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Notice

Due to holiday routine, the BARSTOW LOG will be distributed July 7. Submit Trader ads by noon, June 30.

Happy Birthday!
Base Commander relays wishes for a great July 4. Enjoy the weekend.

Be safe.
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Boom!
Fireworks are not only illegal, but deadly in the wrong hands.
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MCLB Award
The base was recently awarded a MUC.
Everyone is invited to attend an award ceremony at the Nebo flagpole Wednesday.



The current copy of the Marine Corps News Weekly is now available online at <http://www.usmc.mil>.

Commandant puts Osprey back into testing

By **NAWS China Lake**
Public Affairs Office

NAVAL AIR WEAPONS STATION CHINA LAKE, Calif. — General James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, kept a promise June 17, when he became the first passenger aboard an MV-22 Osprey since it was grounded after a mishap in which 19 Marines were killed in a crash at Marana Airport in Tucson, Ariz., on April 8. The flight started at about 11:30 a.m. from the NAWS China Lake in California's high desert about 100 miles east of Bakersfield.

"My first thoughts today as we lifted off," the Commandant said, "was of the 19 Marines who died in April and their families. Today I am making good on a pledge I made to the families to be able to tell them the accident was not related to any design flaws. I have no doubt, or I wouldn't be here."

Marveling at the power of the Osprey, Gen. Jones said, "It's an awesome sensation when you take off," the Commandant said with a big smile on his face during a press conference held in the NAWS China Lake Air Terminal after the flight. "It's a wonderful aircraft. As of today, the MV-22 is back

in full mode of test and evaluation."

A complete review by the Naval Air Systems Command, the Naval Safety Center and the head of Marine Aviation found no structural or design flaws that precluded safe flight operations of the MV-22. The Commandant stressed that a thorough investigation of the recent accident continues as the Marine Corps maintains its commitment to correcting the cause. "Flying in general is risky business," he said, "but this aircraft is not technology-risky." The final investigation report should be out within a month.

The Commandant stressed the importance of pilot and crew training because of the differences between it and a normal helicopter. "There is not a shred of evidence there is anything wrong with this plane," he stated. He said the Arizona crash was caused by a ring vortex when the aircraft entered into its descent too fast for its forward air speed. Ring vortex phenomena is common to all helicopters. "This is not new," Jones stated. "The challenge is for crews to recognize it and power out."

Accompanying the number one Marine in the aircraft was his wife, Diane, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Commander



Photo courtesy of NAWS China Lake Public Affairs

Lead MV-22 in front of the southern Sierra Nevada Mountain Range on taxiway at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake's Armitage Field following the Commandant's flight.

RAAdm. Bert Johnston, the president of Bell Helicopter/Textron John Murphey, Boeing Vice President and General Manager for Military Aircraft and Missile Systems Patrick Finneran Jr., and members of the Associated Press, the Marine Corps Times and Navy/Marine Corps News. "It was a splendid flight," said the admiral.

A second MV-22 held representatives of the press and the heads of the

Boeing and Bell MV-22 programs. The two planes flew for approximately 20 minutes. The V-22 combines the strengths of a turboprop aircraft and a helicopter. The engines are mounted on the tip of the wing and can be rotated to thrust straight up to land like a helicopter, then transition down to fly like an airplane. The V-22 is quieter,

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MOQ makes 'sheer' perseverance pay off

By **Sgt. Mike McQuillan**
BARSTOW LOG staff

Trying harder paid off for one Marine June 20 when he walked off as the Marine of the Quarter for the base.

"I wanted to do something to prove myself in the eyes of the Marine Corps," said LCpl. Joseph Sher. "I can tell myself I was worth something."

Sher was born March 26, 1979, in Nongkhai, Thailand. Seeking a better chance for education, Sher's mother brought him to the United States the following year and settled in San Francisco.

He graduated from George Washington High School in 1997 and three weeks later was standing in the yellow footprints at MCRD San Diego, California.

"I was scared as Hell," said Sher. "No one had ever yelled at me before. I knew it would be harsh, but not that bad."

Sher questioned his decision to become a Marine while at MCRD San Diego, until one thought inspired him to become one of the few and the proud.

"Honor meant a lot to me and my mom," he said. "That's all we had in life. I didn't join for the



money. I didn't want to come home a failure."

With motivation level no longer an obstacle, Sher continued to struggle. He was physically unfit, and his marksmanship skills were beneath par. He qualified with the M16 on his fifth attempt, and squeezed a third-class PFT score be-

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July 4 Events

The City of Barstow is hosting an Independence Day festival at the Robert A. Sessions Memorial SportsPark at 1 p.m.

The park will be full of game, craft and vending booths. The city is sponsoring a watermelon-eating contest, and has a volleyball court available for open challenges. Local entertainers will be invited to perform throughout the day. A concert starring Little Elmo and the Cosmos, a 1950s, 60s and 70s retro group, begins at 7 p.m. The evening concludes with a fireworks show set to music at 9 p.m. The Barstow transit system will run for free until 10:15 p.m., and there will be no admission fee. More than 2,500 people are expected to attend.

For more info, call Sandi Farley at Barstow City Hall at 256-3531.

The Barstow Fire Protection District is hosting the 6th Annual Pancake Breakfast at Headquarters Station 361 from 7-11 a.m.

The menu features pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice and milk. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family of four.

For more info, call the fire department at 256-2254.

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.

CO's Independence Day message

To the members of the MCLB community:

What an honor it is for me to wish all of you, and all Americans, a HAPPY BIRTHDAY as we observe the first celebration of our great nation's independence in the new millennium.

When the second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, they professed that Americans would combine the ideals of citizenship with the principles on which this country would grow ... "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights" ... which include life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We celebrate today the legacy of that declaration and the actions of so many Americans who have ensured freedom first for our nation, and then nurturing its birth and growth around the world.

Our free way of life has withstood the test of time, but has not gone unchallenged during the past 224 years. Countless dictators and ruthless tyrants worldwide challenged us and suppressed their own people. Yet, the human spirit thirsts for freedom, and just as our forefathers were vanguards of our independence, generation after generation of Americans marched in harm's way to defend our magnificent country and to fan the spark

of hope for those strangled by tyranny.

The trouble spots of the world may seem remote to Barstow. Yet, we are inextricably linked in supporting our Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and yes Coast Guardsmen who continue to preserve our freedom and support around the world, others search for peace and freedom. For nearly sixty years, generations of Barstow and High Desert residents have served the cause of freedom from this Logistics Base, and because of that service we can celebrate.

