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## Motorcycle Safety: a growing concern

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

With the summer season starting, motorcycle safety becomes more of an issue. It is such a serious issue, that military policemen are authorized to write tickets and refuse entry to the base if the safety rules are violated.

Aboard MCLB Barstow, the Marine Corps regulations for motorcycle safety gear apply to all persons operating a motorcycle, no matter if they are a civilian or a Marine.

"With summertime coming around, more people are getting their motorcycles out," said Master Sgt. Richard Wilkinson, Provost Sergeant. "Since there are more motorcycles on the road, it seems not everybody is familiar with Marine Corps regulations for safety gear."

MPs are also handing out citations. "They can give you a 1408 traffic ticket which will put points on your record," said Maj. Lawrence Casserly, Provost Marshal. "If you accumulate 12 points in three years aboard the base,

you're walking after that."

The Provost Marshal's Office takes it so seriously that MPs are turning people away at the gate.

"We will not allow you to drive your motorcycle on base without all of the required safety gear," said Casserly.

Marine Corps regulations state that all personnel operating a motorcycle aboard an installation must wear a helmet, long sleeve shirt, gloves, pants, hard sole shoes with a heel, and a reflective vest.

The helmet must be approved by the Department of Transportation, the Snell Memorial Foundation, or the American National Standards Institute. A full-face shield must be attached to the helmet, or shatter-resistant goggles must be worn.

The arms of the rider must be covered by a long sleeve shirt or a jacket. Marines in uniform must roll down their sleeves while on a motorcycle. Long legged trousers must cover the legs of the rider as well.

It does not matter what kind of gloves are worn as long as they are full fingered



Photo by Sgt. Brian Davidson

Sergeant Luke Ratcliff prepares himself to ride his motorcycle by putting on the proper safety gear. All required gear must be worn aboard the base.

gloves. Mittens may also be worn.

Shoes must have a hard sole with a heel. They do not necessarily have to be boots, but boots are encouraged.

A commercially available mesh/fabric vest has to be worn as the outside garment on the upper torso. The vest must be bright yellow, international orange, or lime green, with horizontal or vertical reflective strips on it. Also, a highly visible garment with reflector

strips on it is allowed in the order.

"When I was at Miramar, I knew a couple of Marines who took old jackets and sewed reflector strips on them because they thought it was more comfortable than the reflector vests," said Wilkinson.

While civilians have to abide by these regulations only while on base, Marines must have all the appropriate motorcycle safety equipment on at all times.

## Alcohol incident reduction policy expanded

By Sgt. Brian Davidson  
Press Chief

Few issues have been as long a concern for Marine Corps leadership as have alcohol and drug abuse.

Headquarters Battalion Marines are being challenged to resolve the two concerns at all levels with a revision to the battalion's Alcohol and Drug Related Incident Reduction policy. Before, the emphasis was on alcohol incidents and abuse alone. Now, by direction of Col. Mark A. Costa, base commanding officer, and Maj. Brian T. Ballard, HqBn commander, the policy has been revised to include drugs.

The original incident reduction policy provided all platoons remaining alcohol-related incident free are granted a 76-hour special liberty period for that quarter. Should the battalion as a whole have no incidents, the entire battalion is granted a 96-hour special liberty period for that quarter.

"Prescription medications are not included directly in the expansion," noted Ballard. "However, intentional misuse of prescription medications is a violation of the policy."

Whether or not abuse of prescription medication has occurred would be a decision reached at

the battalion commander's level through consultation and evaluation.

"Of course, illicit drugs and failure of urinalysis testing have been included and for a very important reason," said Ballard. "There is the premonition that as alcohol abuse and consumption goes down, possibly they will turn to a different vice. Your instinct tells you when you exercise more control in one area you tend to use less in another."

For this reason, MCLB's leadership felt compelled to re-examine the policy. According to many behavioral scientists there is no better way to shape and manage behavior than by positive peer pressure and rewards.

"Our policy is a positive peer pressure program," said Ballard. "The only way that we are going to stop drug use and alcohol abuse is through positive peer pressure."

An active drug-testing program is a good deterrent, but the command's intent is to stop drug use. You cannot stop drug use unless the action is taken at the user's level; the prime goal is to eliminate the demand for drugs, according to Ballard.

"Positive peer pressure is so crucial because an officer or a staff noncommissioned officer, even a

sergeant or a corporal for that matter, won't know that a troop is using drugs because they wouldn't share it with anyone outside of their peer group," said Ballard. "But if a lance corporal is taking drugs there is another lance corporal out there who knows because they are in the same peer group."

"We have to use that to our advantage and get to them before they do drugs."

"So far, the policy has been very successful. We have had no injuries. However, we have had two incidents. I have noticed the reactions of the fellow Marines when they both occurred and I saw a lot of positive peer pressure come into play as a result," he added.

Since the onset of the original policy, only two alcohol incidents have taken place. Both occurred, in the same platoon. As a result, the battalion missed the 96-hour special liberty incentive, but all platoons without incidents are scheduled to enjoy a 72-hour special liberty period beginning July 20.

"I could imagine that you're a pretty unpopular person among your peers when you're responsible for the incident that causes your platoon to lose its special liberty incentive," remarked Ballard. "That

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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.

## Base commander publishes Forum guidelines

Since I've received several Commanders' Forum submissions lately that do not meet the criteria for publication in the BARSTOW LOG I'm taking this opportunity to explain again why the Forum exists and how it works.

The Forum is column I use to keep the work force informed, to explain why things are they way they are or appear to be, and when possible to correct situations or make improvements. It is a valuable communications link between base personnel and the command deck which addresses issues and concerns that may impact many members of the MCLB community or to make known inappropriate actions in the work place.

