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MCB to possibly hire 250-plus workers

By Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero
Public Affairs Chief

In anticipation of an influx of equipment used during the Iraqi war, now in need of repair, Maintenance Center Barstow here is preparing to possibly hire more than 250 people.

All positions will be full-time term (40 hours per week), with health, life and retirement benefits, according to an MCLB Barstow Human Resources Office anticipated workload announcement.

The jobs and skill levels range from experienced mechanics and electricians in wage grade five (WG-5) through 10 (WG-10), according to the announcement. The period of employment is approximately two years and is open to all U.S. citizens. Anyone may apply for these positions, and no civil service status is required.

If the Maintenance Center ends up hiring the 250-plus additional employees, it will be the most people hired in recent years, according to Ray Magorno, human resource specialist with the Human Resources Office

here, who started working at MCLB Barstow in 1984.

"We haven't hired this many people probably in a good couple of decades," said Magorno, whose office provides a list of candidates for the Maintenance Center to select from and ensures hiring practices are in compliance with all civil service rules and regulations.

The mission given by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld regarding the regeneration of the armed forces is to "do this right and do it fast," said Col. Rob Gerlaugh, Maintenance Center Barstow commander.

To do it right, however, requires careful planning. The planning for regenerating the Marine forces with full-mission capable equipment is ongoing, and it will continue to be so as more information comes from U.S. forces in the Gulf to the planners at Headquarters Marine Corps and at the Marine Corps Logistics Command in Albany, Ga., according to Gerlaugh.

As equipment is marshaled from Iraq to the port area in Kuwait, people

there are describing the amount of equipment in terms of acres, and a lot of equipment is still in the field, said Gerlaugh.

Equipment that units have brought out of the Operation Iraqi Freedom area of operations, or that's being recovered by logisticians, is in every imaginable condition, according to Gerlaugh. Some equipment is damaged beyond repair, and some equipment that wasn't used much is in fine shape.

There is no exact number available of how much or what type of equipment will require depot-level maintenance when it returns to the United States. This information is being compiled now by planners in the Gulf and at Albany, Ga. Preliminary estimates, however, lead Maintenance Center officials to expect to receive a sizeable increase in workload by late summer or early fall that is not currently scheduled in the Master Work Schedule for this or next year.

Since the expected workload may be more than the Maintenance Center's 732 people can handle,

Gerlaugh said the Maintenance Center has identified initial requirements for additional skilled people. He also added that he expects the number of required personnel to continually change as the Maintenance Center receives further information about how large the workload will be and when it will be received.

"When is all of this going to start happening? We don't know," said Gerlaugh. "I think by the end of the fiscal year, by the end of September, we're going to be experiencing the first surge of additional work. Whether we'll be able to handle that with just what we have here in house or have to hire on more, we don't know, but we have to plan for it now."

Although there are several unknown variables, Gerlaugh said he's confident the Maintenance Center is going to have to hire additional people.

Another thing Gerlaugh is confident of is that if additional workers are required, then the Maintenance Center needs to take appropriate ac-

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MCLC receives new commander

By Sgt. Joshua Bozeman
MCLB Albany

A former operations officer of the Depot Maintenance Activity here, which is now known as Maintenance Center Barstow, assumed command of the Marine Corps Logistics Command in Albany, Ga., Friday.

Maj. Gen. Harold Mashburn, who as a major and lieutenant colonel worked at MCLB Barstow from 1985 to 1988, relieved Brig. Gen. Bradley M. Lott, who will move on to serve as the deputy commanding general, Marine Combat Development Command in Quantico, Va.

Lott thanked the band, emergency services, Naval medical personnel, and the Provost Marshal's Office personnel for their constant support and often unnoticed dedication.

Lott also challenged current LogCom personnel to maintain the

momentum they have built up in the past two years to continue innovative work under the new leadership.

Lott said a lot of changes will take place after the transition of leadership, describing Mashburn as a man who always looks for ways to make things better.

"Everything changes today ...," Mashburn said jokingly, after Lott made a comment about him being a "fast change agent," and handed him the microphone. Mashburn went on to say that he is happy to be in Albany and looks forward to working here.

Mashburn promised to keep his comments short, but made his philosophy clear.

"Mission first, people always," he said.

After the ceremony, Mashburn added that he did not plan to make

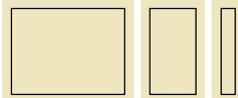
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Photo by Sgt. Joshua Bozeman

Maj. Gen. Harold Mashburn, new commanding general of Marine Corps Logistics Command, Albany, Ga., talks to the crowd during the change of command ceremony.

The Commander's Forum



The "Commander's Forum" is a tool of the base commander to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call the hotline at 577-6535 or send your concerns via e-mail to Forumc@barstow.usmc.mil.

Q On May 29, my family and I (I am a retired Marine) went to the pool and were under the understanding from the lifeguard that it was open until 7 p.m.

About 18 minutes until, we were told that it was closed and we had to leave.

When we got out to my car it was 16 minutes until and the

lifeguard that looked like a high schooler, who was not an active duty person, was in such a hurry to get to his car and leave that I just thought that was kind of a poor practice. Thank you.

