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## Hussein's 48 hours to leave Iraq is up

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush delivered an ultimatum on Monday at 5 p.m. PST that Saddam Hussein and his sons had 48 hours to leave Iraq.

Hussein's deadline to comply expired at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

"Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict commenced at a time of our choosing," the president said during his 8 p.m. EST address to the nation from the White House.

"It is too late for Saddam Hussein to remain in power," Bush said. "It is not too late for the Iraqi military to act with honor and protect your country by permitting the peaceful entry of coalition forces to eliminate weapons of mass destruction."

Bush's speech was broadcast via Commando Solo aircraft to the Iraqi people. He spoke directly to the Iraqi military, saying coalition forces will give Iraqi military units clear instructions on actions they can take to avoid

being attacked and destroyed.

"I urge every member of the Iraqi military and intelligence services, if war comes, do not fight for a dying regime that is not worth your own life."

Bush told the Iraqis their day of liberation is approaching: "The tyrant will soon be gone." He said the coalition will ensure food and medical aid will continue.

He traced the history of the confrontation with Iraq. He said Saddam Hussein agreed to disarm his weapons of mass destruction at the end of the Gulf War in 1991. For 12 years, the United Nations has sent inspectors into Iraq to verify the disarmament. The inspectors met a brick wall. Bush said no country doubts that Iraq maintains a weapons of mass destruction stockpile.

But Iraq's aid to terrorist organizations, including al Qaeda, is the real danger, the president said.

"The danger is clear: Using

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Photo by Sgt. W. A. Napper Jr.

**KUWAIT** -- Petty Officer 1st Class Timothy J. Manning, Navy Cargo Handling and Port Group boatswain mate, gives hand signals to a crane operator so a pallet of 1,000-pound bombs can be offloaded from a ship and sent to a receiving area before being shipped to 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing destinations.

## DRMO Barstow provides marketable goods

By Sgt. Joseph Lee  
BARSTOW Log staff

Driving past on the I-40, MCLB Barstow may seem like an organized scrap yard. The abundant checkered lots filled with heaps of surplus vehicle parts and equipment may resemble used equipment grave plots.

Coincidentally, that is almost an accurate description. Though the equipment is not dead, it is being brought back to life for reutilization by federal agencies and the public community.

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office here has partnered with Government Liquidation Inc. over the past three years to provide federal and state agencies and the public with the ability to purchase refurbished government and military equipment.

MCLB Barstow is the central hub for collection of outdated or excess, serviceable government equipment

from most military bases in southern California.

According to Frank Lizama, central chief of DRMO here, MCLB Barstow manages excess property generated by DOD activities in central California and Nevada. In addition to MCLB Barstow, DRMO manages locations at Twenty-nine Palms, Naval Weapons Center China Lake, Edwards Air Force Base and Nellis Air Force Base.

DRMO Barstow is part of the Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service. In addition to reutilization, transfer, donation (RTD) and sales, DRMO services and programs include recycling, demilitarization, environmental, precious metals recovery and more.

According to the DRMS Web site, in fiscal 2001 alone, more than \$1.5 billion worth of property was reutilized at the DOD level. Every dollar's worth of property reutilized is a tax dollar saved.

Specialists at DRMO Barstow bring the property they collect into usable condition. According to Lizama, the items are screened by federal agencies and state agencies for utilization before they are given to DRMO's commercial partners, Government Liquidation, for sale to the public sector.

The items that are available for public sale are listed on Government Liquidation's Web site ([www.govliquidation.com](http://www.govliquidation.com)), and often include items such as clothing, vehicles, furniture and electronics.

"Some items of course cannot be sold to the private sector such as tactical vehicles including HMMWVs or tank-type vehicles," said Lizama. "The Department of Transportation has declared HMMWVs to be unsafe on the open highways, so our policy is to mutilate them. We get a lot of inquiries about M151 Jeeps, and this is another commodity we do not sell. Basically anything that

requires demilitarization we cannot sell."

According to Lizama, the government pays 80 percent of Government Liquidation's operating expenses in return for 80 percent of the proceeds earned from the sale of the products at their auctions.

"The deal works out pretty well for both parties, and it is a great place for many active duty military who have a limited budget to find things like furniture for pennies on the dollar when compared with merchants in the open market," said Lizama. "It's a great place to get a good deal."

DRMO Barstow's office hours are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. DRMO is closed the last Friday of each month for DRMO Study Period Training. DRMS can be contacted toll free at 1-888-352-9333.

For more information about Government Liquidation, visit its Web site at [www.govliquidation.com](http://www.govliquidation.com) or call 577-6883, cellular (602) 538-0919.

# Fraud, waste and abuse taken seriously by command

By Randy Meyer  
Resource Evaluation and  
Analysis Office

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

Simply stated, a FWA is misuse of government property, facilities, or official time. This covers all direct and indirect usage of government resources, ranging from government computers, fax machines, tools, vehicles, and buildings to abuses of official time such as doing personal business on government time or claiming unearned overtime or compensatory time.

A FWA situation can also be an event where time, technology, or circumstances have rendered a procedure or work process obsolete thus making it a drain on government productivity

or resources. Not all FWA allegations are found to be true. Sometimes, an FWA allegation turns out to be justified by circumstances or unsubstantiated because the caller did not provide all the facts needed for investigation. The following are results of some FWA investigations conducted aboard MCLB Barstow:

An FWA call alleged that usable office furniture was being turned into the local Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office without paperwork and that it was being dumped or scrapped. The resulting investigation revealed this allegation to be partially substantiated. Documentation was prepared on the office furniture turned in to DRMO but it classified the furniture as scrap instead of as reusable. Management took action to ensure that all future furniture/equipment turn-ins were properly clas-

sified and monitored to prevent reoccurrences.

An FWA call alleged that an employee was using his assigned government vehicle for personal trips to the base's 7-day store. The allegation was found to be unsubstantiated due to the nature of the employee's job, which required extensive travel on the base during the day. Furthermore, the call did not provide dates and times, which would allow the investigator to pinpoint when the alleged violations occurred.

