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Veterans awards show to air Sun.

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The 7th annual American Veteran Awards is scheduled for broadcast Sunday at 7 p.m. on The History Channel.

Dennis Franz, actor and Army veteran, received the "Veteran of the Year" award at the program, which was taped for broadcast Nov. 30, 2001.

First lady Laura Bush received the "Woman of Honor" award for her dedication to "Troops to Teachers.

Actor Robert De Niro received the first ever "Audie Murphy Theatrical" award.

Broadcast journalist and Army veteran Sam Donaldson received the "Ernie Pyle Journalism" award.

Actor Hal Linden received the "National Veteran Salute" award.

Musical performers included Michael Bolton, Randy Travis, and the USAF Band of the Golden West.

William S. Cohen, former defense secretary, and Janet L. Cohen were the co-hosts of the program, and the emcee was actor and talk show host Montel Williams, a former Marine and sailor, and Naval Academy graduate.

"Our nation has experienced tragedy and challenges in the recent months," said Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James L. Jones, who delivered the military message. "We face danger and uncertainty, the likes of which we have not previously experienced. We are fighting a new enemy — an ideological foe that threatens not just Americans, but all freedom-loving people of the world.

"Yet, those of us in uniform today need only remember the valor and sacrifice of the generations who define us today as the nation we are, to steel ourselves for the task ahead," Jones continued.

"Those remarkable Americans ... who sacrificed both at home and abroad for the common good. Those remarkable Americans who selflessly gave of themselves so that we might continue to enjoy our precious freedom. Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen and, let us never forget, their families as well.

"We draw strength from their courage. We are inspired by their determination. The nobleness of their service empowers today's members of our armed services deployed throughout the world and on the front lines at home.

"Ours is a homeland worth defending. A nation whose founding principles have been continually defended

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Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Sgt. John Schafer, Barstow Police Department, receives a Marine Corps Institute terrorism awareness course from Master Sgt. Allyson Hedrick, Personal Services Division, Jan. 31. The Marine Corps Institute has been supplying this MCI to civilian law enforcement agencies following the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001.

Passing on African-American history

By Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I still feel it, still see it," Stanley told the multiracial audience. As an African American, he said, "I am blessed to be able to see what others may see, even if I don't experience it myself. For example, I'm the person who goes into the company office and the first sergeant does everything but pay attention to me. I'm the person who goes into supply and the sergeant and his NCOs continue to chitchat and drink coffee, kind of ignoring me. I'm the person who never complains when I'm given all kinds of unfair duties and responsibilities."

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

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Airmen learns historical lessons from service members

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

WASHINGTON — I've learned as an adult that there is so much more African-American history than was taught to me as a child.

I learned as a child that the first African Americans were shipped to America as slaves in 1619. Most slaves were taken from the West African countries of Dahomey, Ghana and Nigeria. African Americans remained in the chains of slavery until the end of the Civil War in 1865 and the ratification of the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery that December.

I was taught about African Americans such as Frederick Douglass. Born a slave, he escaped and became a leader of African Americans in the 19th century. He used his powerful voice as a lecturer and newspaper editor to help free the slaves. Douglass ultimately became Abraham Lincoln's adviser and the consul general to Haiti.

I remember school lessons about how Harriet Tubman escaped from slavery, and by way of her "Underground Railroad" led other slaves north to freedom. Like the biblical Moses, she led her people out of bondage, often using the North Star to guide her.

I recall the ingenious accomplishments of George Washington Carver. He was the famous scientist and agricultural researcher who developed hundreds of products from the peanut and sweet potato, many of which we still use.

Booker T. Washington is always remembered in textbooks as the champion of education who founded Tuskegee Institute for African Americans in 1881 and who became the first president of that Alabama college.

I am sure most of us knew Thurgood Marshall as the first black U.S. Supreme Court justice, who used his brilliant legal mind to strike down laws that prevented African Americans from receiving equal treatment.

Civil rights leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King laid down their lives to pave a path to fair and equal treatment among all our citizens during a pivotal time in American history.

Oh, and you cannot forget the entertainment industry! Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong was a trumpeter and bandleader who became the first jazz soloist to gain fame worldwide. Duke Ellington, Miles Davis and Charlie Parker, just to name a few, awakened the soul of America with their very own styles of jazz.

Before I joined the Air Force, I did not know ... My family did not teach me. Neither did my schools. It was my fellow airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines, members of the greatest military in the world, who've taught me an entire culture of people will not be deprived of its place in history.

In the world of sports, the legendary Jackie Robinson may not have been the best African American baseball player of his time, but he had the strength of character and other intangible qualities needed to build the bridge to cross over into professional sports.

These are all great people in history, but there are so many more not mentioned. There is so much African-American history I did not learn as a child.

