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Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Road signs are up and the bulldozers are out to work on the lane-widening construction project on the back gate of the Yermo annex. The back gate is scheduled to be used as the main entrance into and out of the Yermo annex for accessibility and security reasons.

Back gate at Yermo under construction

By Sgt. Joseph Lee
BARSTOW LOG staff

An Ontario, Calif., company received a three-month contract June 24 for renovation of the Yermo annex rear gate on Yermo-Daggett road.

All Cities Enterprises recently began construction on the near \$100,000 contract and is scheduled to complete the renovation in September.

The renovations include building multiple lanes around the current military police guardhouse to improve the flow of traffic as well as the construction of a vehicle inspection area outside the gate.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Nicolas S. Betlewicz, physical security chief at the public safety office, the rear gate

at Yermo has been closed since October 2001, when the provost marshal determined that the manpower required to keep both gates open was not available.

The provost marshal's recommendation to open the rear gate was made because of inadequate standoff distances from the front gate to the main road, and to accommodate heavy traffic flow into the base during times of increased force readiness, said Betlewicz.

Though the distance from Barstow to either gate is approximately equal, personnel traveling from Nebo base find the commute easier to the rear gate.

"Opening the rear gate would be much more fuel efficient for those of us traveling from base," said Pfc.

Douglass O. Yates, automobile mechanic with 2nd Organic Maintenance Platoon at Yermo. "In order to get on (Yermo) the way it is now, you have to drive all the way around the base. This can be very time consuming, and the road to the front gate is in really bad condition."

Although an exact date has not been established for the re-opening of the gate, the long-term goal of the project is to use the rear gate as the main entry point of the facility, said the base provost sergeant, Master Sgt. Richard N. Holman.

"The improvements to the rear gate will not only provide for the easier flow of traffic, but will also improve the security posture of the installation," said Holman.

HQBN changes hands

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

Headquarters Battalion, MCLB Barstow, changed commanding officers Wednesday at a ceremony at Boll Field at 8 a.m.

Maj. Clarence Guthrie III took over command from Maj. Brian Ballard, who is moving on to 1st Force Service Support Group at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Guthrie is coming from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, where he was a civil law officer.

Ballard addressed the guests at the change of command ceremony.

"The privilege of command is one of those sacred times in a career that forces one to consider every side of every issue, every time," said Ballard. My parting comments to you would be that you were all fair and just to me and that I hope that I have led you well and returned the justice you deserve."

Guthrie welcomed his command post.

"Commanding Marines is a privilege all Marine officers aspire to," said Guthrie. "I am thankful for this opportunity and look forward to a successful tour."

Guthrie enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1987, serving four years before getting selected to the Enlisted Commissioning Program. After graduating from Officer Candidate School and The Basic School, Guthrie became a field artillery officer.

In 1995, he was selected for the Funded Law Education Program. He was the editor-in-chief of the Journal of National Security Law while he was in law school.

After graduating from the Naval Justice School, Guthrie went to Lejeune, where he served as defense counsel, review officer, and chief trial counsel for the 2nd FSSG.

Guthrie has a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Birmingham-Southern College, a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma and a juris doctor degree from the University of Mississippi.

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THE COMMANDER'S FORUM

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Q Yes, I thought I would relay a problem I am having with getting a pair of safety glasses.

I have been an employee here for 26 years and every time I get a new prescription, I get a pair of safety glasses, which I've done maybe four times. I dealt with one office with one person in the past.

Well, last week I found out I have to deal with three people in three different offices on two bases.

It took up about an hour and a half to two hours – sad part is the only person I could talk with to fill out certain forms was not there.

It just seems to me like a lot of to-do about nothing. It seems to me we could streamline this.

I work in I&L Department and they could simplify this by having one person in the Safety Office, you bring in your prescription, pick out a frame, and that should be it, which I have done in the past.

I just thought I would bring this to your attention that this seems like a big waste of time, because now I have to start all over, and hopefully these people will be in the office so that I can fill out these forms.

Hopefully something can be done to take it back to the one person, the one office, with the proper forms.

A Thank you!
The procedure for obtaining safety glasses

has had only one minor change in the last few years.

The process requires the employee's supervisor to send a Safety Eyewear Request Form MCLBB 10470/01 to the Optometry Clinic.

The clinic will schedule the employee for an eye exam.

