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Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

The flag was flown at half-staff on all DOD buildings, grounds and naval vessels until sunset Tuesday as a mark of respect for the memory of Benjamin O. Davis Jr., U.S. Military Academy graduate, leader of the fabled Tuskegee Airmen, Air Force general and assistant secretary to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

DOD to restart Anthrax program

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, – Defense Department officials announced today they are restarting a modified Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program now that the vaccine provider has passed Food and Drug Administration scrutiny.

Only service members, essential civilians and contractor personnel going to or serving in high-threat areas will receive the vaccine, said Dr. Bill Winkenwerder, assistant defense secretary for health affairs. This is because half the contractor's

for civilian use.

"We recognize there is a domestic need for access to the vaccine," Winkenwerder said during a news conference at the Pentagon. "In collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Homeland Security, we are reserving a portion of the anthrax vaccine for stockpiling ... to use in the event of a domestic emergency."

In 1998, DOD began a plan to vaccinate all military

vaccine production will be stockpiled

members against the deadly, potential biological weapon. The program was pared down several times in the intervening years as the sole provider of the vaccine shut down its factory for renovations and then had problems gaining FDA approval of its production process.

Vaccine shortages eventually caused DOD to vaccinate only limited numbers of service members serving in "designated special mission units."

The contractor, Bioport of Lansing, Mich., gained FDA approval of its renovated facility in

Open season for FLTC insurance

New Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program now available

By Cpl. Cory Kelly
Editor

The first open season for the new Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program began July 1.

John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, more commonly known as MetLife, are the long term care partners providing the program, which is open to all active-duty service members and a vast majority of reservists, retirees and family members.

According to the program's official Web site, www.ltcfeds.com, long term care insurance is confused by many people with care received in a hospital or doctor's office, care received for short-term rehabilitation from an accident and care received for recuperation from surgery. However, long term care insurance applies to none of the above.

According to MARADMIN 342/02 the program provides the type of insurance that helps pay for long term care services, such as home care, care in a nursing home, or care in an assisted living facility.

The message also defines long term care as the kind of chronic care needed to help perform daily functions (e.g., eating, bathing, dressing, transferring from a bed to a chair, toileting, continence, etc.) due to an ongoing illness or disability. Long term care is also the type of care needed due to a severe cognitive problem such as Alzheimer's disease.

It's noted in the program's Web site that long term care, also aside from popular belief, is often not even administered in nursing homes.

According to an article published in The Gerontologist in February about how Americans viewed long term care insurance in 1998, more than 80 percent of all people receiving long term care assistance are not in nursing homes nor are they the age one would assume.

According to a study by Conning and Company entitled "Long Term Care Insurance – Baby Boom or Bust?" done in 1999, statistics show 40 percent of people receiving long term care services are working age adults between the ages of 18 and 64.

On top of active-duty members, members of the selected Marine Corps reserve (i.e., drilling reservists, reservists assigned to reserve component units and individual mobilization augmentees) are eligible for the insurance program. Members on

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THE COMMANDER'S FORUM



The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the base commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via e-mail to Forumc@barstow.usmc.mil.

\$80 to \$90 a month total for all local long distance calls from base desk telephones to base cellular phones.

Again, thank you for contacting the Commander's Forum with your concern about the base cellular telephone service.

SUBMISSION guidelines

The Commander's Forum is used to keep the work force informed, to explain why things are the way they are or appear to be, and, when possible, to correct situations or make improvements.

It is a valuable two-way communication channel through which people may address concerns they're not able to resolve through the normal chain of command.

Every Commander's Forum call or e-mail is researched, even if it's not printed in the BARSTOW LOG. If "callers" identify themselves, they will receive a response.

The key to having a question and its response published in the BARSTOW LOG is that the it be specific and address things that may impact a significant number of the base employees or tenants.

Q Cellular telephone service.

The telephone numbers provided with the cellular telephone service for the base are not local numbers.

It requires a long distance call for the secretary in my department to call my cell phone.

It doesn't make any sense to me to have to call long distance to contact

someone at the same place you work at. Please look into this issue.

A Thank you for contacting the Commander's Forum with your concern.

Nextel is the cellular phone service that is used at MCLB Barstow.

Their switching equipment resides in Riverside, Calif., and the Victorville,

Calif., numbers (559) are the closest they provide to the Barstow area.

Unfortunately, Nextel does not have the capacity to provide the base with local cellular phone numbers.

Although calling from the base to a 559 prefix is a local long distance call, the government rate is only three cents per minute.

An analysis of billing records indicate that the base incurs approximately

Art of deception ruins all

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



I was speaking on the telephone a few days ago to a gentleman in Florida about purchasing a very expensive piece of equipment.