Sure, I learned about Alexander Graham Bell, but not Lewis Latimer, who lived from 1848 to 1928. Born in Boston to an escaped slave, Latimer served in the Union Navy during the Civil War and later became an inventor. Hired as an office boy for a Boston patent law firm, he became its chief patent draftsman and executed the patent drawings for many of Bell's telephones.

Latimer began working with developing electrical technology in 1880. In 1881, he and a coworker patented an improved method for bonding carbon filaments for light bulbs. In 1882, he patented a new, much more cost-efficient method for producing carbon filaments.

The textbooks taught about Benjamin Franklin, but I do not recall mention of Benjamin Banneker, an African-American mathematician, astronomer and inventor. Appointed to the District of Columbia Commission by Presi-

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The wrong kind of networking

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain

I was invited to watch the football games at someone's home this past weekend (what else, right!). While we were watching the games, on the network we were engaged in conversation during the commercials. One of our spouses asked what we were discussing. I remarked that we were networking, otherwise known as gossiping.

The Bible is very direct about the type of networking that is wrong and harmful, and that is "backbiting." Modern translations use the terms, "malice and deceit."

I Peter 2:1-3 states, *"Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of very kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."*

People who are backbiters have no respect or regard for others. They only think of themselves. The wrong of backbiting involves talking about another when he or she is absent. It means criticizing people behind their backs. It means assigning motives to and interpreting the acts of people without any knowledge of the circumstances.

Let us vow to resist backbiting and build up the community that we are in with encouraging words about one another.

Blessings to all,

Chaplain Krupnik

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–1:30 p.m.
At the **Chapel Office.**
For more info call 577-6849.

Just doing my job ...

Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Lance Cpl. Clayton McAlees watches David Watson sign in at the Base Gym. All eligible patrons must show a military or family member ID card to use the gym facilities. The Base Gym also requires patrons to leave their ID card if they want a towel.

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Leave Donation

Elizabeth Gerdes, communications division, has been affected by a medical emergency. People desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a Leave Donor Application through their department administrative officer.

Science Fair Judges Needed

The 2002 Barstow Unified School District Science Fairs start today at Montara School with more judges needed to support the program through the remainder of February.

MCLB Marines and civilian Marines have continued to bring parity to a very important judging process and providing a meaningful and positive impact on participating students at impressionable ages since 1995.

Science Fairs still to be judged are:

Henderson School - Feb. 12

St. Joseph's and Cameron Schools - Feb. 13

Thomson School - Feb. 14

Lenwood School - Feb. 19

Barstow Middle and Hinkley Schools - Feb. 20

Kennedy Middle and Crestline Schools - Feb. 21

The District Science Fair is Feb. 27 at Barstow College.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Bryan McClune at 577-7174 or Staff Sgt. John Green at 577-6422.

African American History Luncheon

The African American History Month Luncheon, sponsored by the Black Employment Program Committee, is scheduled for Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. at the Oasis Club.

The guest speaker will be Rev. William Knight.

The luncheon is open to all military and civilian employees and their guests. Tickets are $6.75 and must be purchased by Feb. 21.

For more information, call Robin Cross-Walker at 577-6395, or Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Raymond at 577-6364.

Auto Hobby Shop

The Auto Hobby Shop hours changed Jan. 16. The new hours are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call Rena Montano at 577-6391.

Calico Civil War Re-enactment

Calico Ghost Town is holding a Civil War Re-enactment Feb. 16-18. There will be Union and Confederate camps set up as well as drills, cannons, a battle, and much more. For more information, call 1-800-TOCALICO.