A The head, Semper Fit Division, spoke to the lifeguard who was on duty on May 29 at the Oasis Pool. The

lifeguard stated that he told the patrons at approximately 6:55 p.m. that the pool was closing and that they needed to get out of the water.

The lifeguard thought that it would take the patrons about five minutes to get out of the water, dry themselves off, gather up the belongings, etc.

The lifeguards are required to maintain a logbook during their

shift.

The lifeguard signed out at 7 p.m. on May 29. There is also a checklist of closing procedures that the lifeguards are required to complete, and the lifeguards will receive additional training to ensure those procedures are followed properly.

The only acceptable reasons for closing the pools early are in the event of a storm, low chemicals, or an emergency.

An additional step in the closing procedure has been initiated requiring lifeguards at both pools to synchronize their closings.

Effective immediately, the lifeguard at the Family Pool will

call the lifeguard at the Oasis Pool at 6:50 p.m. and let them know that they have 10 minutes until the pool closes so that they can inform the patrons.

At 7 p.m. the lifeguard at the Family Pool will again call the lifeguard at the Oasis Pool and inform them that it is time to close. Both pools will then be able to be closed at the same time and we will avoid any differences in closing times.

Signs have been posted to display the operating hours of the pools as well as the Semper Fit office number that patrons can call with concerns or questions. Thank you for contacting the Commander's Forum.

Make prayer a priority

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



I recently returned from a short vacation where I spent a week with family and friends listening to the children tell stories and the adults recount events from their lives.

Many of the stories were filled with joy, especially the children's

as they told of mastering spelling tests, winning games, and participating in their favorite activities.

The adults seemed to tell different stories, stories that talked about how families stand together during tough times and helped each other, which seemed to reflect the value that seems to grow in each of us as we mature, the value of the familial bond. The stories pointed to times when help was offered or needed and even though it placed a hardship on those involved, the fact that they were all part of the family seemed to smooth over the rough places.

What was interesting was to note how adversity seemed to call out the best in each of the family members. How each person

had dramatically risen to the occasion of helping each other or even making what they had stretch when it seemed impossible to do so.

All of these stories brought a sense of courage and humanity to the time we spent together and put me in mind of a passage I had recently read in the Psalms.

The passage was Psalm 83 and talks about several nations sort of ganging up on Israel and how the prayer was for God to come to their aid and drive the enemy away with different natural occurrences.

The end of the Psalm capped off the entire statement by asking God to cover their faces with shame so that they would seek the Name of the Lord. I thought about how easy it is to seek God during adversity, when calamity strikes, or when fear surrounds us.

I can recall all of the post 9-11 bumper stickers that said, "God bless America," and all the religious services that were held, and the times that prayers were asked by countless persons in the public eye and by people everywhere.

It seems that there must be cause that calls for extraordinary measures before we as a people decide we will work together

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Lance Cpl. Lenard A. Dockter, communications center operator for the Communications Division, protests during an exercise the Army National Guard was holding at the Yermo Annex. See related story and photos on Page 9.

Chapel Services

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

Confession services before Mass

Catholic Rosary

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

For more info call 577-6849.

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30 p.m.

At the **Chapel Office**.

For more info call 577-6849.



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News Briefs

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Lunch Menu

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

Today – Stuffed bell peppers

Friday – Breaded hoki fish

Monday – Country fried steak

Tuesday – Barbecue beef

Wednesday – Sliced pork tenderloin

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, including civilians \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to noon. Cactus Cafe serves hamburgers, subs, salads and other line items available for walk-in lunch—for other Family Restaurant lunch menu items, call in orders before 9:30 a.m. to the Family Restaurant at 577-6428.

Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. Prices: Active duty military \$1.60, all others \$3.25.

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Prime Rib night. \$6 the first time around, \$.50 per ounce after that. Baked or mashed potato, dessert and drink.

Leave Donations

James Mintz, of the Maintenance Center, has been affected by a medical emergency. People desiring to donate leave under the leave sharing program may obtain a leave donor application through their division administrative officer. For more information, call Pat Snyder at 577-7138.

Swim lessons

Swim lessons will be provided from July 7-11 and from July 21-25. Classes will take place in the Oasis Club Pool from 9:30-11 a.m. This course will be provided for \$5 to children 3 to 13 years old. Anyone outside of this age group who wishes to have swim lessons, please contact Jennifer Wales at 577-6817 for more information on adult lessons.

Registration for classes will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., on Wednesday July 2 for the July 7-11 classes,

and Wednesday, July 16 for the July 21-25 classes. At registration, each child will be evaluated and placed in a level for the class. There will be three levels and each level will be taught in 30-minute blocks

Space is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Each level has a maximum of eight students.

Electrical Outage

On Saturday, the electricity will be cut off at Buildings 103 and 372, and the front gate area from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The electricity will be out in the area east of the golf course to the sewer plant from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. The golf course club house will not be affected.

Motorcycle Safety Course

There will be a motorcycle safety course July 11 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the base safety classroom in Building 236.

