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Photo by Curt Lambert

James Bengel, Mobile Heavy Equipment mechanic, Cost Work Center 725, MCB, explains to Maj. Gen Bradley M. Lott, Commander, Marine Corps Materiel Command, Albany, Ga., what was wrong with a part from a piece of heavy equipment and the steps he's using to refurbish or repair it. During his visit to MCLB Barstow, Nov 25, General Lott took the opportunity to meet and speak with many military and civilian employees on both sides of the base about the direction he's looking to take MATCOM in the future. He also revealed that by working as one team with the same focus of efforts, MATCOM will serve as the force multiplier for force commanders. Gen Lott also took time to pass out MATCOM lapel pins and command cards; the cards include a Web address to send comments and suggestions. For those who were not available to receive the items, extras can be obtained through department secretaries. To get a better outlook on the future of MATCOM see his Commander's Intent on Page 4.

## Maintenance Centers share improvements

By Colie Young  
LogBases PAO

Twenty-seven employees from the Marine Corps Multi-Commodity Maintenance Center at Barstow, Calif., visited Albany's depot during the week of Nov. 18 to see how commercial best practices, 'Theory of Constraints,' 'Manufacturing Resource Planning' and 'Lean Thinking,' have helped the Multi-Commodity Maintenance Center here improve operations across the board.

Col. Robert Gerlaugh, commander of Maintenance Center Barstow, along with several key employees from every level of his organization traveled cross-country to 'break bread' and share ideas with their east coast counterparts for five days.

Although the Maintenance Centers at Albany and Barstow have separate commanders, both depots are under the command of Brig. Gen. Richard Kramlich, commander at

Marine Corps Logistics Bases, which is headquartered in Albany.

According to Col. Steve Foreman, commander at Albany's Maintenance Center, the multi-commodity remanufacturing depot invited members of its west coast-equivalent here to see how the best practices have transformed operations at Albany.

"Although Albany and Barstow are more than 2,000 miles apart, we still maintain the adage, 'one team, one fight,'" Foreman pointed out. "Sharing newly implemented philosophies and other information that has elevated operations with our sister-command benefits more than the two maintenance centers, it benefits the entire Marine Corps."

Gerlaugh, who is new to the depot maintenance business, said he hears of Albany's successes often and wanted to see the depot first-hand.

"I came to Barstow last August with no prior experience in the depot maintenance business," Gerlaugh admitted.

"My folks here told me immediately that our sister center at Albany had made some rapid and dramatic changes in their production processes, and was having terrific success with them.

"My thought," he continued, "was to take a group that represented every level and area of expertise in this organization back to see first-hand what Colonel Foreman and his team have done and how they have gone about doing it. It's a time-honored tradition among Marines that we 'steal' good ideas and make them work for us."

Prior to the trip, members of Barstow's command sent a detailed work plan that targeted several specific changes the Albany depot made, said Darren Jones, manager of Albany Maintenance Center's production management department. Jones added that the two groups set up nearly a dozen breakout teams to share information when they arrived.

"Monday we basically gave them

## USMC PA survey

HQMC, WASHINGTON, DC – The Commandant of the Marine Corps is requesting input to help identify the best way to disseminate general news and information to the Corps.

An Internet survey has been developed for active duty, reservist and civilian employees of the Marine Corps in order to solicit input regarding the types of worldwide and military information that is relevant to you. Results from this survey will be used to develop processes for desired news mediums to be more easily accessible to its audience. The survey is completely confidential and will be submitted directly to an independent consulting firm, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. The two-week Internet survey will only be accessible via an "internet explorer" web browser Dec. 5 through 20 at:

<http://aan.xservices.com/usmcpl/intro.htm>.

Survey-related questions may be directed to Captain Steve Butler, Headquarters Marine Corps, Public Affairs Office, (703) 614-1494, email [butlersa@hqmc.usmc.mil](mailto:butlersa@hqmc.usmc.mil).

an overview of how we are structured and what our Maintenance Center here does," said Jones. "Then Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we broke down into 11 different groups. These groups were based mostly on the questions Barstow sent us surrounding the changes we made."

Jones said he knew, from the questions asked, that Barstow's personnel understood exactly where improvements were needed at their installation.

"Basically we [Albany] asked the same questions when we were introduced to these initiatives," said Jones. "We knew they were right on track for making a rapid, positive change.

"It's great that our lines of communication are open," Jones added. "This enables us to become better organized where we both can function well as one unit to achieve the same goals."

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# Current suicide rate big issue for Commandant

**By Gen. James L. Jones**  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Recent reports of suicide in the Marine Corps highlight a disturbing trend that needs our immediate attention and renewed commitment.

We must focus our attention on ensuring every possible measure is taken to battle this tragic and senseless loss of life. One Marine lost to suicide is one too many.

The number of reported Marine Corps suicides for fiscal year 2001 was 27.

The number of reported Marine Corps suicides for FY02 was 20. To date, there have been seven reported Marine Corps suicides in FY 03: three in October, and four in November. If the current trend continues, we

will effectively double the suicide rate of last year.

Experience shows that numerous factors contribute to death by suicide.

Warning signs are often presented to Marines close to the victim, but these are sometimes ignored.

The Marine Corps has had an aggressive program of suicide awareness training for many years now.

We need to continue our education programs and emphasize awareness on the part of all Marines.

My purpose in sending this ALMAR is to reinforce our ongoing effort to stop suicide.

*Initiatives and sound a call for action.*

When Marines and sailors exhibit warn-

ing signs, we all need to facilitate the positive and effective intervention of our trained professionals: unit chaplains, medical officers, and men and women in our community service centers.

It is essential that we use every available resource at our disposal to prevent the loss of life caused by suicide. The first step is to identify the risk.

By continuing to work together at all levels in the chain of command we can greatly reduce risk factors that contribute to these tragic deaths.

"Taking care of our own" has been a hallmark of the United States Marine Corps for 227 years. There is no substitute for the vital role that each of us plays in suicide prevention.

**Editor's Note:**

*For more information concerning suicide awareness or if you or somebody you know is in danger of suicide, call the Personal Services Division at 577-6533.*

*The Personal Services Division is located in Building 129 and has specialists on hand to handle such problems as suicide, stress, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, family problems, and financial responsibility.*

*The Substance Abuse Counselor is Staff Sgt. Joseph Johnson and the Financial Counselor is Master Sgt. Allyson Hedrick. The director is Bill Boxx.*

## Political truths

**By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood**  
Base Chaplain



As I ponder what to write about lots of ideas ran through my mind.

I always consider how controversial a subject is and whether or not exploring that subject will be something people could find useful.

With that in mind, I attempt to draft something that will at least be worth reading. Having said that, here goes.

One of the things I seem to take notice of is our political system.

I think the reason I notice it is because of what politicians seem to spend time doing. Now I will be the first to admit that this may be just my perception, but it seems like many, not all, politicians are at odds with each other.

Not only do they seem to be at odds with each other, many times their motives seem disingenuous.

I wonder if I am the only one who has a hard time trusting what politicians say? I won-

der why I feel like I have to scrutinize every word or phrase the politicians say with a legal microscope to find the loopholes and escape routes that have been woven into the fabric of their speeches?