An FWA call alleged that an employee spent excessive amounts of government time on the telephone and Internet for personal business. The investigation revealed that allegation to be unsubstantiated. The employee in question did not initiate, but received telephone calls from family members, and the employee's su-

pervisor verified that they were not excessive in nature nor did they interfere with the employee's duties. Examination of the employee's computer records revealed there was no access to Internet sites that were not intended for government use.

An FWA call alleged that an employee was assigned light duty due to a disability but yet participated in activities outside duty hours that otherwise would have been curtailed by this disability. The allegation was found to be partially substantiated and forwarded for further action by another investigative entity.

FWA Hotline callers are treated with complete confidentiality and remain anonymous to the fullest extent possible, except when required by law or authority. Federal law prohibits reprisals against

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## Words have lasting effect

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood  
Base Chaplain



We live in a world filled with a torrent of words. Words that come from leaders, words that come from celebrities, words that come from a myriad of sources.

We hear so many words that one would begin to believe that we would become inured to them, but that is not the case. We hear so many words from so many sources that we find it hard to believe all the words at the same time since they seem to conflict with each other.

We have been intently listening to words over the last few weeks, words that talk about war, destruction, mistreatment, human life, diplomacy and terrorism. All these words flow from television, radio and the printed media. So many words, so much meaning.

We see and hear words in ways that most of us don't really understand. Sometimes the words seem to miss us altogether, other times we have a visceral reaction to them.

Advertisers, politicians, lawyers, and journalists

seem to really know the value of words and use them in powerful ways to accomplish desired goals. Advertisers use words to not sell products but to sell the idea that we "need" the desired products since most of us can avoid the temptation to purchase things we only "want."

Politicians use words to convince us of ideologies, and plans meant to better our nation, or sometimes to convince us of the error of another politician's ideas. Lawyers use words to defend or prosecute, to change laws and protect freedoms, and to help decide the innocence or guilt of others. Journalists use words to report findings of all the institutions, people, and events that make up our society. Words warn of danger, offer us recreational escape, and in some cases provide us with life affirming wisdom.

One ancient writer says that words, the right words, have the power of life and death. An interesting idea indeed. We use words for so many things as one writer said, thinking ourselves to be wise we became ... less than smart.

We often misuse words to the detriment of others even though we should only use them to encourage and guide others. I wonder what it is that makes us wish to harm others so?

We have heard words that speak of weapons of

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## Just doing my job ...

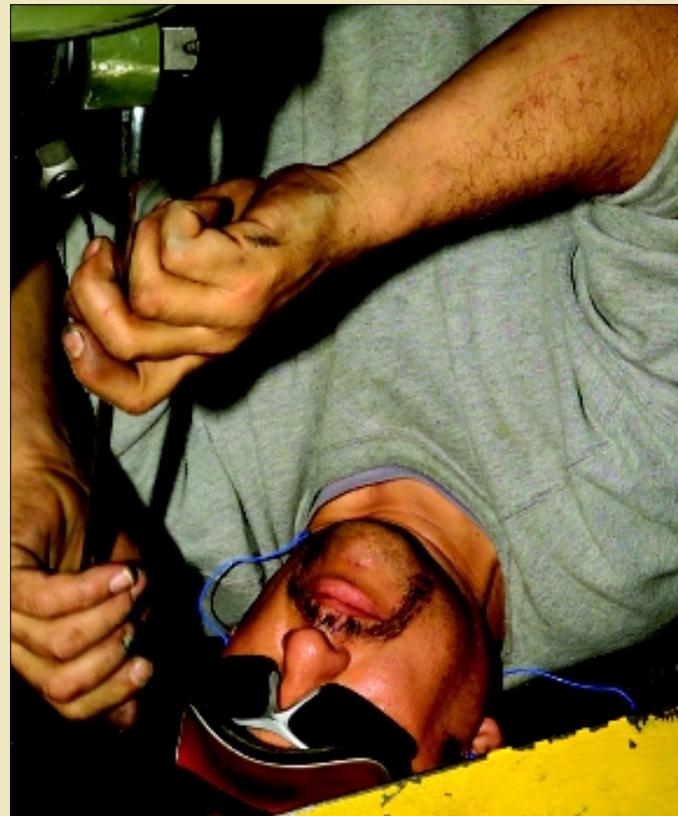


Photo by Sgt. Joseph Lee

Larry Elycio, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic for Cost Work Center 713 at Maintenance Center Barstow, mounts the suspension on an LAV-25. Elycio has worked at MCB for more than 18 years.

### 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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### 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 guest speaker will be Col. Liz Bergman, base commander.

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 today. For tickets or more information, call:

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Susan Zagorski	577-6752
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### 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 I.D. card at the box office.

### Blood Drive scheduled

A blood drive is scheduled to be held March 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Base Gym, Building 44 on Nebo, and at Yermo from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maintenance Center in Building T598. For more information or to sign up, contact

your respective division administrative officer.

### Oklahoma University MBA Program

The Marine Corps and the University of Oklahoma have developed an agreement to provide a master of business administration degree through Cameron University to the Marine Corps.

This agreement allows OU to use the Marine Corps Satellite Education Network to offer classes to Marines and DOD employees at MCLB Barstow.

A program brief concerning registration and course offerings will be presented March 24 at the Building 218 classroom at 9 a.m.

### NMCRS Volunteers

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society here is in need of volunteers. Anyone interested in acting as a counselor or caseworker for the NMCRS can contact Maj. Antonio Martinez, the NMCRS representative here, at 577-6440. Schedules for volunteering are flexible and no previous training or education is needed; all training will be provided.

### Base access policy

For visitors or contractors to gain access to enter MCLB Barstow, their sponsor must submit the following information to the Public Safety Office.

The visitors first, last and full middle name, birth date, drivers license or state identification card number and the state in which it was issued, social security number, and company name if applicable, must be submitted.

Their vehicle's year, make, model, color, and license plate number must be submitted as well. The information must be sent to [smbbarstowpba@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:smbbarstowpba@barstow.usmc.mil).

Sponsors must also submit their full name, organization, and work phone number, or if sponsors are residents of base housing, they need to submit their full name, rank, address and home phone number.

