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## CO presents state of base address

By Rob L. Jackson  
BARSTOW LOG staff

In her annual State of the Base address, Col. Liz Bergman, MCLB Barstow base commander, congratulated MCLB Barstow personnel for the past year's outstanding performance and asked that they continue that trend to overcome the many challenges that lie ahead.

The address, presented during the American Society of Military Comptrollers and Federal Managers Association luncheon at the Oasis Club March 4, was a review of MCLB Barstow organizational and personnel accomplishments during the past year. It was also a brief preview into what's ahead for the base. The base commander began her address with a brief discussion of the base's strategic plan, and its key aspects – mission, vision, and organizational excellence values – to set the stage for the meat of her speech.

MCLB Barstow's strategic plan, and its organizations' supporting plans, is a guide that focuses on the future of MCLB Barstow for at least the next two or three years, according to the base commander.

That mission is to provide infrastructure, service and support to the fleet Marine forces, its tenant activities and to other customers.

Underlying that, three key outputs are identified as tangible services MCLB Barstow provides to its customers, both internally and externally. Those are infrastructure, services to individuals, and general service and support.

Infrastructure, as the colonel described, is MCLB Barstow's storage space, utilities, connectivity, railhead, roadways, ground and everything that's internal to the base.

MCLB Barstow also provides service and support to individuals, "that's personal and personnel," she said.

Personal services are those things MCLB provides in regard to legal services, counseling, education, and chaplain services, services performed internally for individuals. Personnel services include payroll, civilian personnel management and those services

given to individuals or the organization as a whole.

Finally, there is general services and support, things like financial security, safety, environmental, emergency services, general administration, and logistics support.

"Each of these items kind of sets the stage for our supporting plans," said Bergman, "and all our supporting plans inherit the command's vision and organizational values."

Having elaborated on MCLB Barstow's mission, Bergman moved on to reemphasize MCLB Barstow's vision.

"Once we have a reason to exist, (our mission) now we need a reason for where we're going, this reflects what we would like to do in the future," she said.

She explained that MCLB Barstow wants to be recognized for its best values and services, best business practices and effectiveness.

The vision statement also states that MCLB Barstow is committed to training its workforce for the future, and will make the best use of its resources to ensure a high standard quality of life.

Like last year, the organizational values chosen are quality of life, quality of service and organizational efficiencies.

Speaking on organizational efficiencies the base commander explained the difference between the terms efficiencies and effectiveness.

"Efficiencies is how you look at your own internal measurements and that's usually costs or time," she said. "Effectiveness is normally what your customer expects of you."

If we're doing well internally, if we understand what our own efficiencies are then our customers will be getting what their expectations are."

Bergman then explained that quality of life directly affects employee moral and quality of service is MCLB Barstow's customer satisfaction.

When depicted in a graph as circles – quality of life, quality of service, and organizational efficiencies – the center resembles a target. This is the area where she expects MCLB Barstow to

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Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Marines of the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps perform during the Battle Color Ceremony March 6 at Sorensen Field. See related story and photos on Pages 6 and 7.

## CAP Web site expanded

By Sgt. Joseph Lee  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Employees with disabilities and their supervisors can benefit from a newly designed Web site offered by the Computer/Electronic Accommodation Program that provides people with disabilities easier access to CAP services and events, accommodation equipment and request forms.

The Web site, which was redesigned Sept. 24, 2002, now allows people with disabilities to follow a step-by-step process to customize their personal search for programs and assistive equipment.

Disabilities can take shape in all forms and severity. It can range from its extreme—blindness, deafness, paralysis and loss of limb—to its mild

state—partial sight or hearing loss and partial use of limbs. Disabilities can occur at birth, by accident, disease or long exposures to unhealthy environments. It can even be hidden, such as mental illnesses, progressive disease or joint pains. Carpal tunnel syndrome, often caused by work-related motion, is considered a disability. Sometimes, a special computer keyboard or mouse can relieve this condition and enable the employee to continue working. According to Luciana Wais, head of personnel operations with the Human Resources Office here, CAP can provide such equipment, as well as special monitors or voice-activated software for the sight impaired.

According to Wais, the added ap-

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# January safety summary: 9 Marines dead, 15 injured

**ALMAR 017/03**  
Headquarters Marine Corps

During the month of January 2003, four Marines died in on-and off-duty ground accidents, four died in an aviation accident, one died in an apparent suicide and fifteen suffered significant injuries. The following is a summary of the casualties for the month of January 2003:

Two Marines died in on-duty accidents this month. A sergeant from 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines collapsed and died from heart failure while running during physical training. A private first class from 1st FSSG died from multiple traumatic injuries he sustained as a passenger in a vehicle that overturned; seatbelts were not worn. He was on duty, and scheduled to deploy the day of the accident.

Two Marines died in off-duty accidents this month. A sergeant from Weapons Training Battalion, MCRD San Diego, Calif., died from massive head injuries suffered when he struck a parked car while riding a motorcycle. Early reports indicate he was traveling at a high rate of speed and was not wearing his helmet. A lance corporal from 3rd FSSG was found drowned by a group of Japanese nationals.

One Marine died in an apparent suicide this month. A lance corporal (reservist on active duty) from 5th Battalion, 14th Marines was discovered with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Eight Marines sustained serious on-duty injuries in January. A private from Camp Lejeune, N.C., suffered a self-inflicted accidental gunshot wound to his left foot during live fire training. A

lance corporal developed pain in his head while running, which was later diagnosed as pressure from severe inter-cranial bleeding. He later underwent surgery and was listed in serious condition. A lance corporal from the 26th MEU failed to remove his hand in time during 60mm mortar familiarization training and severed his right index finger when the round exited the tube.

A major from the 14th Marines had his right hand crushed by a HMMWV during drill weekend. The major had to undergo emergency surgery to save his right index finger. A lance corporal from 2nd FSSG assisting in the delivery and offload of munitions fell from a semi-trailer, resulting in a skull fracture.

A corporal from 2nd FSSG was one of seven drivers in a tractor-trailer convoy when he reentered the truck in front of him. He suffered na-

sal and maxillary sinus fractures and was scheduled for reconstructive surgery. A sergeant from 4th FSSG participating in a military demonstration lost control while rappelling, resulting in an uncontrolled descent of 40 feet. He suffered a minor fracture in his right foot, a compound fracture above his left ankle, and a dislocation of his left ankle. A private from 2nd FSSG was operating a forklift illegally without a license when it flipped over, pinning him underneath. He underwent exploratory surgery, and was listed in serious but stable condition.