The key to having an issue and its response published in the BARSTOW LOG, is that the issue must address things that may impact a significant amount of the work force. Submissions that may identify individuals,

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groups or work areas by association will not be published. Additionally, where alleged misconduct is reported, the responses will not be published. This protects the identity of those who may be the subject of the call or letter.

Be assured however, even if a Forum call or letter doesn't make the cut for publication, the issue is researched. And, if "callers" identify themselves, they will receive a response.

Obviously we can't get back to anonymous callers or writers.

Other reasons a Forum submission may not be published include; they are too vague to investigate, are not of general interest, the issue may be sensitive, or, they are more appropriate as letters to the editor of the BARSTOW LOG since they deal with a reader's concern about an article.

I require all Forum inquires to be researched and an action taken regarding the

issues and when appropriate the response is published in the BARSTOW LOG. I personally review replies and sign the responses. You also have my word that all Forum calls are confidential; the caller's identity is strictly guarded, and there are no reprisals for calling a concern or question into the Forum.

So there you have it, the Commander's Forum is an avenue of addressing concerns you may not be able to resolve through other means. It is an effective tool when used properly. Issues not of general interest should still be resolved with immediate supervisors, and it doesn't replace the chain of command, the grievance process or the request mast rights of Marines. It supplements them.

I once again ask you to stay informed and stay involved, use the Commander's Forum for how it is intended, and the vast majority of the work force will benefit from reading the response to your submission in the BARSTOW LOG.

## The Core of Independence

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik  
Base Chaplain



The celebration of July 4 historically is the acceptance by the Continental Congress of the Proclamation, The Declaration of Independence, on

July 4, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence stated the reasons for independence from Great Britain.

The memories of the July 4 are time spent in relationships with family and friends, celebrating with events such as fireworks (legal ones, of course), picnics, parades, concerts, and time with the people we love and care for.

The core of those relationships is spending leisure time being oneself and accepting others for themselves.

Although independence is a wonderful

thing, within families there should also be interdependence. We should build each other up within our families, and be able to share both our burdens and our joys. Otherwise, we feel alone and lost, like a sheep without a shepherd.

In the same respect, our relationship with God and the church should be a relationship of interdependence, rather than independence.

John 10:14 states, "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

We know each other within our flock because of the time we spend together. We have to spend time with God or else our independent ways will seek relationships that will make us stray away from God, and we will become lost and confused.

Spend time with God and be founded in that relationship.

As we spend time with God, and follow His will, we will know that we belong to Him, and will see His way for our lives.

Blessings to all,  
Chaplain Krupnik

## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Lance Cpl. Jason Fields, drafter and surveyor, scans a drawing of the Yermo Annex after adding the maintenance center's new test track to the layout. The Milbank, S.D. native wears many hats in his shop, including "chief cook and bottle washer," according to co-worker Rick Wiley.

### 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.



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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](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

## 2001 Executive Leadership Program

The Quality Management Office recently received a request for nominations for the Executive Leadership Program.

This is a leadership development program that affords the opportunity to meet and network with high-level officials in the Federal Government as a whole through the completion of executive interviews and shadowing assignment, working on developmental assignments, and improving current strengths. It also requires four TAD trips to Pennsylvania, Virginia and Missouri for training and a graduation ceremony in Maryland.

This program is available to full-time permanent employees at the GS 11-13 levels. Individuals should be nominated based on their leadership and managerial potential and their motivation to participate fully in and complete all of the components of the program. The program is one year in length and orientation begins August 19. Headquarters Marine Corps funds the \$3,650 tuition. The Civilian Leadership Development Program funds travel, lodging and per diem for CLD Participants who have been actively enrolled in the CLD Program for at

least three months. The submission deadline is July 20.

If interested in additional information or a nomination package then e-mail [zamonarr@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:zamonarr@barstow.usmc.mil).

## Medical/Dental Closure

The Branch Medical/Dental Clinic is closed today and open again tomorrow at 7:30 a.m.

## Route 66 Street Fair

The Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Route 66 Street Fair and Market Festival began June 5 and continues through August 28.

This Tuesday is Church Night.

Enjoy live music and fun for the whole family.

There will be a collection of local vendors and fun and games for kids. This year's events are on Main Street in Old Town Barstow, between Barstow Road and Second Avenue. Festivities run from 6-10 p.m. each Tuesday.

Future street fair themes include Military Night, Harley Night, National Night Out, Community, '50s Night and Off Road Night.

Anyone interested in being a vendor or assisting with the planning of this summer's community events call Cheryl Beardshear, 255-4834, or the Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617.

## Quarters of the Month

Pull out the hedge clippers and the lawn mower, your fertilizers and pruning scissors, because the Housing Office has begun its Quarters of the Month program again.

The June winners are as follows:

CWO3 Todd Evans, USA

Officer Winner, 1811 Vera Cruz

Staff Sgt. Stephen Locke, USMC

Staff NCO Winner, 1113 Chosin

DT2 Daniel Chadkewicz, USN

Enlisted Winner, 1013 Cape Gloucester

Staff Sgt. Lawrence Eckles, USA

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Criteria for winning the award is based on how well residents keep their lawns and yard. For Quarters of the Month winners, there are gifts from several merchants.

For more info call David Madrid, 577-6872.

## Staff Sergeant Selection Board

The 2001 Staff Sergeant Selection Board convenes July 17 for about nine weeks. Sergeants meeting the date of rank and – if applicable – the Armed Forces Active Duty Base Date cutoff are considered for promotion.

All eligible Marines must submit an official photograph taken within the last six months prior to the board convening date to the board.

Call 577-6146 to make an appointment to get an official photograph made.

For more info call Gunnery Sgt. Hilda B. Goodman at the Base Adjutant's office, 577-6656, or check out MARADMIN 246/01 on the Marine Corps Web site at <http://www.usmc.mil>.

