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## Earth Day

*Every day at MCLB*

**By Rob L. Jackson**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

On April 22, 1970, a well-organized group of concerned citizens altered the course of our Nation – giving the environment and everyone who cared for it, a voice in our national dialogue, states Christie Whitman, administrator for the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, in a recent message acknowledging Earth Day 2002.

That tradition continues at MCLB Barstow with Environmental Division's Earth Day celebration at the base Youth Activities Center April 18 from 1- 4 pm.

As a special treat, The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation/ Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area is scheduled to be on hand to help MCLB observe this once-a-year event.

The department is expected to exhibit various animals to include the Mojave Rattlesnake, Gopher snake, Sidewinder Rattlesnake, American Kestrel Falcon, and a Barn Owl.

Here, as the billboard on Boll Avenue states, "MCLB Barstow Celebrates Earth Day Everyday," as evident by the numerous awards the base has received for its aggressive stance on environmental policies.

In her February 'State of the Base Address,' Col. Liz Bergman, MCLB base commander lauded base employees' efforts toward maintaining environmental compliance and being good neighbors to the local community with regard to the environment.

One top award MCLB has received is the Secretary of Defense's Certificate of Special Recognition for its "progressive attitude toward environmental compliance by developing and maintaining several innovative strategies aimed at reducing pollution at the source."

In 2000, MCLB Barstow was the recipient of the Secretary of the Navy's award for Pollution Prevention, and again for 2001.

The most recent award is slated for presentation on April 30 in Washington, D. C.

"I encourage the workers and residents aboard MCLB Barstow to support our Earth Day Recognition.

"Now in its 32nd year, this day reminds us that we impact our environment every day and that we can choose to do this in a positive or

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Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Sangster Bob, welder, welds on the bottom of an Light Armored Vehicle. Cost Work Center 743 welds for many different sections in the Maintenance Center.

## Propane refills require new valve

**By Rob L. Jackson**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

As of April 1 propane dealers are no longer required to refill cylinders weighing between four and 40 pounds, commonly used on outdoor gas grills, unless it is equipped with an overfill protection device, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

An OPD is a safety valve that shuts off the flow of gas to a cylinder after it has reached 80 percent capacity. This limits the potential for release of gas when the cylinder is heated, averting a fire

hazard or personal injury.

Cylinders manufactured after September 30, 1998, are equipped with OPDs and require no change, according to NFPA.

Older cylinder models must be retrofitted with the device before refilling, under the requirement, or the cylinder should be disposed of properly and replaced with an

OPD - equipped one. How can one tell if a cylinder cur-

rently lacks an OPD? If the cylinder valve has either a round or star-shaped hand wheel, it needs an OPD.

The overfill devices have handwheels that are triangular in shape, but a small number of early production OPD-equipped cylinders did not.

These are stamped "OPD" on the brass valve body.

Cost to upgrade or replace a cylinder varies.

For more information on discarding an old cylinder, contact your propane refiller, hazardous waste collection site, or local fire department.



**A top view of the valve shows the quique triangular, tamper-resistant handwheel**

# The making of a sergeant major

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Dolloson  
Marine Corps News

**HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, D.C.** - The year was 1952. In a small town 52 miles southwest of Little Rock, Ark., the future sergeant major of the Marine Corps was born.

Sergeant Major Alford L. McMichael, the fourth of ten brothers and sisters, was born and raised in Hot Springs - a town with a population of a little more than 35,000.

Life in the McMichael household was fun. "We enjoyed each other," said Sgt. Maj. McMichael. "We took our own team to the park, we didn't have to choose a team. With that many boys in the family, we didn't have to go far to have fun."

"We were taught to love each other," he added. Even though he was raised in a broken home, Sgt. Maj. McMichael equates his upbringing to

the Marine Corps. His mother, who passed away in December 1998, ruled the house just like a Marine Corps drill instructor.

"We were taught that sisters and brothers didn't fight, or mistreat each other," said McMichael. "Which is basically the same thing that we're taught in the Marine Corps - Marines take care of each other; we take care of our own."

"There are a lot of similarities in the way my mom raised her children and the expectations the Marine Corps has of its new recruits."

His mother taught him to focus on the positive in every situation. The stereotype of society says that children of broken homes grow up to be misfits, causing trouble and wrecking havoc wherever they go.