Once the exam is completed, the employee is given a vendor prescription form and the Safety Eyewear Request Form.

The employee takes the above documents back to his or her supervisor to secure a funding code on the DSSC Customer Service Req-

uision (MCLBB 4401/3). All three forms are then sent to the Base Safety Office for procurement of the glasses.

Upon receipt of the glasses, Base Safety will notify the employee's supervisor.

If any of the required documents are missing, Base Safety will be able to proceed with the purchase.

Base Safety has recently proposed an alternate purchase procedure that would reduce the number of steps currently required and will announce the new process if approved.

I thank you for your interest.

GOT NEWS? If you think you've got something newsworthy, call the public affairs office at 577-6430.

Highway of Holiness

By Lt. Cmdr. Elmon R. Krupnik
Base Chaplain



I have been away from the Barstow community.

I am glad to be back. One of things that I noticed upon my return was all of the construction projects in the area on the highways. Just a reminder to drive safely in those projects and slow down because the speed limit is enforced.

In the book of Isaiah, a highway is referred to as a way of holiness.

Isaiah 35:8-10 states "And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it.

"No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there.

"But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.

"Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sor-

row and sighing will flee away."

For all of us to travel on the Highway of Holiness, we are required to have a faith commitment in our lives.

That faith commitment reminds us of what God has done for us to bring salvation in our lives. Our response to that salvation that has been freely given to all is for us to live a life that is reflective of God's love.

One of the ways God's love is displayed is by our holiness (doing what is right that brings honor to God).

The salvation that we have is not merely a past experience. It is a present reality. That reality requires dedication, the dedication to consistently journey with God on that highway.

The highway we have may have potholes, construction, accidents and traffic on it. But if we stay focused on God as we travel, we can and will overcome all these things and have the joy that is waiting for us at the end of this highway.

We will be entering into Zion one day as our final destination with that everlasting joy.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Krupnik

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

Brenda Petruncio, administrative support clerk for the Semper Fit program, is all smiles when dealing with co-workers and people who visit the base gym for different activities. Petruncio has been working in MCLB recreational programs since 1995 and said she loves the work. She handles ordering of equipment, uniform items for different sports activities, the sports program, base pool, parks, and fields. "I do a lot of behind-the-scenes things," she said.

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" 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.

Pass and ID temporary closure

The Pass and ID section at MCLB Barstow will be closed from Sept. 1 to Sept. 11. During this time the section will be upgrading its ID card system and receiving training in its application.

Starting on Sept. 12, the Pass and ID section will begin accepting appointments for issuing ID cards. Please call 577-6969 or 577-6371 to make an appointment.

Walk-ins will be assisted between appointments if time permits; however, appointments are encouraged.

If an active-duty military member, family member or retiree needs an ID card during the closure, call the ID card section at Twentynine Palms at (760) 830-5365 or the ID card section at Edwards Air Force Base at (661) 277-1110 for assistance.

CWRA trip

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is planning a trip to see the New York Yankees play the Anaheim Angels Sept. 27 at Edison Field in Anaheim.

There are 25 tickets for sale. The field-level seats cost \$15, and it costs \$22 for a ticket and travel to the game. For more information, call Bruce Rowe at 577-7207.

Safety shoes for sale

Safety shoes will be available for purchase Wednesday. They will be in the parking lot in front of Building 573 at the Yermo annex from 7 to 11 a.m. and at the east end of Building 236 at Nebo from noon to 2 p.m.

School physicals added to TRICARE benefits

Under the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, TRICARE will cover physical examinations required for school enrollment. The new benefit applies to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries ages 5 through 11. It does not cover sports physicals. The effective date for the benefit was Oct. 30, 2000.

TRICARE advised beneficiaries to save all receipts and related paperwork for TRICARE reimbursement of school physicals received since Oct. 30, 2000. To file a claim for this reimbursement, they should attach the receipt and paperwork to a claim form and send it to their regional managed care support contractor.

TRICARE regards school physicals as preventive services. TRICARE prime enrollees will not have co-payments or need referrals or authorizations from their primary care managers unless they go to a non-network provider. TRICARE standard and extra beneficiaries do not have to get referrals, but they will have to pay applicable cost shares and deductibles for

the school physicals.

Beneficiaries may download claim forms from the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil, or may contact a local TRICARE service center.

