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## CFC ends with Eagle Awards

By Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat  
Press Chief

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign ended Dec. 20 with the presentation of the Eagle Awards and a summation of the campaign's success.

The campaign ran just over a month this year, ending Nov. 16. Total donations totaled more than \$17,400.

Five Eagle Award Donors were named this year. An Eagle Donor is an individual who contributes \$650 or more to CFC. The five Eagle Donors for this year were Susan Durant, Wayne C. Houghton Jr., Billie Reed, Steve Phalon, and one individual requesting to remain anonymous.

The goal of CFC is to give federal employees and service members an opportunity to make donations in the benefit of charity and non-profit organizations. The campaign is one of two annual charity drives held on base.

The goal of this year's drive was to raise awareness of the campaign and ensure that all were contacted by their respective CFC represen-



Photo by Curt Lambert

Eagle awardees Billie Reed, Steve Phalon and Susan Durant pose with trophies awarded for their leading contributions during the annual combined federal Campaign.

tatives, according to 1st Lt. Nowell McKnight, MCLB Barstow CFC coordinator.

"Our goal of 100 percent contact for us means that we will do our best to contact every member of the command and tell them about the

Combined Federal Campaign," said 1st Lt. Nowell McKnight, Barstow CFC coordinator. "We want everyone to know what CFC is and how it can benefit many charities."

"Even if people choose not to contribute, at least they will know

that it is an option for them that can make a difference locally or nationally," added McKnight.

That goal was accomplished. All representatives reported a 100 per-

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## Government Travel Card policy revised New changes implemented to improve on delinquency statistics

By Cpl. Cory Kelly  
Editor

Headquarters Marine Corps recently released a message updating and clarifying the Government Travel Charge Card Program.

The message, MARADMIN 434-01, provides an update on program changes, clarifies the responsibilities and notes current information on the Bank of America GTCCP.

As of October, the Marine Corps had 2,667 cardholders who were 60-plus days delinquent with their GTCCP accounts. Added together those accounts totaled more than \$1.7 million.

The announced changes to the Department of Defense travel policy are designed to help reduce delinquency rates. The changes include default split disbursement, salary offset and revised credit lines.

According to the message split disbursement allows travelers to designate a specific amount of their travel settlement to be sent directly to the Bank of America to pay their GTCCP bill.

With the implementation of default split disbursement recently, this now happens automatically. The transportation, lodging and rental car portion of the travel settlement will be paid directly to the Bank of America, with any remaining payment sent to the traveler.

In any case where the split disbursement amount exceeds the balance due on the account, the cardholder can contact the Bank of America and request a refund for the overpayment.

Salary offset, another update to the GTCCP that began recently automatically allots a percentage of cardholders' pay to the Bank of America for delinquent accounts.

The Bank of America will due process notification letters to all cardholders whose accounts reach 90 days delinquent. Cardholders who do not pay their account in full, or do not establish a payment plan with the Bank of America prior to reaching 120 days past due, will be subject to salary offset, according to the message.

The revised credit lines vice credit limits were agreed to by DoD and have been in effect since Oct. 27. They are designed to reduce delinquency rates, while still providing adequate credit to meet mission requirements.

According to the Message the previous credit limit system allowed for each account to have a limit established per billing cycle.

With the implementation of the credit line system, standard cardholders now have a \$5,000 credit line and a \$500 Automatic Teller Machine line while restricted cardholders have a \$2,500 credit line and a \$200 ATM Line.

### Editors Note:

For more information about the Government Travel Charge Card Program or the new policies contact Staff Sgt. Jess Castillo, 577-6708, or call the Bank of America, 800-472-1424.

# Relating to people in a more positive manner

By Lt. Cmdr Anthony Headrick  
Director, Credo Hawaii

How we relate to people is important. How we relate to people will influence how effective we are in establishing understanding and clear lines of communication.

How we relate is the single most effective means by which we are evaluated in the minds of others. It will dictate how others react to our speech and actions.

## Ask Questions

The questions I try to ask each time I speak with someone are, "What do I want to communicate?" "What is the best way to phrase what I want to say to this person?" and "What do I want to accomplish through this conversation or encounter?"

Thinking through this process has

helped me to think before I speak. It helps me reign myself in and be proactive in how I communicate. It helps me take responsibility for what I say and how I relate to others.

## Be Positive

When we speak, we are giving ourselves away. Our speech and way of communicating indicates how we think and reflects our attitude. We all know that respect for others is important.

How we practice respect in our speech and relations will directly affect how successful we are with others.

In addition to considering what we want to say and how, we should also consider some positive elements by which we communicate. These

will indicate a positive attitude and assist us when we are speaking with others.

## Consider These Things

Present a relaxed and pleasant demeanor in your speech. The demands of our time and the pressures we experience make this difficult. However, they will bring rewards if we practice them.

Be patient with others and try to understand every situation before reacting. When you are unsure about something, give the benefit of the doubt. Ask clarifying questions and make informed comments and judgments. As much as possible, overlook the minor faults of family members and

friends. Judge wisely what is a destructive fault before you speak to it, and then only with the person.

Don't expect something in return for helping a friend. Give because you want to and not out of compulsion. Make a practice of helping those who cannot return the favor. Be

an active listener and focus on what is being conveyed to you, not on your response. Talk less!

## Look for the positive and be positive.

Never be too busy to make a new friend when the opportunity presents itself. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

## Practice Communicates Worth

These are just a few pointers when relating to others. Practicing them communicates to others their

worth to us. In the Christian scriptures we are told to "love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith."

Having the above pointers as our motivators will enhance our ability to put them into practice. These pointers are spiritual as well as social disciplines that we can practice for more meaningful relationships. Considering them and making them a proactive part of our communication will help us stay focused on what is important.

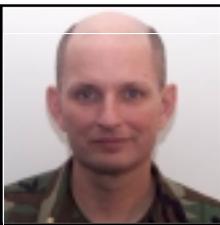
Relationships, both personal and professional, are often difficult. They sometimes bring pain.

