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Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Sergeant Santo Candelario presents a plaque to Marine 1st Sgt. (Ret.) Chester Mathis, a former POW recognized at the MIA/POW Recognition Day Lunch held at the Barstow Veterans Home.

Rodeo Stampede

Compiled by
Public Affairs staff

Kicking off the 14th Annual Barstow Rodeo Stampede tomorrow night is a barbecue and dance.

There is no entry fee tomorrow night for those who want to come out and dance in a two-stepping contest or watch the Army and Marine Corps go head to head in a bull riding competition.

The barbecue costs \$6.50 and includes tri-tip and chicken with a slew of sides. There will be a no-host bar as well. A barrel racing competition is scheduled for the evening with a \$25 entry fee.

The rodeo kicks off at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday.

The rodeo will be located at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Arena at the Yermo Annex.

General Admission tickets for Saturday and Sunday are \$10 in advance and \$11 at the gate. Group tickets for parties of five are available for advance

purchase at only \$42.50.

In addition, V.I.P. tickets, which include preferred seating, a complimentary beverage and souvenir program go for \$15.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and is a competitive points rodeo. Last year, rodeo organizers estimated 7,000-plus attendees were on hand to witness a field of 250 PRCA cowboys compete in calf and team-roping events, steer wrestling, bareback riding, saddle bronc and bull riding.

The Barstow Rodeo Stampede is traditionally one of the final rodeos before the National Finals Rodeo in December, making it a magnet for top names in the sport who are in need of points to qualify for the finals.

There will be Mutton-Bustin' for the kiddies 65 pounds and under all three days. Rodeo tickets are available at ITI, 577-6541, or call Brenda German, 577-7139.

MCB receives Exemplar Award

By Gunnery Sgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

The maintenance center was one of seven High Desert entities recently recognized for their pollution prevention efforts.

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District presented its 2000/2001 Exemplar award to Col. Ervin Rivers, commander, Maintenance Center Barstow, during its regular governing board meeting September 24 in Victorville, Calif.

Rivers accepted the award on behalf of the more than 800 employees at the maintenance center and said, "While we know we are here to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, we know that we are also here to be a good neighbor and a good steward of our natural resources." Rivers then pledged his continuing support to environmental stewardship.

The maintenance center won its award for construction of its new vehicle test track facility. The concrete test track eliminates "fugitive" dust or

dust that finds its way into the atmosphere because of human activity.

The MDAQMD said that before the MCB constructed the track approximately 14 tons of fugitive dust were being put into the atmosphere per year.

"Now, with the concrete track, we are generating no noticeable amounts of dust. This helps the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District achieve their goals," said Jack Stormo, head, Environmental Division, Installation and logistics Department, here.

"The Exemplar awards recognize High Desert entities demonstrating an exceptional commitment to clean air through the development of voluntary activities or projects reducing or preventing air pollution within the MDAQMD's jurisdiction," said Violette Roberts, an MDAQMD spokesperson.

Travel lighter ... travel safer

Because of the Federal Aviation Administration's increased security requirements a number of items are not allowed on an aircraft. So, when traveling, it would be best to pack lighter.

Some of the items not allowed in either checked or carry-on baggage are razor blades of any kind (including snap-on safety blades/cartridges), disposable razors, scissors (including those in sewing kits), fingernail files, fingernail clippers or any sharp instrument of any kind. There will be no curbside baggage check-in. Only ticketed passengers will be allowed beyond security checkpoints. Passengers should have photo identification and a ticket confirmation (i.e. travelers with

ticketless travel will not be allowed beyond screening); ticket confirmations can be picked up at the airline counters.

Ontario International Airport officials are advising everyone planning to fly out of the airport to arrive at the airport two to two and a half hours before domestic flights and three to three and a half hours before international flights.

Airport officials are also asking travelers to contact their airlines directly before coming to the airport.



On and off duty, mishaps still happen

Released by HQMC

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During the month of August, six Marines and one Sailor died in on- and off-duty mishaps. One Marine died from a suspect suicide and nine Marines suffered significant injuries. The following is a summary of the Corps' casualties for the month of August.

On-duty fatalities for the month of August are as follows:

A Navy petty officer from Waterfront Operations Section, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, was performing routine service/maintenance of a fuel spill containment boom when he fell out from the boat and was run over; resulting in his death.

A private first class from 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Division and his unit were swimming during a unit function at Del Mar Beach, Calif., when the Marine was apparently caught by a rip tide and drowned.

An F/A-18 from VMFA crashed outside of Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Az. Its pilot, a captain, did not survive the crash.

A lance corporal 2nd Fast Company fell out of a four-mile platoon run and later died due to

cardiac collapse.

A lance corporal from 1st Battalion 2nd Marine Division was struck and gravely injured by lightning. He later died due to acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Off-duty fatalities for the month of August are as follows:

A corporal from the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band and his girlfriend were killed in a private motor vehicle accident. Both were wearing seatbelts.

A corporal for MATSG 23, Naval Air Station Lemoore, died in a single motor vehicle accident. He was not wearing his seatbelt.

On-duty mishaps during the month of August that resulted serious injuries are as follows:

A lance corporal from 8th ESB, 2nd FSSG was siphoning JP-8 multipurpose fuel from a rough terrain forklift when he unintentionally ingested approximately one cup of JP-8. He was admitted to the hospital in serious/guarded condition.