Single Marine Program

The Single Marine Program will be taking a trip Sept. 21 to the Rose Bowl to see the UCLA Bruins play the Colorado Buffaloes. There are 30 spaces available for that trip.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at 2 p.m., in the conference room in Building 302. Eligible Marines who would like to sign up for any of these events should e-mail Lance Cpl. Daniel Humble or Lance Cpl. Joshua Pascua.

Catholic Sunday school

Catholic Sunday school classes are scheduled to begin Sept. 22 at the Base Chapel from 9:40 to 10:20 a.m. Classes are for children kindergarten through high school, including first communion (7 years old and up), and confirmation (14 years old and up). The classes are free. To find out how to volunteer or for more information call Donatella Maffin, 252-7566, or the Base Chapel, 577-6849.

VITA volunteers wanted

The time for filing taxes is once again right around the corner.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is looking for a few dedicated volunteers to assist active-duty military, retired military and their respective dependents with the preparation of their 2002 income tax returns.

The VITA program allows these personnel to avoid the sometimes-hefty processing fees, usually \$70 to \$90, that civilian agencies charge. Providing a high quality of service is key.

This program is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service in cooperation with Headquarters Marine Corps through the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA).

All VITA volunteers must attend a two-week training program offered by the Internal Revenue Service and California Franchise Tax Board during January 2003.

Volunteers will become knowledgeable in federal and California tax law. In addition, volunteers will be trained to use tax wise computer software so that all tax returns they prepare may be electronically filed.

Each volunteer will be required to commit at least eight hours per week from Feb. 1, 2003 to April 15, 2003 at the Tax Center to provide tax assistance.

More intensive tax training could be offered through OSJA to a 10-week H&R Block Tax Training Course beginning on Sept. 9 upon approval of

management and individual supervisors.

If you are interested in participating in the VITA program or would like further information, please contact Jacque Fadeley or Barbara Kulseth at 577-6874 or 577-6771.

Legal Assistance Office services

The legal assistance office is located in Building 236. Some services offered by appointment only:

Adoptions, landlord/tenant disputes, consumer law issues, name changes, contract disputes, non-support problems, creditor problems, probate/estate planning, divorces, review of contracts, fitness report rebuttals/Board for Correction of Naval Records petitions, wills and durable powers of attorney, guardianships, and immigration.

In order to receive legal assistance services, you must be active-duty military, retired military, or their family member.

GEICO Military Service Award

Applications are being accepted for the 2002 Government Employees Insurance Company, GEICO, Military Service Awards. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 11.

One service member from each of the services is selected each year for awards for contributions in each of the following areas: drug and alcohol abuse prevention, fire safety and fire prevention, and traffic safety and accident prevention.

For nomination qualifications and package submission guidelines or more information, see MARADMIN 391/02 available online at www.usmc.mil or contact Eleanor Kaufer, (703) 614-1202/3164.

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.

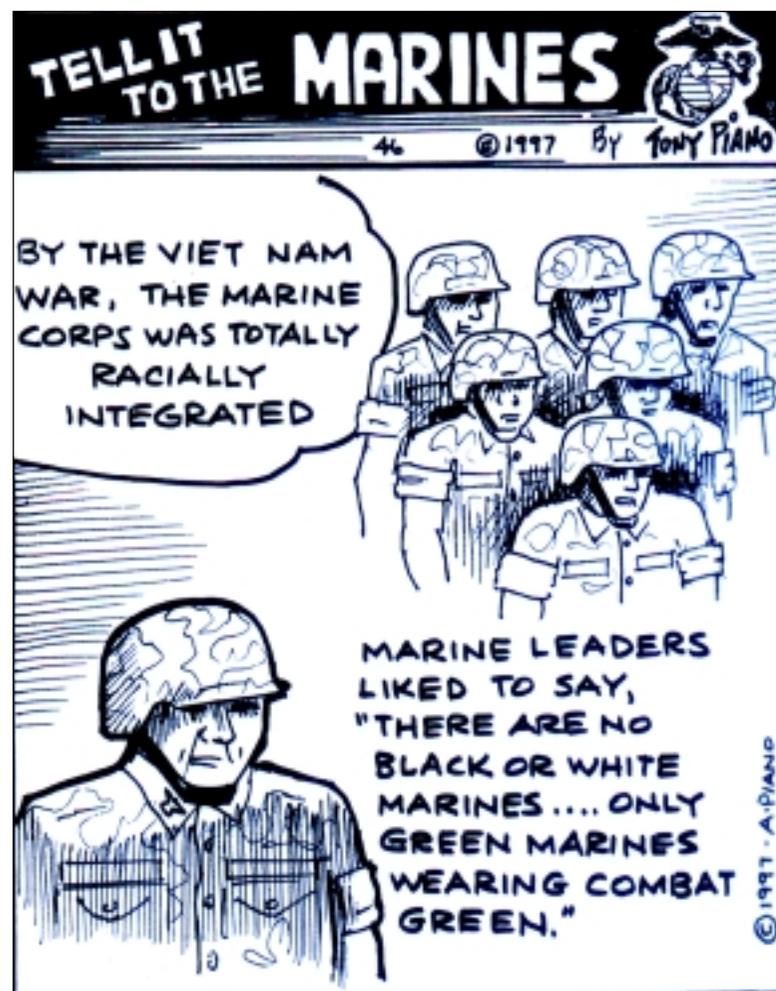
The bin will continue to be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the drop off of household chemicals, oil, cooking grease, hobby supplies, paint, filters and expired medication.