This course is mandatory for those wishing to operate motorcycles aboard MCLB Barstow.

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

People who have already taken this course or a similar safe riding course through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation or the California State Motorcycle Safety Association do not need to take this course to operate a motorcycle aboard the base.

To sign up, or for more information, call Steven Waugh at 577-6448 or reach him by e-mail at waughsf@barstow.usmc.mil.

Voting Slogan Contest

The Federal Voting Assistance Program is holding a voting slogan contest. There is no limit to the number of entries a participant may submit. The deadline is July 11.

The contest winner and runners-up will receive a certificate of recognition from the secretary of defense.

All submissions must include a full name, service, if military, mailing address, daytime telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. If submitting by mail or fax, type or print on regular 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. Entries can be sent by one of the following methods.

E-mail: slogan@fvap.ncr.gov

Fax: (703) 588-0108 or DSN 425-0108.

Mail:

Federal Voting Assistance Program

Attn.: Voting Slogan Contest

Washington Headquarters Services



1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington D.C. 20301-1155

Tees and Trees specials

Breakfast Club Special - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to noon, green fees: \$5 for 9 holes, \$8 for 18 holes.

Call 577-6431 for details.

Tees and Trees golf course is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to dusk.

Summer YAC Programs

Summer fun at the Youth Activities Center for youth ages 6 through 15 has begun.

This program will run Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through August 22.

The program will not be in session July 4. Program space is limited to 60 children.

Each week will have a fun theme with activities such as field trips, arts and crafts, swimming and sports activities.

Meals will not be provided. However, the YAC snack bar will be open for children who wish to purchase food.

The cost of this program will be \$20 per week for the first child and \$10 per week for each additional child.

There will be extra charges for some field trips, and children must provide their own snack lunch for the field trips.

Open recreation is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays for children. For teens the schedule is 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays

Fireworks banned on base, in Barstow

By **Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero**, Public Affairs Chief

As the 4th of July approaches, many Americans celebrate their freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics and family gatherings. Some patriots may even have plans to purchase and play with personal fireworks.

But fireworks are not toys. They can cause deaths, blinding, and other severe injuries. On a typical Independence Day, fireworks cause more fires in the United States than all other causes combined, according to the National Fire Protection Association Web site.

Not only are fireworks risky, personal fireworks are also illegal to possess and use on base and in and near Barstow, said Fire Chief Robert Wyman, Fire and Emer-

gency Services Division here, and Cindy Kunkel, dispatch manager with the

Barstow Fire Protection District.

Possession of any type of fireworks, including "safe and sane," in any unincorporated area of San Bernardino County, is illegal, according to a San Bernardino County press release. Fireworks will be confiscated and citations may be issued. In the event a fire occurs due to the unsafe use of fireworks, the individual may be criminally charged and responsible for restitution.

Since the use of all personal fireworks is prohibited, the only fireworks show people may legally enjoy in the Barstow area is the public fireworks display at Barstow City's Independence Day celebration at the Sportspark, 2800 Guadalupe Drive, at 9 p.m. July 4.

through Fridays.

CFC Brochure design contest

The Mojave Region Combined Federal Campaign committee is having a contest for the children of federal workers to design the cover for this year's CFC brochure. The

contest is open for two age categories: ages 5 through 9 and 10 through 15. Each design must be in black and white, on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper and in landscape format. The design theme can be patriotic or depict federal employees such as the Postal Ser-



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Nicholas Betlewicz tees off on the first hole at the Tees and Trees Golf Course during the Marine Corps Ball Golf Tournament Friday. Betlewicz's team won the tournament with a score of 10-under par.

ASD Marines coach baseball

Admin clerks mentor Barstow youth

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
Editor

Two Marines from the Military Personnel Division here recently finished a season of coaching Barstow youths in Junior League Baseball.

Pfc.'s Keith J. Waltercumings, promotions and separations clerk, and Daniel Hart, unit diary clerk, decided to take on the challenge of coaching while dining out at Pizza Hut.

"They were having sign-ups at Pizza Hut, and I jokingly asked if they needed any coaches and the lady said they did," said Waltercumings.

Taking over a team of 13-and 14-year-olds, Waltercumings and Hart taught the kids about baseball and life.

"I talked to one kid who was doing bad in school," said Hart. "I talked to him about how school was important and how to keep his grades up."

Waltercumings said he tried to help a few kids take a better outlook on life.

"I talked to a few kids who had bad attitudes and tried to get them to enjoy themselves," said Waltercumings. "I tried to teach them to take a good attitude toward everything they do in life."

Using their playing experience from when they were growing up, Hart and Waltercumings also tried to emphasize the fundamentals of the game to the kids.

"Our main concern on the field was to get

the kids to play good baseball," said Hart. "We tried to teach them to cut down on errors and to not strike out at the plate."

Each of the two volunteers has interesting backgrounds. They met at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune at administration school after boot camp.

"I saw that (Hart) has a tattoo of the San Francisco Giants logo on his back and I told him I was a big fan too," said Waltercumings.