"Growing up without a father in the home may have been difficult," explains the Sergeant Major. "But there weren't any bad days without one. Some people will say there was no father;

I can say there was no dad, because I had a father every day. That was based on my spiritual upbringing. Every night we said the prayer of "Our Father" as a family."

Sgt. Maj. McMichael's mom was the driving force and the glue that held his family together. Everyone learned the chain of command, responsibility, accountability, manners, customs and courtesies. It seems almost unbelievable that he had no intentions of joining the Marine Corps at all; even after his brother had joined and served in Vietnam.

"When Mom left for work everyday, we knew who the next-in-charge was." He explained.

There was also an assignment of chores, and one in particular that reminds the Sergeant Major of "mess duty."

With nine brothers and sisters, doing chores wasn't too difficult, but everybody got to clean the kitchen for at least a week.

"It lasted for a week and that was a long

week," said McMichael. "You didn't just wash the dishes. You dried them, put them away, and washed the kitchen floor too. A lot like the Marine Corps."

"So the Marine Corps was comfortable for me, because that's the way my mom ran her household," he added. "It was a challenge, but I was used to saying sir and ma'am. 'Yes ma'am' and 'no ma'am' was the only way to address Mom, and when Mom spoke, everybody in that family listened."

Sgt. Maj. McMichael also said when the kitchen chore was done, you didn't have to worry about who was next; they knew to report for duty, or suffer the consequences.

Growing up in the Hot Springs community found Sgt. Maj. McMichael spending school days with his extended family - schoolmates, teachers, counselors and coaches.

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## Dealing with disappointment

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik  
Base Chaplain



The traffic going back and forth on the weekends from Las Vegas and Los Angeles is interesting to observe.

I have often wondered how many have been disappointed by the weekend events.

They sure drive like they are disappointed and mad about something.

In James 4:13-15 we read, "Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money'"

"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'"

It is good to have goals, but goals will disappoint us if we leave God out of them.

There is no point in making plans as though

God does not exist, because the future is in His hands.

What would you like to be doing ten years from now? One year from now? Tomorrow? How will you react if God steps in and rearranges your plans?

Plan ahead, but hold your plans loosely. Put God's desires at the center of your planning; He will never disappoint you.

Life is short no matter how many years we live. We should not think that we have a lot of time remaining. Every day we have should be a day we live for God.

When we live for God, all that we do takes on a different meaning and purpose.

The time we have is prioritized to that standard and guess what?

We have less and less disappointment because we are spending our time on things that are important.

When disappointment does come, our faith is already in place to see us through because we know we are not alone; we are walking with God.

Blessings to all,  
Chaplain Krupnik

## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Pfc. Daniel Perez, motor transport driver and Phoenix, Ariz., native, cuts out cardboard fixtures covered on one side with vinyl. The fixtures are used to preserve windows in vehicles that are being shipped via railroad. MCLB Barstow is his first duty station.

### 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.



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# NEWS BRIEFS

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Fridays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to [editor@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

## Key volunteer meeting



There will be a key volunteer meeting at 4 p.m. April 17 at the Oasis Club.

The meeting is open to all active duty spouses who would like to learn about the MCLB Key Volunteer Network.

For more information call the Marine Corps Family Team Building officer at 577-6543 or the Family Readiness Officer at 577-6556.

## MC Ball Golf Tournament

There is a Marine Corps Ball Golf Tournament scheduled for April 19 at the Tees and Trees Golf Course.

Sign-in is from 6 to 7 a.m. and tee off will be at 7 a.m.

Tournament play is set up for four player teams with "best ball" rules applying. The cost is \$14 for E-1s to E-4s, \$15 for E-5s to E-6s, \$16 for E-7s to O-2s, and \$17 for O-3s and up and civilians.

Mulligans are \$1 a piece with a limit of five and awards will be given for the top three ranking teams as well as the "scrub" team.

## Leave Donation

Elizabeth Gerdes, Communications Division has been affected by a medical emergency. Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a Leave Donor Application through their Department Administrative Officer.

For more information, call Kim Pope at 577-6436.

## Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held May 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Base Gym and from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maintenance Center.

Donors will be given a time to donate blood to reduce the amount of waiting time.

Persons willing to donate blood and/or volunteer for the blood drive should contact their supervisors.

## Earth Day

The Environmental Division of MCLB is having an Earth Day event April 18, at the McKinney Youth Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation/Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area will bring wildlife to show at the event.

