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Celebrating 40 years of service

By Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

Forty years ago, Rep. Harry R. Sheppard, 27th California Congressional District, stepped up to a microphone in front of a crowd of 5,000 and said, "This building you see here today is more than brick and mortar. It is a significant part of our military strength of tomorrow."

Forty years later, the Marines and civilian Marines of Maintenance Center Barstow have repeatedly proven the value of those memorable words.

As Lt. Gen. Gary L. McKissock, Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics wrote in a recent Administrative Message:

"Since the opening day [Maintenance Center Barstow] has provided life cycle support for combat vehicles and systems, missiles, communications, electronics and ordnance equipment. The support includes fabrication, rebuild,

calibration, engineering services and technical assistance.

"Throughout the past four decades, Marine Corps equipment and logistics needs have changed continuously, yet the professional skills and flexibility of [Maintenance Center Barstow] personnel has remained constant. The efforts put forth by the work force have contributed greatly to the successes enjoyed by the Marine Corps."

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Maintenance Center Barstow has supported the Marine Corps through nearly one-fourth of its time in existence. Many jeeps rebuilt here found their way into service in Vietnam, and many of the HUMVEES, Light Armored Ve-

hicles, and M1A1 Main Battle Tanks that saw service in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm have been rebuilt here as well. One of the biggest projects the maintenance center is currently undertaking is the Assault Amphibious Vehicle Reliability and Maintenance/Rebuilt to Specifications program. It recently hit the halfway mark by rebuilding the 170th RAM/RS AAV and is well ahead of schedule to com-

plete the contract of 340.

The different cost work centers and departments in the maintenance center can rebuild practically anything in the Marine Corps table of organization, not including aircraft and associated flight

line equipment. The activity is not limited to working on just Marine Corps equipment because it is funded as an industrial facility. This means the activity's business section can bid on contracts for other services' equipment.

One of the closest customers comes from the Army's nearby Fort Irwin National Training Center. Maintenance Center Barstow also repairs and rebuilds the Paxman engine for the Coast Guard.

Maintenance Center Barstow has all the tools to succeed according to Brig. Gen. Richard S. Kramlich, Marine Corps Logistics Bases commander.

"I'd like to remind you that you have probably never been more competitive in the market place than at any point in your 40-year history," said Kramlich while addressing the MCB employees Wednesday.

"Maintenance Center Barstow is

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MCB puts ISO 9000 qualification in BBP toolbox

By Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

The maintenance center here recently achieved its International Organization of Standards' ISO 9002 qualification.

Although other Department of Defense activities are ISO 9000 qualified, only portions of their activities are actually certified. The maintenance center here is the first ground maintenance depot qualified in its entirety, according to Lee R. Penrose, Command Quality Officer, Marine Corps Materiel Command.

This means the maintenance center is now eligible to compete for contracts stating the bidder must have a system that complies with the ISO 9000 standard.

"Quality is one of our competitive priorities. Achieving this qualification means that our customers can continue to rely on us for high-quality products and services. The qualification

makes us just that more competitive," said Col. Ervin Rivers, Maintenance Center Barstow commander.

Achieving the qualification was by no means an easy task. Many additional work hours were used to develop the quality assurance system.

"We started working on the program back in June 1998," said Fred Alley, MCB quality manager. "Some of the main obstacles to overcome were cultural change, providing training to personnel, and resisting the temptation to return to the old way of doing

Team, according to Alley.

The IPT consisted of representatives from each department and business center, said Alley. Their primary task was to ensure the requirements of the ISO system were in place for each of their areas. They also wrote all the

ISO procedures.

"We met to ensure the ISO standard was met. Sometimes we called in subject matter experts to present their views on particular topics."

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Current VITA Participation

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— Col. Ervin Rivers

things."

Although it took many people in the maintenance center to put the ISO program in place, the main catalyst for bringing the ISO program together was the nine-member Integrated Process

A modern maxim

By Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

Organization of Standards, but a

Greek word with roots meaning "equal."

"Say what you mean, and mean what you say" is a concept most people learned as children. In the corporate age where businesses are trying to save money, maximize profits and generate business, the time-honored adage has taken on a new life.

The core concept of the ISO 9000 certification/qualification is this truism with a small twist added in: "Say what you do, document what you do, and do what you document." Surprisingly, ISO is not an acronym for the International

ISO puts companies on equal and measurable ground because each company has to comply with the standards to be ISO 9000 certified. The International Organization of Standards is the engineering equivalent of the United Nations. The United States' representative in the IOS is the American National Standards Institute.

ISO 9000 is a family of more than 20 international standards that define a quality assurance

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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.



Sir, I was wondering why our Marines at Barstow receive less holiday liberty time than the Marines at Albany?

As an example, LOGBASES Bulletin 5330 established the Presidents Day liberty period for LOGBASES as February 16 at noon to February 20 at noon. Yet, our Marines received February 16 at 3:30 p.m. to February 20 at 7 a.m.

Aren't our Marines worthy of the same liberty time as Albany's?



Thank you for expressing your concerns. You are correct, LOGBASES Bulletin 5330 dated November 21, 2000, authorized a

liberty period different from our locally authorized period for Presidents Day.

Warning: No lines painted

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



As I was driving home to Phoenix, Ariz., late at night this past weekend, a flashing road sign alerted me that road construction was ahead and no lines

were painted on the road.

The yellow and white lines on the road are important because they tell us which lane we are in on the highway, set the boundaries, and let us know when we can pass.

It was interesting and at times scary to be traveling down a highway late at night with no boundaries and no guidance. It made me realize how important those lines and boundaries are for protection and for safety, for myself and others.

I had taken those lines for granted.

I thought about the lines and boundaries (laws, regulations, orders, ethics) that are the boundaries, the painted lines that govern our lives.

The purpose of those lines is to protect me and to protect others.

Without those lines in my life, my life would

The Commander of Marine Corps Logistics Bases has authorized me, as the Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, to set the liberty policy and schedules for the Marines stationed here. Using input from the Battalion Commander and the Base Sergeant Major, we publish a liberty schedule for each fiscal year. In this case our liberty schedule for FY01 was published over a month earlier than the LOGBASES bulletin. I was unaware of this discrepancy you detected.

I am directing the Battalion Commander to review the LOGBASES bulletin and recommend changes to our liberty schedule to ensure our Marines receive a comparable amount of time off with other LOGBASES Marines.

Again, thank you for bringing this to my attention.

"We need to ensure that our lines are based on God's wisdom, because that will create balance in our lives and guide us in the direction that God wants us to go."

— Chaplain Michener

be without order; rather, it would be chaos.

Proverbs 2:6-8 states, *"For the Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones"*

We need to ensure that our lines are based on God's wisdom, because that will create balance in our lives and guide us in the direction that God wants us to go.

Without that guidance and balance, we will get off of the road that we should be on and lose our way. Let us remember to look to the true source of guidance to make sure that we are walking within the right lines.

Blessings,
Chaplain Krupnik

How the Marines got that way

Author Unknown

A United States Marine is a gas-operated, rain-cooled, Spam-fed, more or less semi-automatic, flat-trajectory infantry weapon. He has never been known to have a stoppage.

This is usually attributed to an intangible "Esprit de Corps". "Esprit de Corps", to the Marine, is a big joke. Mention it with contempt, and he will leer cheerfully and agree loudly unless you happen not to be a Marine, in which event you will likely wind up with a mouthful of broken teeth.

For, whether the Marine admits it or not, and he rarely will, he does have "Esprit de Corps". Where does he get it?

Superficially, he looks like an Army infantryman. Coat him with several inches of mud, as his habitat commonly does, and you cannot tell the difference. Yet there is a difference!

It begins when he volunteers. In the stupor of combat the Marine may forget why he joined, who signed him up, even where he enlisted. But never, so long as he remains in uniform, is he permitted to forget that he volunteered – that he asked for it!

Even in the latter stages of World War II, when the Corps had to accept draftees, it made certain that they were draftees who preferred the Corps to any other branch of service.

This gives the Marine a physiological edge. The man in the ranks always has a vague feeling that he is among people who want to be where they are, even when this is obviously untrue. And when he complains, his comrades can always jeer back, "Well Mac, you volunteered."

He hears this jeer roughly 17,839 times during his stay in boot camp, where the core of "Esprit de Corps" is formed. Boot camp is the Marine's basic training. It is given in two camps - Parris Island, South Carolina and San Diego, California. San Diego is rarely mentioned.

Parris Island is discussed continually because it is by far the more unpleasant of the two, and the Marine likes to feel himself a much put-upon man. Parris Island is one of the most unpleasant places in the world.

It is a bleak, desolate, arid body of hot, flat

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Just doing my job ...

Suk Lee, a civil engineer, pounds away at his current project, which entails being "... the eyes and ears of the government." The Seoul, Korea native move to Los Angeles as a child and is working away at his 18th year in Barstow, Calif. "I thank God I was given the opportunity to come to American and become an American citizen. If I were still in Korea I wouldn't be an engineer today," he said.



Chapel Services

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

Confession services before Mass

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the Chapel Office

For more info call
577-6849.

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.

At the Colonel's Workshop

For more info call
Don Brooks, 577-7165.



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March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Barstow's 25th annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica - Saving babies together, starts at Kennedy Middle School, 1000 Armory Rd., in Barstow April 28 at 8 a.m.

This year's theme is, "Don't think you're a hero?"

Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Walkers, strollers and runners may choose between two- and eight-mile routes.

There will be a 25-mile route if enough people request it and pre-register by April 5.

To volunteer to help local organizers or for more information about participating, forming teams, pledge sheets, etc., call Nancy Nelson, 252-3149 or Jerry Filtz, 253-3483.

Hinkley Explorer Egg Hunt

The Hinkley Fire Explorers Post #125 is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt and lunch April 14 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Hinkley Fire Station.

There will be prizes and drawings as well as food and fun for the whole family.

For tickets and information, call 253-7704.

Spring Break Out Craft Fair

The Spring Break Out Craft Fair 2001 is coming to the Barstow Mall. It will be here March 30-April 1.

Children can get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny while the parents can see the displays of the craft vendors.

For more information, call 253-4646.

MCLB Egg Hunt

The Provost Marshal's Office and

the MCLB Fire and Emergency Services Division presents a free Easter Egg Hunt April 13 at 9 a.m. at the playground at the end of Cape Gloucester in Family Housing.

There will be prizes and fun for the whole family. Children can participate in the egg hunt in three age groups: 1-4, 5-9 and 10-13. For more information call Sergeants David J. Meeden, Melvin D. Miller or Efrain Sotelo III, 577-6049/6514.

The McKinney Youth Activities Center hosts a play day for Marine, Army and Navy children six and under every Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

It gives children a chance to play with others their own age and families a chance to meet. For more information, call June Treadwell at 577-6332.