I realize that my perceptions do not apply to everyone and that there are some very good, trustworthy and noble people out there serving the public. Maybe only the negative people end up on television?

It was in the Christian Scriptures in the book of 1 Thessalonians chapter 2 where St Paul was talking about himself and his ministry.

I think it should and could easily apply to this week's topic. He talks about having the courage to speak the truth.

Truth seems to be a commodity that is in short supply. It has become far too easy to tell half the truth, or no truth at all if the person can get away with it.

He goes on to say doing what is right even in the face of great opposition is part and parcel of truth.

His words in Thessalonians are reminiscent of another famous document that says, "We hold these truths to be self evident."

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## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Master Gunnery Sgt. Kim Ortamond, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, shaves one of the horses in preparation for the upcoming parades the Mounted Color Guard plans to perform in over the holidays.

### Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Confession services before Mass**

### Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.  
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call 577-6849.

### Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the Chapel Office.

For more info call 577-6849.



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# News Briefs

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

## Yermo Main Gate change

The Yermo main entrance will change from the current main gate just past Peggy Sue's Restaurant, to the gate by the base stables on Dec. 18.

## Alcohol and Substance Abuse Awareness Class

An Alcohol and Substance Abuse Awareness class will be held at the base gym, Building 44, Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Johnson, the substance abuse counselor from Personal Services Division, is scheduled to teach the class, covering the different hazards and warning signs of alcohol and substance abuse along with its effects on driving.

For more information or to sign up for the course, call Jennifer Wales, health promotions coordinator, at 577-6817 or contact her via e-mail at [walesjm@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:walesjm@barstow.usmc.mil).

## ASMC Christmas Luncheon

ASMC will hold a Christmas lunch Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Oasis Club. The lunch menu is Chicken Cordon Bleu or Chef Salad for \$6.50. Guest speaker scheduled for the luncheon will be Margaret Carter the Base Comptroller.

There will also be a white elephant gift exchange, interested persons wishing to participate please bring a wrapped gift and have fun. Reservations can be made by contacting the following ASMC representatives:

- Tito Escobedo 577-6369
- Randy Meyers 577-6366
- Erin Foster 577-6642
- Billie Reed 577-7875
- Conni Lewellyn 577-6596
- Lou Ann Presley 577-6636

## MCCS Big Bear Cabins

Marines aboard MCLB Barstow can set priority reservations at any of eight cabins located at Big Bear Mountain throughout the year.

The cabins, which are owned by

the Marine Corps, and cared for by Big Bear Resort personnel, are available at a very low price for Marines who want to escape to the mountains for a weekend of skiing or snowboarding.

Complete with a dining room, living room, kitchen, master bedroom and a loft, the cabins accommodate up to six people. There is a queen size bed in the master bedroom, as well as two full size beds in the loft, and a fold out sofa sleeper. The kitchen is equipped with pots, pans and dishes, as well as a gas range, and there is a fireplace in the living room.

With the exception of personal hygiene items, towels and firewood, the cabins are well equipped for six people.

December's availability is currently limited to only a few weekdays, but Miramar MCCS starts taking reservations for the month of January at the beginning of December. February's reservations will be opened at the start of January, and so on throughout the winter months.

Room rates are \$56 on weekdays and \$75 on Fridays and Saturdays. To make reservations, call MCAS Miramar MCCS ticket center at (858) 577-4141.

## MCMAP tan belt training

There will be another Marine Corps Martial Arts Program tan belt training session Dec. 9 - 13.

Anyone yet to earn their tan belt through the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program should call the Headquarters Battalion Training Office at 577-6502.

## Flu Shots

Flu shots are now available to all eligible beneficiaries at the Branch Medical Clinic. Shots will be given at the Immunization Section from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. daily except for Thursday afternoons.

For more information, call 577-6491 ext. 114.

## Oasis Club New Year's Party

All E-6 and above and GS-05 and above members of the MCLB Barstow community are invited to attend a New Year's Party Dec. 31 at the Oasis Club.

All Oasis Club dues paying members get in free and it is \$5 for everyone else. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the party will end at 1 a.m.

For more information, call 577-6418.

## CFC contacts

The deadline for donations to the Combined Federal Campaign is Friday.

The following are the key personnel for the different cost work centers to contact for making a donation to any of the many organizations:

- Ruby Adams 577-6751  
(Communications Division)
- Cindy Malloy 577-7146  
(Maintenance Center)
- Gunnery Sgt. Craig Stanley 577-6003  
(Base Safety)
- Barbara Kulseth 577-6771  
(JSA/OGC)
- Robin Leeks-Ellis 577-6403  
(Commissary)
- Staff Sgt. James Daly 577-6062  
(4th Platoon)
- 1st Lt. Jason Kut 577-7611  
(Fleet Support Division)
- Meredith Taylor 577-6478  
(HRO)
- Margie Bunt 577-6896  
(MCCS)
- Bertie Dailey 577-6350  
(Building 15)

## Adopt-a-Vet

The Veterans Home of California - Barstow is in search of sponsors through the Chaplain's Office Adopt-a-Vet Program. The Chaplain has received names and wish lists of vets at the home. There is no limit to how many vet's one can sponsor.

To participate in this year's program or for more information, contact Petty Officer 2nd Class Julie



Dennison, Chaplain Randel Livingood or call the Chaplain's Office at 577-6849.

## Prenatal Care Program

The Branch Medical Clinic is now able to provide prenatal care on base as an extension of the Mother Baby Unit of Weed Army Community Hospital of Fort Irwin.

This cooperative effort has been initiated to provide quality, convenient care to the expectant mothers of the U.S. military family in the Barstow area while eliminating frequent and routine drives to Fort Irwin.

Service members interested in continuing their prenatal care at the Branch Medical Clinic should notify their providers at Weed Army Community Hospital in the Mother Baby Unit.

For prenatal questions contact the Branch Medical Clinic, 577-6491; the Fort Irwin Women's Health Clinic, 380-4048; or the Fort Irwin Mother Baby Unit, 380-3199.

## Experienced athletes

Resumes are being accepted for the following teams and events.

### Cross-Country Team

The deadline for resumes to compete in the Armed Forces Cross Country Championship is Monday. The championship is Feb. 13 - 17 in Houston.

### All-Marine Wrestling trials

Dec. 15 is the last day to submit resumes for the All Marine Wrestling Team. Trials will be Feb. 10 through April 9, with the Armed Forces Wrestling Championship shortly thereafter.

### Army Invitational/CISM

### Taekwondo Trials

Semper Fit is accepting applications until March 1 for the Army Invitational/CISM Taekwondo Trials,

May 9-12, at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Additional information about these teams and events as well as prerequisites and resume guidelines are available online at <http://www.usmc-mccs.org>.

For additional information contact Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Daquilla, Semper Fit, 577-6898.

## Scholarships for Military Children

The deadline for returning applications by hand or mail to a commissary is Feb 21, 2003.

The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children Program opened November 1. These are \$1,500 scholarships sponsored by the Defense Commissary Agency and administered by the Fisher House Foundation.

Factors looked at include grades, community involvement, activities and an essay. The Program has awarded 920 scholarships and nearly \$1.5 million in its first two years.

Applications can be downloaded for the 2003 program at <http://www.commissaries.com> or <http://www.fisherhouse.org>. They can also be picked up at any commissary.