Kathy and I thank you for your part in sustaining the liberties of our republic. We also ask that as you celebrate the birth of our nation, that you join us as we remember those who have made the supreme sacrifice, suffered as Prisoners of War or remain unaccounted for. Patriots all to whom we shall always be indebted and must forever remember.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Have fun! Be Safe! You are important to us, to the Marine Corps and to America.



MARK A. COSTA
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding

A few good words ...

The dentist drill

By LCDR Tom cook
Command Chaplain, MCLB Albany

I'm not real fond of dental work. You see, at the age of 18 I came into the Navy with poor teeth, so I don't fault Navy dentists. They do great work. And I have a mouth full of their artistry to show it!

World-traveler and radio commentator Lowell Thomas once related how a dentist was operating on a tooth of a patient and the end of the drill broke off. Only he did not know it.

The dentist cleaned the mouth and was sure everything was removed.

But about two years later, the patient began to complain of a pain in his neck. The physician could find no cause.

About three years after that, the patient complained about pain in his lower shoulder, but again the doctor could find no cause.

After several more years, the patient developed a pain in his forearm. This time, x-rays spotted a small foreign object, which proved to be fragment of the dentist's drill, which had been traveling through his body for eight years! The doctor quickly and easily removed it.

Sin, which "breaks off" in our lives, will travel from spot to spot, giving us pain wherever it pops up, flowing through the stream of life, much as any foreign object flows through a person's physical body.

Sometimes sin is introduced innocently, like a dentist's drill breaking off; yet the pain it causes is just as real. The only solution is to extract it from our lives. Then we can smile and show what God has done in our life!

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ the Righteous One." (1 John-2:1)

Buy and Hold U.S. Savings Bonds

This year's Savings Bond Campaign is underway and runs through July 30. Two types of bonds are currently being offered.

The first type is the standard EE Bond (5.73 percent interest rate). The second is the new I Bond (currently at 7.49 percent). The new I

Bonds are indexed to inflation, so they earn at fixed rates of interest above inflation.

If you would like more information on purchasing a new Savings Bond or increasing the contribution to a current Savings Bond, contact one of the following:

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Sgt. Nicholas Alderete	HqBn	577-6841
Cpl. Mohammed Huda	FSC	577-7051
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Patricia Biles	Fire Dept.	577-6732
Dennis Chapman	I&L	577-6399
Alejo Estampador	MC3	577-7336
Bella Nies	Base Admin.	577-6145

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

George Calloway, an Installation and Logistics Department auto mechanic, repairs a generator in the desert sun. An Air Force retiree, Calloway says there is no other job he'd rather have than one as closely connected to America's armed forces.



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Colonel Mark A. Costa, Commanding Officer

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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.

Holiday closures

The Rear Gates and Vehicle Registration are closed Monday and Tuesday. They will reopen at normal time Wednesday.

Also, Base Recycling is closed Monday and Tuesday and will reopen Wednesday. Emergency services are available through call-ins at 577-6006. Normal hours for recycling are Monday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commissary closure

The Commissary is closed July 4 for Independence Day. Regular working hours resume July 5.

Pre-retirement Seminar

Attention all civilian employees with at least five years of Federal service:

Mark July 26 and 27 on your calendar, and sign up for the the next pre-retirement seminar. Detailed information will be presented on the retirement system, the Thrift Savings Plan, NARFE, Social Security and estate and financial planning.

For more info call Donna Coppi at 577-6279, or contact your supervisor or department training coordinator.

New Parent Support Canx'd

The New Parent support Program is not held during max leave.

The next playmornning is scheduled for July 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the McKinney Center.

All parents with children under six ar welcome to attend.

For more info call Sandra Casey at 380-4021 or 256-5751.

Printing closure

The Defense Automated Printing Service office will now be closed the first Friday of each pay period.

Emergency printing jobs on those days will be done by March Air Reserve Base in Riverside.

For more info, call DAPS at 577-6650 or Mike Valentine, March ARB, at DSN 947-3686.

Anger management

Learn how to evaluate, understand and control your anger.

The Personal Services Division is holding an Anger Management Workshop Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Personal Services training room in Building 129.

To reserve a seat or for more info call 577-6533.

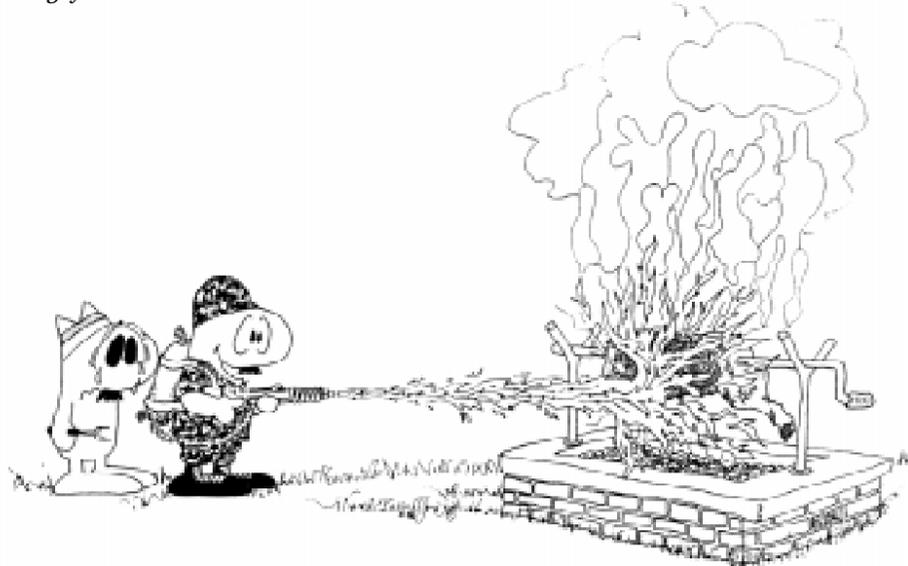
Route 66 Museum Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the Route 66 "Mother Road" Museum is July 4 at 10 a.m. at the historic Harvey House, 685 North First Avenue in Barstow.

A short ceremony is followed by guided tours of the museum and

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to cook at a barbecue.

Harvey House at 11 a.m.

All are welcome.

Open season for savings

The Thrift Savings Plan is a retirement savings plan for Federal Employees' Retirement System and Civil Service Retirement System employees.

Because a TSP account is for retirement, there are restrictions on withdrawing your money while you are employed. However, a major advan-

tage of the TSP is that you pay no taxes on contributions or earnings until you withdraw your account.