Since he had purchased it used, I asked him how he had located the equipment. He told me that he had been in business for about 35 years and that he now purchased the bulk of his equipment from Europe, specifically Sweden, Denmark, and France.

I was taken aback by that and asked him why he didn't purchase his inventory a little closer to home. What he said next really started me thinking. He said he purchased his inventory overseas because he had found that he could not trust Americans and that he had been taken advantage of so many times that he has literally stopped doing business in the states.

He went on to say that he was raised to believe that a person's word was his or her bond and that a handshake of agreement should be enough between two people.

I thought about that for awhile and be-

gan to recall an incident that happened to me when I was preparing to make a significant purchase from a private party over the telephone and when I mentioned that I was a priest there was a long pause and the person said that they couldn't lie to a priest and that the information they had given to me was false.

Needless to say, I was overjoyed that this person had a conscience, but it made me feel badly that the only reason this person was honest with me was because I was a priest. Had I been "John Q. Public" I am certain I would have found out the hard way that this person was dishonest.

How important is honesty? I suppose when you ask people the responses are varied and when given in percentages they range from 25 percent to around 90 percent. Of course there are always those who live outside the bell curve, but that is generally where people fall. Another consistent trait with those I have queried is it seems it is always much more important for others to be honest than it is for them to be honest.

Unfortunately, "giving your word" or offering "a handshake of agreement" that really means something, are old-fashioned values practiced by few. Those are values that seem

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

Robert Whipple, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, Cost Work Center 714, Maintenance Center Barstow, installs an airbox on the front power unit of a MK48 Logistics Vehicle System.

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.

Safety shoes

Safety shoes are scheduled to be available for purchase today and July 17 at Yermo in the parking lot in front of Building 573 from 7 to 11 a.m. and at Nebo in the parking lot at the east end of Building 236 from noon to 2 p.m.

For more information call, Agnes Bialkowski, 577-6266.

Leave donations

Diane Fowler, an employee of the Department of the Air Force, 425th Air Base Squadron, Family Support Center, Izmir, Turkey, has been affected by a medical emergency. Fowler has already undergone six months of chemotherapy treatment for advanced lymphoma and during this time has exhausted all sick and annual leave. Fowler is scheduled for another surgery. She has received donated leave, but not enough to sustain her for this continued absence.

This is a most unusual request for leave donation - since such interagency requests are usually coordinated directly with friends and family of the recipient and people she already knows. However, her activity is extremely small (fewer than 80 appropriated fund employees) and her illness is serious.

The Air Force has already distributed the request Air Force wide and, according to its own internal procedures, is now requesting DOD wide support. To donate leave, contact Bessie Edwards via e-mail at bessie.edwards@izmir.af.mil.

3-on-3-basketball tournament

There is a 3-on-3 double elimination basketball tournament scheduled to start at 4 p.m. Monday in support of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Team member names and entry fees must be submitted by start time.

The entry fee is \$20, and teams can have a maximum of four players. Games are to 15 points with a 20-minute time limit. Gym visitors are welcome to enter (one visitor is allowed

per authorized gym patron and the authorized personnel must be present).

For more information stop by the Base Gym or contact 2nd Lt. Michael Smith, 577-6726, or Staff Sgt. Jesse Castillo, 577-6708.

MC Ball Golf Tourney

The fourth Marine Corps Ball Scramble Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 19. Sign-in for four-person teams is from 6 to 6:30 a.m., and tee off is at 7 a.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas will be served after the tourney. There will be a drawing.

Entry fees are as follows: privates through corporals, \$14; sergeants and staff sergeant, \$15; gunnery sergeants and above, and civilians, \$16. Mulligans are \$1 a piece with a maximum of five. For more information call Cpl. Cory Kelly, 577-6450.

CWRA trips

A Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association trip to the Getty Museum is scheduled for July 20. The cost is \$10 and includes transportation and entrance to the museum. The bus will leave base, departing from Building 319, at 6:30 a.m. and make a pick up at the International House of Pancakes in Victorville, Calif., at 7:15 a.m.

A CWRA trip to Anaheim Stadium is scheduled for Aug. 1 to see the Angels play the Yankees. There are 25 tickets for sale. However, CWRA only has transportation for 17. Game tickets are \$15, or \$22 including transportation. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.; vans will leave from post office parking lot at 4 p.m. and make a pick up at the IHOP in Victorville at 4:45 p.m. For more information or to make reservations for either trip, contact one of the following CWRA committee members:

Name	Phone
Dan Keirn	577-6614
Barbara Kent	577-7786
Bruce Rowe	577-7207
Frederico Molino	577-7210
Ed Guz	577-6183
Cliff Acles	577-6431

Thrift Savings Plan

The Thrift Savings Plan open season ends July 31, after that date people will not be able to enter the program until the next open season beginning in mid October.

