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FWA results published

By Randy Meyer

Resource Evaluation and Analysis Division

"The best protection we have against fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) of our precious base resources," stressed Margaret Carter, base comptroller, "is the vigilance and reporting by base employees of any fraudulent or wasteful incidents that might impact our operations or waste our resources. We treat every FWA situation, no matter how small, very seriously."

An FWA situation is the misuse of government resources, direct or indirect. Government resources include property, equipment, facilities, or official time. An FWA incident can cover a broad range of circumstances from falsifying documents to outright theft of Government resources. It can also mean a situation where time, technology, or circumstances have rendered a procedure or work process obsolete and no one has thought to challenge or change it.

The following are results of some FWA investigations conducted here:

- An FWA letter alleged employees were abusing official time policies by arriving late and leaving early without accountability on their time cards. The investigation revealed that this allegation was partly true. The lax enforcement of time-keeping procedures led to the potential of time card abuses by some employees. Since specific details of employee names, dates and times were not provided in the allegation, the investigator could only analyze the time-keeping procedures of the offending division and identify weaknesses that led to the abuses. Supervisors were instructed to conduct musters at the beginning and ending of each shift to prevent future recurrences and provide greater vigilance over time card policies and regulations.

- An FWA letter alleged that a government vehicle was damaged and not reported. Furthermore, the responsible employee's supervisor attempted to protect the employee by not reporting it. The investigation revealed that this allegation was partly true. The vehicle did obtain minor damages and the responsible employee did report it to his superior. However, the supervisor did not prepare a damage report as required, opting instead, to report it orally to the Transportation Management Division. Since the proper written report was not prepared, it did not receive attention from upper management. As a result of this investigation, the supervisor was counseled on proper procedures for reporting vehicle damages.

- An FWA call alleged a base employee using a Government vehicle for per-

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File photo by Sgt. Brian Davidson

CAREFUL WHERE YOU POINT THAT THING! Bayonets honed to razor sharpness are spun and tossed about as part of the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon's routine. Consider this fair warning: The Battle Color Ceremony returns to Sorensen Field at noon on March 5. See you there.

Federal Manager of the Year

By Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

BARSTOW LOG staff

The Information Systems Office has a diamond in the rough.

His name is Richard Mills, and he is the Federal Manager of the Year.

His boss, Anita Lewis, head of the Information Systems Office, put him up for the award. The citation reads for Outstanding Performance for the Fiscal Year 2000.

Mills was a 29-year veteran of the Air Force. He worked in the Air Operations Branch on a computer system that tracked all the training and flying time of flying personnel and authenticated their flight plan. Later in his career he was responsible for all of Europe concerning that system.

He also worked with the Northrop Grumman Aircraft Company on the B-2 Stealth project for 12 years.

As head of the network systems branch he is responsible for many communication systems on base.

"We're responsible for all of the servers on base," said Mills. "We're responsible for the security of those servers and the network, and all of the hubs and routers it takes to

connect that network. It's what we call the network infrastructure."

They also send out all the Widest Dissemination messages and control all the base e-mail systems.

Some of their major challenges have been dealing with computer viruses that can crash the entire base network.

Some of the programs that he worked on in the fiscal year 2000 were the Oscar II project, the Promise project, and upgrades to existing programs.

The Oscar II project is providing the base computer network with a backbone by connecting Nebo and Yermo with fiber cables. All the base had before were commercial T-1 lines that the base rented. The project will be done in either June or July and will save the base nearly \$5,000 a month.

The Promise project stems from the Oscar II project. It is the inside portion of the wiring. The Promise project will wire the individual boxes that the computers are plugged in to.

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THE COMMANDER'S FORUM

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the Base Commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via e-mail to SMB Barstow Commanders Forum.

Q I am concerned about the quality of service we will be able to provide to the people who will be losing their jobs when we go to the Most Efficient Organization, and the people who will have to learn a new job if we win.

We have never had a reduction of this size before, and it will require a maximum effort from our admin support staff to assist them with necessary paperwork, information and advice at this difficult time.

The proposal to reorganize the entire administrative support structure just before the reductions take place will severely impact our ability to provide the highest quality of service when it is needed most. We reorganize every two years or so, and there is always a period of diminished efficiency for a while afterward. The LAN accounts and phone lines have to be unscrambled, boxes packed and unpacked, new jobs learned, etc. Add to this the stress caused by a more crowded environment, and you have a severely diminished capacity to respond.

Our situation is comparable to major surgery. When a patient is recovering from major surgery they need support and assistance from someone who is calm, fit and capable; not someone recovering from liposuction and a

face-lift.

I know that you would like to see all of this happen before you leave, but please consider postponing the admin reorganization until after the dust has settled from the RIFs.

A Thank you for raising these issues, it gives me an opportunity to address concerns not only you, but others may have.

Let me first assure you, we will always focus on providing the level of service to our customers and ourselves needed to accomplish the mission. At the same time, we will take care of our people. I continue to echo Maj. Gen. Davis' guidance, "Mission First, People Always."

You are correct; we have never faced the personnel reductions we are encountering with the outcome of the A-76 Study. However, I believe we have never planned better to make sure there is a continuity of services while we are assisting our work force to transition. Whether the A-76 Study results in retention of the work by the federal workers, our civilian Marines, or is outsourced, we are planning an orderly transition. We will continue to offer all programs and options to work force members

who may depart or who will stay. Training our work force to be multi-skilled is included in our plans of transition.

I do not share the level of concern you have with the consolidation of the administrative functions at the base level. I included this action in the initial plans for Barstow 2002, but held off in realigning, reengineering and reorganizing the base-level administration until the time was right. I believe that in conjunction with our transformation this year the timing is right. Transforming personnel administration, funds administration and the general administration of the base needed to wait until the concept of base services in the A-76 Study was complete. That is why the consolidation of administration is starting in earnest now. I assure you, the deliberate effort of this transformation will adhere to all the required personnel management policies, master labor agreement provisions and will be done in the most cost effective means. This is a very tight year for funds, and I am keenly aware of it. I have chosen Maj. Kathy J. Maloney to head the Administration and Support Department effort because of her unique combination of experience and skills.

You used surgery and a patient as an

analogy for the situation. I would offer that you consider health for the future analogy. We are transforming our collective body by adapting to new diet, exercise and attitude – a holistic approach. The mission for the future remains the same. We need to change how we keep the organization healthy and fit. We need to use the current information on how to prepare and execute our duties to compete with others. Our transformation's goal is to make us a viable and healthy organization of the future.

Finally, let me assure you any commander desires to finish what they start. At the same time, I know much of the transition effort that is ongoing will not be complete before I leave. Transition and transformation take time. At the same time, I want to ensure the momentum needed to complete such efforts is not lost in the turnover of leadership at the base. Our goal should be to make the changes because it is in the base's best interest and to do it the right way. I ask all of you continue to support this effort. I will double my efforts in keeping you informed of the progress of all our transition and transformation initiatives. I believe the end result will be a healthier and more viable base organization that achieves mission and is secure in its future.

Our spiritual walk with God Jewish synagogue opens in Barstow

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



At the R.V. parking area here, many visitors have a ritual of walking in the morning and walking in the evening. They do it for a variety of

reasons, including exercise, relaxation, socializing and for their pets.

From a spiritual perspective, God wants us to walk with him daily. We have some requirements for walking with God. We need to be reconciled to God. We need to be completely yielded to God. We need to love

God supremely. We need to have unbroken fellowship with God.

Enoch walked with God. Genesis 5:24.
"Being reconciled to God implies trust, friendship, fellowship, companionship, and unity of thought. To be yielded to God requires us to give our mind and will over to God. God's thoughts become our thoughts. His teachings become our teachings. When we love God supremely, it keeps us focused on the correct purpose for our lives and restrains us from the popular sins of our day."

For us to have unbroken fellowship with God provides direction and comfort in our times of sorrow. Walking with God should be a daily ritual in our lives with practical application.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

Jewish synagogue opens in Barstow

The congregation Ramidbar Shel Ha'am opens the doors to its new home Friday at 5 p.m.

The Barstow Jewish congregation is having a dedication service in its new building located at 130 Eastgate Road followed by the evening Shabbat (Sabbath) service at 7 p.m.

After about a year of planning, the congregation is excited to have their new Synagogue facilities and has scheduled services to alternate between Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Regular Shabbat services will be held starting the

night of the dedication at 7 p.m. and alternate to March 3 at 10 a.m.

The following week service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and services will continue to alternate. Services are open to all.

Hamidbar Shel Ha'am is a member of the United Synagogues for Conservative Judaism and is the only conservative Jewish congregation in the High Desert.

Ramidbar invites everyone to join the congregation in celebration of the new home and the Sabbath. For more information call 255-3600.

Everyone is invited to Ash Wednesday service February 28 from 11-11:30 a.m. at the Base Chapel and 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Bldg. 573 Conference Room.

<p>Chapel Services</p> <p>Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Confession services before Mass</p>	<p>Nebo Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>At the Chapel Office</p> <p>For more info call 577-6849.</p>	<p>Yermo Bible Study</p> <p>Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.</p> <p>At the Colonel's Workshop</p> <p>For more info call Don Brooks at 577-7165.</p>
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Just doing my part ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Cory Kelly

The 2000 High Desert Combined Federal Campaign brought in \$174,000. MCLB Barstow contributed more than \$30,000. (Left to Right) Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson, Col. Mark A. Costa, Billie L. Reed, Wayne C. Houghton, Jr., and Jean L. Flint each received an Eagle Award for contributing \$500 or more to the campaign.

<p>Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California Colonel Mark A. Costa, Commanding Officer Public Affairs Staff</p> <p>Public Affairs Officer/Executive Editor: Public Affairs Chief/Managing Editor: Press Chief/Editor: Correspondent: PA Support Clerk:</p>	<p>BARSTOW LOG KEEPING YOU INFORMED THROUGH TRANSITION AND CHANGE</p>	<p>Bill Bokholt GySgt. Frank Patterson Sgt. Brian Davidson LCpl. Joshua Barnhardt LCpl. Cory Kelly Bertie Dailey</p>
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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 editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

ASMC/FMA luncheon

The Association of Military Comptrollers and the Federal Manager's Association are hosting a joint luncheon at the Oasis Club Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Colonel Mark A. Costa, base commander, plans to speak on the state of the base and how we are responding to the current utilities crisis, budgetary demands, Navy/Marine Corps Intranet planning, and BRAC potential in the Department of Defense.

