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Rodeo comes to town

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Barstow Rodeo will be held at the MCLB Base Stables just outside the back gate of the Yermo Annex Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's events kick off at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's final go-around will start at 5 p.m.

Some of the attractions scheduled to be at the rodeo are the world's largest steer, Cowpoke, and some of the best cowboys and cowgirls in rodeo today.

Cowpoke, billed as the world's largest Holstein steer, weighs over 2,000 pounds and towers up to six feet tall, said Mal Wessel, Barstow Rodeo organizer.

He comes from the Movieland Ani-

mal Ranch in Winchester and is being brought here by the B&E Dairy in Barstow, according to a news release. For a small fee, children will be able to get their picture taken with Cowpoke.

Cowpoke's exact weight is a secret and the first person to guess his exact weight will receive a free picture on his back.

Snort, the mechanical bull, will be available to ride courtesy of Soutar's Dodge. Patrons can ride him at the rodeo for a small fee, according to a news release.

Snort can be set to any level so that children can ride as well.

More than 350 professional cowboys and cowgirls are scheduled to participate in the rodeo, according to a news release.

Joe Beaver, two-time all around

cowboy world champion; J.W. Jones, two-time steer wrestling world champion; Bobby Hurley, world champion team roper; and Charmayne James, 10-time barrel racing world champion, are just a few scheduled to appear at the rodeo.

Tickets are on sale at the Information, Tickets and Tours office in Building 342, and through Cindy Malloy at Maintenance Center Barstow on base. ITT's phone number is 577-6541, and Malloy's phone number is 577-7139.

Tickets are also on sale in town at the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, Soutar's Dodge, Dessert Community Bank, and Peggy Sue's Nifty 50's Diner.

For more information, call 252-3093.

POW/MIA's recognized by president in proclamation

By George W. Bush
President of the United States

Throughout American history, many men and women have bravely served in our military and sacrificed much to preserve our country and protect the democratic ideals that make our Nation a beacon of hope. Some of those who answered the call to service were captured in conflict and imprisoned by our enemies; and many remain missing in action.

Each year on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor those Americans who were prisoners of war and recognize them for the courage and determination they showed in the face of unspeakable hardships. We also honor those who remain unaccounted for, especially remembering the sacrifices of their families who must courageously face each day without knowing the fate of their loved ones.

Nearly 60 years after the end of World War II, the fate of more than 78,000 Americans who fought in that conflict remains unknown. More than 8,100 from the Korean War are missing, more than 120 from the Cold War, more than 1,900 from the Vietnam War, and three from the Gulf War.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

The missing man table is displayed during the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Veterans' Home of Barstow. Everything on the table symbolizes the mourning for those lost and hope they may still be alive.

Big Bear Challenge

By Sgt. Joseph Lee
BARSTOW LOG staff

Marines and sailors of Headquarters Battalion, MCLB Barstow, are encouraged to gather a team of four and participate in the Big Bear Challenge Oct. 25 at Pine Summit in Big Bear, Calif.

The Big Bear Challenge will be a combination of running and upper-body strength competition utilizing rope training in combat utilities and deuce gear. Teammembers will be required to keep a safety pack in their possession at all times during the competition.

"People really put out last year," said Lance Cpl. John Hubbard, admin clerk with S-1. "I just want to go out there to have some fun, like last year."

All HQBN Marines are scheduled to join the competitors at Big Bear to barbecue and cheer on their favorite teams.

According to Sgt. Santo N. Candelario, internal controls specialist with the base finance office, the Marines who went out to barbecue last year had a lot of fun.

They played football, volleyball, basketball and even took hikes through the Big Bear woods.

"The woods were so relaxing, I didn't want to leave," said Hubbard. "It was nice being away from the heat of the desert for a while."

Marines will board a bus provided by HQBN at 6 a.m. Oct. 25 for transportation to the event.

Deadline for registration is Oct. 11, so grab a sign-up form at the Base Gym or the S-3 training office located in Building 302 as soon as possible to participate.

Last year Marines were forming teams once they got out there and saw how fun it would be, according to Hubbard.

"I just wish I had brought my gear and got with a team early so I could have been more prepared!"