Together, with their love of the Giants and hatred of the Los Angeles Dodgers, they formed a pretty tight relationship, which carried over to them being roommates here.

Waltercumings, who was married to his longtime girlfriend, Jinifer, on May 23, wanted to get into coaching because he said he wanted to help the youth of Barstow any way he could. He did that by teaching the life skills that can be learned by playing baseball, such as teamwork and self-reliance.

Hart said he wanted to coach because it gave the kids on his team something to do besides getting into trouble. He said baseball was the avenue he chose as a youth to stay healthy and out of trouble and he wanted to help provide that opportunity to the youth of Barstow.

Both Marines enjoyed their volunteering experience.

"I'm just glad that we got to give back to the community," said Waltercumings. "That was the most important thing."

Sailor of Quarter treats wounded Marines

By Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt
BARSTOW LOG Staff

The Branch Medical Clinic here recently held a Sailor of the Quarter board and the decision was unanimous. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Juan J. Ayon, sick call corpsman in the treatment room, took the board and reigns as the clinic's current Sailor of the Quarter.

Ayon said he was informed that he was nominated for the board about three days prior to the event.

He studied hard, looking over Navy knowledge, memorizing the Sailor's Creed and "squaring away" his working white uniform.

"(Board members) take a lot of things into consideration. PRT scores, previous training, decorations and awards, but the board only consists of a uniform inspection and a Q and A session," said Ayon.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Dee Thomas, a board member for more than a year, said Ayon was the only sailor she'd ever heard recite the entire Sailor's Creed verbatim.

Ayon has been stationed all over the world, working mostly as a corpsman with the 1st Marine Division Marines based out of 29 Palms, Calif.

"When I got here (late last year), no one knew what was going on. I took control of limited duty records after a one day course at Camp Pendleton, and a week later, I knew where everyone

(applicable) on base stood," he said.

Ayon said he also took charge of physical evaluation boards here.

"The clinic was undermanned with all the sailors who went overseas, so it was pretty much a hasty pass-down of duty."

Ayon also took over the billet of assistant safety officer, briefing the new check-ins to the clinic on fire drills, chemical spills and hazardous material procedures.

"I attend video conference meetings about once a month here from Camp Pendleton," he said.

"Even though he's an HM3, I can often rely on him more than the senior personnel," said Thomas.

Picking up the rank of petty officer third class of the Navy is no easy task, said Ayon. Applicants must pass a rank test, promotion status is checked, time in service, awards and medals as well as certificate of commendations signed by generals are evaluated.

"The board was hard to prepare for," said Ayon. "I knew the Sailor's Creed and the other guy didn't."

Ayon said it helped that he could also recite verbatim the hospital corpsman's creed.

Nominations for the board are equally as challenging, said Ayon.

"It has to be someone who thinks you're worthy of the title, and thinks you have a good shot."

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mary

Collins, who was not available for comment, nominated Ayon for the board.

"I don't think there's any reason why I shouldn't have been nominated," Ayon said confidently.

"It's the kind of work where you never know what's going to happen," said Ayon. "I may have a 'to do' list at the beginning of the day, but with everyone checking out, getting shots and everything, you don't know what's coming up."

Ayon said that his most difficult task as a corpsman was training with the 1st Marine Division.

"We were doing a cold weather training exercise called a 'winter Bridgeport,' humping up a mountain called 'cardiac hill.' We all had full cold weather combat loads, plus the extra 25 lbs. of medical gear.

"All the other corpsman had fallen out, and I was still up front with the Marines and I heard the famous 'corpsman up!' I ran back to where I heard the call and there was some overweight staff sergeant who was going into convulsions and holding the left side of his chest. I decided we had to get him out of there, you know, a medevac, but we couldn't get a (helicopter) 'cause of the elevation, so we got a trac, like a snow tank. Three Marines helped me get him out of there, and I rode down with the staff sergeant. The whole time I was thinking 'this guy could die, and I was re-

sponsible.' We got him down the hill and he lived, and they immediately made me the senior corpsman.

"When people fall out of humps (at MCLB Barstow) it's a joke," Ayon said

comparing the challenges Marines face here to the operational forces.

His favorite part about being a corpsman, he said, is working with Marines and being part of the camaraderie.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Juan Ayon, treatment room corpsman with the Branch Medical Clinic here, works on the back of a Marine at sick call.

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tions to ensure qualified workers are identified and hired as needed.

"Because the manpower system takes so long to generate potential candidates, you've got to get a jump on it," said Gerlaugh about recruiting additional employees.

The Maintenance Center recently submitted to the Human Resources Office recruiting personnel actions of the type and number of people wanted.

People interested in applying for a job at the Maintenance Center should visit the Department of the Navy's Civilian Human Resources Web site (www.donhr.navy.mil) and follow these steps: Click on "jobs,jobs,jobs" and select "Southwest Region." Follow the instructions on the Job Application Kit on how to apply electronically or by U.S. mail. The Additional Data Sheet must be completed and submitted with the application. The Job Application Kit may be printed from the Web site or is available at the following locations:

Human Resources Office, Building 236, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Mondays through Fridays during the hours of 7:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., excluding Holidays. (760) 577-6357, 577-6279, 577-6919, 577-6481

or 577-6487.

