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## TSP open season

*Expanding investment options*

By Cpl. Cory Kelly

Editor

Federal civilian employees and members of the uniformed services can tap into their income for the purposes of feeding their retirement investments once again.

The Thrift Savings Plan open season began Wednesday and opened doors for more than 2.5 million service members and federal civilian employees to begin new savings plans or alter the investments of existing ones.

Established by congress with the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986 and opened up the military this past year, TSP offers the same type of savings and tax benefits offered by private companies with so-called 401(k) plans. TSP now offers five different investment funds to choose from vice just the three that were available during previous years.

### Basic categorizing

Employees eligible to participate in the plan fall into one of three categories. They are federal employees covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System or the old Civil Service Retirement System, or are service members.

Of the three groups only FERS employees are entitled to agency contributions (contributions to their TSP accounts made by their employers that are not taken out of the employees' pay nor increase the amount of pay received for income tax or social security purposes).

FERS employees automatically receive an agency contribution equal to 1 percent of their basic pay each pay period to their TSP accounts. This automatic contribution is made regardless of whether or not the employees put their own money into TSP. Employees who do put their own money into TSP receive agency matching contributions as well.

Contributions are matched dollar for dollar for the first three percent of pay invested and 50 cents to every dollar for the next 2 percent of pay. Contributions above 5 percent of pay are not matched. This year's open seasons FERS employees can increase their investments to 12 percent of their base pay each period as opposed to the 11 percent available during last year's open seasons.

CSRS employees receive no agency contributions and are capped at 7 percent of their pay. Service members are capped at the same 7 percent rate for basic pay but their investment options extend to up to 100 percent of any special, incentive or bonus pays.

### IRS regulations

The Internal Revenue Service increased the cap on the annual deferral limit (for tax-deferred contributions) from \$10,500 to \$11,000 this year. According to the TSP Web site, <http://www.tsp.gov>, investments surpassing IRS limits will not be accepted.

Non-taxable contributions from combat zone tax

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Photo by Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero

Kenn Kemper runs a portion of his 33-mile run for the day with Headquarters Battalion Marines at MCLB Barstow Friday. The 64-year-old, a former Marine corporal, plans to run a marathon a day six days a week from California to Maine in five months as part of the Great Amerithon, a faith-based event to impact U.S. citizens with the importance of making positive contributions in all aspects of their community's life. See Pages 8 and 9 for full coverage.

## Homeowners Assistance Program

By Rob L. Jackson  
BARSTOW LOG staff

A congressionally mandated benefits program is now available to eligible Department of Defense employees or former employees who have lost their jobs and had to relocate due to base downsizing or closure.

The Homeowners Assistance Program, administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, provides special relief through financial assistance to eligible military and civilian employees.

The program is available to help individual homeowners who have had to relocate and who have ei-

ther sold their homes at a loss, will have to sell their homes at a loss, or who owe more on their mortgage than the value of the home and request that the government acquire the property, according to a statement by Dan Kelly, chief, Studies and Review Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in Sacramento, Calif.

"There are certain eligibility requirements that must be met for a homeowner to be eligible," said Lucianna Wais, head, personnel operations, Human Resources Office, MCLB Barstow.

"Number one, the base has to be subject to closure, realignment, or a significant reduction in force; two, in-

dividuals applying can be active duty military, full time Department of Defense employees, and some MCCS (Marine Corps Community Services) employees, but they have to be U.S. citizens; and, three, the applicant must have been employed at or near the installation," Wais explained.

Also, an applicant must have been assigned to, employed at or near the installation, transferred, or terminated as a result of RIF, within six months prior to one of three specified dates for MCLB Barstow, according to the Sacramento Corps of Engineers office.

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# Being angry but keeping control

By **Cpl. Cory Kelly**  
Editor

Sitting in an office chair, an hour past my self-imposed deadline, I railed in unintelligible spasms of verbiage about the delinquency of my publication.

This I did as I typed away in a half-conscious state, all the while feeding my emotions into the air with bitter potency until it all came over me in a flush of anger. It came over me so quickly I remember associating the feeling with the quickness the retaining dish turns blue with the plop of a new 2000 Flashes disk.

It was then that I folded, but not on the outside. On the outside I stormed out of the office in a feverish frenzy of chaotic ignorance. On the

inside I was merely making a silent retreat to a place where control was mine.

It was not until later did I reflect in a circular fashion of how my rage grew and drove me to lose myself so completely in the moment.

It was then, when I began to track its path, that I realized that my short trigger and hot temperament found their way into my working world more often than does my lucid thought processes.

And as I thought this to myself I began to justify my actions in a way that lighted the roads of my intangible mind.

"I am a Marine, and Marines are supposed to be short tempered and hot fused," I convincingly told myself.

I thought this, and a meandering million other things as I sat in my hotel room watching the X-Files and feeding my brain a healthy quart of Ben

and Jerry's—the vanilla kind with ample amounts of cherries and chocolate chunks spooled in the mix.

Three bean burritos and one episode of Ally McBeal later I was almost done convincing myself that my actions were copacetic in nature in comparison to the actions of those who mentor me and to those of my peers.

And when I finally thought the cream of ice and flour-shelled, spiced beans and cheese had done their job, I slowly spiraled down and away from the desired and into the arms of the undesirable. Alas, the bingeing I had done to bribe my mind was as fruitless as always—except through my burning heart and stomach that seemed to boil over within itself.

I had come full circle. And I knew I had been wrong.

As wrong as I was when I was 7 years old and had stolen a handful of generic bubble gum from the corner store and had not gotten caught.

Even after the contraband was far and away from the fear of reprisal I was not able to indulge in the fruits of my labor. My conscious had gotten me so wound up I hid the candy in the underwear drawer of my dresser where I spent weeks trying to forget how I had gotten them. When I finally did forget enough about my childhood recon mission, I had forgotten too much, and it wasn't until two years later that I found a pile of generic bubble gum piled under a stack of old Fruit of the Looms. I remember looking at them as the past came rushing back to me, remembering the corner store, my conquest and the dis-

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## Facing inner conflicts

By **Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik**  
Base Chaplain



It seems at times that the world around us is always in conflict.

We see it in the local, national and global news.

We experience conflict on a personal basis at school, work and home. We have conflict within ourselves about our actions.

What seems to be the problem?

From the ideal spiritual perspective (and no rocket science here), it is from our desires.

In James 4:1-3, we read, "What is causing the quarrels and fights among you?"

"Is it not because there is a whole army of evil desires within you? You want what you do not have, so you kill to get it.

"You long for what others have, and can not afford it, so you start a fight to take it away from them. And, yet the reason you do not have what you want is that you do not ask God for it.

"And even when you do ask you do not get it because your whole aim is wrong. You only want what will give you pleasure."

We have natural conflicts of opinion and de-

bate over preferences, ideas and otherwise.

The conflict that I want to address is when we want to hurt someone to get what we want based on the desires we have that we know are wrong.

Is the goal in life that we have based on our desires or God's desires?