Mayor's prayer breakfast

The Barstow Mayor's prayer breakfast sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Committee is March 28 at the Quality Inn in Barstow from 7:30-9 a.m.

Guy Sawyer is the guest speaker. To make reservations or for more information, call the Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617 or Fred Broadhead, 252-4739.

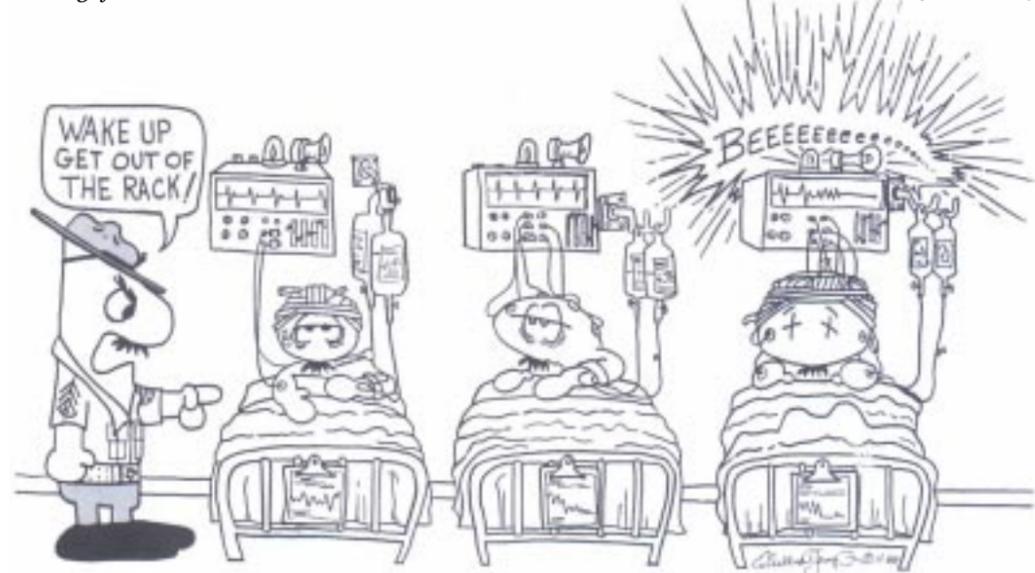
Scrap wood giveaway

The Defense Reutilization Management Office at Edwards Air Force Base is giving away scrap wood. The wood is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no limit on the amount of wood which may be taken. For safety reasons, guests are not permitted to climb or walk on top of the woodpile. The public is reminded to wear gloves, appropriate clothing and shoes. For

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to work in intensive care.

more information call (661) 277-2209.

Nutrition class rescheduled

The nutrition class originally scheduled for Monday has been rescheduled for April 2. The class will be held in the Blue Room of Building 37 from noon to 1 p.m.

Active duty personnel and their family members, retirees, civilian-Marines and MCLB Wellness Members may attend the class.

Among the topics discussed will be nutritional guidelines for peak performance by Army Capt. Jordan, Fort Irwin dietician.

The next nutrition class is April 30 in the Blue Room of Building 37 from noon to 1 p.m.

For more information call Marisa Klavon, 577-6817.

Youth education program

The Drug Education for Youth program has made its way to Barstow. The first phase of the program, a two-week summer leadership camp is scheduled June 18-29.

The DEFY program began as a special initiative by the Secretary of the Navy in 1992 when the Navy Drug Demands Reduction Task Force was established. The year-long, two-phase program focuses on the character, leadership skills and confidence of youths 9-12 years of age, and encourages positive, healthy and drug-free lifestyles. The first phase leadership camp in April is designed to develop life skills training in peer group

leadership, conflict resolution, preemptive prevention tools for an anti-drug and anti-gang attitude, self confidence and physical education.

The second phase is a ten-month program that matches youths with mentors to reinforce the lessons and expand the skills learned during the first phase. For more information on how to volunteer for the summer leadership camp of the mentor program call the Chaplain's office, 577-6849, or Gunnery Sgt. Bruce E. Raymond, 577-6364.

Marine of the Year

Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society Prizes

The following is a list of the key personnel for this year's Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society's Fund Drive. The dates and prizes for each drawing are also listed below.

Please contact the appropriate person to purchase tickets. Should you have any questions or wish to volunteer as a key person, please contact Ed Guz at 577-6183 or send an e-mail to guzeb@barstow.usmc.mil.

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
OTR-015-01	Sandblaster WG-5423-07 (Temp NTE one year, part time) (Amended)	02-02-01	03-28-01	02-22-01	MCLB Barstow
OTR-016-01	Electronics Integrated Systems Mech. WG-2601-12 (Temp NTE one year) (Amended)	02-09-01	03-23-01	02-23-01	MCLB Barstow
DEU-098-01	Environmental Engineer GS-0891-12	03-05-01	04-02-01	03-19-01	MCLB Barstow
DEU-103-01	Electronic Measurement Equip. Mech. WG-2602-12	03-13-01	04-10-01	03-27-01	MCLB Barstow
DEU-106-01	Electronics Measurement Equip. Mech. WG-2602-11	03-09-01	04-06-01	03-23-01	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 information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

Brenda German	Maintenance Center	577-7139
Staff Sgt. Larry D. Essary	Maintenance Center	577-7470
Bertie Dailey	Public Affairs Office	577-6430
Meredith Taylor	Human Resources	577-6478
Susan Durant	Headquarters Battalion	577-6969
Cpl. Kelley L. Courtney	Headquarters Battalion	577-6502
Lance Cpl. Gabriel A. Lopez	Comptroller	577-6486
Corina Bonner	Comptroller	577-6619
Barbara Kent	Fleet Support Division	577-7600
Staff Sgt. Donna M. Knolle	Fleet Support Division	577-7353
Staff Sgt. Dennis W. Owen	Semper Fit	577-7052
Heather Hahn	Public Works	577-6736
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Loretta Lopez	Base Property	577-6529
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Chuck Waters	Transportation Mgmt.	577-6219
CWO Jeffrey L. Clawson	Transportation Mgmt.	577-6994
Jean Flint	Information Services Office	577-6763
Petty Officer Mary F. Collins	Branch Medical Clinic	577-7808

Prizes from Camp Pendleton for tomorrow's drawing will be four \$100, a \$200 and a \$500 gift certificate.

Barstow prizes for tomorrow's drawing will be a CD holder, 2 sleeping bags, an air mattress and pump, a \$100 gift certificate, a mountain bike, a Panasonic portable CD player and a DVD/TV player.

Not a real man

By Tech. Sgt.
Phillip E. Copeland
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Confederate soldiers appeared to have defeated their Union opponents at the Battle of Shiloh. Confederate Lt. Harry Buford, a handsome, scrappy officer, anticipated a glorious victory for his army. But all that exuberance was to be short-lived.

The next day, April 7, 1862, a retrenched, reinforced Union army miraculously rebounded and crushed the South decisively. Rather than feeling the expected flush of victory, surviving Southern soldiers felt lucky they had escaped the battlefield with their lives.

After the dust of war settled, Buford and some fellow soldiers revisited the Tennessee battlefield. They witnessed the horrible aftermath: dead men and horses, body parts and

broken wagons littered the grounds. The aftermath consumed more than 23,000 men either dead, wounded or missing from both sides. The soldiers knew war was not to end anytime soon.

As Buford rode along the battleground, he was suddenly thrown off his horse and struck the ground forcefully. A soldier helped the shaken lieutenant up. Buford remounted and rode back to camp with an extreme pain in his hand and arm. Enduring the pain until he could no longer avoid medical care, the agonized lieutenant sent for a surgeon.

The doctor examined Buford and began to suspect something amiss. Only then did the lieutenant reluctantly disclose the truth. His name wasn't Buford, and he wasn't a man, but a woman who'd been masquerading so well that she'd fooled her commanding officer – her husband!

Loreta J. Velazquez was born June 26, 1842, in Havana, Cuba, of a Spanish father and French-American mother. Her family inherited an estate in Texas, but did not have a chance to move in before the Mexican-American War began. Her father served in the Mexican army as an officer. After Mexico's defeat, he abandoned his estate rather than become a Texan and U.S. citizen.

While living in Puerto de Palmas, Cuba, the

Velasquezes hired an English governess to tutor their young daughter. The girl would later live with her aunt in New Orleans and become accomplished in the English language.

Throughout her childhood, Loreta was inspired by the story of Joan of Arc. She dreamed of being a war hero and had a growing obsession to be a man. As a child, she would dress as her male role models and heroes, such as Columbus and Capt. James Cook.

On April 5, 1856, Loreta married an U.S. Army officer whom she referred to only as "William" in her memoirs. Her family disowned her. She was a dutiful wife and mother, but after the deaths of her three children, her grief revived her childhood notions of pursuing battle.

William reluctantly resigned his commission from the U.S. Army and hesitantly joined the Confederate army at the wishes of Loreta and his father. Meanwhile, Loreta continued to possess this burning desire for a war to happen and a stronger inclination to dress as a soldier engaging battle.

William tried to discourage Loreta by allowing her to disguise herself in one of his Confederate uniforms and accompanying him in a local bar full of men. William assumed that once Loreta saw how vulgar men acted in the absence of women, she would not be so inclined to pursue her desire. While at the bar, two dear



Portrait author unknown

Madam Velasquez in female attire.

male friends of the couple came up to greet them. They did not recognize Loreta. This boosted her confidence of her new male identity.