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August Safety Summary: Marines die at alarming rate

ALMAR 049/02
Headquarters Marine Corps

During the month of August, 10 Marines died in on- and off-duty mishaps, and 21 Marines suffered significant injuries. The following is a summary of casualties for the month of August:

Fatalities

One corpsman and one private first class died in on-duty mishaps this month. A corpsman from 2nd Med Bn., 2nd FSSG had just completed a practice physical readiness test when he collapsed. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. A private first class from MSSG-15 was shot and killed while participating as operational force in a close quarters battle accident after a Marine loaded live rounds instead of blanks.

Several Marines died in off-duty mishaps in August. A sergeant, two corporals, three lance corporals, a private first class, and a private died in motor vehicle accidents. A sergeant pedestrian from MCLB Albany, Ga., was struck and killed while crossing the street. A corporal and two lance corporals from VMFA-314 were in a single vehicle accident, which killed the corporal and one of the lance corporals. The surviving Marine was the only one wearing a seatbelt. Two corporals and a lance corporal were swept out to sea near Torii Station, Okinawa. One corporal returned to shore and reported the mishap. The remaining two Marines are missing and presumed dead.

A corporal from 9th Comm Bn. died after he lost control of his vehicle aboard MCB Camp Pendleton and was ejected. A private first class from

VMA-513 lost control of his private motor vehicle and was ejected. A private from MAGTFTC Twentynine Palms, Ca. traveling as a passenger, died following a head-on collision with a truck. The accident killed two other civilians in the vehicle.

Suicides

Two Marines died in apparent suicides this month. A lance corporal on TAD to the Navy/Marine Corps Intel Training Center was found hanged in his barracks. A private first class in the brig at MCB Camp Pendleton hung himself in his cell.

Injuries

Eight Marines sustained serious on-duty injuries in August. A sergeant from 6th Motor Transport Bn was the senior Marine in a convoy. One vehicle in the convoy slid on wet pavement. While discuss-

ing the accident with police on the side of the road, a tractor-trailer jack-knifed and struck him, breaking both his femurs and collapsing a lung. Two lance corporals from MWSS-172 were performing maintenance on a 5,000-gallon refueler. The refueler collapsed, trapping the Marines underneath of it. Two lance corporals from 1st CEB were injured when their HMMWV overturned. A lance corporal from 2/8 shot himself in the foot while conducting maneuvers on a range. Two lance corporals were injured after their five ton rolled over while attempting to turn during a night movement.

Thirteen Marines were seriously injured in off-duty mishaps. A gunnery sergeant from Western Recruiting Region, MCRD San Diego was injured

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Honor, Courage, Commitment

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



This will be my last article. I will be going to my next assignment, the U.S.S. Constellation (America's flagship). I want to thank everyone on the base and in the community for allowing me to be a part of your lives. I have grown from the experience in

many ways and I hope that you all have grown from the many articles that have been written. I want to share one last story with you. When I was seventeen, I dropped out of high school and I decided that I wanted to be a Marine. I went down to the recruiting office and I passed all of the entry level tests. The recruiting application required a parent's signature because I was under age. The sergeant came to my house for my mom's signature. My dad had died the year prior and I was the only one left at home. When my mom saw the sergeant with me, she broke down in tears. The sergeant looked at me and said, "Son, the Marine Corps needs you but your mother needs you more." With that, he shook my hand and left. I have always remembered that sergeant and what he said.

The naval service has the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. I believe that this sergeant represented those core values to himself, to my mom, to me, to the Marine Corps and to this nation. I want to ask all of you, what do you represent? What are your core values? The values that we have are demonstrated by what we do in our actions, not what we say. The Scriptures use the example of a tree and its fruit. In Matthew 7:16-20, we read, "By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them." I hope that I have planted some seed that God has turned into some fruit. I have not been perfect, but I have tried to uphold the core values of the naval service and to bear spiritual fruit of the higher calling that I have of being a minister of the Gospel. When you examine your life, I hope you are trying to bear the fruit that God has called us all to bear that have faith in Him. Thank you, once again, MCLB and the Barstow community for allowing me to be a part of your lives.

BLESSINGS TO ALL,
Your Chaplain

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

McGruff the Crime Dog entertains the children at Barstow College during the Let's Be Safe Fair, where the MCLB Fire Department and the Military Police K-9 unit represented the base. The Crime Dog was Cpl. Barbara Lee, supply chief, for the Provost Marshal's Office.