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

Yermo vehicle registration

People may register their vehicles on the first and third 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.

Environmental and safety training

Environmental and safety training is available for free to base employees online at www.mclbtraining.com. More than 50 different training and safety courses are available at the site.

MOLLE survey

A new Internet survey is out for Marines to express their opinions on what they want from the next load-bearing system.

The survey, which takes approximately 15 minutes to complete, should be available online at www.thewarriorsvoice.com until Aug. 31.

Tae kwon do

Tae kwon do classes are scheduled to be offered at the gym from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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.

FamilyLine volunteer search

Naval Services FamilyLine is looking for a volunteer to serve as the field representative for the Barstow area.

FamilyLine is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard families by provid-

ing information and referral services, booklets, and educational seminars.

FamilyLine relies on field representatives to help inform the local military community about services.

For more information about this volunteer opportunity, please e-mail FamilyLine at nsfamline@aol.com or call (877) 673-7773 and ask for the director of field representatives.

Water quality

Base personnel with water quality concerns or complaints should contact Peter Barela, Installation and Logistics Department utilities foreman, 577-7880.

Government drivers' licenses

The base license examiner is now located in Public Works, Building 198. Hours of operation are Tuesdays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information contact, Steve Waugh, 577-6448.

Troops to Teachers

Troops to Teachers is a cooperative program of the Department of Education and Department of Defense which provides referral and placement assistance to military personnel interested in teaching as a second career.

Additional information and applications can be obtained at: <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt>.

Locally, contact the Lifelong Learning Education Center in Building 302 at 577-6118.

Scholarship awards contain sizeable bonus

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BARSTOW LOG staff

The 2002 Scholarships for Military Children recipients will be getting a little something extra in their college checks this summer. Commissary industry donations used to fund scholarships were up in 2002 and as a result, each of the scholarship recipients will find an extra \$400 in his or her check. Now, 520 military children will receive \$1,900 for their college education instead of the original \$1,500 award, according to a Defense Commissary Agency release.

One of the 520 recipients who can expect the additional monies is Apple Valley High School graduate Casey Cink, who was awarded a scholarship in June during a ceremony at MCLB Barstow's commissary. The daughter of retired Air Force Captain John A. Cink and Darleen Cink, a former Air Force captain, will attend Fresno State University and plans to major in production management.

Administration of the Scholarships for Military Children program would not be possible without the financial underwriting of the Fisher House Foundation. In some cases, the scholarship program and Fisher Houses share an even closer connection with military families than might be apparent.

The Scholarships for Military Chil-

dren Program is supported by donations from commissary business partners. All donations go directly to fund the scholarships, but it is the donations from individuals and organizations to Fisher House Foundation that fund the actual administration of the program, according to DECA public affairs director Jim Weiskopf.

"The sponsors went all out for the kids this year," said James Meugniot, MCLB commissary store director. "They found that they had extra money and decided to give each one of the recipients that additional money, which was great."

While Fisher House Foundation is known for building comfort homes near the military's major medical centers, it also uses donations for military quality of life programs, like Scholarships for Military Children.

"Military personnel and federal employees who want to contribute to Fisher House Foundation for this and other programs can do so each fall through the annual Combined Federal Campaign," said Weiskopf.