Emphasis on our pleasure brings on a multitude of conflicts. Emphasis on doing those things that please God brings us peace and contentment. Our desires based on self cause us to do things that bring dishonor to ourselves and the relationships that we are involved in.

Our desires based on God cause us to do things that bring honor to God and ourselves and all the relationships that we have.

Life requires a choice from everyone. What is our ultimate purpose for living, to glorify self or to glorify God?

If we choose self-glorification, we separate ourselves from God and those around us, which causes many of the conflicts that we have.

If we glorify God, our desire is to do what is right in all that we do and we find peace.

Let God's desires be your desires and allow the spiritual peace that we can have be a part of our everyday lives.

Blessings to all,  
Chaplain Krupnik

## Just doing my job ...

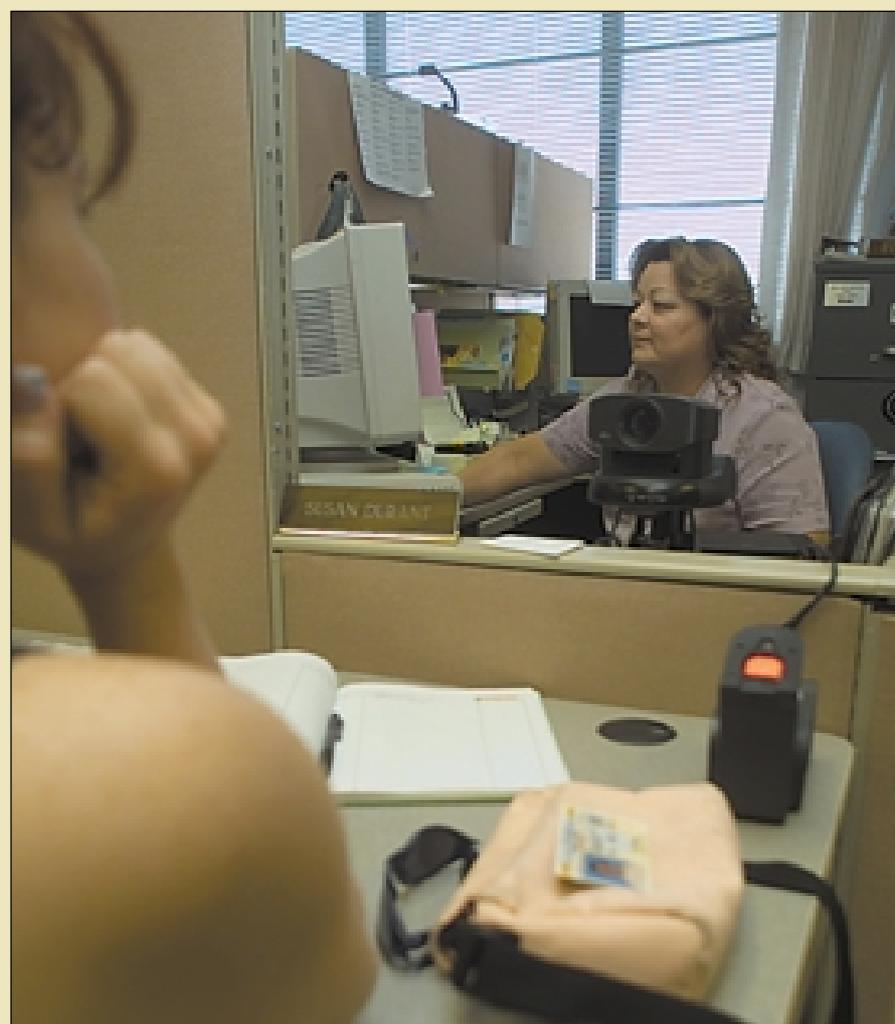


Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Peggy Moitosa, military personnel clerk, takes a picture for an ID card for a military family member. Recently, the vehicle registration and ID card section on base took over the job of making civilian ID badges and contractor ID badges. The vehicle registration and ID card section is located in the red wing of Building 15.

### 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).

## Leave transfer

Bertie Dailey, public affairs office, has been affected by medical emergencies. Anyone desiring to donate leave under the "Leave Sharing" program may obtain a leave donor application through his or her department administrative officer. For more information contact Kim Pope, 577-6436.

## Leave transfer

Kenneth Luedke, Maintenance Center Barstow, has been affected by medical emergencies. Anyone desiring to donate leave under the "Leave Sharing" program may obtain a leave donor application through his or her department administrative officer. For more information call Patricia Snyder, 577-7284.

## Armed Forces Day Golf Tournament

The 10th Annual Golf Scramble hosted by Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice at Tees n' Trees Golf Course will be held Saturday. The cut off date for sign up is today. The entry fee is \$35. Green fees and cart not included.

For further information call tournament director Howard Hedberg 252-5943.

## Asian Pacific Islander Training Luncheon

There will be an Asian Pacific Islander Training Luncheon Wednesday 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, lumpia, fortune cookies, iced tea and water. The cost will be \$7.25.

For tickets call the following committee members:

Name	Phone
Amy Mandap	577-6895
Vee Pasco	577-6391
Fred Molino	577-7210
Debbie Anilao	577-6746

## Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held Thursday 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 or volunteer for the blood drive should contact their supervisors.

## Maintenance complaint line

To report complaints about repair and maintenance work on real property (base buildings excluding housing) call 577-5159.

## Marine Corps online uniform store

Active duty, reserve and retired Marines registered in the DEERS systems can now order uniform items online at <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/uniforms>. The Uniform Support Center can also be reached by calling (800) 368-4088.

## NROTC Scholarships available

The Professor of Naval Sciences is seeking eligible young men and women interested in becoming future naval officers. There are currently 120 NROTC scholarships available at historically black colleges. The scholarships are no longer raced based so everyone is invited to apply. The colleges and universities providing these scholarships are Southern, Morehouse College, Spellman, Morris Brown, Hampton, Norfolk State, Florida A&M, Savannah State, and Prairie View A&M. To become eligible for the scholarship one must have a 3.0 grade point average, possess a 1050 score on the SAT (530 math and 520 verbal) or scored a 22 on the ACT. For more information contact Maj. Robert Morris, Special Assistant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Personnel Programs, at (703) 693-0237, DSN 223-0237, or via email at [Morris.Robert@hq.navy.mil](mailto:Morris.Robert@hq.navy.mil).

## Laser and inkjet cartridge recycling

To recycle laser and inkjet cartridges, bring them to the east end of Warehouse 401. It is preferred that the cartridges be placed in their original packaging. If the original packaging can't be found, please place the cartridge in a clear plastic bag and tie it off. Broken or leaking cartridges cannot be recycled and must be turned in as a hazardous waste by calling 577-7442.

For more information, please call Carmela Gonzalez at 577-6744.

## Play Mornings

Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the New Parent Support Program holds Play Morning at the McKinney Youth Center for parents with children ages 5 and under.

Among the numerous activities is



crafts fun for children and parents alike.

For more information call Sharon Wallace, 577-6332.

## Recycling Update

If a recycling container is damaged, or service is not provided, please call Carmela Gonzalez at 577-6744 or John Watson at 577-6540.