## ASMC Scholarships

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is accepting applications for their annual scholarship awards.

ASMC will award three \$250 scholarships to assist eligible students with their educational goals. Applicants must be a family member of an ASMC member and must submit a one-page background letter with a recent photograph.

Submit applications by July 15 to Gloria Pawlow or Anne Jaramillo, Marine Corps Logistics Base, P.O. Box 100, Barstow, CA 92311-5004.

For more info call Gloria or Anne Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 577-6218.

## Summer School

Barstow Unified School District is saving energy this summer by holding summer school at five sites only: Barstow High, Barstow Middle School, Henderson, Cameron and Crestline. Summer school is held June 25-July 27. For specific school hours contact the school offices.

Office hours for the district Administrative Offices on Avenue H are 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. through August 10.

## Route 66 Museum Anniversary

The inaugural anniversary of the Route 66 Mother Road Museum is July 4 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Harvey House in Barstow.

The museum's grand opening was exactly one year ago on that date. Come see how it has grown. More old photos are on display with more exhibits and more to come. Refreshments are available and admission is free.

For more info call Debra Hodkin, 255-1890 or send her e-mail at [kdhod@earthlink.net](mailto:kdhod@earthlink.net).

## Contracting and Purchasing

The Contracting and Purchasing Office will be closed today and Friday and will resume normal business operations Monday, opening at 6:30 a.m.

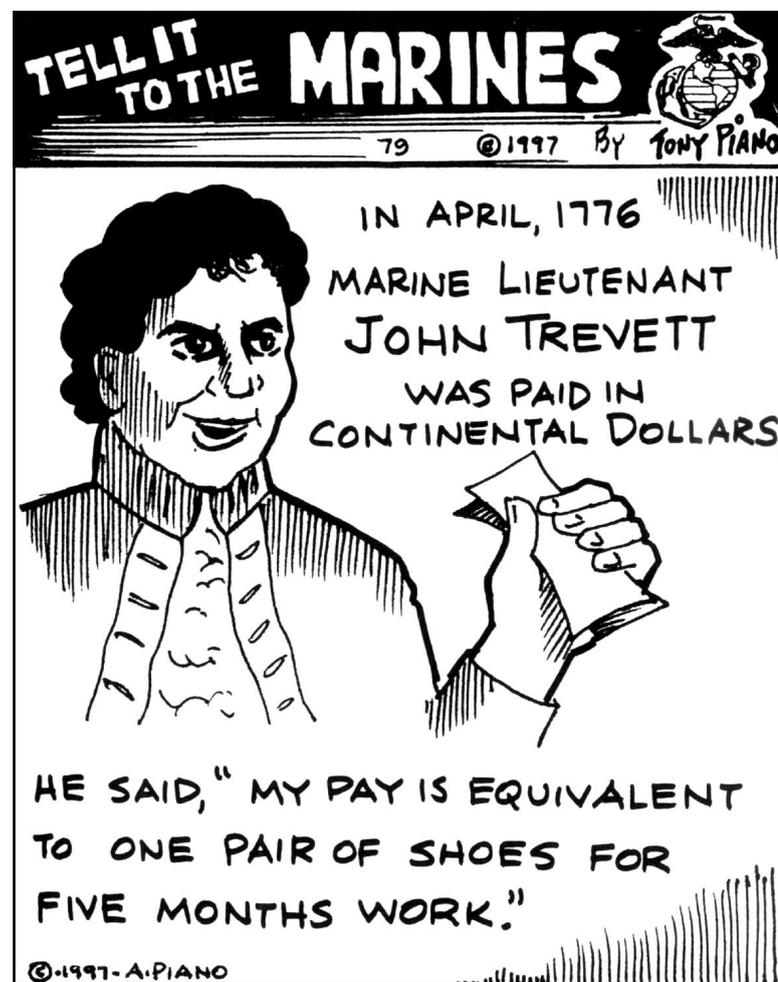
For more information contact Lew Hendricks at 577-6301.

## Safety shoes

Safety shoes are available for purchase Wednesday at the parking lot in front of Building 573 in Yermo from 7 to 11 a.m. and at the east end of Building 236 from noon to 2 p.m.

## USNI Essay Contest

The United States Naval Institute is a national organization of 70,000



men and women, both military and civilian, who share a common interest in issues facing the nation's maritime forces. Essays should persuasively discuss a topic relating to the stated objective of the USNI:

"The advancement of professional, literary and scientific knowledge in the maritime services, and the advancement of the knowledge of sea power."

Three essays will be selected for prizes. Anyone may enter.

First prize earns \$3,000, a gold medal, and lifetime membership in the USNI.

First honorable mention wins \$2,000 and a silver medal.

Second honorable mention wins \$1,000 and a bronze medal.

Winning essays are published in the May issue of *Proceedings* magazine.

Essays must be submitted to Arleigh Burke Essay Contest, U.S. Naval Institute, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, Md. 21402-5034. Essays must be postmarked before December 1.

Additional information may be obtained at the USNI Web Site at <http://www.navalinstitute.org>.

## Vacation Bible School

The Command Chaplain's Office is having Ecumenical Vacation bible School July 9 through 13 from 8 a.m.-noon.

Everyone is invited.

For more info or to register for this program, call the Chaplain's Office at 577-6849.

## Head Start/ State preschool

San Bernadino County Head Start/ State preschool is offering a free comprehensive child development program to low income families, families receiving CalWORKS/TANF and children with special needs regardless of citizenship status.

The program is open to children three or four years of age for full-day or part-day sessions five days a week. The full-program began Monday, but is still accepting applicants. The part-day program is 3 and a half hours a day in the mornings or afternoons and begins September 11.

Children will receive nutritional meals and there are individualized services for families.

Buses are running, so transportation is available to applicants who need it.