The TSP open season is your chance to start or change your contributions to your TSP account.

You can also change the way your future payroll contributions are invested in the three TSP funds.

For more information call Donna Coppi at 577-6279.

Christmas in July

The 5th Annual Toys for Tots Poker Run is coming up July 22.

Start and finish line of the 100-mile loop is at the Moose Lodge #1330, 560 Victor Ave., in Barstow. Sign-in goes from 8 to 11 a.m.

Biscuits and gravy with coffee will be served for breakfast during sign-in, and a barbecue lunch for those with paid donations starts at noon.

A \$15 donation is asked for one person or \$20 for two.

Donators are also asked to give a new, unwrapped toy or an additional \$5. The run is open to all street-legal vehicles.

For more info, call the Moose Lodge at 252-3810.

Nationwide essay contest

The Fleet Reserve Association is sponsoring an essay contest for junior high and high school aged students.

The contest theme is "What Does the American Flag Stand For?"

Essays must be 350 words or less and typed or written on one side of the paper. Contestants must be sponsored by an FRA branch, unit or member.

Essays will be judged at the branch, regional and national level.

The grand national prize is \$15,000 in savings bonds.

For more info, call Matt Schafer, FRA public relations specialist, at 1-800-372-1924.

Veterans' Guide to benefits

The Year 2000 Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents manual can now be downloaded via Internet at <http://www.va.gov/opa/feature/index>. The manual covers a wide variety of topics including pensions and health care benefits.

For more info call Stephanie Wilson at 577-6533.

CWRA Getty Museum Trip

The CWRA is sponsoring a trip to the Getty Museum in Los Angeles August 12. The trip costs \$10 per person and covers transportation and the museum entrance fee. Bus leaves Building 44 at 6:30 a.m. and stops in Victorville 7:30 a.m. for pick-up at the IHOP. Return to Building 44 by 10:30 p.m. For reservations or more info call Dan Keirn at 577-6614 or Ernie Hawkins at 577 7046.

Online dental info

The Delta Dental Retiree Dental Program is now online at <http://www.ddpdelta.org>.

The Web site offers enrollment and premium info, a dentist directory, a downloadable dental claim form and then some. Applicants can now enroll online. Call 577-6533 for more info.

3rd Marine Division Reunion

The Third Marine Division Association is holding its 46th Annual Family Reunion September 13-17 at the Doubletree Hotel in Virginia Beach this year.

Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of the Third Marine Division since its birth on Sept. 16, 1942, is eligible and cordially invited to attend.

For more info call Bill Ervin at (303)494-7752.

Job Watch

Annc.#	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-270	Elec Measurement Equipment Mech WG-2602-12	06/07/00	07/07/00	06/21/00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-271	Preservation Servicer WG-7006-06	06/06/00	07/05/00	06/19/00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-276	Elec Measurement Equipment Mech (WG-2602-12)	06/07/00	07/07/00	06/21/00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-282	Artillert Repairer WG-6605-07 (TERM NTE 366 days)	06/13/00	07/05/00	06/27/00	MCLB Barstow
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DEA-295	Equipment Cleaner WG-7009-05	06/14/00	07/12/00	06/28/00	MCLB Barstow
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OTR-083	Machinist Helper WG-3414-05 (TEMP NTE 1 yr.)	06/15/00	07/13/00	06/29/00	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>.

Fireworks hazards to more than health

Submitted by Jo Ann Riley
MCLB Fire Department

Every year dangerous and illegal items such as Cherry Bombs, M-80s and firecrackers cause numerous injuries to both adults and children, and illegal bottle rockets cause thousands of dollars in property damage.

Parents may be held liable for any damages or injuries caused by their children's use of illegal fireworks.

Possessing and/or using illegal fireworks is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of at least \$500 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for up to one year.

Possessing illegal fireworks that collectively contain more than 7,500 grains of powder – about one pound – is a felony punishable by imprisonment in a state prison or a county jail for up to one year, and/or a fine up to \$5,000.

Here is a list of four suggested guidelines for communicating with children about illegal fireworks:

Set the example

The most important thing parents can do for their children are to set a good example.

If you use illegal fireworks and make it a normal part of your Fourth of July

celebration, don't be surprised when your children mimic your behavior.

Be factual

It is important to address the issue of illegal fireworks at a young age. If your child asks a question about illegal fireworks, be prepared to respond simply and factually and to lay the groundwork for a dialogue later on. Remember illegal fireworks are a year round problem not just one that occurs around the Fourth of July.

In discussing illegal fireworks with children, it is always best to stress

immediate consequences or impacts on themselves and the people around them. Use this guide to help them identify illegal fireworks and how to report their use to your local fire or police department.

Recognize external peer pressure
To children, peer pressure is more important than any other influence outside the family in effecting the use of alcohol or drugs, or engaging in other dangerous activities such as the use of illegal fireworks.

Parents can encourage children to think for themselves – to be self-reliant and independent – to recognize the times when they should do what their friends do and the times when they should stand-alone and do what they think is right.

Seek professional advice
If your child is engaging in activities to which you are opposed and can't seem to control, the best thing to do is seek professional advice immediately.

Your local Fire Department or Burn Center are excellent sources of help. Many communities have public fireworks safety committees, which have established local community safety and educational programs for children and their parents.



Photo courtesy of NAWS China Lake Public Affairs Office

Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps (left); his wife, Diane Jones (center); and RAdm. Bert Johnston, Commander of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (right), disembark from the lead MV-22.