A corporal from 2nd TSB, 2nd FSSG fell down a ladder aboard the USS Trenton.

A Pioneer UAV from VMU-1 struck a gunnery sergeant (external pilot) on its landing rollout breaking the gunnery sergeant's right leg.

A sergeant from Marine Security Group Detachment, Rio De Janeiro, was participating in unit physical training playing volleyball in deep sand when he fell and fractured his hip bone pocket.

Off-duty mishaps during the month of August that resulted in serious injuries are as follows:

A lance corporal from 1st TSB, 1st FSSG was traveling in his privately owned vehicle when he struck a California Highway Patrol vehicle involved in traffic stop. The highway patrol vehicle exploded on impact, killing the officer. The lance corporal was not injured, but his passenger, a fellow Marine, sustained a concussion and a fractured forearm. Alcohol was a factor in this mishap.

A corporal from Marine Air Group-49 Detachment Bravo was riding a motorcycle and was hit by an oncoming sport utility vehicle. The corporal suffered a brain trauma and a ruptured spleen and is listed in critical condition.

A staff sergeant from 4th Force Reconnaissance, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, fell while pruning a tree, breaking his neck. The staff sergeant is currently in serious condition.

A private first class was involved in a single personal motor vehicle accident and suffered respiratory distress.

A lance corporal 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines 26 Marine Expeditionary Unit hit a telephone pole with his personal motor vehicle. He suffered head trauma and is in fair condition.

Mixed News:
Last year during the month of August three Marines died in off-duty ground mishaps and one died in an on-duty ground mishap involving a tactical vehicle. The three off-duty deaths were all the result of personal motor vehicle mishaps. This year, six active duty Marines and one Sailor died in on- and off-duty mishaps during August, as well as one suspected suicide.

So far this fiscal year, 67 Marines have died in on- and off-duty mishaps. Last year at this time, 96 Marines had died.

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Commitment of service

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



I attended a memorial service this week. One part of the service was the eulogy. The eulogy was given by the son. The son paid tribute to his father and the relationship they had together.

The son focused his tribute on the value of his father's service to his family, nation, community and church.

The focus of his fathers' life was that of service for others. What greater purpose is there in our lives than service?

In the gospel of Matthew, chapter 16, verse 25, we read, "For whoever wants to save his life

will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."

Our spiritual discipleship requires us to make a real commitment of service. That commitment of service gives a purpose in our lives in all that we do.

I believe we can lose our intended purpose when we do not have a commitment to service in our lives. Without that purpose of service, we become selfish, territorial, negative etc ... When we have that commitment to service, our purpose becomes just the opposite.

We want what benefits others. We see a greater good other than ourselves. Our witness of discipleship is seen and draws others to have that same relationship with God. What we will discover in our service is our real purpose in living, which is our service to each other.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Standing guard at the Fitness Center, Pfc. Marco Catano was one of the many Marines doing guard duty around base immediately after the terrorist attacks.

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.

Public Lands Day

The Bureau of Land Management is celebrating the 8th Annual National Public Lands Day by asking for 300 volunteers to participate in a variety of work projects in the Calico Mountains Saturday.

Volunteers will work on various projects such as signing a principle network of Off-Highway Vehicle trails, parking area delineation and general cleanup of the area.

Registration begins at 6 a.m. with work starting at 7 and continuing until noon. Interpretive programs and volunteer recognition activities are planned for the afternoon.

Local sponsors are providing a barbecue lunch and the first 300 volunteers receive a T-shirt and free pass to Henderson Pool.

The Calico Mountain area is a scenic historic mining district that supports a variety of outdoor activities including horseback riding, hiking, rock climbing, and limited OHV travel.

For more info call Rose Foster, 252-6011, or log onto the BLM Web site at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/volunteer.html>.

Emergency Blood Donations

Our country has been hit with a terrible tragedy, and it has been announced that they are in dire need of blood.

Anyone wishing to donate blood is urged to call the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside counties for local donation points.

Call toll-free for more info at 1-800-879-4484 or call their 24-hour hotline at (909) 885-6503.

Every donation is appreciated.

Leave transfer program

John Sickler, a heavy mobile equipment business center employee at Maintenance Center Barstow has been affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone desiring to donate to donate leave under the leave sharing program may obtain a leave donor appli-

cation through his administrative officer or call Pat Snyder, 577-7284.

Maintenance Center Picnic

The annual Maintenance Center Family Picnic is October 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Obregon Park.

Employees planning to attend need to give the names of family and friends they are inviting to their business center or department office. These names will be forwarded to the Provost Marshal's Office for admittance to the base. Also, ensure your guests know to bring a picture ID - preferably a driver's license.

Additionally, employees wishing to tour their work site with their family and friends may also do so, but identification will be required. Those wishing to visit the maintenance center during the picninc must state their intention of doing so when submitting their names.

For more info, call Staff Sgt. Larry Essary, 577-7470, or Heather Hahn, 577-67167.

Marine Corps Ball

Join us in celebrating our 226th Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Primm, Nevada, on November 8.

Don't be left out in the cold. Reserve a room today. Call 1-800-FUNSTOP at the Primmadonna resort and Casino. Be sure to tell them code SMC1108 to get a great room rate. Room prices are \$25. Jacuzzi rooms cost \$119 and suites are \$129.