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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TRICARE Online sign up

Today and Friday, in Building 170 there will be computers available for Marines with family members to sign them up for TRICARE Online. The computers will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be Navy personnel to assist, and Marines are encouraged to bring their spouses, as this affects them the most. If your spouse is unable to attend, you will need the following information on all family members: full name, social security number, date of birth, and a password that will be remembered.

This is primarily for those whose family members are residing in the area, but others may attend to have TRICARE Online questions answered. Any questions may be directed to 577-6709.

Powerlifting competition

Edward's Air Force Base's Annual Powerlifting and Bench Press Competition will be held at the Rosburg Fitness and Sports Center Saturday.

A lifting clinic will be held Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. Weigh-in on Saturday is from 8 to 9 a.m. The lifting competition will begin at 10 a.m.

There are different weight classes and men and women open and master's divisions. The top three competitors in each division will win a prize. There is no entry fee. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Antillon or Tech. Sgt. Gory at (661) 275-GYM1.

Marine Corps Ball tickets

Marine Corps Ball tickets go on sale Monday. Ticket sales are scheduled daily from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays at Building 15 in the base duty room.

Tickets for officers, civilians and guests are \$21, staff noncommissioned officers are \$16, sergeants and corporals are \$10, and lance corporals and below are free. Each Marine can buy a ticket for a guest at his price, except for lance corporals and below, who have to pay \$10 for their guest. Each guest after the first is \$21.

For room reservations at the special room rate at the Primm Valley Resort, call 1-800-FUN-STOP, and use the code SCM1106. Regular rooms are \$25, jacuzzi rooms are \$119 and suites are \$129. All room reservations should be made before Oct. 25.

Boll Field closure

The Base Safety Office has sent out notification that Boll Field is off limits to all motor vehicle traffic.

Pass and ID

The Pass and ID section is accepting appointments for issuing ID cards at their new location in Building T-117 across from the Base Gym. 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.

Swimming pool closures

The Oasis Club pool is closed for the season and the Family Pool, located at the Base Gym, is scheduled to close Saturday.

For more information call Semper Fit, 577-6971.

Public Lands Day

In recognition of the Ninth Annual National Public Lands Day, the Bureau of Land Management is seeking 300 volunteers to participate in a variety of work projects in the Mitchel Range Area behind the Skyline Drive-In Theater Saturday.

This area supports a variety of outdoor activities including horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking and limited off-highway vehicle travel.

Registration begins at 6 a.m. and local sponsors will serve a barbecue lunch.

The first 300 volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and a free pass to the Skyline Drive-In Theater. For more information, call Rose Foster at 252-6011.

Calico Days

Calico Days will be held Oct. 11, 12, and 13 at Calico Ghost Town. Calico Days will feature a gunfighting championship, a burro run and a wild west parade at high noon as some of the many events taking place.

Visitors can pan for gold, shop and dress in 1880's costumes as part of the fun as well. For more information, call 1-800-TO-CALICO or go to <http://www.calicotown.com>.

Motorcycle Safety Training

There will be a motorcycle safety training class Oct. 11 at the Base Safety classroom in Building 236 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will need a current motorcycle license or permit, a reflective vest, full fingered gloves, a helmet, long sleeves and long pants, over the ankle boots, and their own motorcycle.

For more information, call Steve Waugh, the base license examiner, at 577-6448.

Tae kwon do

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

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

4th Annual Fun run

The Barstow Boys and Girls Club 4th Annual Tortoise and Hare Fun

Run/Walk will be held Nov. 2. This Fun Run/Walk benefits the Barstow Boys and Girls Club and offers 5K, 10K and 15K routes through Barstow. Every participant will receive a finish medal, goody bag and T-shirt. Early bird entry fee is \$20. Call the Boys and Girls Club at 255-2422 for an entry form or more information.

Environmental mailbox

The Environmental Department has established a new mailbox for reporting environmental observations and concerns. The new e-mail address is smbbarstowenvironmentalreporting@barstow.usmc.mil.

Employees who observe anything aboard base which they feel might have an adverse effect on the environment (i.e., illegal dumping of trash behind warehouses or other remote areas of the base, unlabeled or leaking drums, residue on the ground that could indicate a spill, or anything else which causes an employee concern) should send an e-mail to the mailbox.