Upcoming improvements to the Thrift Savings Plan for both military and federal civilian employees will make the program easier to use.

The most significant change will be that accounts will become daily valued and all transactions will be updated daily.

Other changes include better online access to accounts and participant statements expressed in shares and dollars, instead of just dollars as the current statements are.

All changes are due to be implemented Sept. 16.

There will be a two-week period from the end of August until Sept. 16 during which participants will be unable to make certain changes to their accounts or make withdrawals.

For more information on the Thrift Savings Plan, visit www.tsp.gov.

Golf club tourney

The Tees n' Trees Golf Course is scheduled to have the MCLB Club Championship Tournament July 27 and 28.

There is a \$20 entry fee for the 36-hole tournament (green fees and cart not included). For more information call 577-6431.

Barstow household hazardous waste bin

The household hazardous waste bin located at the City Corporation Yard, 900 South Ave. "H" Street, Barstow, Calif., will be closed Wednesdays.

The bin will continue to be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the drop off of household chemicals, oil, cooking grease, hobby supplies, paint, filters and expired medication.

For more information contact the household hazardous waste manager, 256-3531, ext. 3295.



Yermo vehicle registration

People may register their vehicles on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the security trailer next to the Cactus Cafe at the Yermo Annex.

Vehicle registration, proof of insurance, a valid driver's license and a current ID card are required. Call 577-6969/6371 for more information.

Tae Kwon Do

Tea Kwon Do classes are scheduled to be offered at the gym from noon to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. The instructor is Master Bruce McGhee.

Uniforms for the class are \$25, and the class will cost \$45 monthly. For more information visit the Base Gym or call 577-6971.

Beware the loan shark

The Navy recently sent out a civil law advisory informing Marines and sailors to beware of companies with extremely inflated interest rates. Recently, the Naval Legal Service Office Southwest Legal Assistance Office has received numerous requests to notarize loan documents from companies in which the annual percentage rate on the loans were 90 percent or higher.

Although the interest rates may be unenforceable in the state of California, legal disputes can often be time consuming and expensive.

If service members have already entered into an agreement with such a company they should contact the legal assistance office here at 577-6898.

For financial counseling or help receiving a loan contact the Personal Services Division, 577-6533.

WMA - Biennial Convention

The Women Marines Association is scheduled to have a Biennial Convention and symposium Aug. 29 through Sept. 3 at the Marriott City Center, 30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

The WMA 2002 Convention theme is "The Greatest Generation - Passing the Sword."

Gen. Michael J. Williams, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, and Robin L. Higgins, Department of Veterans Affairs under secretary for memorial affairs, will be featured speakers at the convention.

There will be special sessions for active duty women Sept. 1 that will include a panel discussion on career progression, presentation of a new mentoring/coaching program under development at HQMC, and linking Marines with coaches/mentors.

For more information go to www.womenmarines.org, contact Maj. Kristi A. Johnson via e-mail at kjohnson2@wmitchell.edu or call (888) 525-1943.

Yoga classes

There will be no Yoga classes today, July 18 and 23. There are Yoga videos available to be checked out from the Base Gym. To check out a video, ask a gym attendant.

For more information call the Base Gym, 577-6898.

Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-310-02-NR	Telecommunications Equip. Operator (Emergency Dispatcher) GS-0390-05	06-27-02	07-12-02	07-02-02	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their résumé to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 37, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donbr.navy.mil>. This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

AROUND THE CORPS

Survival skills honed in SERE Course

By Cpl. James S. McGregor
OKINAWA MARINE Staff

CAMP GONSALVES, Okinawa, Japan – A cool breeze flows over the ocean as Marines sit around a tiny fire on the beach next to a crudely made shelter. They huddle together to keep warm.

As they crowd the fire, they nibble carefully on a small piece of goat meat given to them earlier in the day by their instructors. The meal was not much, but it was a treat for the Marines, who had grown accustomed to eating morsels of crab meat, plants and bugs. Here in the jungle, they have to use any resource to survive.

The 28 students who conquered a two-week Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Course here May 19-31, have learned what it is like to live in the jungle with limited tools and gear, according to Cpl. Luis G. Menchaca, instructor, Jungle Warfare Training Center.

After the Marines took their physical fitness and water assessment tests, they spent three days receiving instruction about the course. Next, they moved to the jungle environment to learn how to construct various shelters from trees, branches, bamboo, ferns and “elephant ears.” They also learned how to make a fire to dry out clothing and cook a meal.

During this time portion of the course, they had to eat what they could find in the field. This included animals, reptiles, bugs and plants.

All these skills learned during the Marines’ time in the field were part of the practical application needed to understand the importance of SERE

training, according to Lt. Col. Zene Fearing, commanding officer, JWTC.