Seven Marines were seriously injured in off-duty mishaps. Five of the mishaps occurred in automobiles, one on a motorcycle, and the last in a fall from the third story of a building.

A lance corporal from 2nd FSSG, suffered a col-

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## Tragedy strikes close to home

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood  
Base Chaplain



Over the past few weeks we have all had the opportunity to see some very dramatic events take place.

These are events that will be recorded in the history books and will help to shape and change our world. On a national

scale, we have had to watch as the shuttle tragedy unfolded before our eyes.

How difficult and poignant it was for all involved. On an international scale we have been watching as the world deals with the global threat of war in the Middle East.

Something that keeps our eyes riveted to the news and has brought stress into the lives of many. While all this is happening it is very easy to lose sight of what is around us.

I recall that the weekend of the shuttle tragedy, there were about three automobile accidents right here on Interstate 40 in which several people lost their lives. I will assure you that for the families of those individuals the loss they suffered was just as real and just as

important as any loss we may see in the news.

As we watch the story unfold in the Middle East we see individuals in the spotlight who receive all the attention and maybe because of that we lose sight the smaller, less visible military actions that are going on in other parts of the world.

Lastly and maybe most importantly, with all that we see, there is a tendency to lose sight of what is happening among us. There are people all around us suffering tragedy. There are individuals in need and suffering yet they somehow become invisible to us.

I am not saying that we should not see the "big picture" of what is going on in our world, but what I am saying is that everyone is important to someone. It only takes a moment to say a short prayer or send a warm thought about the "nameless invisible" people who are hurting.

I am certain that even a small token of care like that would be priceless to those who feel as though no one sees them. I hope that we can all take time to pause and reflect this week, to think about others and afford them the dignity of our thoughts.

Peace,  
Fr Randel

## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Juan Ayon, treatment room corpsman at the Branch Medical Clinic, checks a patient's back during sick call.

### 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 at 3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

Call 577-6849 for more information.

### Morning Prayer

Mon.-Fri. at 8:30 a.m. at the ASD Conference Room, Building 15.

Call 577-6849 for more information.



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### Leave Donation

John B. Carter and Artis L. Seymore, Maintenance Center Barstow, have been affected by medical emergencies. People desiring to donate leave under the leave sharing program may obtain a leave donor application through their supervisor or administrative officer. For more information, call Pat Snyder at 577-7284.

### Marine Corps Ball events

The Marine Corps Ball Committee is holding a Marine Corps Ball Golf Scramble Tournament March 14 at the Tees & Trees Golf Course at 7 a.m. Sign-ups for the four-person teams will start at 6 a.m.

There will be a Sausage Sale at Maintenance Center Barstow March 17 starting at 10 a.m.

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held March 18 at 5 p.m. at the Base Gym.

For more information on any upcoming events, call Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia Fritz, Marine Corps Ball Committee president, at 577-6459.

### Universal Studios offer

Universal Studios Hollywood is offering free admission for active duty military, or spouses of deployed personnel, with the purchase of one full price adult admission until April 30. To take advantage of this offer, present a military ID card at the box office.

### St. Patrick's Day parties

The Oasis Club is having a St. Patrick's Day Bash March 17. They will be serving Irish food, have specials on Irish beer, and will also have a Blarney stone for kissing.

The Enlisted Club, along with the Single Marine Program, is holding a St. Patrick's Day party for the enlisted Marines of MCLB Barstow. The party will feature Shamrock Bucks karaoke, and an Irish Pictionary contest. The party starts at 6 p.m. March 17.

### Venturing Crew Open House

Venturing Crew 869 invites young men and women, ages 14 through 20, to attend its Open House at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Barstow March 19 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Venturing Crew is the adult version of the Boy Scouts of America. Some of the interests of the crew include backpacking, snowboarding, rifle and shotgun shooting and white water rafting. For more information, call Donatella Maffin at 252-7566.

### Tax season ending

At the Electronic Filing/Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Office, in Building 236, all active duty military, retirees and their eligible family members can save money and time this tax season. The ELF/VITA Office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until April 15. Those interested in taking advantage of this program should call 577-6874, or 577-6771 to schedule your appointment. The certified tax preparers, and VITA volunteers will complete and e-file your federal and state tax returns for free. So far the VITA personnel at MCLB Barstow have saved filers over \$29,388 in fees that would have otherwise been paid to private tax preparers. Their services have resulted in more than \$273,362 worth of refunds.

When coming in for an appointment, please bring the following documents and information:

All W-2s, 1099-Rs, 1099-INTs and all other income reporting documents; the names, birth dates and social security cards for the taxpayers and all family members; a "voided" blank check for direct deposit of the income tax refund; last year's federal and state income tax returns; EIN or SSN of day care providers, their name, address and telephone number and the total cost of day care; financial information regarding educational expenses



and/or student loan interest paid during 2002; power of attorney if filing for someone else.

### Women's History Month luncheon

The Federal Women's Program will be holding a Women's History Month luncheon March 27 at 11 a.m.

The theme of the luncheon is "Women Pioneering the Future." The menu will be boneless chicken breast with honey lemon sauce, new potatoes and green beans almondine or beef taco salad. The cost of the luncheon is \$7.25. Tickets must be purchased by March 20. For tickets or more information, call:

Cher Mathison	577-7705
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Sharon Loschen	577-6187
Kim Whaley	577-6508
Evelyn Scott	577-7266
Cheri Magorno	577-6304
Ed Tintos	577-7126

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lapsed lung and broken ribs in a single vehicle accident when his vehicle left the road and struck a tree. The lance corporal suffered a broken neck and is paralyzed. The other two Marines were not seriously injured.

A staff sergeant from task force eagle, was on temporary active duty to Germany when he fell three stories while smoking a cigarette on a stairway. He suffered serious head trauma, a severed neck artery, broken left arm, lung damage, nerve damage and broken fingers on his right hand. He underwent surgery to relieve pressure on his brain, and was listed in critical but stable condition.