MCLB employees are asked not to call the contractor directly. All calls made directly to the contractor will be redirected to Gonzalez or Watson.

The recycling contract is updated on a quarterly basis. If you need to make a change to your recycling service please email Carmela Gonzalez at [gonzalezcj@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:gonzalezcj@barstow.usmc.mil) and specify what changes you require.

## Special Olympics

The Special Olympics of Southern California, Barstow, is looking for athletes, coaches and volunteers for future Special Olympics. For more information on how to get involved call 255-2787 or 256-1690.

## Scholarships for Women

The Selected Professions Fellowships Program is now accepting applications for the 2002-2003 academic year. These various grants/fellowships range from \$2,000-\$50,000 and provide direct financial assistance to black female scholars pursuing professional degrees in architecture, business administration, computer science, engineering, math/statistics, law, and medicine.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Most candi-

dates must be entering their final year of a graduate or first-professional degree in an eligible discipline in the 2002-03 academic year.

Exceptions are made for women in engineering master's programs who are also eligible for funding during the first year of their program. Women in medicine are also additionally eligible for funding in their third year.

To apply, go to <http://www.aauw.org/> and click on fellowships and grants. Deadlines vary for different awards.

## 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.

## Friday night dinner

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2143 is having a family dinner night Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at 25190 West Main Street.

The public is invited; for more information call 253-2610.

## Cellular phones

Persons with cellular telephones on base can dial 911 for emergencies. The California Highway Patrol in Barstow will answer the call. Callers should inform dispatchers they are from the Barstow Marine Base.

When that happens callers will be transferred to the MCLB Public Safety Dispatch Center where the help requested will be dispatched. The non-emergency phone number for the Public Safety Dispatch Center is 577-6666. For questions or concerns with the current dispatch center or personnel, call 577-6666.

## Dialing 911

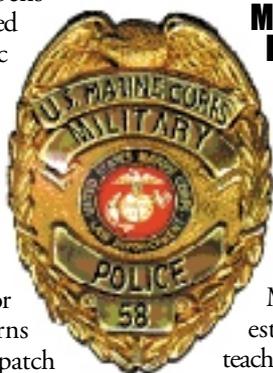
The Public Safety Dispatch Center is now cross-staffed by military police and civilian dispatchers. All of the dispatchers have been certified as emergency medical dispatchers. There are two dispatchers on duty 24 hours seven days a week.

The 911 system the base operates on is an older system. This system does work, however it is slower than the new systems available. There will be a short delay of about 8-10 seconds before the phone rings when 911 is dialed. This should only be a temporary problem, as the 911-dispatch center is in the process of being updated with the

most advanced system available.

If for any reason 911 is not working the alternate emergency phone number is 577-6322.

For more information call the non-emergency phone number for the Public Safety Dispatch Center, 577-6666.



## Military Police reserve program

The Provost Marshal's Office on base is offering the Military Police Reserve Program to all Marines who are interested. The course will teach the basic information to perform Military Police duties. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Daly at 577-6193.

## Visitor sponsoring

Personnel sponsoring visitors and contractors to the base on a long-term or recurring basis must send their requests to [smbbarstoupba@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:smbbarstoupba@barstow.usmc.mil) or fax them to 577-6191.

Short-term personal visitors such as barracks or housing guests need to report to Building 167 and complete a written request. All sponsors are required to provide their visitor's full name, driver's license number, vehicle description, intended destination and date(s) of visit.

For more information call Gunnery Sgt. David Paul, 577-6062.

# Marines, Sailors of the Quarter

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

## Junior Sailor of the Quarter

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mary Collin, the leading petty officer for health records and the front desk at the Branch Medical Clinic here, recently won the Junior Sailor of the Quarter board at MCLB Barstow.

The Hesperia native also took honors as the Junior Sailor of the Quarter for all branch medical clinics at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, something a sailor here hasn't done in three years, according to Collins.

During her spare time while stationed here for the past four years, Collins has been taking classes at Victor Valley College and plans to major in criminal justice.

"Hopefully, one day I'll be a police officer," said Collins, who is waiting for approval to change her military occupational specialty to master at arms, the

Navy's military police field.

She said her goal is to work for a state law enforcement agency.

## Senior Sailor of the Quarter

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Dave Bockleman, leading petty officer and independent duty corpsman for the Branch Medical Clinic here, recently won the Senior Sailor of the Quarter board here. The 14-year sailor hasn't always been a corpsman.



Hospital Corpsman  
1st Class Dave  
Bockleman

Bockleman.

After his stint with naval aviation, the Warren, Ohio, native transferred to the medical field, which he plans to stay in until he retires.

Before he retires, Bockleman plans to finish a degree in health care administration and continue working in the health care field.

## Marine of the Quarter

Lance Cpl. Jason Fields, drafter and surveyor for the Installations and Logistics Department here, won both the Marine of the Quarter title here and the meritorious promotion board for corporal.

Fields said he enjoys being a drafter and surveyor because what he designs on paper becomes tangible and useful for other people.

"I like to see all the steps to the process," said Fields. "It's rewarding to me because you see something on paper and then you can actually see it being built."

The Milbank, S.D., native sees himself in one of two places in the near future.

"I will either be graduating from college as a mechanical engineer or civil engineer, or as a staff sergeant in the Marine Corps," said Fields.

Fields, who is scheduled to transfer to Okinawa, Japan, in July, said his tour



Lance Cpl. Jason  
Fields

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Photo by Curt Lambert

Staff Sgt. Saul Chairez, technical assist with the Fleet Support Division, stands with Maj. Domingo K. Salazar, FSD director, during Chairez's retirement ceremony May 9 at Warehouse 406 at the Yermo Annex. After 20 years of service, the "Mayor of MCLB Barstow," nicknamed so because he's been stationed here since October 1994, plans to work as an electrician for the state of California or for the base.

# AROUND THE CORPS

## 81s highly effective, particularly lethal

By Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks  
22nd MEU Public Affairs Chief

"Hanging on three!" Cpl. Antonio M. Liddel's booming voice announced as Lance Cpl. James Martinez, of Andrews, Penn., held an 81mm mortar round suspended above his gun's tube.

A flurry of shouted commands and staticky radio calls followed, and Liddel, a 21-year-old Pensacola, Fla., native issued the final command that had Martinez release the round, dropping it into the steel casing of the 86-pound mortar system. Seconds later, the distinctive "thump" of a discharging mortar filled the air and sent the crew of Gun Three scrambling to fire another round.

For three days, this scene was repeated time and again as the 81mm mortar platoon of Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines' Weapons Company trained on a desolate patch of desert during a recent 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Spe-

cial Operations Capable) training exercise.

"The primary mission of the 81mm mortar platoon is to give close continuous fire support in both offensive and defensive combat operations," said 1st Lt. Michael P. McDaniel, the 81mm mortar platoon commander. This includes neutralizing enemy infantry, crew-served weapons, and interdiction of the enemy's movement of men, vehicles and supplies."