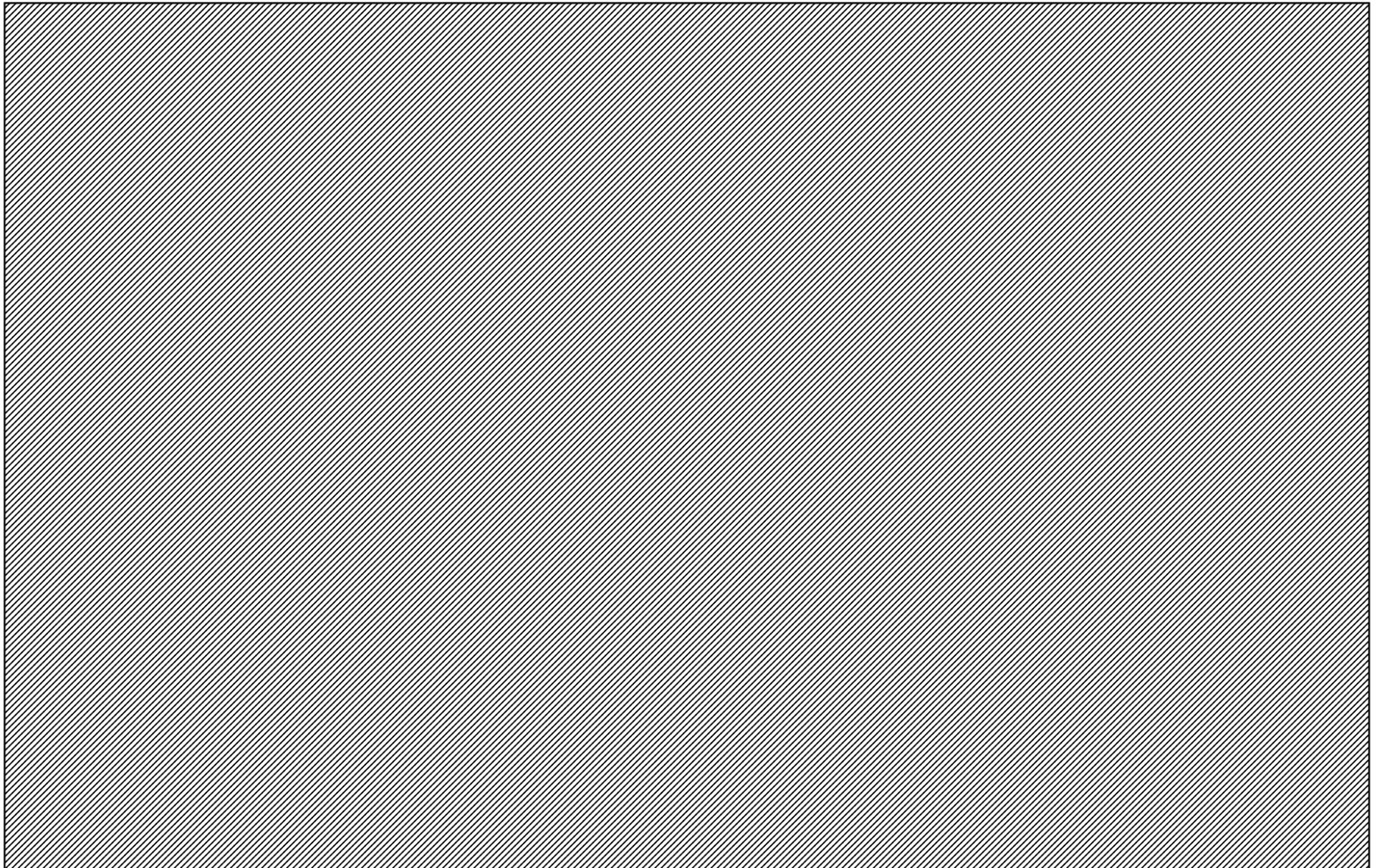
On April 8, 1861, William went off to war thinking Loreta had changed her mind about battle. However, the moment he was gone, she pursued her dream of war.

With the help of a good tailor, wire body shields and loose undergarments, a handsomely dressed Confederate soldier stood in the mirror ready for a gallant new life. All evidence of a beautiful, slender woman vanished. Now, the aspirations of a child influenced by Joan of Arc were to be realized.

Soldiers who served beside Buford attested to the lieutenant's valor, integrity, ability and conduct becoming a gentlemanly army officer.

– Tech. Sgt. Phillip E. Copeland

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sand and treacherous quicksand, lying off Beaufort, South Carolina. It is inhabited by enormous sand flies, snarling drill instructors, and sweltering Marines.

There the recruit, or "Boot", is put through an infantry-training program, which differs from the Army's only in intensity and spirit. The aim of the program is to exhaust, humiliate and defeat every atom of civilian individuality existing in the boot.

If, during a boot camp inspection, his rifle is found to be dirty, the boot can expect to see the drill instructor strip it, bury the parts in the sand, and order the boot to uncover them with his nose – while everyone watches.

And if, while standing at attention, he succumbs to the horrible temptation to swat one of the great sand flies crawling over his face, he can almost count on being told to climb a near-by tree and throw down a dozen apples.

The difficulty here is that no apples grow on Parris Island's trees. When none are forthcoming, the drill instructor will cheerfully direct the rest of the boots to help their unfortunate comrade by pelting the tree, and of course the boot, with small stones.

For three months the volunteer is treated like an annoying insect, and from the first day of the treatment his drill instructors chant in his ear, with monotonous regularity, the creed of the Marine Corps superiority.

The boot is told that if he survives this

inhumane treatment, he will be a member of the best fighting force in the world. His outfit will be better than any other outfit, its mortarmen the best mortarmen in the world, and its riflemen the greatest riflemen in history.

He is told, and the telling does not stop with the end of boot camp, that if for any reason, he should fail in a mission, he will be letting down 179 years of the greatest tradition known to man.

This is where the Marine gets the heady gas that keeps him in operation under the most discouraging circumstances. If he fails, he tells himself, he will ruin the reputation of the Corps – he does not fail.

Such backslapping would seem to produce a mass of extroverts, and this is indeed the case. The Marine Corps encourages the trend. Mirrors are placed prominently in stateside barracks for men going on liberty who wish to admire and dandify themselves. The uniform is designed with an eye to splendor, and every legend of invincibility is carefully cultivated.

The delusions of the Marine Corps frequently astonish and infuriate men in other branches of the services. A private in the United States Marines accepts as indisputable the proposition that he is the equal of a Lieutenant in the Navy, a Major in the Army and a Brigadier in the Air Force.

It is romantic to believe that this rivalry with other branches of the service is always

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Loreta neatly packed a trunkful of Confederate officer uniforms. On the lid of the trunk were the shiny letters of her new name – "Lieutenant H.T. Buford, C.S.A."

She swore a male friend to secrecy and with his help fine-tuned her act – the appearance and mannerisms of a male Confederate officer ready for combat. After that careful preparation, her plan was to recruit a battalion and present it to her unsuspecting husband for his command.

At her own research and expense, Loreta recruited a battalion of men in the name of the state of Virginia. She established a regiment and a chain of command beneath her that included two subordinate officers, a sergeant and a corporal. A friend in Memphis provided transportation for her troops and helped prepare them for war.

Buford and the recruits met up with William in Pensacola. He didn't recognize his disguised wife. In confidence, she revealed herself to her profoundly astonished and aggrieved husband. William knew she would just try somewhere else if he sent her packing. He took command of Buford's troops and started to train them.

Loreta, as Lieutenant Buford, went off to New Orleans to get supplies. While there, a terrible message arrived. The commander was dead, killed when a weapon exploded in his hands during training. The unfortunate death of her husband left Loreta alone in the war ahead – and motivated even more by the secret fact she was a widow.

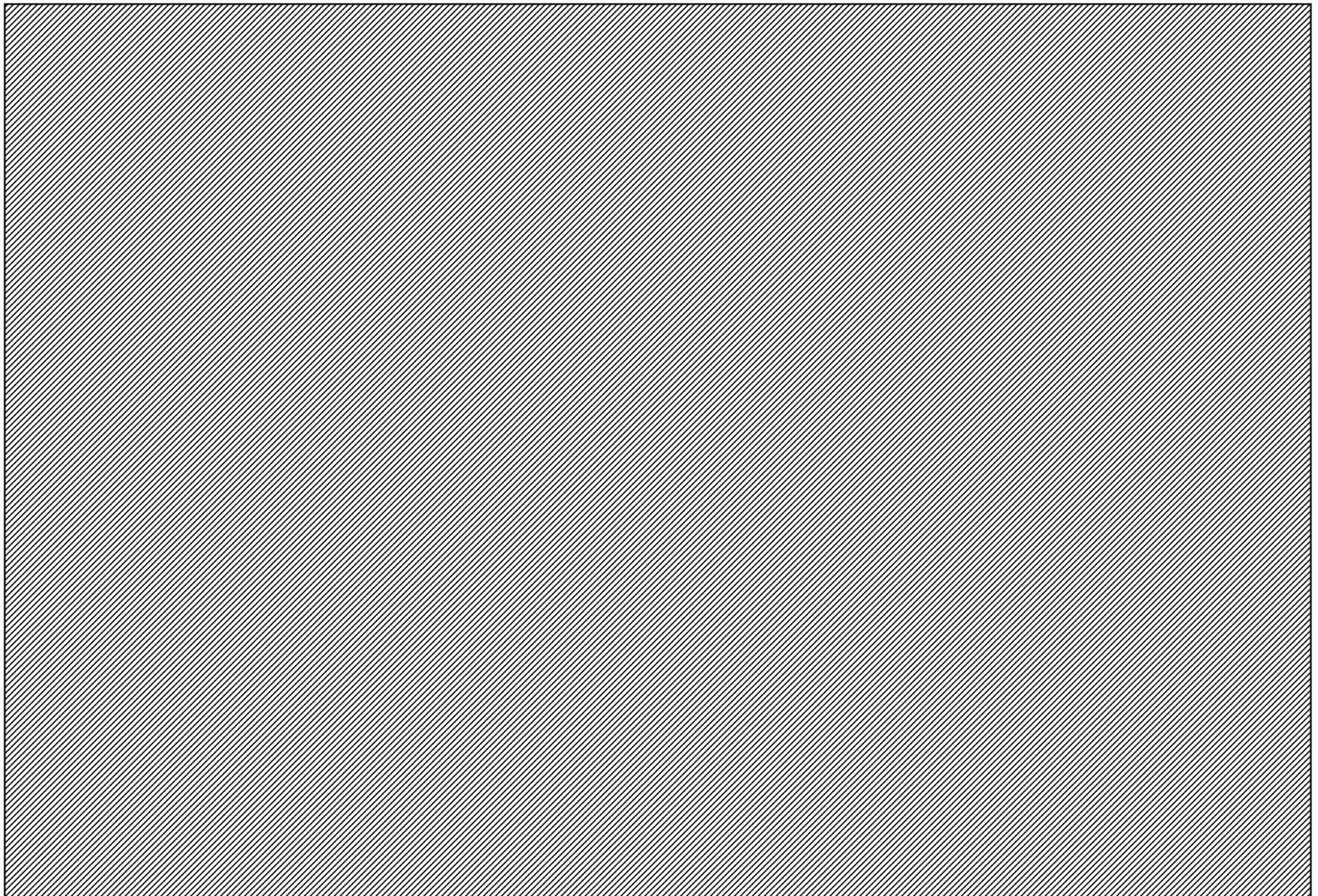
From the skirmish at Blackburn's Ford on July 21, 1861, until the autumn of 1863, Loreta Velazquez pursued war as both a male Army officer and female spy. Few knew the truth about either role.

As Lieutenant Buford, Loreta and her fellow soldiers took part in such hard-fought battles as Bull Run, Ball's Bluff, Fort Donelson, and Shiloh. Although her charade was discovered other times, it seems Buford would simply vanish or be "reassigned."

Buford would take leaves between battles. Loreta used those times to doff the uniform for dresses and go into enemy territory to spy as a social butterfly. She would later write of the time she met President Lincoln, saying she greatly admired the man, but not his politics.