A sergeant from Kansas City, Mo., had a near head-on collision with another vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle died on the scene. He suffered multiple traumatic injuries, to include, multiple contusions, abrasions, oral trauma, and surgery for his jaw and right foot. The sergeant was wearing his seatbelt, which probably contributed to his survival. His condition and prognosis are good. A private first class from Camp Pendleton, Calif., sustained multiple injuries, to include a right femoral compound break, while attempting to jump from a moving vehicle traveling approximately 35-40 mph. Surgery had to be delayed so medication to lower his blood alcohol level could be administered. A staff sergeant from 3rd FSSG, suffered multiple fractures to his left arm and head injuries as a result of a motorcycle accident. A lance corporal sustained multiple facial and skull fractures after the vehicle he was traveling in hit a ditch and flipped several times. A lance corporal from 1st FSSG was a

passenger along with two other Marines when their civilian driver lost control of the vehicle and hit a guardrail. The lance corporal suffered a broken neck and is paralyzed. The other two Marines were not seriously injured.

An FA-18 from 3rd Marine Air Wing was destroyed after the aircraft experienced problems during a post-maintenance test flight. Both pilots ejected and were recovered safely.

Two AH-1WS from Marine Air Group-46 on counter-drug missions in support of the U.S. Border Patrol, experienced a mid-air collision resulting in the death of four pilots.

Last fiscal year this time, 26 Marines had died in on-duty and off-duty accidents, and another nine in aviation accidents. This fiscal year, 28 Marines have died in on-duty ground and off-duty accidents, and four in aviation accidents.

Nine Marines lost their lives in accidents this month and 15 more were seriously injured. We can and must do better. So far this fiscal year, 90 percent of our off-duty fatalities involved cars, motorcycles, or ATVs. If you are not asking and answering the basic level risk management questions: "What can hurt me?" and "What can I do about it?" you are wrong.

Reducing the toll of mishaps requires a proactive all hands effort, all the time. Reducing mishaps keeps Marines alive and ensures the preservation of our force. Preserving our force ensures our corps remains ready and able for whatever challenges we confront. Accomplish the mission first, and do it safely.

Semper Fidelis,  
M.W. Hagee, General, U.S. Marine Corps,  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

## Job Watch

Ann. No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
5803	Heavy Mobile Equipment Helper, Repairer, Mechanic WG-5803-05, WG-5803-08 WG-5803-10 (Term NTE 1 Year)	03-03-03	03-14-03	N/A	MCLB Barstow
DEU-158-03-NR	Painting Worker WG-4102-07 (Permanent)	03-11-03	03-25-03	03-13-03	MCLB Barstow

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

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525 B Street, Suite 600  
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If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donbr.navy.mil>.

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

# Marine of Year honored with sword

By Sgt. Joseph Lee  
BARSTOW LOG staff

In a Marine's first four years of service, there are few honors that can compare to the recognition of being the Marine of the Year. The title reaffirms to Marines that they have accomplished more than just the standard or norm – the Marine of the Year has excelled beyond the norm and set the standard for all the Marines on an installation.

Cpl. Gabriel A. Lopez, noncommissioned officer in charge of travel for the base Finance Office, has set the standard and raised the bar for all Marines stationed at MCLB Barstow. He is the Marine of the Year for calendar year 2002.

No stranger to the stress of standing before a board, Lopez was promoted to his current rank meritoriously in September 2001 and was the NCO of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2002.

"It feels really good to accomplish something of this magnitude," said Lopez.

Today, Lopez sits on a plane with Marines he formerly idolized – fellow Marines who have also claimed the title "Marine of the Year." He has achieved what they have, and it makes him proud to know that he has climbed to their level of success.

Along with the title and recognition, Bob Lucas, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant, presented Lopez with

an NCO sword in front of a battalion formation March 3. The sword, dubbed the Harold C. Lucas Memorial Sword, is presented annually to the Marine of the Year in honor of Lucas' father, who was one of 12 Navy underwater demolitions experts who cleared approach lanes for the Marine amphibious assault on Iwo Jima during WWII.

"It was almost like being knighted," said Lopez. "It symbolizes so much. You're being presented something that most NCOs don't have. The fact that Mr. Lucas presented the sword in honor of his father was symbolic to me in that the sword represents not only what it is to be a Marine NCO, but what it is to be a leader of Marines from the standpoint of the other services as well."

Known around the base as an avid Raiders fan, the Pittsburgh, Calif., native spent most of the year on crutches healing a broken ankle he injured while playing soccer.

"At first I was worried about going up on a board with a broken ankle, because I wasn't sure how that would affect my standings. Then I started thinking of what else I've done in the past year besides break my ankle, so I decided the opportunity was definitely worth the possible disappointment. I am just glad it finally healed."

For the past three years while stationed here, Lopez has found many opportunities to help out with command activities as well as community events.



Photo by Curt Lambert

"Corporal Lopez has really been an asset to the base since he's been here," said 1st Lt. Michael R. Smith, base finance officer. "He has been a member of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball Committee for the past three years. He's been on numerous funeral details and has been a part of the walking color guard. He's also helped judge local science fairs, and he coached a local community little league team last spring. He's an exceptional Marine."

As well as an asset to the base and local community, the 21-year-old Marine of the Year also leads by example in his work section.

"He is a Marine who I can delegate responsibility to and give an assignment and I don't have to worry about whether

or not it'll get done," said Staff Sgt. Jess Castillo, Finance Office staff NCOIC. "I know he'll accomplish whatever assignment I give him, and it'll be done on time. He takes a lot of stress off of my job."

Lopez enlisted in the Marine Corps in October 1999, and as he approaches the end of his four-year enlistment he contemplates his future plans.

"I may reenlist," said Lopez. "But if I don't, I plan on becoming a Sheriff for Contra Costa county, near my home. I'm still unsure which direction I'll pursue."

According to Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Vanfonda, Headquarters Battalion first sergeant, the Marine of the Year is being recommended to receive a Navy

Cpl. Gabriel Lopez, noncommissioned officer in charge of travel at the base Finance Office, receives a noncommissioned officer sword from Bob Lucas, retired Air Force chief master sergeant. Lopez got the sword for earning NCO of the Year honors. The sword is presented in honor of Harold Lucas, Bob's father, who was an underwater demolition specialist in the Navy and fought at Iwo Jima in World War II.

Achievement Medal for his accomplishment.

"This title is only given once per year, and Corporal Lopez has demonstrated during the past year that really there is nothing that can't be accomplished by a motivated Marine," said Vanfonda. "Barely over a year ago, this hard-charging young lance corporal set some personal and professional short-term goals. This same Marine, now corporal and Marine of the Year, can look back at that accomplishment, check the box, and begin setting his sights on his next major achievement. On his uniform he'll be wearing a Navy Achievement Medal as a personal symbol of a successful accomplishment and proof that his next goal is well within reach."