For more information stop by Barstow Head Start at 25757 Agate Rd., or call Lucille Stanson, eligibility worker, at 253-2957.

## Mounted Color Guard

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard is seeking members.

There are no prerequisites and previous experience with horses is not necessary. Mounted Color Guard Marines represent MCLB Barstow at parades and events throughout the country.

To join or find out more, visit the base stables at the rear gate of the Yermo Annex during normal work-

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## New Parent Support Program

### Wednesday Playmornings

Every Wednesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. the New Parent Support Program hosts Play Morning at the McKinney Youth Center for parents with children ages six and under.

Among the numerous activities are crafts fun for children and parents alike.

For more information call June Treadwell, 577-6332.

## Childbirth preparation classes

The New parent Support Program offers assistance to expectant parents with childbirth preparedness classes. The classes are free and, best of all, they are taught in a one-on-one environment at home.

June Treadwell, a registered nurse, gives the classes and covers everything about labor and delivery, including how 'dad' can be actively involved during the process.

To arrange appointments or for more information, call June Treadwell, 577-6332.



# Great food at better prices

*Getting the products people want to use at costs they like to see*

By **Cpl. Cory Kelly**  
Editor

One of the Defense Commissary Agency's goals is to put the right products at the right prices on the shelves. Now, with new ways of gathering information, doing this is becoming less of a goal and more of a reality.

Unlike in the past, commissaries now have access to sales information collected from what are branded in the industry as "front-end systems" — lines hooked up to each register that send information to a set of computers where it is collected and stored.

"Internally, this data determines item movement and helps evaluate whether an item is retained or deleted from the sales base," Jim Meugniot, Barstow Commissary store director, said. "Items within the same category compete for shelf space based on sales generated DeCA-wide.

"In a small store such as Barstow this becomes critical as space is limited. An example of an item retained DeCA-wide yet removed from the

small stores' contracts would be Green Giant vegetables. The sales for these items DeCA-wide did not warrant the space used versus the sales, in this case, of Del Monte vegetables in the smaller commissaries. This was actually true even here at Barstow," said Meugniot.

He then explained the commissary here may special order these items by the case through the neighboring commissary at Fort Irwin.

According to Meugniot the information collected from front-end systems can also be used to break down the hourly sales of the commissary, as well as track the sales of different items and brands.

"You can virtually compare the sales of one brand of green beans to another," Meugniot said. "Another thing it does is give us the ability to track receipts. If a customer comes in and says, 'I came in yesterday about this time and spent about this much money, but I lost my receipt. Can I get another one?' we can go back into the system, track down the time and sale amount, and print them another

receipt."

The information collected by the systems is uploaded each month by DeCA headquarters and is sold to independent "accounting" firms to provide comparisons between DeCA and other supermarkets subscribing to the same service(s). These services provide one way of determining savings on items as compared to other supermarkets, according to Meugniot.

"In the past, industry manufacturers and brokers had access to some of this data and occasionally shared it with DeCA if it was relevant to a sales presentation," explained Alan Flowers, a category manager in DeCA's Marketing Business Unit in Fort Lee, Va.

Meugniot explained DeCA now has routine access to store comparison information through their ties with independent firms that help determine whether the products on the shelves are, in fact, the products the shoppers want and whether the price offered is really the best price.

Another way commissary leaders

make sure they are giving the best prices possible is by physically checking those items DeCA Headquarter's Management Business Unit designate as Best Value items each month.

"Members of our commissary management staff actually go out and check the prices on those items against the prices in the local supermarkets. Our [Best Value items] are originally selected by our business partners as items they will guarantee are not being sold to other supermarkets anywhere at a lower wholesale cost," Meugniot said. "This allows us to be sure that we do indeed have the lowest price available and can advertise items as such." Some of DeCA's business partners include Kraft Foods, General Mills, and Proctor and Gamble.

The latest DeCA-wide survey showed patron savings at 29.2 percent, with the help of the best-price strategy and routine access to comparison information. As a whole, DeCA is only 0.8 percent away from delivering its 30 percent patron sav-

ings goal by fiscal year 2002.

Meugniot estimated that Southern California savings are in about the 34 percent range.

Mario Caputi, Barstow Commissary store manager, said even though savings percentages are looking good, that's not all he and his staff are concerned with.

"We want to let everyone know that we are here for them, and we try to do everything possible to ensure they are well satisfied if not delighted with their commissary," Caputi said.

Commissary leaders are doing all types of things locally to ensure shoppers get more, all around.

Events, like the cooking class the commissary held for patrons Saturday and the Farmer's Market held the weekend before, will continue to be offered on a regular basis to our patrons throughout the year, Meugniot said.

"We want to be assured of their continued patronage so they can be provided with a tangible dollar saving benefit that delivers not only the prices but the service level they deserve," said Meugniot.

# AROUND THE CORPS

## Department of Defense amended budget for FY 2002

### Department of Defense Press Release

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recently released details of President Bush's Fiscal Year 2002 amended defense budget. The amended budget adds funding and program details to the broad defense vision the President outlined in February in his budget submission to Congress, "A Blueprint for New Beginnings".

Secretary Rumsfeld said the new budget begins an increased focus on future threats. "If we are to extend this period of peace and prosperity, we need to prepare now for the new and different threats we will face in the decades ahead and not wait until they fully emerge."

The amended budget requests \$328.9 billion in discretionary budget authority for the Department of Defense.

In his Blueprint, the President outlined his vision for the revitalization of the U.S. defense posture and directed the Secretary of Defense to conduct a strategy review to guide defense decisions. The FY 2002 amended budget reflects both the President's revitalization vision and, to the extent possible, recommendations of Secretary Rumsfeld's strategy review so far.

DoD leaders say the budget reflects honest budgeting – based on sound projections of costs and needs. Besides addressing shortfalls, the budget supports modernization programs consistent with the early results of the Secretary's ongoing strategy review.