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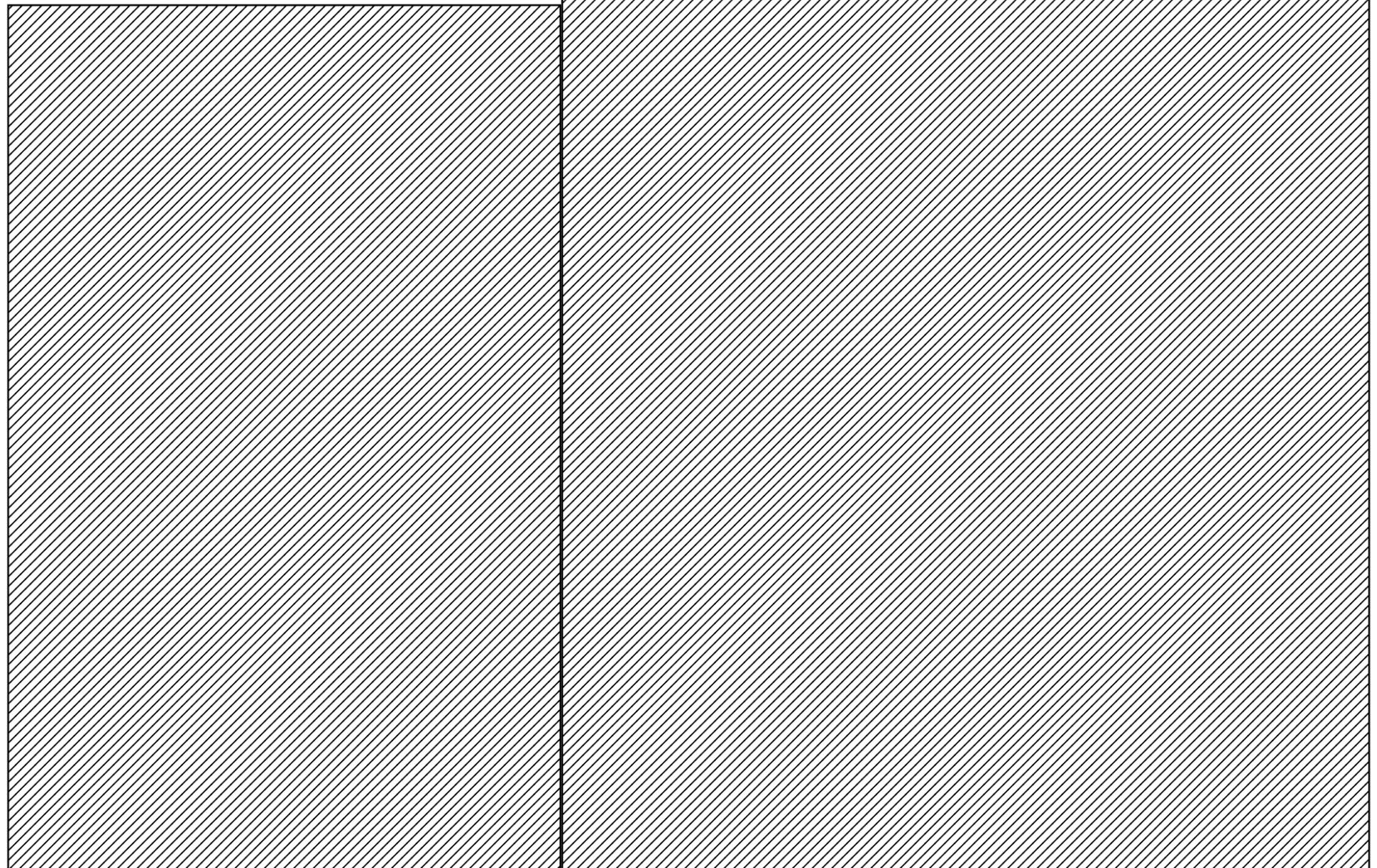
faster, can fly farther and carry a greater payload than conventional helicopters.

Gen. Jones said the flights were held at NAWS, not only because the plane is undergoing its operational evaluation (OPEVAL) — its "spin-up" — but because China Lake is known the world over for its ranges. "It is very, very important place for naval avia-

tion," he said.

The MV-22 Osprey started its OPEVALs at China Lake June 5. A self-contained unit, the MV-22 Multi-service Operational Test Team (MOTT), is conducting all of the OPEVAL testing.

Plans call for the Marine Corps to purchase 360 MV-22s, the Air Force to buy 50 CV-22s and the Navy to buy 48 HV-22s.



There's nothing cool about playing with fireworks

Submitted by Jo Ann Riley
MCLB Fire Department

Fireworks are hot – deadly hot. One simple string of firecrackers pack the explosive power of at least three sticks of dynamite. An innocent looking sparkler burns at a maiming 3,000 degrees F.

It's the young people who suffer the great majority of fireworks injuries, most frequently injuries to the hands and eyes. Losing a finger or sight is a tragic price to pay for a few minutes of fun with fireworks.

Injuries are only part of the problem. In the last reported year,

local fire departments were called to some 51,600 fires started by fireworks. Those fire caused property damage totaling \$36.4 million.

People die from fireworks injuries and from fires started by fireworks. Twenty-six people died this way in 1985. That's a lot better than in 1902, when fireworks

were legal in most states. That year, fireworks and fireworks related fires killed more than 200 people.

Mark D. Widome, MD
Chairman of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said, "The burns caused by the intense heat of fireworks leave lifetime, disfiguring scars. Eye injuries – many leading to

permanent visual loss – account for 20 percent of fireworks injuries." For all these reasons, those who see the injuries and damage from fireworks, physicians and firefighters, agree on this strong warning: It's much safer to leave fireworks to the professionals. A safe and sane way to enjoy the Fourth of July is to attend a public firework show run by professionals.

Parents should note they can be held liable for any damage caused by their children using fireworks.

**A sparkler
burns at
3,000° F.**

All fireworks are illegal in Base Housing and aboard the base by direction of State Penal Code 452.

All fireworks will be confiscated by the Provost Marshal's Office and the MCLB Fire Division.





Photos by Vickie McDougal
Event Co-coordinator

Marines, kids, fun in the sun ... What more could you possibly want?

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Single Marine Program loaned support to the Marine Corps anti-drug campaign Saturday morning with an event to highlight a positive lifestyle.

Throughout the Marine Corps, Single Marine Programs devoted one day during June to stamp out drug use in the Corps and its surrounding communities.

The Barstow version of the Corps-wide endeavor began with a 10-kilometer run complemented by a 5K non-competitive walk and a one-mile kid run.

"We try and focus everything around the family," said CWO Bill Bradshaw, Single Marine Program coordinator. "It was left to each base to decide what to do for the event. We try and get the Marines and the community involved together."

"It gives the single Marine an idea of what family life is about," said Marisa Klavon, health program coordinator. "Plus, the little kids out here love the Marines. They look up to them."

Leroy Sena, ultramarathon runner and friend of the Corps, won the 10K in a time of 41 minutes, 55 seconds. His nearest competition was nearly two minutes behind.

Added attractions for the day were a rock-climbing wall, a body fat counter and drug prevention information displays.

"The more activities we have, the more the word gets out," said MSgt. Wanda Collins, substance abuse counselor.

"We try and do one event each quarter for the single Marines," said Bradshaw. "We like to give them a chance to get out of the barracks and give them something positive to do."

(Upper Left) CWO Bill Bradshaw (left) and Marisa Klavon present awards to the 12-and-under Division. (Above) 10K runners gather after the race to congratulate each other. (Below) Lauren and Tyler Grant relax with souvenirs and free food after their one-mile race. (Far Left) Lauren Grant takes on the challenge of the climbing wall.