After two and a half years of faithful service, Lieutenant Buford retired from duty. The story about Loreta's disguise had become too well known. She kept up the fight from the autumn of 1863 until the end of the war as Madame Velazquez, full-time Confederate spy. Loreta gathered information in the north and passed it to the south. No Union opponent ever saw through her deception.

While many women on both sides of the war served as spies, Loreta Velazquez is the only one known to have served disguised as a man at the same time and for so long. Soldiers who served beside Buford attested to the lieutenant's valor, integrity, ability and conduct becoming a gentlemanly army officer. Madame Loreta J. Velazquez was not a real man, but a real woman.



MCB unveils concrete vehicle test facility

By Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

The commander, Maintenance Center Barstow, officially opened the new test track facility here March 21.

As reporters and the top brass from the Marine Corps' logistics community watched, a Light Armored Vehicle tore down the track, through a bright red ribbon, zipped around a corner and launched up a 60-degree concrete incline.

At the top of the hill, the LAV stopped and locked on its brakes – all part of the vehicle's brake test.

As soon as the LAV reached its position on the peak, the Assault Amphibious Vehicle started torquing its treads toward the Floating and Operations Pond. The wave resulting from the AAV hitting the water at 35 mph would have made a surfer's eyes sparkle. After effectively hiding itself from view with its smoke generators, the AAV hauled itself out of the pond and back to the reviewing area.

Next the M1A1 Main Battle Tank took the field and tore around the 1.5-mile loop of the concrete speed track.

Whatever anyone says about the Marine Corps, they certainly can't say the Marines don't do it in a big way, and the test track is no exception to that unwritten rule; it resembles a giant skateboard park. Nearly 25,000 cubic yards of concrete were poured in its construction, and it covers more than 100 acres.

Concrete was determined to be better than asphalt because the treads of the tracked vehicles would tear up the asphalt, especially in the hot summer months when the track bakes under desert temperatures reaching 120 degrees.

Additionally, using concrete has an added environmental value because less "fugitive" dust is thrown into the atmosphere. Fugitive dust is a term for the dust that finds its way into the atmosphere because of human activity.

"What used to happen on our dirt test track was we were generating in excess of 10 tons of dust annually", said Jack Stormo, head, Environmental Division, Installation and Logistics

Department, here. "Now, with the concrete track, we are generating no noticeable amounts of dust. This helps the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management achieve their goals."

The track was designed to handle and fully test armored and equipped M1A1 Main Battle Tanks, Light Armored Vehicles, Amphibious assault vehicles, high-mobility, multi-purpose wheeled vehicles, five and 10-ton trucks, the Logistical Vehicle System, M60 tanks and the

M88 "Hercules" tank retriever.

"The test track was needed to meet statements of work which require testing of vehicles on concrete surfaces," said Dianna McCormick, MCB management analyst. "The new test track allows MCB to turn equipment around faster."

In addition to the previously mentioned stations, the test track has a fording pond with three crossing depths, a turning circle, three

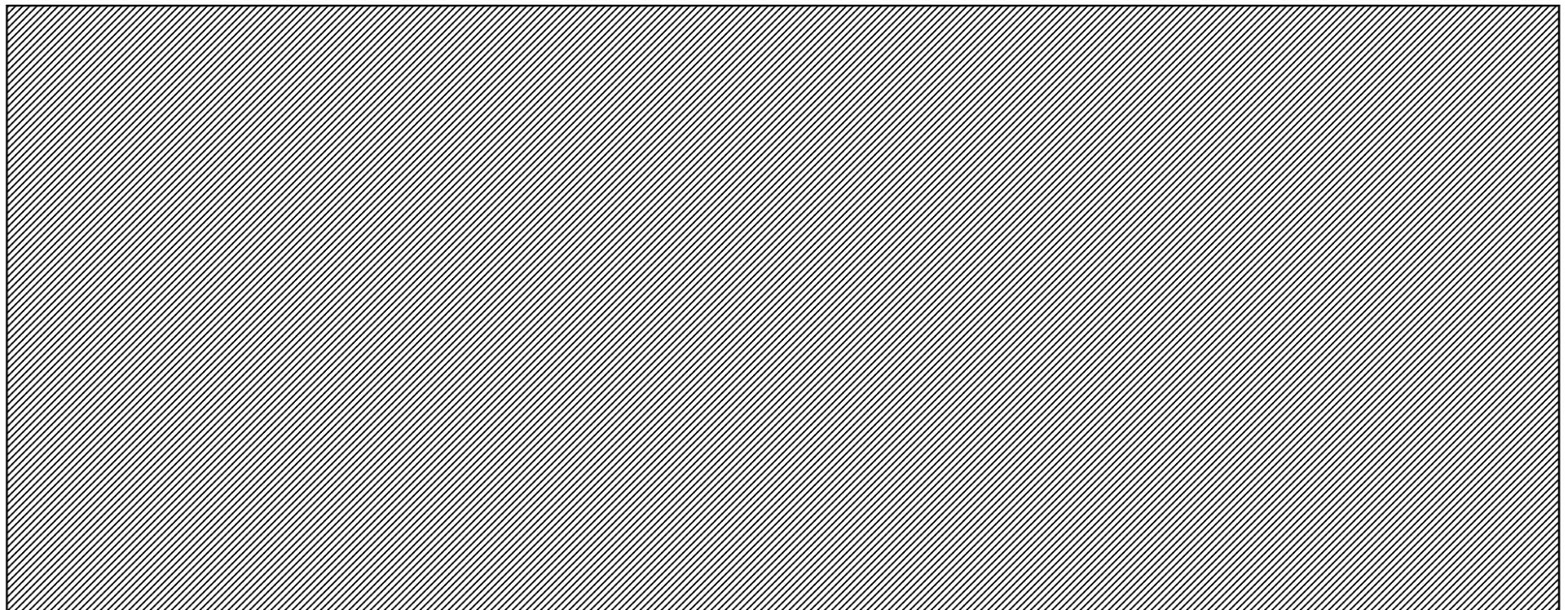
vertical obstacles and three trench-crossing obstacles. Recovered water from the Internal Wastewater Treatment Plant Reclamation Facility keeps the fording and float testing ponds full.

Baldi Brothers Construction, subcontracted by IE Pacific who won the \$3.4 million bid for the task, broke ground on the project June 12, 2000, and added the finishing touches February 14.



Photo by Curt Lambert

The new test track facility east of Maintenance Center Barstow covers more than 100 acres. The speed track that runs around the perimeter of the facility is 1.5 miles long. The test track combines a Floating and Operations Pond, a fording pond with three crossing depths, a turning circle, three vertical obstacles and three trench-crossing obstacles in addition to four hill climb



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Maintenance Center Barstow

MCB employees recognized

By Col. Ervin Rivers
Maintenance Center Commander

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize these members of the Maintenance Center Barstow team for their hard work and dedication. Let's continue to excel in our competitive priorities of throughput, quality and cost. Keep up the great work!

October - December 1999

Time Off Awards

(9 hours)

Cathy Ashbrook	Bradley Minneman
Joann Bond	Cindy Malloy
Ted Burke	Karyl Morris
Denis Kepley	Margot Padilla

(8 hours)

William Carbajal

(4 hours)

Sheryl Forsythe	Joyce Richardson
Delman Gaddie	Sheila Taulbee

On the Spot Awards

Jack Kulju (CWC 613)
Jan Vuiller (CWC 616)

For exceptional performance above and beyond normal requirements and responsibilities of the employee's duties during accomplishment of the JDMAG/G3 Capacity Review.

January - March 2000

Time Off Awards

(9 hours)

Marcelino Aviles	Leo Glaspie
Lester Bonner	Jerry Guerrero
Tommy Byrd	Frank Montano
Frank Dill	David White

(4 hours)

Joann Bond
Carl Chisam
Bernadine Kimmerling
Dianna McCormick

On the Spot Awards

Alex Barkoci (CWC 742)
Johnny Garcia (CWC 731)
Ronald Gaudette (CWC 734)
Richard Lane (CWC 732)
Carl Robinson (CWC 732)

For commitment to the FMF as one of the Tactical Remote Sensor System Modification Team. Early completion of platoon assets at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan saved the TRSS Program approximately \$50K in per diem and TAD costs.

Charles Johnson Jr. (CWC 741)
Gerald Morgan (CWC 741)

For the task of manufacturing 39 Cryogenic Cooler Values used on the LAV-25 Thermal sight.

Nancy Baca	Buddy Houghton
Rick Bremen	James Lovette
Carl Chisam	Dianna McCormick
Debbie Dominguez	Ellen Nemes
Paula Hazelett	Evelyn Scott

For taking on the challenge of year-end close-out, which was to close FY99 and begin executing against FY00.

April - June 2000

Time Off Awards

(18 hours)

Jack Aday	Wayne Cunningham
Stephen Baca	Ronald Fillingame
Larry Bonner	Leroy Gutierrez

Cindy Malloy
(9 hours)

Fred Alley	Steven Hamel
Mary Eclarino	Steve Hasko



All of the Maintenance Center Barstow employees gathered around two Assault Amphibious Vehicles in celebration of the 170th RAM/RS AAV rebuilt here. Edward Lerner, Marine Corps Systems Command AAV program manager, personally thanked the employees and presented the Maintenance Excellence Award plaque to CWO Francis P. Babeu, MCB AAV program manager. The award was for bringing in the AAVP7A1 RAM/RS "... under budget and ahead of schedule 1999-2000."