Employment Development Departments (located at Barstow Community College, 2700 Barstow Road, Room C-2), (760) 252-2878; and in Victorville, 15419 Cholame Road, (760) 241-1682).

Jobs and Employment Services Department in Barstow, 1300 E. Mountain View Ave., (760) 256-4352, or the local employment offices.

Resumes received and successfully processed by July 1 will receive first consideration, according to the Human Resources Office anticipated workload announcement. Resumes will be evaluated bi-weekly thereafter.

The resume is an applicant's opportunity to sell a potential employer on his or her knowledge, skills and abilities, said Magorno.

The process of getting a job begins with potential employees providing resumes, said Magorno. The resume, whether it is submitted electronically or as a hard copy, goes to the Human Resource Service Center in San Diego, which enters the application into a computer system to be evaluated.

How is this evaluation done? The Maintenance Center's Manpower and Administration Department, headed by Leonard Hilton, together with the Production Management Department, headed by Carl Chisam, will determine the type

and number of people needed and work these requirements through the Human Resources Office. That list of requirements is matched up to the skills applicants list on their resumes. In general, applicants are ranked based on how well their skills match up with the required skills. Special consideration, however, is given to such people as 30-percent or more disabled veterans.

After receiving the job applications and ranking them, the Human Resource Service Center provides the Human Resources Office here with the names of people who seem to qualify on paper for the various jobs at the Maintenance Center. The Human Resources Office then sends the list of names to the Maintenance Center where the supervisors make their selections.

After the Maintenance Center makes selections, the Human Resources Office will send those selections to the Human Resource Service Center, who will then confirm whether the Priority Placement Program is clear and that a job offer may be made to an applicant.

The Priority Placement Program is a DOD policy designed to minimize the adverse effects on employees caused by actions such as reductions-in-force, base closures, realignments, consolidations, contracting out, position classification decisions, rotation from overseas, and transfers of function, according to a Priority Place-

ment Program fact sheet.

After the Priority Placement Program is clear, the Human Resources Office will contact the applicant, who, if he or she accepts the job, will receive an appointment for a medical evaluation and subsequent report date.

Applicants for the journeyman-level grades, usually WG-10 and higher, go through a supervisory panel at the Maintenance Center, according to Margorno.

Other than the obvious benefit of acquiring work, Margorno said taking a term job also provides people with exposure to the federal employment system, which is not an easy system to understand. As people experience term civil service, they can learn the system and decide whether they want to pursue permanent civil service employment.

A large number of people won't be able to get term jobs at the Maintenance Center, however, until the center receives the additional workload.

"We can't just go out and hire 250 people and have them sitting around waiting for the work to come in," said Gerlaugh.

"It's going to take some time to unfold, and I don't know how much time," said Gerlaugh. "But as fast as we need the help, we're going to be going out trying to get it. That much I know."



Photo by Curt Lambert

Maintenance Center Barstow employees work on equipment at the center. Because of the expected influx of additional workload, MCB is preparing to possibly hire more than 250 people. A workshop will be held at the Barstow Ramada Inn July 2 to help people apply for civil-service employment.

Job workshop scheduled July 2

By Gunnery Sgt. John Cordero
Public Affairs Chief

A free, public "How to Prepare an Effective Resume for Employment at MCLB Barstow" workshop is scheduled to be held Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Barstow Ramada Inn, 1511 East Main St.

The workshop, designed for anyone interested in a job at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, will provide information about completing and submitting federal applications for employment at the base.

Sponsored by the Barstow Chamber of Commerce, Maintenance Center Barstow, MCLB Barstow's Personal Services Division, and the Ramada Inn, the workshop will help residents of Barstow and the surrounding areas uncover the secrets of completing the sometimes difficult and complex Department of the Navy's federal resume, according to Chuck Ashbrook, program manager of the Personal Services Division's Career Resource Manage-

ment Center here.

People who attend one of the three two-hour seminars will be briefed on the "dos and don'ts" of preparing and submitting a federal resume.

After the workshop, they will be able to ensure the formatting and information provided in their federal resumes are correct, said Ashbrook. They will also get their resumes accepted and reviewed for employment at MCLB Barstow, and learn how to apply for more than one position at a time.

Attendees will receive handouts that provide examples and illustrations for effective resume preparation, and are encouraged to bring a pen and note paper.

Seating is limited to 200 people for each seminar and is based on a first-come, first-served basis, according to Ashbrook. Sign-ups will be conducted prior to each seminar.

For additional information, people may call Brenda German, management analyst, Maintenance Center Barstow, (760) 577-7211, or Chuck Ashbrook, (760) 577-6533.