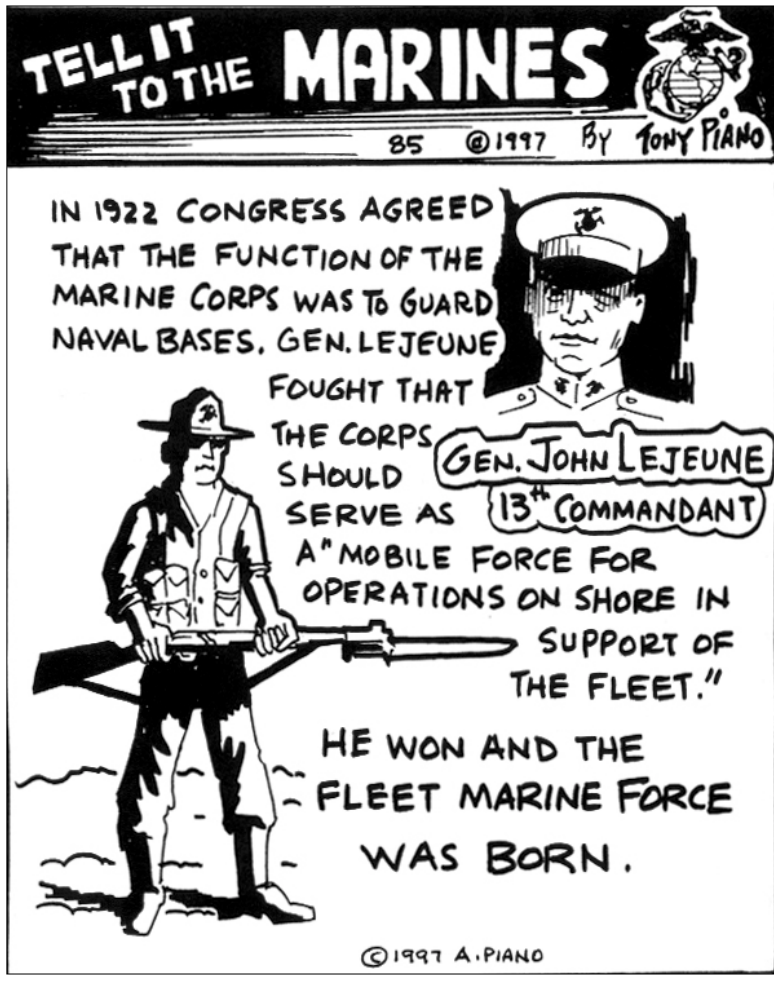
CWRA Trip

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is sponsoring a trip to the J. Paul Getty Museum March 2. The cost of the trip is $10. For more information, call Dan Keirn at 577-6614.

School Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees will convene a Public Hearing Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Barstow Unified School District Administration Building.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the waiver proposal to exclude the scores of English Language Learners on the 2000-2001 Standardized Testing and Reporting for Crestline Elementary School.



State of the Base

The American Society of Military Comptrollers and the Federal Managers Association will hold a joint luncheon at 11 a.m. Feb. 27 at the Oasis Club, where Col. Liz Bergman, base commander, will present the State of the Base address.

The State of the Base address will deal with the future goals and direction of MCLB Barstow.

This will also be the first time Bergman has addressed the entire base. The menu is pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, rolls and butter, or a chef's salad.

The tickets are $7 and must be purchased by Feb. 21. For tickets or more information, call:

Conni Lewellyn	Bldg. 15	577-6596
Lorinda Meincke	Bldg. 406	577-7774
Steve Basisa	Bldg. 573	577-7483
Lorella Garcia	Bldg. 15	577-6352

Battle Color Ceremony

The free, public 2002 Marine Corps Battle Color Ceremony from historic Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. is scheduled to be performed here March 7 at noon on Sorensen Field.

The ceremony encompasses the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and the Marine Corps Color Guard, which are known across the country and abroad for their precision drill and exciting musical arrangements.

NMCI site

The Marine Corps' single, authoritative source of information about the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet is *http://www.nmciinfo.usmc.mil*.

According to MARADMIN 608/01, the site replaces the NMCI information sites hosted by both the NMCI program manager and Headquarters Marine Corps Command, Control, Communications and Computers.

The site provides up to date information on all areas of interest from program documentation to points of contact and frequently asked questions.

For more information visit the Web site, *http://www.nmciinfo.usmc.mil*.

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 are eligible for the scholarship.

Active duty, reserve, or former Navy corpsmen who are serving or have served with the Marine Corps are also eligible.

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*, or visit *http://www.marine-scholars.org*.

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 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 about tickets for shows or other theme parks call the Information Ticket and Travel office, 577-6541.

Reunion

The Marine Security Guards, American Embassy, Saigon, Vietnam are having a reunion June 26-29 in Quantico, Va. Call Mike Bertini at (910) 353-7377 for more information.

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-051-02-NR	Painting Worker WG-4102-07	01-24-02	02-22-02	02-06-02	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 Center, Bldg. 37, Mondays through Fridays 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.donhr.navy.mil*.

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

Photo by Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero

Sixth grader Joshua Raymond receives a $1,000 savings bond Friday from Cecilia Romero, Marine Corps Exchange employee, with Brandon Raymond, his brother, Gunnery Sgt. Frank Raymond, his father, and Saudia Raymond, his mother. Although both $1,000 savings bonds have been won, there are other prizes to win in the Super Star Student Promotion. Sixth- through 12th-grade students with a "B" average on report cards within 30 days of the date of issue are eligible to participate in the Super Star Student Promotion. They must also be sponsored by an authorized patron of the Marine Corps Exchange or possess a family member ID.