“Our goal is to expose Marines and sailors to harsh jungle conditions, and teach them that they can live in the jungle by using what we teach them,” Fearing said. “It’s no good if you teach it in a classroom with no practical application,” the Nags Head, N.C., native said.

The lessons learned through the SERE Course are used to give Marines proper training to survive and evade capture in the event they become isolated from their unit. If captured, the Marines are trained to resist attempts by the enemy to pry information from them and to escape from the control of their captors.

This training to survive, evade, resist and escape was conceived after the Korean War, when four SERE schools, tailored to the needs of each service, were implemented nation wide. Subordinate schools were also founded around the world.

Initially, those schools were intended simply for instructing Marines in the Code of Conduct, which came about after the Korean War.

Today, SERE schools train more than 6,200 service members a year. The course varies from 12-19 days, depending on service needs.

In a realistic setting, service members develop their survival skills during the training, Menchaca said.

Some of these skills include using different types of snares for catching animals, making shelters, fishing with self-made spears, making baskets with small branches and starting fires with magnesium blocks. Marines also learn what to eat and what not to eat, how



Photo by Cpl. James S. McGregor

Lance Cpl. Jeremy P. Dennis, machine gunner, Weapons Platoon, I Company, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, makes a hammer from crude supplies during the survival portion of the SERE course recently at JWTC.

to signal with reflective items or by fire, and how to perform self-aid in the field. The students learn to communicate with other prisoners of war if they are taken captive, and how to handle captivity. Menchaca said all these things are incorporated into surviving, evading, resisting and escaping.

Lance Cpl. Levi C. Avera, rifleman, 3rd Platoon, Company I, 3rd Battal-

ion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, said practicing these skills was challenging, but it served as a good learning experience that he will be able to use and pass on to other Marines.

“The real challenge is trying to get up and do stuff when you’re starving with no energy,” Avera said. “I prob-

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retirement or retainer pay, current spouses of eligible active-duty and reserve Marines and retirees (including surviving spouses of members and retired members of the uniformed services who are receiving a survivor annuity) are also eligible for the program.

According to the message, adult children, at least 18 years old, including adopted children and stepchildren of eligible active-duty and reserve Marines are also eligible. However, retirees’ parents, parents-in-law, and stepparents of retirees are not eligible to enter the program.

According to the Web site, insurance premiums are lower the younger people are when they buy – meaning a person purchasing the insurance at age 40 would pay a bi-weekly premium of roughly \$30, but a person purchasing the same plan at age 50 would pay roughly \$43 each period.

People can apply for the program at the official Web site or by requesting an open season information kit, which includes an application, by calling (800) 582-3337. The first open season will end December 31.

Editor’s Note:

For more information about the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program visit the official Web site at www.ltcfeds.com or call (800) 582-3337 and request an open season information kit.

Fraud, waste and abuse

By Randy Meyer
Office of the Comptroller

Fraud, waste and abuse allegations are taken seriously, investigated and are important to the command.

Simply stated, an FWA situation is the misuse of government property, facilities or official time. This covers all direct or indirect usage of government resources, ranging from use of government computers, fax machines, tools, vehicles, and buildings, to abuses of official time such as doing personal business instead of work assignments.

An FWA situation can also be a situation where time, technology, or circumstances have made a procedure or work process obsolete, thus being a drain on government productivity or resources. All FWA allegations are not always found to be true. Sometimes an FWA situation turns out to be justified by circumstances or unsubstantiated because the caller did not provide all the facts for investigation. The following are results of some FWA investigations conducted aboard base:

An FWA call alleged a base employee was chauffeuring another base employee from a different department in a government vehicle and on official time over a period of time. Management was unaware of this employee's deviation in the

use of government resources; thus, it was not sanctioned. The allegation was found to be true and the employee was given a suspension.

Another FWA call alleged a base employee was spending an excessive amount of time in his official vehicle instead of doing his assigned duties and leaving work early. The investigation revealed this employee used his assigned vehicle for breaks and lunch periods in order to provide himself privacy. Furthermore, his supervisor was aware of the situation and conducted periodic spot checks and reviews of time and attendance records to ensure no abuses occurred. Therefore, the allegations were unsubstantiated.

An FWA call alleged overhearing an employee bragging about being given compensatory time or overtime without working for it and the supervisor was giving unfair allotment of overtime to certain employees. The investigation revealed the work center in question was understaffed and under an increased work requirement making use of overtime and compensatory time necessary to complete its mission. Although the overtime work seemed unevenly distributed, the assignments were made equitably because overtime assignments were based on volunteers and the opportunity to

volunteer to work was made to all qualified employees. The allegations were unsubstantiated.