Job Watch

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Series/Grade</u>	<u>Starting Salaries</u>
Artillery Repairer Helpers	WG-6605-5	WG-5 \$13.74 ph
Artillery Repairers	WG-6605-7/9	WG-7 \$16.19 ph - WG-9 \$18.48 ph
Cable Splicers	WG-2504-8	WG-8 \$17.34 ph
Electrical Equipment Repairers	WG-2854-8	WG-8 \$17.34 ph
Equipment Cleaners	WG-7009-5/6	WG-5 \$13.74 ph - WG-6 \$14.99 ph
General Equipment Mechanic	WG-4737-8	WG-8 \$17.34 ph
Graphic Arts Worker	WG-4010-8	WG-8 \$17.34 ph
Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic Helpers	WG-5803-5	WG-5 \$13.74 ph
Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanics	WG-5803-8/10	WG-8 \$17.34 ph - WG-10 \$19.63 ph
Laborers	WG-3502-2/3	WG-2 \$9.98 ph - WG-3 \$11.23 ph
Machinist Helpers	WG-3414-5	WG-5 \$13.74 ph
Machinists	WG-3414-8/10	WG-8 \$17.34 ph - WG-10 \$19.63 ph
Material Expeditors (Fork Lift Operators)	WG-6910-7	WG-7 \$16.19 ph
Metal Tank and Radiator Repairer	WG-3858-8	WG-8 \$17.34 ph
Mobile Equipment Metal Mechanic Helper	WG-3809-5	WG-5 \$13.74 ph
Mobile Equipment Metal Mechanics	WG-3809-8/10	WG-8 \$17.34 ph - WG-10 \$19.63 ph
Mobile Equipment Servicers	WG-5806-6	WG-6 \$14.99 ph
Optical Instrument Repairers	WG-3306-08/11	WG-8 \$17.34 ph - WG-11 \$20.69 ph
Painter Helper	WG-4102-5	WG-5 \$13.74 ph
Painters	WG-4102-7/9	WG-7 \$16.19 ph - WG-9 \$18.48 ph
Pneudraulic System Mechanic Helpers	WG-8255-5	WG-5 \$13.74 ph
Pneudraulic System Mechanics	WG-8255-7/10	WG-7 \$16.19 ph - WG-10 \$19.63 ph
Preservation Servicers	WG-7006-7	WG-7 \$16.19 ph
Sandblasters	WG-5423-7	WG-7 \$16.19 ph
Tire Repairer (Heavy)	WG-5801-6	WG-6 \$14.99 ph
Welders	WG-3703-8/10	WG-8 \$17.34 ph - WG-10 \$19.63 ph

Positions are full-time term (40 Hours per week), with benefits (health, life, and retirement). Period of employment: approximately two years. Open to all U.S. citizens (Anyone can apply for these positions; no civil service status is required). Resumes received and successfully processed by July 1 will receive first consideration. Resumes will be evaluated bi-weekly thereafter.

If you are interested in any of the above positions, visit the Web site: www.donhr.navy.mil. Click on [jobs,jobs,jobs](#) and select Southwest Region. Please follow the instructions on the Job Application Kit on how to apply electronically or by U.S. mail. The Additional Data Sheet must be completed and submitted with your application. The Job Application Kit may be printed from the Web site or is available at the following locations:

Human Resources Office, Building 236, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m.; Mondays through Fridays, (excluding Holidays). 577-6357, 6279, 6919, 6481 or 6487.

Employment Development Department (located at Barstow Community College, 2700 Barstow Road, Room C-2, (760) 252-2878; and Victorville, 15419 Cholame Rd., (760) 241-1682);

Jobs and Employment Services Department in Barstow or your local employment offices.

Department of the Navy is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified candidates will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age disability, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factor.

Tax scam targets advance child tax credit recipients

News release
Internal Revenue Service

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service recently issued a consumer alert, warning taxpayers about a new scam targeting potential recipients of the Advance Child Tax Credit.

The IRS has seen isolated instances of this new scheme. A taxpayer receives a telephone call from a person who promises to speed up the payment of the Advance Child Tax Credit checks. The catch is the taxpayer must agree to a \$39.99 charge to a credit card.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that no person or organization can “speed up” the payment of tax benefits. In reality, taxpayers do not have to take any action to get the new benefit, which fea-

tures an advance payment for up to \$400 per qualifying child. The Treasury Department and IRS will perform all the calculations and automatically mail a notice and a check to each eligible taxpayer, beginning the week of July 25.

“The only thing the taxpayer needs to do is cash the check,” said Mark W. Everson, IRS Commissioner. “If you qualify, we will send you a notice. There’s no need to call, no need to apply, no need to fill out another form. The IRS will do all the work. A few days after the notice, you will get the check.”

Under the new scam, the IRS is seeing the continuation of a trend that emerged earlier this year when the families of those serving in the armed forces were targeted. In both of these

schemes, scam artists use current events to prey on unsuspecting victims. The scams also feature callers seeking credit card information to get taxpayers to pay for special benefits.

If the taxpayer agrees to the charge and provides a credit card number or other sensitive personal information, she could find a much larger charge to her account. By the time the taxpayer realizes something is wrong, the scam operator is long gone, possibly victimizing another taxpayer.

If you encounter this latest tax scam or suspect tax fraud or abuse in some other situation, report it to your nearest Internal Revenue Service office. When in doubt, seek help from the IRS or a tax professional.