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hit every time to move forward with the vision statement. With that she moved on to the year-in-review, MCLB Barstow's successes.

For individual achievements the colonel took a moment to recognize Connie Lewellyn, budget analyst, for receiving the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller) Individual Achievement in Budgeting Award, and Chuck Ashbrook, career resource program manager, on completing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's executive leadership program.

"In group achievements we have the Mounted Color Guard," the base commander said. "They certainly are a great outreach program for us. They did over 20 events last year, and that includes the Rose Parade at the beginning of the year."

The battalion commander and his staff continue to run a vigorous program in support of marine training, supply, as well as increasing role in base operations.

She also focused on the numerous inspections that occurred at MCLB Barstow in the past year, including MCAAT, FASMO, postal, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspections.

"In each of one of those we are a better organization today because we had those inspections" she said.

MCLB Barstow has a strong belief in safety and because of it has done very well over the past year, specifi-

cally showing a reduced accident rate for the first four months of the fiscal year. The arrival of Ray Aguilar, the new Base Safety manager, has reenergized those things that the base needs to focus on, according to Bergman. He and his team are running a first rate operation. Some areas of special emphasis include:

"Our collateral duty safety officer program offers the training to individuals here on base, and tries to bring that down to the work center level saying to each person that they need to be looking at this (safety) on a daily basis," she explained. "You need to be aware of what's going on in your areas." Col. Bergman went on to emphasize that Safety is an "All hands, all the time" effort.

She announced the safety training available to supervisors, and that training is mandatory. If supervisors have not had the training yet, they should arrange it through Aguilar's office.

Bergman noted some accomplishments of MCLB Barstow's special staff as well. She talked about the Fire and Emergency Services Division noting that all members are EMT trained and (some are) currently moving toward paramedic training.

The Base was the recipient of the SecNav Nathaniel Stinson Award for EEO, which reflected a 43 percent reduction in EEO complaints.

"If that's not a compliment to this organization nothing is," she said "You've done a better job is answering the problems on a day-to-day basis, which has stopped some of those com-

plaints from going into the formal system. Everyone deserves a round of applause because you've done a great job."

The base commander also praised the Installation Division in achieving its first annual Most Efficient Organization certification, the first under a seven-year contract with six more to go.

"The first certification was done externally, the next six will be done internally but they will still be done with the same eye of performance in meeting the Performance Work Statement and meeting the cost estimates that we said we would do," she said.

Online safety and environmental training was another milestone the base commander highlighted, revealing it was another huge success story that has received attention from Headquarters Marine Corps.

There were numerous other MCLB Barstow successes throughout the year but perhaps the most notable, and noticeable, was the renovation and reactivation of the Nebo railhead. Since the reactivation there have been two off-loads conducted on the Nebo side, which was the first time in the last five to 10 years that has happened.

"This allows us to have greater capacity on the Yermo side, gives us greater joint capacity and allows us to have some flexibility in how those assets flow through our activity," said Bergman. "Basically, that was about a \$1.2 million project compliments of

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plications on the Web site allow disabled employees to examine requirements and functional capabilities and then select from a list of assistive technologies and related services that might be just right for them; furthermore, it allows the employee and his supervisor to prepare the CAP request forms online for faster processing.

"Though the automated system saves us the time of filling out request forms and faxing them to CAP headquarters, the employee still needs to contact me to do a complete assessment so that we can ensure that we are ordering what will best fit his or her needs," said Wais. "Employees and their supervisors can do the research on their own, but when it comes to ordering items, the HRO needs to be kept informed."

The goal of the CAP program is to provide assistive technology and accommodations to ensure people with disabilities have equal access to the information environment and opportunities in the Department of Defense and throughout the federal government. The equipment or services that are bought for the disabled employee and his supervisor are paid for from CAP's own budget.

"It's free to the employee and the employee's organization for any equipment and services acquired to accommodate the employee's needs, but the government is still footing the bill, so the proper management and documentation of the program's utilization are required," said Wais.

CAP is working with the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) to ensure computer accommodations are met for disabled employees. If such accommodation equipment (i.e., special monitors, keyboards, mouse, etc.) or software (i.e. voice recognition, amplifying or Braille programs, etc), is needed by an employee and was not mentioned to the NMCI or Dell representative, contact Susan Louis, NMCI specialist at the Communications Division, at 577-6993.

**Editor's Note:**

*The CAP Web site can be accessed through the base's intranet site at [www.mclbonline.barstow.usmc.mil](http://www.mclbonline.barstow.usmc.mil) under the Civilian Information Page (Accommodations for the Disabled Employee) or by going directly to the CAP Web site [www.tricare.osd.mil/cap](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/cap).*

*For more information about the CAP program or about the Web site, call Luciana Wais at 577-7778.*