In his state of the base address last year, Costa established his Barstow 2002 plan to transform the base by investing in facilities and people and changing how business is done here. He revisits this concept and how the transformation will prepare the base for the challenges ahead.

The \$5 luncheon ticket includes barbecued ham or a chef salad. The ham dish includes mashed potatoes and gravy and steamed vegetables.

Reservations are required and due by Friday.

Contact one of the following ASMC or FMA officers for tickets:

ASMC Officers

Name	Phone
Randy Meyer	577-6366
Connie Lewellyn	577-6596
Erin Foster	577-6642
Andrew Henderson	577-7344
Sophia Ontiveros	577-6419
Lou Ann Presley	577-6366

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Brenda German	577-7139
Bob Wyman	577-6866
Glen Stoops	577-7291
Donna Coppi	577-6279
Dale Harris	577-6212

Quarterly Spouses Tour

Active duty Marine Corps, Navy and Army spouses are invited to attend the free Quarterly Spouses Tour of Fort Irwin and Barstow March 13-15.

The first two days are held at Fort

Irwin. Informational meetings and tours introduce spouses to services available at the fort and military life in general.

The third day, hosted by the Military Affairs Committee of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, begins at the Veterans Home on Barstow Road at 9 a.m. with a free continental breakfast.

After presentations by the Veterans Home Public Relations Department and the Barstow Police Department. Guests tour of Calico Ghost Town and receive discount coupons for selected shops at the Factory Outlet and Tanger Malls. A free lunch at Idle Spurs is included for all participants. The tour ends at 3:30 p.m.

Participants should dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water to drink at Calico. Space is limited so registration is required.

For more information call Becky Echols, Army Outreach Center, 256-1735, or Pamela Butolph, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, 380-4991.

Safety Shoes

Purchase safety shoes Wednesday at the parking lot in front of Building 573 from 7-11 a.m. and at the east end of Building 236 from noon-2 p.m.

TRICARE briefings

Military healthcare is changing. The 2001 National Defense Authorization Act directed the military to implement the most sweeping changes to its healthcare program since the implementation of CHAMPUS 35 year ago. These changes strengthen TRICARE, CHAMPUS' successor, greatly improving the benefits and lowering costs paid by military healthcare beneficiaries. The wide-ranging changes most significantly affect military retirees who are Medicare-eligible and active duty family members.

Changes include elimination of most co-payments for care delivered to TRICARE Prime enrolled active duty family members and the exten-

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to drop by for the weekend.

sion of TRICARE benefits to military retirees and eligible family members who are 65 and older. The legislation extends and improves pharmacy benefits to all eligible beneficiaries regardless of age.

TRICARE Southern California and its managed care support contractor, Foundation Health Federal Services, are conducting town hall meetings today at the Oasis Club today to explain these changes.

Presentations for military retirees age 65 and older and their spouses are at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Active duty personnel and family member presentations are at 3 p.m.

For more information call HMC Stefan L. Ericksen, 577-7804, or check out the TRICARE Web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa>.

CRMC Workshops scheduled

The Career Resource Management Center has a series of workshops and classes scheduled for the rest of February and throughout March. All classes and workshops are held at Building

129. For more info on these classes and workshops call 577-6533.

Writing Resumes

This popular class offers instruction on creating a private sector resume. Participants learn the essential steps necessary to write an effective resume, and which type and style of resume to use. Instructors provide presentation and formatting tips so that potential employers will read your resume. Learn how employers use applications and resumes to screen out undesirable candidates.

This class is scheduled for March 6 and 20, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Preparing Applications for Federal Employment

Personnel interested in pursuing a career in the Federal sector are encouraged to attend this workshop. Participants learn to complete the complicated formats and understand the various types of Federal applications such as the SF-171, OF-612 and Resumix.

This class is slated for Tuesday and

March 13 and 27, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Job Interviewing Techniques

Learn to effectively interview for that dream job in person and by phone. This three-hour class covers preparation, what to say, what not to ask, and some commonly asked questions.

Participants are eligible to have their interview taped and evaluated by a certified Career Development counselor.

This class is March 1 and 15 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Career Assessments for Career Planning

Interest inventories allow individuals to know themselves better and focus on work best suited for their aptitude, abilities and temperament.

Upon completing the computer-based confidential assessment, the participant receives a comprehensive report that enables them to select an occupation, identify transferable skills, and define the type of employer that

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Job Watch

Annc.No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
OTR-010-01NR	Electrical Equipment Worker WG-2854-07	02-02-01	03-02-01	02-16-01	MCLB Barstow
OTR-015-01	Sandblaster WG-5423-07 (Temp NTE one year, part time)	02-08-01	03-08-01	02-22-01	MCLB Barstow
OTR-016-01	Electronics Integrated Systems Mechanic WG-2610-07 (Temp NTE one year)	02-09-01	03-09-01	02-23-01	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 info on Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements browse to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

Tax time again???!!!

Tired of struggling through your taxes or paying through the nose for a professional tax preparer?

Bring all of that paperwork and leave your headache to the qualified personnel at the Staff Judge Advocate's office at Building 136. Their certified tax preparers will not only figure out the ins and outs of your return, but they'll even electronically file it for you so the money comes back even faster.

Contact one of the below listed personnel today:

Name	Division	Phone
GySgt. Michael Claudio	PSD	577-6347
SSgt. Robert W. Cole	HqBn	577-6916
SSgt. Jose J. Leal-Munoz	FSD	577-7052
SSgt. Johnny Garcia	SJA	577-6874
SSgt. Donna M. Knolle	FSD	577-7353
Cpl. Patrick J. Snyder	SJA	577-6874
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LCpl. Eduardo H. Nuno	PSD	577-6124
LCpl. Michael T. Pirozzi	SJA	577-6874
Jacque Fadely	SJA	577-6874
Barbara Kulseth	SJA	577-6874
Terri Lloyd	FSD	577-7480
Tom Quenga	FSD	577-7545

'Some people uncomfortable with ethnic observances'

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – "I'm a little anxious about the subject of African American History Month because a lot of people are uncomfortable with that subject," Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Clifford L. Stanley told the packed Pentagon auditorium here February 8.

Stanley, keynote speaker at the DoD observance of African American History Month, said the president, DoD, Congress and the nation may recognize African American History Month, but a lot of people still take exception to it.

When historian Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week in 1926, he said entire chapters of Negro history were missing and should be talked about, said Stanley, deputy commanding general of the Combat Development Command, at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

Woodson was the first to open the long-neglected field of black studies to scholars to focus attention on black contributions to civilization. He founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, today the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History Inc., based in Silver Spring, Md., Woodson's Negro History Week in time became African American History Month.

When Woodson started to highlight African American history, the nation was divided by segregation, Stanley noted. "The road is still not level. We've still got a long way to go," he said. Today, Stanley is one of eight African American Marine Corps generals – the largest number the Corps has had at one time.

Stanley said he hasn't forgotten the Jim Crow laws that barred African Americans from jobs and public places like hotels, restaurants and other facilities. He hasn't forgotten African Americans living in fear of racially motivated violence.

"I still feel it, still see it," Stanley told the multiracial audience. As an African American, he said, "I am blessed to be able to see what



Photo by Rudi Williams

Charles L. Cragin poses with sixth grader, 11-year-old Anthony Griffin of Washington's John Tyler Elementary School who read his award-winning African American History Month essay. At left is the keynote speaker, Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Clifford L. Stanley. At right is Gail H. McGinn, acting assistant secretary of defense for force management policy.

others may see, even if I don't experience it myself.

"For example, I'm the person who goes into the company office and the first sergeant does everything but pay attention to me. I'm the person who goes into supply and the sergeant and his NCOs continue to chitchat and drink coffee, kind of ignoring me. I'm the person who never complains when I'm given all kinds of unfair duties and responsibilities."

A little courtesy, respect, understanding and fairness are all African Americans want, the general said.

Looking back into the nation's history, Stanley said when the Emancipation Proclamation was signed in 1863 during the Civil War, "there were people who look like me who were opposed to the

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Cragin asks military, civilians to improve racial relationships

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

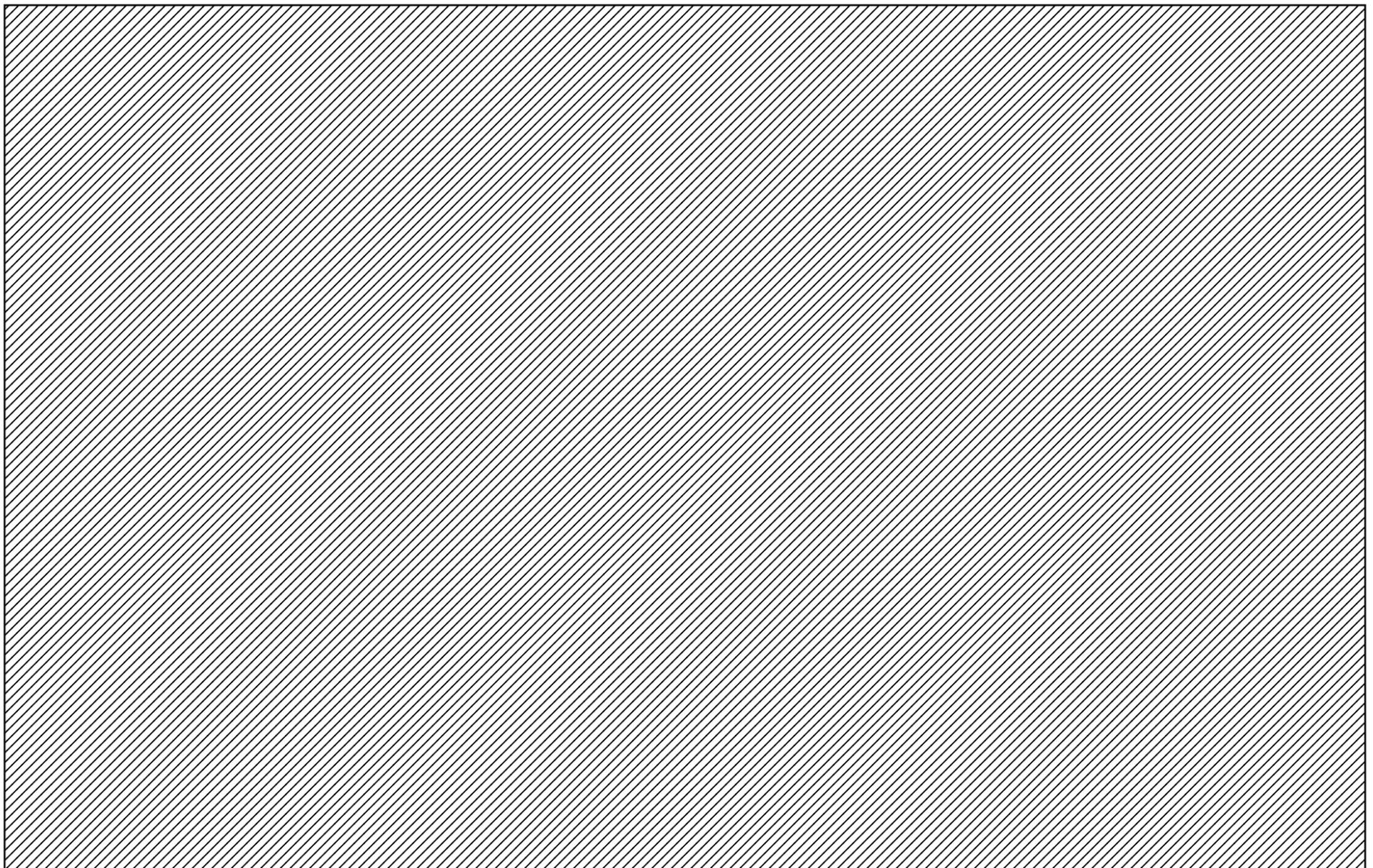
WASHINGTON – DoD has made great strides in equal opportunity, but the journey has not ended, Charles L. Cragin told the standing room only crowd in the Pentagon auditorium during DoD's African American History Month observance, February 8.