McDaniel, a former enlisted Marine who hails from Highland, Md., said his unit's mortars are a combat multiplier for the MEU.

"We're the battalion commander's organic hip pocket fire support asset," said McDaniel. "Our mortars are highly effective, extremely responsive, easily employed, and particularly lethal."

Commonly known simply as "81s," the 81mm mortar platoon is composed of approximately 50 Marines broken down into two sections of several squads, or gun crews, each. Each sec-

tion is led by a staff sergeant who in turn has corporals and sergeants in charge of the individual gun squads.

"I am responsible for the training and operation of my section," said Staff Sgt. John P. Brandon, of Pender County, N.C., first section leader. "I keep the platoon commander informed of my section's status and assist him by making recommendations for movement and selecting firing positions."

"In turn, I hold my squad leaders responsible for the actions and training of their squads (gun crews)," said Brandon.

Each section has several four-man gun crews that consist of a squad leader, gunner, assistant gunner, and an ammo bearer. One of these Marines also doubles as the driver of the squad's Humvee.

Lance Cpl. Robert Petterson is an ammo bearer for one of second section's gun squads, and said a superior sense

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Robert Sturkie

Marines from 81 mortars platoon with the 22nd MEU (SOC) fire rounds down range during a recent exercise.

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exempt pay or hazardous pay are not subject to the \$11,000 limit. However, IRS law does impose a \$35,000 or 25 percent limit (whichever is less).

### Enrolling anew

Employees can enroll in the TSP twice a year - during the open season which began Wednesday and ends July 31 and again in another open season beginning Nov. 15 and ending Jan. 15 in the new year.

Service members can set up a TSP using the Form TSP-U-1 at the Administrative Support Department in Building 15.

FERS and CSRS MCLB Barstow employees can set up or alter their investment plans by either using the Employee Benefits Information System or by filling out a Form TSP-1, which is available at the Human Resources Office Self Service Center in Building 236, and mailing it to: HRSC-Southwest, 525 B Street, Suite

600, Attn: Benefits Section, San Diego, CA 92101. EBIS, a World Wide Web application, can be accessed at the Department of the Navy Civilian Information Center Web site, <http://www.civilianbenefits.hroc.navy.mil>.

The HRSC-SW employee information line that handles TSP is (619) 615-5554.

### Risking the investment

With TSP one has the choice of five different investment funds to choose from, move back and forth through, and filter their monies into. Up until this open season there were only three.

All new TSP enrollees are defaulted into the Government Securities Investment Fund, or G Fund. The G Fund is invested in short-term, non-marketable U.S. treasury securities that are specially issued to the TSP. According to a pamphlet published by the Federal Retirement Investment Board, which manages TSP, in February there is no credit risk (risk of non-payment of principle or interest) for

the treasury securities in the G Fund. However, rates of return are usually significantly less than the other funds.

The Fixed Income Index Investment Fund, or F Fund, is invested in a bond index fund that racks the Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate bond index, which primarily consists of high-quality fixed income securities representing the government, mortgage-backed, corporate and foreign government sectors of the U.S. bond market.

The F Fund offers increased rates of return relative to the G Fund over the long term, especially in periods of generally declining interest rates, according to the pamphlet. The F Fund also carries credit and market risks not carried by the G Fund.

The C, S and I Funds are stock index funds. The first of which, the Common Stock Index Fund, or C Fund, is a large company stock fund. The C Fund tracks the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index, which consists of the common stocks of 500 companies traded in the U.S. stock markets.

The Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment Fund (S Fund) is the medium and small company stock index fund which tracks the Wilshire 4500 stock index - the broadest measure of U.S. stock markets that excludes the S&P 500 index. According to the pamphlet the risk of the S Fund is that stock of mid-size and small companies are more volatile than stocks of larger companies like those in the S&P 500 index.

The I Fund (International Stock Index Investment Fund) tracks the Europe Australia Far East stock index, which consists of common stock of large international companies in 21 countries. I Funds tend to be more volatile than the C or S Funds and in

addition they carry the risk of foreign currency changes, according to the TSP pamphlet.

All employees can adjust the amount of their money already invested in the different funds as well as change the amount allocate to the funds they've chosen at any time. Interfund transfers are processed monthly and do not follow an open season schedule. According to a HRSC-SW bulletin issued in April, which outlines the specifics of this years TSP open season, employees can do this by either requesting the transfers at the TSP Web site, by using the Thriftline (504) 255-8777 or by fill-

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### Editor's Note:

*The Thrift Savings Plan open season began Wednesday and ends July 31. For more information about TSP and how it works for those who fall under the Federal Employees' Retirement System or the Civil Service Retirement System, or those who are members of the uniformed services, visit the official TSP Web site at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov).*

*FERS and CSRS employees can access an existing TSP account or start a new one by visiting [www.civilianbenefits.hroc.navy.mil](http://www.civilianbenefits.hroc.navy.mil) and entering the Employee Benefits Information System. Service members should visit the Administrative Support Department in Building 15 to begin their TSP. For more information call their TSP. For more information call Human Resources Service Center-Southwest, Benefits Division at (800)*

*831-0622, ext. 5554 or (619) 615-5554 or via email at [benefits@sw.hroc.navy.mil](mailto:benefits@sw.hroc.navy.mil). To allocate contributions among the five investment funds, use the TSP web site at [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) (account access section), or call the ThriftLine at (504) 255-8777, or submit a Form TSP-50 to: TSP Service Office, National Finance Center, P.O. Box 60012, New Orleans, La. 70160-0012.*

## Percent of basic pay contributed

You put	Automatic	Agency matching	Total
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# Asian Pacific Islander performance

By Rob L. Jackson  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Dances and song make up an integral part of Okinawan culture. As one travels through its prefectures, sounds of music can be heard and one may come across of group of people practicing a particular traditional dance.

Some of that same traditional music and dance is scheduled for presentation during the Asian Pacific Islander Training luncheon Wednesday at the Oasis Club.

Miko Frey, Taeko Deren, and Fumi Roger, native Okinawans, for the third year here are scheduled to perform two Okinawan folk dances called "Ka Na Yo," and "Okinawa the Beautiful," according to Frey.

"Ka Na Yo" is a solo dance performed by Frey about a young maiden who longs to see her lover. He has been away for some time, and to not think about him she tries to enjoy herself through dance.

"Okinawa the Beautiful" will be performed by the entire troupe. It is a description of Okinawa's tropical landscape, birds, and the sea performed through various dance movements.

Miko Frey, now living in Victorville, has been dancing for approximately 15 years. However, this was not something she was taught while growing up. It was through the encouragement of her husband of 36 years, Ed, that she took it up.

"When the Japanese first took over Okinawa, about 1974, 1975, they went in to all the schools and tried to put a stop to the folk dance and have everybody learn the Japanese culture," Ed Frey said. "There was an Okinawan club here in L.A. that was doing the singing part of it, and I told her she should get in there and learn it to preserve her heritage, because at that time there was a possibility of her heritage going away."