All room reservations must be made by October 25.

Also, room reservations come with a free breakfast pass on November 9.

Don't delay - call 1-800-FUNSTOP today.

All-ranks Monday Night Football

All ranks are invited to watch Monday night football games at the Oasis Club on the big screen. There will be free finger foods and prizes the doors open at 5 p.m.

Final scoring bids will be taken at 5:55 p.m.

For more info call Jo Yount at 577-6342.

Safety shoes

Safety shoes will be on sale Wednesday at the parking lot in front of Bldg. 573 at the Yermo annex from 7-11 a.m. and at the parking lot at the east end of Bldg. 236 at Nebo from noon-2 p.m.

Mounted Color Guard

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard is seeking members.

There are no prerequisites, other than being an active duty Marine. 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 working hours, or call Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond at 577-7302 or 577-7003.

Naval Academy

The Naval Academy and the Naval Academy Preparatory School is accepting applications for fiscal year 2002 from enlisted Marines on active duty and Marine Corps Reserve.

Although the application submission deadline is January 31, packages submitted early are eligible for early offers of appointment to the USNA or early selection to NAPS.

Applicants to either school are required to be at least 17 years old and no older than 23 on July 1 of the year they would enter the academy, unmarried, not pregnant and have no dependents to be considered for acceptance.

For more information on how to submit an application and the required endorsements for an application visit the Naval Academy's Web site at <http://www.usna.edu> or call (410) 293-1000.

Attention: Activated Military

Reservists, National Guardsmen,

retired military who are subject to recall to active duty: For information on rights and benefits if called to active duty contact the Human Resources Office, 577-6481/6279/6487 or Employee/Labor Relations, 577-6914.

DEAP Luncheon

In observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Disabled Employee Awareness Program is hosting a luncheon October 24 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Oasis Club.

Featured speakers are Lee Gardner, Canine Companion for Independence Program, and Susan Sorensen, Barstow Special Olympics committee. The menu is Cordon Bleu, rice pilaf and steamed vegetables or a Chef's Salad.

Event tickets are \$7 each and must be purchased by October 12 from the following DEAP committee members:

NAME	PHONE
Colleen Donnelly	577-7303
Marva Johnson	577-6965
Randy Meyer	577-6366
Michelle Noice	577-6780
Jack Stormo	577-6937
Rick Kastner	577-6179
Micky Olguin	
Luci Wais	577-6487

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.

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 post-marked before December 1.

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

Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-400-01-NR	Civil Engineer GS-0810-12	09/04/01	10/04/01	09/19/01	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé 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, 577-6357.

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.donbr.navy.mil>.

DoD and BofA take stronger stance against past due bills and delinquent accounts.



Travelers beware

By Cpl. Cory Kelly
Editor

Bank of America recently responded to astronomical losses in the Government Travel Charge Card program by proposing changes to charge card policies.

These changes are expected to help curb the number of delinquent accounts of government personnel. Many of these changes are already in effect throughout the Department Of Defense and apply to civilian as well as military personnel.

Since starting the GTCC program in November 1998, Bank of America has written off more than \$57 million in losses for DoD personnel, according to a recent message to all Marines. This figure includes 2,308 Marine Corps

accounts totaling \$2.8 million.

The following policy changes are already in effect:

- The late fee increased from \$20 at 120 days past due to \$29 at 75 days past due. The non-sufficient funds fee for dishonored checks increased from \$20 to \$29.

- Automated Teller Machine cash advance fees increased from 1.9 percent to 3 percent or \$2, whichever is greater.

- A \$20 fee will be assessed for expedited delivery of emergency replacements for cards lost, stolen, or otherwise unusable by travelers who are in a travel status. However, this fee is a reimbursable expense to the traveler.

Staff Sgt. Jess Castillo, finance office, says it is relatively easy to get reimbursed. "There's a section on your travel claim for reimbursable

expenses like this," he said. "Just bring a copy of your statement ... or we can look it up in the system."

The following changes to Government Travel Charge Card accounts will come into effect before the end of the calendar year:

- Decreased credit/ATM limits will be phased in over a six-month period. Implementation is expected to begin prior to December but no firm date has yet to be established. All standard cardholders ATM/credit limits will be reduced from the current \$500 ATM/\$5,000 credit limit to a \$250 ATM/\$2,500 credit limit. All restricted cardholders ATM/credit limits will be reduced from the current \$200 ATM/\$1,250 credit limit to \$125 ATM/\$1,000 credit limit.

According to Castillo the main reason for the lowered ATM limits is to prevent fraud or

fraudulent use. "They want you to use the card for everything you can ... for food, for hotel rooms, everything. Because if you take out a lump sum in a cash advance, there is no way of knowing what that money was used for. But if you use the card for everything we can tell where the money went," he said.

The credit limits are being lowered for slightly different reasons. "Most people don't need that much money when they travel," Castillo said. "And since most people will never need that much money, there is no reason to keep the limits as high as they are now."

By lowering the credit limits it also keeps travelers from spending more than they are allotted, according to Castillo.

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Martial Arts Training Program

The Marine Corps has long been regarded as one of the world's premiere fighting forces. This hard earned reputation, which spans our 226-year history, is the product of warrior culture steeped in the fundamentals of individual strengths that lead to unit capability.