### Recruiters Assistance

Recruiting Station Louisville, Ky., is seeking Marines from Kentucky, southern Indiana and the greater Cincinnati, Ohio, area to participate in the Permissive Temporary Additional Duty Program. The PTAD Program allows Marines to work in their hometowns for up to 30 days helping local recruiters in their efforts to fill the Marine Corps ranks.

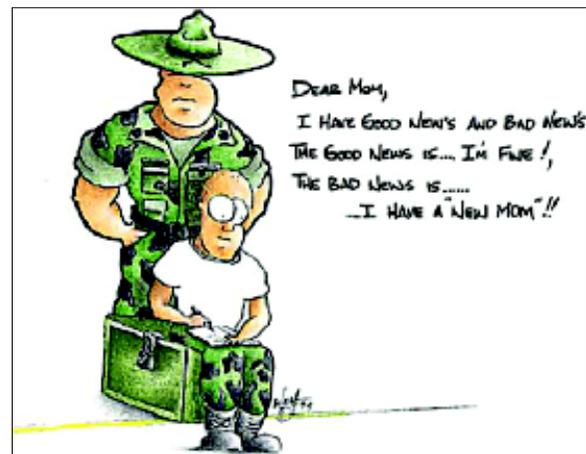
Privates and privates first class can get promoted to the next rank, while lance corporals and corporals can earn up to 100 points toward promotion. Call (502) 582-6612/6610 for more information.

### Motorcycle Safety Course

There will be a motorcycle safety course April 4 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Base Safety Classroom in Building 236. The course is mandatory for anyone who wants to ride a motorcycle aboard MCLB Barstow.

Participants need to bring a California M1 or M2 driver's license or permit, a helmet, full-fingered gloves, a reflective vest, a long sleeve shirt or jacket and hard soled shoes.

To sign up for the course, or for more information, call Steve Waugh at 577-6448.



## Poison awareness

By Pfc. Andy J. Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Children act fast ... so do poisons. That's the theme for this year's National Poison Prevention Week, beginning March 16 through 22, held by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the American Association of Poison Control Centers and the Poison Prevention Week Council.

The council is a coalition of national organizations working to stop unintentional poisonings by distributing information and encouraging local poison control centers, pharmacies, public health departments and others to conduct poison prevention in their communities.

National poison prevention week was established in 1961 by the U.S. Congress' passage of public law 87-319 authorizing the President to designate annually the third week in March as National Poison Prevention Week.

The council is urging parents to store harmful products out of their children's reach at all times and to be aware of young children's capacities to explore and experiment. A child's natural curiosity can lead to poisonings when chemicals and medications are within a child's reach and parents are not paying close attention.

According to the Poison Control Center, more than 1 million children each year are exposed to potentially poisonous medicines and household chemicals. In an effort to end tragic accidents, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission requires child resistant packaging for many medications and chemicals. The commission warns that special packaging is "child-resistant," not "child-proof."

Some steps a parent can take in the household to prevent accidental

poisonings are simple, non time-consuming and can mean the difference between survival and termination of a child's "critical" early years.

-All chemicals and medicines should be locked up and stored out of sight.

-When potentially hazardous products are in use, never let young children out of sight, even if the child or product need be carried when the phone or doorbell rings.

-Hazardous materials should always be kept in their original containers and original labels should be left on the containers.

-Parents should read the labels before using hazardous materials. Decorative lamps and candles should be displayed and burned far out of reach. Lamp oil is extremely toxic.

-Lights should be on when administering medication so dosages can be accurately measured.

-Medicine cabinets should be cleaned out periodically, and prescription medicine should be thrown out when the illness they were prescribed for is over.

-Adults should know the dangers of taking "friends" medicines, mixing drugs and alcohol and informing doctors of other prescribed medicines they are taking to avoid adverse drug reactions.

Grace Walls, an employee at the Child Development Center here, said the staff at the CDC is trained and equipped to handle any accidental poisonings that may occur on the job.

"We keep all of our hazardous materials in a locked room high out of reach from children," she said.

### Editor's Note:

When poisoning is suspected, people should immediately call 1-800-222-1222 to speak to the nearest poison control center.

## Job Watch

Anne No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-158-03-NR	Painting Worker WG-4102-07 (Permanent)	03-11-03	03-25-03	03-13-03	MCLB Barstow
3809	Mobile Equipment Metal Mechanic Leader WL-3809-10 (Permanent)	03-17-03	03-28-03	N/A	MCLB Barstow
5803	Heavy Mobile Equipment Leader WL-5803-10 (Permanent)	03-17-03	03-28-03	N/A	MCLB Barstow
5423	Sandblaster Leader WL-5423-07 (Permanent)	03-17-03	03-28-03	N/A	MCLB Barstow
3703	Welder Leader WL-3703-10 (Permanent)	03-17-03	03-28-03	N/A	MCLB Barstow
5803	Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic WG-5803-10 (Permanent)	03-17-03	03-28-03	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 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357.

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

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

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

# FSD keeps eye on safety

By Rob L. Jackson  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Safety is a major concern for the Marine Corps and its unit commanders. In fact, in her recent state of the base address Col. Liz Bergman, MCLB Barstow base commander, stressed safety as an "all hands, all the time" effort.

This effort is practiced by Fleet Support Division daily and is reflected in its near flawless safety record for the past six months.

In that time frame, FSD has logged 75,300 direct personnel hours in fiscal year 2003 with no injuries and only one Class "D" mishap, according to Jonathon Moore, FSD's safety, environmental and security manager.

During the same period in FY '02, FSD had nine reported injuries as compared to none this fiscal year. What has contributed to FSD's big turn around thus far?

"Awareness," said Andrew Henderson, deputy director of Fleet Support Division. "Through Jonathan's assistance we have made everyone aware of their personal responsibilities for safety."

Moore has bought safety awareness to such level and service in FSD that it extends from the workplace to the home,

especially when traveling on Interstate 15 from Victorville, Apple Valley and Hesperia, explained Henderson.

"Because statistics show there is a high percentage of accidents that happen on the way to the workplace," he said, "we figured that once we get people safely to work, the rest is a piece of cake."