If there is a concern that needs immediate attention contact the Environmental Department, 577-6173.

Aerobics classes

Aerobic classes have been temporarily cancelled through Nov. 2. Call 577-6971 for details.

Maintenance Complaint line

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

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.

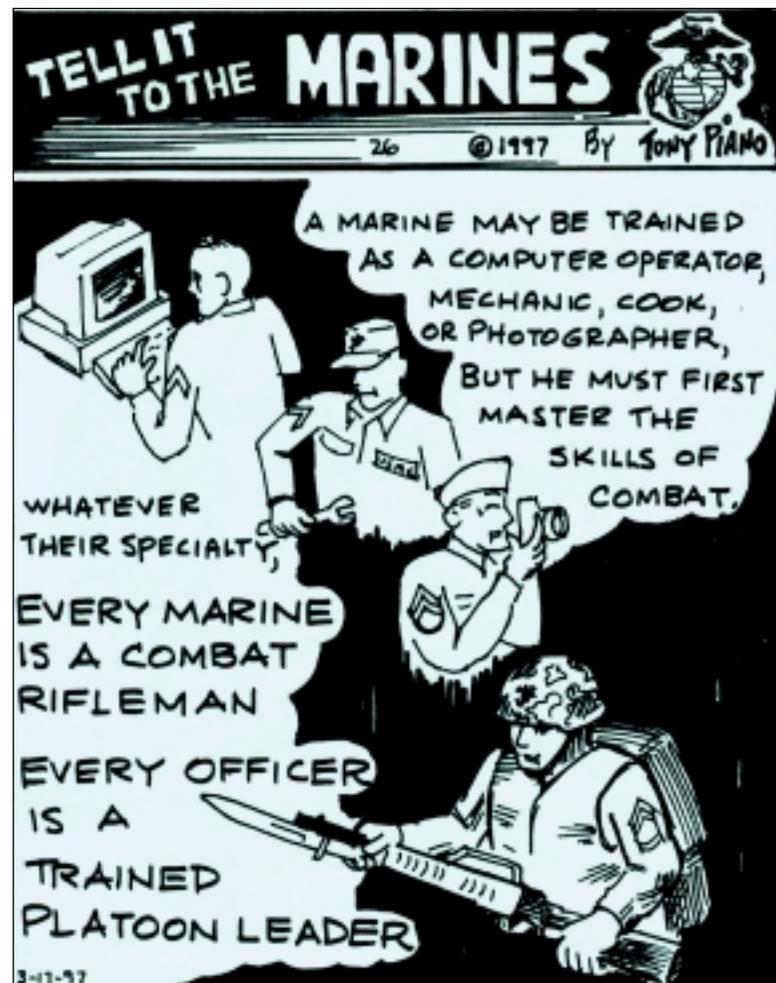
Water quality line

Base personnel with water quality concerns or complaints should contact Pete Barela, water and sewage supervisor for the Installations Division, 577-7880.

VITA volunteers wanted

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance 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 armed forces personnel to avoid the sometimes-hefty processing fees, usually \$70 to \$90, that civilian agencies



charge.

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

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 to April 15 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 Sept. 9 upon approval of management and individual supervisors.

To find out how to participate in the VITA program or for further information, please contact Jacque Fadeley, 577-6874, or Barbara Kulseth, 577-6771.

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.

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.

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 providing 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.

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in a motorcycle mishap. A sergeant from MCRS Denver, Co. was critically injured after a motorcycle crash. A corporal from MWHS-2, MCAS Cherry Point was seriously injured after he lost control of his motorcycle while driving well over the speed limit. Local police were pursuing him when the mishap occurred. A lance corporal from 1/12 was injured when the car he was traveling in hit a guardrail and flipped. He was not wearing a seatbelt. A lance corporal from HMLA-367 was struck by a van outside of MCAS Futenma and received severe abrasions to his head.

Two lance corporals from H&HS, MCAS New River were forced to take evasive action to avoid an oncoming vehicle in their lane. Their vehicle left the road and overturned, resulting in a broken leg to one Marine and minor injuries to the second.

A lance corporal from HMFH-772 was injured when the vehicle he was working on fell on him. A lance corporal from 11th Marines fell approximately 40 feet while rock climbing and suffered crushed vertebrae. A lance corporal from HMLA-269 was seriously injured when he lost control of his car and hit a fence.