In addition to the animal exhibit, the Environmental Division will have literature to give away to the public.

For more information, call Elizabeth Sena at 577-6839.

## Troops to Teachers

The Department of Defense is resurrecting the Troops to Teachers Program, which gives retiring or separat-

ing service members a chance to become teachers.

Servicemembers who are retiring or separating after six years of service will receive a \$5,000 stipend to help pay the cost of receiving a Teacher Certificate Program.

Participants who decide to teach in a high needs school district will receive a \$10,000 bonus instead of the stipend.

A high needs district is defined as more than 50 percent of the students come from low-income families.

Participants in the program must teach at least three years. For more information, visit the base education office in Bldg. 302.

## Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is sponsoring an Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon at the Oasis Club April 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Margaret Carter, base controller. The menu will be chicken cordon bleu, California blend vegetables, agratin potatoes, roll and butter, and ice tea.

The cost is \$7.50. For tickets or more information, call:

Dan Keirn	577-6614
Fred Molino	577-7210
Bruce Rowe	577-7207
Ed Guz	577-6183
Cliff Acles	577-6431
Tangia Joseph	577-7230

## Barstow Head Start Day Care

Barstow Head Start is a free comprehensive child development program available to low-income families, families receiving CalWORKS/TANF and children with special needs. They are now accepting applications for children 3 and 4 years-old.

Barstow Head Start serves families regardless of citizenship status, children of domestic violence, and foster children.

To enroll a child, parents or guardians must provide, verification of birth, immunization record, and verification of income. For more information, call Lucille Stanson at 253-2957.

## Asian Pacific Islander Training Luncheon

There will be an Asian Pacific Islander Training Luncheon May 22 at the Oasis Club.

The guest speaker will be Maj. Domingo Salazar, fleet support division director. The theme will be Unity in Freedom.

The menu will be beef broccoli, fried rice, chicken adobo, fortune cookies, ice tea and water.

The cost will be \$7.

For tickets call following committee members.

Amy Mandap	577-6895
Vee Pasco	577-6391
Marva Johnson	577-6965
Fred Molino	577-7210
Debbie Anilao	577-6746

## 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 United States theme parks, as well as ticket discounts for family members and friends until April 30 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.

## Bowling Tournament

A Bowling Tournament is being tentatively scheduled as a fundraiser for the Marine Corps Ball. Anyone interested can contact Gunnery Sgt. Hilda Goodman at 577-6656.

There needs to be a list of a total number of participants to reserve the bowling alley and set up teams. The dates will be centered around the golf



tournaments. Goodman can also be e-mailed at [goodmanhb@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:goodmanhb@barstow.usmc.mil).

## OU offering master's

The Marine Corps and the University of Oklahoma have developed an agreement to provide Master of Business Administration degrees through Cameron University to the Marine Corps. This agreement allows OU to use the Marine Corps Satellite Education Network to offer classes to Marines stationed at 19 bases worldwide.

Cameron University's M.B.A. is currently offered in Europe and provides military students the opportunity to obtain their degree in an intensive format that fits their active duty schedule.

The M.B.A. is a 33 credit hour program, providing students resident credit and is regionally accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and nationally accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. Courses will begin on the East Coast and West Coast within one year.

## Changes to airline travel

The President recently signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002. Section 1116 of this law authorizes military members and government employees to retain promotional items earned on official travel.

This includes frequent traveler ben-

efits such as points or miles, upgrades or membership/access to carrier clubs or facilities.

Promotional items such as frequent flyer miles may be used for personal travel, regardless of when the mileage was accrued.

## MECEP program

The MECEP Program is now accepting applications from enlisted Marines who are interested in becoming officers.

The program gives the Marine a chance to go to college while on active duty status and receive a degree.

The Marine will then go to Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Va. after completing a degree.

For more information about the program, contact 1st Lt. Casey Taylor, the base adjutant at 577-6155.

## BOOST program

The BOOST program is now accepting applications from enlisted Marines who want to become officers, but need educational enhancement before enrolling in college.

BOOST is a demanding 10-month academic improvement course, which prepares Marines for the rigors of a college level education.