Moore echoed the deputy director's thought on safety saying that awareness is a big factor and part of that is making sure the safety information gets out to the employees.

"There are several avenues you can use to do that, and safety stand downs are a big part of that," Moore revealed. "You have to have a well organized safety stand down with information that peaks employee interest."

For example, FSD's recent safety stand downs have included a presentation on traffic safety in the community, outlying areas and construction zones from representatives of the California Highway Patrol; a period of instruction on desert animals, how they affect unit operations, and how to handle on-the-job encounters from Fort Irwin medical entomologist, Dr. Mike Glassey; and a myriad of other presentations from selected guests who have come on board to give safety awareness classes.

Adding to the stand downs, FSD holds monthly shop safety committee

meetings which Moore considers an important link between the shops and himself. The meetings are a tool used to share safety concerns between the members and the safety manager.

"Then we, as a committee, try to work out resolutions to fix problems or potential problems," said Moore.

One of the ways FSD has managed to avoid potential safety hazards is by keeping the workspaces clean and clutter-free.

"If you have a cluttered work area, it's difficult to spot something that is unsafe," said the deputy director. "But if you keep things in order; if you keep a relatively clean and neat work place, you can spot a potential safety hazard immediately."

In fact, cleanliness of the work area played a key role in FSD's last Occupational Health and Safety inspection, according to Moore. He said usually if work areas are clean and well organized the inspectors will look, inspect, and generally will not find anything.

"The OSHA inspector was quite impressed with how everything was organized here," said Moore.

What the inspector found was the employees' use of personal protective equipment, wearing seatbelts, and the

# SOQ learning hard way by necessity

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt  
Editor

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Dezeree-Francine Thomas, administrative chief at the Branch Medical Clinic, distinguished herself as the Sailor of the Quarter.

She did so by adapting to a situation and overcoming the obstacles facing her.

Thomas was put in a position recently that she had never faced before. All of a sudden one morning, 12 corpsmen from the Branch Medical Clinic were deployed overseas and Thomas was put in charge of the administrative duties at the clinic.

She had no prior training and had nobody to teach her how to do it.

"I was calling down to Camp Pendleton and talking to their administrative section and asking them how to do things," said Thomas. "They were really good with hooking me up with the information I needed."

She is still learning her job and said she is picking it up better every

day.

As well as performing her administrative duties, Thomas is the leading petty officer at the Branch Medical Clinic. She is in charge of the corpsmen and depends on them to get their job done.

"I have some good corpsmen working for me and they make me look good," said Thomas.

In her off time, Thomas is a devoted mother and wife. She has two daughters, Justina and Jessica, and two sons, Shay and Trey; and is married to Richard Thomas.

Thomas has been in the Navy 17 years and plans to work in hospital administration when she retires. She is scheduled to rotate out of Barstow in January 2004.

"I haven't received my orders yet, but I should get them next month," said Thomas.

Overall, Thomas has enjoyed her career in the Navy.

"I've been a corpsman all my time in the Navy and I really enjoy my job," said Thomas.

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# Admin Marine promoted meritoriously

By Pfc. Andy J. Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

A separations clerk in the military personnel division here was meritoriously promoted to corporal March 3 in a ceremony at the Base Gym after winning her second meritorious promotion board in less than a year.

Cpl. Diane Jones and four other Marines were nominated by their respective units to participate in the meritorious corporal board Feb. 26 and competed in basic Marine skills like drill, a uniform inspection, a PFT, and knowledge of current events in the Marine Corps.

Jones came into the Marine Corps Jan. 14, 2002. She said she was meritoriously promoted to private first class when she graduated Marine Combat Training in August 2002 because she showed outstanding motivation and leadership skills.

Sgt. Carlos E. Barrientos, the SRB chief in the military personnel division, has worked with Jones since she reported for duty here in August.

"She knows her stuff," said Barrientos. "It's nice to work with



Photo by Pfc. Andy J. Hurt  
Cpl. Diane Jones

someone so dependable."

Jones was the junior Marine in her shop when she was nominated for a meritorious lance corporal promotion board.

"I was working long hours and on the weekends sometimes, so it was hard to find time to study," said Jones.

But with minimal study time and a demanding work schedule, Jones won the board and picked up lance corporal in September 2002, more than eight months before she would have been considered for promotion otherwise.

Jones' outstanding work ethic and old-fashioned Marine Corps motivation do not go unnoticed by her superiors.

"Cpl. Jones is 'pure Marine' all the way," said Chief Warrant Officer Joseph G. Charles, personnel officer in the military personnel di-

vision. "Jones has mastered three separate jobs and she still helps Marines in other units with their jobs. When she sees a 'devil dog' walk into our office, that Marine is the most important Marine in the battalion for that moment; she takes care of Marines."

In addition to being "pure Marine," Jones gets the job done with minimal supervision. "When I need a Marine who can do anything asked of them, I can go to Cpl. Jones," said Charles.

Things were going well for her as a lance corporal. She enjoyed the extra responsibility and attacked new challenges with confidence. Charles saw this motivation and decided to nominate her for the most recent meritorious promotion board. "(Charles) puts me up for almost all the boards. This was the fourth board I've been on," said Jones.

The PFT was the first of the day's events, followed by a service "B" uniform inspection, a drill review, and a knowledge exam.

After the intense morning competition, all the Marines were called into a conference room and re-

ceived feedback from several board members about areas on which they could improve. Points were tallied up, and Jones was the winner.

"I was excited and kind of surprised. If any of us would have won, I would have been happy. I think every Marine on that board deserved to win, so I don't think anyone was upset when it was me," said Jones with a big smile on her face.

Jones selected Charles and Cpl. James Castro, administrative clerk, to do the honor of pinning on her chevrons in the promotion ceremony March 3.

"I chose Cpl. Castro because he's constantly motivating me to be the best Marine I can be, and he actually ran the PFT with me this time," said Jones.

She said she chose Charles because of his continuing confidence and support in her.

"He puts me up to it," she said.

According to battalion commanding officer Maj. Clarence T. Guthrie III, Jones is living proof of how a motivated Marine can truly "adapt and overcome" to make the best of any situation.

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overall safety program at FSD was excellent, according to Moore.