October 2000

Time Off Awards

(9 hours)

Birdenne Delaney
Jeri Hill

November 2000

Time Off Awards

(9 hours)

Fred Alley	Carl Chisam
Cathy Ashbrook	Lisa Garcia
Joann Bond	Brenda German
Michael Burke	Clifton German
Harper Butts (2)	Stanley Harmon
Lawrence Chandler	Charles Hollister

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July - September 2000

Time Off Awards

(9 hours)

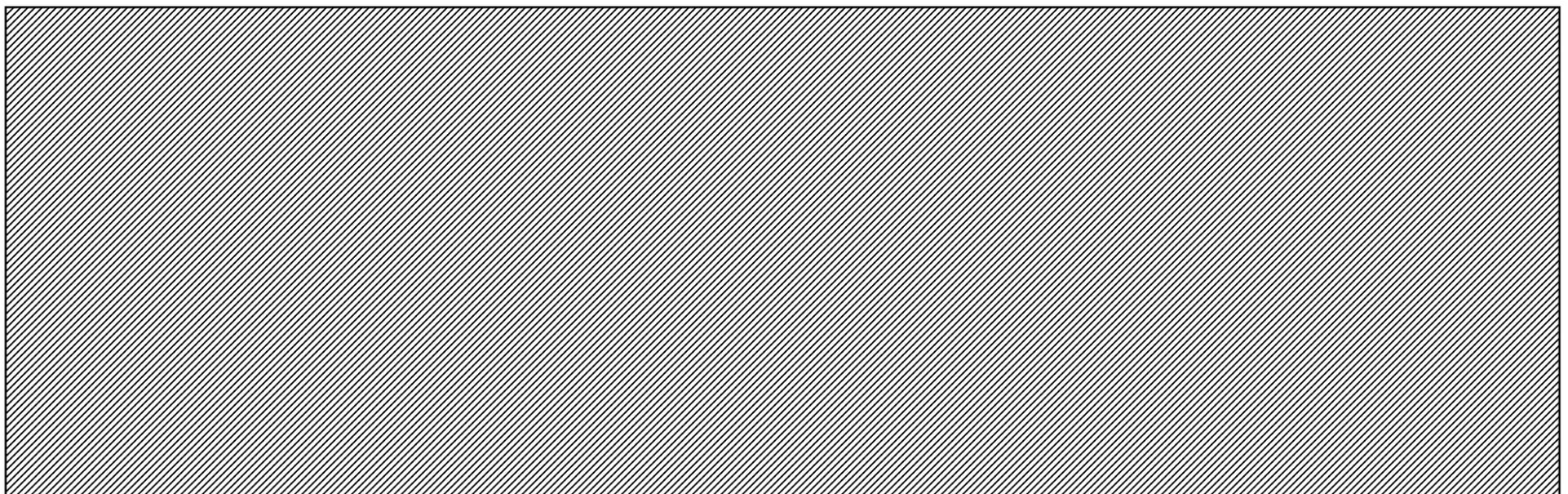
Birdenne Delaney	William Leonard
Clifton German	Russell Lynn

Cindy Malloy
(4 hours)

Joann Bond	Dean Knutson
Michael Burke	

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Special Reaction Training in effect

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Josuha Barnhardt
 BARSTOW LOG staff

The book definition for the Special Response Team is "A trained team of seasoned MPs armed and equipped to contain and neutralize a special threat," said Sgt. Efrain Sotelo.

The Special Response Team, or SRT, at MCLB Barstow trains once a week, doing different things to keep themselves prepared for what they hope never happens.

"We can be called in for everything from a terrorist incident, hostage situation, a barricaded suspect, or anything that falls beyond the scope of regular military police," said Sgt. Dallas Miller, military policeman and member of the SRT.

"We can respond to a non-lethal situation as well," said Miller.

"Say a man is not armed, however he is not going quietly, he's putting up a fight, he's arguing, or maybe he's physically hurting people," said Miller. "We also train to go in and take those people out to prevent injury to other people, to ourselves, and to himself."

"We do our best to train as realistic as possible all of the time," said Miller. "Every single month we do live fire exercises with our primary weapon, the MP-5 and the MP-4, and we also fire our secondary weapon, the 9mm pistol. Every team member has to be expert qualified in all of their weapons," said Miller.

They also do simulation training like they did March 14. The Disbursing Office and some Base Property Marines volunteered to be the bad guys for the SRT. They hid in the old Water Treatment Building by the golf course and the SRT went in and took them out. Both sides used simulation rounds that leave a pink spot where they hit. The training proved to be intense as the SRT threw in flash-bangs to knock the "terrorists" off-guard and catch them by surprise. The SRT mopped up the enemy efficiently as they had a 100 percent kill ratio and none of them died.

SRT is a new way to say SWAT. The SRT team is basically a SWAT team for the base.

The Provost Marshal's Office also did realistic training for their regular military policemen. March 13, they went to San Bernardino and witnessed an autopsy and then came back to base for domestic response training drills.

For the domestic response training, they went to a house in base housing and staged a fight between a husband, a wife, and another man.

The military policemen acted like they were on call and were called to the scene. They knocked on the door to gain entry into the house. When nobody answered, they forced their way in and used the least amount of force necessary to diffuse the situation.

"The purpose of the domestic response training drills is to help train the MPs so when they go onto a domestic scene like that, they are better prepared for it," said Cpl. Daniel Weaver, training non-commissioned officer for PMO.

"We made it as realistic as possible," said Weaver. "They used all physical means to restrain us, and put handcuffs on and so forth."

"The only thing that wasn't real is they didn't have real weapons," said Lance Cpl. Michael Osborne, military policeman.

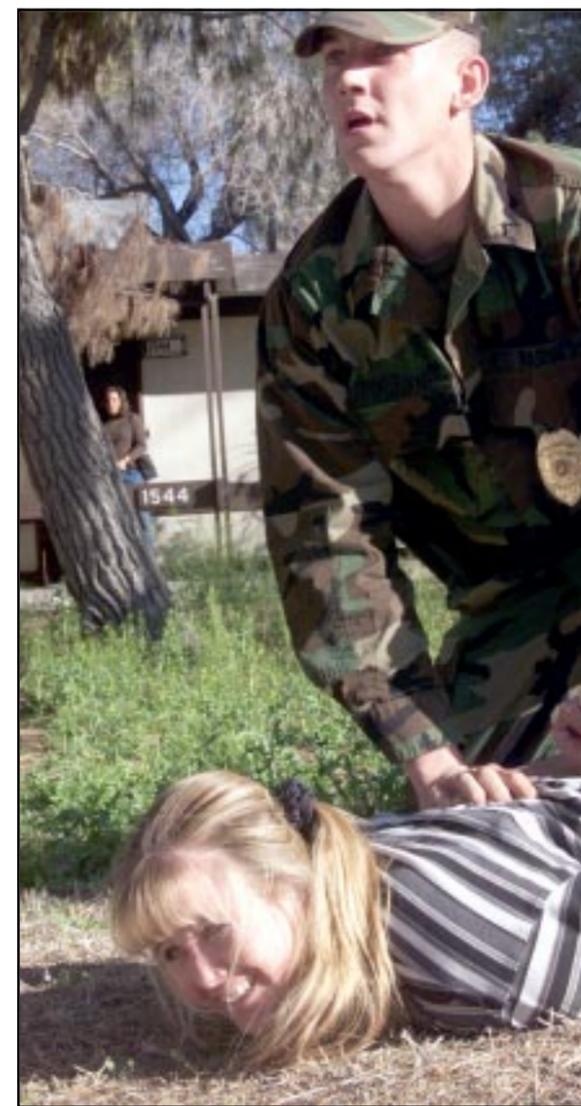
Not all situations require physical force though, and the MP's are trained for that as well.

"The whole purpose is to diffuse the situation," said Weaver. "What they want to do is get the temper level down, get everybody's emotions down, and get the whole situation settled so they can intervene with the people, find out what is going on and get the situation settled before it gets out of hand."

The MPs also train for other areas of



Lance Cpl. Israel Moreno is being strapped into the Redman suit by Sgt. James Soules. The Redman suit is heavily padded and protects the entire body. The military police use it to train for taking down hostile suspects without hurting the volunteer.



Lance Cpl. Michael Osborne arrests a suspect during Force Team training on the front lawn of a house in base housing. All team members are prepared for terrorist reactions as well as domestic disputes.

their job.

"We have training every Tuesday that covers different scenarios," said Weaver. "The training is designed to keep our MPs ready for anything. It helps them do a better job."



The Special Response Team wrestles Lance Cpl. Israel Moreno to the ground as part of their non-lethal training. Moreno was wearing the Redman suit to protect him from being taken down by five military policemen.



Special Reaction
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suit to protect him
Lance Cpl. Jason Grimes puts Sgt. Dallas Miller in a headlock after Miller resisted arrest. It took three military policemen to drag Miller to the ground, but they eventually hand cuffed him.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

March Spring Sale at MCX

There are great buys at the Exchange as the March Spring Sale continues. Watch for Manager's Specials throughout the store all month long.

The Exchange/Super Seven Store is open Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for more information.

The Railhead Exchange at the Yermo Annex is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. During troop rotation the Railhead Exchange is open Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Week's lunch menu

Today - Lasagna.

Friday - Hoki fish.

Monday - Italian sausage w/ peppers.

Tuesday - London broil.

Wednesday - Beef stir fry.

Thursday - Meat Loaf.

Lunch price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian. A la carte and sub sandwiches are also available for lunch. Lunch is served Monday-Friday (Nebo), 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and at Yermo, 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Family Night Dinner Menu

Tonight - Pot roast.

Next Thursday - Pork chops.

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

At Tees & Trees

Seniors 55 years and over can play nine holes of golf and rent half a riding cart (share the cart with another player), every Tuesday and Thursday for only \$13.

If you don't know how to play golf, Tees & Trees teaching professional Oscar Valenzuela can teach you how.

Visit our Pro Shop while you're playing at Tees & Trees.

Don't forget, Twilight League starts next month. The golf course hours will extend to 7 p.m. every night. If you haven't signed up for Twilight League, do so as soon as possible. April 10 is the cutoff date; it's also the date the Twilight League begins. There is a \$20 entry fee.

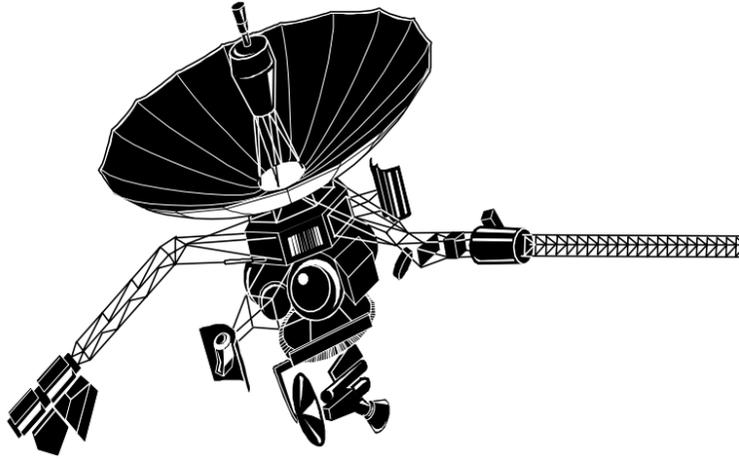
For more information on specials, lessons, Twilight League or any other golf matter, call 577-6431.