Once the course is completed, BOOST members will go on to college to receive their degree and then be commissioned as officers in the Marine Corps.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Casey Taylor, the base adjutant, at 577-6155.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Gary Baker, deputy commander, and Col. Ervin Rivers, commander Maintenance Center Barstow, escort the Honorable Hansford T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment during a brief visit April 2. As Asst. SecNav for Installations and Environment, Johnson was trying to visit as many installations as possible while on his recent West Coast swing. His visit to MCLB Barstow was for approximately four hours to observe what the installation does and how it accomplishes its mission. Asst. Secretary Johnson also visited MAGTFTC Twentynine Palms and MCAS Yuma prior to his stop at MCLB Barstow.

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negative way,” said Col. Bergman.

“The desert environment, in particular, offers special challenges of water usage and air quality, two obvious key ingredients in our environment.

“MCLB Barstow remains committed to being a good steward of these limited resources by fully participating in local conservation efforts, strict adherence to federal and state environmental regulations, and by limiting as much as possible our impact on the surrounding environment.

“We will use our resources wisely and hopefully pass on to future generations a healthy and well-cared for environment.

“So I would encourage everyone on this day to take a moment and look around, at home and at work, to see what you can do to participate in making our environment a better place for all of us,” said Bergman. “It’s our home so let’s take care of it.”

### Editor’s Note:

*For more information about Earth Day events or information concerning MCLB Barstow’s environmental protection policies, call Elizabeth Sena at 577-6839.*

## McMICHAEL from Page 2

“Little did I know that I’d find comfort and joy in being around people, and school was an enjoyment for me.” He said. “I can honestly say that I never cut school. It just wasn’t in my thought process, and that had a lot to do with what the consequences would be once I got home.”

The teachers at Langston High weren’t just about numbers; they knew every child in the school by name, and they were the parents away from home. The parents and teachers didn’t find conflict with one another.

“If my mom got called to school, somebody was in trouble, and it wasn’t the teacher,” added the Sergeant Major. “The teachers were role models and examples that I enjoyed.”

Football and basketball kept Sgt.Maj. McMichael busy with extracurricular activity during his school years and he still enjoys a game of basketball every now and then.

“Even now, it’s still one of the best things I like to do, with bad knees and old age ... I tell Marines everyday, don’t let this bald head and old body fool you. I still have a crossover.” He said.

### Editor’s Note:

*This is part one of a three part series on the evolution of Sgt. Maj. Alford McMichael’s life and career in the Corps. Parts two and three will follow in consecutive editions of the BARSTOW LOG.*

# AROUND THE CORPS

## Showdown at the embassy

*Recent call-ups train to apply force, wage homeland defense*

**By Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon**  
THE SCOUT staff

"Back up - back up - back up!" The words rang through the air like a rhythmic drum keeping time for their steady march forward to protect a food supply truck from an angry mob. Their mission: seal off the truck from rioters and escort it into the U.S. embassy compound.

Striking batons against full-body plastic shields, reservists with the 23rd Marine Regiment cleared a path through an "angry" crowd so the supply truck could reach the "embassy" - a

baseball field at Camp Margarita here. It was all part of recent riot-control training.

The squad of about 25 Marines practiced applying the continuum of force, starting at nonlethal before escalating to lethal or deadly, said Staff Sgt. Ronald Parrish, a nonlethal weapons instructor for Special Operations Training Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The training group trained Marines from 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, on how to use the riot gear and different types of force. The students in turn will teach the rest of the battal-

ion.

"We are here to help make 2/23 self-sustaining," said Capt. James Farrelly, officer-in-charge of SOTG.

The reservists were activated in February to relieve Marines from 1st Marine Division as a homeland defense force.

With angry mob noise playing over loudspeakers in the background, two members of the protesting group charged the riot's barricade - and took pepper spray in their faces.

The SOTG instructors escorted three of the stunned mob members to a water hose to rinse out their eyes.

Instructors watched and critiqued every move.

After being pulled from the truck and "beaten," Lance Cpl. Timothy Dicarlo, the driver of the food supply truck, pleaded with Marines not to harm his attackers. "Don't hurt them. Don't hurt them. They are innocent. Don't hurt them," as he crawled to safety.

The riot control group once again marched forward 10 steps, chanting with each step, "One, two, three, four ... 10."

On a bullhorn, Marines from the riot-control group tried to get the OmayorO of the mob to come and reach an agreement.