Practicing safe work procedures can prevent injuries

By Staff Sgt. Stephen B. Locke
Ground Safety Specialist

Recently, an electrical equipment repairer accidentally inhaled soldering fumes while welding some equipment. The employee went to the medical clinic after his lungs began to hurt and was subsequently released. Although the only corrective action required was that he work in an environment with adequate ventilation and use a respirator, the employee could have suffered more than temporary discomfort.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration standard (Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations 1910.1025) provides review and discussion of the adverse health effects of lead poisoning and describes important elements of the history and the results of physical examinations as they relate to these effects.

What if an employee experiences the most severe and acute form of lead poisoning, which usually follows ingestion or inhalation of large amounts of lead? He or she could succumb to acute encephalopathy, which may arise precipitously with the onset of seizures, coma, cardio respiratory arrest, and death within 48 hours.

Thankfully, the employee above was not overexposed to lead. Hopefully, the employee and other workers whose work affect their air quality will work safely by using proper ventilation and wearing respiratory protection.

For more information about safe work procedures and other safety-related issues, contact the Base Safety Office at 577-6266.

Photo by Glen Lipton

Actor and veteran Dennis Franz stands with Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James L. Jones at the American Veteran Awards program Nov. 30

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by its veterans throughout our country's history. America's heroes have blessed our country with a heritage of liberty and prosperity. ... We honor their contributions, one and all," he concluded.

The American Veteran Awards is the only awards show to unite celebrities, dignitaries and corporate executives nationwide with the general and flag officers who represent service members.

AVA highlights and raises the profile of past, present and future armed forces personnel.

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

There were also slaves who wanted to stay slaves, he remarked. "I have a hard time fathoming that, but it happened," Stanley said. He received loud applause when he added, "We have people just as mixed up today!"

Official USMC Photo

Maj. Gen. Clifford L. Stanley

He drew loud applause again when he said, "People sometimes get to where I am and we forget." Stanley said African Americans should help each other, especially those who reach high levels in their professions.

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

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

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

Anthony Griffin, 11, a sixth-grader at John Tyler Elementary School in Washington, read his winning African-American History Month essay. The deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity sponsors the annual essay contest at Tyler, where DOD personnel support an active mentoring program.

Gail H. McGinn, acting assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, delivered the welcoming address. Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas J. Minor of the National Guard Bureau gave the invocation and benediction. Claiborne D. Haughton Jr., acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for equal opportunity, delivered the closing remarks.

NCO, Marine of Quarter hail from Finance

By Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat
Press Chief

At the onset of each quarter, the best and brightest Marines from sections throughout the command compete for the esteem of their peers and the coveted titles of Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter and Marine of the Quarter.

Both of the titles have been won by Marines in the same section before. The phenomenon reoccurred this quarter. This time, the new NCO of the Quarter, Cpl. Gabriel Lopez, and the Marine of the Quarter, Lance Cpl. Ex Armstrong, are both Base Finance Office Marines.

This is the second time the Base Finance Office won both titles.

NCO of the Quarter

Lopez, a pay clerk, said he believes he has matured a great deal since he joined the Corps Oct. 11, 1999. The Pittsburgh, Calif., native earned his eagle, globe and anchor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and attended Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He then proceeded to Camp Lejuene, N.C., for military occupational specialty training as a basic auditing, finance and accounting Marine.

Lopez has given to the community as a Barstow City Little League Baseball coach and has represented the command as a science fair judge in the Barstow School District Science Fair.

As a lance corporal on a board, "When I was dismissed from the board proceedings, I got up, put my cover on, did my side step, back step and about faced before smartly marching to the door just like everyone else did," smiled Lopez. "But what I didn't realize was that I had put my cover on backwards. [It was] embarrassing because the base sergeant major was sitting right there, but I had prepared." That is what counts, according to the sports enthusiast.

In addition to achieving a promotion to rank of sergeant, taking advantage of the Tuition Assistance Program is next on the agenda for Lopez, who plans to attend college courses this summer.

Marine of the Quarter

Originally born in the bustling city of Bangkok, Thailand, Armstrong was raised in Barstow and enlisted in the Marine Corps Aug. 8, 2000, shortly after graduating high school.

Armstrong attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., before going to Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He also proceeded to Camp Lejuene, N.C., for military occupational specialty training as a basic auditing, finance and accounting Marine.

Being assigned a duty station where one grew up is rare and does have its benefits, according to Armstrong. "I spent about 45 minutes for three or so days preparing my uniform for the board," said Armstrong.

"But I was able to do it at home. I really wanted to be prepared for the board, but I couldn't spend all of my time getting ready for it. I have to attend to life, too," said Armstrong, who spends much of his off-duty time taking care of his family.

Photo by Sgt. Anwaar AlMoribat

Base Finance Office Marines Lance Corporal Ex Armstrong and Cpl. Gabriel Lopez stand tall in front of MCLB Barstow Base Headquarters.