The Program is open to dependent unmarried children (under the age of 23) of active duty personnel, reserve, Guard and retired military. Applicants should ensure they're currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003.

Additional information and other scholarships information can be obtained at Lifelong Learning Education Center Bldg 302, 577-6118.

# Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
5423 CODE 530-ABM	Sandblaster WG-5423-07	11-22-02	12-06-02	N/A	MCLB Barstow
Open to Status Appointable Eligibles 3306	Optical Instrument Worker WG-3306-08	11-22-02	12-06-02	N/A	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 326, 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.donhr.navy.mil>.

This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

# MatCom Commander's Intent

**By Maj. Gen. Bradley M. Lott**  
MatCom Commander

My intent is to set a course and speed consistent with the progressive nature of the logistics business! Life cycle management to attain affordable readiness through total cost of ownership control will be the focus of our efforts.

Every action of this command must contribute to cost control of readiness! However, no cost control measure will ever sacrifice readiness or effectiveness for cost alone.

Further, Materiel Command will serve as a logistics force multiplier for the Force commanders.

In addition to our general support role, we need to be ready to step forward when our services are requested and either reinforce the Marines on the ground or to relieve them of their non-combat mission so they can move on to their

combat mission. Reinforce and relief duties can also enhance readiness in garrison as the Marines pursue their priority training for combat.

We will cultivate a climate of innovation and teamwork that will encourage independent thought and initiative. Together, we will produce effective, enduring improvements and solutions as we invent the future of life cycle management.

We will capitalize on our successes as we progress and grow, using them as springboards to our next goal.

As we advance, we will gain experience and learn to maximize the potential and contributions of every team member.

It is through our success as individuals and as an organization that we will contribute to our ultimate goal - success of the Marines on the battlefield.

We will balance our workforce

with training, education, experience, and leadership so that it remains a viable resource for the Marine Corps well into the foreseeable future. Every level of expertise and experience has unique value as a brick in building our future.

People and mission must never be viewed as mutually exclusive. The patriotism, professionalism, loyalty, intellect, enthusiasm and character of our people make mission accomplishment possible.

We must create an environment that fosters greater accomplishment by our Marines, Sailors, and civilian Marines with attendant personal and family satisfaction.

Each element of my intent must be aligned with the daily activities of every member of the command if we are to achieve the heights of our potential.

Strategic alignment then becomes the tool for implementation of this intent.

# SOY nears end of reign

**By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt**  
Editor

Hospital Corpsman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Dominic Topete, corpsman at the Branch Medical Clinic, is nearing the end of his reign as Sailor of the Year.

He was selected to his current title at the end of 2001.

"I had to go up against the other sailors in the clinic who won Sailor of the Quarter on a board," said Topete. "I guess they thought I was the best sailor at the time."

As part of his Sailor of the Year duties, Topete represented the Branch Medical Clinic at various events.

"I took part in the Toys for Tots Telethon, different events at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow, and I got to ride in the Mardi Gras Parade," said Topete. "I also got my picture on the wall, which is nice."

A native of Hobbs, N.M., Topete

is married to Hospital Corpsman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Cynthia Topete, who also works at the Branch Medical Clinic.

Topete has recently found a new recreation, which he really enjoys. He has started to play golf.

"My life goal is to get out of the military and join the PGA," joked Topete.

He admits his game could use some improvement.

"I'm so bad I don't even have a handicap," said Topete. "If you ever see a ball over by the railroad tracks at Tees and Trees Golf Course, it is probably my ball."

Having recently re-enlisted and extended his tour at Barstow for another year, Topete is scheduled to leave around Thanksgiving of next year.

"Hopefully I'll be able to pick my orders around March or April," said Topete. "I think I want to get out of the States and see the world again."

# Around the Corps

## New high-tech PT gear highlights uniform board

**By Capt. Chad Walton**  
Systems Command PAO

The Marine Corps Uniform Board will soon meet to consider changes to female uniforms, newer high-tech PT gear and the guidelines for appropriate wear of Marine Corps Emblems.

"Uniform Board #205 deals with a variety of issues, from recommendations from the Women's Uniform Symposium to clothing prototypes developed by Marine Corps Systems Command," said Capt. Dan Dukes, Secretary-Recorder for the Marine Corps Uniform Board. "Individual Marines should ask their chains of command for how they can provide input to the issues."

### *Wear of the Marine Corps Emblem*

In the past, as a general policy, items that cannot be worn by civilians cannot be worn by Marines as civilian attire. Some uniform components are authorized that do not have any type of insignia that are military in nature, such as the tanker jacket without insignia or the crew neck service sweater.

"The recent trend has been to distinguish new uniform items with our emblem to make them distinctly Marine," said Dukes. "As this trend continues, Marines may become confused as to what can and cannot be worn with civilian attire."

Commercial use of the Marine Corps emblem is extensive and is often confused with its use as branch of service insignia. Commercial manufacturers and retailers may make non-uniform items with the Marine Corps emblem, and any civilian, let alone any Marine, may wear these commercial items.

"The Uniform Board is hoping to provide guidance for the new utility uniform and any future uniform items so that Marines will know what is appropriate for wear," said Dukes.

### *Changes to female uniforms*

Several suggestions are being presented on the board to alter different female uniforms and eliminate others that were not being worn.

The 1998 Sergeants Major Symposium suggested that the female blue dress coat should more closely re-

semble the male coat with extended red piping and wear of the white belt. The board produced several prototypes that were worn by female Marines, with and without the white belt, to functions in the Washington Metro area requiring the wear of the dress blue uniform. Additionally, a prototype jacket was presented to the SNCO Academy at Quantico for comments and recommendations, and to the Women's Uniform Symposium held Sept. 9-12 at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

Based from feedback of these different forums, the recommendation was presented to not change the female blue dress coat from its present state.

Another recommendation that came out of the Women's Uniform Symposium was to eliminate the maternity jumper from the authorized list.

"The feeling from the female Marines was that they felt the jumper is not being worn anyway," said Dukes.

The maternity tunic that is now being used will be the sole authorized uniform item that will be worn with the service uniform if the recommen-

dation is taken by the board.

The final female uniform item that will go before the board will be a possible change to the female evening dress shirt. The symposium held in September reviewed the current evening dress shirt and deemed it to be very unflattering and old-fashion in style. The recommendation to the board will be to adopt a new shirt that is pleated, similar to the male evening dress shirt.

### *New high-tech PT uniform*

The last two items to be considered will be changes to the Marine Corps' standard PT uniform to take advantage of new technologies and improve safety and performance.

The first item is a recommendation to replace the current uniform with a coyote-brown undershirt in both short and long sleeves, and black nylon shorts with reflective striping. The new gear will use proven off-the-shelf technology that will wick moisture away from the body for quick drying and longer wear.

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Photo by Marine Corps Systems Command

The uniform board will consider a new PT uniform that will feature a windbreaker-style jacket and pants with water resistant capability and reflective piping.

# Pearl Harbor survivors look back

*Local veterans recall the morning of Dec. 7, 1941 through their own eyes*

By Sgt. Joseph Lee  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Living in America, one might gain an expectation of freedom and security from attack by another nation or military force. The longer this expectation lasts, the more surprising and devastating such an attack could be.