Initially, she started with a musi-



Photo courtesy Ed and Miko Frey

Miko Frey dressed in traditional Okinawan kawadisa bingata kimono prior to a recent performance.

cal instrument but she explained that while playing the instrument you have to sing as well.

"My singing wasn't that great so I switched to dancing," she said jokingly.

After the change Frey went back to Okinawa later to learn there. In fact, this year she received her license to teach Okinawa dancing. She returns to her native land annually for refresher training and updates.

"It's not necessary that you become a licensed dancer; it's only required if you want to teach it and be recognized by the Okinawan community as an accomplished instructor," she explained.

Miko Frey eventually went back to playing the instrument and singing, to go along with the dancing. Her troupe performs in the Southern California area, and she also teaches Okinawa culture through music and dance.



Photo courtesy Ed and Miko Frey

(left to right) Taeko Deren, two unidentified performers, Fumi Roger, and Miko Frey, pose for photo after performing a traditional Okinawan dance and song show.

# DoD authorizes National Defense Service Medal

MCAS Miramar  
Public Affairs Office

The Department of Defense announced that service members on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001, are eligible to receive the National Defense Service Medal, May 1.

"The sacrifices and contributions made by the armed forces in direct response to the terrorism attacks on the United States and to the long-term resolution of terrorism merit special recognition," said Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

The medal may also be awarded to members of the reserve components who are ordered to federal active duty, regardless of duration, except for certain categories.

Those exceptions are any guard or reserve forces personnel on short tours of duty to fulfill training obli-

gations under an inactive duty training program, any person on active duty for the sole purpose of undergoing a physical examination, and any person on temporary active duty to serve on boards, courts, commissions, and like organizations or on active duty for purposes other than extended active duty.

Marines are not authorized to wear the medal until the Marine Administrative message is released sometime in the near future.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the National Defense Service Medal, April 22, 1953. It has subsequently been awarded for honorable active service for any period between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954, the period between Jan. 1, 1961 and Aug. 14, 1974 and between Aug. 2, 1990 and Nov. 30, 1995.



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### NCO of the Quarter

Cpl. Cory Kelly, a combat correspondent and editor for the Barstow Log, won both the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter title here and Meritorious Sergeant Promotion board, which earned him a right to represent MCLB Barstow at the Marine Corps Logistics Bases meritorious promotion board scheduled to be held at the end of May.



Cpl. Cory Kelly

As a combat correspondent and editor, Kelly works countless hours during the week and weekends to ensure the Barstow Log gets printed each week.

"My job is a lot of hard work and painstaking at times, and sometimes my efforts seem futile, but when somebody recognizes a good story I wrote or a good picture I took, it makes all the work worth it," he said.

The Erie, Penn., native has spent nearly his first enlistment here as an active member of the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, the only such ceremonial unit in the Marine Corps.

"I like to work with the horses on the Mounted Color Guard," said Kelly. He also likes representing the Marine Corps in color guard performances in such events as the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif.

Kelly's ambition is to become a drill instructor and a recruiter.

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taste I had felt then for my deed.

I never ate the gum. And even though I never went back to the store and confessed my sins, I felt that had I cleaned the slate later on that afternoon when I bought a couple pieces of the same generic gum and left before the clerk could give me my change.

How this remembrance applied to my consistency in temper loss I wasn't sure. Maybe I had recalled it to remind myself that what's done is done and even though we can't change how we've done things in the past, we certainly can control how we act today.

I resolved the remembrance to be sending the same sort of message sent by those self-help books that reiter-

ate the same concepts and messages in such simplistic and rudimentary manners that one almost feels less intelligent for having read something so obvious in human nature to begin with.

I guess that's the whole point though. In the end, after we've sifted through all the unnecessary information from those books or from our experiences, there are just a few basic ideals that when applied consciously make a difference in our lives and of those around us.

The key word there is consciously. Stephen R. Covey liked to point out in works such as the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People that everything we do and feel is a conscious choice. We consciously choose to love just as much as we consciously choose to hate he noted.

I thought about that idea a lot when I read it, and I just recently tried it ... only in reverse.

I consciously chose to not get angry, and in doing so I was forced to realize what I was really angry about. And it wasn't my newspaper.

Neat thing about those jelly-like masses of gray matter up there in the sealed soup-bowls of our skulls, when used properly they can sometimes do things right. I, however, still sometimes result to unintelligible spasms of angry talk, but I do it less often and feel guiltier when I do.

Now I try to tell myself that practice makes perfect, and I'm just practicing being really, really mad. If only one could get paid for that, I'd never read a another self-help book again.

*A former Marine makes a pit stop  
in the High Desert and revisits  
pieces of a past not forgotten during ...*

# The Great Amerithon

**By Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero**  
Public Affairs Chief

The former Marine corporal looked like a well-aged Forrest Gump as he continued his coast-to-coast mega-marathon Friday in front of Headquarters Battalion Marines at MCLB Barstow.

With a slow but steady pace, 64-year-old Kenn Kemper, sporting a foot-long silver beard and wearing a white "Great Amerithon" hat, ran with active-duty Marines for the first time since 1968, the year the former legal clerk got out of the Marine Corps.

The 1.5-mile morning run from the front gate to the back gate of the base on historic U.S. Route 66 was less than five per-

cent of the great grandfather's total miles for the day, but the beam of excitement in his brown eyes shouted that the short run contained 95 percent of the day's enjoyment.

Unlike Gump, the St. Louis, Mo., native has a reason for running about 26 miles six days a week for the next five months from the coast of California to the rocky shores of Maine.

Kemper, a chaplain for the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Phoenix and assistant pastor for New Horizons Church in Avondale, Ariz., started his 3,200-mile journey, called the Great Amerithon, May 2 in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer's 52nd anniversary observance in Santa Monica, Calif.

From Santa Monica his course follows Route 66 to St. Louis. Instead of following Route 66 to Chicago, he plans to go east through Ohio and to Philadelphia and New

York, before going to Maine.

His mission is to influence U.S. citizens to get involved in the spiritual, educational, political, business and fitness life of their communities.

The Great Amerithon is a series of runs in which local participation is encouraged. People are invited to join at locations along

the route to show their support for their national heritage. Kemper is collecting signatures for the Great Amerithon message during his journey and plans to make a leather-bound book of them and hand deliver them to President George W. Bush as a demonstration of the resolve of the people of the United States to stand for what is right and just. When Kemper stops at various locations throughout

his course, he speaks to people and distributes New Testament Bibles.

Kemper said he hopes to raise awareness of the importance of the nation's Christian heritage, rally support for Christ-centered community programs with those in need, and commemorate the sacrifices made to preserve the United States' freedom and way of life. Although plans for the Great Amerithon began 18 months before the Sept. 11, 2001, Kemper also hopes to honor the heroes who gave their lives to help others during the tragedies.

"America's Christian heritage is important," said Kemper. "Recently, we have seen a surge of patriotism and focus on God's blessings on our people. ... Some are beginning to say it is beginning to drain. I want to bring a grass-roots message from the people of America to the President. That message is that we are one nation under God,

and because of that we are stronger than ever."