Also contributing to Fleet Support Division's successful safety program is supervisor safety training. Supervisor safety training is a must, according to Henderson.

"All supervisors, branch heads, first and second line supervisors must attend this training at least once during the reporting period," he said.

Base safety is providing this training, Moore said.

Imagine driving 79,000 miles without a single accident. It may seem impossible but the FSD tech assist team managed to accomplish this feat with Master Sgt. Donald Johnson, staff non-commissioned officer in charge, at the helm.

The team consists of about 30 members who are on the road about 300 days a year, traveling in all types of weather conditions in every place west of the Missis-

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## Around the Corps

# CJTF-HOA provides medical care to Djiboutians

By Cpl. Matthew Apprendi  
Combined Joint Task Force  
Horn of Africa

DAMERDJOG, Djibouti - Service members from Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, conducted a Medical Civil Affairs Assistance Program clinic, providing medical aid to more than 100 residents here March 8.

This is the second MEDCAP spearheaded by CJTF-HOA. The first clinic was Feb. 1. More than 50 villagers were treated at that clinic.

Marines provided security, and representatives from the Air Force, Army and Navy treated the patients. Together, they comprised five treatment teams with a translator at each station.

"It's a wonderful experience for all," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Colby

Bowers, a medical technician with CJTF-HOA. "We're able to help out the community, and we're able to hone skills we usually don't encounter stateside."

The patients were identified by the village head-of-nurses, Ahmed Ali Hadi, who determined which villagers needed to be seen. After their examinations, the patients received dental hygiene kits, food and prescription medicine to treat their ailments.

"They (service members) act as ambassadors," said Mahdi Hassan Ahmad, chief of the village. "It builds a good relationship."

Having a solid relationship between the local citizens and the military presence is an important factor for base security, according to Sgt. Joseph Kilmer, CJTF-HOA civil affairs section.

"If there's a threat against us and

(they) know about it, they'll be more inclined to help us," Kilmer said.

About halfway through the non-stop morning, the team encountered an unexpected event. A Djiboutian woman was bitten by a baby copperhead snake.

The medical team acted swiftly, providing the proper treatment — hydration, cleansing of the affected area, a tetanus shot and a prescription for antibiotics. The woman was able to return home with her husband, who stayed by her side through the whole event.

"It was an awesome day. We were able to complete everything we planned to do plus more," said Lt. Cmdr. Patty Miller, physician assistant, emergency medical team, CJTF-HOA. "The best part was, we were able to treat people we normally don't get a chance to, like children."



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Army Capt. Garry Berndt, physician's assistant, 520th Area Support Medical Company, Combined Joint Task Force — Horn of Africa, checks out a baby's vision during a visit from medical service providers here March 8. This was the second Medical Civil Affairs Assistance Program clinic conducted here in the last two months.

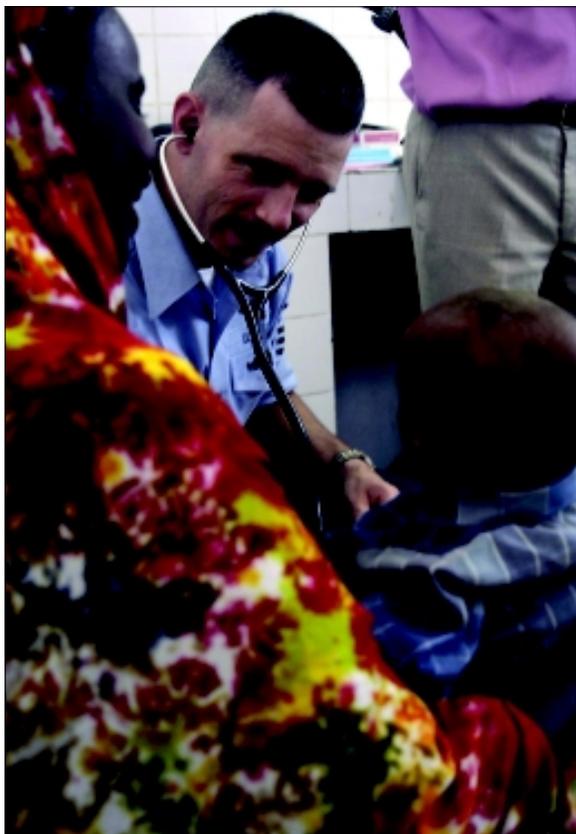


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Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Scott LaFontaine, independent duty corpsman, medical department, USS Mount Whitney, listens to a Djiboutian baby's heart. Local citizens were treated here during a second Medical Civil Affairs Assistance Program clinic spearheaded by the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa civil affairs section March 8.



A Djiboutian woman, who was bitten by a copperhead snake, is rushed to the county medical clinic. She was treated by American military medical service members, here supporting Combined Joint Task Force — Horn of Africa, who were conducting a Medical Civil Affairs Assistance Program clinic.

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# Commander's Corner

Maintenance Center Barstow

## Realignment at Maintenance Center

By Dave Solano  
Maintenance Center Barstow

The Maintenance Center has begun improving its production-focused organization of the future. An implementation team of full-time members has been hard at work, mapping the processes, defining the tasks and procedures, and restructuring the parts of the organization needed to plan, support and control production.

Organizational change is not easy. Most people are willing to let it happen to someone else, but not so happy to see their own jobs mixed in the shuffle.

One of the measures taken to ensure that the work results in improved production, and not just a change in titles, was the assignment of Luci Wais, senior staffing specialist at the MCLB Barstow Human Resources Office. As one of the full-time members, she is providing the structured personnel management perspective, ensuring that career development opportunities and appropriate responsibilities are built in to the organization.

Another key member of the planning team is the full-time assignment of Raul Reyes, representing the local office of the American Federation of Government

Employees. Bringing his experience on the production line to the team, he is both a spokesman for the employees, a technical production expert, and a reminder of who the realignment is designed to help; the employees on the production line.

Col. Rob Gerlaugh, maintenance center commander, has made his intentions quite clear. The team effort must support continual improvements in quality, cost and schedule performance.