Tees & Trees Golf Course is open Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Tuesday-Sunday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Closing hours change March 31 to 7 p.m.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory

National Aeronautics & Space Administration
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*At the Base Library
Tuesday at 4 p.m.*

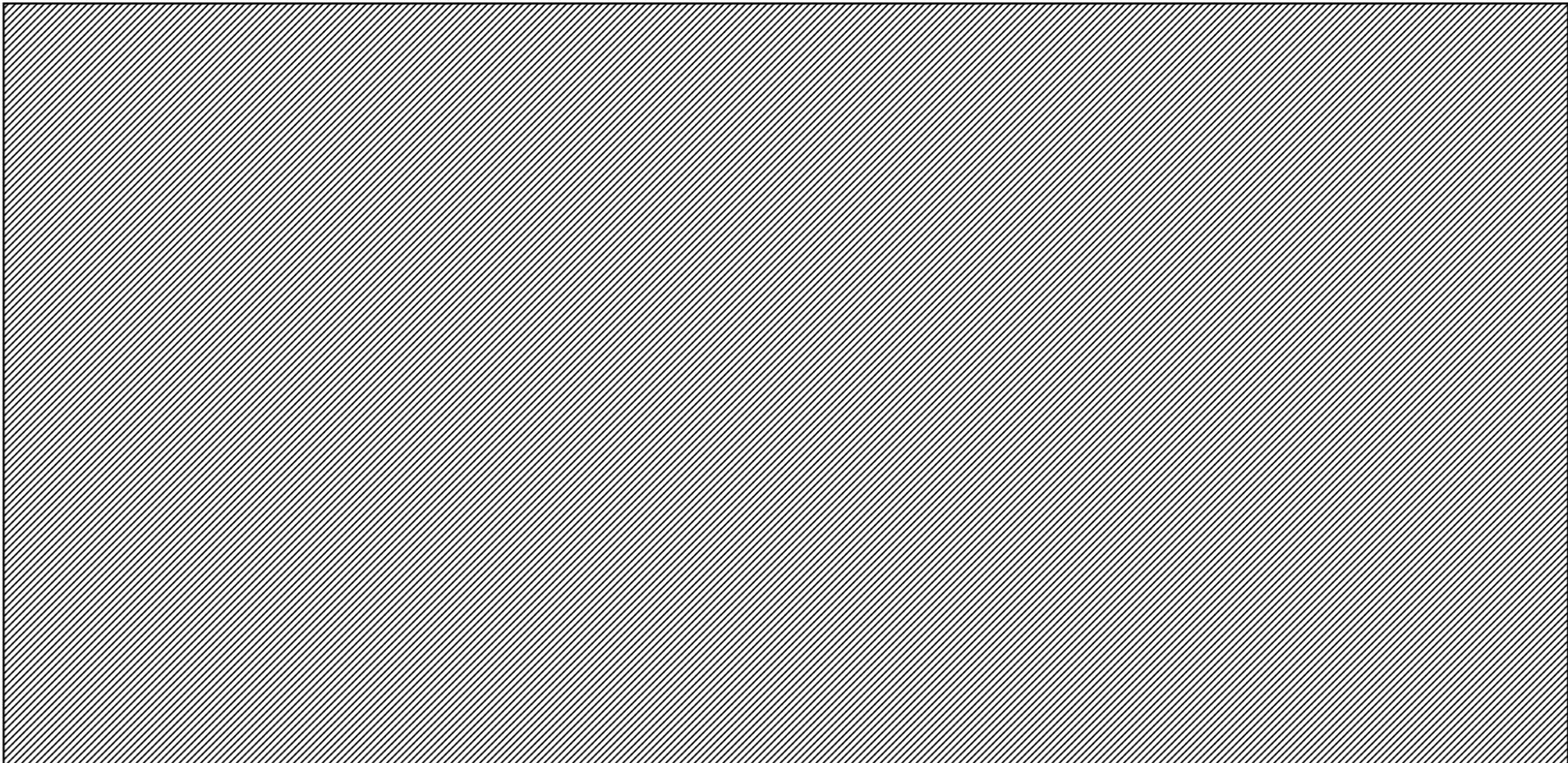


NASA/JPL's Solar System Ambassador program visits MCLB

Steve Smith, a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, talks about the Mars Mission, NASA/JPL, and the Deep Space Network Tuesday at the Base Library. Smith, (a Naval retiree) works at the NASA Deep Space Communications Complex at Goldstone. Other topics to be covered include education and the space program as well as job opportunities at NASA/JPL.

The Solar System Ambassador Program is a public outreach effort to organize and conduct public events that communicate exciting discoveries and plans for future exploration of the Solar System.

For more information on the Solar System Ambassador program contact on the Internet at <http://www.jpl.nasa.gov>. Once on the web site select JPL Main Web Page (then visit site directory) for Solar System Ambassador program.



PMV accidents kill more Marines than combat

By Sgt. Brian Davidson
Editor

"We were just riding along, coming back from the club and a car pulled into our lane. We didn't even really have a chance to do anything, so we swerved to try and keep from hitting them, and we went off the road and ran into a tree, Sergeant. The next thing I knew we were in an ambulance."

That's how one of the 115 Marines under my charge at the Defense Information School summarized one of the most traumatic experiences in her life to me less than a month ago in the foyer of Laurel Emergency Medical Center in Laurel, Md.

No one wants to be awoken on the other side of 2 a.m. on a Saturday night, especially to go to the emergency room to see what condition their Marines might be in. Definitely not after the duty has uttered phrases like, "single-vehicle accident" or "totaled the car." It is not a good feeling. The sensation is dread, pure dread.

Unfortunately, last year for the families of 42 Marines that sensation became personified as death. Most of the deaths resulted from single-vehicle accidents caused by what could be construed as carelessness.

The words, "lost control," "crossed the centerline," "single-vehicle mishap" and, of course, "fell asleep at the wheel" monopolize the USMC Class A Ground Mishap Report for fiscal year 2000.

The private motor vehicle accident is the major cause of death for Marines in this era. The accidents also account for injuries to another 120 Marines, who were lucky enough to hobble away from mangled heaps of steel that could have driven them to their deaths.

The outlook for this year is brighter, according to Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, still the emphasis on accident prevention is the key to reducing off-duty PMV fatalities and preserving the lives of many Marines.

"Off-duty personal motor vehicle fatalities during the first four months of this fiscal year were significantly lower during the same period last year," noted Jones. "Although regrettably, eight Marines have died, that total is 15 fewer



Photo by Sgt. Brian Davidson

Tracy Verene awaits the Maryland Highway patrol moments after crashing her 2001 Ford Mustang GT into a cement lane divider on Highway 97. Verene totaled the vehicle but managed to walk away from the accident unscathed thanks in part to the car's air bag.

than were lost in fiscal year 2000 and ten less than in fiscal year 1999 at a similar time."

"Clearly, it is not the time to let our guard down," said Jones, "but rather an opportunity to renew those efforts that have led to this initial progress."

Base safety officers Corpswide religiously uphold their duties 72-hour liberty after 72-hour liberty, 96 after 96, spearheading the call for Marines to be safe; to minimize the risk they shoulder while driving on long stretches of highway and interstates en route to their free-time destinations and on their way back. Annually, the majority of PMV deaths occur in the third quarter beginning in April and extend into July, the heart of summer.

"I make it a point to remind Marines to be safe and to think before they act each time we have a long weekend. As a result, we have a lower rate of traffic accidents. But not all Marines heed the advice as much as they

could," GySgt. Bruce Raymond, MCLB base safety officer, noted. "Younger Marines especially tend to put less thought to the important message the briefs carry. Some of them think they are invincible.

"They aren't."

At the depots where Marines are forged, each is indoctrinated to believe that they are invincible on the battlefield and are capable of overcoming any adversity they might encounter.

And, it is true. The United States Marine Corps is renowned and feared for its prowess on the battlefield. One could even argue that Marines have nothing to fear but itself. After all, Marines have inflicted more damage to the Corps, in off-duty time, during the last two decades than any adversary encountered during that time in combat or hostile environments.

Really? Really. In Panama, Grenada, Somalia, Iraq and Beirut 247 Marines died.

From 1988 to 2000 alone, an average of 44 Marines died in PMV accidents annually; more than 500 deaths over 13 years. That is a loss of more Marines than those stationed at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., the Defense Information School Marine Detachment, Fort Meade, Md., and all of the Marine recruits in Lead Series, A Company, 1st Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Parris Island combined.

The Commandant cites unrelenting vigilance on the part of all Marines as the prime means to reduce the Corps' mishap rates and his intent of reversing the deadly trend is every Leatherneck's responsibility.

If you haven't done Math for Marines yet, it's okay. You don't have to do the math. You only have to think twice about not being one of those accounted for in the Class A Ground Mishaps Report.



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friendly. It is not. The Marine's attitude toward other outfits is often bitter, insulting and fantastically unrealistic – as the attitude of a fighter has to be.

Legend has it that when the Panama Canal was opened, naval vessels laying offshore waiting to enter the new channel, were chagrined to see two Marines in a dugout canoe whip ahead of them – the first to pass the gates. Two wars have only served to strengthen this spirit.

During World War II a noncom returning to his company after hospitalization was grimly informed that the division was surrounded. "How come?" he asked. "Army artillery behind," he was told, "Doggie outfits on both flanks." "What's up front?" he inquired. "Oh," came the unconcerned answer, "Just Japs."

Again, after Tarawa had been secured, a Marine company was left behind to patrol the island. The Army Air Corps was using the airfield, and every Saturday, the Marines found, an Air Corps general held a formal ceremony to decorate those who had distinguished themselves during the week.

The Marines had no decorations. They didn't even have khaki uniforms. But they did have "Esprit de Corps".

One Saturday, as Air Corps personnel lined up on one side of the airstrip, Marines fell out in parade formation on the other. They were wearing camouflage underwear, shorts, heavy combat boots, with helmets - and nothing else.

As the Air Corps general went down his ranks, pinning on Air Medals and Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Marine company commander went down his ranks, awarding each and every man a cellophane-wrapped cigar. The thing was done with a flourish. The 1st sergeant held the cigar box. No one cracked a smile.

After the two ceremonies, the general stormed into the office of the Naval officer

commanding the island. He demanded disciplinary action be taken. None was.

This outlook is the most obvious element in "Esprit de Corps." Equally important is the glorification of the infantry and of combat.

In the Army, infantrymen in the last war frequently found among them those men who had been washed out of the Air Corps or specialty schools. Standards there were higher than were necessary for the GI.

This was never the case in the Marine Corps. There, the infantry was the elite, and it was policy to see that the toughest and most alert men were riflemen. The feeling was that if a man was a cook, or a truck driver, or a member of an Air Force ground crew, he had somehow failed to make the grade.

The feeling was not always justified, but it persisted and was an enormous psychological boost to the rifle battalions. It was augmented by the fact that non-combat units – doctors, medical corpsmen and chaplains were supplied from Naval ranks. Thus, every Marine in sight was a fighting man.

Moreover to be a fighting man in the Marine Corps is in some respects desirable, since the veteran who survives is a privileged man. On Marine bases during the last war, combat men were cocks of the walk, and youngsters, ogling them, were moved to admiration and envy.

The two factors in a Marine's attitude, which are hardest to define are probably those most important to his "Esprit de Corps". They are his basic conservatism and the eternal feeling that he is the victim of discrimination.