Fun Run results

One-mile Kid's Run

9 and under: 1st - Phillip Alspaugh
2nd - Tyler Grant

10-12: 1st - Sam Barnhardt
2nd - Lauren Grant

10K Run

18-24 1st - Michael McQuillan
2nd - Bryan McClune

25-30 1st - Chris Jurgensmeyer

31-35 1st - Michael Claudio
2nd - Robert Cole

41+ 1st - Leroy Sena
2nd - Christine Alspaugh

MCB ARTISANS

Restore rare WW II tank with pride and patriotic spirit for NTC military history museum

By Cpl. Brian Davidson
BARSTOW LOG staff

A warrior, forgotten and worn, entered the gates bearing the scars of battle – narrowly a survivor of friendly fire.

One would be hard-pressed to find anything on wheels that can't be fixed by the mechanics at the Maintenance Center Barstow, even a rare and obsolete tank from the World War II era.

Maintenance Center employees completed restoration on a Pershing T26 heavy tank Wednesday, salvaged from a Nielsen Air Force

Base, Nev., bombing range nearly two months ago. The tank was restored to its original configuration for display at the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Museum at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin.

The task was a creative and cooperative effort between Cost Work Centers 740, 742 and 749, according to Gilbert Griego, CWC 742 working leader.

"We had to make everything that needed to be replaced or changed from scratch. Special brackets were made for the lights, exhaust guards and other types of piping were all custom con-

structed," said Griego.

Some of the repairs required a little innovation.

"A non-functional machine gun was constructed out of an expended fire extinguisher and steel piping to make it look as close to its original condition as possible," said Dennis Hill, a sheet metal mechanic with CWC 742. "Even fenders for the tracks, ammo boxes and a telephone box was made."

All the workers had to base their craftsmanship on was looks. No schematics – just a few photos they found in a dusty reference book, according to Linda

Merrifield, a CWC 742 upholsterer.

"They pulled it onto the lot and said, 'Can you fix this for us?' Well, we didn't have a clue because we had never seen one like it before," said Hill. "We didn't know anything about it, but that wasn't so bad," he added, tugging on his long, gray beard. "At least we had a few pictures of it."

For the craftsmen at the Maintenance Center, repairing heavy machinery is their day-to-day job, yet many viewed repairing the battered and rusted T26 as something altogether different, according to Griego.

It bears clear signs of artillery shelling.

"Like many of my coworkers, I had relatives that served alongside war machines just like it. My father was in [W.W.II]," said Griego. "Some of those men made it home – some didn't."

"It's an old warrior and probably has a lot of stories behind it. There's an observer's seat up top. When they were towing it in, Pete [Delgado] was sitting up there directing them into the building. All of a sudden he felt something tuggin' on his leg. He said it scared him to death; Pete thinks it's got a ghost or two in it," Griego said with a smile.

Constructed in 1944, the Pershing T26 heavy tank was made to fight the "War to end all Wars" predicted 20 years earlier by its namesake, Gen. John Pershing, USA. At the time of its coronation the heavy tank was considered well-armed and armed to the teeth, according to the Encyclopedia of American Forces in the European Theater of Operations.

Nearly 2,500 were constructed, but most of the tanks would later be modified and redesignated as Pershing M26 or M26A1 medium tanks, which served with American forces in the Korean War.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Most service members see July pay hike

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Most service members will see their pay increase in July as a result of the final leg of the compensation triad passed by Congress last year.

Pay table reform goes into effect in July with about 75 percent of service members receiving raises of one-half percent to 5.5 percent, said Navy Capt. Elliott Bloxom, director of DoD compensation. The other two legs of the triad DoD pushed last year were the overall 4.8 percent raise in January and retirement reform.

The increase in July is in addition to the January raise. "This is a permanent adjustment or correction to the pay table to reward performance over longevity," Bloxom said. "This restores some of the balance the pay table has lost over the last 50 years." He said the reform has two other effects: every promotion will be worth more in terms of absolute dollars, and the table still provides meaningful longevity raises.

The percentage hike that people see in July varies depending on where and how much the pay table was out of adjustment, Bloxom said. Members will see changes if the table was out of

whack or none if the table was about right – E-2 rates, for instance, don't change July 1, he said.

"The E-2 pay raise has historically been more than the E-3 or E-4 pay raise in terms of dollar values," Bloxom said. "We put a lot of money into the E-3 and E-4, such that, with that promotion it brings more than the E-2."

Regardless how much their pay increases July 1, all service members will benefit from the reform as they continue to serve and are promoted. "That's why I call it an adjustment," Bloxom said. "People will still get the this raise one, two, three or four years from now."

The officer pay table will receive a bigger boost than the enlisted table because, Bloxom said, it was more out of whack.

"We only get the officer pay table back to about 53 percent of a person's increases in pay due to promotion and 47 percent due to longevity," he said.

But, he said, overall more money went into the enlisted pay table. "So over the course of time enlisted personnel will receive more successive pay raises as a result of pay table reform," he said.

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fore embarking on the final challenge of boot camp.

"The Crucible was the most difficult physical and mental challenge of my life," he said. "When the DI gave me my Eagle, Globe and Anchor and declared me a Marine, I'll admit I had tears coming from my eyes."

Sher left San Diego 42 pounds lighter and moved with a new purpose. He proceeded to Courthouse Bay, Camp Lejeune, N.C., for an intense four-month electrical equipment repair school. In May of 1998, Sher was assigned to Marine Barracks, Ground Defense Security Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Although he was trained to fix generators, Sher was designated as the assistant tool room NCO for motor transport platoon. The assignment lacked challenge, said Sher, so he looked elsewhere for the opportunity to push himself. He volunteered to stand posts with rifle security platoon.

"They trained like grunts," said Sher. "That's who I wanted to be with. They force-marched with 50-caliber machine guns. They ran with boots and gas masks and developed their people. We had drill and inspections all the time. They expected subordinate Ma-

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Removing 'critical' from the 'Critical Days of Summer'

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NAVAL AIR STATION NORFOLK, Va. — There's an old song some of you may remember entitled "Summertime, Summertime." It's a feel-good, upbeat tune that reflects on the excitement of summer and life's little pleasures.