The organizational structure and processes must support and sustain the production effort. As a team, MCB will eliminate waste, organize areas, and re-dedicate themselves to achieve unity of effort and accountability for planning, supporting, controlling and executing the production of a funded, multi-commodity workload.

To achieve this end, the realignment team has developed support structures that will parallel the commodity groupings in the new trades department. One structure will provide the advanced planning, scheduling and project management role, combining forecasting and analytical elements with financial management and production tracking to provide production control and decision-making.

The shop floor control teams will provide direct support on a day-to-day basis, ensuring material is provided as scheduled, moving the parts and work to where they belong, releasing the work orders, and ordering the parts identified by the artisans.

These teams will provide the liaison between the production shops and all other support entities. As a whole, the Maintenance Center will be able to focus on increasing its throughput while improving its responsiveness to its customers.

Internally, we will improve our communications, our processes and our focus by maintaining our recognition that all of us are needed to support the production effort.

Where is the effort today? The critical production planning and support and control processes have been identified. These have been reduced to the mission, functions and tasks required to make the processes work more easily.

A basic structure has been designed that will enable us to accomplish each part of these critical processes and focus all of this organization's enormous talent and expertise on continuous improvement of schedule, cost and quality.

## Monthly safety message

By Col. Rob Gerlaugh  
Maintenance Center Barstow

Upon taking command of this facility one of my first concerns was to ensure that Team Barstow is protected from the numerous hazards of this industrialized facility. Although there are many control and work procedures in place in the work environment, these controls and procedures aren't always enough to protect people from the hazards they face. The next line of defense is personal protective equipment.

The following identifies the types of PPE that MCB employees must ensure they have access to and wear. If you do not have access to the PPE, or you have questions concerning the proper selection or use, do not hesitate to talk to your supervisor or visit the Safety Office. When the right PPE is selected and used properly, you reduce the risk of a job-related injury or illness. The following is taken from an OSHA publication and is intended to be used as general guidance:

### Protect Your Eyes and Face

Shatterproof safety glasses with side protection, safety goggles and face shields provide good eye and face protection. They come in a variety of styles that keep things out of your eyes and let you see clearly.

### Protect Your Hearing

Wearing hearing protection is an important part of your health and safety. Exposure to loud noise over a period of time can damage your hearing. The primary method used to protect your hearing is the use of earplugs or earmuffs. In some cases there is a need for both plugs and muffs to be worn at the same time. Again, consult with the Safety Office to ensure the appropriate level of hearing protection is worn.

### Protect Your Breathing

You can irritate or damage your lungs and respiratory system as well as your other organs if you inhale harmful dusts, fogs, fumes, mists, gases, smokes, sprays, or vapors. When ventilation and other engineering controls can't reduce the risks, you must wear respiratory protection.

### Protect Your Head

Hard hats must be worn when falling object hazards are present, including working below other workers, around or under cranes, below machinery and when working around exposed energized conductors, to prevent injuries.

### Protect Your Hands

Your hands perform your work, so they're directly exposed to all kinds of hazards. Approximately 70 percent of people who injure their hands at work aren't wearing gloves. Gloves should be worn to protect you from cuts, abrasions, burns, punctures, skin irritations and electrical shocks. The gloves you wear should be designed to protect you against the particular hazard to which you are exposed.

### Protect Your Feet

Your feet carry you through life. Protective footwear can provide a variety of safety features, including protection from impact, punctures and conductive or insulating safety. Protective footwear may be in the form of toe shields, boots or special protective safety shoes.

## Resumix sessions to be offered to MCB

By Mike Burke  
Production Management Department

During Col. Rob Gerlaugh's Commander Intent meetings, many employees have asked for specific training on the use of the Resumix.

Resumix is an on-line program that must be used by anyone seeking employment with the Federal Government. As a result of those requests, the Maintenance Center is working with MCLB's career resource office in developing a series of opportunities for employees to get help developing a resume using the resume builder in Resumix.

It's imperative in today's job search, whether government or civilian, to be well prepared with a resume that makes your skills and experience stand out above all the others.

Information on other career development services the career resource office has to offer will also be available for review, such as developing resumes for the private sector,

interview skills and other career development opportunities.

These sessions will be held after hours, from 4 to 6 p.m., and conducted by career resource office personnel in the MCB Training Facility. There will be opportunities to meet with someone who will be able to help you.

The first session was held on March 5 with great success. The next session is scheduled for April 2, followed by sessions on May 7, May 21, June 18 and July 2.

This is a test program, so participation will determine additional sessions in the future. Participants should obtain the checklist and have it prepared prior to attending the session. This checklist will aid in being better prepared while developing a resume. Copies can be obtained from management services office.

More information will be made available as it comes. Business center manager's and department heads will provide supervisors updated information as it becomes available.

Please keep an eye open for flyers on the bulletin boards throughout the Maintenance Center as well.

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sippi, including Alaska, in support of the Marine Forces Reserve command, according to Henderson.

"When they are traveling he (Johnson) insists they don't go out partying, they get proper rest, eat properly and only drive so many hours a day," he said.

Moore said that Johnson also plans the team's routes and checks weather conditions.

"They are outstanding," said Moore. "The Marine Corps has a very high accident rate, and many Marines are dying in road accidents. To go 79,000 miles without one accident ... Johnson's team sets the example."

Moore has been with Fleet Support for a year and he said he believes the division is beginning to reap the benefits this year from the entire safety program they have in place. From the information sharing programs and employee involvement to awards and recognition, the Fleet Support Division safety program is an "all hands, all the time" effort.

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chemical, biological, or one day nuclear weapons, obtained with the help of Iraq, the terrorists could fulfill their stated ambitions and kill thousands or hundreds of thousands of innocent people in our country or any other," Bush said.

"The United States and other nations did nothing to deserve or invite this threat, but we will do everything to defeat it," he continued. "Instead of drifting along toward tragedy, we will set a course toward safety."

Before the danger appears in America's skies, the United States will confront it, the president said. "The United States of America has the sovereign authority to use force in assuring its own national security," he said. "That duty falls to me as commander in chief by the oath I have sworn, by the oath I will keep."