However, if we relate to others by the ways listed above, we can turn negative patterns into more positive encounters. Look for the positive and be positive.

You never know where it will make the difference.

# New year: Time to reflect on past, look to future

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik  
Base Chaplain



As we begin this year, it is a time to reflect on the past and to look to the future.

I want to remind each of us, as we reflect, to remember

God's grace that has been provided to us. I Peter 4:10 tells us, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

For that gift to be effective, we need to internalize it. We need to apply God's grace to ourselves to help us with our self-image (how we see ourselves).

When we commit an act of sin, we feel guilty. We go to God and ask for forgiveness. Because of His grace, God forgives. How-

ever, we often have a difficult time forgiving ourselves. God's grace is also available to help us deal with the remnants of guilt and the residue of shame.

For me, shame is the ghost of past sins that have been forgiven, but yet seem to continue to haunt us. That is where God's grace comes into play.

It is God's grace, through His Spirit, that deals with the ghosts of past sins that are forgiven. It is God's spirit of love and mercy that should give us that peace.

However, we have to internalize that grace to deal with the ghosts of shame. God's forgiveness is not made complete in our lives until we are able to do that.

Let us help each other to accomplish this in our lives by reminding each other as we think of the ghosts of shame that God has already taken that burden from us through His forgiveness and grace.

Blessings to all,  
Chaplain Krupnik

## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Sgt. Chris Jurgensmeyer, Metrology technician, inventories recently calibrated equipment for shipping to the fleet. Jurgensmeyer noted that the best part of his job is the experience he has gained working with civilian Marines.

## Chapel Services

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

**Confession services before Mass**

## Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.  
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call 577-6849.

## Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30p.m.

At the Chapel Office.

For more info call 577-6849.



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## Disney honors Armed Forces

Disney's Armed Forces Salute Program honors the men and women in active military who are fighting for freedom today by offering complimentary seven-day admission into Disney's U.S. theme parks, as well as ticket discounts for family members and friends January 1, 2002 to April 30, 2002, by all four of the Walt Disney World Resorts - Orlando, Florida, Anaheim, Calif., Paris, France, and Tokyo, Japan. Honored men and women will also receive a packet of special offer tickets.

The complimentary seven-day admissions passes and special offer tickets can be obtained ONLY at the four Walt Disney World Theme Park ticket windows.

These tickets cannot be obtained at Shades of Green or military base ticket offices. For more information call the Information Ticket and Travel office, 577-6541.

## Prayer breakfast

The Black Employment Program Committee is having a prayer breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at the Oasis Club Jan. 17 from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Lt. Cmdr. Elmon Krupnik, command chaplain. The tickets to the breakfast cost \$6.75 per person and include scrambled eggs, sausage/bacon, hash browns, biscuits and coffee/hot tea. The cutoff date for tickets is Jan. 11.

For tickets or for more information contact one of the following Black Employment Program Committee members:

Name	Phone
Robin Cross-Walker	577-6395

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Marva Johnson	577-6965
Odis Gentry	577-6002
Ed Virgil	577-7134
Clarence Green	577-6047
Bruce Raymond	577-6364

## Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

Application packets for academic year 2002-2003 scholarships through the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation are now available.

Sons and daughters of present active duty and reserve Marines; former Marines and reservists who have received an honorable discharge, medical discharge or who were killed while in the service; and active duty, reserve, or former Navy corpsmen who are serving or have served with the Marine Corps are eligible for scholarships.

Also, those applying must fall into one of the following categories: a high school senior, a high school graduate, currently enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited college or university, or currently enrolled in a post high school accredited vocational/technical school.

Family income must be \$49,000 or less.

The application deadline is April 1. For an application packet write to: Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, N.J., 08543-3008, or e-mail a request to [mcsf@aosi.com](mailto:mcsf@aosi.com), or visit <http://www.marine-scholars.org>.

## Mustangs

The Marine Corps Mustang Association is accepting applications for membership.

Membership is open to Marines who, after having served on active

duty in the enlisted ranks of the U.S. Marine Corps, or Marine Corps Reserve, have risen to the officer ranks and served as commissioned or warrant officers in the Corps. It includes men and women, active duty, reserve, retired and honorably discharged Marines.

For more information send an e-mail to [topmustang@aol.com](mailto:topmustang@aol.com), write to MCMA Inc., P.O. Box 1314, Delran, N.J., 08075-0142, or call (856) 786-4400.

## Recycling reminder

All glass, plastic, paper products, and small pieces of cardboard should be placed in the blue 95 gallon containers or the green metal bins, and all cardboard should be placed in the cardboard collection containers located throughout both the Nebo and Yermo Annexes.

There are several green, 3 cubic yard bins located throughout the base for the collection of recyclable materials.

Use of these containers is encouraged to help reduce the amount of material being sent to the landfill.

The containers are located at the commissary parking lot at Nebo, on the north side of Building 15, and at the Yermo Annex on F Street in front of the Roundhouse (locomotive repair building).

To request more recycling bins or to have unused bins removed or for more information about recycling contact Carmela Gonzalez, 5 7 7 - 6 7 4 4, [gonzalezcj@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:gonzalezcj@barstow.usmc.mil).

## 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 6 and under.

Among the numerous activities are crafts fun for children and parents alike. For more information call June Treadwell, 577-6332.

## Trailblazer Club

The Happy Trails Children's Foundation started by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans created a membership organization called the Trailblazer Club.

With a donation from \$25 on up, you can become a member and help raise funds for a new home for abused children. The existing Cooper Home houses 40 boys between the ages of 7 and 15 with a waiting list to get in. The new home would increase the capacity to 60 beds.

Since 1997, more than 300 children have received help from the Happy Trails Children's Foundation located in Apple Valley.

For more info about becoming a member call 240-3330.