He challenged the large multiracial audience "to re-double your efforts to mentor and guide someone in your duty section or work center because DoD can't achieve its equal opportunity goals with policies alone.

"I encourage you to make time in your already full schedules to dedicate attention to teaching and coaching someone who may or may not look just like you," said Cragin, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness and acting assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs. "And just imagine, if we can get everyone in the federal sector to do this, the results of our efforts will reap benefits tenfold for neighborhoods, communities, the government and America."

Hosting the annual Pentagon observance on behalf of the new secretary of defense, Donald Rumsfeld, Cragin quoted the secretary as saying military and civilian personnel bear a special responsibility during such occasions. Calling them sentinels of the past and scouts for the future, Rumsfeld said the current leadership inherited an institution that has been a pioneer for

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Confusion no excuse for ignoring gun laws

By Lance Cpl. Cory Kelly
BARSTOW LOG staff

People who bring weapons aboard a military installation are just asking for trouble, especially in light of the new California gun control laws.

Major Lawrence A. Casserly, Provost Marshal, believes it's important for everyone who owns a weapon, civilians and military, to know exactly what laws apply to you and be aware of whether or not you're obeying them.

Knowing what the laws are is very important, "and I'll show you a reason why," he said as he unlocked and opened a large metal case to reveal a couple of his personal favorite weapons.

Out of the selection he picked up a rifle. "This is a National Match M-1A. It's the civilian version of the M14 ... for shooting competitions. This gun was illegal when I brought it into the state because it had a flash suppressor on it," he said referring to the grooved and slotted suppressors most commonly attached to the M-16A2 service rifles.

"By spinning [the flash suppressor] off and replacing it with a compensator it makes it legal to have here," he said. Casserly noted the only visual difference between the two is instead of having grooves and slots like on the suppressor he has a compensator with a series of 1/8" round holes around the circumference of the device.

"That's how difficult the [California] gun laws

are to understand," he said.

According to Chuck Wagner, California Highway Patrol court officer, the only authorized transportation of firearms is going to or coming from hunting, pistol/rifle practice or any other lawful activity.

"The best way to stay safe is with a heavy gun case which locks, and is locked. Because, legally, the only time you can transport a weapon is to and from some kind of shooting sport and hunting, and anytime between the two points, home or wherever, the gun cannot be loaded," he continued.

Casserly explained that California laws do not allow weapons and ammunition to be stored together. "It's not like in North Carolina if you're going hunting, where you can take your [rifle], load it, throw it in the truck, drive to your hunting spot and if you see something along the way and you can legally take it then take it," he said. "In Arizona you can put a gun in the back window of your car, and you can put a loaded pistol on the seat of your car. This state is very restrictive."

Wagner said, "The firearm and the ammunition should be in two separate places in the vehicle, keeping the weapon as far away from the ammo as possible. The point is to keep the driver from having the opportunity to have a loaded weapon in his hand."

State law also prohibits transporting a weapon in the glove box or utility compartment of a vehicle.

"The reason behind [the law] is to keep the firearm from being immediately accessible to the driver. So if the driver gets mad or something happens he doesn't end up brandishing a weapon," Wagner said.

Base Order 5500.13 adds to California transportation laws and limits transportation to and from authorized base recreational firing areas or officially sponsored marksmanship competitions and going to or returning from any off-base use.

Casserly said the base order was written to encompass activities that no longer occur. "We used to have a trap range here. So if you were civilian Joe, Bob or Ernie working out at Building 573 or something, apparently, on weekends they used to be able to shoot trap out by the fire department training area. We've gotten rid of that [range]," he said explaining that now, unless you are a civilian actually living on base, there is no reason to bring a weapon aboard the installation.

"We have civilians living on base in the trailer parks, and those folks we treat just as we do [base] housing residents," he said.

Casserly explained the base has made exceptions during situations like dove season for those civilians who live in Victorville or a good stretch away, but hunt off base after work. "We've made allowances for people to leave their shotgun in the [Provost Marshal Office armory] during working hours and then pick them up on their way off base, but we only do that with prior notification," Casserly said.

He stressed that anyone who believes they have a legitimate reason for bringing a weapon aboard base needs to contact PMO to curb any misunderstandings before they occur.

"I know some people, either rightly or wrongly, might leave a rifle in their pickup truck or something like that accidentally.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Cory Kelly

Major Lawrence A. Casserly, Provost Marshal, shows his revolver is empty and ready for transport. California law prohibits the transporting of loaded weapons.

That's one of those things where I would like to get out to everyone that it's not worth it."

California gun laws have changed drastically in the past few years, and they continue to change.

"It used to be that possession of a concealed weapon was a misdemeanor. I don't even know what it is now. But they are cracking down hard," Casserly said. "And depending on how it's viewed by the state as a misdemeanor, if it's bad enough, it could make your right to having a firearm go away, just like with a domestic violence charge."

Casserly said all seized weapons are considered contraband. "If it's seized as contraband then the rules are pretty clear as to what we have to do with it," he said noting that all contraband must be destroyed under California's destruction of evidence rules.

"Chances are if we have your weapon it's not coming back," Casserly said.

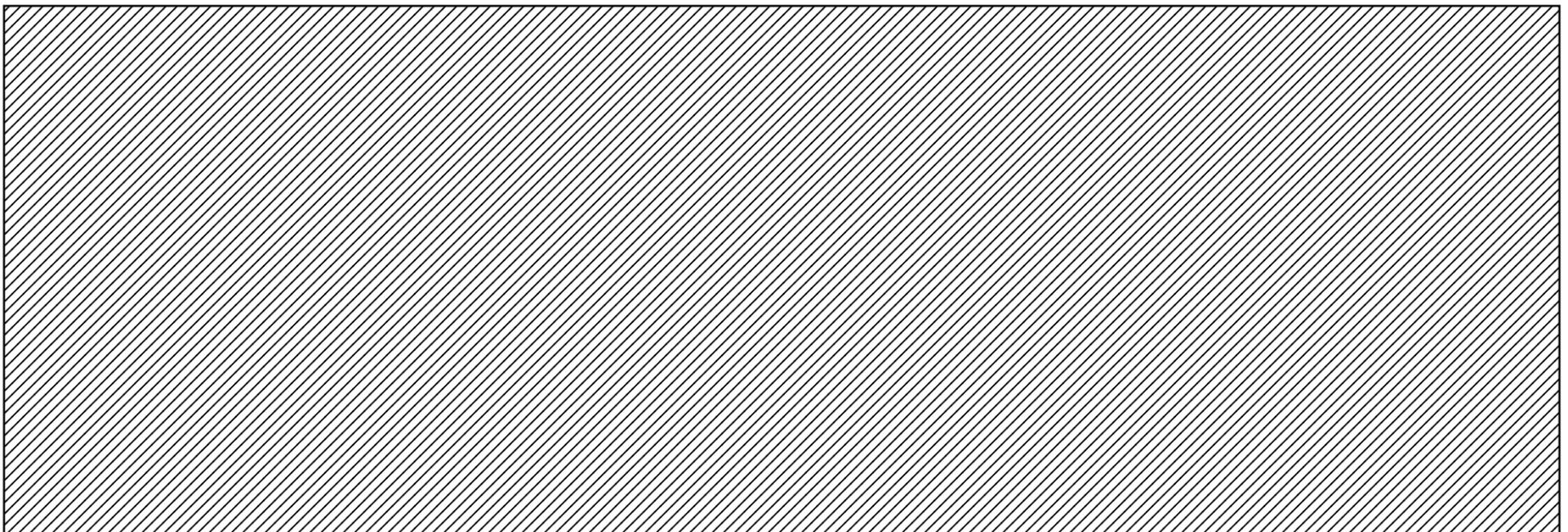
For more information on the rules and regulations concerning weapons handling aboard base or more information on how to register your weapon call the Pass and Identification Vehicle Registration Unit, 577-6457.

For questions as to the state requirements concerning possession or transportation of firearms, please see the state department of justice web page, <http://caag.state.ca.us/firearms>.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Cory Kelly

Major Lawrence A. Casserly's National Match M1-A rests in a heavy gun case. The case has two different locks and complies with California gun laws. Casserly suggests using a case like the one shown above for transporting firearms.



AROUND THE CORPS

How the media misjudged the V-22 Osprey

By John R. Guardiano, Defense Editor
Rotor & Wing Magazine

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"Critics Say V-22's Features May Make it Dangerous," blared the headline on page two of [the February 2] USA Today.

"Unlike all civilian and conventional military helicopters," the article began, "the Marine Corps' controversial V-22 Osprey cannot stay airborne should its rotors lose engine power, a shortcoming critics call dangerous."