Winning the board was a surprise. "To be honest, I was totally surprised," he said. "I've never won anything big before. I'm just a regular guy," he said smiling.

Eager to lead, Armstrong said he believes his doing well on the board showed that he is willing to lead, to work hard and willing to put in the time and effort to prove it.

In reflecting on his first competitive board, Armstrong lends his success to the support of his seniors and Marines in the finance office.

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dent George Washington in 1790, he worked with Pierre L'Enfant, Andrew Ellicott and others to plan the new capital of Washington, D.C. After L'Enfant was dismissed from the project and took his detailed maps away with him, Banneker reproduced the plans by drawing from his remarkable memory.

I talked about African Americans in the entertainment industry, but I did not know, as a child, that W.C. Handy was the "Father of the Blues." He was a famous composer and bandleader who popularized the "blues" as we know them today.

I'm sure most Americans are totally unaware that Thomas L. Jennings, 1791-1859, was the first African American known to have patented an invention — a dry-cleaning process in 1821.

Jan Ernst Matzeliger, 1852-1889, born in Suriname, came to the United States in about 1872, settled in Lynn, Mass., and patented a shoe-shaping machine in 1883 that revolutionized the shoemaking industry.

Explorer Matthew Henson became the first African American to reach the North Pole while on an expedition with Adm. Robert Peary in 1909. As the leader, Peary got the credit, but contemporary accounts claim Henson actually reached the pole first.

As a child, I did not learn what NAACP means, much less the history of the organization. W.E.B. Dubois, a civil rights leader, editor and scholar, founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1909. Today the organization remains a powerful guard against racism.

I was not taught about Madame C.J. Walker. She was a successful businesswoman who made millions of dollars by manufacturing hair products and cosmetics for women of color. Her products, still in use today, reached across the global economy.

Did you know Mary McLeod Bethune founded Bethune-Cookman College for African Americans in Florida? I didn't. She helped to educate thousands of African Americans and served as an adviser to the president of the United States.

Past history books did not teach of Charles Spaulding, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. His company offered life and health insurance coverage for African Americans when other companies refused to insure them. It's still the world's largest black-owned business.

In 1916, inventor Garrett Morgan rescued workmen trapped by a tunnel explosion under Lake Erie. He entered the gas-filled tunnel wearing a safety hood he had patented two years earlier. That hood was a forerunner of the modern gas mask. Every day you see this man's influence in another way — Morgan patented the automatic traffic signal in 1923 and sold it to the General Electric Co. for $40,000.

I never heard of Langston Hughes, a poet who captured the dreams and frustrations of his people in poems, short stories and comic essays. He used his pen to celebrate the mannerisms, speech, dances and thoughts of the African-American people.

I did not learn about Dr. Charles Drew, who developed a process for preserving blood as plasma and started the first blood bank. He taught at the Howard University Medical School in Washington and made major contributions to surgical medicine.

On April 1, 1950, Drew tragically died after an automobile accident in rural North Carolina while en route to a medical conference.

Much controversy surrounds his untimely death. Within hours, rumors spread about how the man who helped create the first American Red Cross blood bank had bled to death because a whites-only hospital refused to treat him.

Drew was, in fact — or to some people, in propaganda — treated in the emergency room of the small, segregated Alamance General Hospital. Some sources claim two white surgeons worked hard to save him, but he died after about an hour.

Charles Wyner's biography of Drew quotes the other doctors who were in the accident with Drew and a former student who happened to be at the hospital, all of whom were black, confirmed the story that Drew received perfectly adequate care from the two white surgeons. The rumors of his death, however, epitomized a more general truth about American society during this period. In a generic sense, Drew's death represented the realities of African Americans who were turned away by segregated hospitals.

I was not taught how the Union would not have won the Civil War without African-American soldiers. In 1863, white Union forces were depleted, and President Lincoln had no choice but to allow more blacks to enlist. He admitted that without them, abandonment of the war was likely in three weeks.

Approximately 179,000 black soldiers served in 166 all-black regiments in the Union Army. One out of every four Union sailors was black. African Americans did not receive the same pay or equipment as their white counterparts, but they put resentment aside and fought bravely.

I did not learn about African Americans fighting for the United States in the Spanish-American War in 1898 and World War I in 1917. Segregationists kept trying to bar all nonwhites from military service, but black leaders urged their followers to join up nevertheless. This was perhaps the best way for African Americans to prove their right to equal citizenship.

During World War II, black soldiers fought for the first time in combat units in the Navy, Marines and Army Air Corps. A special flying school was set up at Tuskegee Institute. The 99th Fighter Squadron, consisting of pilots trained at Tuskegee, performed so well in European combat that they helped bring about the eventual integration of the Air Corps. In 1948, President Truman ordered the racial integration of all the armed forces.