A lance corporal and private first class married to each other were involved in a two-car accident. Al-

though both were seat belted, the private first class driver was seriously injured. His wife, the lance corporal, was 20 weeks pregnant. She was critically injured and lost her baby. She was placed on life support and died on Sept. 2. A private from 1/8 was injured when he lost control of his vehicle and was thrown approximately 40 feet.

Aviation:

A T-34C from VMFAT-101 crashed near Big Bear Lake, Calif. The pilot was injured and the aircraft was destroyed.

Mixed news:

By the end of last August, 70 Marines died in aviation, on-duty ground and off-duty mishaps.

This year, 104 Marines have died in aviation, on-duty ground and off-duty mishaps.

The highway continues to be the single biggest threat our Marines and sailors face every day.

This month, five Marines died in car crashes and a car struck a sixth. Four of the five who died in car crashes were not wearing seatbelts.

Call it common sense, call it operational risk management; it doesn't matter. Your seatbelt will save your life.

If you doubt this, ask the sole survivor of a car crash that happened on Aug. 17: he is in stable condition, while his two buddies, fellow Marines, were ejected and died.



Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Mary Jane Ackley, assistant chief, fire prevention branch, MCLB Fire Department, shows children how to stay low during a house fire to avoid smoke inhalation. They were in the MCLB Fire Department's Smoke-filled Safety House, which was at the City of Barstow-sponsored Let's Be Safe Fair. It was also an opportunity for Ackley to remind people about Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6 through 12. The Smoke-filled Safety House will be on display again at the Commissary Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

READY, FRONT

Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

PERSONNEL AWARDS

Promotions

- Sgt. Richard Wheelen
- Cpl. Robert Anguiano
- Cpl. Brandy Colbird
- Cpl. Joseph Covey
- Lance Cpl. Brian Bannister
- Lance Cpl. Allan Nichols
- Lance Cpl. Matthew Kogut
- Lance Cpl. Douglass Yates
- Lance Cpl. Nicole Sava

Good Conduct Medal

- Cpl. Eusebio Talamantez
- Cpl. Cory Eads
- Cpl. Carlos Barrientos
- Cpl. Tighree Thomas
- Lance Cpl. Israel Moreno
- Lance Cpl. Jacob Henderson

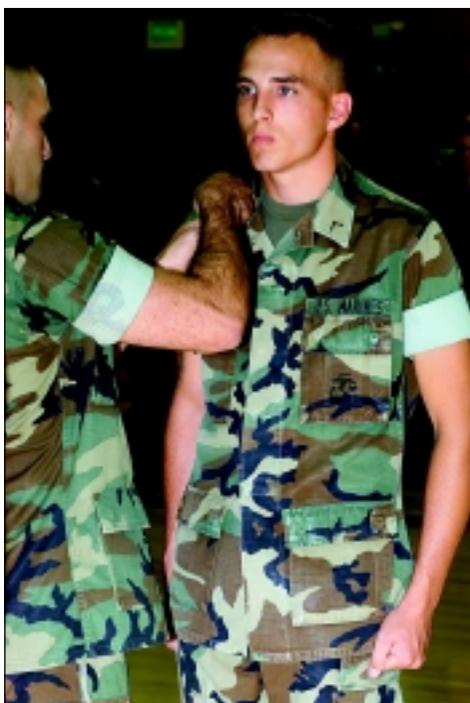


Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Lance Cpl. Peter Vegliante pins lance corporal chevrons on newly promoted Douglass Yates.

MCLB Rifle Range scores

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| 1 st Lt. Michael Smith
<i>53 Expert</i> | Lance Cpl. Marco Catanopena
<i>25 Marksman</i> |
| 1 st Lt. Ryan Hazlett
<i>47 Expert</i> | Lance Cpl. Daniel Humble
<i>29 Marksman</i> |
| Staff Sgt. John Green
<i>52 Expert</i> | Lance Cpl. Peter Vegliante
<i>47 Expert</i> |
| Staff Sgt. David Henry
<i>51 Expert</i> | Lance Cpl. Douglass Yates
<i>40 Expert</i> |
| Staff Sgt. Joseph Johnson
<i>50 Expert</i> | |
| Sgt. Alma Fragoso
<i>37 Sharpshooter</i> | |
| Cpl. Sara Scott
<i>27 Marksman</i> | |
| Cpl. Carlos Barrientos
<i>41 Expert</i> | |
| Cpl. Efren Rangel
<i>41 Expert</i> | |
| Cpl. Tighree Thomas
<i>33 Marksman</i> | |
| Lance Cpl. James Castro
<i>45 Expert</i> | |



Battalion Commander: Maj. Clarence T. Guthrie III

Battalion First Sergeant: 1st Sgt. James E. Barksdale

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POW/MIA Recognition Day

These Americans, who dedicated their lives to preserving and protecting our freedoms, will never be forgotten.