## Barstow Servmart

The Barstow Servmart allows employees aboard MCLB Barstow to shop online for all of their office and workplace needs.

The servmart has administration supplies, cleaning supplies, hardware, tools, and even parts for the Maintenance Center Barstow production line. To get started, go to <http://mcsd4.ala.usmc.mil/mclbbarstow/servmart>.

## DeCA scholarships

Applications and fact sheets for

the 2002 Scholarships for Military Children program are now available at the commissary and at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

The deadline for filing completed applications for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 5. The \$1,500 scholarships are funded through industry donations, and the program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation through a professional scholarship evaluation company. Fisher House is known for building and donating fully furnished comfort homes near military medical facilities where families of patients receiving medical care can stay at a reasonable cost.

Sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders, to include active duty, retirees, and Guard and reserves, may apply for the scholarships. Eligibility of applicants, including survivors of deceased members, will be determined using the DoD ID Card Directive. Applicants may be college-bound high school seniors, or students already enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program.

Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and write an essay that describes how his or her activities have enriched the community. A military ID is no longer needed as proof of eligibility when the application is turned in at the commissary. Applicants will be checked through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System prior to the awarding of scholarships, so sponsors should ensure that their children are enrolled in DEERS prior to applying.

## Job Watch

AnnNo.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-566-01-NR	Mechanical Engineer GS-0830-11	12-12-01	01-14-02	12-31-01	MCLB Barstow
DEU-572-01-NR	Braker Switcher WG-5736-07	12-19-001	01-17-02	01-03-02	MCLB Barstow
DEU-569-01-NR	Office Automation Clerk GS-0326-04 (Term NTE 366 days)	12-19-01	01-07-02	12-26-01	MCLB Barstow
DEU-570-01-NR	Administrative Support Clerk GS-0303-04	12-19-01	01-07-02	12-26-01	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>.

This is not an official list. Please see the Websites listed for a complete list.

# PSD, teens, commissary raise food

## *Annual food basket drive benefits MCLB Marines and families*

By Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat  
Press Chief

Marine Corps Community Services, Personal Services Division reached out to area teens and the Commissary to make the holidays brighter for some Marines here through a food basket drive.

The basket drive collected hundreds of pounds of foodstuffs that were divided into 19 parcels for Marines and their families.

Silver Valley High School students collect canned goods for the baskets. The students hold a food drive every year. For some it has become a tradition that some students have participated in since their freshman year, like high school senior Chris Andrews.

The Commissary enlisted the help of many of its suppliers and vendors for the effort. Jim Muegniot, Barstow Commissary store director, noted that many of the companies that do business with the Commissary were eager to assist. "Without the help of some bigger companies we wouldn't have been able to make the holidays as bright



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat

Silver Valley High School student Chris Andrews carries a box of canned goods donated for the food basket drive by his school's student body.

as we did," said Muegniot. "Their donations contributed greatly to the basket drive and to our Marine families."

In addition to the many donations by others at the command, John Noxon of Installation and Logistics

donated a Christmas tree.

To learn more about the services PSD has to benefit the MCLB community call MSgt. Allyson Hedrick at 577-6533.

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cent contact rate at the close of the campaign.

The campaign took on a more earnest meaning this year in light of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The campaign devotes a section in its catalog to local charities to provide an outlet for service members and federal employees to donate to charities directly benefiting their community, as well as listing numerous national agencies taking part in the aftermath of the attacks at ground zero. However, last year's campaign did not do as well as in previous years, according to McKnight.

"The reason I suspect that contributions were not as high as normal, I was told by my representatives, was because of the Sept. 11 attacks," said McKnight. "Many people wanted to donate money to help the victims of the attacks. CFC did not have a code set up to do this. The only outlet we could give them was donating to the American Red Cross."

# MCLB Albany A-76 study ends

## I&L wins tentative decision

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Emblem Staff

MARINE CORPS LOGISTIC BASE ALBANY, GA—After more than two years of intensive studies and hard work to maintain a lean, flexible and efficient government workforce, base commander Col. Charles V. Mugno announced Tuesday a tentative award decision to keep the performance of the base maintenance function of Installations and Logistics Division within the government.

"I am very pleased to be here to announce to everyone that we won the A-76 competition for our Base Maintenance Section," said Mugno. "We did everything right! Most importantly, we were extremely fortunate to have some very talented people on our staff who worked very hard to achieve this result."

The Charleston, S.C.-based U.S. Naval Southeast Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command provided the review and analysis of the bids used to make the tentative decision.

The announcement culminates more than two years of public-private competition called for by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities." The process establishes federal policy for deciding whether to retain recurring, commercial-like activities within the government or contract them out to a private sector source. The guidance tells how to compare performance and cost-related information to arrive at the best overall deal for the taxpayer.

Base officials were notified in April 1999 by Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, that 114 civilian and 15 Marine billets in the Base Maintenance Section of the Installations and Logistics Division here would be studied for possible conversion to contract performance.

According to Gil Ward, the bid submitted by MCLB Albany was \$5.8 million less than the closest commercial bid.

"This is a significant savings to the government and the taxpayers," said Mugno.

In October, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., received the results of its A-76 and lost by \$200,000 over a five-year period.

"What we did and the results of our work are a testimony to all those who worked very hard on the A-76 process," said Mugno. "I have said from day one that if there is one thing that we do right as a base community, it absolutely has to be A-76. I am pleased to announce that we did it right."

Brig. Gen. Richard S. Kramlich, commander of Marine Corps Logistics Bases, had similar thoughts.

"We were able to convey to the people who were analyzing what we were doing, [the level of] your commitment," said Kramlich. "I know those at the highest echelon of the Marine Corps were supportive of this A-76 process."

"We can provide the best product. We can provide the best service. It's not a coincidence that the logistics

bases won their competitions because we are in the support business in every sense of the word. That is what we do. No one does it better than this base," said Kramlich.