He didn't comply, so the Marines advanced again, "One, two, three, four



Photo by Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon

Lance Cpl. Timothy Dicarlo, the driver of a food supply truck for a mock U.S. embassy, crawls toward the protection of riot control, after being "beaten" by an angry mob, screaming mercy for his aggressors during a riot control training exercise with 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment.

... 10."

This time, two Marines from the riot-control group threw two mock smoke grenades. No reaction. Again they stepped.

Just as they stopped, two men from the mob ran forward with a rope to trip the Marines. The Marines received an order to shoot.

"You are now dead," Parrish said to the two.

Later, during a brief, the Marines learned a valuable lesson. They had used excessive force and strayed from the rules of engagement.

After the shootings, riot control

advanced within 30 feet of the mob, which had diminished to fewer than 15 people.

A mob member wearing thick padding charged at the row of shields.

"I felt like a sumo wrestler. That padding makes movement very awkward," said Pfc. Michael Mughadam, an administration clerk for Headquarters Company, still wearing the bulky black gear.

The riot-controllers pushed Mughadam aside on multiple occasions. The remaining rioters kept their

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Photo by Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon

Marines from 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment pepper-sprayed role players acting as a violent mob outside a mock U.S. embassy when they tried to break through a barricade of shields during a recent riot control training exercise.

# READY, FRONT

Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

## Casualties lead concern for Corps

*February proves to be a bad month for the green machine*

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
BARSTOW LOG Staff

February was a costly month to the Marine Corps.

Twelve Marines and one Sailor died in on and off duty mishaps, one Marine committed suicide, and 15 Marines suffered significant injuries in just 28 days.

On duty fatalities:

Seven Marines and one Sailor were involved in a five-ton rollover. Three Marines were killed, and three were injured when their five-ton truck, towing an M198 rolled.

A lance corporal was killed when the barrel of a Howitzer struck him in the chest.

A sergeant from Drill Instructor School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, died after collapsing and going into cardio-pulmonary arrest following a four-mile run.

Off duty fatalities:

A private first class was killed when she fell asleep driving. She was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected.

Two Marines were driving in a vehicle when the driver attempted to overtake a vehicle traveling at approximately 80 to 85 miles per hour in the right lane. The driver overcompensated and lost control of the vehicle, which flipped and rolled approximately 200 feet. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle, and died from his injuries. The passenger was wearing his seatbelt and is in stable condition.

A corpsman was killed in a three-car accident.

A lance corporal lost control of his vehicle while driving home from drill and died in the crash.

Two privates were involved in a high speed vehicle accident, which resulted in both their deaths.

A gunnery sergeant was riding a motorcycle and was struck by another vehicle and killed.

Suicides:

A lance corporal was found dead in his hotel room by the lo-

cal sheriff. He hanged himself.

On duty ground injuries:

A Marine was a passenger in the back of a five-ton vehicle traveling over rough terrain. He was bouncing around violently when his head struck the tailgate. He suffered temporary numbness and was diagnosed with inter-cranial bleeding.

Six Marines were riding in a high back HMMWV, traveling along a fence line, when the driver swerved to miss an endangered species in the middle of the road.

The shoulder was narrow and led to a steep embankment.

The vehicle traveled down the embankment, causing some Marines to be tossed around the HMMWV and others to be ejected from the vehicle. Four Marines sustained minor injuries, one sustained head contusions and a leg injury, and one other sustained a soft-tissue back injury.

Off duty ground injuries:

Three Marines were in a vehicle when the vehicle drifted off the road and struck a tree.

The driver was charged with felony Driving Under the Influence.

One passenger suffered lacerations to the head and the other suffered a fractured hip.

A Marine was involved in a collision with three other vehicles. He suffered injuries to his neck, back and chest.

A chief warrant officer was involved in a vehicle rollover accident. He had to be airlifted from the scene.

Two Marines rolled their vehicle and killed a 17 year-old civilian in another vehicle. The Marines were not wearing seatbelts and one suffered cracked ribs, and the other went to the Intensive Care Unit for a cat scan.

**Last time this year, 22 Marines had died from ground related mishaps and six were lost in aviation mishaps. This year 39 Marines and Sailors are dead as a result of ground related mishaps and 12 in aviation mishaps.**

A corporal swerved to miss a stone in the middle of the road. She lost control of her vehicle and it rolled off the road. She suffered permanent disfigurement to her left hand.