Before I joined the Air Force, I did not know most of what I just discussed. My family did not teach me. Neither did my schools. It was my fellow airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines, members of the greatest military in the world, who've taught me an entire culture of people will not be deprived of its place in history.

Single Marines attack the world of Disney

Story and photos by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Single Marine Program sponsored a trip to Disneyland and California Adventure Friday.

The Marines appreciated the chance to get away for awhile.

"I'm glad the battalion backed this event so the single Marines could take advantage of the offer by Disney for active duty military to get in their parks for free," said Sgt. Chris Jurgensmeyer, single Marine president.

Lance Cpl Benjamin Jolly along with other single Marines enjoy a roller coaster ride at Disneyland.

Sgt. Chris Jurgensmeyer leads a group of single Marines looking for another ride at Disneyland.

Lance Cpl. John Hubbard takes a shot for a prize at California Adventure.

Lance Cpls. John Hubbard and Robert Anguiano and Master Sgt. Reginald Harris pose with Mickey and Minnie at Disneyland.

AROUND THE CORPS

Sensor Marines are Corps' battlefield ears

By Cpl. Scott Carlson
OKINAWA MARINE

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Japan—They do not have a secret handshake, nor do they use codes when knocking on doors.

Most may not know much, if anything, about these Marines and their rather detached world of high technology intrigue, even the Marines who receive orders to the Ground Sensor Platoon.

The Ground Sensor Platoon, 3rd Intelligence Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force, calls Bldg. 2485 home. It is nearly abandoned looking, surrounded by a chain link fence topped with barbed wire. If not for Taz, the skinny Rotweiller out front, one could safely assume that the unmarked building was slated for demolition. However, inside the building are the ears of an infantry unit on the battlefield.

First Lieutenant Toby J. Collins, platoon commander, GSP, said they are one part of the whole intelligence picture. But that one part has many different responsibilities, said the Grundy, Va., native.

The platoon is responsible for maintaining remote sensors and associated equipment, planning remote sensor employment, performing air-implant operations and assisting in hand-implant operations, according to the GSP's mission statement. The platoon also monitors the information collected and transmitted by the sensors.

The family of sensory equipment that can be tossed out of helicopters or buried in the earth quietly by hand is called the Tactical Remote Sensor Systems. The different sensors have many ways of detecting enemy presence, said Collins.

"We have sensors capable of seismic detection, motion detection, magnetic detection (they can detect metal), and acoustic sensors that are going to pick up and provide some information about different sounds in the environment," Collins said. "They're designed to be used together. Each sensor gives you a little piece, and you take all those pieces in conjunction with each other."

One advantage to this equipment is that it does not take many people to work it, said Staff Sgt. Abdul E. Mack, communications chief, GSP.

"It's a lot less involved," said the Brooklyn, N.Y., native. "It doesn't require as much interaction once you set up."

Collins admitted it does not mean anyone can operate the equipment though. He described ground sensory as an art.

"The operator isn't going to get a message, 'There is a tank coming down the road,'" he said. "He's going to receive signals, and he's going to have to look at those signals and make a determination about what it is that's actually out there."

The operators who make up the platoon do this job as a secondary military occupational specialty. The GSP Marines come from one of two occupational fields, either the infantry or communications fields. They receive an additional military occupational specialty 8621, surveillance sensor operator, upon completion of schooling.

"We get quite a few Marines who didn't know what the unit was before they got here," Collins said.

Orders to the platoon can sometimes come as a surprise to the new Marines, said Cpl. David J. Widell, team leader, GSP.

"I felt a little cheated at first, like I wasn't going in to do what I was supposed to do," said the Coon Rapids, Minn., native. "But once I got into it and realized what we did, I was glad they sent me here."

According to Collins, the Marines are drawn from infantry and communications due to the mission of the platoon.

"Portions of the GSP's mission draw from the experience base of Marines in those jobs," he said. "To participate in the implant portion, where you're actually going out and putting sensors in, you have to understand weapons, small unit tactics, and you have to understand how the infantry functions."

This is where the infantrymen come into play, Collins said.

"All the information we collect isn't worth anything if we can't report it back to higher (headquarters)," Collins said. "So the communications Marines come into the big picture to ensure the lines of communication are up."

According to Collins, the Marines' time spent with the GSP has advantages that extend well beyond their one-year tour at the unit. Collins said the Marines who do a tour with the GSP usually get orders back to an infantry unit and take with them a better understanding of how the intelligence and infantry work together.