It's a song no longer in touch with the times. More than any other holiday period of the year the days stretching between the beginning of the Memorial Day holiday and end of Labor Day weekend are deadly. Warm weather is the catalyst for family vacations, boating fishing, picnics and other outdoor activities, many of which are high risk. We all try to pack as much free time from our jobs as possible into this period, often without thinking about the risks we incur. Statistically so many people are hurt and killed during

this time period that it has become known as the "Critical Days of Summer." Statisticians predict 49 Sailors and Marines will die in off-duty mishaps this summer. A rewrite of that old tune would call it something like "Dangertime, dangertime."

The good news is there's hope. Results are in for the Memorial Day weekend — the beginning of the Critical Days of Summer — and they're much better than predicted. Three fatalities were suffered vice the five expected based on previous years' losses. At least two families have a great deal to be thankful for, and yet they will never know who they are. Here's some ideas to ensure you don't end up on this year's critical days hit list: incorporate risk management into your plans — it can have a significant and positive impact on everything you do. As you plan your vacation, weekend trips and days fishing with your buddies, take a little

time to think about the hazards associated with those activities, and

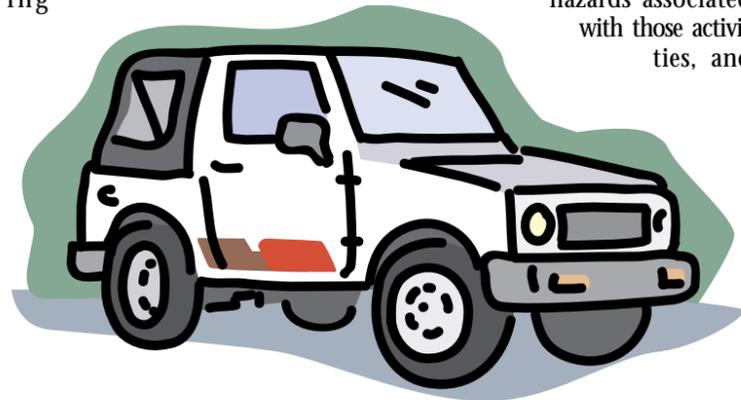
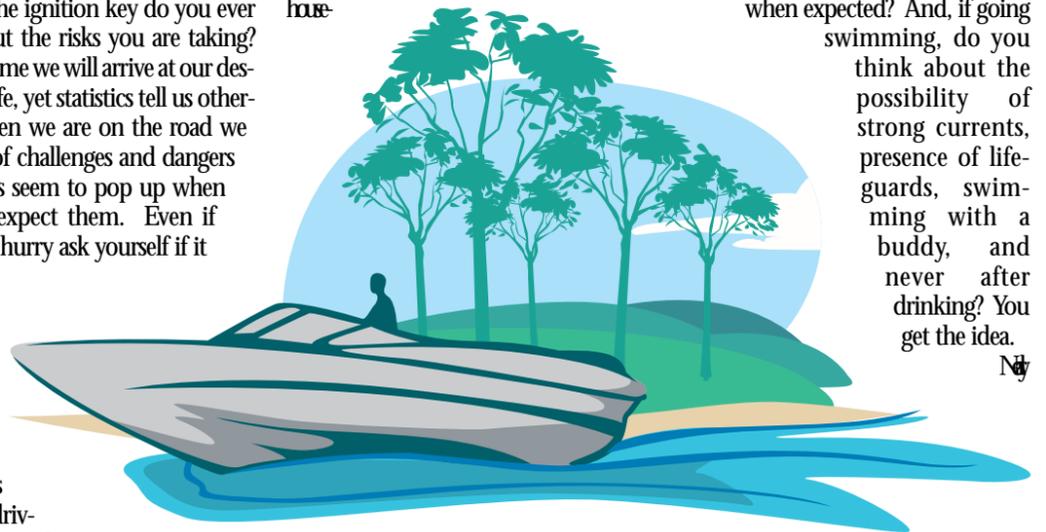
what you have to do to reduce risks to an acceptable level.

Let's start with the most dangerous thing you own — your vehicle. Before you turn the ignition key do you ever think about the risks you are taking? We all assume we will arrive at our destination safe, yet statistics tell us otherwise. When we are on the road we face a lot of challenges and dangers that always seem to pop up when you least expect them. Even if you're in a hurry ask yourself if it is worth taking unnecessary risks such as speeding, driving aggressively, drinking and driving, running traffic lights, and not buckling up. The benefits don't even begin to outweigh the risks. Now's the time to reflect on your driving habits and behavior. Educate your children and serve as a role model by wearing seat belts and observing speed limits, traffic markers and signals. Be courteous to other drivers. Manage your stress level while driving, use time management to allow enough time for safe travel to and from leave and liberty destinations. And, most importantly, don't drink and drive. The cost of getting a DUI could pay for 14 days

for two in Hawaii, two sets of braces for your kid's teeth, or two and one-half years of weekly house-

jacket that fits and recommend they wear it? Give any thought to leaving a float plan with someone so that a search can be started if you don't arrive back when expected? And, if going swimming, do you think about the possibility of strong currents, presence of life-guards, swimming with a buddy, and never after drinking? You get the idea.