Plus, the Osprey cannot "auto-rotate," which "... experienced pilots say ... could mean the

difference between a safe landing and a fatal crash when an engine stalls. 'If it won't auto-rotate ... it's an inherently dangerous aircraft,' says William Wimsatt, an aviation attorney and former Army helicopter pilot."

"It's suicidal for the Osprey not to be able to do this," added Jim Furman, "a Texas lawyer who represents the widow of an Osprey pilot killed last April." Furman, USA Today noted, is a "former Army helicopter pilot."

This "news" was the latest in a string of damning revelations for the Marine Corps and their new transport aircraft, the V-22 Osprey. But, like nearly all the press accounts of late, it is grossly misleading.

For starters, the Osprey is not a conventional

helicopter. It is a hybrid "tilt-rotor" aircraft that can fly as both a helicopter and an airplane.

Until now, the ability to auto-rotate has been unique to conventional helicopters. Auto-rotation - which enables a pilot to land the aircraft safely in the event of engine failure - is possible in the Osprey and likely will become a standard technique taught to V-22 pilots. It simply will require additional flight testing and technique refinement.

But this hardly makes the Osprey "inherently dangerous" and "suicidal." Fixed-wing military transport aircraft like the Army's C-130, for instance, lack the ability to auto-rotate. Yet no one - not even former Army pilots who have turned into trial lawyers - suggests that these planes are deathtraps. And Osprey pilots are not defenseless in the event of engine failure. They can maneuver into fixed-wing mode and glide forward to a (relatively) safe landing.

In addition, the V-22 has two engines, each of which can power the aircraft by itself. The chance that one engine will fail is extremely remote - Marine Corps pilots have flown for 14 years without reporting a single instance of engine failure. The odds that both engines will fail simultaneously are so remote as to be beyond negligible.

None of these facts seem to matter to the mavens of elite liberal opinion. The New York Times editorialized twice in one month against the aircraft, denouncing it as a "20-year-old idea with a poor safety record and maintenance data of questionable reliability." "It may be time to terminate the program altogether," the Times concluded.

Other influential media voices have euthanized the V-22. "Kill the Osprey before it kills again," demanded the Chicago Tribune; "This bird is too deadly to live," echoed the Seattle Post-Intelligencer; "It's an 'overpriced, problem-plagued aircraft,'" asserted the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel; and so on and so forth.

To be sure, the Osprey has had its share of troubles. It has crashed four times in less than a

decade and twice in eight months. The two most recent crashes occurred in December and April of last year, killing 23 Marines. Seven people also died in a 1992 Osprey crash.

The latest mishap prompted Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James L. Jones to call for an independent panel to review the V-22 program. Last month, it was revealed that the commanding officer of the first and only Marine Tilt-rotor Training Squadron (VMMT-204), Lt. Col. Odin F. Leberman, had falsified Osprey maintenance records and instructed the Marines under his charge to "lie" about the aircraft's readiness and availability.

All this bears the stamp of a heart-wrenching tragedy. Still, while it is right for us to pray for the families who lost fathers, sons and brothers, it is wrong to forget a painful but undeniable truth - military flight is inherently risky. This is true even for mature, veteran helicopters like the Army's UH-60 Black Hawk, which Osprey critics frequently cite as a possible replacement for the V-22.

In 1999, for instance, three Black Hawk crashes killed 10 U.S. servicemen. In 1998, five Black Hawk crashes killed three soldiers. And eight Army personnel died in 1997 when two UH-60s crashed.

What about the allegation of a "cover-up"? True, Lt. Col. Leberman admitted to falsifying Osprey maintenance records in order to inflate the aircraft's "mission capable" rate. Leberman has since been relieved of his command and may be subject to a court martial. However, he has assured Pentagon officials and the American people that his actions in no way compromised the safety of anyone involved with the V-22 program.

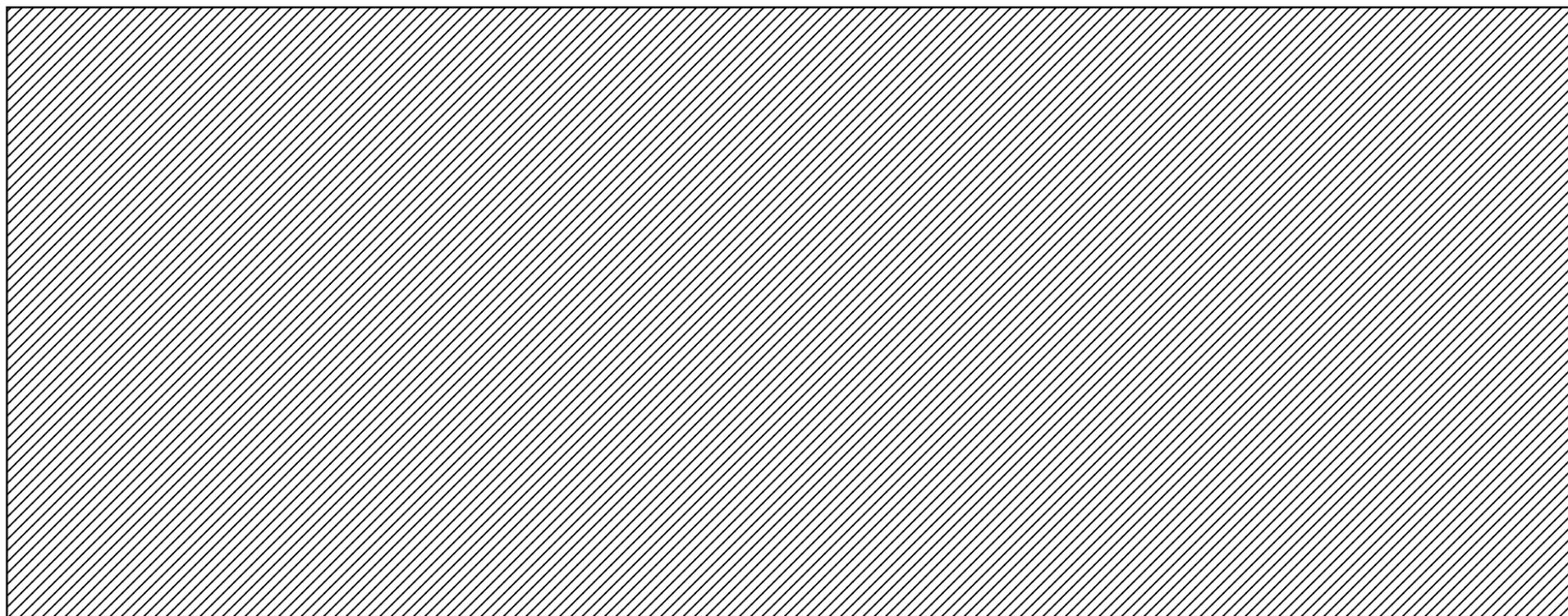
More to the point, no one has charged the Marines with knowingly putting an unsafe Osprey into the sky. On the contrary: The Marines are accused of grounding the V-22 too often - to the point where the aircraft likely would not have made the cut for full-rate production.

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Photo courtesy Headquarters Marine Corps

An MV-22 Osprey conducts shipboard operations during the tilt-rotor aircraft's Operational Evaluation last year. Evaluated in a wide variety of operating conditions, the Osprey met or exceeded all key performance parameters and was judged by the Navy to be operationally effective and suitable.



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"Most of the Promise wiring will be done in Yermo with a few selected places in (Nebo)," said Mills.

This is because of lack of Marine Corps funding for the project.

He also took part in getting Microsoft Outlook installed in the base system. They also helped prepare the base for the Year 2000 computer upgrades.

Four Marines work under Mills. They are Staff Sgt. Jimmy Hill, Cpl. Walter Olenderski, LCpl. John Poniske, and LCpl. Julio Hernandez.

The award means many things to

Mills.

"It means no matter where you go someone is always looking at you," said Mills. "Someone is always prepared to go that extra step and say thank you for a job well done."

"Customer service to me is paramount as far as our organization is concerned," said Mills. "We've got to be on our toes constantly to make sure that we're giving the best service we possibly can."

Mills is a native of Houston, Texas. He currently lives in Apple Valley with his wife Rosita. His sons are Stephen, 30 and Christopher, 27.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Richard Mills, Head, Network Systems Branch, manages the base intranet through the system's computer.

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sonal business. The allegation was unsubstantiated. However, it was found that the alleged employee was off-base, using a Government vehicle at the time he was seen. The employee did not prepare an off-base ticket as required, but was engaged in official business at the time. The employee was counseled on the DOD 5300.36R regulation, which governs procedures for off-base usage of government vehicles.

— An FWA letter alleged thousand of dollars of raw material was being disposed of in dumpsters. The allegation was unsubstantiated. The investigation revealed that the material in question was placed in recycling bins that looked similar to dumpsters. The material was unusable because of to oxidation or corrosion. That meant it could not be re-

turned for credit, thus, had to be recycled.

Hotline callers are treated with complete confidentiality and remain anonymous to the fullest extent of the law, except when required by law or authority. Calls or letters to the FWA are taken seriously, investigated by professional impartial experts, and are important to the command. Federal law prohibits reprisals against those reporting FWA situations. The FWA Hotline is available on e-mail. Simply log on to the base e-mail system and compose a message with the address, "FWA Hotline." The FWA Hotline is 577-6222 or you can write:

Commanding Officer (B400)
"For Comptroller Eyes Only"
MCLB Barstow
Comptroller Department
Box 110400
Barstow, CA 92311-5043

ROICC office keeps MCL



Eric O'Brien, pipe fitter, installs a sprinkler system in Warehouse 401. This is one of the projects funded by the ROICC office. Sprinkler systems are being installed in Yermo Annex warehouses.

By Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Resident Officer in Charge of Construction office spends millions of dollars every year keeping buildings, roads and just about everything else on the base functional.

Barstow's ROICC office works for the Southwest Division of Naval Facilities Engineering Command. They receive funding from Headquarters Marine Corps, central funds appropriated by the United States Congress, and through a program called Environmental Restoration Navy.

"Essentially what we do is we oversee the contracting, administration, and procurement for all construction, facility services, architect engineering design, general base studies and several other minor contracts," said Navy Lt. Marc Bernath, deputy ROICC.

"We average about \$24 to \$25 million a year in construction, about half of it funded by Headquarters Marine Corps," said Bernath.