"They'll carry with them a greater appreciation, a wider perception of what's out there in the Marine Corps and what 'intel' does to support them as infantrymen," Collins said. "It's good for both the 'intel' Marines and the grunts."

Photo by Cpl. Scott Carlson

Lance Cpl. Brian Snowden, applies cammoflauge paint to a Marine in his platoon before performing a tactical implant during training exercise on Camp Hansen.

Photo by Cpl. Scott Carlson

A Ground Sensor team perform a tactical implant of a ground sensor on Camp Hansen.

MCCS MARINE CORPS Community Services Barstow

By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Valentine's Day Sale at MCX

The Valentine's Day Sale at the Super Seven Store (Nebo) and Railhead Exchange (Yermo) features 10 percent off all perfume and cologne. Come in, look over the Valentine's Day Sale specials. The sale runs through Feb. 14.

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

The Railhead Exchange is open Mondays through Fridays 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. During troop rotations, open Mondays through Fridays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch menu

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the menu for the Cactus Cafe is the same as the Family Restaurant.

Today – Family Restaurant: baked potato, salad bar. Cactus Cafe: meat loaf, mashed potatoes.
Friday – Hoki fish, rice pilaff.
Monday – Spaghetti, garlic bread.
Tuesday – Roast sirloin of beef, mashed potatoes & gravy.
Wednesday – Chicken breast with honey-lemon sauce.
Thursday – Prime rib, mashed potatoes & gravy.

Family Night menu

Tonight – Italian Night

Thursday 14 – Sweetheart's Dinner Special. Steak for two $10, steak for one $5.50, served with tossed green salad, baked potato, dessert and beverage. Dinner served 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reservations are requested; call 577-6428.

CDC has openings for children

The Child Development Center has immediate openings for children 1 to 5 years old.

The Child Development Center provides developmentally appropriate activities for children 6 weeks to 12 years old, in a fun and safe environment.

MCLB children and youth programs serve active duty or retired military, DOD civilian employees, NAF employees and government contractors.

Full day care starts at $206 per month. Part day and hourly care also available.

Call 577-6287 or 577-6059 to reserve a space.

OASIS CLUB'S NEW HOURS

Mondays through Fridays
3:30 to 11 p.m.

(microwave food available)

Monday – **Welcome Back Nite:** Your Club says welcome back from the weekend by providing you a place to unwind. Enjoy watching sports on the large screen TV or play some games: Play darts, pool, or try out our two new video amusement games. Bar food menu is available if you get hungry.

Tuesday – **Burn Your Own Steak Nite:** This should be right down your alley if you enjoy doing the B-B-Q yourself. The club will sell you a Beef Steak or Seafood Steak (Halibut or Salmon) at a special price and you cook it yourself. To complete the meal, the club will provide a tossed green salad and baked potato with all the trimmings.

Wednesday – **Movi/CD Nite:** This is your time to get away from it all, watch a movie (movie list will be at the bar) or listen to music (bring your CDs or select from ours). Bar Food Menu is available if you get hungry.

Thursday – **Happy Hour/Members Nite:** This is the time for you and your friends to gather and enjoy the social atmosphere of your Club. Happy Hour goes from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and the Bar Food Menu is available if you get hungry.

Friday – **Family Member TGIFamily Nite:** The week is over, bring the family down to the club and relax. Disney movies and refreshments provided for the children. Darts, the pool table and video games are available for the adults. Bar Food Menu is available if you get hungry.

Saturday & Sunday – The Oasis Club is normally closed except for private parties.

The Oasis Club will be offering Dart and Pool Tournaments throughout the year. Watch for the announcements posted in the club.

See you at the Oasis

Firefighters clip 4-Runners 29-19 in fight to the finish

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Jesse Griego of the Firefighters, throws a deep bomb in his team's win over the 4-Runners, 29-19.

The Firefighters edged the 4-Runners 29-19 in flag football action at Sorensen Field Monday night.

Jesse Griego's pass breakup in the 4-Runners' end zone with two minutes to play sealed the win for the Firefighters.

The 4-Runners were trailing 21-19 with time running out when they mounted a drive all the way to the five-yard line.

Down to their last down, the 4-Runners threw to Steven Colbird in the corner of the end zone. Griego was covering Colbird and knocked the ball away, giving possession to the Firefighters.

On the very next play, Griego pitched a shovel pass to Paul Purdy, who ran the length of the field to the touchdown that put the game away. After completing the two-point conversion, the score was 29-19, with too little time left for the 4-Runners to score again.

The 4-Runners failed twice in the red zone, having thrown an interception in the end zone and turning the ball over on downs.

Their defense was responsible for keeping the score close. After Dennis Owen threw the interception in his end zone, Derrick Christoff picked off a Griego pass in the Firefighter end zone to atone for his teammate's mistake.