As the nation experienced Dec. 7, 1941, as well as Sept. 11, 2001, the attacks left permanent scars and memories on all, especially on those who live through them. For some, those experiences can spark a new direction or detour in life.

Saturday marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. As Americans remember the "date that will live in infamy," a few local citizens recall Dec. 7, 1941 as the infamous day that changed their lives forever.

Curtis G. Collier and Russel F. Desvignes, residents of the Veterans Home of California—Barstow, are just two of the thousands affected by the tragedy that have no problem remembering the carnage of Japan's surprise attack that morning.

Collier, a San Diego native, joined the 251<sup>st</sup> Coast Artillery Regiment, a California National Guard unit out of San Diego in the late 1930s.

After his unit was sent to Hawaii in 1939, for what was supposed to be a one-year tour, they were busy building a training compound during the months when the unexpected attack came.

When Collier woke that Sunday morning to the sound of planes flying overhead, he remembers thinking the local Navy pilots were conducting training, as was often the case in the early hours of the week-ends on Oahu.

Just as he began to get angry with the Naval aviators for rudely wak-

ing him, a voice came over the loudspeakers of his compound. "This is not a drill, this is the real McCoy!"

"I remember seeing the attacking planes come in at around 8 a.m.," said Collier. "We only had enough ammunition at the camp to practice with that morning, and if we would have had more we could have raised holy heck down there."

"As soon as those zeros started by on a second pass, we got up behind a 50 and slung lead at everything that was in range. We got one that we thought must have been a command plane," said Collier. "And as soon as we approached the crash site to finish the job, intelligence was already securing the area. Obviously we hit a good one."

The second volley of planes struck at 8:55 a.m., and exactly one hour later the attack was all over.

"On their way back from the harbor, [the Japanese planes] came by unloading on everything we had," he said.

According to Collier, his unit was preparing to destroy the compound themselves by setting up 50 gallon gasoline barrels beside every standing structure.

"We weren't about to let them use our base against us if they were going to land," he said. "That's what we thought was coming next. We were sure they were going to land, so we began setting up to abandon the camp and go assist at a camp that had ammunition to fight with."

By 1 p.m. the carriers that launched the planes from 274 miles off the coast of Oahu were heading back to Japan.

Behind them, they left chaos, 2,403 dead, 188 destroyed planes and a crippled Pacific Fleet that included eight damaged or destroyed battleships.

Just minutes away from where Collier fought for his life, an unsuspecting civilian Naval yard employee watched as the harbor was attacked before his eyes.

Just 10 days after his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday, the transportation laborer unknowingly watched the hands of fate begin to bend his life's path. Before he could even change his clothes, Desvignes found himself transforming from laborer to firefighter.

"There were so many fire hoses tangled on the deck, it looked like a pile of spaghetti," said Desvignes, recalling the chaotic firefight.

The New Orleans native was among the thousands of rescue workers, civilian as well as military that were on site to help subdue the flames at the crippled naval yard.

"The response to such an event is automatic," said Desvignes. "You don't even have time to think."

According to Desvignes, the selflessness and morale of the people helping out was incredible.

With what had just taken place, no one could be sure that the Japanese wouldn't be returning for another pass, or to invade the entire island for that matter. But people weren't hiding; they were helping.

"I take my hat off to those guys working in the naval yard that day. Those guys worked like you wouldn't believe," said Desvignes.

Word of the attack, as well as information that Japan was also at-

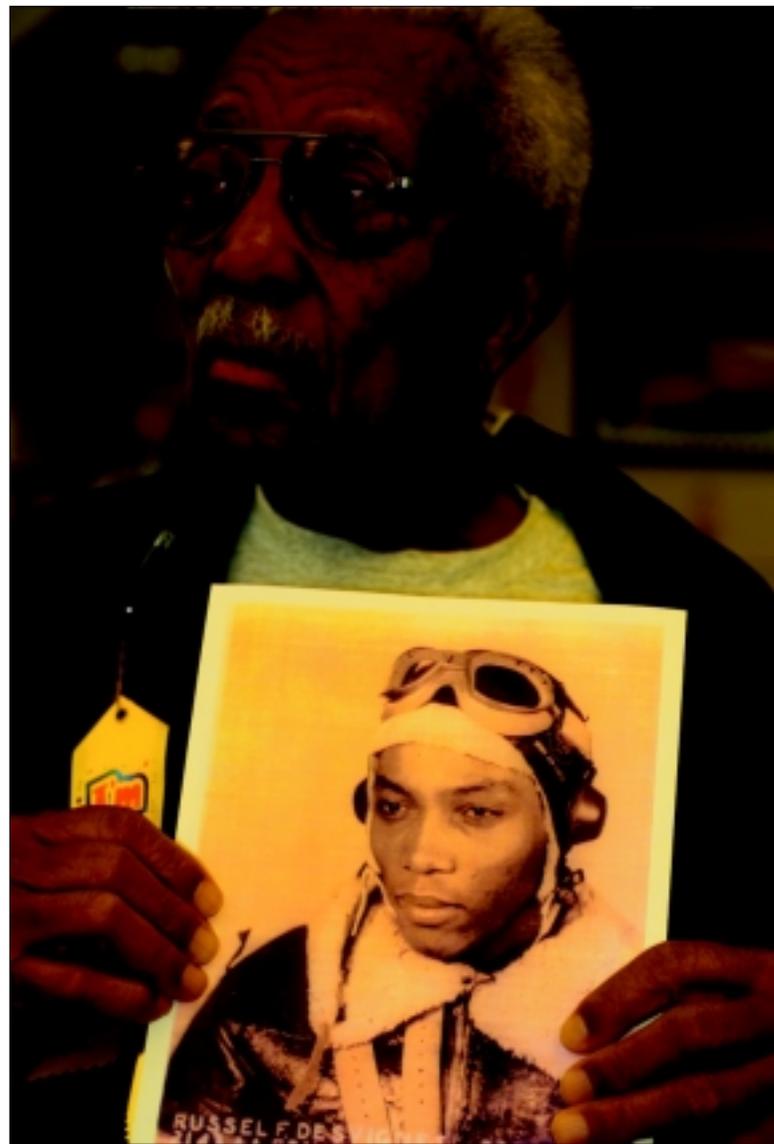


Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Russel F. Desvignes shows off a picture of him as a Tuskegee Airman during World War II. Desvignes served in the military from 1943 to 1946.

up to the neck and in to the death. So we had won after all! Hitler's fate was sealed. Mussolini's fate was sealed. As for the Japanese, they would be ground to powder."

He was correct, and on Monday, Roosevelt signed the declaration of war granted by Congress, which in turn brought Collier and Desvignes into their combat roles.

Once the dust cleared and his unit was reassembled, Collier re-

tunity to fly.

In 1943, at 23 years old, Desvignes was drafted into the war and became one of the few African American pilots now known as the Tuskegee Airmen.

Both Desvignes and Collier fought bravely in the nation's defense in retaliation for the assault they each remember as the day that decided the destiny for the rest of their lives.

As Desvignes fought from the air, Collier fought from the ground at sea.

The combination of their efforts along with those of many other young Americans who did not see the destruction of Pearl Harbor, led to the surrender of Japanese forces on Sept. 2, 1945 aboard the USS Missouri as it was anchored in Tokyo Bay.