#### Personnel

The FY 2002 amended budget puts people first. It includes strong measures to improve morale, recruiting, and retention. It proposes major improvements to military pay, housing,

healthcare, and overall quality of life.

The budget includes the largest boost in military pay and benefits in a generation. This will help pay military people what is needed to attract, motivate, and retain the top quality people essential to the nation's security. Reflecting the large increases in pay and allowances, funding for Military Personnel is to climb from \$75 billion in FY 2001 to \$82 billion in FY 2002.

The budget includes the President's \$1.4 billion Blueprint initiative for military compensation. It funds a targeted pay raise – at least 5 percent for every service member and up to 10 percent for enlisted grades E-4 to E-9 and for mid-grade officers. This initiative will enhance

recruiting and retention by fundamentally changing the pay structure and increasing pay for grades with difficult retention challenges.

For the first time in recent years, the President's budget will fund a realistic estimate of military healthcare costs. The FY 2002 budget includes \$17.9 billion for the Defense Health Program – up sharply from \$12.1 billion in FY 2001.

#### Operation and Maintenance

The FY 2002 amended budget will boost readiness, which has been strained by a high tempo of operations and escalating maintenance costs for aging equipment. Funding will climb from \$108 billion in FY 2001 to \$126 billion in FY 2002.

The FY 2002 amended budget begins to implement President Bush's resolve to move beyond incremental improvements and instead develop the military capabilities needed for the 21st century. The budget accelerates the acquisition of capabilities especially appropriate for the 21st century security environment, such as capabilities to locate and track targets more rapidly and on a global basis; strike with increased speed, higher precision, and at greater ranges; and capitalize on the aggregate power of networked forces.

#### Procurement

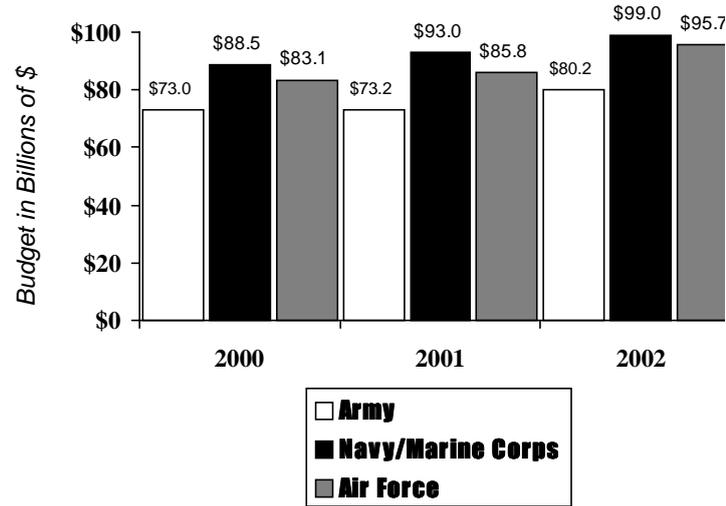
The budget of \$61.6 billion for Procurement emphasizes robust funding of systems that will continue to be necessary even with significant shifts in defense strategy, e.g., airlift assets, and it reflects realistic pricing of major weapons programs, which should reduce program disruptions.

#### Research, Development, Test and Evaluation

The budget builds upon the \$2.6 billion RDT&E initiative for leap-ahead technologies included in the President's Blueprint. It targets technologies with the greatest promise for transforming the U.S. defense posture. Within RDT&E, the budget includes \$8.8 billion for Science and Technology, which funds basic and applied research and development of technologies and prototype subsystems – all of which are key to preserving America's superiority in military capabilities.

The budget increases funding for information and space capabilities – both critical to deterrence and warfighting, and both unique advantages for the U.S. and its allies.

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# MCLB graduates first DEFY class

## Students, mentors reflect on experience and celebrate success of Phase I

Story and photos by Sgt. Brian Davidson  
Press Chief

A Friday afternoon graduation ceremony at the Oasis Club marked the end of Phase I of MCLB Barstow's Drug Education For Youth program.

Children and mentors taking part in the first DEFY program ever conducted at the command invited parents and members of the command to the graduation ceremony to give them a closer look at what was learned from the two-week endeavor.

DEFY graduate Ashley Johnson summed up what the program means to her in a few words, revised it and read it aloud to the crowd in attendance. "I would like to share what the DEFY program means to me," she began. "Drug Education For Youth is a program that helps youth learn about the negative effects of drugs and how they can avoid drug addiction and lead a healthy life," is how the preteen defined DEFY.

DEFY is a two-phased program for kids aged nine to 12 years old designed to protect them from behaviors that put them at risk for experimental drug use or falling victim to peer pressure. Phase I set the foundation for children the basic tools they need to succeed and develop positive social skills through role playing, team building, conflict resolution and decision making.

Also, participants engage in various activities, educational field trips and spend a substantial amount of time with their mentors to improve the effectiveness of the program.

DEFY kids took part in a variety of activities like visiting the Military Police Section and the MCLB Fire Department. Included in their field trips were visits to the famous San Diego Zoo, a group favorite, according to Lance Cpl. James Hostetler.

"The kids actually did role playing that allowed them the chance to show what the negative impact of drugs can have on a young life."

and how they would plan to react in the actual situations they may face someday if confronted by a group of peers and pressured to try drugs, alcohol or tobacco products," said Gunnery Sgt. Edward L. Jones, Jr., DEFY mentor.

For Jones, who has three daughters participating in the program, role-playing was one of the most beneficial tools used in the program. "We took the kids and we let some of them be the 'gang element' and gave them a situation to portray a person being approached in a bathroom," said Jones. "At first, some of them were just playing. Then, the gravity of the event came into perspective for them. They acted out what they would do, but some were at a loss and many didn't have very tactful ways of dealing with the problem. So, we gave them some words of advice in and what they could do and helped them understand what was realistic."