A corporal tried to jump inside a moving bus that was exiting a parking lot. He was unsuccessful. He became trapped under the bus and suffered multiple injuries.

Aviation:

A helicopter in Kenya experienced a hard landing. Significant damage occurred to the aircraft and three Marines were injured.

A KC-130F made an emergency landing. Six Marines were onboard the aircraft. Five received on-site care and one was taken to the hospital.

Two captains ejected from their F/A-18 Hornet. The pilot landed with minor injuries, but the navigator died from injuries incurred following the ejection.

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This year 39 Marines and Sailors are dead as a result of ground related mishaps and 12 in aviation mishaps.

These are record numbers to date. The information for this article was taken from ALMAR 016/02.

## Marine Mail

By Cpl. Cory Kelly  
Editor

“What is the single most important way we can better serve our Marine Corps family: active, reserve, civilian and family members?” is the question the commandant is asking for answers during the second quarter of this fiscal year.

Along with his announcement of this quarter’s “Question to the Corps,” Gen. James L. Jones, commandant, gave out a special thank you to those who responded to last quarter’s “Question to the Corps.”

Also, along with the message outlining this quarter’s question in ALMAR 020/02, came a reminder about the criteria requirements for submissions to the “Marine Mail” venue.

Submissions to “Marine Mail” should answer either the quarterly “Question to the Corps” or answer one of the following questions:

What aren’t we doing that we

should be doing?

What are we doing that we should do differently?

What are we doing that we shouldn’t be doing?

What new concept or idea should the Marine Corps investigate to improve its warfighting capability?

Submissions that stick to the criteria are to receive a response within 30 days of receipt as outlined in the message. And submissions that do not meet at least one of the set criteria will be returned without action.

Submissions/answers to the “question to the Corps” and/or “Marine Mail” replies can be sent through any of the following venues:

The official U.S. Marine Corps Internet Web page at <http://www.usmc.mil/cmc>.

Fax to (703) 614-5035.

E-mail to [Marinemail@hqmc.usmc.mil](mailto:Marinemail@hqmc.usmc.mil).

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# New Break room boosts morale at CWC 743

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Cost Work Center 743 will have a new area to rest and relax while on break or on lunch.

A new break room was built with soundproof walls and safety glass windows to take them out of the noisy environment of welding machines and metal cutting machines.

The cost of the modular break room was \$27,657.57," said Gregory Johnson, senior production supervisor at the Maintenance Center.

The modular break room measurements are 19 x 31 x 9, and includes two office spaces, four heavy duty industrial doors with 3/16 safety glass, a rock deck and drop ceiling, and three air conditioning units, according to Johnson.

The project was contracted out to a company, who performed the job within a week.

"The company that was awarded the contract to build the break room was Modular Offices, based out of Memphis, Tenn.," said Johnson. "The building was assembled in six days."

The facility was much needed for the shop, according to Richard Baca, production leader at the welding shop.

Before, workers had to spend break time and lunch hours in an environment not very conducive to comfort.

"We never had any closed eating facilities before and there is plenty of dust that sits in the atmosphere, and elements such as smoke and noise around," said Baca.

Work became even harder for the welders when the weather started heat-

ing up.

"Product Team 743s work dealing with heat generating equipment, coupled with the personal protective equipment and physical demands of

the position, has an overwhelming effect on the welder's ability to be very productive in the summer months," said Johnson. "In the past, the welders would have to eat or relax in an

area with no roof or air conditioning, that was constantly covered in soot produced by the welding and cutting equipment required to perform the task of welding work."

The new break room is waiting to be fitted with sprinklers and electricity before it goes into use. Both projects are scheduled to be done within a couple weeks.

The morale of the workers was a major factor in building a new break room. It is beginning to take effect, now that the workers can see that management is looking out for their best interests.

"I think it already has effected morale to form a positive attitude," said Baca. "A lot of us have been here for over 20 years and have had to eat out in the open, so for us to see something like this, it lets us know they are trying to improve the facilities for us."

Johnson said he thinks projects like the new break room cause a contagious boost in morale in the employees.

"Production Team 743 has waited for many years for a break room to eat, relax, cool off, and conduct safety and leadership sessions," said Johnson.

"The morale in the shop is on a steady incline based on some of the changes like this one taking place daily here at

the Maintenance Center."