The IRS tax fraud hotline is at 1-800-829-0433.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Erik Dortch goes up for a layup against Stanley Rawles during the Marine Corps Ball Basketball Tournament Friday. Dortch's team took the title.

Personal Services Division

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder explained

By David Nieman, Ph.D.
PSD Clinical Supervisor

When I grew up in the south in the sixties I had no idea what Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) meant. I did know that two of my relatives had problems following their involvement in separate wars.

My mother's father, my grandfather, died before I was born. My mother told me her father was never the same after he returned from WWI. His job was to bury the dead. My mother said he had terrible nightmares and drank a lot after he returned. Imagine, if you can, the daily experience of loading terribly mangled bodies or parts of bodies. Not only was there the visual effect but also the terrible smell of decomposing human flesh, the exposure to disease or, even worse, nerve agents. You can begin to see the picture now. Think about doing this for almost two years.

My uncle, unlike my grandfather, I knew quite well. He was great as uncles go. He used to take me hunting and fishing, and

we watched a lot of football together. He never spoke of the war, but on a couple of occasions I asked about his experiences. He saw Mussolini and his wife strung up by their toes and killed and had personal photographs of the event. What really bothered him was one particular event during WWII.

My uncle was taken prisoner by the Germans and held in a POW camp. During the weeks of captivity my uncle got to know one of his captors, a 19-year-old German soldier. For whatever reason this young German soldier liked my uncle and befriended him.

Even though my uncle spoke no German and the German soldier knew no English, they developed a friendship. He made sure my uncle had some food and an occasional cigarette.

What really haunted my uncle was that he eventually killed this young man to escape. He only spoke to me one time about this event, and it was very difficult for me to see the guilt, pain and shame he felt as he talked. Tears welled up in his eyes, but he never

allowed himself to cry. I quickly and naively pointed out that this is what anyone would do in this circumstance. He was unmoved by my suggestion. He like my grandfather suffered from nightmares and alcohol abuse. He had extreme startle reflexes to loud noises if he did not expect them, especially fireworks.

Now looking back many years later as a trained professional I recognize in my family members the symptoms of PTSD. The sad part about this is no one knew what suffering they endured or how to help them. They both suffered and died with no one to share or help them through the complicated maze of feelings that war brings.

Fortunately today we do know how to help individuals who suffer with PTSD. I am writing this article so that no returning Marine or sailor suffers needlessly as my family members did. Help is available at MCLB Barstow.

Our clinical staff is available to walk you or a loved one through the dark haunting shadows of fear and confusion into the light of

understanding.

By making you aware of the signs and symptoms you will be able to recognize them in yourself, a buddy or family member. So what is PTSD? PTSD is a group of symptoms that occur usually within the first three months of an event that is considered outside the realm of normal human experience. This can occur as a result of an earthquake, a serious car accident, being the victim of a robbery or witnessing a robbery. So how do you know if you have or a friend who might be experiencing PTSD?

The American Red Cross offers the following signs and symptoms of PTSD:

The symptoms to watch for:

- *Recurring thoughts or nightmares about the event.
- *Having trouble sleeping or changes in appetite.
- *Experiencing anxiety and fear, especially when exposed to events or situations reminiscent of the trauma.
- *Being on edge, being easily startled or becoming overly alert.
- *Feeling depressed, sad and

having low energy.

* Experiencing memory problems including difficulty in remembering aspects of the trauma.

*Feeling "scattered" and unable to focus on work or daily activities.

*Having difficulty making decisions.

*Feeling irritable, easily agitated, or angry and resentful.

*Feeling emotionally "numb," withdrawn, disconnected or different from others.

* Spontaneously crying, feeling a sense of despair and hopelessness.

*Feeling extremely protective of, or fearful for, the safety of loved ones.

*Not being able to face certain aspects of the trauma, and avoiding activities, places, or even people that remind you of the event.

If after reading these signs and symptoms you are concerned about yourself, a buddy or a loved one, please call Personal Services Division at 577-6533 to get information or to make an appointment with a counselor.

Handling personal finances and career

By Master Sgt. Allyson Hedrick
Personal Finance Counselor

Military life presents unique financial challenges for service members and their families. Circumstances such as relocation or deployment may cause great financial stress for those who have not prepared for the one guaranteed constant in military life known as change. In order to emphasize the full scope of the importance of financial fitness, one must understand how being in debt is viewed by the Navy and Marine Corps and how being in debt can effect a career.

Military members have an obligation to pay their "just financial obligations" in a proper and timely manner. Debts are defined "just" when the service member agrees who he owes the debt or the debt has been reduced to a judgement that conforms to the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act. Members that don't pay their bills on time are egeneally viewed as irresponsible, even when they fully intend to pay. After all, neglecting to meet financial obligations is not in alignment with our Navy and Marine Corps creed, "Honor, Courage, and Commitment." Those who choose to shun their

financial responsibilities are beckoning the negative consequences as a direct result of ignoring obligated debt. In simple terms this means that these Marines and sailors put themselves at risk for both formal discipline and administrative discharge. Discharges may come with a loss of benefits if the disciplined member acted deceitfully, lied, committed a fraudulent act, or intentionally refused to pay debts for reason other than a lack of funds to do so.