Some of the major projects in progress are electric wiring at the Yermo Annex which is estimated at \$4.7 million, a vehicle test track at Yermo worth about \$3.4 million, and sprinkler systems in several warehouses at Yermo estimated at \$5 million.

Some other meaningful projects the ROICC office has under contract are housing maintenance to keep all housing units up to par. This project is worth \$811,000. That involves street sweeping, pest control, ground maintenance, and recycling pickup.

A multi-function service contract worth \$300,000 covers high voltage maintenance, soft water filter replacements, and other specialized jobs.

There is a project worth \$450,000 to build what is called a team track at Yermo. A team track is a concrete slab used to load and unload trains.

A \$445,000 locomotive wash rack is being built at Yermo. They are also relining the sludge lagoons at Yermo for \$172,000.

There is a grounds contract to maintain and water grounds like Sorensen Field and other grassy areas worth \$285,000.

\$356,000 goes to janitorial services on base. Another \$424,000 went into renovating the Marine Corps Exchange.

The upper deck of Building 573 was renovated for \$273,000.

All of these projects add up in a hurry. The base is given a certain amount of money each year. When the fiscal year rolls around, the extra money laying around is put together. There is a laundry list of miscellaneous projects that need to get done. The extra money is spent on these projects until the money runs out.

Some of these projects were the

Photo by LCpl. Joshua Barnhardt

B facilities at full speed

rdt repaving of the parking lot behind Building 15 and putting new reflectors on Joseph L. Boll Avenue.

The base ROICC office has a 100 percent execution rate. That means they spend virtually every dollar they are given.

Most of the funds they receive are for renovations instead of construction. That is why most projects remodel the existing buildings instead of building new ones.

“We are centrally funded to support the Marine Corps and the Navy’s renovation and construction efforts,” said Bernath. “Essentially we are the execution agent for both of them.”

ROICC offices typically do all Navy and Marine Corps work, while the Army Corps of Engineers does most of the Army and Air Force jobs. Sometimes the two cross and do jobs for the other services, but those are rare cases.

There are 13 field offices for the ROICC Southwest Division. Barstow is one of the smaller ones given the size of the base.

Other offices are at MCB Camp Pendleton, MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, and Navy bases in the area.

There are five quality assurance representatives that work for the Public Works Officer. They quality assure service contracts such as janitorial work and minor projects under \$100,000. The ROICC office does all the contracts, but only performs quality assurance on construction projects over \$100,000. contracts. This divides the work level and keeps each office from being tied down.



Photo by LCpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Navy Lt. Marc Bernath, deputy ROICC, inspects the work being done to the renovate the Naval Branch Medical Clinic Facility at Nebo.



Photo by LCpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Joseph L. Boll Avenue recently received cosmetic work. The reflectors on the road were replaced in some areas and more reflectors were added to other areas. This was a \$100,000 contract for the ROICC office.



Photo by LCpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Arsenia Terry checks out a customer's items at the recently re-opened Marine Corps Exchange in Nebo. ROICC watchdogged the \$424,000 renovation.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Sale continues at MCX

The February Super Sale continues at the MCX with many great bargains. Only seven days left of this sale. Drop by the Exchange and check out these money-saving buys while this sale is in progress.

Prices slashed on Proctor Silex kitchen appliances: Toasters, can openers, hand mixers and Easy Press light-weight irons, value priced at \$7.99.

We're moving our entire stock of scooters at 30 percent off. This is a great savings but hurry, these will go fast.

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

The Railhead Exchange at the Yermo Annex is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday. During troop rotation the Railhead Exchange is open Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 577-7092 for more information.

Weekly Lunch Menu

- Today* - Lasagna.
- Friday* - Hoki fish.
- Monday* - Spicy baked fish.
- Tuesday* - Chicken Alfredo.
- Wednesday* - BBQ ham steak.
- Thursday* - Salisbury steak.

Lunch price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian. A la carte and sub sandwiches are also available for lunch as a substitute or addition.

Lunch is served Monday-Friday at

Nebo, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and at the Yermo Annex 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Family Night Dinner Menu

- Tonight* - Mongolian beef.
- Next Thursday* - Fried chicken.

Family Night dinners are served Thursday evenings at the Family Restaurant, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Prices: (military and civilian) \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5-11 years), children 4 years and under are free.

Everyone is welcome.

Need a baby-sitter?

Did you know the Children and Youth Program not only trains baby sitters, but also has an up-to-date listing of all Red Cross qualified baby sitters with their phone numbers?

If you need someone to watch your children at night or on the weekend and don't know who to call, stop by the CDC at Building 372, and they'll be happy to give you a list of Red Cross trained and certified baby sitters.

For more information call 577-6533.

Health and Wellness Class

Semper Fit is holding a Health and Wellness class Monday at noon. The class covers what foods to include in a diet to manage and lower cholesterol. This is a one-hour class and is open to all active duty, retirees, family members and MCLB Wellness members.

For more information call Health Promotions, 577-6817, or stop by the Gym & Fitness Center, Building 44.

LET'S GO BOWLING



Weekday Special

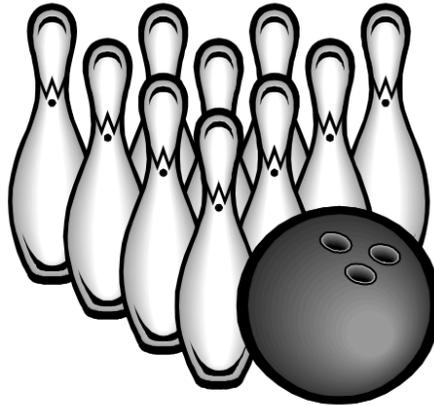
Adults bowl for 75 cents a game, children bowl for \$1 for three games.

Weekend Special

Adults bowl for 75 cents a game, Children bowl for \$1 for three games.

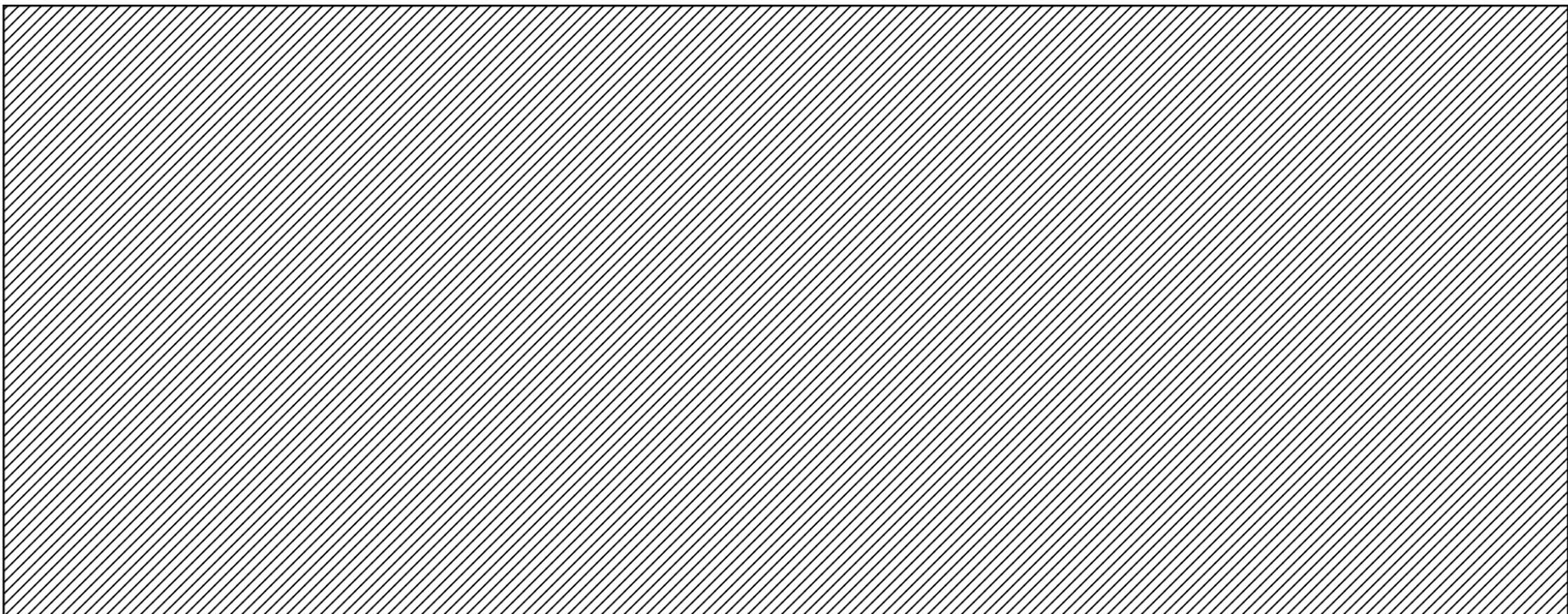
All Shoe Rentals

50 cents weekday or weekend, adults or child.



Bowling Center 577-6264

The Bowling Center is open Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed Monday and Tuesday.



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Indeed, as one V-22 mechanic observed: "This is not what caused the previous two mishaps this year, but if it continues, it will cause many more [accidents]."

And what of the supposed "smoking gun?" A recent 60 Minutes report on the Osprey highlighted a November 21st e-mail message that Brig. Gen. James Amos, the deputy commandant of Marine Corps aviation, sent to Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle, who heads up all of Marine Corps aviation. In the e-mail, Amos tells McCorkle that the Osprey's readiness rate for the first part of November is "a bad story" - just 26.7 percent. Yet, as Mike Wallace noted [January 31] on the CBS Evening News, "... just nine days later, Gen. Amos used different and much more favorable numbers at a Pentagon press conference."

"I pulled the first 13 days of November, mission-capable rate on those airplanes, and the average is 73.2 percent," Amos told reporters. "Two of the Marines' highest ranking officers apparently knew full well that data they were reporting about the Osprey were not accurate,"

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equal opportunity for more than a half century.

"Today," Cragin quoted Rumsfeld, "DoD is a beacon to America as the most integrated institution in the nation."

"Because we're an example to others, each of us also has a responsibility to each other - to ensure that our military and civilian ranks are defined by adherence to the highest standards of equal justice and professional ethics," he said. "In so doing, we can build an even stronger military and an even stronger nation."

Rumsfeld's message encourages everyone in DoD to embrace the spirit of African American History Month. "Together, we can remain a model for the nation," Rumsfeld said in his message.

Wallace reasoned.