Ashley Johnson, and 53 of her peers graduated Phase I of the program, but that was only the initiation to their DEFY education.

DEFY graduation guest speaker and chief supporter Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander, shared his gratitude and appreciation for the efforts all involved.

"To the young people of Barstow who came together over this two-week period, the volunteers, parent support and the agencies and activities on base, thank you very much for the contributions you have made to this program's support because we are going to build upon what we have accomplished," said Costa.

Already, program coordinators Petty Officer 2nd Class Julie Dennison and Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond are preparing for Phase II of DEFY, which is scheduled to begin in September.

Phase II is designed to reinforce the concepts learned in Phase I.



DEFY kids take a bow after their skit performance at the graduation program. An interactive approach was used to share what they learned about the negative impact of drugs on a young life.



Physical fitness activities like tug-of-war and other Phase II activities are used to enhance self-esteem.



Ashley Johnson and Travis Edwards receive feedback from mentor Marisa Klavon on their speeches about what the DEFY program means to them.



DEFY graduates delve into a healthy feast at the conclusion of the program's graduation ceremony.





war are an integral part of Phase I and teamwork traits.

Aside from being just plain fun, the spirit of competition brought on by physical activities spread some of the biggest smiles upon the faces of the DEFY kids, especially when the girls teamed up against the boys, and they both teamed up to take on their mentors.



During the two-week long first phase of the program, DEFY kids were encouraged to reinforce the studious habits employed during the school year. During the first week of the program, many were quoted as saying being in the program is just like being in school. Still, all DEFY graduates agree the fun and challenging mix of character building activities and studies will prove invaluable.

**BRIEFS from Page 3**

ing hours, or call Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamod at 577-7302 or 577-7003.

**Head Start/State Preschool**

San Bernadino County Head Start/ State preschool is offering a free comprehensive child development program to low income families, families receiving CalWORKS/TANF and children with special needs regardless of citizenship status.

The program is open to children three or four years of age for full-day or part-day sessions five days a week. The full-program began Monday, but is still accepting applicants. The part-day program is 3.5 hours a day in the mornings or afternoons and begins September 11.

Children receive nutritional meals and there are individualized services for families.

Bus routes are running, so transportation is available to applicants who need it.

For more information stop by Barstow Head Start at 25757 Agate Rd., or call Lucille Stanson, eligibility worker, at 253-2957.

**Family housing town meeting**

All housing residents are invited to attend the Family housing town meeting. There will be two town meetings for all residents to attend on Tuesday, and July 12. The locations of the meetings are at the Youth Center Complex. This is an opportunity to help develop a better community. The meeting Tuesday will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The meeting July 12 starts at 6:30 and goes to 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will introduce the housing Staff and members of the partnering group. It will also address the water and energy policy. The meeting will also educate residents on their contract responsibilities like trash pickup and recycling, street sweeping, and the tree removal project.

There will be an open floor to residents for questions and comments. For more information, contact David Madrid at 577-6872.

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incentive is in place to encourage Marines to go the extra distance and ensure their fellow Marine gets home safe and not let them drive if they shouldn't.

"With our ride-share program and the duty-driver program we have in place, we are being very successful," said Ballard.

In reference to the incentive, many Marines believe it is the best incentive they could be offered.

"It amounts to a possible 16 days special liberty days off in a year," said Ballard. "Our level of awareness is very high and the expansion of the program to include drugs, is a part of the policy's sensible progression."

**Give it a twist**



**A minimum reduction of 20 percent interior lighting in all workspaces and quarters is directed.**

**This can be accomplished by "de-lamping" light fixtures, use less than full lighting banks, shutting off lights when spaces are not occupied for 30 minutes, use of "task area" lighting or other means.**

**Only use exterior lighting for minimum safety and security.**

Photo illustration by Sgt. Brian Davidson

**BUDGET from Page 5**

The budget advances the President's commitment to build effective missile defenses based on the best available technologies, deployed at the earliest possible date. It includes a total of \$7.0 billion for Ballistic Missile Defense Organization programs and \$1.3 billion for lower-tier systems that will be devolved to the Services.

The budget advances the President's initiative to reshape U.S. strategic and tactical nuclear forces for the post-Cold War world by funding design studies to convert two TRIDENT submarines to cruise missile carrying submarines and by beginning to retire Peacekeeper missiles.

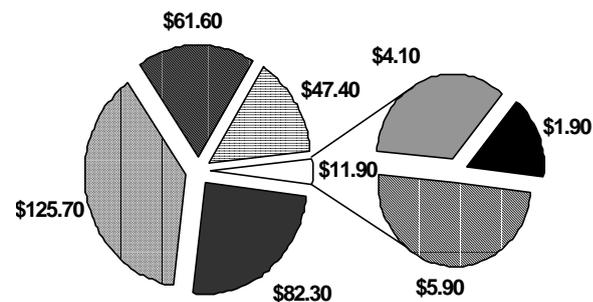
**Military Construction**

The budget includes a total of \$5.9 billion for Military Construction – up from \$5.3 billion in FY 2001. Funding will construct or renovate barracks, medical treatment facilities, schools, and physical fitness centers. The budget includes the President's \$400 million Blueprint initiative to improve housing for military people and their families: \$107 million in Military Construction for barracks and \$293 million for family housing.

**Family Housing**

The budget includes \$4.1 billion for Family Housing – up from \$3.6 billion in FY 2001. It intensifies efforts to improve the quality of military housing and accelerate elimination of substandard housing. It includes \$1.1 billion to construct or renovate about 6,500 family housing units and privatize more than 30,000 units.