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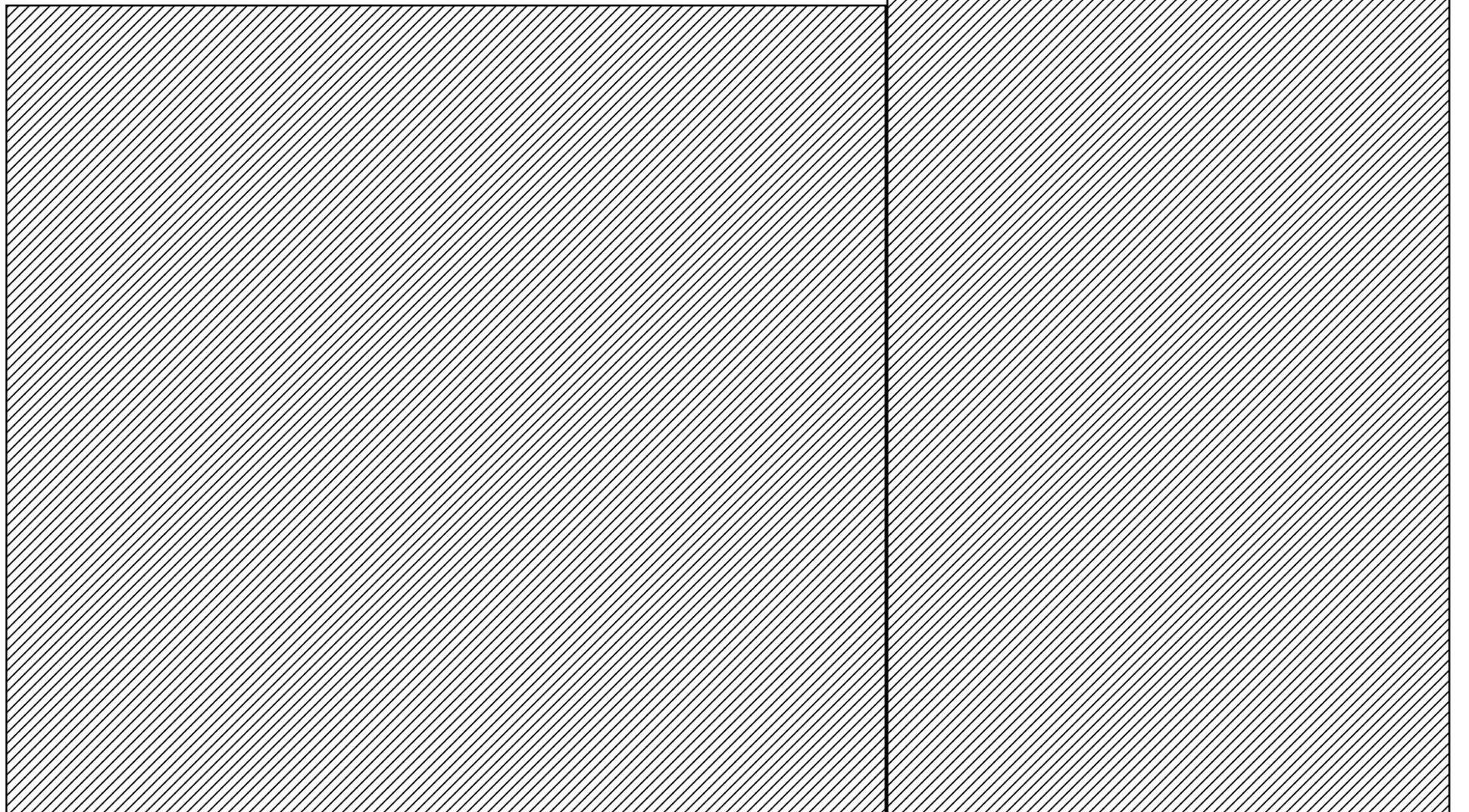


keeping services.

The process of taking a moment to identify major hazards and associated risk applies in all our recreational activities too. Before leaving the dock, think about the consequences of rough weather, overloading, and driving too fast for conditions. Is there a cooler aboard? Do your plans include alcohol to quench your thirst? Do you take time to give each person aboard a life

every summertime activity in which we take part has its own unique hazards and risks. Our chances of surviving these ventures increase astronomically if we plan ahead and implement controls. It's worth the time. Good risk management in the summertime and any other time makes good sense.

This summer think ahead and take the word "critical" out of the "Critical Days of Summer."





By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Sizzling Savings on Electronics

Huge electronics sale begins Saturday at the Exchange. Here are a few examples: Apex digital DVD player, intro priced at \$189.95 (limited supply). RCA Web TV just \$189.99 (lim-

ited supply). JVC DVD players with A/V compulink and digital out now \$219.99 (limited supply). JVC 200 CD changer with compulink \$159.99 (limited supply). Come in and check out all the electronics on sale.

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.

Lunch menu for this week

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

Today - Stir-fried beef

Friday - Hoki fish

Monday - Steak

Tuesday - No posted Lunch Menu today - holiday. General menu service from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday - Chili Mac

Thursday - Santa Fe chicken with fajitas. 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 offers A La Carte and Sub Sandwich menus for lunch. The Cactus Cafe offers limited A La Carte and Sub Sandwich menus for lunch. For more info call 577-6428 for both the Family Restaurant and the Cactus Cafe.

Family Night Dinner menu

Tonight - Meatloaf.

Next week - Pasta.

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 under are free.

Everyone is welcome.

MCCS INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Business Operations				
Administrative Office	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Main Exchange	8am-9pm	10am-6pm	8am-9pm	10am-6pm
Gas Station	8am-6pm	Closed	6:30am-6pm	Closed
Yermo Exchange	Closed	Closed	9am-3:30pm	Closed
Family Restaurant	9am-2pm	9am-2pm	9am-2pm	9am-2pm
Auto Hobby Shop	10am-6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Ceramic Hobby Shop	10am-6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wood/Rock Hby. Shp.	10am-6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Bowling Center	10am-6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Golf Course	7am-7pm	7am-7pm	11am-7pm	7am-7pm
ITT	Closed	Closed	8:30am-4pm	Closed
Oasis Club	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Enlisted Club	6:30pm-??	Closed	Closed	Closed
MCFTB/Semper Fit				
Administrative Office	Closed	Closed	7:30am-4pm	Closed
Gym	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	Closed
Personal Services				
Administrative Office	Closed	Closed	7am-3:30pm	Closed
Library	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-6pm	Closed
YAC	10am-6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Housing				
Administrative Office	Closed	Closed	7am-3:30pm	Closed

SPORTS

Golf 'masters' reign at Tees'n'Trees

Story and photos by
LCpl. Cory Kelly

BARSTOW LOG staff

John Hathaway led Friday morning's prospective tourney champs with a twinkle in his eye as he forfeited the formalities and passed out hole assignments. From there on it was all game, some just learning it, and others passing the trade on to young devildogs, but in short, it was all game.

At most times one didn't know where the dimpled kamikaze killer would come from next, as the course was almost full and there was always that southpaw driving crazy hooks across someone else's fairway.

Keeping everyone safe – although not from the menace of white flying orbs and the occasional fluorescent one – from Barstow's own Mojave heat was the job of Carolyn Fallin and Michael Claudio riding around in a golf cart selling bottled water to patrons for benefit of the Marine Corps Ball.

Although the temperature would soon top the triple digits it didn't stop the tourney. Teams started rolling in to the clubhouse shortly after noon.

Taking 1st place were brothers Greg and Gary Hug alongside father and son Rick Petite Sr. and Jr. with an astonishing score of 59. Strolling off with the 2nd place title with a score of 61 was James Daly, Melvin

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(Right to Left) Greg Hug, Rick Petite Sr., Rick Petite Jr. and Gary Hug stand tall joking about their balding heads as they hold their tourney trophies with pride.

Barbender Results

Men's Squat
No Results Available

Women's Leg Extension
No Results Available

Upcoming Events

Today

Men – Crunches (1-minute time limit)
Women – Crunches (1-minute time limit)

July 6

Men – Bench Press
Women – Bench Press

Competitions take place at Building 573 in the weight room at 8:30 a.m. every Thursday during morning break.