U.N. Security Council resolutions 678 and 687, passed in 1991, give the United States

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# Comm wins intramural volleyball crown

By Pfc. Andy J. Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Comm took first place in the Base Intramural Volleyball League championships after winning three matches in a row March 12 at the Base Gym.

The matches started at 5:30 p.m. The first match was between Comm and Hdqtrs. Bn. Both teams had full rosters with substitutes on the benches. The game got off to a fast start. Comm's 11-4 lead early in the first set was attributed to continuous movement and quick hands. Hdqtrs. Bn. put up a fight and almost pulled off a win in the end until Joseph Wynne, serving for Hdqtrs. Bn., choked on the game point serve, allowing Comm to regain control of the ball. Other highlights include Jimmy Hill taking a hit for Comm when he caught a mean spike with his face and was unable to play for the rest of the match.

Comm's Taulago Tautua put a quick end to set two with a full court spike awarding Comm with a game victory and advancement in the tournament. Tautua also put four points on the board working set-spike combos with Prasserth Yang earlier in the match giving Comm a 14-6 lead over Hdqtrs. Bn. The final score for set two was Comm 16, Hdqtrs. Bn. 6.

Hdqtrs. Bn. received medals for its third place finish in the championship tournament.

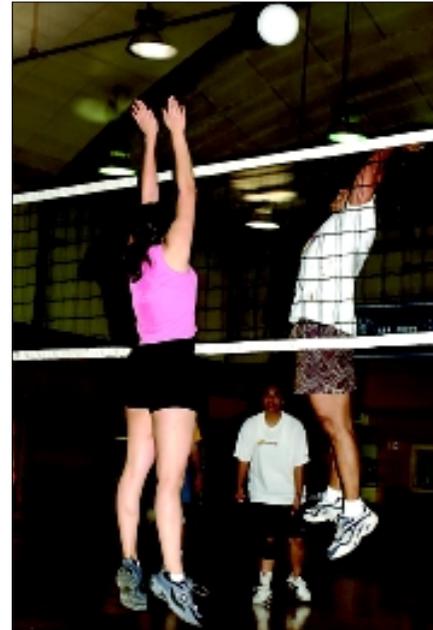
Pepe's took to the court at 6:30 p.m. unprepared to face the challenge of Comm. Prasserth Yang started off the service from Comm, and with the help of Jeff Johnston playing front-and-center court rocketed the team to a 12-0 lead. The action slowed down only temporarily when Luke Webb set up a series of blocks for Pepe's, earning possession of the ball for a few short moments and making a noble effort to put some points on the board. Comm won the match with a score of 15-4.

The final match of the evening, the championship round and the tournament tie-breaker between Comm and Pepe's, meant that each team had only one more opportunity to take home the gold trophy. It was Comm's James Hainer earning his keep throughout the set, keeping the ball sailing over the net into Pepe's court serve after serve. Comm took a set one victory with a score of 15-2.

Set two was a battle to the end. With Hanier serving for Comm, the team laid down six easy plays until Pepe's began to catch up. Yang was attempting play after play but couldn't make it happen until Pepe's caught up with the

unstoppable Comm. The score was tied 10-10 until Comm could no longer hang on to the lead. Pepe's leaped ahead when Juan Ayonmartinez scored three points on the front line making the score Pepe's 14, Comm 12. Comm struggled

to get back into the game and in the end came out on top. Jeff Johnston served to score the game point for Comm and secure sweet victory for the team. Final game score: Comm 15, Pepe's 14.



Jessica Chavez sets up to block a spike from Tualago Tautua in the championship match between Comm and Pepe's March 12.

Photo by Pfc. Andy J. Hurt



By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

**Two Sales at the same time**

Two sales are going on at the same time at the Super Seven Day Store and Railhead Exchange. The St. Patrick's Day sale continues through Tuesday, and the March sale continues through the end of the month.

You can still get in on the big bargains of the St. Patrick's Day sale 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, \$50 off RCA Home Theater systems, \$50 off AIWA Mini systems, \$50 off JVC Home Theater systems.

The March sale features more discounts - check these out: 10 percent off Hoover Vacuums, 20 percent off all watches in stock, 20 percent off backpacks and luggage in stock, 30 percent off Moeshe long sleeve shirts, 50 percent off denim/flannel jackets.

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

**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 stir-fry.

*Friday* - Breaded hoki fish, macaroni and cheese.

*Monday* - Spaghetti, garlic bread.

*Tuesday* - Picadillo.

*Wednesday* - Chicken cacciatore.

*Thursday* - Family Restaurant: Soup and salad bar. Cactus Cafe: Sliced pork roast.

**Family Night Dining**

*Tonight* - Western Night: Barbecued pork and beef ribs, baked beans, corn

on the cob, tossed green salad, fountain drink and apple cobbler for dessert.

Price: Adults \$5.50, children 5 to 11 years \$3.50, children under 5 years eat free.

**Advisory Board meeting**

There will be an Enlisted Club Advisory Board meeting today at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 577-6495.

**Single Marine Program's Final Four bash**



**Come to the Enlisted Club April 5 to watch the game, play darts, and compete in the best dressed fan contest. There will be food, fun and prizes, so come check it out!**

**Times will be announced - watch for flyers and e-mail with details. Call 577-6971 for more information.**

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the authority to act, Bush said. In addition, U.N. Security Council resolution 1441 promised "serious consequences" if Iraq did not fully and immediately disarm.

"Today no nation can possibly claim that Iraq has disarmed," Bush said. "And it will not disarm as long as Saddam Hussein holds power."

Since the passage of Resolution 1441 in November 2002, the United States and its allies have worked within the Security Council to enforce that council's long-standing demands.

"Yet some permanent members of the Security Council have publicly announced they will veto any resolution that compels the disarmament of Iraq," Bush said. "These governments share our assessment of the danger, but not our resolve to meet it."

"Many nations, however, do have the resolve and fortitude to act against this threat to peace. And a broad coalition is now gathering to enforce the just demands of the world. The United Nations Security Council has not lived up to its responsibilities. So we will rise to ours."

Should Saddam Hussein choose not to leave Iraq, the U.S. military will use every measure needed to win a war. "Americans understand the costs of conflict because we have paid them in the past," the president said.