Johnson said the break room is not the only thing management is doing to make the Maintenance Center a better place to work.

"The recent purchase of new technology in welding equipment, onsite training, and the new break area sends the right message to our employees that we care about their welfare," said Johnson. "We constantly challenge each other in positive ways to achieve the desired results, customer satisfaction, improved



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Darrell Hill, welder, will be able to enjoy the new break room soon.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Gregg Walsten, welder, welds a case for a battery recharger. The battery recharger was designed by CWC 743 for the Army, and now has a contract to produce the for Fort Irwin.

throughput, and safety and improvements to our quality of working areas."



The new break room in Cost Work Center 743 awaits a sprinkler system and electricity before it is put into use. The new break room will give employees a cool, clean place to get away from all the dust and noise in the work place.

Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt



By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

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distance as the Marines made way for the truck's entrance into the compound and followed it on in.

Once inside the "safe zone," group leaders were critiqued on the platoon's movement and their adherence to the rules of engagement while mob members washed the spray out of their eyes.

"If you run, it doesn't burn as bad," coached spray victim Lance Cpl. Dextar Cai.



Photo by Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon

Providing security for other members of riot control, Sgt. David Ahumada awaits word that his Marines and their captives are safely inside the plastic shield barricade during a recent training exercise.

# SPORTS

## Bulldogs win season opener

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

BARSTOW LOG staff

The MCLB Bulldogs defeated the Hitmen, 19-11, in intramural softball April 2 at Eva Dell Park in Victorville.

Pete Martinez, shortstop, went 3-3 with a double and a triple, and had three runs batted in to spark the Bulldog's offense.

The Bulldogs were only up two runs at 13-11 in the bottom of the fifth inning, when they came up to bat. Johnny Garcia led the inning off with a single, followed by a double by Joshua Lovett. Paul Zacharzuk knocked both of them in with a single to make the score 15-11.

Dennis Owen followed Zacharzuk with a single of his own to put runners at first and second. Then Joshua Barnhardt dropped a donkey bomb over the right field fence to add three more runs to the total. The Bulldogs added one more run to finish the scoring for the game.

When the Hitmen came up in the top of the sixth, they were shut out by the Bulldog's defense and the game was called because of the time limit.

The Bulldog's biggest inning of the game was the bottom of the fourth. Peter "Veggie" Vegilante started the inning with a walk, and Martinez knocked him in with a triple. David Meeden picked up an RBI with his double and scored by tagging up from second base on a long fly ball hit

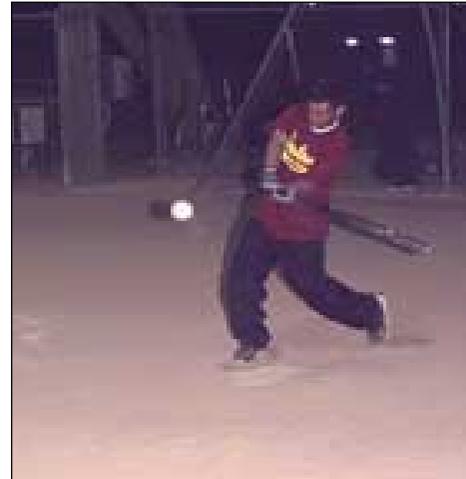


Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Marco Catano swings at an offering from the Hitmen's pitcher. The Bulldogs won the game 19-11.

by Garcia.

Frank Weinald then hit a solo job to left field in his only official at bat of the game. Zacharzuk and Owen followed that up with back-to-back singles and Barnhardt hit them in with a double.

Jesse Madrid knocked in Barnhardt with a single and Jason Grimes walked to put runners at first and second. Madrid scored on Anthony Cisneros's single and Grimes scored on a sacrifice fly by Martinez to top off a nine-run inning.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Sprint Triathlon

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sprint Triathlon will be held at Fort Irwin April 28, at noon. Registration for the event starts at 11 a.m. at the Troop Pool, Bldg. 325.

The events are a 200-meter pool swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a two-mile run.

Participants can perform as a team or as an individual. For more information, call (760) 380-3046.

### Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are being held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the aerobics room at the Base Gym.

Yoga is a discipline that helps relieve stress and increase flexibility.

It is a good way to get rejuvenated to go back to the office for the rest of the day.

Jennifer Patterson, health promotions coordinator, is a licensed yoga instructor, and teaches the classes.

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