We are committed to the principles of basic warrior training for all Marines, which supports our credo, "Every Marine a Rifleman."

The Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, implemented in October 2000, is a natural extension of these basic tenets. Although it is a skill progression program offering Martial Arts Training through a system of belt rankings from tan through sixth degree black belt, it is much, much more. It is a reflection of our warrior ethos that provides a vehicle for enhanced unit cohesion and increased self-worth.

Like marksmanship training, this program provides our Marines with additional tools that they can use on the battlefield.

It will require a consistent individual investment of time to develop and master the skills. The benefits of improved self-esteem, mental discipline, and personal pride are worthy of the investment and provide substantial returns for our Corps.

To realize these benefits, we must embrace the concept as well as the training. We must incorporate it into the daily lives of our Marines, much as we currently do with physical training. We must make it readily available to them as we do our Semper Fit programs. A Marine should be able to train during his lunch hour or after work or on weekends.

We must assimilate this training until it is second nature and a much a part of our ethos as sit ups, pull ups and a three-mile run.

To further institutionalize the program and promote career long commitment to maintaining proficiency, we are exploring linking it to the Performance Evaluation System and promotions.

Since its inception, we have certified over 150 training sites for Martial Arts instructors and have certified over 700 trainers. By the end of fiscal year 2002, we will have another 160 training sites and an additional 700 certified instructors, facilitating our goal of every Marine earning a tan belt by the end of fiscal year 2003.

You can help make this a reality.

I urge you to support your Marines as they accept the challenge and to look for additional ways to institutionalize this program.

Semper Fidelis,

James L. Jones,
General, U.S. Marine Corps,
Commandant of the Marine Corps

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For travelers who need to have their ATM/credit limits raised as necessary to meet mission requirements, Castillo said travelers attached to MCLB Barstow can contact him and he can have their limits raised.

Also, the DoD will establish procedures to implement salary offset (involuntary payment for debts to the Bank of America) for delinquent Government Travel Charge Card accounts no later than Oct. 9.

Once the salary offset procedures are instituted, the BofA will be able to seek salary offset for payment of delinquent accounts once the balance is 90 days past due. The BofA will also be able to seek salary offset for accounts previously written off as bad debts.

Castillo said although no official

guidelines or procedures have been set for salary offset it should work almost like an allotment. "They probably won't take anything more than one tenth of your pay out every pay period until the debt is settled." He noted that however it does end up working, a government employee will never go without a pay check to settle the balance.

As a word to the wise, Castillo said the best way to keep from having to deal with the bulk of the new policies is to spend money the way it's supposed to be spent.

"Only buy what you're supposed to buy, and only spend as much as you're allotted," he said. He then explained how anyone who does that and settles their BofA debts on time won't have anything to worry about.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY 2001



Photo by Curt Lambert

Vetran's Home American Legion Post #855 Commander Bill Jackson talks about the history of the American Flag and how it will still fly high after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. He also led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

A POW/MIA Recognition Day lunch and ceremony were held at the Barstow Veterans Home Friday.

The Veterans Home and MCLB honored all the POW's living in the High Desert area. Many were on hand to receive their plaques, handed out by servicemembers from each branch of service.

To start the ceremony, a joint color guard was brought in to present the colors. After saying the Pledge of Allegiance, the director of the Barstow Veterans Home, John R. Heltsley, began the ceremony with some remarks about the recent terrorist attacks.

Major Rob Ali, public affairs officer at Fort Irwin, followed with some remarks behalf of Fort Irwin, praising the efforts of those who have gone before to fight for freedom, and in this case, recognize those still missing, and those who were prisoners of war.

Colonel Liz Bergman, Marine base commander, joined the other speakers in giving the greatest gratitude to the POW's present.

"You are an incredible group, and your experiences, and your stories provide to others a timely and vivid example of the cost of freedom," aid Bergman. "It is an example we need today."

Some of the POW's present at the event dated all the way back to World War II. One even survived the Bataan Death March.

Another POW was at Bataan when it was overran, but escaped capture by swimming all the way to Corregidor. He was then captured 23 days later when the Japanese took that island.

These were truly American heroes who were honored and will not be forgotten.



Photo by Curt Lambert

POW's and guests were treated to lunch at the Barstow Veterans Home.

The only empty table

A small table symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner alone against his captors.

The white tablecloth represents the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

A single rose represents the blood they shed in sacrifice to ensure our freedom.

A lemon slice reminds us of their bitter fate.

Sprinkles of salt symbolize the countless tears their loved ones have shed.

The glass is inverted because they cannot toast with us.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope living in our hearts.

The POW/MIA Flag reminds us that many of them may never return.

The chair is empty; they're not here with us.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Sergeant Major Tualago Tautua greets veterans at the Barstow Veterans Home.



AROUND THE CORPS



Photo by Lance Cpl. Marcus L. Miller

Corporal Brent A. Larsen, foreground, and Lance Cpl. Ernie J. Ernst of Georgetown assault the beach during a morning beach raid. Both Marines were part of Team 1, Center Beach Recon Element. The course, which is nine days long, was held in Cape Canaveral, Fla., at the Cape Canaveral Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Unit. Its main objective is to train and certify scout swimmers of the MEU's Boat Company, Lima Company.