"War has no certainty except the certainty of sacrifice."

The president said in his attempt to remain in power, Hussein and terrorist groups may attempt to conduct terrorist operations against the American people and allies.

"These attacks are not inevitable," he said. "They are, however, possible." But, he added, the terrorist threat to America and the world will be diminished the moment Saddam Hussein is disarmed.

Shortly after the president's address, the Department of Homeland Security raised the threat level to "Orange." Officials there noted that American authorities have expelled people with ties to Iraqi intelligence.

The president has also directed additional security at airports and increased Coast Guard patrols of major seaports.

"In the 20th century, some chose to appease murderous dictators whose threats were allowed to grow into genocide and global war," the president said. "In this century, when evil men plot chemical, biological and nuclear terror, a policy of appeasement could bring destruction of a kind never before seen on this earth."

"Terrorists and terror states do not reveal these threats with fair notice in formal declarations. And responding to such enemies only after they have struck first is not self-defense, it is suicide. The security of the world requires disarming Saddam Hussein now."

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those who report FWA situations.

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

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mass destruction, but I wonder how much destruction we would find if we measured the destruction of the words that we use on the people who feel the pain of the hateful words we use?

Do we really think that just because saying certain phrases and words, which used to be unacceptable, has now become common to where they have no effect? I hope not, since we now know that words can impact people in ways that effect them for the rest of their lives.

Maybe the worst weapon we have access to are our own words. When we

tell a child or a spouse that they are "stupid" or that they will never measure up enough they begin to believe it. When they begin to believe it and live their lives as though they were worthless or "stupid," then we have effectively used a weapon that has destroyed lives.

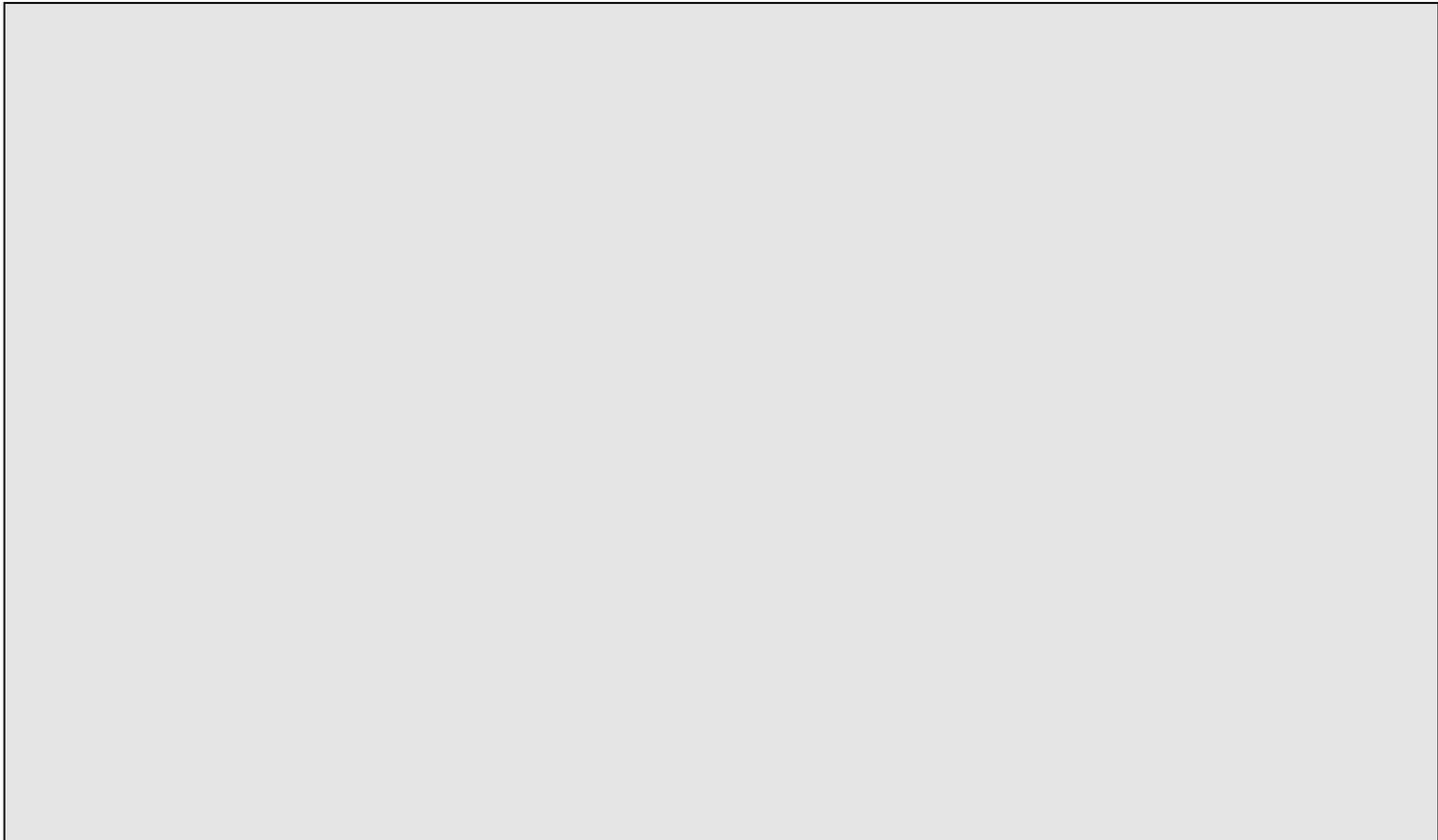
I suspect that in light of recent events many will wonder why I am talking about words when our nation is on the brink of war. Here is the reason. The war, should it come, will end. Our words will be with us forever.

Peace,  
Fr Randel



Photo by Rob Jackson

Commander Jeff Johnston (center), Installation and Logistics Department director, MCLB Barstow, chats with former "Sea Bees" Dennis Boyce (left) and Bob Wolleson (right) at the Veterans Home of California-Barstow after a cake-cutting ceremony honoring the 61st anniversary of the Navy Construction Battalion March 11. The name Sea Bee and insignia were officially recognized March 5, 1942.



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