"Let your supervisors know

how much you appreciate the hard work they put into preparing us to be the most efficient organization. Those of you who are supervisors, take time and talk to your civilian Marines and let them know how much you appreciate what they have done and what we signed up to do," said Kramlich.

The next step in the A-76 process is the Public Review Period, which will take place over the next 60 days.

The portions of the I&L Division work force under study were those workers who provide for base maintenance and repair, utilities, production equipment maintenance and other services such as pest management.

Implementation of the in-house most efficient organization will be completed after the final decision is announced in about 60 days.

The two winners of the A-76 competition within the Marine Corps are MCLB Albany and MCLB Barstow, both under Marine Corps Logistics Bases.

"It shows that a professional, well-qualified government workforce can compete with anybody and win. The whole command has been very supportive of this competition, and without that we could not have achieved this victory," concluded Mugno.

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# Marines, soldiers work to keep suspected terrorists locked up

By Sgt. Joseph Chenelly  
15th MEU

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — One flat foot in front of another, dust rises with each step down a narrow corridor between a triple-stand of concertina wire and a rusty, aluminum wall.

“Stand,” a Marine commands with a tone that would make a drill instructor proud. “Get on your feet! Face the wire!”

A few thousand candle-watts glare down from makeshift towers as detained men reluctantly rise to their feet. Each stands shoulder to shoulder blankly staring at the space blanket between their feet and the dirt floor.

Concertina wire, locks and green engineer stakes divide the holding cells. Strings of lights resembling those at carnivals keep the entire compound lit at all times. Round, green tents that look like they may have been borrowed from a MASH outfit surround the holding facility.

This is as far from a carnival as possible. The detainees are dangerous, suspected terrorists who were captured or surrendered in fighting during the international war on terrorism.

Military police from the 15th and 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) team with a U.S. Army detachment of MPs guarding the short-term detention center around the clock here.

International Red Cross officials regularly observe the treatment and conditions the de-

tainees receive here. Red Cross officials will also facilitate the delivery of mail on behalf of each detainee. Each detainee is allowed to pray without being disturbed. Guards make sure the cells are sanitary and fit to live in. Drinking water is supplied at all times.

A medical staff checks on the detainees routinely and administers any needed medications. A Navy corpsman is on duty at all times in the compound. Every detainee is thoroughly examined when he first arrives. All illnesses are treated immediately.

A detainee taken from a firefight at a hospital in Kandahar lies in traction in a separate room. Navy doctors are healing his broken leg.

As one guard accounts for each detainee, another prepares to feed them. MREs and plastic bottles of water pass through the coils of wire.

“Thirty minutes and I’ll be back to pick up your trash,” a guard barks. “You will be done.”

The detainees return to the ground pulling the meals out of tan-plastic pouches. The guards already removed the spoons and paper packaging. Vegetarian meals are provided to those whose religion prohibits them eating certain meat.

“The spoons could be fashioned into weapons to stab a guard, one of the other detainees or themselves,” said a Marine sergeant military policeman with the 15th MEU (SOC). “They could use the cardboard or napkins to

write notes to one another.”

The shackles on incoming detainees clang as they are led across the runway blindfolded and lashed together.

They are directed into a large green tent one or two at a time. Clothes are cut off with surgical scissors and the processing begins. A thorough search ensues. Fingerprints, photos, and hair and blood samples are taken.

The same mistake made in Mazar-e-Sharif will not be made here. There, prisoners hid grenades and other weapons on them and made it into the prison, which was run by opposition forces. Later the detainees rioted killing several guards and an American CIA agent there.

A wristband with an assigned tracking number is attached to each detainee’s right wrist. Clothing similar to what locals wear are given to the prisoners along with a space blanket and a heavy comforter. Empty sand bags are put over the detainees’ heads before they are led in circles on the way to their cells.

“We walk them around aimlessly for a few minutes before taking them to the lockup area,” a Marine explained. “They are further disoriented by this, and if they ever tried an escape they would have a hard time figuring out which way to run.”

Hygiene and restroom amenities are in opposite corners of each cell. Guards empty them both regularly. The detainees keep their living space clean by sweeping the space blanket serving as their floor.

Marine combat engineers, military police and infantrymen with Task Force-58 constructed the facility, which can house more than 200 detainees, using a preexisting hangar and an assortment of items found throughout the airport.

An iron gate from a nearby storage lot squeaks every time someone enters the compound. Powerful spotlights hang from old Soviet helicopter rotor blades crafted into light poles. Armed guards watch over the cells from atop rolling stairs designed for boarding airplanes.

An elaborate security plan is in place aiming to make an escape impossible. Numerous guards stand watch inside and out the adobe walls around the compound. Roving Marines and soldiers patrol the area constantly. Short shifts keep the service members fresh and alert.

A Quick Reaction Force stands by the compound at all times. Drills are run every shift to maintain their readiness. Just outside the gate off-duty MPs practice riot control procedures daily. The facility continues to upgrade its security. Newly built towers now enable guards to monitor the entire complex from one spot. More towers are being built and the walls are being reinforced.

“We are protecting these people just as much as we are detaining them,” a Marine said. “No one is getting in or out of here unless we escort them. They are our responsibility and Marines take responsibilities seriously.”

# MCLB Barstow, highlights of 2001

## *A year of cutting through the ribbon*

**By Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat**  
Press Chief

Ribbon cutting ceremonies happen every time a new building is dedicated



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat

Joann Rice, Col. Mark A. Costa, Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia Fritz and Sgt. John Ramos help cut the Super Seven Store ceremonial ribbon.

or a new stretch of highway is completed. Sometimes, the ceremonies are held for the grand reopening of refurbished properties older than the average four-star still in uniform. But why?

One is hard pressed when searching for the origins of the ribbon cutting ceremony. Is there a deeper meaning behind using "the big scissors?" Could it be a bad omen to use standard scissors for the cutting?