On September 20, 2002, the flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia will be flown over the White House, the Capitol, the Departments of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, the Selective Service System Headquarters, the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, U.S. military installations, national cemeteries, and other locations across our country. With this observance, we reaffirm our commitment to those who have suffered the horrors of enemy captivity, to those who have yet to return from battle, and to their families. We remain dedicated to resolving discrepancy cases, achieving the fullest possible accounting of our prisoners of war and missing in action, and bringing them home with the honor and dignity that they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2002, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. I call upon all the people of the United States to join me in honoring former American prisoners of war who suffered the hardships of enemy captivity, and in renewing our commitment to those still missing. I also call upon Federal, State, and local government officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

GEORGE W. BUSH



Above Left: Sgt. Simei Rosario presents a plaque to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, during the year's commemoration. The plaque commemorates the date of this year's observance.

Above: Sgt. Maj. Tualago Tautua presents a plaque to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, during the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony.

Above Right: Lt. Col. Scott Thomas presents a plaque to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, during the ceremony. Thomas was formerly a prisoner of war in Hawaii and personally led the rescue of the POWs.

Below Right: Lunch was served during the ceremony.

Below: All the POW's present posed for a group photo.

Below Left: From left to right: Maj. Gen. Robert Topete, Air Force Senior Airman (SA) [Name], and representatives from different branches of the military.

Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt



Photo by Rob Jackson

...presents a POW/MIA plaque and pin to Chester Mathis, a retired Marine, ... the plaque, was presented to former POWs who were present at last ... ue was a picture of the POW's who came the year before and a plate ... ear's POW/MIA Recognition Day.

... talks with a resident of the Veteran's Home of Barstow - California after ... ceremony.

... as, the guest speaker, conducts an interview with FM 98 and 99 before ... erty the director of operations for the Army's Central Identification Labo- ... d recovery missions into North Korea and Vietnam.

... courtesy of the AMVETS for all who came to the ceremony.

... se together for a photo.

... Marine Cpl. Ex Armstrong, Navy Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Dominic ... Kalva Crow, and Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew Kogut, right, were the ... nches of service who participated in the joint service color guard.



Photo by Rob Jackson



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

A Bug's Land

The Information, Tickets and Tours Office would like to inform all its patrons that Disney's California Adventure will soon have a new land. A Bug's Land will be introduced in October, joining Hollywood Pictures' Backlot, Paradise Pier and Golden State as the fourth land to grace the park.

A Bug's Land is a place where children and their families can experience a fun-filled world from a bug's point of view. This new land consists of three key areas: the all new *Flick's Fun Fair* and *It's Tough to be a Bug!* both inspired by the Disney/Pixar film *A Bug's Life*, and *Bountiful Valley Farm*.

Flick's Fun Fair will consist of five attractions for children and their families:

Flick's Flyers - Soar through the air in a whimsical, hot-air balloon that Flick has fashioned out of leaves.

Francis' Ladybug Boogie - Hop aboard a ladybug, and dance and spin to Francis' favorite boogie woogie tunes in this spin'em yourself adventure.

Heimlich's Chew Chew Train - Ride on the back of Heimlich, the ever-hungry caterpillar, as he crawls along the miniature railroad track in search of tasty treats.

Tuck and Roll's Drive 'Em Buggies - Ride the bump as Tuck and Roll lead you on a crazy buggie ride beneath the big top of P.T. Flea's circus tent.

Princess Dot Puddle Park - Splish, splash and dance your way around the playful sprays of a giant sized water spigot, sprinkler nozzle and garden hose.

Outdoor vending carts themed as found items, such as a child's juice box and an oversized cereal box, will offer frozen beverages and churros while a Flick's Fun Fair cart will serve up snacks such as blue and green cotton candy, ice cream and beverages.