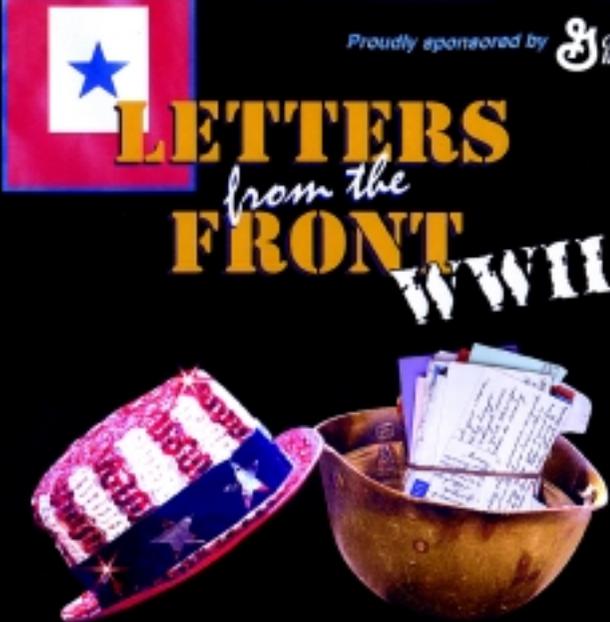
An FWA call alleged an employee received an extra pair of government safety boots that he was not entitled to. The investigation revealed the employee did receive a second pair of work boots due to the first pair of boots being an improper fit. It was also found there was no documentation prepared to reflect the turn-in of this first pair. The allegation was partially true, but it was not considered FWA because it could not be substantiated the employee kept the first pair. Management was directed to initiate procedures for accountability of unserviceable safety shoes.

An FWA call alleged a work center was adjusting the air conditioning thermostat too low and keeping lights on in areas not in use. The investigation revealed this allegation was partially true. The thermostat in question was replaced by a temperature control mechanism, but due to the technical nature of the work done in this work center, it was required by regulations that lights be kept on at all times for safety reasons.

Hotline callers are treated with complete confidentiality and remain
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Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Cpl. Sonny S. Brizzee washes conditioner out of Lukes mane in preparation for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot freedom Run opening ceremonies. Mounted Color Guard Marines spent the day preparing for performance grooming and cleaning their horses, and making sure their tack is ready.

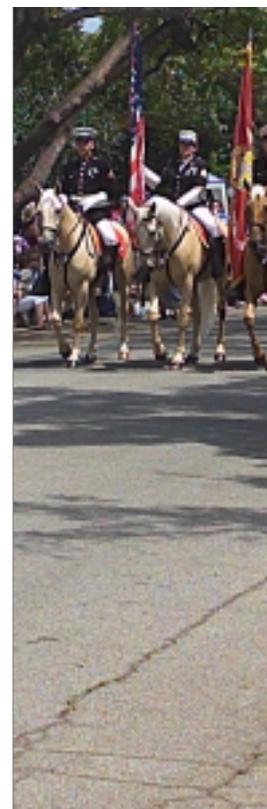
Editor's Note:

For more information about the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, visit the base stables located near the Yermo Annex's rear access gate or call Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond, 577-7302.



Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Lance Cpl. Jeremy Palu shaves the whiskers and hairs off of Luke's face before the color guard's Independence Day performance.



'On the road again'

Mounted color guard teams up for busy month

By Cpl. Cory Kelly
Editor

Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard members spent their hours from sun up to sun down, July 1, trimming, clipping, brushing, washing, scrubbing and de-funking their horses for a performance the following day. And between the picking, scraping, combing and rubbing, the Marines involved loaded the trailers, readied the "rigs," packed up their tack and found just enough extra time to lend a hand to help the grass grow out at the base stables.

However, what they accomplished on July 1 was neither an unusual series of events for Mounted Color Guard Marines nor was it the end of their trials. To the contrary, it was just the beginning.

What happened next was the bread and butter of the Mounted Color Guard. After a good night's rest, members met out at the stables, loaded their horses into the brightly painted, and freshly waxed trailers and headed down the hill to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif., for an afternoon ceremony. Upon arrival at the depot, Mounted Color Guard members exited the trucks and began their real work. Members dispersed into what one could describe as a beautifully orchestrated symphony of motion, readying their horses, their tack and themselves for the ceremony ahead.