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat

Honored guests and key figures in the Medical and Dental Clinic renovations assist Col. Mark A. Costa, former base commander, in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the facilities.

Whatever the case, MCLB Barstow took great pleasure in collectively snipping five ribbons last year.

The official opening of the Tactical Vehicle Test Track, which began with a light amphibious assault vehicle busting through a red, white and blue ribbon about a yard wide, began the ribbon cutting frenzy in March. Marine

Corps Community Services' grand reopening of the Super Seven store followed in May. They cut a red ribbon. And the Branch Medical and Dental Clinic staffs moved from their make-



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat

Col. Liz Bergman, base commander, and Lawrence Dale, Barstow mayor, officially open FSD's defueling facility.

shift facilities at the Yermo Annex back into their newly refurbished home in Nebo the same month. The Navy cut a blue ribbon.

Subsequently, Fleet Support Division would use "the big scissors," a Gerber multi-tool and yellow caution tape befitting of an industrial environment to celebrate opening its Defueling and Battery Storage facility.

Maintenance Center Barstow also opened its Lube and Oil facility in 2001 ... can't recall what color ribbon they used.

It looks like the cutting trend will continue this year as the renovation of Building 236 and the building of a new water well are in the works.

Maybe "the big scissors" reflect the monetary investment made in the construction project. Big bucks, big scissors - that's one theory.

One question remains. Who or what determines the color of the ribbon being cut in the ribbon cutting ceremony?

During her change of command ceremony, Col. Liz Bergman accepts the colors and responsibilities of commanding MCLB Barstow from Col. Mark A. Costa as Sgt. Maj. Taulago Tautua, base sergeant major, looks on. The ceremony was held Aug. 23 at Sorensen Field.



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

# Taking a second look

History happened at MCLB Barstow last year. As a Marine Corps Reinvention Lab, the base had a degree of latitude that few other military installations and their commanders have.

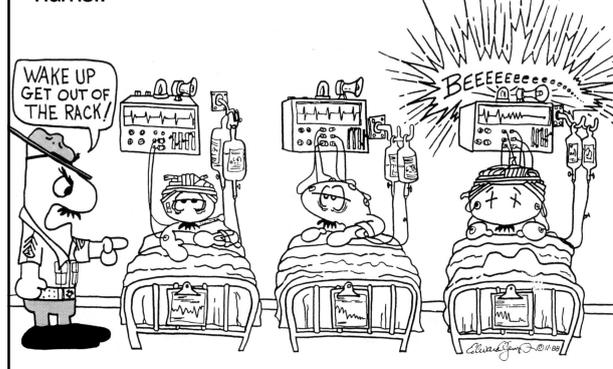
In addition to accomplishing the mission, the command received the challenge of doing so in a new and more efficient fashion.

Many innovations and firsts resulted from the greater flexibility allotted to the command. The first A-76 study decision in the Marine Corps in favor of the standing workforce stands out in the minds of many.

Yet, beyond the major achievements that took place in 2001, the events and people who were a part of it all made even the smallest happenings memorable moments in MCLB Barstow's history and the command's chronology.

These photos offer a glimpse of the past year and stand as points of reference into the new year.

E. A. Temple's cartoon series "101 Things You Should Never Ask a Marine to do" served as a weekly dose of humor.



*Never ask a Marine to supervise a medical ward.*



Civilian Marines cheer as Col. Mark A.



In March, MAGTF-6 Marines off-loaded equipment shipments to go through the Yermo



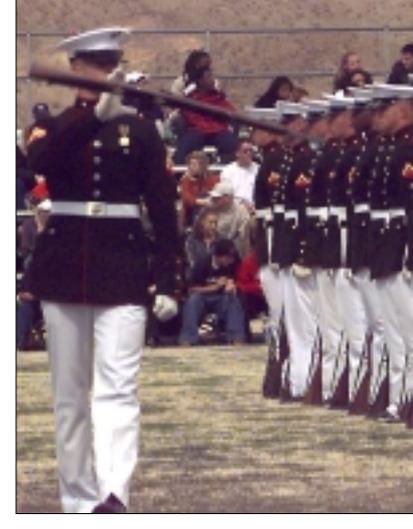
Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Main Event drill team circles the rodeo arena during the Barstow Rodeo Stampede in October.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Members of the color guard present the colors during a candlelight vigil in remembrance of the Sept. 11 attack victims.



The Marine Corps Battle Color ceremony in March. Many were on hand to witness

# at people and events that shaped 2001



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Costa announces the A-76 study decision in favor of the existing work force of the Installation and Logistics Dept. in March.

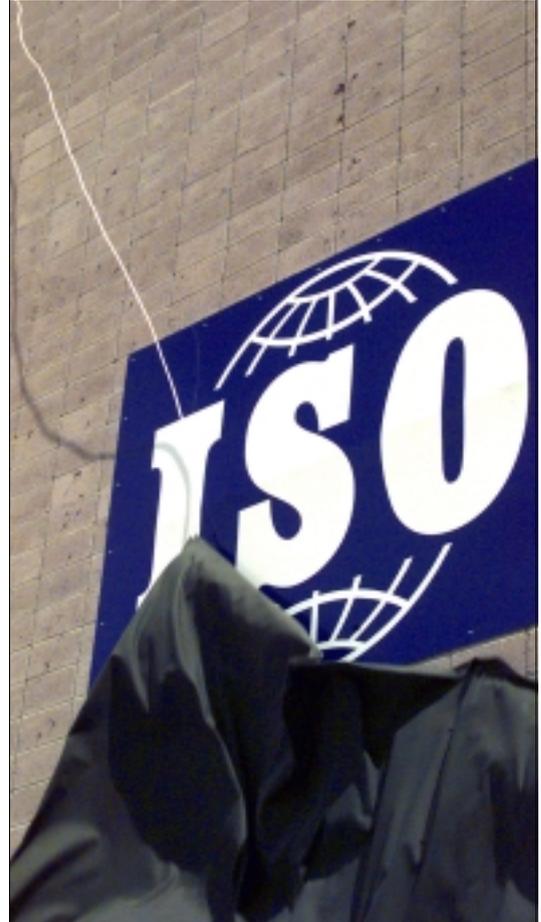


Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

The veil covering MCB's ISO-9000 certification sign is removed for all to see. The certification was formally awarded in March after years of planning and hard work.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
the largest Marine equipment railhead in many years.