Outside Flick's Fun Fair, Bountiful Valley Farmer's Market will celebrate "A Bug's Picnic" with a bug's favorite food - picnic food.

Contact ITT for more details on the grand opening of A Bug's Life as well as other Disney attractions. Call 577-6541. ITT is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available after ITT business hours at the Bowling Center: Wednesdays through Fridays

DIRECT TV NFL Sunday Ticket

NOW AT THE ENLISTED CLUB!

All ranks are invited for NFL Sunday Ticket at the Enlisted Club. The first game is at 10 a.m., and the second game is at 1 p.m.

The Enlisted Club is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is located in Building 218. The snack bar is open. Come join your friends and cheer for your favorite team.

from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Super Seven Store Hours

The Super Seven Store is open Mondays through Fridays from 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. Call 256-8974 for more information.

Lunch menu

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

Today - Soup and Salad Bar.

Cactus Cafe: Beef fajitas, Mexican rice, refried beans and flour tortillas.

Friday - Breaded Hoki fish, macaroni and cheese.

Monday - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Tuesday - Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Wednesday - Breaded pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Thursday - Mama's meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy.

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

Prices: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian. Includes roll/butter, vegetable and drink of choice.

Family Night Dining

Wednesday - Chicken and beef fajitas, Mexican rice, refried beans and tossed green salad.

Family Night Dinners are served

Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. 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. For full breakfast, lunch and dinner menus consult your MCCS Events Guide.

Gym Away From Home

The Health Promotions Office is offering a "Gym Away From Home" to anyone going on Temporary Additional Duty and worried about getting behind on their workouts.

The "Gym Away From Home" kit includes resistance tubing, a jump rope, a door attachment, a workout video using the tubing and a book with different tubing workouts. For more information, call Jennifer Wales at 577-6817.

GUNNY'S PICKS

Week 4



Congratulations to Kenneth Breckenridge, Shop Stores, Warehouse 401, Fleet Support Division, winner of this week's Gunny's Picks. Breckenridge went 12 – 1 this week without having to count on the Monday Night game between the Rams and Buccaneers. The jury is still out on the Panthers, as to whether they are for real or not. My upset special for this coming week is (drum-roll please) Detroit over New Orleans.

The Lions came so close to upsetting the Packers, because the head coach wised up and put Joey Harrington in as the starter. Here's a look at the rest next week's match ups.

To submit your choices for Gunny's Picks, fill out this section of the newspaper and drop it off at the Public Affairs Office in the Red Wing of Building 15, or e-mail who you think will win each game to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

- Carolina at Green Bay*
- Chicago at Buffalo*
- *Cleveland at Pittsburgh
- Dallas at St. Louis*
- Houston at Philadelphia*
- *Miami at Kansas City
- New Orleans at Detroit*

- NY Jets at Jacksonville*
- *NY Giants at Arizona
- *Tampa Bay at Cincinnati
- *New England at San Diego
- Tennessee at Oakland*
- *Minnesota at Seattle

Monday Night

*Denver at Baltimore
Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____
Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.

SMP goes to UCLA game

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Single Marine Program went to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., to see UCLA play Colorado in an inter-conference football game Saturday.

The Colorado Buffaloes won the game 31-17.

The trip was part of an ongoing effort to provide the single Marines of MCLB Barstow opportunities to get off base and experience the different things this area has to offer.

Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Daquila recently took over as the program's coordinator and went to a Single Marine Program conference to find out different ways to use the Single Marine Program to the Marines' advantage.

"The most important thing I picked up from the conference was community involvement," said Daquila.

He has already planned a canned food drive from Oct. 4 through Nov. 22 to benefit a local charity, and the

Single Marine Program is participating in the Mardi Gras Parade on Oct. 31.

This month's activities include a trip to Single Marine Program night at a San Diego Goals minor league hockey game, and movie night Oct. 8.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Marines from MCLB Barstow enjoy the UCLA vs. Colorado football game from the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. Saturday. The trip to the game was sponsored by the Single Marine Program.