Griego, however, refused to let his team lose. He had two interceptions on defense, including one ran back for a touchdown, and three touchdown passes on offense.

Peter Vegliante was the main offensive weapon for the 4-Runners, with two touchdown catches. Owen scored the other touchdown.

There were three other games on the evening. Clinic A nipped Comm 16-14. Jason Edmiston's four touchdowns helped Supply to a 33-14 victory over Clinic B. The Phat Boys were shut out by the Sorry ones 36-0.

Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Peter Vegliante of the 4-Runners sprints through the defense late in the second half. The 4-Runners would come up short and lose 29-19.

GUNNY'S PICKS

Pro Bowl

Here is one last chance for pro football fans. The winner of the Super Bowl is Gunnery Sgt. David Pooler of Vehicle Registration. This is his second straight week on top.

To win the Pro Bowl edition of Gunny's Picks, contestants must pick the winner, points scored for each team in the game and MVP of the game.

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 your selections to *editor@barstow.usmc.mil*.

Pro Bowl

AFC ____

NFC ____

MVP _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

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 $12,000 OBO. Call Wyatt, 843-0665 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

1998 CHEVY S-10: Fully loaded, lowered with rims, rear air shocks, $12,000. Call 954-7567.

1992 LEBARON: Red, convertible, 104,202 miles, timing belt changed on Sep. 1, 2001, power locks, windows and driver seat, cruise control and air-bags, $4,000, OBO. Call Mario at 252-4688.

1990 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL: 3.8 engine, loaded, less 30k on rebuilt motor, $2,500 firm. Call 257-3455 AWH, daytime 559-8461 ask for Tom.

1985 FORD BRONCO: P/S, P/B, 4 Speed, 300 six cyl, trans and rear-end overhauled recently, runs good, $3,500, OBO. Call 254-1978.

1979 FORD VAN CONVERSION 150: Runs great, has many new parts, $1,200. OBO. Call 255-2115.

1966 DODGE: Station Wagon, 383 engine, auto air, runs, needs TLC, $1,200. Call 254-1913.

MOTOR-HOMES: 1978 Motor home, Dodge Winnebago, Minni, Winni, stove, fridge, roof, A/C, generator, sleeps 6, runs good, needs some interior/exterior work, priced to sell $2,250. Call 252-5365 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Corvair eng., $125; Dodge complete 318 eng., runs, $425; Volkswagen 4 mag rims, $55; General Motors 5 rally 14" rims, $25 for all; aluminum awning for car port or patio, $110; Ford Ranger tailgate, $55. Call 245-1913.

MISCELLANEOUS: Polished steel wheels, five, 15x7, six lug, from 1994 Nissan, 4x4 pick-up, Call 253-3081, lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sweetheart shaped boxes with locking heart, handmade from exotic woods, felt lined, $20. Call Jim 255-2115.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dining room set, table with six chairs xlt. cond. $300, OBO; Seven piece bedroom set, includes new king size mattress and box springs, xlt cond, $1,000, OBO, must see to appreciate. Call 256-1430 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Pageant dresses, sizes 2-7, worn only once. Make offer. Call 252-1311 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Antique Oak sewing cabinet with treadle and 1900's Singer sewing machine, $150; drum coffee/end tables $250. Call 256-0595.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sofa, color is gray and white w/ delicate yellow flowers, xlt. cond, $300, OBO; recliner, like new, Color mauve, $300. Call 256-1430 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: crib with mattress, white, xlt. cond., $100. Call 252-5818.

MISCELLANEOUS: Twin size bed, wooden frame with two drawers for clothes at bottom, $60. Call 256-2434.

MISCELLANEOUS: Exercise equipment, Ab-Doer Pro, $60; Ultra Glide XL $60; Ultra Total Gym $20, all new condition. Call 256-0595.

MISCELLANEOUS: Solid oak easy chair, green, $50. Call 252-7789.

MISCELLANEOUS: Portable Super Nintendo Game system $50; Arcade cabinet for regular Nintendo just add TV up to 19" and regular Nintendo game system, $50; 250 MEG external zip drive USB used $130. Call 252-7789.

WANTED: Used dirt motorcycle, in good running condition for a teenager and a flat bed trailer to haul a Go-cart. Call 256-2434.

WANTED: Honda CRX or Honda Civic, running or not. Call 254-1913.

PETS: English Springer Spaniel, free to good home. Call 252-1686 ask for David or Donna.

LOST AND FOUND: Two pair of prescription glasses found in government vehicles. One pair tinted. Can be claimed at Dispatch Desk, Building 322, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all for you kind heart, prayers and donations in our time of sorrow. All was truly comforting, God bless you all. The Islas family.