26th MEU prepares to move forward

By Sgt. Michael Corcoran
26th MEU

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — In the wake of an event so devastating it affected every nation on Earth, the United States is sending out its "911 Force" as scheduled.

The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) is a 2,200 strong Marine Air-Ground Task Force that will soon say good-bye to Camp Lejeune and begin a six-month deployment cycle through the Mediterranean region.

The 26th MEU (SOC) received its SOC qualification approximately a month ago. The qualification came after six-months of intense training and demanding exercises in such far-off lands as Jacksonville, Fla., and the island of Vieques.

Colonel Andrew P. Frick, 26th MEU commanding officer, said the recent "attacks on America" in New York and Washington have done nothing to effect the readiness of his MEU Marines. Despite the tragedy, he explained that the fundamentals taught to Marines have not changed.

"The attacks highlighted the fact that we need to be ever-vigilant against terrorist attacks," said Frick. "Marines especially, as a group that can be singled out, not only by our uniform, but by

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“It was almost 6:25 a.m. and our office was getting ready for an inspection. When all of a sudden my Marines came in saying, ‘Damn, we just witnessed a terrorist attack.’ So we all turn on the T.V. not knowing what to expect and there it was, it was horrifying. My heart sank ... standing there in my blues and seeing the Pentagon in flames, made me think about my fellow Marines out there. When we witnessed on live T.V., the collapsing of the towers that had to be the worst feeling ... just knowing there were people and rescue workers in there and below just brought a sense of helplessness.”
Cpl. Gabriel A. Lopez
travel clerk

“I was home getting ready to come to work when my youngest brother Randy called and told me what happened and to turn the T.V. on. After the initial shock, ‘prayer’ always comes next. I thought our Country needs prayer ... prayer for our brave firefighters and their families, prayer for all the lives that are missing and their loved ones, prayer for our nation.”
Patricia Biles
Fire & Emergency Services
Division

“I walked into work just like any other day and the radio was on the same as every day before. But before I could take two steps in the door I heard the man on the radio say a plane just crashed into the World Trade Center. I stopped and listened for a minute to make sure it was true and from that point on the rest of the day I was just in awe.”
Lance Cpl. Jason Fields
drafter and surveyor

“I was watching the news on Channel 4 while getting ready for work when I heard the ‘breaking news story.’ I was glued to the television in total shock watching the horrifying events ... I could not believe this terrible tragedy was happening.”
Betty Quiroz
secretary

“I was at home when I first heard about it. I was surprised and shocked. All I could think was why here, in America and at two of the most important sites in the country.”
Rosalie Robillos
Commissary cashier

“I received a call at home from a friend, asking me where my husband was. I turned on the T.V. and watched it. I was surprised and saddened.”
Morgan Patterson
Commissary bagger



“We were at home getting ready for work. At first, we thought it was an accident by a small plane. After we got to work we found out it was a terrorist attack. My first thought was, ‘this is just the beginning.’”

**Larry Russell
CWC 735 supervisor**

“I was at my house when my daughter called me about the Pentagon. I turned on the news and found out the whole story. I was worried because my brother works in the Pentagon, and his office was on the side that was hit. It turns out he was in a meeting on the other side of the building when the plane crashed into his office.”

**Gunnery Sgt. David Pooler
Vehicle Registration**

“I turned the TV on just after the first tower was hit, and, at that point, I thought this was just an accident. Then I saw the second plane strike and knew that this was an act of war. My thoughts were torn between our lost and injured Americans and striking back with such force that ALL countries would know not to mess with the ‘Good old USA.’”

**Bill Kearl
quality assurance specialist**

“I was at work. I can’t believe what has happened. Who would have ever thought Washington D.C. and New York would have been attacked by terrorists using our own planes. I will never understand how people can hate other people ... and they don’t even know us ...”

**Debbie Anilao
budget assistant**

“I was walking toward the building when someone tapped my shoulder and said, ‘Can you believe someone bombed the World Trade Center?’ I responded in disbelief. I rushed to turn my radio on and upon hearing the ugly truth, I felt like something died inside me. I thought of all the people in that building being buried alive. I wanted to go help and then I asked myself ... How?”

**Lisa Thiem
Safety Office support clerk**

“I was on a train to Missouri when the conductor woke me up over the speaker with the news that planes had crashed into the World Trade Center. We got off at Albuquerque, and they had dogs doing bomb searches. I wanted to get home, but I was afraid I wasn’t going to make it there.”

**Cathey Donaldson
resident center administrator**

“I was watching the news at my house, putting my boots on, when I saw the plane crash into the building. I was just stunned at first, and then after awhile I became mad at the people who did it.”

**Sgt. Micheal McGee
Armory**



MCCS



MARINE CORPS Community Services Barstow

By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Lunch menu

- Today* – Beef sirloin steak.
- Friday* – Baked trout.
- Monday* – Spaghetti w/french bread.
- Tuesday* – Mongolian beef.
- Wednesday* – Teryaki chicken breast.
- Thursday* – Salad and baked potato

bar (Nebo & Yermo).

Lunch is served: Nebo - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Yermo 11:30 a.m.- noon.

Cost: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilians.

Family Night Menu at Oasis Club

- Tonight* – Mama's meat loaf.
- Next Thursday* – Chuckwagon

Night.