Information about the 2003 Scholarships for Military Children program, including applications and eligibility requirements, can be found starting Nov. 1 at www.commissaries.com or www.fisherhouse.org or at your local commissary.

Happy 90th Birthday Dental Corps



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero

Lt. Cmdr. John Williams, clinic director, and Dentalman Kari Moore, dental technician, work on a patient at the Barstow Branch Dental Clinic. The Naval Dental Corps celebrates its 90th birthday today.

4th MEB takes time to visit, help Afghan orphans

By Staff Sgt. Gregory K. Funk
4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade

KABUL, Afghanistan - Marines and sailors from Task Force India, 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism) visited the Alwoddin Orphanage August 1. Approximately 96 percent of the children at this orphanage have lost their families to civil war.

The orphanage, in the South Western part of Kabul, is about a 20-minute drive from the embassy. Winding through congested streets and neighborhoods with half-collapsed buildings and mounds of rubble pock-marked by years of conflict, the Marines and sailors continued on their mission of goodwill.

With help from the embassy staff and donations from America, TFI was able to fill two vehicles, one vehicle filled with snacks, juice and school supplies, the other filled with toys, clothes and mattresses. Arriving, the TFI and embassy personnel received a warm welcome from Abdul Habib Samimi, the director of the orphanage.

Enroute Hospital Corpsman

1st Class Corapi, corpsman and lead petty officer for TFI, said he recalled visiting poverty stricken places in America, but said nothing compared to what he saw here. "Never in my life have I seen a place so scarred by war."

In another aspect, Staff Sgt. Lytle, an Explosives Ordnance Disposal technician who helped organize the visit with the embassy personnel, was in Port-a-Prince, Haiti, in 1999. He said he was hesitant at first because he expected similar conditions at an orphanage he went to there.

"I don't like to see children hurting or sick; it's depressing," Lytle said. Many of the children in Haiti were sick and several were dying because of the living conditions.

"The conditions these children are living in are much better," Lytle said. He stated the director of the orphanage here ran the facility very responsibly.

The orphanage has children from 3 to 13 years old. Because the children either have no immediate family or no family able to support them, the orphanage has a variety of needs. Providing

food, shelter and an education, they prepare the children for the Taimani Orphanage for young adults, which furthers their education and prepares them for independent living.

Taking the time to visit with some orphans, a group of girls sang a patriotic song about their country for their American visitors. Raisa, a young girl of nine and already skilled as a seamstress, aspires to become a teacher one day. Another child, Rames, an 8-year-old boy, hopes to become a doctor. Both Raisa and Rames, like most of the children here, only have what the orphanage has given them. They are all that is left of a family.

With further donations and compassionate people to help them, these children might be able to accomplish their dreams.

Basir Mamnoon, a Foreign Service National and consular assistant at the embassy said it was good to have TFI visiting the orphanage. It shows that the people in uniform are also here to help, he said.

"Most people see [a] military person and think they are here in Afghanistan for fighting," he said.

"If they appear at an orphanage and donate something to the orphanage or the children, it is very good. Besides their military job it shows they have feeling," Mamnoon said, and it's important, not only for the children to see that, but the elders too.

Mamnoon said the donations and outside help are very important because the government doesn't have the facilities or the finances to help the orphanages yet. The American Embassy has been helping the orphanage since its re-opening in January.

Unfortunately, time was short and TFI had to head back to the embassy. Corapi said if it was possible to go back, even if it was just to interact with the children, he would.

"They don't have any parents. Anything to make it more memorable for them," he said.

"It was the best day I've had here," Lytle said. The children seemed happy and that is what stood out for him.

Lytle also said he hopes to go back, either to bring more school supplies or just to spend time with the children.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Gregory K. Funk

Task Force India was able to bring two vehicles with much needed donations to the Alwoddin Orphanage in South Western Kabul. Besides handing out crayons and coloring books the Marines and sailors also spent time with the children, most of which lost their families to civil war.

MCB changes commanders

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW Log staff

Maintenance Center Barstow's command colors changed hands Aug. 14 in front of Building 573 at the Yermo Annex.

Col. Ervin Rivers relinquished his command to Col. Rob Gerlaugh in a change-of-command ceremony, which is the first time the Maintenance Center has changed commanders since it was designated a command.

Rivers, who has been the commander for the past two years here, is moving on to Washington, D.C., to be the executive assistant to the deputy commandant, Installation and Logistics, Headquarters Marine Corps.