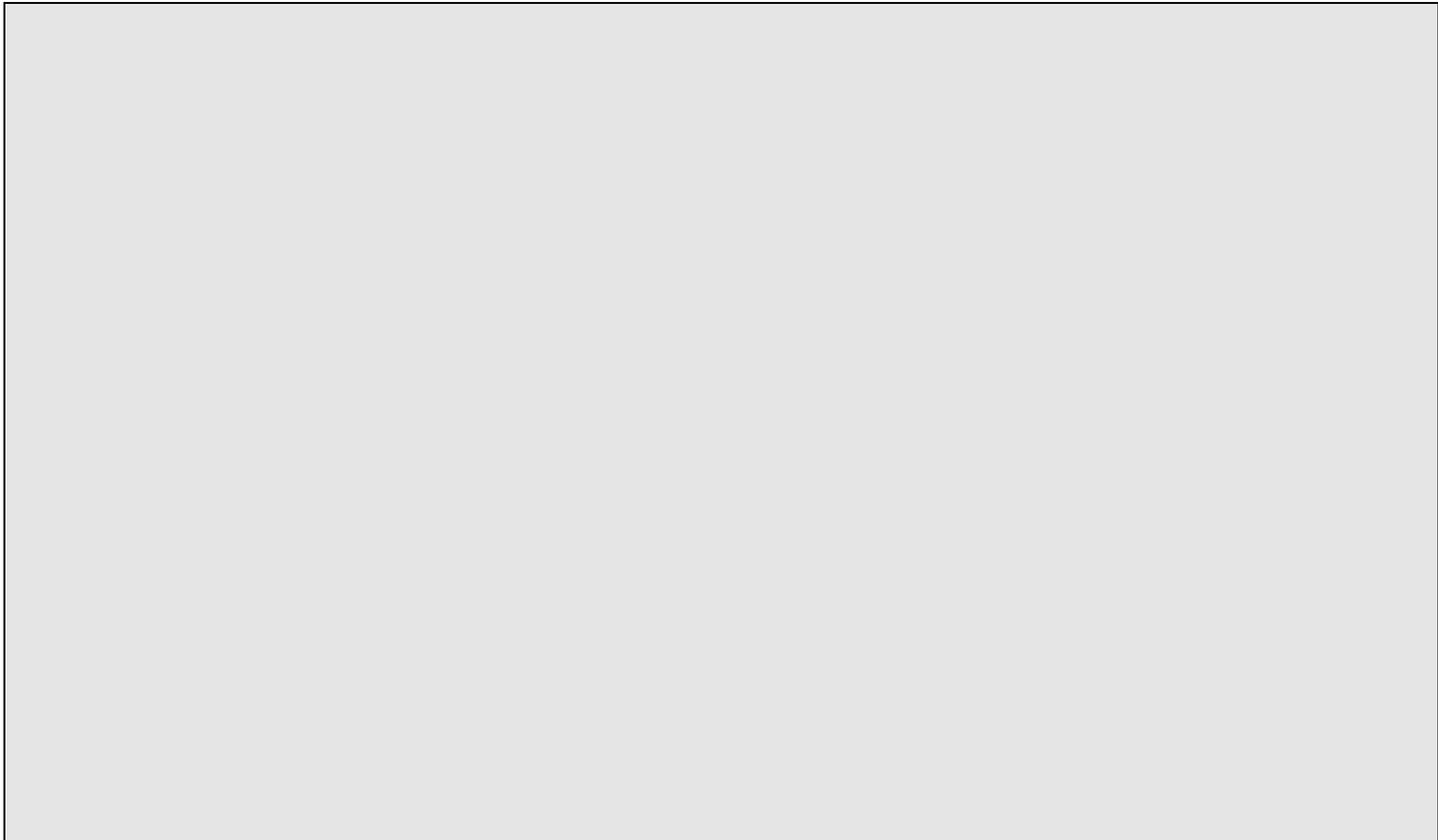




Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

The Silent Drill Platoon performs precision drill movements in-line during the Battle Color Ceremony March 6.

Col. Liz Bergman, base commander, returns the salute the drum major of the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps during pass and review.



Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

# Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment visits Barstow

By Pfc. Andy J. Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

More than 2,000 people expressed their pride in the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment throughout its 45-minute performance here Friday with a chorus of "Oohs and aahs," and continuous applause.

The Battle Color Detachment, composed of the Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon and Color Guard, is based at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., and travels around the United States and

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cadence or verbal commands. The 24-man rifle platoon is known for its precise and polished drill movement and fluid manipulation of the hand-polished, 10 pound M-1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets, which they toss and twirl seemingly effortlessly.

The Marine Corps Color Guard carried the national flag and only official battle colors of the Marine Corps. Atop the Marine Corps colors are 50 streamers that commemorate the battles and campaigns in which Marines have fought since the civil war.



Photo by Pfc. Andy J. Hurt

The Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps, also known as the Commandant's Own, perform marching movements, while they play selected tunes during the Battle Color Ceremony March 6.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

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Drum and Bugle Corps Marines pause for a moment during their program.



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le Corps performs during the Battle Color Ceremony.



Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Marines with the Battle Color Detachment hand posters to the children who witnessed the event.



By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

**St. Patrick's Day Sale**

The Super Seven Day Store and Railhead Exchange will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with discounts and price slashes like these: 10 percent off TVs 27" and up, 20 percent off all fragrances, 40 percent off all "Red Tag" items. Take \$50 off RCA Home Theater systems, \$50 off AIWA Mini systems, and \$50 off JVC Home Theater systems.

The St. Patrick's Sale begins Saturday and runs through March 25 - shop early for the best selections.

The Super Seven Day 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. For more information call 256-8974.

The Railhead Exchange is open regular hours, Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed Saturdays and Sundays. During troop rotation, the hours are

Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 577-7782.

**Lunch Menu**

Unless otherwise indicated, the lunch menu for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same. Lunch menus subject to change.

*Today* - Pork, potatoes and gravy.

*Friday* - Baked mahi-mahi.

*Monday* - Corn beef and cabbage.

*Tuesday* - Baked 3-piece chicken.

*Wednesday* - Beef lasagna.

*Thursday* - Pork stir fry.

**Family Night Dining**

*Tonight* - Mother's Specialty Night: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, cut corn, tossed green salad, fountain drink and pineapple upside-down cake for dessert.

Price: Adults \$5.50, children 5 to 11 years old, \$3.50. Children under 5 years old eat for free. The prices are the same for service members

and civilians.

**Scholarships**

Military students, or descendants of military families, attending Park University have an opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship if they are an undergraduate economics or business administration major.

Applicants need a 3.0 GPA or higher, part-time or full time student status, and either the applicant, applicant's parents, or grandparents have to have served or are serving in the armed forces for qualification.

To apply, submit a letter of application describing financial need, professional and community leadership experience, and professional goals, to: Park University, Student Financial Services, 8700 River Park Drive, Parkville, MO 64152.

A reminder; Lifelong Learning Library/Research Center is kicking off a series of Brown Bag Seminars today, with a presentation from the Personal Services Division's Master Sgt. Allyson Hedrick on financial planning.

Bring a bag lunch or grab a sandwich and soda from the Super Seven Day Store. The seminar will meet from 11 a.m. to noon at the Building 218 classroom. Call 577-6118 for more information.

**Boss' Night**

Wednesday is Boss' Night at the Enlisted Club. Bring your boss on down and enjoy the evening. The

club opens at 6:30 p.m. Call 577-6495 for more information.

**Semper Fit Tournament**

A softball tournament will be held at Sorensen Field Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

Those who are authorized to use the base facilities and who are at least 18 years old, are eligible to be put on team rosters. The number of teams signed up will determine game times. Call 577-6812 for more information. Sign up as soon as possible.