Family Night dinners are served Thursdays at the Oasis Club in conjunction with the Oasis Club Members Night.

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

Golf Tournament

The Commanding Officer's Golf Tournament is October 6 with tee-off time set for 8 a.m.

You may be able to still sign up to participate in the tournament, but hurry.

Tees & Trees is changing hours October 28. We'll be closing at 5 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

For more info call 577-6431.

CHECK OUT OUR OCTOBER SALE!



Boo!

ELECTRONICS
AIWA Home Theatre System (XS-D570)
360 watts \$379.99

CANNON Bubble Jet printer (BJC2100)
\$69.99

PLAYSTATION 2 Race Pack Red
\$329.99

Eeek!

Drop by and check out our October Sale. Lots of great buys and specials all over the store.

NEW CLOTHING LINES ARE IN:

For men – Ecko, Sean John and leather jackets at unbeatable prices!
For women – Tommy Girl, DKNY, BCBG and much more.

NEW THIS MONTH:

Super Star Student Program, where students in grades 6th through 12th are eligible to win CDs, toys, and even a \$1,000 savings bond. The student must present a recent report card with at least a "B" average in order to be presented with a scratch card which will reveal his or her prize.

For more information on the Super Star Student Program contact the MCLB Exchange.

MCLB EXCHANGE

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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage month is being observed throughout America.

The Department of Defense theme for this year's observance is "Paving the way for Future Generations."

The 2000 census is showing that the future generations will include more Hispanic Americans. While society is beginning to recognize the impact the Hispanic population is has on the demographics of America, Marine Corps history serves as a reminder of the contribution Hispanic Americans have made to our legacy as a military power.

Marines such as PFC Harold Gonsalves (WWII), 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez (Korea), PFC Fernando L. Garcia (Korea), Capt. Jay R. Vargas

(Vietnam), and Sgt. Alfredo Gonzales were awarded the Medal of Honor for their brave acts in combat. These Marines, and thousands like them, have helped pave the way to today,

and for future generations. Their actions demonstrate an aggressive fighting spirit and unfaltering devotion to duty. Although Marines may come from different races and backgrounds, their core values bind them and bring unity of action to the battlefield against which no enemy can stand. The Marine Corps continues to benefit from the ethnic and racial diversity in its military and civilian members. Hispanic Heritage Month offers a superb opportunity to reflect, not only on a history of winning battles and making Marines, but also on the important and lasting contributions Hispanic Americans have made to country and Corps.

HISPANIC



HERITAGE

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So far this fiscal year, 67 Marines have died in on- and off-duty mishaps. Last year at this time, 96 Marines had died.

This past month five civilians also died in on- and off-duty mishaps involving Marines. Several other were injured. A staff sergeant from the School of Infantry pulled out of a side road in his personal motor vehicle and collided with an oncoming vehicle. The Marine received only minor injuries, however, the civilian driver of the other vehicle is in critical condition and a 7-year-old child in that vehicle died.

A lance corporal from 2nd LAR Battalion was driving a 5-ton during road march training. The 5-ton truck impacted a civilian minivan. The civilian female driver of the minivan was killed. These are only a few of the accidents that resulted in tragedy to not only a Marine, but either a family member or a complete stranger.

The number of dead and injured

civilians and family members clearly illustrate that decisions we make as individuals can have tragic and life-changing effects on ourselves, our families and even complete strangers. A vehicle operated with either momentary inattention or complete disregard becomes a dangerous weapon.

General James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, asks, "Before you drive somewhere, either as a driver or a passenger, ask yourself what the risks are, and how you can minimize them."

From fiscal year 1998 to 2000, 54 percent of personal motor vehicle deaths, Marine Corps-

wide, happened on the weekend, with 61 percent occurring at night. Alcohol was a factor in 33 percent of those deaths, while the lack of a seatbelt and speeding were both factors in more than 40 percent of these deaths.

"Control these risks, and you have greatly increased not only your chances, but the chances of your passengers and every other vehicle on the road," Jones stated.

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- General James L. Jones

SPORTS

MCLB

Bulldogs

sweep league

double-header



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Bryce Catlett tees off on a pitch from the Untouchables. Catlett and the Bulldogs scored 41 runs in the game.

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The MCLB Bulldogs swept a double-header September 20 against Sundance Roofing and the Untouchables at the SPORTSPARK in Barstow.

In their first game, the Bulldogs faced Sundance Roofing. Usually a formidable foe for MCLB, Sundance Roofing was shorthanded for this contest. They only had eight of their regular players for the game, with another showing up in the late stages of the game.

The Bulldogs were at full force for the contest. They started the game off with a bang as well when the first four batters scored to jump out to a 4-0 lead.

Sundance Roofing still had enough pop in their lineup to keep pace with the Bulldogs. They answered the call by scoring three runs of their own in the top of the second inning. They also held MCLB scoreless in the bottom half of the frame to keep the score at 4-3 through two innings.

MCLB put the clamps down on Sundance Roofing in the top of the third, then came up to bat to do some damage. Dennis Owen and Bryce Catlett scored for the Bulldogs to extend their lead to 6-3.

Sundance Roofing puts four runs on the board in the top of the fourth inning. The Bulldogs answered them right back however, by scoring four runs of their own. The score after four innings was 10-7.