Gerlaugh takes over after serving as G-4 Logistics at Marine Forces Reserve in New Orleans.

On hand to witness the change of command ceremony were Brig. Gen. Richard Kramlich, Marine Corps Logistics Bases commander, and Lawrence Dale, mayor of the City of Barstow. The Marine Band from Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Center, Twentynine Palms welcomed the guests with music before the ceremony.

Marines from Headquarters Battalion, MCLB Barstow, also were formed in platoons for the event.

"This is a bittersweet moment for Colonel Rivers," said Kramlich. "He is looking forward to his next assignment, but he is sad to leave the Maintenance Center behind."

Rivers thanked the employees at MCB

for the support and effort they gave him in his two years in command.

"My vision was to make this place the maintenance center of choice west of the Mississippi (River)," said Rivers. "You were the ones that made this happen."

Gerlaugh kept his comments short, but let the employees know he was ready to get started at his new command.

"I have gone around to most of the shops here and you have been more than helpful," said Gerlaugh. "You have answered all my... questions, but I will keep asking more because I want to get a good knowledge of what goes on here."

Gerlaugh graduated in 1975 from Centre College of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in economics. Upon his graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps and attended The Basic School in Quantico, Va. He has since graduated from career, intermediate and top-level service schools and has master's degrees in international relations and in national security strategic studies.

Gerlaugh has served as an infantry officer in units ashore and afloat of the 2nd and 3rd Marine Divisions, and as a logistics officer in units of the 1st Marine Brigade, the 7th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and 1st Force Service Support Group.

He has commanded at the company and battalion levels and held staff assignments from battalion through joint, sub-unified command and service levels. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, and the Imperial Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Brig. Gen. Richard Kramlich shows Col. Ervin Rivers his citation for the Legion of Merit awarded to him at the change-of-command ceremony



Photo by Rob Jackson

The Marine Band from Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. stands at parade rest, waiting for the change-of-command ceremony to start.



Col. Ervin Rivers, former Maintenance Center Barstow commander, and Col. Rob Gerlaugh, new Maintenance Center Barstow commander, are seen during the ceremony Aug. 14 at Building 573 at the Yermo annex. Brig. Gen. Richard Kramlich and Mayor Lawrence Dale, mayor of Barstow, were on hand.

Questions and answers with the new Maintenance Center commander

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

Q: How have your past experiences in the Marine Corps prepared you for this command?

A: I think the best way to tie my experiences to my role here is I have been a customer of both depots off and on for my entire Marine Corps career.

Beyond that, my experiences of leading and managing small to large organizations, I think there are management principles that stay the same across the board that will be helpful here. The gap is going to be very interesting because I am not a supply officer, and I am not a maintenance officer with a great deal of technical experience on the equipment here. That is what I'll be working on while I am here and that is what is exciting about this command for me.

Q: What is the Imperial Japanese Order of the Sacred Treasure, and how did you earn it?

A: The formal title of it is an Imperial Household Award, which means the Emperor of Japan had to approve awarding it to me and sign off on it. It was presented to me by the cabinet prime minister.

My assignment on the joint staff at U.S. Forces Japan included a great deal of work with the Japanese government. It was work related to our bases all over Japan and the amount of land we use in Japan and Okinawa.

It was a tremendous amount of logistic work with new construction, which was paid for by Japan. The last host nation support budget negotiated before I left was about \$3.2

billion.

There is a tremendous amount of political scrutiny in Japan about how much money the Japanese government is spending to keep the U.S. forces in Japan. My work with my Government of Japan counterparts was backed up by the tremendous staff that I had, and I was simply the beneficiary of their great work.

It is a very expensive award, and I am only authorized to wear it when I am in an official capacity at a ceremony or event, or in honor of a Japanese official who is present.

Q: Why do you think the command here is important?

A: The Maintenance Center is a strategic service for the Marine Corps. In my view, the best strategic capability we have is Marines. At the depots, we know our equipment better than anyone else does, and we have a direct invested interest in making sure our Marines and sailors who go into battle with them have the best quality, most reliable equipment we can put in their hands.

From what I have seen here, that has been the theme the supervisors and artisans who work here have gotten across to me loud and clear. That is the number one focus of this command. That is a strategic capability we have here that can be duplicated nowhere else in DOD.

Q: Have you toured the Maintenance Center?