The Marine is not simply a conservative: he is a reactionary. In some walks of life so absolute a conservative would be crippling, but in a fighting man it is invaluable, since he who is impervious to new ideas is unable to accept the proposition that he is beaten.

Happily this does not extend totally to new weapons. It does, however, cover everything else that is new. Changes in uniform, in parade formation, in standards, are received with hostility by the rank and file

of the Corps.

When, during World War II, women Marines were introduced, the innovation brought forth a roar of protest from combat divisions, and in one company it nearly precipitated a mutiny. It was almost as bad as if the company had been told its last battle was a snap.

For the Marine likes to feel, above all else, that his is a hard lot. He likes to believe that the Corps, and his outfit specifically, receives the nastiest assignments and is given the least adequate supplies with which to accomplish them.

This has a certain basis in fact. Traditionally, the Marine Corps is the first to fight, and is handed some tough nuts to crack. At the same time, it is in the curious position of being a Naval unit using Army equipment.

Understandably, the Army equips its own outfits first; the Marine Corps last. That is probably why the pictures taken in Korea show men in the 5th Marines wearing canvas leggings which the Army replaced with combat boots in the last years of World War II.

On this sort of thing the Marine thrives. As usual, he bitterly complains, "The doggies have everything; the Marine Corps nothing." With inadequate supplies, with understrength units, the Corps is asked to storm a beachhead bristling with guns. "Oh well, situation normal," he grumbles.

Throughout the Pacific campaigns Marines tortured themselves with the elaborate hoax that infantrymen in Europe were enjoying the cream of European beauty while they were left to deal with hideous natives.

Pictures of GIs being welcomed to Rome and Paris were carefully clipped from magazines and posted on company bulletin boards, where unprintable comments were written across them.

That this attitude has survived the post-war period is indicated in one of the dispatches about Marines in Korea. A reporter peered at Pusan, and announced his verdict: "It's the only place they send Marines," he

said. "They just don't send them where real people live."

When the Army announced, late in the war, that its infantrymen would be entitled to a \$10 a month hike in pay and the right to wear a shiny badge with their campaign ribbons, Marine outfits, who received no raise and no badge, worked themselves into one of the great rages of the war.

And unless three years of observation are wrong, Marines in Korea will be indignant to learn that newspapers have reported them to be armed with the latest and best equipment. "Call this new?" they will complain, pointing scornfully to a speck of rust.

This attitude gives the Marine all the advantages, and one of the disadvantages, of the Irishman cornered by a score of Englishmen. Because he believes he has one hand tied behind his back, he uses both hands twice as effectively.

Sometimes this outlook produces amazing statements. Ernie Pyle was staggered, in 1945, to find Marine riflemen apologizing to him because their casualties on the beach were low. Usually, they protested, they were high.

Because a Marine expects his casualties to be high; because he expects to do everything with nothing; because he cannot accept the idea of defeat; and because he considers himself an extraordinary fellow, he has the extremely high morale called "Esprit de Corps."

He is, therefore, never astonished when he and those beside him accomplish the unbelievable.

One afternoon several years ago, a Marine company was marching down an Asian road in a driving rain. It had been raining for three weeks, and everyone heartily wished it would stop.

Suddenly the bearded gunnery sergeant leading the formation stopped, glared up at the leaking sky, and shook his well-muscled fist angrily.

"You up there!" he bellowed. "Knock it off!"

No one was surprised when it stopped raining 10 minutes later.

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strategically located. "It is the only ground combat depot maintenance activity in the western United States. It's near three major military training centers. [It] has the largest railhead operation in the DoD... is in close proximity to both air and sea ports [and] adjacent to two interstate highways and convenient to a third. Your desert location offers a climate that is conducive to long- and short-term storage as well as a place to grow."

Kramlich's comments were testament to the farsightedness of the leaders of yesteryear who saw there would not be enough room to perform all the maintenance actions that were needed for the fledgling activity to survive. So engineers were called in and a facility that would accommodate all the work the future might hold was designed.

After a decade of engineering, three years of construction and an investment of \$6 million, the Central Repair Facility was dedicated April 22, 1961 – just a month after the Repair Division was established. Everything about the facility says "BIG."

The Central Repair Facility – now known as the Maintenance Center or Building 573 – has a current value of about \$148 million. It consists of four large, steel, concrete and brick buildings and numerous metal buildings. Two 87.5-ton cranes, two 40-ton cranes, a 30-ton, a 20-ton and two 10-ton cranes are located in the building in addition

to other hoists and smaller cranes. It is the largest single-story building ever constructed for the Marine Corps, and it is the largest building in the High Desert area.

The maintenance center is equipped with approximately \$260 million worth of equipment ranging from heavy industrial equipment to state-of-the-art laser optical tools.

The four primary buildings provide more than a half million square feet of covered space. The central warehouse covers slightly less than a half million square feet.

Fourteen metal buildings located around the four primary buildings approach the 20,000 square foot mark and another 42,600 are covered by sunshades to protect personnel working outside. The total covered space is 1,051,207 square feet.

A concrete slab provides another 1.7 million square feet of outside storage, staging and working space.

"Even though the intervening 40 years have brought incredible change to this activity, on thing has remained constant throughout – and that is the quality of the work force," said Kramlich. "While the names and faces have changed over time, the commitment to customer satisfaction has not.

"So as I stand here today, I urge you to stay focused on the customer. It will ensure that you'll remain viable and competitive for another 40 years."

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James Harvell	James Perry
Jary Jarrett	Kevin Peterson
Roman Jazmin	Glenn Tibbett
Jacqueline Jones	Marty Ulibarri
Darryl Kirkland	Daniel Welch
Karyl Morris	Reginald West

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Time Off Awards (9 hours)

Louie Alvarez	Jane Limpido
Kevin Barnett	Danny Mathison
Robin Barrett	Rodney Oakes
Earl Bevins	John Peterson
Donna Chisam	Walter Provart
Gary Forqueran	Russell Reynolds
Brenda German	Myron Scheer
Roland Gonzales	Elisa Silva
Rosalee Hill	Mark Sluder
Larry James	Margaret Steele
Leonard Jimenez	Gerri Tedrick
Frances Kingsford	Janet Towery
Gary Kralik	Nancy Veloz
Jack Kulju	Jan Vuiller

John Wooten

On the Spot Awards

Ronald Bourgeois	Daniel Sanchez
Charles Caldon	Roland Sessler
James Dube	Carl Stevens
Gregory Langston	Steve Troup
Thomas Putnam	Tyrone White

(CWC 737)

Anthony Abeyta (CWC 623)

Herman McHenry (CWC 622)

Robert Poole (CWC 735)

For the task of rebuilding MK-14 Trailers (Surcharge Line) which was completed on time and within budget.

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program. Companies conforming to these standards are said to be "ISO 9000 certified" or "ISO 9000 qualified."

Essentially speaking, ISO 9000 is a business operations manual. Each standard in the ISO 9000 family must have documentation reinforcing the standard that defines who, what, when, where, why and how a particular task is performed.

The advantage of ISO 9000 is that it enables a company to compare or "benchmark" its system with other similarly qualified national and international companies.

SPORTS

Marine Corps takes Armed Forces Championships

By Army Sgt. Kap Kim
Fort Hood Sentinel

FORT HOOD, Texas – Marine Corps David Workman pinned Army Patrick Schuster in 33 seconds into the last match of the day to give the Marine Corps team the close-margin victory over the Army during the Armed Forces Wrestling Championships Freestyle event at Fort Hood, Texas March 11.

The Marine Corps team's Freestyle win Sunday along with their Greco-Roman win Saturday gave them enough team points to win the overall Armed Forces Championships. Their win was the first time in 11 years that any other service other than Army had won. Army had the distinction of owning the Armed Forces Wrestling Championship tournament since 1989.

"It was due," said All-Marine Wrestling Coach Jon Antonelli about their overall tournament victory. "We worked very hard for this. What can I say ... they came up to the plate and delivered ... I'm so proud of them."

Workman, an All-Marine rookie from Camp Lejeune, N.C., did the only thing he could do to give the Marines the overall championships win and to end Army's streak. Heading into the last match up between the Heavyweights, a win by points could not have done it — since the Army was leading in that category.

"I looked up at the score [board], and I knew when I went up there, I had to pin him," Workman said. "I knew it was coming down to me ... I needed the pin; I was looking for it."

With that, Workman made quick work of Schuster, from Fort Campbell, Ky. Within seconds, Workman had Schuster on the mat. "I kept hearing the ref say, 'head up blue – head up!'" said Workman, repeating what the referee was telling Schuster while he was on the mat.

Once Workman pinned Schuster, everyone on the Marine Corps bench jumped up, and the emotional Antonelli jumped into the waiting arms of Workman.

The loss left the Army wrestlers stunned. But the Army offered no excuses. All-Army head coach, Shon

Lewis congratulated the Marine Corps on their success.

"They did a fantastic job," Lewis said about the Marine Corps. "They came on our home field ... they had some horses, and their horses produced."

Lewis said his team had just allowed for the Marines to earn too many points on his guys, but even with that might have won if not for the pin.

"We just didn't need a fall," Lewis said shaking his head. "It hurts a little. I'm very proud of my guys though, and this will be a learning experience for them. They've got to learn from this. [Next year] They'll come back smarter ... hungrier. This will leave a sour taste in their mouths for 365 days."

In the last match-up of the day, the Army lost the first three matches against the Marine Corps. Marine Corps Andrell Durden, of Camp Lejeune, N.C. beat Anthony Gibbons, of Fort Hood, during the 54 Kg class match, 11-4. Marine Corps Duaine Martin, of Iwakuni, Japan, pinned Army Lucas Spencer, from Fort Carson, Colo. in under a minute during the 58 Kg class. Marine Corps James Shillow, of Camp Lejeune, N.C., just managed to beat Army Jason Kutz, from Fort Carson, Colo., in the 63 Kg class, 2-1.

Then, what could've been the toughest match of the day was fought between the 69 Kg weight class of Marine Corps Brian VanHoven, from Quantico, Va., and Army Oscar Wood, from Fort Carson, Colo. Their match not only woke up the fans, but also brought everyone else to their feet. It was a display of raw strength and endurance. VanHoven had a cut on his left eyebrow that had to be taped a couple of times throughout the match-up. Then, Wood received a blow to the chin that sent blood flying across the mat. The two were tied at 5-5 heading into the last minute of the match. It would be that score heading into overtime.

VanHoven would send Wood outside the circle a few times, but no score was awarded. Then, with a sudden burst of energy, Wood slammed VanHoven into the mat that earned him three points and the win.

Wood's victory got an Army-heavy

crowd jumping up off the bleachers, and more importantly, it changed the momentum of the Army wrestlers.

After Wood's victory, Charles Daniels, from Fort Rucker, Ala., came in and dominated Marine Corps Joseph Clark II, in the 76 Kg match, 13-3. Then, Markese Nelson, from Fort Campbell, Ky., beat Justin Woodruff, from the U.S. Naval Academy, Md., during the 85 Kg match, 5-2.