1988 FORD BRONCO: 4WD, Eddie Bauer interior, AM/FM cassette, A/C, in good condition, \$3,500 OBO. Call 957-1622.

1969 LINCOLN MARK III: Classic, no smog needed, needs head gasket, \$350 or trade? Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

1991 TOYOTA PICK-UP: Automatic, looks/runs good, extended cab, \$4,000. Call 256-2434.

1968 CHEVY PICK-UP: 3/4-ton, heavy-duty suspension, three gas tanks, no engine, \$500. Call 243-1392 after 5 pm.

1965 FORD MUSTANG: Must sell, 289 V-8, black w/ red interior, mint condition, collector's dream. Must see to appreciate. Call 256-0146. Ask for Jim.

1995 KIT ROADRANGER: Fifth wheel, 30 ft, immaculate, Super Slide awning, electric jacks, microwave, ducted air, 2-door refrigerator/freezer, other extras. Blue Book \$13,250-\$16,625. Call 256-3489.

MOBILE HOME: Large, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,440 sq ft, very affordable, a must-see. Call Theresa at 252-7818 or Juan at 255-5436.

RIMS: Four aluminum Mustang rims, 4-lug, \$100. Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

TRUCK BED LINER: Fits 1993 F-250 long bed, good condition. Asking \$50 OBO. Call 252-1337.

WANTED: Winch for car trailer. Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

FISHING BOAT: 1972 Glaspar, double-hull, fiberglass, 14 ft, 75 HP Johnson engine, tilt trailer, fish finder and trolling motor, \$1,500. Call 253-1200.

RASCAL: Electric mobility scooter, Model R200 w/walker holder, brand new, never used, kept in storage, asking \$1,200; wheelbarrow, metal, \$5. Call 256-6117.

FREE TO GOOD HOME: Female dog, Chow mix, about 2 y/o, needs lots of love, attention, and room to run. Call 254-2192 or 254-2295.

FREE TO GOOD HOME: One -year-old Pit Bull/SharPei mix, good disposition. Come see at 1051 Deseret Ave, Apt 2.

FOR SALE: Swivel rocker-recliner chair in excellent condition, \$150; microwave cart, \$100. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

FURNITURE: Couch, love seat, arm chair, ottoman, all black; coffee table and two end tables; kitchen table w/ leaf and four chairs; queen-size bed w/box spring and frame. Will work with prices. Free delivery. Call 252-2295 or 380-6623. Ask for TJ or Annett.

MISCELLANEOUS: Kenmore gas dryer, white, like new, \$125; Kenmore range hood, 36" wide, almond, clean, \$35; Eureka vacuum cleaner w/all attachments, \$35; natural wood futon, twin-size w/mattress, \$75. Call 255-3045.

DRYER: Electric, \$35. Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

FURNITURE: Computer desk w/small hutch and shelves, 24" wX55" hX24" d. Call 255-4339. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Electric dryer, double bed, movie stand, dining table w/two chairs. All priced very low. Call 252-4728.

CRAFTSMAN SAW: 10" radial arm, \$200; full-size bed, box spring, mattress and headboard, six months old, excellent condition, \$150. Call 256-2048 AWH.

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...rines to develop leadership abilities." While in Cuba, Sher focused the majority of his free time toward education. He attended four classes per semester with a City Colleges of Chicago satellite.

"I was in a hurry to get my degree," said Sher. "Semesters are only eight weeks long, so you can catch up if you really wanted to."

Sher has additional motives for pursuing a bachelor's degree.

"Not a lot of people know this, but I'm trying to become an officer," said Sher.

During one year in Cuba, Sher earned 40 college credits. Sher's perseverance gained him enough notoriety for the barracks commander, Col. Alfred J. Karle, to recommend him for a selection to the U.S. Naval Academy.

"He helped me through the whole thing," said Sher. "He helped me prepare my application and send it to the Secretary of the Navy."

John Dalton, Secretary of the Navy at the time, nominated Sher for the

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and Val Miller and Gary Smith. Taking third was Joe Charlton, Jeffrey Clawson, Christian Galbraith and Larry Hubbard. Taking the Scrub Team Championship with just five points shy of an even one hundred was the two-man team of Peter Errigo and a man who simply signed his name as 'Top' and mysteriously left the course before the ceremonies began. Errigo, however, seemed far from being scarred by claiming his title as he held his trophy high on the trip back to his seat. The nameless man was later uncovered to be none other than Carlos Saucedo.

Taking the award for the closest to the hole at 15 feet 7 inches on hole number five was Gary Hug, and walking away with a new driver for the longest drive was Paul Arreola.

Having lost half of his team shortly after teeing off, Samuel Rose and his partner Michael Cantelon finished the game shorthanded, saying what seemed to be the motto of the day, "I'd rather be here than in the office."

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He said the ninth Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation is now under way and the panel is looking at the enlisted pay table. He said Congress is also looking at pinpointed raises for mid-level noncommissioned officers.

"The 9th QRMC is looking at enlisted pay issues across the board from entry pay through the balance that's struck between senior level NCO pay vs. officer pay - levels of responsibility, degrees of education," he said. He said he hopes that when the panel finishes, DoD will see some concrete recommendations for what to do with enlisted pay.

academy. Due to enrollment limitations, Sher never earned an appointment to the academy.

"To see the Secretary of the Navy recommend me was a great honor," said Sher.

Sher completed a year in Guantanamo Bay and received orders to MCLB Barstow.

"I'm from California, and I didn't

even know where Barstow was on the map," he joked.

Sher was assigned the Fleet Support Center's Organic Maintenance Platoon, better known as Strip-8. He resumed his off-duty education, this time with Barstow College and Park University, and now holds 96 college credits. After the current term, Sher will only need three classes before obtaining a Bach-

elor of Science in Criminal Justice. His accomplishment and 'sheer' motivation earned him a selection as the newest Marine of the Quarter.

"Some people doubted me, but MSgt. [Donald] Johnson [Sher's SNCOIC] had faith in me and gave me the opportunity," said Sher.

Sher has progressed in his nearly three years in the Marine Corps. He began

with a third-class PFT score and now has a high second-class and continues to improve. Before coming to Barstow he never qualified with the rifle without failing first. He now shoots expert.

Sher is considering applying to the Enlisted Commissioning Program after he completes his bachelor's degree, unless he is accepted to law school at the University of Southern California.