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Firefighter Greg Mosely represents MCLB in the Combat Firefighters Challenge in August.



Photo by Micheal McCleery

Moe Scheer, MCB employee, shares insight with high school student Stephanie Latorre on an M1A1 main Battle Tank.



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

mony brought silent thunder to Barstow in the event for the first time.



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Drug Education For Youth program participants get familiar with a mounted color guard horse in July.



Child Development Center children show off projects completed in the pre-kindergarten class tailored to suit the needs of 4- and 5-year-olds at the beginning of the school year in September.

Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

# Celebrations

*Reflecting and forging into the future*

**By Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat**  
Press Chief

Celebrations serve as markers of times past, but are also the frame of reference from which to plot a course into the future.

Marines, sailors and civilian Marines celebrate religious and national holidays during the year; however, two of the largest celebrations taking place on any Department of the Navy or Marine Corps installation are dated on few calendars. These celebrations are none other than the Marine Corps and the Navy birthday anniversaries.

Both events have the stuff that great sea stories are made of — given sufficient drink and merriment.

In particular, Marine Corps birthday balls are dubbed many things: a gala, unparalleled regal pageantry celebrating the finest fighting force the world has ever known, the social event of the year, and, of course, “the cake-cutting ceremony.”

Regardless of the perspective one takes, in the end all must agree that it was done with a mix of “the intensity, esprit de corps and flare that is uniquely Marine Corps.”

Still, not all that we celebrate holds great cheer. Attendees to MCLB Barstow’s annual POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony held at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow characterize the occasion as bitter-sweet. Even solemn. The thought that “not everyone’s home yet” intensifies the moment of silence faithfully observed by the ranks of warriors joined in communion — young and old alike.

All of these celebrations revolve around a common principal. That principal is team first. Main-

tenance Center Barstow celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the grand opening of an assault vehicle test track and the awarding of its Industry Standards of Operation – 9000 in August thanks to a gung-ho effort.

Be it in celebration of a proud tradition, remembrance or success, MCLB saw a year filled with cooperative efforts and the principal of team before individual.



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Chester Mathis receives a POW recognition award from Sgt. Santo Candelario in September.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Sailors celebrate their birthday with veterans at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow.



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Col. Irvin Rivers, MCB commander, cuts the birthday cake at the 226th birthday celebration at Yermo.



MCB celebrates its 40th birthday in March as the band plays on.

Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

# Training: Sometimes it's loved, sometimes it's dreaded

By Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat  
Press Chief

One of the key elements in gauging force readiness is training. How often, how intense and how can it be done more efficiently are but a few of the questions operations chiefs ask themselves continually.

Last year, Marines and civilian Marines received vital training in work place safety, operational risk management, basic warrior skills and many other subjects important to maintaining a force in readiness.

The MCLB Fire Department took fire safety training to the masses with its new Smoke House used to teach youngsters fire safety, and with many worksite demonstrations.

The Provost Marshal's Office also entertained a busy training schedule. Increased security measures gave the training that military police receive a higher place of respect in the minds of many of those who live and work aboard base.

Aside from training the workforce here, MCLB Barstow also is taking a leading role in training Marines and soldiers stationed elsewhere. Fleet Support Divisions Technical Assistance Teams visit active and reserve units around the globe to share their expertise and ensure that the units are on the right track. Maintenance Center Barstow began an effort to bring service members in the fleet and field here to learn in a fifth-echelon environment with a highly skilled workforce.

Training that teaches one how to extinguish roaring flames during normal working hours is not a normal occurrence for most people. Playing with fire without being burned has to add variety to everyone's work day, except for those in the one profession that is the exception. While going to the gas chamber spices up your day, it does not fit into the grouping of activities that most consider fun. Still, both types of training contribute to the Marine Corps' mission.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Cpl. Jason Grimes subdues a fellow military policeman to the ground while training in March.



Lorinda Meinicke of Fleet Support Division douses flames at safety training in March.

Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Doug Tate, MCB artillery repairman, trains California National Guardsmen in August.



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Marines take part in annual nuclear, biological and chemical training in the base gas chamber in November.

# 2001 SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

## *MCLB community, the games people love to play*

**By Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat**  
Press Chief

The importance of living an active lifestyle echoes throughout the Department of Defense to service members and the civilians who toil along beside them.

Message traffic requesting applicants for the armed forces athletic teams and all-service team tryouts buzzes through the communication lines regularly. However, there are outlets for the not-so-adept warrior athletes and civilians in the ranks.

Here, intramural sports close the divide

by providing keen competition, a reason for barracks rats to temporarily vacate the lounges, and they boost morale and camaraderie. Not to mention the amount of trash talking they spur.

This year, Marine Corps Community Services, Semper Fit put together two flag football seasons, two indoor basketball seasons and sponsored base softball, hockey and soccer teams. Many members of the workforce took part in the command's Civilian Wellness Program, a program created to foster healthy eating habits and exercise regimens through use of base fitness facilities.

Aside from the benefits yielded to the

individual active in intramural sports and the wellness program, the command benefited from a proportionate measure of increased productivity, according to information compiled during the wellness pilot program.

Last year also raised the bar for Barstow Marines in terms of intensity and challenge. The Desert Challenge gave Marines an opportunity to shine among their peers with events that included a nine-mile run, rifle and pistol marksmanship, and a sprint swim and strength test.