Dec. 7, 1941 is indeed a date that will live in infamy, and to those who were on the island of Oahu that fateful morning, it is date that will not only be remembered, but a date never forgotten.

**"There were so many fire hoses tangled on the deck, it looked like a pile of spaghetti ..."**

- Russel Desvignes

tacking the British colonies in Southeast Asia, reached President Roosevelt that afternoon. Britain was to declare war the next day, and Roosevelt responded that he would go before Congress the following day to ask for a declaration of war against Japan.

Winston Churchill wrote of the war: "To have the United States at our side was to me the greatest joy. Now at this very moment I knew the United States was in the war,

ceived orders to Fiji, where he would begin "island hopping" in the war against Japan.

"It took me four years and 10 months to get my one year in," said Collier, "Three of which were spent in the combat zone."

Desvignes, who as a young man had gotten his "fever for flying" by sitting the cockpit of airplanes pretending to be a fighter pilot at the Marine Air Station where he worked, was now given his oppor-

# SMP goes into action during Thanksgiving

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
Editor

The Single Marine Program took part in various events for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Marines donated canned foods for the entire month of November by leaving them on their bed to be picked up during field day inspections every Friday.

Once the cans were collected, they were delivered to the San Bernardino County Probation Department - Barstow Division Nov. 25. The probation department was delighted to receive the canned foods and said it would put them to good use.

The SMP also went to the Veterans Home of California - Barstow on Thanksgiving to eat dinner with the veterans and watch football with them.

Some Marines sat down and started sharing stories with the veterans about each other's experiences in the military.

Friday, the SMP went to the Ramada Inn to help with a Toys for Tots event.

Dirt bike racers from District 37 of the American Motorcyclist Association came to the Ramada Inn to register for a race, which the entry fee was a toy for Toys for Tots.

The Marines collected the toys and thanked the racers for their contributions to the effort.

"I had fun talking to the bikers and it was worth it to go and help the Toys for Tots effort," said Lance Cpl. Angel Jaquez.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Lance Cpl. Daniel Humble, left, and Lance Cpl. Joshua Pascua, right, help unload cans given to the San Bernardino County Probation Department - Barstow Division. The Single Marine Program conducted the canned food drive.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

(Above): Lance Cpl. Angel Jaquez represents the Single Marine Program at a Toys for Tots event Friday held by District 37 of the American Motorcyclist Association at the Ramada Inn in Barstow.

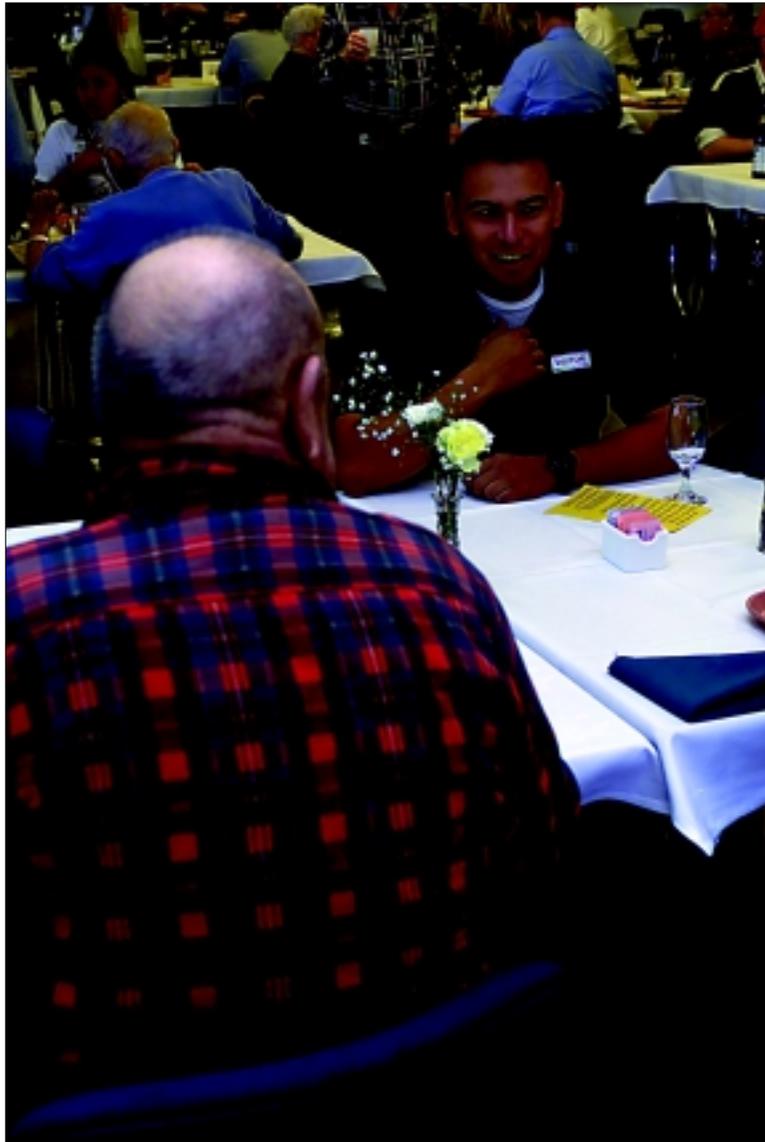


Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

(Right): Lance Cpl. Steven White spends Thanksgiving dinner with the veterans at the Veterans Home of California-Barstow Nov. 28. The Single Marine Program shared the holiday with the veterans and swapped stories while watching football games.

## TFT Telethon Saturday

Compiled by  
BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB Barstow's Toys For Tots donations collected to date will be presented during the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual telethon airing on Time Warner Cable Channel 6 and Elephant Mountain Channel 17, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The telethon features live music, local personalities, individuals, groups and organizations donating toys, making monetary donations and holding an auction of donated items.

Headquarters Battalion Commander Maj. Clarence Guthrie III, Assistant Fire Chiefs Steve Mulcare and Dennis Moore, and other representatives will present the base's collection at approximately 11:30 a.m., during the live telecast from the Barstow Elks Lodge.

MCLB Marines, sailors and additional firefighters are scheduled to answer pledge phones on the set from 10

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By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

**Early December Sale**

Now through Dec. 15., take advantage of these great sales: 10 percent off all electronics, 20 percent off vacuum cleaners, 30 percent off VCRs, 40 percent off sweats and socks and 50 percent off kites.

Video rentals are now available at your Super Seven Store. In cooperation with Silver Screen Video we offer a wide selection of VHS rentals, DVD rentals and video game rentals.

New video arrivals - two day rentals are \$2.75 with a late fee each day \$2.75. Promotional videos - three day rentals are \$.99 with a late fee each day \$.99.

The Super Seven Store is open Mondays through Fridays from 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.

Call the Railhead Exchange at Yermo, 577-7092, for information and hours of operation.

**Lunch menu**

Unless otherwise indicated the lunch menu for the Family Restaurant and the Cactus Cafe are the same.

*Today* - Soup and salad bar.

Cactus Cafe' - Sliced roast sirloin of beef and mashed potatoes.

*Friday* - Special of the day - call to find out.

Cactus Cafe' - closed.

*Monday* - Country fried steak.