**Fiscal year 2002 DoD budget breakdown**  
**\$328.9 Billion**



- Personnel
- Operation & maintenance
- Procurement
- Research, development, test and evaluation
- Military construction
- Family housing
- Funds, receipts & other

# MCCS



## MARINE CORPS

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### Big July Sale

The Super Seven Store's July sale is underway with great buys like these: Panasonic 36" TV \$699.99 (model #ct-36d11), RCA DVD \$179.99 (model #RC5215P), Apex DVD \$179.95 (model #AD5131), RCA portable CD player \$29.95 (model #RP2300), Sony 32" TV Flat Screen (model #32FS12), \$849.99.

Drop by and check out these bargains, and look for manager's specials throughout this month on men's clothing, fragrances and housewares.

The Super Seven Store now carries a wide assortment of lawn and garden supplies at competitive prices.

The Nebo MCX/Super Seven Store is open Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays and holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Yermo MCX/Railhead Exchange is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During troop rota-

tion; Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 256-8974.

The Gas station is open Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Credit card purchases available 24 hours.

### Lunch Menu

*Today* Nebo - Salad bar.

Yermo - Hot beef & cheddar sandwiches.

*Friday* - Hoki fish.

*Monday* - French dip sandwiches.

*Tuesday* - Angel hair pasta.

*Wednesday* - Baked chicken.

*Thursday* - Virginia baked ham.

Lunch is served: Nebo, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Yermo, 11:30 a.m. to noon. \$3 military, \$4.50 civilians.

### Family Night Menu

*Tonight* - Barbecue ribs.

*Next Thursday* - Veal parmesan.

Family Night dinners are served

Thursdays, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Prices: Adults \$4.50, children five to 11 years \$2.50, children under four years are free.

### Swimming Lessons at Semper Fit

Semper Fit's Water Safety Instructors begin teaching swim lessons July 9 and will continue until August 24.

Lessons are open to immediate family of active duty military, retirees and Oasis Club members.

Semper Fit will conduct four levels of the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program for children. There are four sessions this summer. Each session lasts 10 days (Monday-Friday) and is approximately 30 minutes.

There are no prerequisites for Level I, however, if you feel your child is past Level I, there will be an assessment required in order to place your child in the appropriate level. Course descriptions are handed out at registration. Each student must attend all classes and demonstrate minimum requirements to progress to the next level.

A maximum of 10 students per class will be enforced for safety and individual attention. Preregister until Friday for the first session. Minimum age requirement is four years of age. The cost is \$5 per session. Register at the Health Promotions Office at the Gym, Building 44.

Session I begins July 9 and continues until July 20.

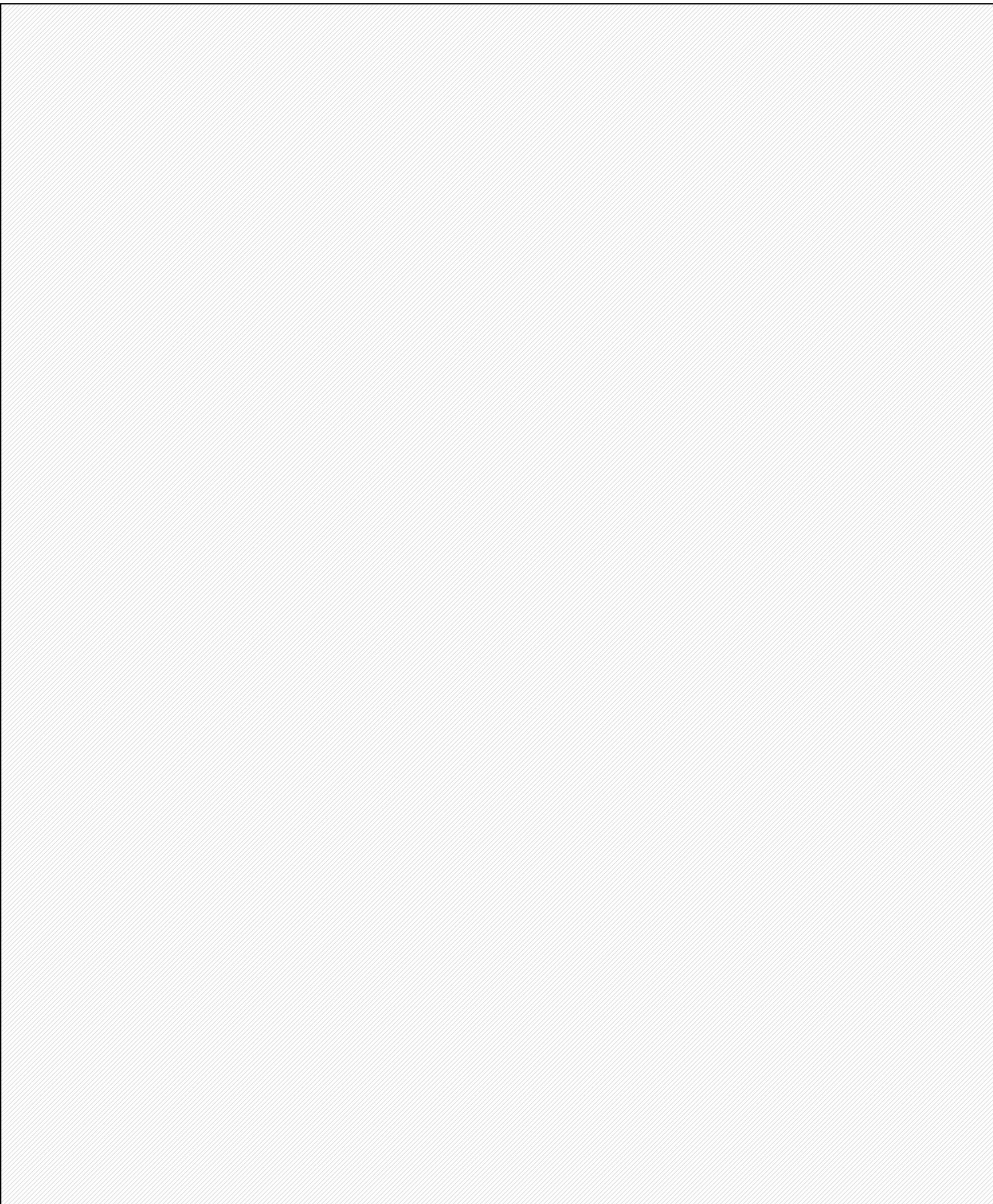
Call Marisa Klavon at Semper Fit 577-6814 for details.