What Wallace neglected to consider was that there were two sets of data in question. The first set of data referenced in Amos' e-mail was calculated by a new computerized measuring system that has yet to be fully instituted by the Navy and Marine Corps. The second set of data that Amos shared with reporters on November 30 was a more traditional readiness standard used by fleet commanders.

Other critical media reports have similarly relied on dubious grounds, including selective and misunderstood aspects of Pentagon and General Accounting Office studies. For example, the Pentagon's director of operational test and evaluation, Phil Coyle, issued a report last fall in which he declared the Osprey "operationally effective," but not "operationally suitable."

But Coyle's assessment is more benign than it sounds. He acknowledges that "... testing has confirmed several key advantages, in comparison to current rotary-wing operations, inherent to the tiltrotor concept." However, he faults the Osprey for being less reliable, maintainable and available than the CH-46 helicopter it is replacing.

Again, the Marines acknowledge this limitation, but say it is a temporary hurdle. The Osprey is new and requires time to master and work into the fleet. More important, these temporary risks must be weighed against the revolutionary benefits that the V-22 will soon offer.

"In a world where our Special Forces and Marines are called upon for a wider and wider array of operations, this tilt-rotor technology provides versatility and adaptability in the field," former defense secretary William Cohen told a Pentagon audience in 1999. "It's going to change the way in which we approach everything from assault operations to disaster relief to humanitarian aid and peacekeeping."

The V-22," he added, "will cut our response time from weeks down to days, and days down to hours. This is the revolution in military affairs."

"Without the V-22, the Marines stand to lose far more in their next amphibious assault than in all four Osprey accidents to date," says Loren Thompson, a professor of national security studies at Georgetown University and chief operating officer for the Lexington Institute, an Arlington, Va.-based think tank.

The V-22 also has a potential commercial application that is equally significant: traffic relief. Indeed, a civil tilt-rotor Osprey variant, the BA609, is under development; and it promises to revolutionize the highly congested U.S. transportation system. How? By giving people a viable alternative to current air and road transportation.

Tilt-rotor aircraft, after all, can fly at airplane speed. However, they do not need to fly in and out of airports. Rather, like a helicopter, they can take off and land from just about anywhere - a remote field, a parking lot, even the roof of a building.

Unfortunately, the media give short shrift to such cost-benefit analyses. They assume that military and technological progress can come without any risk whatsoever. Yet the assumption of risk - reasonable, calculated risk in pursuit of technological progress - is integral to military advancement. As Navy Secretary Richard Danzig said the day after the April 8 Osprey crash:

"Evaluating new equipment and training for war, like war itself, puts life at risk. In peace and war, Marines accept that risk - it is a bond between us. In that spirit, we grieve today for our 19 lost Marines and embrace their families."

"Together, we can make the meaning and lessons of this month real, not only for African Americans, but for all Americans."

Quoting from President Bush's African American History Month proclamation, Cragin said the observance "is a time to teach our children, and all Americans, to rise above brutality and bigotry and to be champions of liberty, human dignity and equality."

Cragin said DoD can celebrate tremendous progress in equal opportunity since President Truman's signing of Executive Order 9981 integrating the armed forces.

"Today, few, if any, companies can boast of having as many African Americans in supervisory positions as the U.S. military," Cragin noted. "We're

arguably one of the most racially and ethnically integrated institutions in America."

He said the results of the November 1999 DoD Armed Forces Equal Opportunity Survey affirmed that:

- Large majorities of service members in all groups believe that racial and ethnic relations today are as good or better than they were five years ago.

- Service members perceived more improvement in racial and ethnic relations in the military than in civilian society.

- Relatively small percentages of service members in each racial and ethnic group said they experienced an incident of harassment or discrimination related to the military personnel life cycle.

Although DoD can take some solace in its progress in equal opportunity as

compared to civilian society, the November 1999 Career Progression of Minority and Women Officers study made it clear that DoD hasn't crossed the finish line, Cragin noted.

In fact, he said, "we may never cross the finish line because of the varied experiences and perceptions stemming from a person's racial or ethnic background."

The study pointed out that:

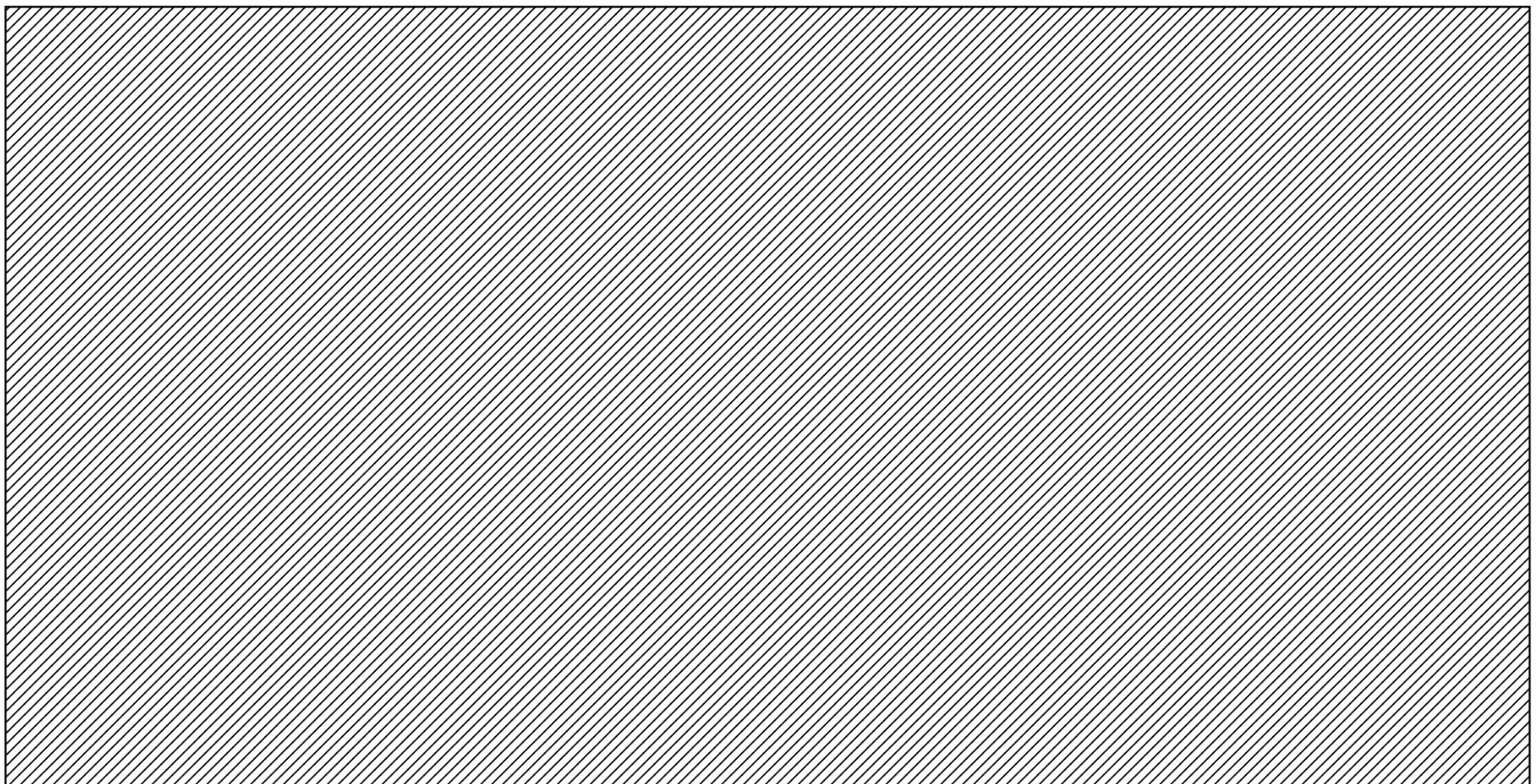
- Women and minorities tend to be concentrated in administrative and supply areas and underrepresented in tactical operations, the area that yields two-thirds of the general and flag officers of the services. Women and minorities are very much underrepresented in some fields such as aviation, although the trend is upwards.

- Factors contributing to the different promotion rates for minorities and women are education, precommissioning preparation, initial assignments contributing to a "slow start," and limited access to peer and mentor networks.

- Some minority and female members believe they are held to a higher standard.

- Officers who felt they had been discriminated against generally believed that an individual rather than the military institution committed the act.

Quoting the defense human goals charter, Cragin said, "In all that we do, we must show respect for the serviceman, servicewoman, civilian employee and family members, recognizing their individual needs, aspirations and capabilities."



SPORTS

Marine hockey player hones skills at Barstow

By Lance Cpl. Cory Kelly

BARSTOW LOG Staff

Battle Creek, Mich., is a small town. It's about the same size as nearby Kalamazoo, Mich.

Kalamazoo houses a minor league hockey team, the Kalamazoo K-Wings. The K-Wings are a farm team for the Dallas Stars, the former Minnesota North Stars.

But unlike Kalamazoo, Battle Creek doesn't have a minor league hockey team. It doesn't even have a high school hockey league.

It does, however, have Goguac Lake. Goguac Lake is just another mediocre watering hole to most, but to Jason M. Cortright, Marine sergeant and radio technician, and others who spent their days slapping a puck on its frozen back, it's a very special place.

Growing up next to Goguac Lake in Battle Creek, Cortright played hockey on the lake whenever possible.

It was where he got his begin-



Photo by Lance Cpl. Cory Kelly

Jason M. Cortright, radio technician at radio maintenance, makes a save during pick-up hockey game at the Power Play Center in Hesperia.

nings, where he first started craving the grating sounds of razor-sharp skates on ice and the stench of burnt rubber that accompanies a 115-mile-per-hour slap shot.

His eyes glowed as fond memories danced in his mind and a grin slipped from ear to ear as he recounted the rules of Goguac Lake, aka, "The Pond."

"Whoever gets picked last, the last

pick on each team, is the goalie," the leading radio technician at Radio Maintenance said. "The first time I played I was six years old. They picked first-graders biggest to smallest. And I was the smallest kid, so I got picked last."

His remembrances of the pond sounded astoundingly like the

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Ft. Irwin to Veteran's Home Relay

The annual Ft. Irwin to Veteran's Home 41-mile relay race is April 21. MCLB Marines plan to return the trophy to the command display case this year after losing it two years ago.

Staff Sgt. Robert W. Cole is the team captain for the Scarlet running team this year, and Capt. Bryan R. McClune is the team captain for the Gold team.