In the end hours upon hours of preparation went into the 15 minutes of fame that was the

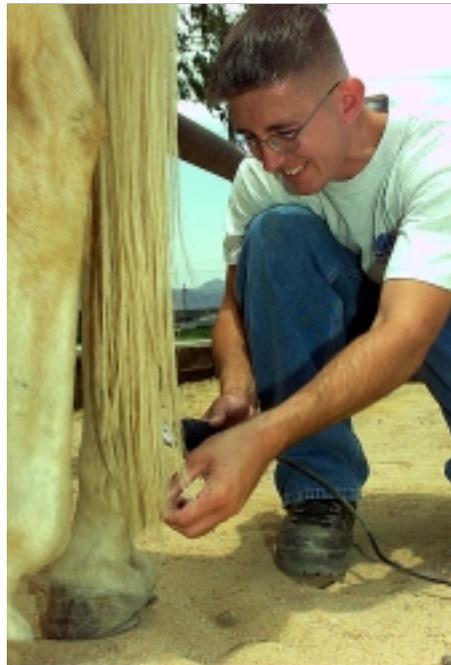


Photo by Cpl. Cory Kelly

Sgt. Jeremy A. Wellington trims the hair at the back of Willie's hoofs.

opening ceremony of the MCRD Freedom Run. And when the ceremony was over, the work wasn't even halfway done. It was then time for public relations and the pack for home.

The Mounted Color Guard returned to the stables the evening of July 2 only to repeat the symphony again the next day to prepare for their next 15 minutes of fame as the escort of Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon III, commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and reviewing officer of the Independence Day Parade at Pacific Palisades in Los Angeles, Calif.

The next event the mounted color guard is scheduled to attend is the Western Days parade in Chino, Calif. Saturday.

Spectators watch as the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard escort Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon III, commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and reviewing officer of the Independence Day parade at Pacific Palisades.



Photo by Cpl. Sonny S. Brizzee

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January and is now ready to begin providing additional stocks of the vaccine to DOD.

Winkenwerder said the new policy is "more targeted" than the previous plan to vaccinate the total force. He said the numbers of service members and essential civilians vaccinated will jump, but he would not say how high. Nor would he say what areas of the world are considered "higher threat."

"We will identify those areas to the service members before they are deployed to those areas, but we don't intend to talk publicly about that as we describe the policy to the rest of the country, to the media," Winkenwerder said during an earlier interview with American Forces Press Service. "And the reason is, we don't intend to give our adversaries an indication of exactly who and when and where we've immunized people. We would like that to be a further deterrent to anybody who might think about using anthrax as a weapon."

The doctor said DOD medical officials hope to start vaccinating targeted service members 45 days before they deploy. The anthrax vaccine requires six shots over an 18-month period for maximum immunity, but a relatively high level of immunity is reached after the first three shots, he explained.

Winkenwerder and Vice Adm. Gordon Holder, director of logistics on the Joint Staff, said the vaccination program may return to total-force coverage if vaccine availability improves and if the biological threat changes.

Individuals who started the six-shot series under the previous guidelines will resume the series where they left off.

Others who started the shots previously but are not currently covered under the new program will receive the rest of their shots "later into 2002, possibly as late as 2003, and that's because the supply of the vaccine is limited," Winkenwerder said.

He insisted there is no danger in stopping and restarting the series of shots. "Protection lasts months to years at some level," he said.

Under the previous program, 525,000 service members have received a total of 2.1 million doses of the vaccine. Contrary to widespread media reports of service members refusing to be vaccinated, even at the cost of their careers, Winkenwerder said the true num-

ber is relatively small compared to the number of doses administered. DOD has no formal method of counting refusals, but service chiefs report 441 service members have refused to be vaccinated. He said there have been no deaths linked to the vaccine.

In the earlier interview, Winkenwerder dismissed widespread claims that the vaccine isn't safe or effective. He cited a study released March 6 by the Institute of Medicine that found the vaccine to be "effective protection against anthrax, including inhalation anthrax."

"The Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences — a very august, prominent body — has said in a very large, in a very important, comprehensive report that the vaccine is safe and effective," Winkenwerder said earlier. Several other studies by reputable independent agencies have released similar conclusions.

Even though it is scaled back, the vaccination program will remain mandatory for troops in areas covered by the policy. Winkenwerder said this is no different from any number of other vaccines and "medical interventions" that are mandatory for military people based on where they are serving.

"We fight and win as teams," he said. "If a team of people are in an environment deployed in a military situation, I think the commander as well as all the individuals want to know we are all protected."

The Defense Department is working with HHS to develop a new anthrax vaccine that would require fewer shots and be made using a different, easier method, said William F. Raub, deputy director of public health preparedness at HHS. The two departments are also examining the current vaccine to see if its protocol can be changed.

The anthrax attacks on the U.S. East Coast last fall may have silenced some critics. "I think the attacks last fall brought home the point that this is a real threat and that it's possible to manufacture this kind of bioweapon, and it's not altogether difficult to disseminate it," Winkenwerder said. "This is something that's not just in people's imagination. It is real."

Editor's Note:

Armed Forces Press Service reporter Jim Garamone contributed to this report.