A: I have been given a very extensive tour here. It is one that was very well thought out. The turnover has been magnificent, especially since we found out there would only be a week when Col. (Ervin) Rivers and I would

be here together.

Col. Rivers and his staff here have done a magnificent job of boiling down a very complex business to the essentials I need to get started. It has been an intellectual starter kit for me and it has been very effective.

Everyone here at every level has been extraordinarily patient. I have asked a lot of questions, most of them are pretty dumb right now, and they have been extremely patient to explain things to me about their jobs and help me with what is brand new terminology to me.

Q: How do you plan to keep the Maintenance Center as successful as it has been in the past?

A: It is really too soon to give you any details because I am just learning what that is going to take. I would be less than honest if I said anything else at this point. In my 27 years as a Marine Corps officer, I have learned a few enduring principles about success in any organization.

First and most important is always the people. We can buy the best and brightest new machinery and have a brand new perfect facility and all the repair parts in the world, but without people that are trained, cared for, knowledgeable, well-led, motivated, and believing in the work that they do, your organization goes nowhere.

I don't care whether it is a rifle platoon or a maintenance center. As long as we can sustain this superb team of people here, we can meet any challenge.

The ultimate goal of this organization is to achieve customer satisfaction, not customer sacrifice.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Commander, passes the organizational colors to Col. Rob Gerlaugh, during the MCB change-of-command ceremony Aug. 15, 2002. Col. (Ervin) Rivers, former commander Marine Corps Logistics Bases, is present to witness the event.



Photo by Rob Jackson

Col. Rob Gerlaugh addresses the crowd after being passed the command colors during the change of command ceremony.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Eusebio Talamantez and Scott Hadeen watch as other golfers tee off on the par-4 second hole at the Tees and Trees Golf Course during the Marine Corps Ball Golf Tournament Friday. The monthly event is held to raise money for MCLB Barstow's Marine Corps Ball.

GUNNY'S PICKS

2002 Season

Your picture here

Gunny's Picks will start in the Sept. 5 edition of the Barstow Log for Week 1 of the 2002 NFL campaign. Start studying now to make the right picks and get your face in the Barstow Log, to the envy of all your co-workers who must bow at your superior pigskin knowledge.

To play, you can cut this section out of the Barstow Log, circle your projected winners, pick the total amount of points scored for the Monday night game and put your name, work section, and phone number at the bottom. You can also e-mail your picks along with the total points for Monday night's game to editor@barstow.usmc.mil. Here is a sample of what the format will be when the season starts.

- *NY Jets at Buffalo
- *Baltimore at Carolina
- *Minnesota at Chicago*
- *San Diego at Cincinnati
- Kansas City at Cleveland*
- Atlanta at Green Bay*
- *Indianapolis at Jacksonville
- Detroit at Miami*
- *Philadelphia at Tennessee
- Arizona at Washington*
- *St. Louis at Denver
- Seattle at Oakland*
- New Orleans at Tampa Bay*
- *Dallas at Houston

Monday Night

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Name, work section and phone number: _____

Total points: _____

Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Summer Sale continues

The special End of Summer Sale through Aug. 30 features 20 percent off all red tagged shoes and 40 percent off jackets. Shop while supplies last.

The regular End of Summer Sale through Aug. 30 features specials like these: 15 percent off luggage and wallets, 15 percent off Black Hills gold, 20 percent off long sleeve men's and women's shirts, and 20 percent off all men's and women's fragrances.

The Super 7 Store is open Mondays through Fridays 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 256-8974.

The Railhead Exchange is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. During troop rotation, it is open Mondays through Fridays 8 a.m.

to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lunch menu

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

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

Friday – Hoki fish, macaroni and cheese.

Monday – Chicken tenders and regular french fries.

Tuesday – Pork loin maine.

Wednesday – Beef stir fry, fried rice.

Thursday – Chicken Cordon Bleu and Rice Pilaf.

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

You can order a la carte or sub sandwiches instead of, or in addition to the

posted menu. This applies to the Family Restaurant and the Cactus Cafe.

The American Vending Food Service trailer will be at Building 573 at the Yermo annex, Mondays through Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to noon. You may purchase ready made foods or short order food service is available.

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

Includes roll/butter, vegetable and drink of choice.

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Ribs (beef and pork), baked beans, cut corn, tossed green salad, rolls and dessert.

Aug. 29 – Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, tossed green salad and dessert.