For more information call Staff Sgt. Robert W. Cole, 577-6916, or 1st Lt. Bryan R. McClune, 577-7174..

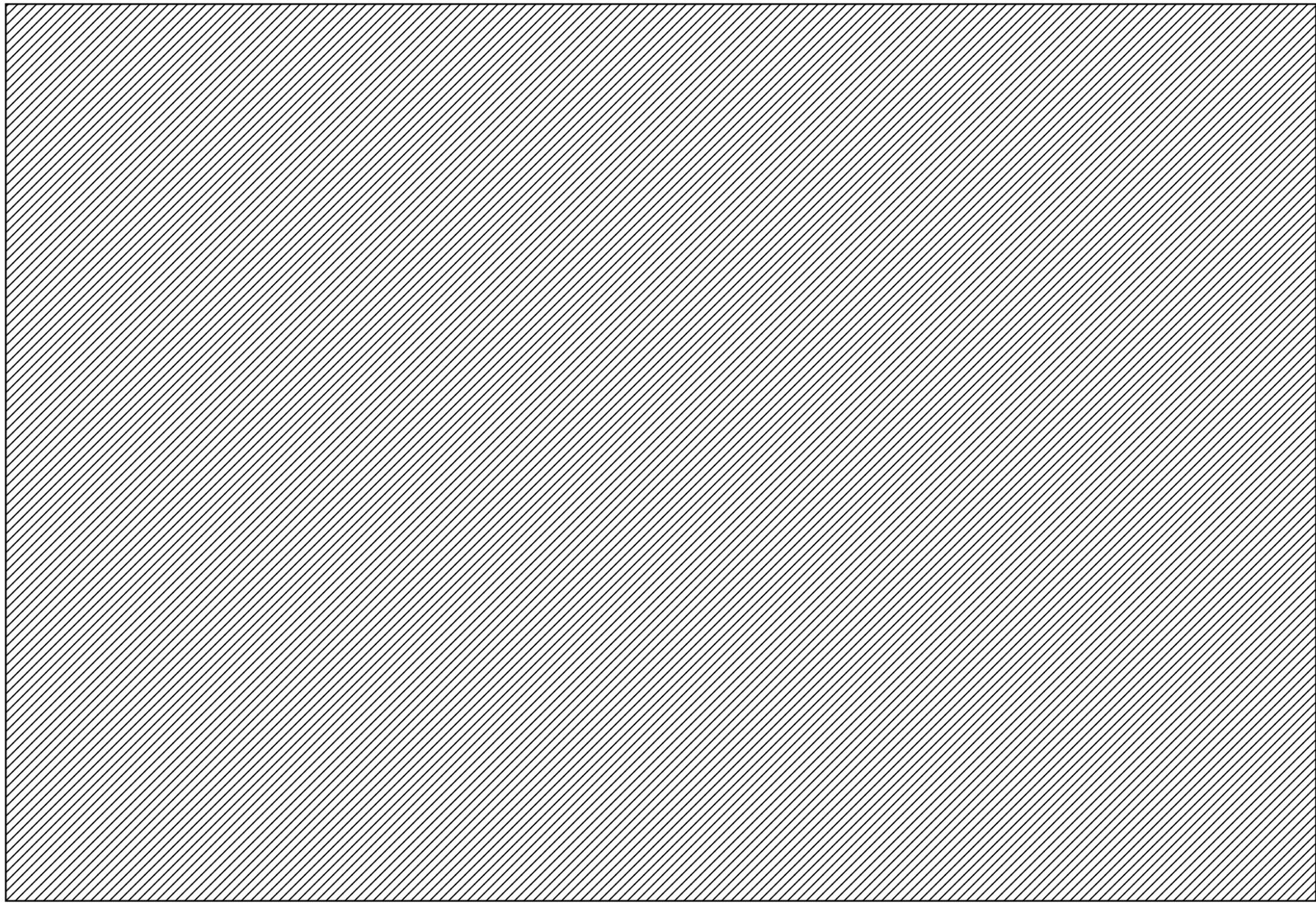
Barstow to Calico 30K

The Barstow Park and Recreation District announces the return of the "Barstow to Calico 30K" May 13. The run begins at the recently refurbished Harvey House and ends in historic Calico Ghost Town.

Vernon Morris, race coordinator, says the race is being put together with the runners in mind. As a former elite mountain distance runner, Morris feels he has insight into what runners want, and as coordinator he can help fulfill those needs.

Race planners expect to have eight fully stocked aid stations along the route.

Runners, participants and supporters are all needed for the event. For more information or to volunteer to help with the event call Vernon Morris or Mel Otero, 256-5661.



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movie, "Mystery, Alaska," minus the appearance of the New York Rangers.

"I remember the first shot I ever faced. He comes down on a breakaway and takes a real hard wrist shot and hits me right in the mask," said the All-Marine Hockey team aspiree.

He said he can still remember the sting of the puck banking off the, "Friday the 13th"



Photo by Lance Cpl. Cory Kelly

"Every goalie that is serious about his position is very superstitious. All my stuff goes on from left to right and comes off right to left" Jason Cortright said putting on his gear.

look-alike mask. "That was in 1980, and about that time they didn't have the fancy bulletproof Kevlar masks with the steel cages like they do now ... so a puck off the noggin stung a little bit more," he said. "By the time I was big enough to be a forward or a defenseman, I had been playing goalie so long that none of the other kids wanted me to even try it."

The self-taught goalie didn't have a very large mentor-base available. "The only advice I got for my first couple of years was to stay on my feet and stay square to the shooter," he said.

In the third grade, he began watching pro hockey, taking notes and accumulating his own style. "The first goalie that caught my eye was Tom Barrasso. He's one of the top winningest American goaltenders in the National Hockey League and a household name with the Pittsburgh Penguins when they won the Stanley Cup in '91 and '92," Cortright said of the defensive backbone for the Ottawa Senators that taught him an aggressive, stand-up style of play.

He also credits Curtis Joseph, hybrid goalie for the Toronto Maple Leafs, who, dubbed "Cujo" by his teammates, has developed a reputation as one of the best "big-game" goalies in the world, for his cumulative play using both stand-up and butterfly styles.

Coming of age, Cortright didn't play in a "real" junior hockey league until he was almost out of high school when he and a couple of his friends saved some money and packed off to Canada to get on the inside track to pro hockey.

Unfortunately for him, because of a lack of

funding, his efforts were at a loss. "There were four of us that went up, and I don't think any of us lasted more than a whole season. I lasted a half a season," he said. "I couldn't understand the language, so I couldn't keep a job. I spent a semester of my junior year of high school and played almost a whole season of hockey with a team called the Leval Titan. Then I came back to Michigan."

After graduating from high school he joined the Marine Corps. "I figured I would do my four years, take my [Montgomery] GI Bill, go to an art school, and hopefully get picked up by the NHL," he said. "But somewhere along the line I kind of liked what I was doing in the Marine Corps and I started playing roller hockey for base teams everywhere I went. I got sidetracked."

Now working on his second enlistment, Cortright has played 11 summer and winter seasons on different All-Marine teams and base leagues.

At MCLB Barstow, he wrestles time to perform duties at work, help his wife, Shayhna, raise their two children, Charlotte and Devin, and play pick-up hockey at the Power Play Sports Park in Hesperia.

He gets on the ice just about every week or so, and practices with Michigan State University and the Kalamazoo Wings when he goes home on leave.

Marine goaltending coach, Jeff Hansen, isn't surprised that Cortright has been scouted by the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Vancouver Canucks and the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

"He's a solid goalie," said Hansen, who coached Cortright during his tenure at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, Calif. "Overall,



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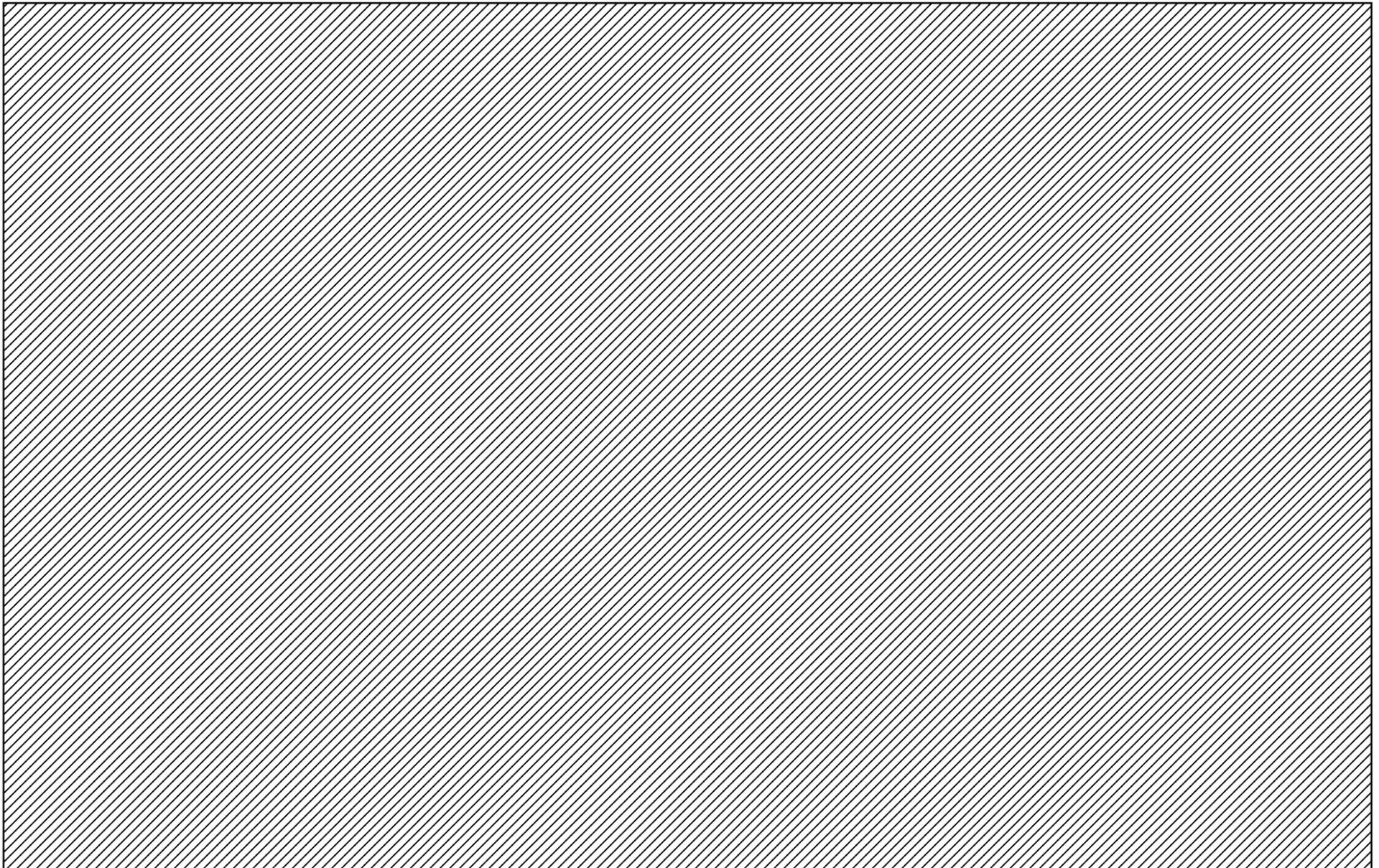
Jason M. Cortright has been voted by league officials and coaches as the Best Goaltender 11 times in 11 seasons.