Nonjudicial punishment proceedings results

A lance corporal was charged with the following articles:

Article 91 — *willfully disobeying a lawful order from a commissioned officer.*

Article 92 — *failure to obey a lawful order.*

The lance corporal was reduced to the rank of private first class and received 45 days of restriction and 45 days of extra police duty. The Marine also received a forfeiture of one half of one month's pay for a period of two months. The forfeiture was suspended six months.

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ably won't ever complain about the lack of food in the field," said the Claremore, Okla., native.

Fearing added that this training was especially beneficial for Marines in jungle environments.

"In jungle warfare, it's the most difficult place to fight, and you can be cut off easily where you would be forced to live off the jungle," Fearing said. "So we teach the military to survive. What makes the course successful is you can use the same techniques in any climate or region. Those who complete this course are leaders in their own right, because they used the skills and survived, and that's something to be proud of."

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anonymous to the fullest extent possible except when required by law or authority. Federal law prohibits reprisals against those who report FWA situations.

Editor's Note:

Personnel can report FWA situations by calling the FWA Hotline at 577-6222, sending a letter to Commanding Officer (B400), "FWA Eyes Only," Comptroller, Box 110400, Barstow, CA 92311-5050, or sending an e-mail on the base LAN with the address, "FWA Hotline."

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to have lost their place of importance in today's society. They have been usurped by a wave of self-centered thinking that has forced us to protect ourselves by following the old adage "let the buyer beware."

Can we change things? Do we want to change things? If we don't want to change things and simply do nothing, then greed and avarice will do their work. But if we do, there are some steps we must take.

We must commit to letting our "word" to someone else become a precious and valuable commodity that we employ sparingly. It must become valuable enough that we want to keep it untarnished even if it costs us personally and puts us at a disadvantage.

This will take great determination and substantial courage to accomplish. Who will take the first step?

Blessings,
Fr Randel E. Livingood



Monday – Chicken cacciatore and egg noodles.

Tuesday – Open-faced hot roast beef sandwiches.

Wednesday – Stuffed pork chops with stove top stuffing.

July 18 – Sloppy Joe on sesame bun, cole slaw and french fries.

Prices: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

A la carte and sub sandwich prices vary. Includes roll/butter, vegetable and drink of choice.

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Make your own taco/burrito, Mexican rice, refried beans, tossed green salad and churros for dessert.

July 18 – Beef Boggogi, steamed Jasmine rice, tempura rolls, cucumber salad, green pea salad and dessert.

Family Night Dinners are served every Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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

lunch menu for the Cactus Cafe is the same as the Family Restaurant.

Call in your Cactus Cafe lunch order to the Family Restaurant at 577-6428/6429 no later than 9:30 a.m.

Listed below are the posted lunch menus for this week. You may also order a la carte or sub sandwiches.

Today – Family Restaurant: baked potato and salad bar. Cactus Cafe: chicken fried steak and mashed potatoes.

Friday – Breaded hoki fish, macaroni and cheese.

By Jim Gaines

MCCS Publicity

Red Tag Blowout sale

Right now through July 20 the Super 7 Store is featuring 20 percent to 50 percent off all red tag electronics - sale prices as marked. The Super 7 Store is open Mondays through Fridays 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lunch menu