*Tuesday* - Chicken pot pie.

*Wednesday* - Mama's terrus yaki soba.

*Thursday* - Beef stroganoff.

**Family Night Dining**

Wednesday - Italian night.

# Holiday Night of Savings

## Super Seven Store

For one night only, the Super Seven Store will be offering a special Holiday Night of Savings. Dec. 7 from 4 to 7 p.m., items will be featured on sale anywhere from 10 to 50 percent off every half hour. Items will be identified the evening of this event.

There will be giveaways, free food, wine tasting and \$2 gift bags. Free gift wrapping by your exchange employees.



## Gift Ideas

Visit Marke Hutchens at the Ceramic Hobby Shop and see all of the great projects easily made for the holidays. Whether it's something for holiday decorating or a gift for someone special to have fun doing. If new to ceramics, no problem, the Ceramic Shop provides all of the help. Family and friends will love receiving a personally made gift.

Located in Building 375, open Wednesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 577-6228 for more information.

# All Ranks Base Christmas Party

at the

## OASIS CLUB

Dec. 13 from

4 p.m. to 10 p.m.



**Join us for food, fun and music!**

**Santa Claus arrives at 6 p.m. and FREE pictures with Santa begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**Bring the whole family and celebrate with us.**

**Contact the Oasis Club at 577-6432 for more information.**

## Festival of Lights at Barstow College

A free, public holiday celebration will be hosted by Barstow Community College Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

The Festival of Lights and Learning will feature a tree lighting ceremony, performances by local choirs and bands, and a visit from Santa Claus.

Donations will be accepted to reserve strands of lights for someone loved, honored or admired. Each donation of \$25 reserves 25 feet of lights to be hung on the Barstow Community College campus. The donor's name and the name of the person honored will be included in the event program.

To make a donation, or for more information, contact Sue Jones at (760) 252-2411, ext. 7350. To be included in the event program, donations must be received by tomorrow.

## Christmas Musical

Three free, public performances of a J. Daniel Smith Christmas musical called "A Great Joy" will be performed at the Barstow First Assembly church at 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The production, under the direction of Pastor Charles Mattix, also includes theatrical lighting and special effects.

Those attending are encouraged to come early for best seating and to enjoy carolers that will be greeting attendees inside as well as outside the church.

Barstow First Assembly is located at the far south end of Avenue A, off of West Main St. Ample parking will be available and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Nursery care will be provided for children three and under. For more information, call the church office on weekdays at 256-7177.

## CHAPLAIN from Page 2

That of course means that you and I shouldn't have to search for the truth when we hear public officials speak, it should be easy to spot and identify.

Another facet of truth is how that truth is used. It should never be used within the framework of flattery or as a pretext for greed or self-promotion.

The truth is pure and valuable and has great power when used properly.

The truth is something people know when they hear it and something that brings life and maybe more importantly hope with it.

I would love to hear a politician say the words that St Paul wrote at the end of that pericope. *"You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you... (and) you are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you."*

While we as a community search for truth let us move toward those same tangible goals of purity, uprightness, and blamelessness and only then can we ask the same of those who serve us in public office.

Peace,  
Fr Randel

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a.m. to noon.

Individuals, organizations, and groups can also deliver toys or monetary donations to the Elks Lodge, 1501 W. Main St., and present them on the air or just leave them.

People, who would rather make a monetary donation than give a toy, but can't make it to the telethon, can make out a check or money order to Toys for Tots and mail or deliver it to 441 Oakmont, Barstow, CA 92311.

"The telethon is held early in December so toys can be organized and people can submit their applications and the toys can be distributed by Christmas," said Mulcare "We'll be collecting toys on the base and turning them over to the Toys for Tots folks right up until just before Christmas."

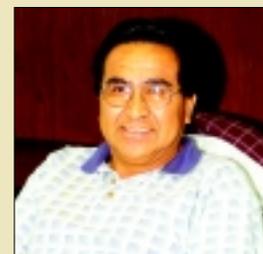
"Every year there is an auction and it's become one of the main attractions of the telethon," said Connie Wessel, Barstow's Toys for Tots co-chairperson. "We can always use more items to auction off and hope that people will continue to donate useful things like they have in the past."

People with items to donate for the auction but have no way to get them to the Elk's Lodge can call 252-3093 today and tomorrow, and 256-TOYS Saturday for pickup arrangements.

The main item up for auction this year is a Daimler-Chrysler GEM car, or Family Neighborhood Electric car, donated by Soutar's in Barstow, according to Mal Wessel, Barstow Toys for Tots co-chairperson.

## Gunny's Picks

Week 14



Congratulations to Louie Aviles, of the Major Item Movement Unit, Fleet Support Division, this week's winner of the Gunny's Picks. Aviles went 11-2 this week not including the Monday Night game between the Raiders and Jets. According to Aviles, an avid Chargers fan, the Raiders can expect to get spanked when the two teams meet this weekend. The "Swami"

is on a roll and picks Atlanta to upend Tampa Bay. Tampa has a chance if they can stop Michael Vick, and not too many teams have this year. Here's a look at the rest of 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](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

- \*Atlanta at Tampa Bay
- Buffalo at New England\*
- Cincinnati at Carolina\*
- Cleveland at Jacksonville\*
- Houston at Pittsburgh\*
- \*Indianapolis at Tennessee
- NY Giants at Washington\*
- \*San Francisco at Dallas

- St. Louis at Kansas City\*
- Detroit at Arizona\*
- New Orleans at Baltimore\*
- \*Philadelphia at Seattle
- Denver at NY Jets\*
- Oakland at San Diego\*
- Minnesota at Green Bay\*

### Monday Night

Chicago at Miami\*

Total points: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, work section and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## TEAM from Page 1

Breakout groups focused on topics ranging from project management, scheduling and information technology to philosophical changes such as TOC, Lean and MRP II, according to Jones. The sessions, he said, extended beyond just a classroom setting.

"After discussing these topics, we took the Barstow visitors out on the shop floor and [then] showed it to them," Jones pointed out. "One of the main things we stressed to them is these efforts have to be embraced by their entire workforce. I mean, we have 722 people here, and it took

722 people to achieve what we've done – no less. Our folks have just been fabulous during this transformation."

Foreman agrees. Lauding the team efforts of Albany's Maintenance Center personnel is something the center's commander does more than anyone.

"Our accomplishments are clearly a grass-roots effort," said Foreman. "A grass-roots effort because it involves every employee, every day, and will continue to require the involvement of every employee, every day from now on. Our transformation reflects every employee's commitment to provide our customers and every Marine around the world the highest

quality product and service every day of the year."

Statistics of Albany's Maintenance Center's recent improvements go far beyond lip service, Foreman stressed.

"As an example," Foreman explained, "the repair cycle on one of our vehicle production lines went from about 167 days down to 53, and some even as low as 30 days. At the same time, readiness on this item increased by more than 10 percent, and the cost for repair dropped by \$17,000 per vehicle. That's roughly \$2.5 million saved, and that's just on one production line.

"Simultaneously," he added,

"Work-In-Process was slashed from 55 assets (with a monthly production rate of 10) to 32 assets (with a monthly production rate of 20) – these are remarkable achievements."

Following the visit, the Barstow Maintenance Center's commander said he found the discussions very informative.