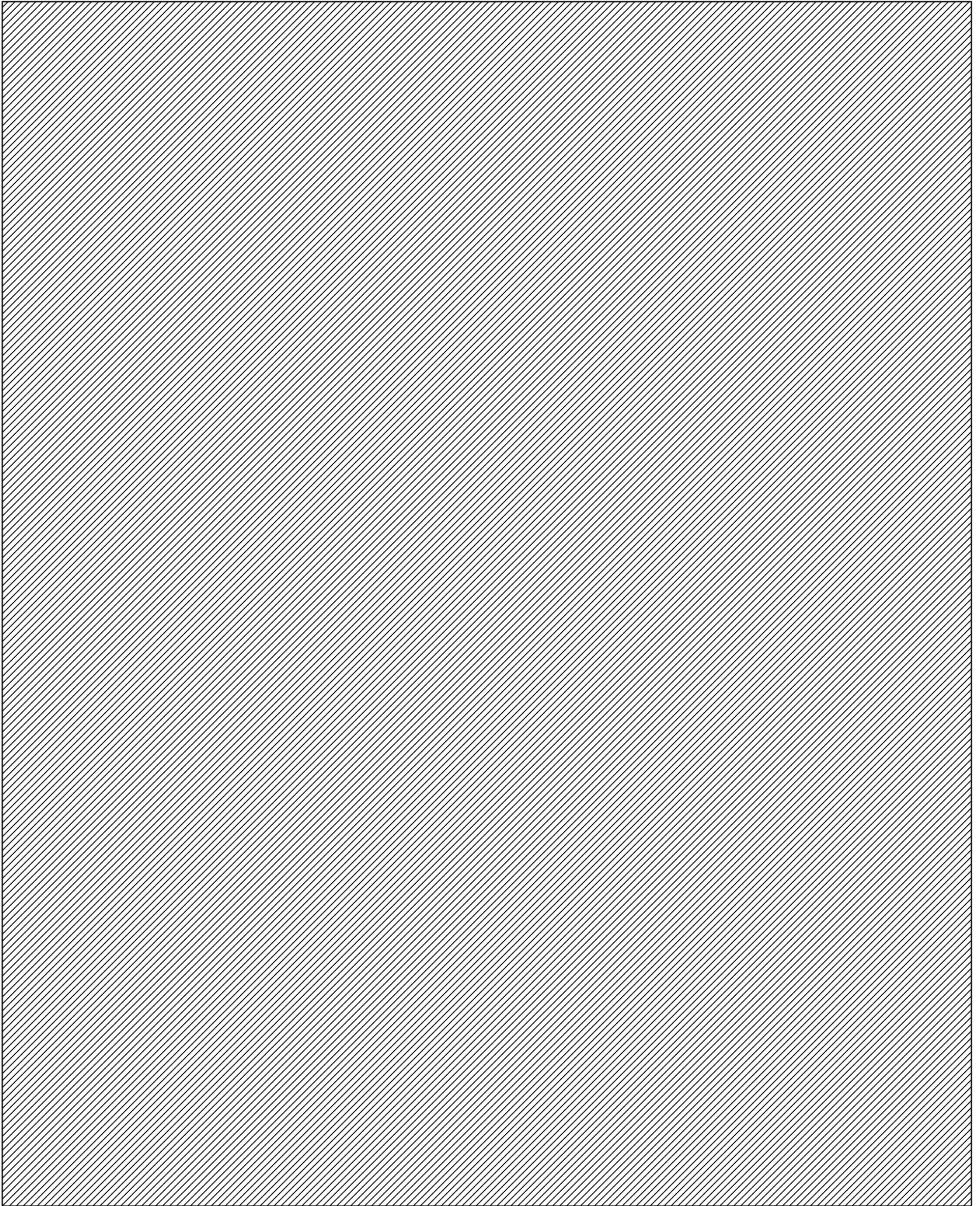
he is the most solid roller hockey goalie I have seen in the Marine Corps by far."

But Cortright remains humble about his skills. He isn't blown up by the fact that his career statistics' Goals Against Average is almost a half a point lower than Tom Barrasso's.

Some would argue that most of Cortright's playtime is on roller hockey leagues, and Barrasso's is on ice. But Hansen said accounting for the different fields of play makes Cortright's statistics that much more impressive considering the GAA for roller hockey is usually two to three points higher than on ice. "It's because there is one less player in roller hockey. There is less defense, so it makes for faster play. And the goaltender doesn't have the luxury of the swift mobility that comes with ice, so it's harder to control the crease."

Cortright has high hopes for the rest of his enlistment. "If I'm fortunate enough to get on the All-Marine team or represent the Marine Corps in national or international competition, then I'll be happy."





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1998 PLYMOUTH NEON: Black, 2 door, 2 year warranty, very low mileage, asking \$10,000 or take over payments of \$225 per month. Must sell. Call 245-9214 or 985-9280/9281.

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MISCELLANEOUS: Pro NordicTrack, xlt condition, \$225. Call 253-4242 or e-mail ndlssummer@iname.com

MISCELLANEOUS: Army Blue Mess Jacket, marlowe white and Army Blue, Armor/Cavalry branch, size 42, all accessories for Blue Mess including shoulder knows, ties, buttons, cummerbund, suspenders, old style trefoils, and bouillon Armor insignia, also field grade hat, 7-1/8. Call 253-4242 or e-mail ndlssummer@iname.com.

MISCELLANEOUS: Pipe and lumber rack for full-size pick-up, \$200 OBO Call 252-2815.

MISCELLANEOUS: Lib Tech Snowboard, Jaime Lynn, 151Z series, w/Burton custom freestyle binding, used two seasons, all for \$400 OBO; Burton freestyle boots, size 9, \$80 OBO. Call 948-0741.

MISCELLANEOUS: Girl's Li'l Tikes cottage-style twin-size bed and mattress, xlt cond., bed head has cottage-style roof, and a window to store dolls, etc. must see, \$150; Alpine stepper, very good condition, make offer. Call 253-2677 after 5 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS: Swivel rocker recliner, \$125; microwave cart, \$100; double papasan w/ottoman, \$100; hand-carved wood coffee table, \$100. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Aesthetic waxing right here on MCLB Barstow, great rates, convenient appointments. Call today 252-8666.

MISCELLANEOUS: Oak china cabinet and dining table, \$800/set or sell separate; sofa set, 7 foot and 5 foot, cream/beige pattern, \$350/both; oak end table, \$10; oak veneer desk, \$20; dark walnut baby grand piano, \$1,500; GE side-by-side refrigerator, almond, \$400; 6-drawer dresser, \$50; Kenmore range hood, almond, 30", like new, \$15; table lamps, antique bronze, \$30 both; 3'X4" bookshelf, \$10. Call 255-3045.

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best suits their personality and skills. This class is open March 8 and 15, 7:30-9:30 a.m. and 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Positive Force seeks advisers

Be a positive influence in the life of youth in the community.

The Positive Force Precision Drill Team is a non-profit youth organization built to keep teens off the streets and give them something to do. This team, based in Barstow, performs military-style regulation and fancy drills at hospitals, schools, nursing homes, churches, parades, etc. The intent is to develop a strong sense of integrity, responsibility, self-discipline and respect for others within students ages 7 to 19.

For more info call 256-0030.

Health and Wellness Classes at base gym

There is a class scheduled Monday on cholesterol and nutrition.

The class is designed to learn what foods to include in your diet to manage and lower your cholesterol levels. All classes at the base gym are open to

all active duty military, retirees, family members, MCLB wellness members, and DoD civilians.

Media Working Group

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free seminar to help non-profit organizations learn how to get their events and programs

noticed by the media.

The seminar, titled "How to Get the Media to Cover Your Event," involves representatives from local radio stations, Time-Warner Cable, Desert West Media, the Desert Dispatch, and newspapers from both MCLB Barstow and Fort Irwin, as well as marketing and Internet experts who will explain what information is needed and how

to submit it to the media.

The seminar is at the Norman Smith Center at Barstow Community College February 27, 7:30-9 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served while supplies last.

For reservations or more info call the Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617, or e-mail them at cory@thehighwaystations.com.

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proclamation being signed and who hated abolitionists."

There were also slaves who wanted to stay slaves, he remarked.

"I have a hard time fathoming that, but it happened," Stanley said. He received loud applause when he added, "We have people just as mixed up today!"

He drew loud applause again when he said, "People sometimes get to where I am and we forget."

Stanley said African Americans should help each other, especially those who reach high levels in their professions.

"When you find people who don't have quite the political scope you have, be patient with them," he counseled. "If they're not quite where you are, ... deal with them a little better. If they have a different family orientation, understand they came up a little bit different.

"Things change, and that's one of the most beautiful parts of American society," he concluded.

The Pentagon program theme was "Creating and Defining the African American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture." Charles L. Cragin, acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, was the host.

Anthony Griffin, 11, a sixth-grader at John Tyler Elementary School in Washington, read his winning African American History Month essay.

The deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity sponsors the annual essay contest at Tyler, where DoD personnel support an active mentoring program.

Gail H. McGinn, acting assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, delivered the welcoming address. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas J. Minor of the National Guard Bureau gave the invocation and benediction.

Claiborne D. Haughton, Jr., acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity, delivered the closing remarks.