Grouped in four-man fire teams, Marines humped an arduous, 13-mile course riddled with obstacles in the Big Bear

Mountain Challenge in Big Bear, Calif.

Even National Law Enforcement week took a turn toward competition. Base military police went head-to-head against local and distant law enforcement agencies and their peers for Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. in marksmanship, softball and bowling. They won some and they lost some.

In the end, there is only one winner or winning team at the close of the challenge, game or intramural season, but what really matters is that all participating do so with zest and a winning spirit.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

MCLB Barstow Marines led by Sgt. Maj. Taulago Tautua, base sergeant major, complete the final leg of the annual 40-mile relay from Fort Irwin to the Veterans Home of California - Barstow in May.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Forest Hill kisses the National Law Enforcement week Softball Tournament winners' trophy.



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

1st Lt. Casey Taylor, LCpl. Ernest Jones, Cpl. Marcos Ruvalcaba, and LCpl. Edward Torresosorio make their way toward victory at the Big Bear Mountain Challenge.

## GUNNY'S PICKS

Week 15

Rick Wiley from Facilities Maintenance Branch is this week's Gunny's Picks winner. "I got lucky this week," said Wiley.

"Weeks 12 and 13 tend to be watershed weeks. That's when you usually see who's ready to play and who's ready to go home, unless you're Randy Moss and you decide when you're going to play. Go Raiders!" 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](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

### Sunday Games

### Monday Night

Total points: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# MCCS



## MARINE CORPS Community Services Barstow

By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

### January white sale

Visit the Exchange/Super Seven Store and save 10 percent this month on towels, all sizes and colors. All knit jersey sheets are only \$16.99 to \$24.99. Check out the great winter wear and save 15 percent. Although these prices will be good all month you may want to come in early to get the best selection.

The Exchange/Super Seven Store is open Mondays - Fridays 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturdays 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Yermo Exchange is open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. During troop rotations open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Family Restaurant/Cactus Cafe Lunch menu

**Today** - Family Restaurant: A la carte. Cactus Cafe: Subs and salads.

**Friday** - Hoki fish & rice pilaff.

**Monday** - Spaghetti, garlic bread.

**Tuesday** - Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy.

**Wednesday** - Hot cheddar beef sandwiches, macaroni salad.

**Thursday** - Family Restaurant: Baked potato and salad bar. Cactus Cafe: Chicken tenders, coleslaw and french fries.

**Friday** - Cajun fish, steamed rice.

### Family Night menu

**Tonight** - Chicken Alfredo and beef

tips and noodles.

**Thursday** - Spaghetti, lasagna, tossed green salad, vegetable, rolls/butter, assorted beverages, dessert.

Everyone welcome! Family Night Dinners served from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Family Restaurant. Prices: Adults \$5.50, children 5 to 11 years \$3.50, children 4 years and under are free. Prices are the same for military and civilian personnel.

### Semper Fit/Aerobics Resolution

Why wait to make your new year resolutions? It's not too early to start thinking about losing those unwanted pounds and Semper Fit can help! Aerobics is fun and really works! Get together with your friends and join Gina Gailbraith's classes Monday through Thursday for a one hour class starting at 4:30 p.m.

A work out with Fit Balls, Resistant Tubes and Stair Steppers will make you feel good and help you to have more energy. The cost is \$25 per month or a \$2.50 walk in fee. As always, everyone is welcome. Classes are held in the Aerobics Room of the Base Gym. Call Semper Fit for more information at 577-6971.

### MCLB Wellness Program

Rhea Daniels, Semper Fit's new Health Promotion Coordinator, invites you to join the MCLB Wellness Program.

Contact Rhea between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 577-6817 and let her give you all the information you will need to get started

on the way to a better you.

### Big Bear Cabin Rentals

Discover a hidden retreat centered in the heart of the San Bernardino Mountains, a perfect getaway for a little rest and recreation.

If you seek adventure and enjoy the outdoors, Big Bear is the perfect place for you. Enjoy skiing and snowboarding in the January snow. Take a brisk walk and breath in the aroma of pine trees while enjoying the picturesque mountains.

MCCS MCAS Miramar operates A-frame cabins fully equipped for your enjoyment. These facilities are open to active duty military and reservists, military retirees and DoD personnel only.

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar personnel have priority; however MCCS MCLB Barstow personnel may also use these facilities.

Rates for cabins are \$75 per night on weekends and holidays, \$56 per night Sunday through Thursday.

Each cabin sleeps up to six people in a master bedroom with queen-size bed and an upstairs loft with two full size beds.

Cabins include a dining room, living room, bathroom and shower. The cabins also have a fireplace, color TV and VCR.

Reservation for the cabins begin the first working day of the month for the following month. Contact the MCCS Miramar Entertainment Ticket Office at (858) 577-4141/4146.

### SKI tickets

Skiing is great exercise and a wonderful way to enjoy mother nature. Skiing is not only for those with experience but for beginners to. IIT has lift tickets to the local mountain ski resorts: Bear Mountain, Mountain High, Snow Summit and Mammoth.

Call 577-6541 for the latest information on the resorts and prices, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hurry, before the snow is gone!



Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AIMoribat

Surrounded by friends and family, Lisa Rodriguez is all smiles after being presented with the first \$1,000 savings bond certificate awarded through Marine Corps Community Services' Star Student Program. All authorized patrons ages of 6 through high school with a 'B' average or better can take part in the program at the Super Seven store.

## MCCS rewards for good grades

Who says that making good grades is not cool?