"The visit to Albany was a complete success," Gerlaugh reported. "The philosophy and methodology of TOC is a significant departure from the traditional methods of production planning and control that we've all used for years. To be successful using this approach requires

several leaps of faith from the old to the new method.

"The only way we could transition from the training our folks have done in TOC to actual implementation was, I felt, to get on the ground with the folks at Albany and see for ourselves how they have made this work so successfully," said Gerlaugh. "Our team from Barstow, we dubbed, 'The Renegades,' prepared extremely well for the visit. This group was a cross section of a terrifically talented, experienced organization out here, and we are all excited about the opportunities we have in front of us," he concluded.

## UNIFORM from Page 5

A more significant change may come in the cold weather PT uniform by replacing the current sweatshirt and pants with a windbreaker-style jacket and pants.

The new uniform would provide wind and water resistance while the lining would provide comfort, moisture management, and anti-microbial, bacterial and odor prevention features.

The jacket is designed to provide versatility to adapt to a range of environmental conditions. Comfort with increased activity will be maintained via venting from front zipper, pit zip and vented back. Raglan sleeves and jacket fullness are provided for maximum range of motion and to accept undergarment layers without hindering mobility. A roll away fitted hood is provided for protecting the head in colder environments. The jacket pro-

vides 360-degree reflective feature to eliminate the need for a separate reflective belt.

The jacket is made from soft, supple material that provides no noise when moving, is lightweight and durable to washing. The Marine Corps emblem would be embroidered on the left breast, which under current policy would prevent its wear with civilian attire.

The bottom of each leg on the pants

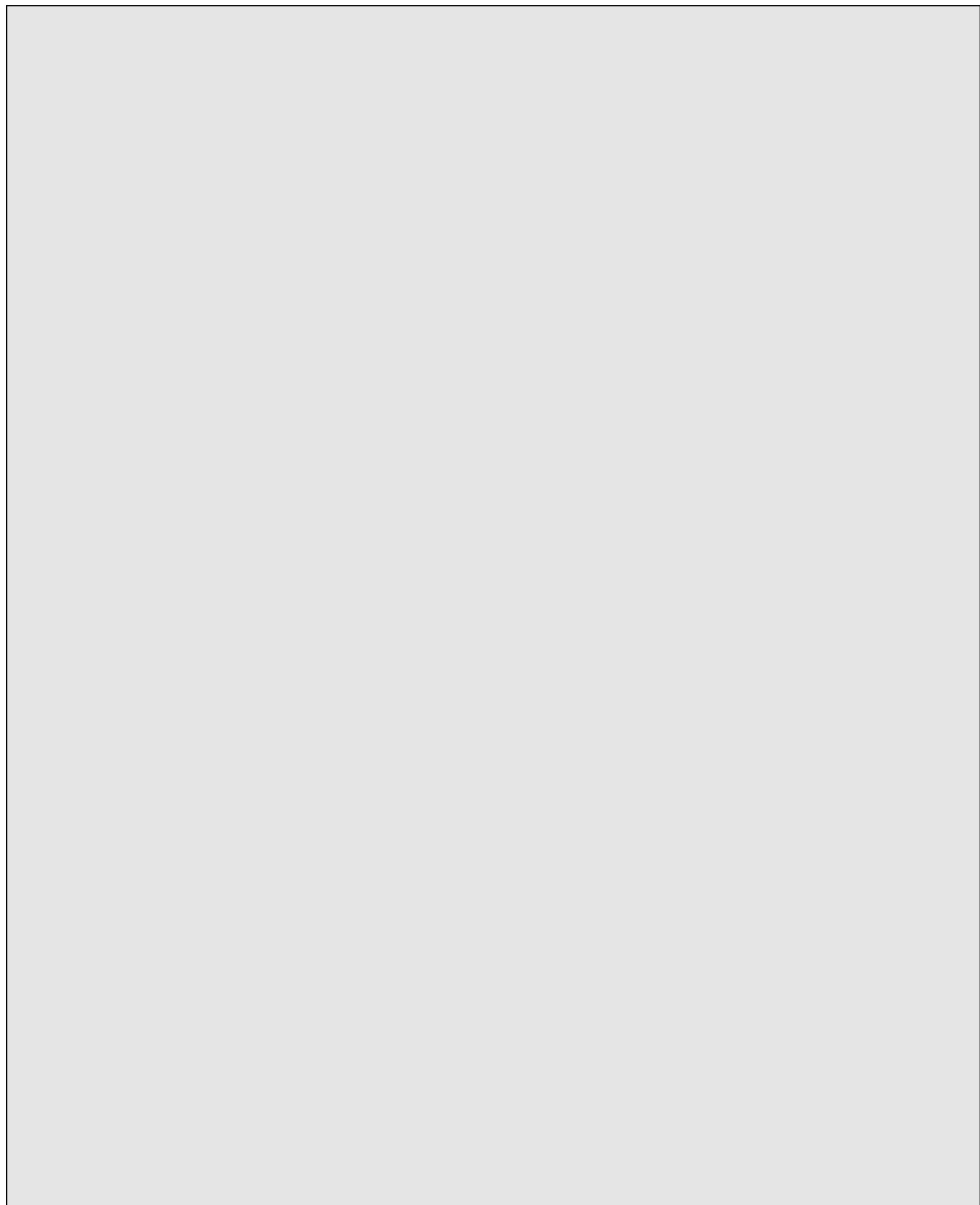
has a zipper opening to remove pant without removing shoes.

Any new uniform items that are adopted by the board will be phased in over several years with recruits and officer candidates receiving the new items in their initial issue by October of 2003.

During the transition, Marines would receive money to pay for the items from their annual clothing allowance. Officers, as with all their

other uniform items, would have to pay out of pocket.

All of the above uniform items are currently being reviewed by commands throughout the Marine Corps so that the Marine Corps Uniform Board will be able to consider comments on the issues for its December meeting. The board will make formal recommendations on the issues and then forward them to the Commandant for final decisions.