The fifth inning saw each team score one run. In the sixth inning, Sundance Roofing was held scoreless by MCLB. The Bulldogs turned around and scored three runs to make the lead 14-8. Sundance Roofing scored three runs in the top of the

seventh inning, but it proved to be too little, as the Bulldogs pulled out the victory with a final score of 14-11.

The second game of the double-header pitted the Bulldogs against the Untouchables. This game seemed to be over before it started.

The Bulldogs jumped right on the Untouchables in the bottom of the first inning. After the Untouchables managed to get two runs across in the top of the first, the Bulldogs broke out the lumber.

MCLB batted around twice in the inning, scoring 19 runs on the Untouchables. Aided by a couple of errors in the field, the Bulldogs did most of the work with base hits. Eight of the 11 batters in the order came away with two hits in the inning.

After the first inning, the Bulldogs took a vacation. They only managed two base runners in the next three innings. The Untouchables however, worked their way back in the game. In the top of the fifth inning, they made the comeback complete by scoring 10 runs to take the lead at 20-19.

The Untouchables woke a sleeping giant as the Bulldogs quickly snapped out of their funk. They batted around twice before even recording an out.

After scoring three runs, Paul Zacharzuk came up and dropped a three-run donkey bomb to send the Untouchables reeling. The Bulldogs seemed incapable of doing any wrong in the inning.

Finally, the Untouchables recorded three straight outs to end the inning, but the damage had more than been done.

The Bulldogs scored 22 runs in the inning and won by the slaughter rule, 41-20. They play another double-header tonight at the SPORTSPARK.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEF

Blackhorse Marathon

Due to recent events, the date of the U.S. Army's 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Blackhorse Marathon, scheduled for Saturday at Fort Irwin, Calif., has been changed to Nov. 18.

The race begins at 7:30 a.m. Interested runners may register online at <http://www.11thacrbha.org/race/marathon.htm>. On-site registration will also be available the day of the race. The registration fee is \$45.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Marcus Hopkins at 380-3837.

GUNNY'S PICKS

Week 3



Kenneth Breckenridge is this week's winner. He is not yet ready to gloat about it however. "I'll wait and see if I win again," said Breckenridge. "Then I'll know it was for real."

To submit your choices for Gunny's Picks, fill out this section of the newspaper and drop it off at the Public Affairs Office in the Red Wing of Building 15, or e-mail who you think will win each game to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Call 577-6451 for rules and deadlines.

- *Green Bay at Carolina
- *Indianapolis at New England
- *Kansas City at Washington
- Miami at St. Louis*
- *New Orleans at NY Giants
- *Pittsburgh at Buffalo

- Atlanta at Arizona*
- Baltimore at Denver*
- Cincinnati at San Diego*
- Cleveland at Jacksonville*
- Seattle at Oakland*
- Dallas at Philadelphia*

Tampa Bay at Minnesota*

Monday Night

*San Francisco at NY Jets

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____
 Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.

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our actions and deeds.

"Just as we teach Marines to be the most ready when everyone else is least ready, we must also be ready to protect ourselves."

The commanders of all the elements of the MEU share the same confidence in their Marines.

"The Marines and Sailors of Marine Medium Helicopter-365 are second to none — we will prove this in the days ahead," said Lt. Col. Kevin M. Devore, HMM-365 (Reinforced) commanding officer.

Devore said his Marines have trained long and hard to get where they are right now. He said the Marines of the Aviation Combat Element are well trained and their aircraft are in 'superb condition.' "Our Marines are hungry for action."

"Hungry" describes Battalion Landing Team 3/6's command ideology perfectly. Lt. Col. Jerome M. Lynes, BLT commanding officer, described his unit as an athlete who has reached pinnacle performance with perfect timing for the event.

"Our motto as a Battalion Landing Team is, 'Bring it on!'" said Lynes.

"My Marines are the direct lineal descendents of those in 3/6 who went through the wheat at Belleau Wood and through the surf at Tarawa," said Lynes. "They are the same type of guys and (given the correct moment in time, place and history) they will show the world our American resolve."

If BLT 3/6 exhorts 'Bring it on!' perhaps MEU Service Support Group-26's motto should just be, 'Just bring it!' Lt. Col. William M. Faulkner, MSSG-26 commanding officer, and his Marines are ready.

Like the ACE and the BLT before them, the Marines and Sailors of MSSG-26 have undergone some very intense training to get to this point.

"The result [of that training] ... is a team that is organized and equipped to provide timely and effective combat service support during poten-

tial contingency operations," said Faulkner.

The MEU will always project United States power overseas, said 2nd Lt. Kimberly E. Jones, MSSG-26 assistant supply officer.

She said the MSSG-26 and the MEU Marines and Sailors are ready to carry out the orders of the president and protect the liberty of our loved ones at home and abroad.

"I know we're ready," said Sgt. Ken Johnston, command element intelligence systems administrator. He said that he could definitely vouch for the readiness of his shop explaining they received high assessments during the training evolution.

"It doesn't matter what your MOS [military occupation specialty] is, everyone is part of the team," said Lance Cpl. Ryan Thebaud, MSSG-26 field wireman.

"Despite the state of the world today, the 26th MEU stands ready to face any obstacle or foe and win."