**Sweet 16**

You could win a two-day, one-night stay at the MCCS facility at Lake Havasu by participating in Semper Fit's Madness Sweet 16 tournament prediction contest.

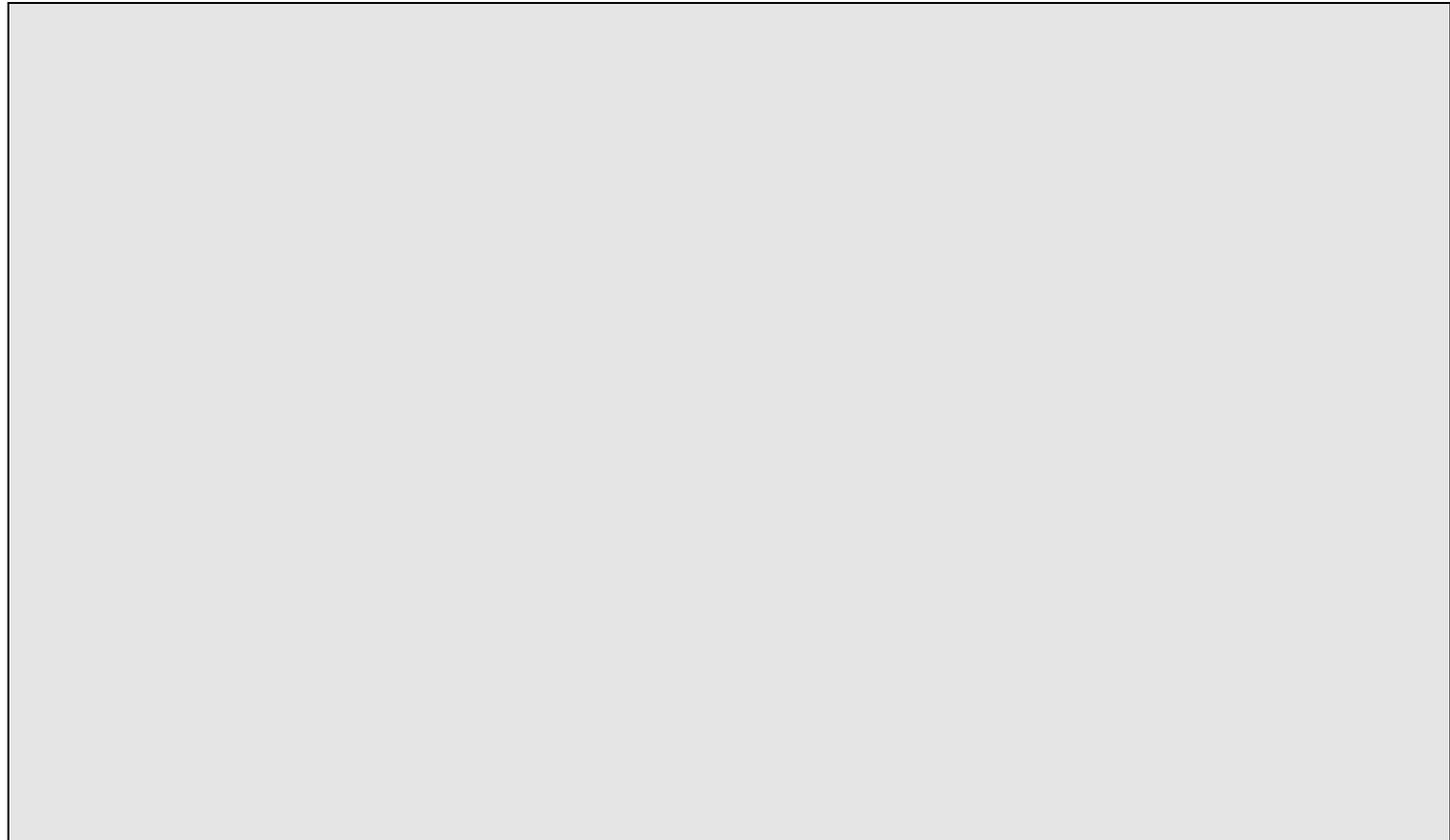
On Monday, there will be a meeting at the Base Gym on the contest. Participants will pick up a bracket to fill in the teams that they feel will make it from the final 16, all the way to the championship game. Brackets will be due back by March 20. Winners will be announced after the championship game.

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# Pepe's vs. Hdqtrs. Bn. turns into barnburner

By Pfc. Andy J. Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The matches on March 5 at the Base Gym starting off with Finance vs. Comm at 5:30 p.m. resulted in a forfeit; Finance never showed.

Match two between Hdqtrs. Bn. and Pepe's, beginning at 6:30 p.m., was on. Hdqtrs. gave Pepe's a great match, but in the end it was all Pepe's. They took the game 2-1 with a set one score of 15-2. Set two was won by Hdqtrs. Bn. with a score of 15-6, and a "rally scoring" set three belonged to Pepe's with a score of 15-13.

Pepe's, rated in third place going into round two of the Intramural Volleyball League playoffs, was in high spirits, eager to face the challenge of the No. 1 rated Hdqtrs. Bn.

Set one was a blowout. Pepe's took control of the ball early, shortly after Hdqtrs. Bn.'s Joseph Vanfonda declared Thomas Maffin's tall, black wool socks to be lucky. Pepe's dominated the entire first set, losing possession of the ball only a few times.

Hdqtrs. Bn. was ready for set two. Hdqtrs. Bn. jumped to a lead early in the second set, with four points against Pepe's one. Hdqtrs. Bn. would gracefully stretch that lead, due to flawless teamwork and support from the stands, and put 10 points on the board before Pepe's had no more than two points.

Pepe's snatched the ball back and made a noble attempt to lead the set, but a ground shaking spike by Joseph Vanfonda put an end to that, making the score 12-6.

The set came to a halt when

Pepe's Jessica Chavez shot a "net-ball," scoring the game point for Hdqtrs. Bn.

The match now went into "rally scoring" for set three, meaning each time the ball hit the court, it was a point for either team.

The set was back and forth until Nowell McKnight tied the score at 8-8 with a side-out point against Pepe's. The glory would not last long after Pepe's Luke Webb got a piece of the ball.

Serving for Pepe's, Webb put two crucial points on the board, boosting Pepe's into an 11-9 lead. Tad "the Green Lantern" Snidecor decided Hdqtrs. Bn. was fed up and executed play after play, scoring five points for Hdqtrs. Bn.