Family Night Dinners served every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Prices \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 children 5 to 11 years. Children under 5 years are free.

Commanding Officer's Golf Tournament

Coming up Saturday, September 7th is the Annual Commanding Officer's Golf Tournament at Tees n' Trees Golf Course.

The format will be - scramble. Four person teams (make your own or Tees n' Trees can assign you to a team). There is a \$20 entry fee per person (cart not included). Lunch, trophies, door prizes and fun. Call 577-6431 for details.

AEROBIC CLASSES ARE BACK!

Aerobic classes are back and better than ever. New Reebok Steppers are provided.

The one-hour classes are held Mondays through Fridays starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Aerobics Room at the Base Gym.

EVERYONE WELCOME! Drop by any afternoon while the class is in session and see what we do - you'll be impressed.

The cost is \$20 per month or a \$2 walk in fee.

For more information call Semper Fit at 577-6971

1998 DODGE DURANGO SLT: 5.2L engine (318), 4-speed automatic trans. w/overdrive, P/W, P/S, Part-time shift on the fly 4-wheel drive, overhead console w/mini trip computer, AM/FM/CD player with equalizer, CD changer control, 12-disc CD player, cloth seats, towing package, heavy duty cooling, 61,500 miles, \$18,000. Call 252-3778.

1997 TOYOTA AVALON: Power windows/locks/seats, gold pkg, fancy rims, AM/FM/tape/CD changer, car in Barstow Mondays-Thursdays. Call 256-8131 AWH.

1987 NISSAN 300ZX: Red, good condition, good tires, engine runs good, A/C, P/W, PDL, 5-speed, may need throwout bearing and minor tune up, \$3,200, OBO. Call 252-2269 AWH.

MOTORCYCLES: 1999 Honda shadow, American Classic Edition, 750 cc., BLK/Chrome 13k miles, xlt. cond., \$4,000 firm, includes 3 helmets, rear seat, reflector vest. DMV renewal in Sept. Contact Sgt. Joseph Lee at 255-1275 AWH.

MOTORHOME: 1996 Challenger R.V. motorhome, 33' long, fully self-contained, w/6.5 KW Onan Generator, 21K miles, xlt shape and mechanical condition, lots of amenities, too much to list \$34,500 OBO. Call for details 252-1817.

MISCELLANEOUS: Marcy EM1 Pro Universal Home Gym, steel plates, lat station-ab section, leg station, etc., very good condition \$600, OBO. Call 252-2269 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: 1996 Caravan trailer w/spare tire for single jet ski 5' x 12' registration good until September 2002, \$300: 1997 Axte/longrun trailer w/spare tire for single jet ski 6 ½' x 13 ½', registration good until August 2002, \$400, for more info call Randy 252-2311.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sell or trade 5th wheel 15' x 8' F199 Jeep Wrangler, best offer. Call 254-3675 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Truck tires, LT 235-85-R16, good condition, \$30 each. Call 256-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: Futon metal bunk bed, desk, and dresser. Call 252-1311 for more information.

MISCELLANEOUS: Green queen sleeper sofa, \$400. Call 254-2295, leave msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Home theater speakers, two 3-way bass reflex front speakers, 37.5" tall, black ash, 170 W, one center speaker, black ash \$100 takes all three. Call 255-3009.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sofa, loveseat, pillow back set, \$600, 3 pc coffee table, end table, glass top set, \$250, Oak dining table padded chairs, \$200, turntable microwave \$75, moving must sell, all are new, 255-3009.

MISCELLANEOUS: Wood microwave cart with 2 shelves, drawer, towel bar \$100; swivel rocker-recliner \$250. Call 254-2295 leave msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Amana gas dryer, 100. Call 253-2394.

MISCELLANEOUS: G. E. refrigerator, Frost free, White, 18 Cu. Ft., xlt. cond., \$150. Call 256-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: Microwave oven Sharp \$25; coffee table \$10, IDE Zip 100 MB internal drive \$25; arcade Pong game from Japan, 2-player table top \$200; laser disk player RS232 output, \$75. Call 252-7789 AWH.

WANTED: 2-door Honda Civic 1988 or newer, running or not, also 2-door Acura 1992 or newer, running or not. Honda car parts and Acura car parts. Call 254-1913.

WANTED: TV, DVD player and surround sound system, one or all components. Call 254-1913.

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