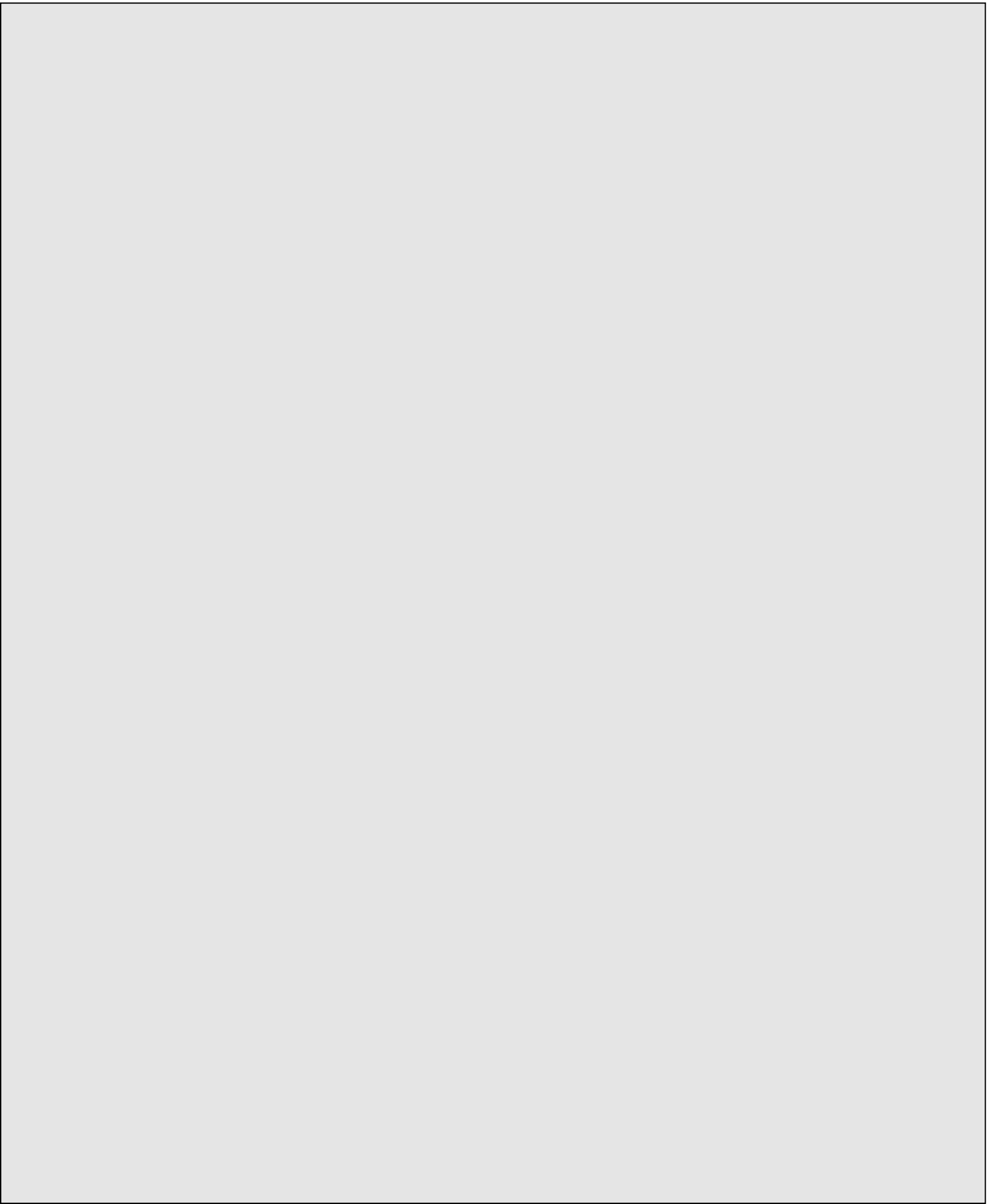
Marine Corps Community Services is rewarding all children, age 6 through high school, with an unlimited opportunity to win games, CDs, calling cards and a \$1,000 savings bond.

There were two \$1,000 savings bond certificates when the Star Student Program began. Lisa Martinez used a stroke of luck to win one of the certificates leaving just one for another lucky student.

All children have to do to participate in the MCCS Star Student Program is bring in their report card within 30 days of the issue date. Only children of authorized patrons are eligible to take part in the contest. Report cards must reflect a "B" average.

Children are allowed to pick any one scratch-and-win card per reporting period. Every card is a guaranteed winner. Bring in your report card and join the winner's circle.

For more info about the MCCS Star Student Program visit the Super Seven Store or call Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia Fritz at 256-8974.



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

**2000 MUSTANG GT:** 5 Speed, performance Red, 59k miles, 16k miles remaining warranty, very, very good condition, asking \$13,500 OBO. Call Wyatt, 843-0665 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

**1998 WINNEBAGO:** 27 ft. motor-home, fully loaded, tons of accessories, 48k miles, \$19,000 firm. Call 253-5118.

**1993 MERCURY COUGAR:** Xr7, 2 door, leather int, loaded, 3.8Lt eng. and trans., driver side qtr panel damage, \$1,200 OBO. Call 240-3234 OR 240-2236 AWH lv msg.

**1992 TOYOTA TERCEL:** New engine, gas saver, \$3,000 OBO. Call Paul 252-8659.

**1983 EL CAMINO:** 305 eng., AT, A/C, P/W, PDLK, rear air shocks, C/C, camper shell, good tires and wheels, body in good cond., \$3,500. Call 255-4205 AWH.

**1988 GMC, S-15 PICK-UP:** Full bed, new tires and water pump, tool box, runs great, 2002 tags, good transportation, \$1,695 OBO. Call 240-3234 or 240-2236 AWH lv msg.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Shopsmith woodworking combination tool, includes 10 inch bandsaw and 4 inch jointer, \$3,200 new, only \$695. Call 252-5417 AWH

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Dresser and two night stands, good cond., hutch with class doors, make offer and take them off our hands. 252-7198.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Pool table, full size, great cond., made of composite material (not real slate), new set of balls, chalk and racks, must see, new house too small for table. \$450. Call 252-7788.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Meat slicer, electric, \$40; grill and waffle baker, \$25; stereo radio cassette recorder (boom box), \$40. Call 242-8839 .