But Pepe's wasn't out for the count, and team spirit prevailed. Pepe's quickly regained control of the ball and upset Hdqtrs. Bn. Pepe's won two sets out of three, capturing the game and sending Hdqtrs. Bn. home.

League standings leading into the championship round of the playoffs have once again changed.

Finance is out of the running with a win-loss record of 3-4.

Comm and Hdqtrs. Bn. are now tied for first place with records of 5-2.

Pepe's has moved up into second place with a record of 4-3.

Game order for the championship starts with a match between Hdqtrs. Bn. and Comm at 5:30 p.m. in the Base Gym March 12. The winner of that match will immediately play Pepe's.

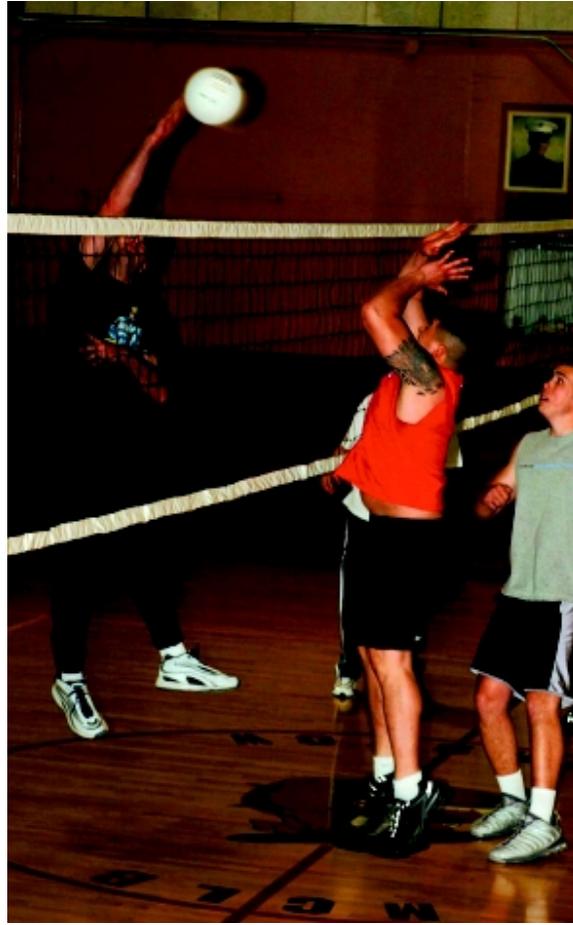


Photo by Pfc. Andy Hurt

Joseph Wynne of Hdqtrs. Bn. practices anger management during the March 6 match against Pepe's at the Base Gym.

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the Marine Corps base and the activities here to make that happen."

Being the largest railhead in the Department of Defense, this remains to be one of MCLB Barstow's key strengths.

In some of the business areas, Col. Bergman highlighted the movements of the Human Resource Office, Staff Judge Advocate, Office of the General Counsel, and the Provost Marshals Office into new facilities. With that she highlighted the collocation of Public Works and ROICC in the same office.

"Now we have the people that build your projects and the people that execute your project within walking distance of each other," she said light heartedly.

Continuing on, the base commander talked a little about the challenges ahead, specifically MCLB Barstow's financial status.

Taking a look at the \$22 million allotted for the FY'03 budget, it was determined after taking care of the necessities (e.g., utilities, labor requirements, fixed costs, and etc.) that there was a about \$2.4 million shortfall. The question then was, "What were we going to do with it?"

"Here's where we stand with that," Bergman explained. "We've done a 25 percent cut across the board. . . . Also we've

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requested, although it hasn't been approved yet, an MRP dollar realignment of about \$1.1 million to base operations.

"When all that works out, if all goes as planned, we will just make it where we are as long as there are no other cuts that come our way because of operations in Iraq."

Before closing out her address with the EFI/BRAC update, Bergman stepped back to acknowledge current initiatives ongoing around the base.

She talked about the new paint facility at the Maintenance Center that will be opening in the very near future. The booth has five booths, four ovens and cover nearly 38,000 square feet of space.

As directed by the commandant of the Marine Corps, MCLB Barstow is now at Force Protection Condition Bravo. The battalion commander and first sergeant are working a security augmentation force to ensure there are more Marines available for assistance, according to the base commander.

"It's going to be a tough road ahead," she said, "but I would appreciate all your cooperation on this and would ask that when you come through the gates in the morning recognize that we have young MPs on the gate and they are doing the best they can." Base safety is also an all hands effort and

vigilance and cooperation will go a long way in maintaining our safety.

The Marine Corps Enterprise Sustainment Initiative and Navy/Marine Corps Intranet is moving forward and should be fully operational by July this year, she said. She also took a moment to clarify information dealing with the transformation currently underway at Material Command in Albany. She revealed that by this summer MATCOM would no longer exist, as it is presently known. It will be formed around the core competencies of LOGBASES and under the command of one two-star general.

"Although this may be an invisible change because it's happening in Albany, it will not be seamless," she revealed to the audience. It will take some time before all the realignment issues are resolved.

Next the base commander shed light on the direction MCLB Barstow is headed. She talked again about the success of online training and revealed that a course in computer security and awareness will be added to the over 50 courses now available. As far as military construction (MILCON) is concerned, "There's nothing currently on the horizon for '04 or '05," she said. "When we look out to '06 we see the BEQ, our fitness center, our rehab of Building 573, the blasting facility, and in '07 you see the headquarters building for Fleet Support

moving out of warehouses in their own facility."

From this abbreviated list of future initiatives Bergman shifted her discussion to the upcoming EFI/BRAC activities scheduled for 2005.

She began this portion of her address informing the audience that the current Secretary of Defense is very much dedicated to transformation and intends to use BRAC to help accomplish this. She also utilized this time to highlight some of the EFI/BRAC guidelines established by DOD.

These guidelines include, at the top of the list - military value.

"Both Congress and DOD recognize that military value must be a primary consideration in reducing or reorganizing our infrastructure," she said.

In referring to the guidelines, Bergman noted MCLB Barstow's goals in the coming months.

"A couple of things to take from this is maximizing our (DOD) warfighting capability, and I will tell you again that it's joint, joint, joint all the way," she said emphatically. "Regionalizing the (se) activities, you're going to hear a lot about regionalized training and joint training ... then streamlining, taking any common requirements, regardless of who does it." She then highlighted the BRAC timelines, noting in particular that 2003 is the preparation year and the most impor-

tant activity happening this year is that the Infrastructure Executive Council is going to recommend categories for BRAC.