AROUND THE CORPS

11th MEU training lifts cargo, spirits

By Sgt. Brian J. Griffin
OBSERVATION POST Staff

CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF OPERATIONS - Standing in the eye of a man-made tornado, sand, pebbles and debris whirl around as the Marines concentrate on their task. Communication is limited to hand and arm signals due to the thundering clap of rotor blades belonging to the 16,500-pound helicopter hovering above their heads.

For members of the Helicopter Support Team, Landing Support Detachment, MEU Service Support Group 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), the 100 mph downwash of a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter isn't enough to prevent them from doing their job — hooking up external cargo to the helicopter for transport.

During a recent exercise in the Central Command area of operations, MEU forces training on desert

firing ranges initially did not have enough targets to aim in on. After range officials located some old vehicle hulls fit for the job, the HST was called in to move them to the ranges via helicopter for the exercise.

Prior to conducting this type of mission, the Marines focus on what they need to do to prepare for such a mission.

"I'm thinking about safety and whether or not everybody knows where to be and what they need to be doing," said Cpl. Brian Duffy, HST member, MSSG-11, 11th MEU (SOC). "If a guy goes in not knowing what he's doing, chances are something bad could happen. That's why everyone needs to know what's going on."

Having situational awareness and being informed is second nature to this seasoned Marine team.

"We've been together as a team for over the past year," said Sgt. James Fincher, HST commander, MSSG-

11, 11th MEU (SOC). "We've done several of these types of missions and we know all the procedures for a lift like this."

Relying on their training, experience, and their buddy's watchful eye, these Marines are ready for the job.

They break into action, opening boxes, laying out gear and surveying the objects to be lifted: old, rusted and busted up truck hulls. Within moments, they have laid out everything they need and the team begins hooking up slings to the first hull. They also break out any glass and tear off any loose material that could be dangerous in the lift process.

Three minutes later, they are ready for the helicopter to arrive and lift the cargo. Quickly and carefully, the Marines look around for anything that could blow around when the bird comes in, becoming a flying hazard.

With the area now cleared, the helicopter is seen in the distance moving towards them. The team member gets in its assigned positions, keeping a watchful eye on the cargo each other.

Arriving at the team's position, the

"bird" begins to hover 15 feet above the ground. With the bird above them, the Marines signal to their partners. The outside guide, who is in front of the helicopter, gives the pilot guidance on how far to descend.

As the rotors whirl, dust and sand flies in the distance. Sneaking up on them, the Marines are soon engulfed in a tornado-like storm. It is no surprise why some of them wear goggles and gas masks to help them breathe in the sandy environment.

The bird descends slowly until it is less than 10 feet off the ground with a hook hanging just within reach of the Marines.

A Marine with a static wand, used to ground any electrical current running through the hook, taps the hook and grounds it out.

During the next phase, two Marines grab the slings with a loop connected at the end and clasp it into the hook attached under the helicopter.

After securing the slings, all non-essential personnel run to a designated rally point a safe distance away from the helicopter with its cargo soon to be dangling below.

Two Marines stay under the aircraft as it begins to lift the load. One watches for safety matters as another ensures the slings don't get tangled on the cargo — the key to a successful mission.

"During training, we usually work with a type of block," Fincher said. "With this type of mission, we have to be concerned about how the cargo might get twisted or shift when it is being lifted."

With another flurry of sand and dust, the helicopter's payload is airborne. Now on the way to its destination, the hull will meet another group of HST members, who will be waiting to unhook the cargo at its target location.

Looking forward to any opportunity to use their skills, the HST Marines couldn't be happier. With the dust and targets now settled into place, they call it a day after successfully moving more than 7,000 pounds of vehicle hulls.

"These types of missions are exciting and they are what we like to do," Fincher said. "I wish we could do more of them. My guys did a great job."



Photo by Sgt. Brian J. Griffin

Dragging slings, Sgt. James Fincher, Helicopter Support Team commander, Landing Support Section, MEU Service Support Group 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), prepares to hook up a vehicle hull to be moved via CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter to another location.



Photo by Sgt. Brian J. Griffin

Signaling for the helicopter to lift, Lance Cpl. Joseph Dunn, inside guide, Helicopter Support Team, Landing Support Section, MEU Service Support Group 11, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), keeps a watchful eye on the cargo as Gunnery Sgt. Edward Guy, LS chief, holds the slings steady as the CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter begins to lift the vehicle hull during a recent exercise in the U.S. Central Command area of operations.

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