The run is patterned after the 1928 "Bunion Derby," an 84-day international transcontinental foot race from Los Angeles to Chicago and then to New York City aimed at promoting the then-newly built Route 66. Andy Payne, a 19-year-old Cherokee farm boy from Foyil, Okla., won the race by running a marathon and a half each day for 84 consecutive days covering a total of 3,423 miles.

Unlike the Bunion Derby, the Great Amerithon is a free, public event.

"This run is designed so that when we come to a town or city ... people can run with us," said Kemper. "They can run any part of the race they want to. They can run across their state or they can run just a marathon or 10K."

When Kemper started the Great Amerithon, there was a grand-prize incentive for people to take up the fitness challenge of running the entire course, according to Kemper. The runner who finished the Great Amerithon from start to finish with the fastest accumulative time would have won an authentic 325 B.C. Greek coin, with Hercules on the obverse and Zeus on the reverse, mounted in a specially minted metal medallion; a fresh laurel flower from Greece; and a trip to Greece for the next Olympics.

Although a few people started the course with Kemper and ran with him for the first few days, no one has continued with him on foot.

"But people can still win the wreath and the coin," said Kemper of the consolation prize. All they have to do is finish 1,500 miles of the course in the fastest accumulated time.

Even if other people don't join Kemper on his daily marathons, he isn't alone. His public relations or "reconnaissance" man, Mike Shull, and his dietician and physical therapist, Eric Harris, a former Marine Corps machine gunner, ensure Kemper is taken care of throughout the mega-marathon.

As he's been running, Shull drives ahead to organize the event locally, reserve rooms in motels on Route 66, and identify restaurants at which to eat. When Kemper reaches the desolate wilderness of the Mojave Desert, he'll roll out a sleeping bag, sleep under the stars and eat whatever nutritious meals Harris cooks.

Along with the fitness challenge, Kemper is also challenging people to look beyond their immediate circumstances and to do what they can to help change lives and fortify a hope for the future.

The hardest circumstance Kemper is trying to look beyond during his run across the United States is his knee problem.

"My knee's giving me trouble because I hurt it playing football for the Marines," Kemper said. "I was in the hospital for a couple of months, and now (the knee injury) is coming back to haunt me."

Muscle stiffness or soreness isn't as bad as the knee problem, thanks to Harris.

"I run for about four hours and then Eric Harris gets my legs all limbered up again, and then I run for another four hours. I try to run anywhere from eight to 10 hours a day," said Kemper, who also said he gets about six hours of sleep each night.

But his pleasure apparently far outweighs his pain. Two things he said he enjoys about his 8- to 10-hour runs six days a week are meeting with people and traveling.

Because of his faith in God and love for people, he said he doesn't want people to celebrate evil and destroy what is good, and he knows that evil will prevail when "good" people do nothing. He stresses that unless people stand strongly for something, they will fall for anything.

"We have a lot of people who believe in the American way of life, believe in having God in it, but they don't speak up," said Kemper. "They just sit on their laurels and they don't do anything."

He said he hopes his traveling will wake some people up from their complacency or apathy.

It was Kemper's love for traveling that indirectly led him to joining the Marine Corps in 1960. Kemper was hitchhiking shortly after graduating from the University of Houston. The driver who picked Kemper up stopped at a restaurant to eat, and Kemper used the restroom. Kemper

discovered after coming back that the driver took of his belongings.

"There I stood in a line and I said, 'I don't have a thing,' said Kemper. 'Well, I wanted to go on and as well go in now.' So I joined the Marine Corps and I said, 'Give me a job and let me sign it before I go.' The next day I was off to Hawaii."

As a private first class, Kemper was with Marilyn, whom he grew up with. He was stationed with her at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and subsequently at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif. At MCAS El Toro, he worked with a Hawaii, where he worked with a doctor H. Krulak, who had control over all of the Marine Corps. He was responsible for the base's security.

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"I didn't get to go to Vietnam and got on a military flight to Vietnam ... so I could go. People tried to get away from me," Kemper said.

Kemper's sense of duty during his six years of service in such things as playing basketball, a key member on the team.

He said he wanted to join the Marine Corps but that his father didn't care for the military.

"I enjoyed the physical training. I liked the travel part of it," Kemper.

"I tried to stay in the Marine Corps, but I got discharged, but I got a life that I just let that go. I hadn't had done that," Kemper said. "I could have stayed in the Marine Corps, because I really think that I could have done more of it. We need discipline that it provides."

Poor physical fitness is the result of a lack of discipline of many people," Kemper said.

"The average person is out of shape; people are just unfit. People see me do (the things) and they'll say, 'If that old man can do it, and many people can do it.'"

Although Kemper was in the Marine Corps while in the Marine Corps,



Kenn Kemper



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero

The "Great Amerithon" van carries many of the supplies Kenn Kemper uses during his daily marathons six days a week, including the many New Testament Bibles he distributes to people he meets during his journey.

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Photo by Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero

64-year-old Kenn Kemper stretches with Headquarters Battalion Marines at MCLB Barstow during a series of warm-up exercises called the "Daily 7," before a 1.5-mile motivation run. Kemper let his hair and beard grow out so he could sport a Forrest-Gump-like look.

ness slowly declined after he got out.

After he was discharged, he went back to St. Louis and, because of high security clearance he held in the Marine Corps, got a job with the McDonnell Aircraft Corp. as an office worker the same day he applied. He then decided to become self-employed and eventually owned his own plumbing business, swimming pool company, restaurants, landscaping company, and classic and antique car auction business.

His busy lifestyle didn't leave much room for physical fitness, and he eventually found himself as a self-described 236-pound couch potato.

"I couldn't do one push up; I'd just gone to pot," said Kemper.

A few years ago, he discovered he had a benign tumor, which was removed and believed to be the onset of colon cancer. After he recovered from the surgery, he took the advice of his doctor and began to exercise regularly, eventually dropping about 60 pounds. During the summer of 2000, he decided to challenge himself with a bike ride the length of the United States on Route 66 and onto Maine.

During the bike ride, Kemper did more for others than he could have imagined he did for himself. He spoke at prisons, schools and churches, and distributed 1,800 New Testament Bibles. Significant donations were also received to fund summer camps for underprivileged children.

One thing that stood out to him as he met hundreds of people is that they wanted to know if there was something more to life, something they could be a part of that was bigger than



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero

After a 1.5-mile motivation run from the front gate to the back gate of MCLB Barstow. Kenn Kemper speaks to Headquarters Battalion Marines. "It was an honor to be in the company of such fine people as you," said Kemper. "Our countrymen need to have the same integrity as Marines."

themselves, something that offered hope for the future. His dream to create an opportunity for people to reach beyond their own neighborhood and daily routine to join with friends and family in a special celebration of life and national pride was born.

"I felt, when I did the bike ride two years ago, that our morals and everything about America was kind of decaying, just like the highway is decaying," Kemper said.