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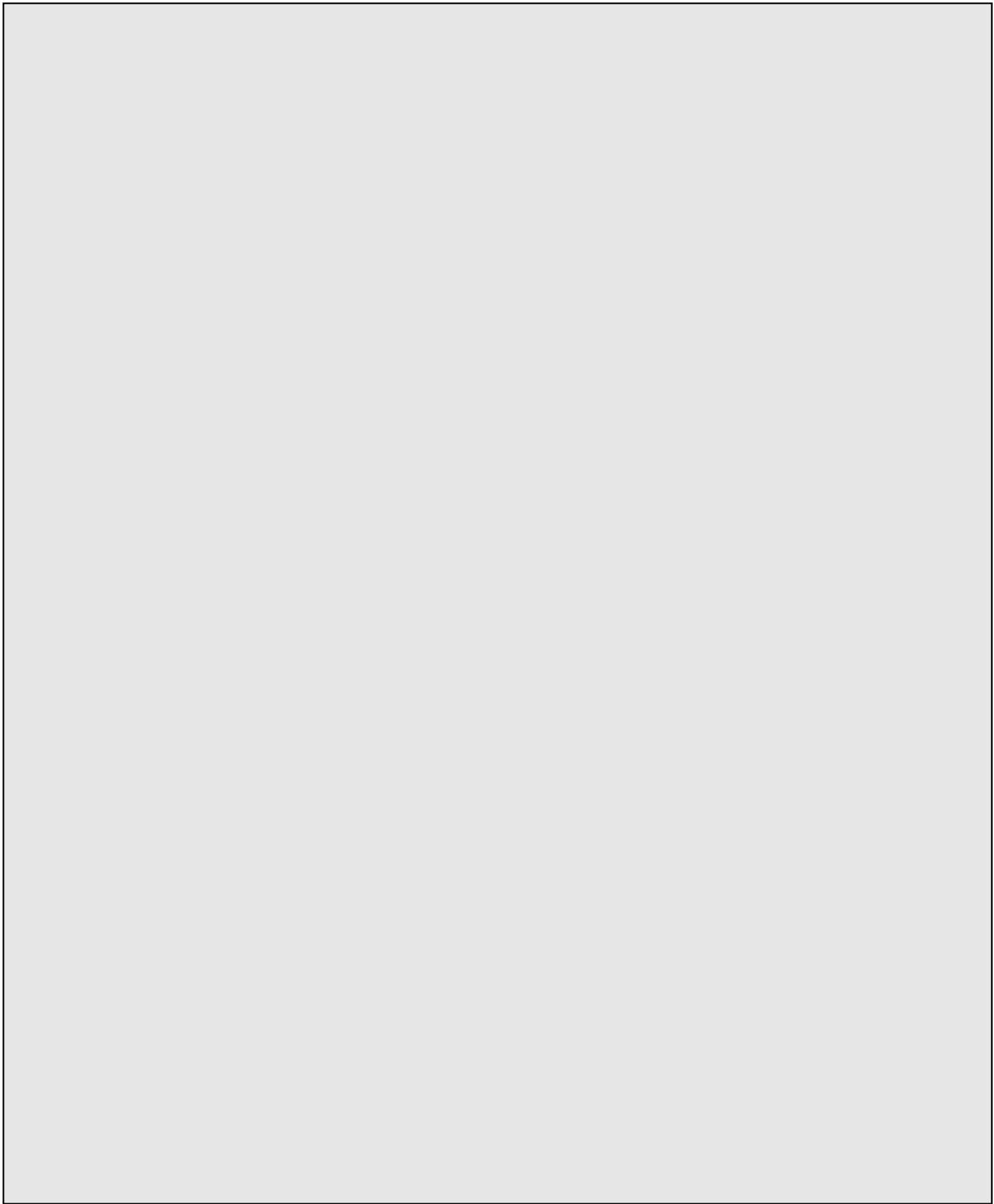
MISCELLANEOUS: Firewood, you cut and haul, price determined on site. King and queen box spring beds, \$50 each. Call 253-3669.

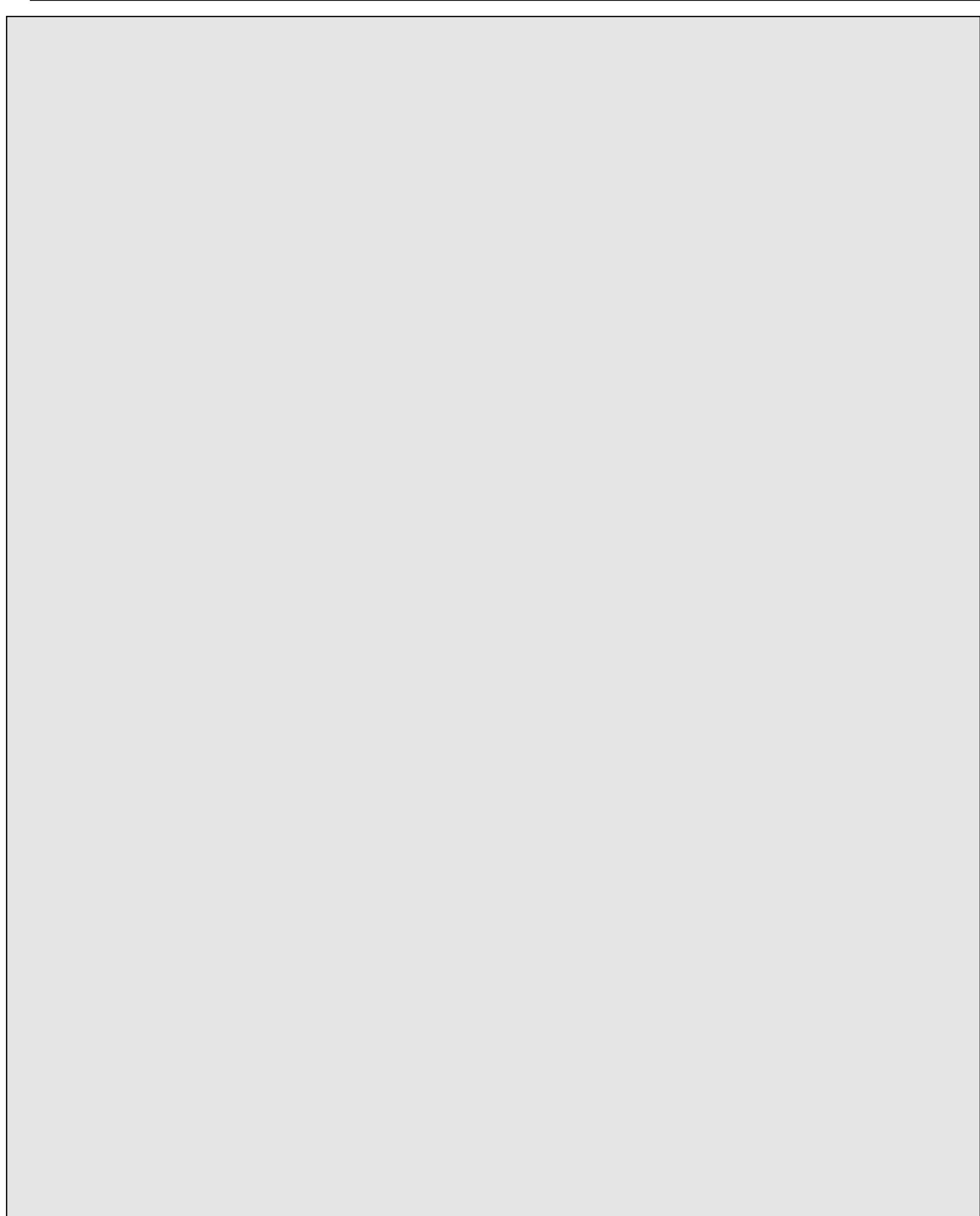
MISCELLANEOUS: 1992 golf cart (Club Car Special), red, w/battery charger, new battery, xlt cond., \$2,500 (New=\$5,000). Call Jerry, 252-1834.

MISCELLANEOUS: 7.3L diesel w/ banks pwr pack. 1989 Alpinlite-5<sup>th</sup> wheel, great RV package, shown by appointment, reasonable offer considered. Call 252-2035.

WANTED: Play Station, one or two games. Call 256-2434.

YARD SALE: Saturday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1007 Cape Gloucester Ave., MCLB Barstow. Items range from baby clothing, toys for older boys and women's clothing to electronic software and furniture. For more info call 256-2434.





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