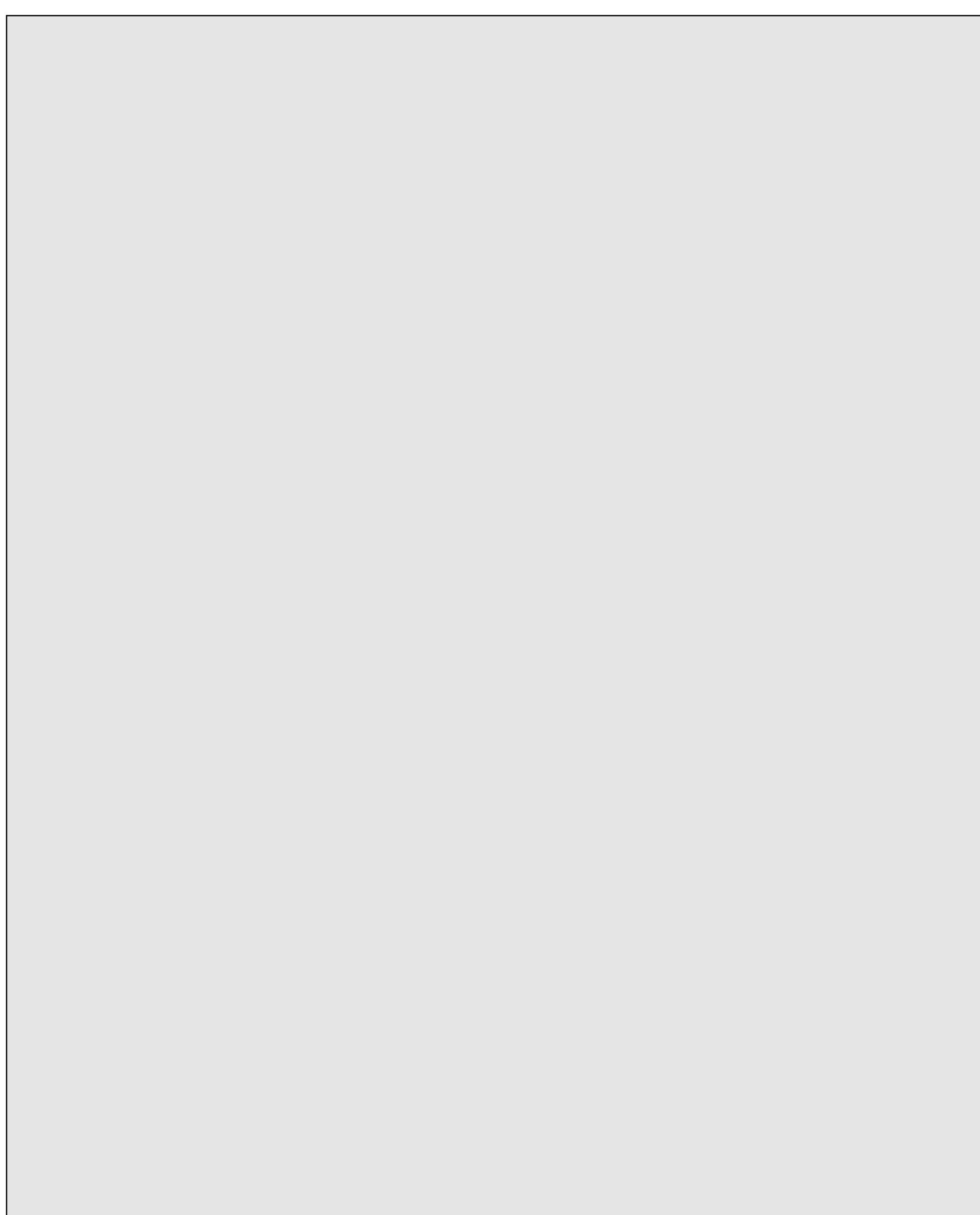
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MOTORHOME: 1978 Dodge Winnebago, Minni Winni, 23 feet, stove, fridge, roof A/C, generator, sleeps 6, runs good, some interior work needed, priced to sell at \$2,000, OBO. Call 254-2221 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Refrigerator - white, Frigidaire, 19.8 cubic ft., glass movable shelves, like new, \$300 OBO. Call 252-1502 LMSG.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1999 Honda dirt bike, CR 80 expert, bought in 2000, race ready, race tech suspension front and rear, recent top end overhaul, new clutch, extra tires and

plastic, plugs, jets, etc., rental bars, lever guards, oversized chain, good tires, spare air filter, owners/service manual very clean, \$2,500 OBO. Call Ron 252-5365 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: 16 ft. car hauler trailer extra wide with 4 ft. mesh ramp and diamond plate deck, elect brakes, good tires w/spear, heavy duty jack good condition, used very little, \$1,100 OBO. Call 254-2221 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: 13" color TV (Emerson) with remote \$60; direct TV receiver, regular price \$130, selling price \$80, crystal chandelier, 2' x 1/2', 97 crystal droplets hang from 5 tiers, 6 bulb, \$70; 2 tennis rackets, Wilson Enforcer, royal blue, seldom used, \$12 each. Call 252-1160

MISCELLANEOUS: Racket ball racket with case, \$15; badminton set, poles, net, anchors, 4 rackets, birdie and case, \$20; tether ball and sturdy pole, \$10; 2 Hamster exercise balls with stand and free standing exercise wheel, \$10; playschool elec-

tric garage and accessories (5 yrs and up) \$20; Goose bumps book collection (47), \$50. Call 252-1160.

MISCELLANEOUS: Seven piece almond cookware, (JC Penny) \$25; chocolate lollipop kit (dinosaurs and ice cream molds) \$10; three piece microwave cookware (Sears), brand new, \$80; toaster oven, used once, \$25. Call 252-1160.

MISCELLANEOUS: Teal green sofa w/queen bed, 2 years old Xlt. cond. \$300. Call 254-2295.

MISCELLANEOUS: Refrigerator, Amanna, 20 + cubic feet with adjustable glass shelves and ice maker \$300. Call 254-9866 lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Twin, four-poster canopy bed frame, good cond., \$75. Call 254-9866 lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bowflex Power Pro XTLU, All attachments included, like new, \$800. Full size pool table, accessories included, \$500. Call

252-8325.

MISCELLANEOUS: 2001 Interstate 19.5 cargo trailer, clean inside and out, \$4,200, OBO. Call 559-8461

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