Before Kemper began challenging people of all walks of life and worldviews to turn away from the decay that is gripping neighborhoods

and destroying many lives throughout the country, he challenged himself to prepare for battle by training for a year and a half.

During his training, Kemper carried the World Trade Center flag to the steps of the Arizona Capitol and prayed for the country on Veterans Day. He also picked up the Olympic torch at the Tucson, Ariz., train station and then carried it and ran with other torchbearers throughout the city on Jan. 13.

After his 18 months of training, Kemper's trainers and doctors said he was ready.

Realizing that being ready and showing

up is not what matters, but that winning after getting there is what matters, Kemper clinched his first "win" with a run in March from Phoenix to Wickenburgh, Ariz., about a 30-mile run.

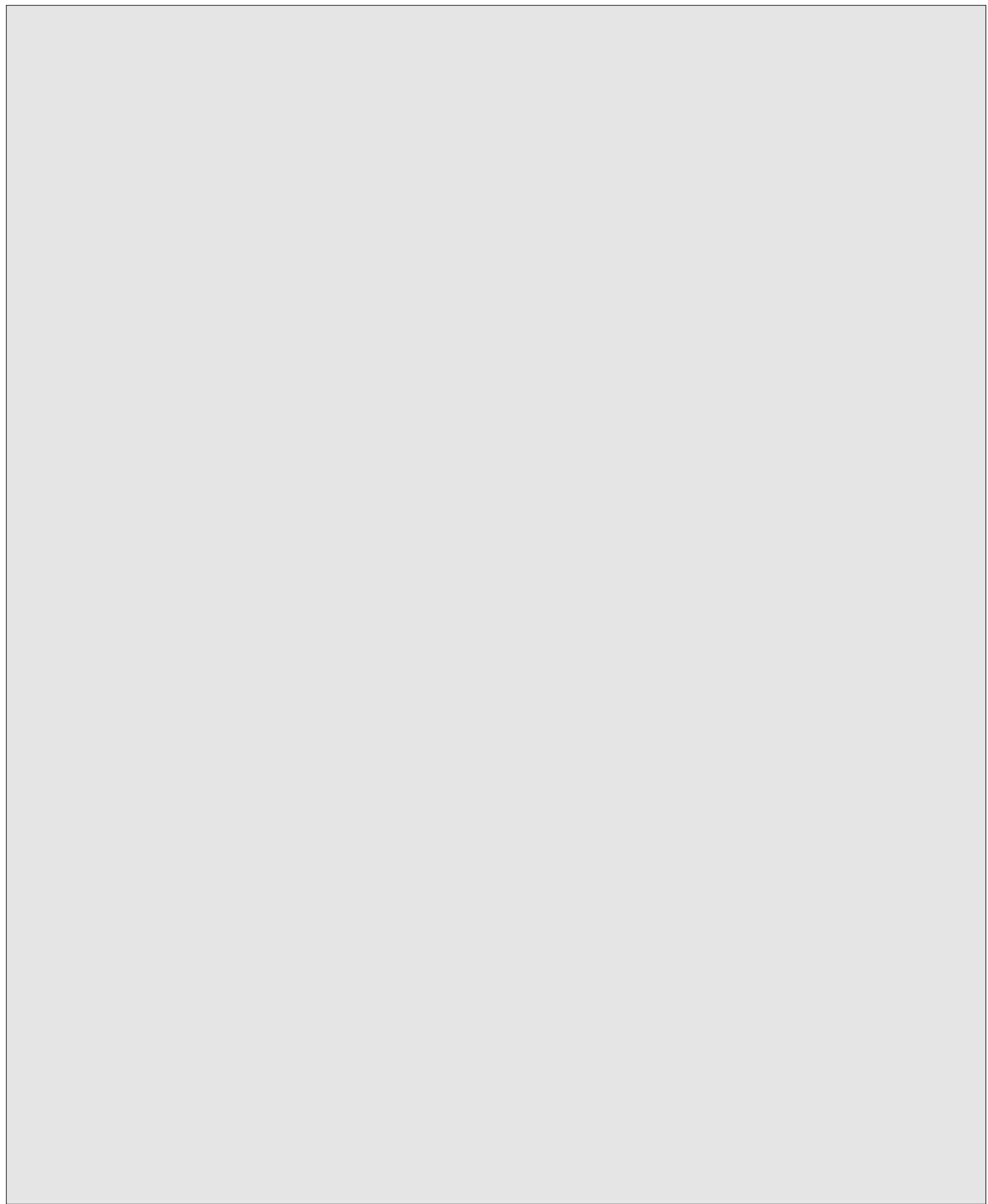
"That was the first marathon I'd ever done in my life," said Kemper. "I never ran a marathon in my life; now I'm running one a day. But I'm a slow runner. I don't really run; I jog. If I didn't jog, I couldn't do a marathon every day."

On the day he continued his several day journey through the desolate Mojave Desert, Kemper received a Marine Corps-fashion hail and farewell, a 1.5-mile run at a "recon" shuffle with ample singing of cadences. Marines here could escort him to the back gate, but couldn't open the gate for him and run with him off base because of security reasons. Although he had to travel back to the front gate and around the outside of the base to the back gate, running with Marines again made up for the detour.

"It was an honor to be in the company of such fine people as you," said Kemper about the Marines. "It is such a comfort to know that there are men and women like you who are willing to give their lives for our freedom. Our countrymen need to have the same integrity as the Marines."

### Editor's Note:

Information from [www.GreatAmerithon.com](http://www.GreatAmerithon.com) and the West Valley View weekly newspaper for Western Maricopa County, Ariz., was used for this article.





**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

**Lunch menu**

*Today* – Beef stir fry and jasmine rice

*Friday* – Breaded hoki fish, macaroni and cheese, and green beans.

*Monday* – Spaghetti and garlic bread.

*Tuesday* – Hot open-faced turkey sandwiches with gravy, stuffing, cut corn and cranberry sauce.

*Wednesday* – Lasagna and garlic bread.

*Thursday* – Family Restaurant: baked potato and salad bar. Cactus Cafe: fried chicken, mashed potatoes.

Lunch is served Mondays through Fridays excluding holidays at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Prices: \$3.50 military, \$4.50 civilian.

**Family Night Dining**

*Tonight* – Chicken Nite. Baked/fried chicken, corn on the cob, collard greens, tossed green salad and dessert.

*May 23* – Rib Nite. Pork/beef ribs, baked beans, cut corn, tossed green salad and dessert.

Family Night Dinners are served at the Family Restaurant every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Prices \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 children 5 to 11 years. Children under 5 years are free.

**Stress management**

Semper Fit Health Promotions will conduct a class on how to manage stress using different relaxation techniques Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m.

To attend, please call or e-mail Jennifer Patterson, health promotions coordinator, at 577-6817, pattersonjm@barstow.usmc.mil



## Swimming Pools open May 25

The Family Pool and the Oasis Club Pool will open for the summer season  
May 25 at 11 a.m.