"The key things we want to look at in '04 are basically receiving data and sending back our final requirements up through the chain of command," she said.

Also final BRAC criteria against which each installation will be judged published no later than February '04. What that criterion is exactly will be established later. The next move in the process is the secretary of defense transmitting his recommendations to the commission in May 2005. The commission will have a chance to look over the list, and a few more data calls may be received. Once they have decided what they want to do, that list intact will be forwarded to the president.

"The president either has to approve it or deny it (the list) intact one time and say, 'I like it or I don't like it,' he doesn't get any line item veto on it," said Bergman. "The president will send the list to Congress and somewhere about November '05 will either approve or disapprove the list."

Here is where MCLB Barstow shines, as described by its base commander, when speaking of military value.

Our value is in depot maintenance operations, storage capacity because of our climate and location and railhead

operation. Finally, in regard to DOD personnel aboard the base, public affairs guidelines have been established in that arena as well. According to DOD there is only one individual to release certified information regarding the EFI/BRAC process and that is the base commanding officer. "Since you are DOD employees, there's an issue where you have to be concerned; you have to be careful to separate your DOD functions from your personal activities," she said. "This is a small community so you're apt to be involved in community activities."

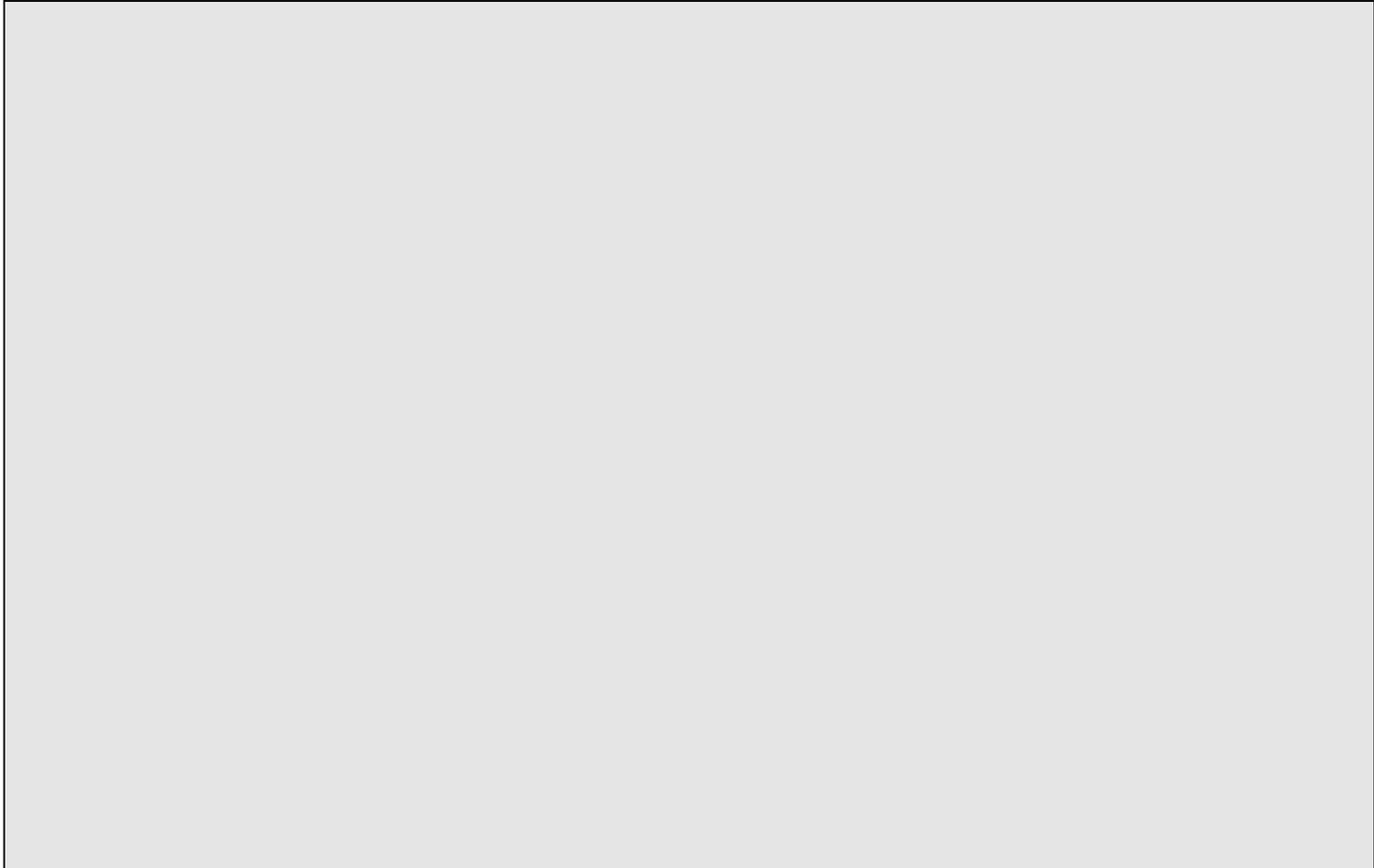
"Again, in your official capacity you can't BRAC-proof this base and can't speak for the base in your official capacity. The last thing to talk about is rumors, questions and organizations."

At this point the commander left her audience with one important item regarding rumors to think about.

"If you light a match today, tomorrow it will be a forest fire. Please be careful on rumors and how you handle those," she said.

Ending this year's State of the Base address Bergman left the floor open for questions and briefly reviewed MCLB Barstow's operating principles.

With that completed she thanked the members of the ASMC, FMA and those directors and supervisors in attendance for all the work they've done to this point and asked that they continue to do so.



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THANK YOU: To all our co-workers and friends. Lisa and I say THANK YOU for a great three and a half years. The small town atmosphere here combined with the professional and personal friends we've had the pleasure to work and play with made our final tour of duty in the Marine Corps rewarding and one of the most memorable. As Lisa, the boys and I move on to the next chapter in our lives we will miss you, but we leave knowing you'll march on proudly continuing Barstow's proud legacy of personal and professional support of the greatest fighting force in the world ... the United States Marine Corps. God Bless you all. Lt. Col. Chuck Bridgeman.

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