## BREAKFAST at the Cactus Cafe Yermo

Beginning Monday, July 9, breakfast will be served  
Monday-Friday, 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.  
(closed payday Fridays)

**Menu:**  
Breakfast Burritos  
Omelets  
French Toast  
Pastry, Coffee & Juice



Please submit all Trader Ads to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

**1995 CAMARO:** Red, V-6, power windows, locks, seat, 103K and a CD player. Asking \$8,500 (under blue book). Call 447-3584. Ask for John.

**1995 FORD F-150:** Black, loaded ex-cab, 80k miles, bed-liner, asking \$12,000, OBO. Call 253-5164.

**1991 PLYMOUTH SUNDANCE:** Must sell \$1,800 OBO. Call 985-9281. Ask for Giovanna or lv msg.

**1989 CHEVY CAVALIER:** Air, automatic, 4 cylinder, nice car, needs engine work, \$700 OBO or trade. Call 252-9199.

**1968 CHEVY EL CAMINO:** 90 percent restored, all new trim, clean bumpers, new interior, passive theft system, front disk brakes, all new suspension, custom exhaust, 327, P/S, P/B, A/C stereo, \$4,000 OBO. Call 946-1340.

**1969 DODGE DART:** 360 engine, auto, 2 door, \$2,000. Call 252-9199.

**1985 BUICK PARK AVENUE:** Needs transmission work and other misc. work, runs, \$500 OBO. Call 256-1914.

**1988 CHRYSLER LEBARON:** Convertible, red, high mileage, runs, \$500 OBO. Call 256-1914 AWH.

**1977 CHEVY CAMARO RS:** Convertible, white, V-6, 3.8L engine, 76K, power windows, locks, security system. custom wheels, \$14,850 (under blue book) perfect condition. Call 254-1978.

**MOTORCYCLES:** 550 Kawasaki, runs great, must see to appreciate, \$500, OBO. Call 256-1914.

**SERVICES:** ATTN: LADIES, aesthetic body waxing and henna tattoos available right here on MCLB. Great rates, call for your appointment, 252-8666.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Schwinn 28mm (23") touring bike, 12 speed, Shimano gears, Exage derailleur, Exage brakes, clipless pedals by "Look", size 9 clipless shoes, touring pack, Bell helmet, Areo bar, lights, car bike rack, Cateye Vertra timer/clock, \$200 OBO. Call 946-1340.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Western saddle, good condition, 24 X 24 pipe corral, 3 rail, \$375; double bed \$25; child's toy box, \$25. Call 253-5164.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Children's loft bed w/side rails and homework desk underneath, \$200 OBO. Call 256-1914 AWH.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Blue and beige multi-color queen-sized hide-a-bed sofa with matching chair and ottoman, \$200; Blue lazy boy rocker/recliner, \$75; Free built-in Kitchenaid dishwasher, works, needs rack. Call 253-2394 AWH. Lv msg.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Weider Universal weight bench, 200 lbs, weight stations include vertical press, pull down, squats, lat lift and bar dip, \$150 OBO. Call 946-1340.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Water bed, king size, upper & lower storage drawers, lights, mirrors, mattress, heater, two sets of sheets like new, dark wood, \$365 OBO. Call 254-1978.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Maytag heavy duty, large capacity washer, xlt cond., \$150. Call 252-3309, lv msg.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Total gym w/instruction booklet, exercise guide and all accessories, 4 months old, as seen on TV, \$500. Call 252-0736.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Grass trimmer, cordless battery chargeable, \$25; cell phone, Nokia, 5120 with /battery and case \$45. Call 242-8839.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Kenwood 6+1 CD changer w/extra CD magazine for full size component stereo system, \$50. Call 252-0736.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** 3 eight foot steel tables, \$15 each; 6' work bench, \$50; 2 oak, easy chairs, \$50 each; Sleeper couch, queen size, blue \$50; Sears tool box, \$30; filing cabinet \$10; big stuffed frog, \$5. Call 252-7789.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Reel-to-reel Akai tape player, \$200; small work table, \$15; steel storage cabinet \$20; Gauntlet Arcade game \$300; sleeping bag, \$5; Kenmore electric dryer and washer, \$150 for the pair. Call 252-7789.

**PETS:** Doberman puppies, ready now, \$75 to \$200, blk and tan, males and females. Call 253-5164.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Found POW/MIA bracelet outside Barstow Community Hospital in the storage area, no idea how long it has been there, the name engraved on it is SFC Fredrick D. Herrera, USA, 25 May 69, SVN, NM. If you know this POW or his family please call Cory Martin, 254-2295 AWH.

**VANPOOL:** Forming from Victorville area to Yermo, 5-4-9 shift, make arrangements while seats are available. Call 240-3234.

**WANTED:** Motorcycle trailer, reasonable. Call 254-2095.

**WANTED:** Car or vanpool, 5-4-9 schedule, payday Friday, RDO, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Victorville, Hesperia or Apple Valley to Yermo. Call 244-1060 after 5:30 p.m.

**WANTED:** 360 engine and transmission from a Dodge, Chrysler, Plymouth or Jeep. Call 252-9199.

