Call 255-3045.

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

FOR SALE: Used ceiling fan 52"/48", \$20; tricycle, \$20; used evaporator cooler, \$45; three webbed lawn chairs, \$4 each; baby bath, \$3. Call 256-8813.

FOR SALE: 1994 Kawasaki Super Sport 750 jet ski w/trailer, runs great. Must sell. \$2,100 OBO. Call 252-4947.

FOR SALE: Bassett queen sofa/sleeper and loveseat, earth-tones, great condition, \$275; black oval dining table, folding end leaves, folds to square, \$75; black stereo cabinet, tall rack with tape storage, sturdy, \$75. Call 252-4072.

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

WANTED: Summer clothes for infant girl, sizes 18 months – 2T, in good to excellent condition. Call 252-3355 AWH. Lv. msg.

WANTED: Ford 460ci engine in good running condition. Call 254-2066 AWH.

WANTED: Winch for car trailer. Call 252-9199 after 4:00 p.m.

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Other VA benefits include the VA home loan guarantee, which allows you to purchase a home with little or no down payment. This provides great assistance to first-time homebuyers and young Marines who may have limited savings. The privilege of receiving medical treatment at VA medical centers is another benefit. Treatment at these centers is guaranteed even if the injuries or illnesses occur after you leave active service.

Although we can assign these benefits a dollar value, in terms of their positive effects on a member, we consider them priceless. By paying for your education, easing the burden of buying a home, and ensuring your access to medical care, they contribute greatly to helping you reach your full potential and realize the "American dream."

Other advantages that an Honorable Discharge guarantees include the privilege of retaining your eligibility to join the Reserve or National Guard. Joining the Marine Corps Reserve is a great way to continue serving our country and Corps. The Reserves allow you to pursue a civilian career while remaining strongly connected to our Corps.

For non-U.S. citizens serving in the military, an Honorable Discharge helps to speed up the naturalization process, provided they meet other requirements. Incidentally, current law requires that the Marine Corps notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service to revoke the citizenship of naturalized citizens who receive an Other Than Honorable Discharge.

Finally, an Honorable Discharge allows you the distinction of being laid to rest at one of our nation's federal cemeteries. If you or your family desires, you will receive full military honors and the VA will fund the headstone or flag for the burial. This is our grateful nation's final "thank you" for your honest and faithful service.

The above-mentioned are just some of the material benefits that an Honorable Discharge guarantees. They are important to us because they produce visible results. This makes them seem more like a "reward" for our service. However, there is one other benefit that, although it is more difficult to measure, is just as rewarding. This intangible benefit is, perhaps, the most gratifying of all – the *pride* that comes from knowing that you served your country – rising to the challenge, meeting your obligation, and performing as expected.

When you return to civilian society, you will have every reason to walk proudly and with your head held high. That pride will be rooted not only in the personal satisfaction that comes from having served our nation as a Marine, but also in the certain knowledge that your Corps and country are grateful for your service and will always stand beside you. An Honorable Discharge will always follow you as a mark of your accomplishment, and precede you as sign of your potential.

After you've used the scholarship money to advance your education, and the VA loan to purchase a house, the satisfaction of knowing that you served

faithfully and honorably will always remain. You will never have to second guess yourself and wonder "what might have been" had you earned an Honorable Discharge. You can forever be secure in your knowledge – with well-deserved contentment – that you did something important for our nation, that by your honorable service, you con-

tributed to maintaining our country as the shining example of freedom, and helped to maintain our Corps as America's premier fighting force. In the end, you can stand with your head held high as living proof that, for 224 years, our Corps has been making Marines, winning battles, and returning responsible citizens to society.