When Army Dominique Black, from Fort Carson, Colo., came to the mat, anyone with half a brain would have bet on the Army and would have won. Black, who is ranked second in the nation, pinned Marine Tipton Peterson, of 29 Palms, Calif., in a mere 32 seconds. At that point, Army had the Marines beat 16-13 in total team points, but with that close of a margin, it came down to one thing if the Marines wanted the overall win ... the pin.

Earlier in the day, the Marine Corps narrowly beat the Air Force 17-16. The Army would do to the Navy what their Greco team did the day before, winning 28-2. During the second dual, the Army beat the Air Force 22-10, and the Marine Corps beat the Navy 23-11. In the final dual, the Air Force beat the Navy 23-9, and the Marine Corps beat the Army, 17-16.

In Freestyle individuals, Air Force Jeff Cervone, of Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., won his second gold medal of the Armed Forces Championships in the 54 Kg weight class. Marine Corps Duaine Martin, of Iwakuni, Japan, also won his second gold medal for the tournament in the 58 Kg class. In the 63 Kg class, Marine Corps James Shillow, of Camp Lejeune, N.C., took home his second gold of the tournament. Army Oscar Wood, of Fort Carson, won his first gold medal in the 69 Kg class. Charles Daniels, from Fort Rucker, Ala., won gold for the 76 Kg. Markese Nelson, from Fort Campbell, Ky., picked up a gold for the 85 Kg class. Dominique Black, from Fort Carson, Colo. won his second gold medal for the tournament in the 97 Kg class. Corey Farkas, of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo., won his second gold for the tournament for the Heavyweight class (130 Kg).

of all employees to work together during this time to ensure production was met, costs were kept within budget, and the quality system was implemented at the same time."

Adding ISO 9000 to MCB's Better Business Practices toolbox took a

lot of extra time and work, most agree that receiving the qualification is worth it. In addition to ensuring the commercial future of the maintenance center, each employee was awarded one hundred dollars.

SPORTS BRIEFS

All-Marine Triathlon Team

The All-Marine Triathlon Team training camp is at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton June 4-12, and the Armed Forces Championship comprised of a 1,500-meter swim, 40K bike ride and 10K run is at Point Mugu, Calif., June 13-17.

The Armed Forces Championship is used to select the U.S. Armed Forces team for the Conseil Internationale Sports du Militaire Triathlon Championship planned for Murska, Slovenia July 2-7.

An All-Marine team of 12 men and 6 women will be chosen by resume. Interested Marines must submit resumes to the Semper Fit athletic director by April 2. Refer to Marine Corps Order P1700.29 for specific details. The order is online at <http://www.usmc-mccs.org> under Policy.

All-Marine Women's Sports

The Director, Semper Fit athletic program, is seeking resumes for four different All-Marine Women's team sports.

Resumes for All-Marine Women's Basketball, Volleyball, Softball and Soccer are due 60 days prior to the start of the All-Marine Trial camps. Resumes must also contain a command endorsement. Send resumes to the local MCCS Semper Fit athletic director. Refer to Marine Corps Order P1700.29 for specific details. The order is online at <http://www.usmc-mccs.org> under Policy.

All-Marine Trial Camp dates and sites are:

Basketball	MCB Quantico, Va.	April 1-21
Volleyball	MCB Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii	April 15-May 8
Softball	MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C.	July 29-August 18
Soccer	MCAS New River, N.C.	Aug 19-September 8

For more information call GySgt. David S. Wersinger or SSgt. Dennis W. Owen, 577-6899.

Soccer Season approaches

Summertime. Summertime. Yeah, well, it's not here yet, but it will be soon. And nothing goes better with a heat-blazing afternoon than a few of America's finest, bearing shin pads and cleats, battling out their frustrations on a soccer field.

Marines, civilian Marines, friends and family are all invited to be a part of MCLB's intramural soccer team.

To find your spot on MCLB's soccer team contact either Lance Cpl. Eduardo H. Nuno, 577-6124, or Lance Cpl. Edward M. Torresosorio, 577-6675.

Ft. Irwin to Veteran's Home Relay

The annual Ft. Irwin to Veteran's Home 40-mile relay race is rescheduled for May 12.

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 1st Lt. Bryan R. McClune is the team captain for the Gold team.

For more information call Staff Sgt. Robert W. Cole, 577-6916.

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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"Each employee was instrumental in the overall success of the audit and the implementation of our new ISO Quality Management System," said Rivers. "It also took the cooperation

Comm reigns supreme in basketball tourney

By Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

Comm edged the Hoyas 63-55 March 15, at the base gym in the finals of the intramural basketball league.

Floyd Little scored a team-high 23 points to pace Comm to the victory.

The game started out looking like it would be a blowout in Comm's favor. They took a 15-2 lead right out of the gates.

Comm jumped out to the 13-point lead by making steals and scoring easy fast break buckets. The Hoyas called for a timeout to regroup.

"I thought the game was done after that. I thought the title was ours," said Walter Olenderski, the Comm center and coach.

After the timeout, Comm was forced to slow the pace of the game down and therefore not score easy baskets. The Hoyas started playing good defense and slowly cut Comm's lead down.

At halftime the score was 36-29 in favor of Comm. Comm had let the Hoyas get back in it and were soon going to pay for it.

At the beginning of the second half, the Hoyas went on a tear. They got within two points of Comm at 42-40 with 15:00 left in the game.

"Darrell Givens had heart and brought his team back," said Olenderski. "I was worried at that point."

Comm held them off though, and traded baskets with the Hoyas until the score was 50-47.

That is when Comm made their move. Seeing the championship in sight, Comm made a final run to

pull away from the Hoyas. After making a couple of baskets in a row, the Hoyas had to start fouling with the clock running out. Comm made their free throws and kept the Hoyas from making it close by playing good defense and grabbing the rebounds at the end of the game.

When the final second ticked off the clock, Comm was crowned champions of the intramural basketball league with the score of 63-55.

"Just like (Elder) Reyes said at the beginning of the season, we won the title," said Olenderski.

Reyes' actual words in a previous article were "No team can compare to us. We should take it no problem. We should win the whole thing."

Audie Carson chipped in 15 points and Olenderski added 9 for Comm. Reyes was on vacation for the game because, "I knew we had it in the bag," said Reyes.

Darrell Givens led the Hoyas with 16 and Monty Franklin had 14, while Daniel Robinson contributed 12 of his own.

The Hoyas put up a good fight, but Comm proved to be too much all season, beating the Hoyas twice on the year.

The Hoyas made their way to the final game by beating the Officers in the first round of the playoffs and beating PMO in the semifinals when Franklin hit two free throws with no time left on the clock for the one-point win.

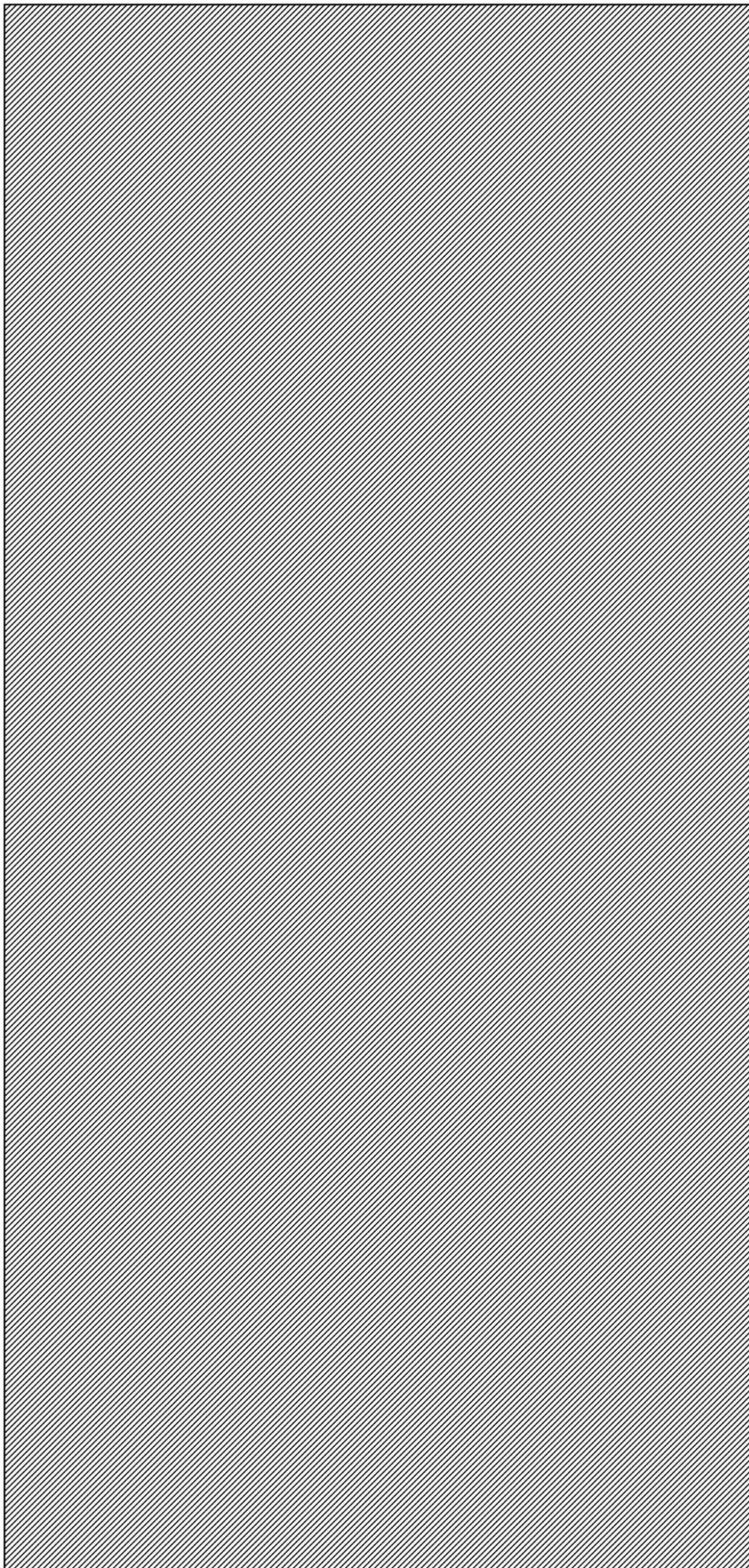
Comm reached the finals by having a first round bye, and beating First Place in the semifinals in a heated battle.

"When do we pick up our first-place trophy?" asked Reyes.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Floyd Little, point guard for Comm, takes a three-pointer in the first half of the intramural championship game. He poured in 23 points in the final to lead Comm to victory.



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