"All Marines are flexible enough to fill more than one position." Like a varsity athlete, sometimes you have to play offense, defense and on special teams.

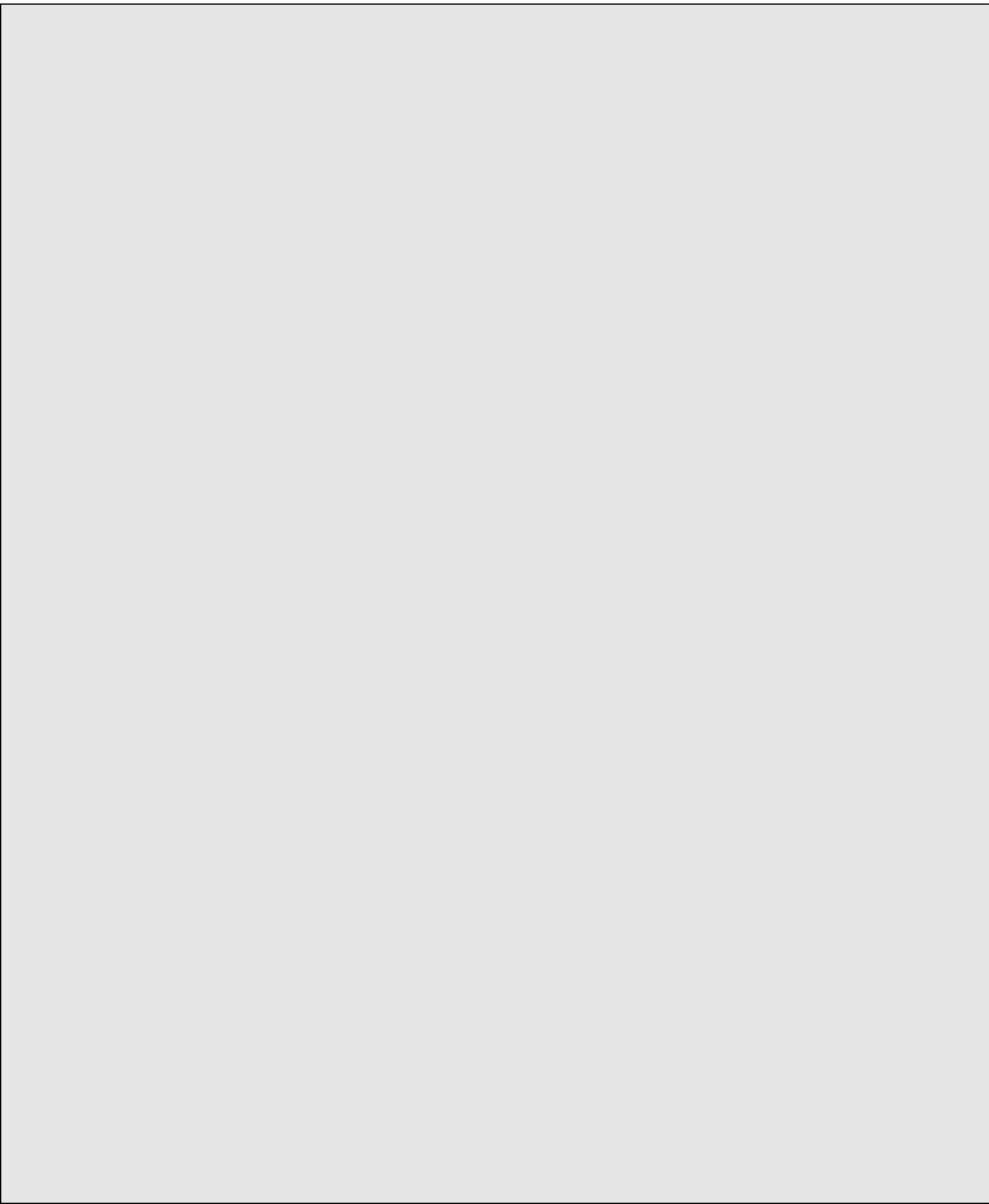
"Our focus — do what has to be done — hasn't changed since September 11th," said Lynes, "but we will carry in our hearts our national loss and stand ready to do something about it, if called upon. We will be alert and ready as we always have."

About 2,200 Marines and Sailors will kiss loved ones goodbye Sept. 20, smile warmly and confidently for their spouses, parents and friends and embrace their 'littlest fans,' the ones who call them Daddy or Mom.

As they depart the North Carolina shoreline, they go to sea with the nation's resolve to do what must be done and preserve liberty for every American.

"The incidents of September 11, in no way, shape or form, change the capabilities of the 26th MEU," said Frick. "It in no way changes our high state of readiness. The only thing it may very possibly modify is the exercise schedule or where Marines go."

"Throughout the workups, the Marines and Sailors have shown incredible capabilities. Despite the state of the world today, the 26th MEU stands ready to face any obstacle or foe and win."



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MISCELLANEOUS: Garrett GTA 1000 metal detector, coin shooting, relic hunting, 5X11, elliptical head, easy to use, user manual and video included, \$275 firm. Call 948-5140.

MISCELLANEOUS: Stereo radio cassette recorder, Sharp (Boom-box) \$45; G.E. cordless wall or desk mount, \$20; grass trimmer, cordless rechargeable battery, \$20. Call 242-8839.