**Operating Schedule**

**Tuesdays through Fridays (both pools)**

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lap swimming**

**1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Open family swimming**

**Saturdays and Sundays (both pools)**

**11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Open family swimming**

**For more information call 577-6971**

# Bulldogs thrash 1st place team

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The MCLB Bulldogs thrashed the first-place Plaza Family 21-4 in intramural softball at Eva Dell Park in Victorville May 7.

Johnny Garcia went 3-for-4 with two home runs to lead the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs broke the game open in the second inning by scoring seven runs to take an 11-0 lead.

Jesse Madrid led off the inning with a double, followed by a run-scoring single by David Meeden. Jason Grimes moved Meeden over with a single and Dennis Owen knocked him in with a base hit.

Jose Sanchez moved the runners with a base knock, and then Joshua Barnhardt cleared the bases with a double. Scott Hadeen knocked in Barnhardt when he reached base on a Fielder's choice and then scored on a double by Pete Martinez for the last run of the inning.

The Bulldogs played exceptional defense against Plaza Family throughout the game. Plaza Family went down one-two-three in the first inning and only got one hit in the second.

In the top of the fifth, the Bulldogs put the finishing touches on their win. With Barnhardt on first base, Garcia dropped his second donkey bomb of

the game over the right field fence. The Game was called after five innings, due to the slaughter rule.

The Bulldogs are 3-2 in their season in Victorville and are soon to start play in Barstow as well.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Peter Vegliante crosses home plate to score a run in the 21-4 victory for the Bulldogs over Plaza Family.

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of teamwork helps his squad be more combat ready.

"We have excellent communication and a great sense of comradery that a lot of small units don't have," said Petterson, of Matawan, N.J.

"Our missions aren't always the same," said Lance Cpl. William Eaton, an "A-gunner" in first section. "Each person has to watch the other's back to ensure there are no mistakes."

In addition to the gun squads, each section has its own fire direction center (FDC) that gives the mortars squads the particulars of the mission at hand.

"We receive a target location from the forward observer and tell the gun

crews what deflection and elevation to put on the gun, and what charge to use to hit the target," said Cpl. Carman U. Jiles, of Macon, Ga., primary plotter for the platoon's first section.

Gunnery Sgt. Frank Ferrante, of Grand Junction, Col., the 81s platoon sergeant, said his platoon is tasked with more than just indirect fire missions.

"We're also the MEU's primary TRAP (tactical recovery of aircraft/personnel) force," said Ferrante, a 14-year Marine veteran. "Our pre-deployment work up was extremely challenging for us, training-wise. We sent Marines to the Assault Climbers, HRST (helicopter rope suspension training), and TRAP Courses, and this gave us a base

of skills we expanded during the work-up exercises. We definitely grew as a platoon in both proficiency and experience."

A veteran of service in a 60mm mortar platoon, Pfc. Timothy W. Thore is from Talbot, Tenn., and now serves in a first section gun crew as an ammo bearer.

"I like it here (in 81s)," said Thore, who is appreciative of the advanced training he has received for the collateral missions of the 81mm mortar platoon. "Of course, the gun's bigger than in 60s, and I think being here has made me a better Marine because of the additional training we've received and the importance our unit has within the MEU."

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ing out a Form TSP-50, Investment Allocation, which is only available at the local HRO offices and regional offices and has to be mailed directly

To the TSP headquarters: TSP Service Office, National Finance Center, P.O. Box 60012, New Orleans, La. 70160-0012.

EBIS - a system designed to open TSP accounts and track existing ones - cannot be used make allocation of investments.

## Setting and forgetting

Monies invested in TSP in each year are not taxed during the year they were invested, giving investors tax break advantages while they are working. However, because TSP is a retirement plan system fund cannot be tapped into until the ripe age of 59 and one half years old without having to pay penalties.

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The current announcement dates effective for MCLB Barstow are March 12, 1993; March 31, 1998; and April 29, 1999. Any eligible applicant would have had to own and occupied the property six months prior to one of these dates or otherwise meet the eligibility requirements, according to Kelly.

HAP benefits are available in the following three ways: government acquisition, private sale, and foreclosure.

**Government acquisition** - The government can buy one's home for a certain percentage of the value the day prior to the realignment/closure announcement date or

by paying off the mortgage, whichever is greater.

**Private sale** - The government can reimburse one for part of the loss from selling the home.

**Foreclosure** - In the event one has defaulted on the mortgage the government can provide some assistance.

"If applying for HAP benefits, individuals will need their reduction in force letters, something that shows they were separated from the command, be it a tenant or part of the base command," Wais explained. "They would also have to show the fair market value of the home and paperwork showing ownership - the deed to the property."

# Pendleton Marine braves gunfire to save wounded man

By Cpl. Danielle M. Bacon  
THE SCOUT staff

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. - It's not every day a Marine gets the opportunity to save someone's life, but for one local Marine who braved a gunman's bullets to rescue a stranger May 1 along Interstate 5, it's a chance he will never forget.

Lance Cpl. Trevor Farley ignored the gunfire and whisked wounded tow-truck driver Brian Naylor away. He also attempted to chase down the shooter and point him out to the California Highway Patrol.

The shooter, Henry Ricardo Enciso Jr., 26, a Los Angeles resident, fled onto the base and turned to fire when confronted by military police. The MPs and local law enforcement officers shot him dead.

Naylor suffered multiple gunshot wounds from bullets fired by Enciso. He's recovering at a local hospital.

"I still have my husband, and he can still be a father," said Melissa Naylor, wife of the wounded man, as she fought tears during a news conference here May 3.

At first, Farley had no idea lending a hand meant saving a life.

"I saw a blue Cadillac broken down, and was going to help, because I am mechanically inclined, but I saw the tow-truck pull up and decided they didn't need me anymore," Farley said.

Farley was at the Del Mar Chapel waiting to attend a class, about 70 yards away from the car, when he heard a sound that now keeps him awake at night.

"When I heard the first shot, I looked back in that direction and I saw the shooter, and I just reacted," said Farley, who jumped the fence separating Interstate 5 from Camp Pendleton.

Many cars passed the accident scene, but no one stopped to help the bleeding truck driver as he ran north on the southbound interstate.

"After I jumped the fence, I started running towards the shooter, but I saw Brian needed my help. By this time, he was running back to the truck in a state of shock. He had been shot four or five times already."

Farley helped Naylor run toward a call box 200 yards away - until the wounded driver couldn't run anymore.

"Once he stopped really running, I was dragging him towards the call box," said Farley, an Arizona native.

"It was all adrenaline. My knee didn't feel any pain," added Farley, currently awaiting a medical separation from the Corps because of a knee injury suffered a few months ago in a car accident.

Since the rescue, Farley says, his knee has caused him a lot of pain, but doesn't compare with what Naylor is going through.

"I have gone to see him every day since Wednesday. Well, not every day. I gave him a break on Saturday and Sunday," Farley chuckled. "He looks better every day."

The former civil air patrolman attributes his willingness to help to the CAP and the Marines.

"I think it had a lot to do with what I learned in the Marine Corps and Civil Air Patrol," said Farley, who teaches 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing personnel how to drive HMMWV's.

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