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check when you know you don't have the money in the bank to cover it is a crime. Assertive district attorneys won't hesitate to prosecute, and given there are an estimated 450 million rubber checks a year prosecution is understandable.

Payday lenders are not a quick fix for those living from paycheck to paycheck. Lending operations are often owned by huge corporations, but misrepresent themselves as small, friendly businesses that make payday loans.

Bad checks fall under the loss of benefits category, so don't write them! Service members who are broke and desperate are often tempted to write bad checks. Be aware that in every state, writing a bad

Many consumers who use these lenders think that they are a convenient, no hassle, and fast way of getting a quick loan. However, the hard truth is that these payday loans charge up to \$33 per \$100 borrowed every 14 days.

Borrowers who cannot repay the loan often renew the advance with additional fees. This leads to a cycle of perpetual debt.

Interestingly enough, according to the National Endowment for Financial Education, there are more payday lenders in California than there are McDonalds or Burger King restaurants. Research conducted by Public Interest Group found that the average customer takes out 11 payday loans a year. They average an annual percentage rate (APR) of 474 percent. Stop and analyze the scenario utilizing your Operational Risk Management worksheet. This is certainly not the path to financial freedom.

Good news is that it is unlikely that a military member would be disciplined because he or she has made a poor financial decision and finds himself faced with an isolated incident of owing more than he can pay

without deliberately intending to do so. When deciding whether to discipline a military member because of indebtedness, the reason the Marine or Sailor is in debt becomes quite important.

Remember that being in debt can affect how much responsibility is given to the Marine or sailor. Think about it, if the Navy and Marine Corps finds that a sailor or Marine in debt has acted irresponsibly then it may prevent the Marine or sailor from obtaining a security clearance, being recommended for promotion, special duty assignments, or for re-enlistment. There

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are many reasons service members get themselves in debt. Professionals are available at PSD to help break the cycle.

Civilian Marines who are in financial trouble place themselves at risk for many of the same consequences the military members face. Michael Rasmussen, MCLB Barstow Security Manager, confirmed security clearances may be denied due to indebtedness, thus jeopardizing a job position requiring the clearances. PSD professionals are available to assist them as well.

Marines assist National Guard in training

By Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt
BARSTOW LOG staff

Marines from MCLB Barstow and National Guard components from across the country combined training efforts recently at the National Training Center and MCLB Barstow's Yermo Annex when Marines assisted the units in the most recent Theater Opening Force Module (TOFM) exercise.

A proposition for joint training came to MCLB Barstow earlier this year when officers from NTC contacted Capt. Nowell C. McKnight, Headquarters Battalion executive officer here, and made inquiries about MCLB Barstow providing logistical support for the exercise.

"An agreement was made where, if we provided billeting, food, showers and everything, (NTC) would allow us to participate in the training," said McKnight.

Shortly before the Memorial Day weekend, Maj. Clarence T. Guthrie, III, Headquarters Battalion commanding officer, held a formation and proposed that any Marines who wished to volunteer their time for the upcoming training events would be possibly granted special liberty when the training concluded.

Marines lined up and expressed their desires to participate in the "harassment" of the soldiers.

Volunteers were briefed shortly before Memorial Day by several high-ranking Army officers, explaining the Marines' role would mostly be participation in civilian on the battlefields (COBS) training events.

COBS events involve real-world situations that deployed forces are encountering every day.

Nomads of foreign countries approaching occupying force's perimeters and protesting involvement, seeking medical attention, demanding food and water, and using guerilla tactics attempting to overrun positions are some of the exercises that Marines participated in, said McKnight.

The Army's training mission, however, was not solely to inhabit MCLB Barstow and fend off frequent unwanted visitors.

The rotation of Guardsmen working at Yermo were from the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade out of Clinton, N.C.

Units from South Carolina, Illinois, Indiana, New Mexico and West Virginia also supplemented the 30th HSB, said Brig. Gen. Dan Hickman, 30th HSB commander.

Their mission was to support the NTC's offloading and uploading of tactical equipment from MCLB Barstow's railroad.

To prepare for this rotation, the 30th HSB conducted a mission rehearsal Exercise at Fort Riley, Kansas,

where the National Training Center rotation was rehearsed in detail. Personnel and units within the brigade have been to NTC as part of other rotations, said Col. Danny Bowling, director of logistics for the North Carolina Army National Guard.

Despite frequent problems from civilians on the battlefield, the mission was accomplished in the allotted two weeks time. Bulldozers, tanks and troop transport vehicles were driven off flatbed railcars in the intense high desert sun. Heat casualties were problematic for some soldiers, but Army personnel on site provided medical support.

Guard units were a little rough at first in dealing with civilian aggression, but after two or three similar exercises they showed vast improvement, said Lance Cpl. Anthony M. Spart, a communications center operator for the Communications Division.

The real fun for Marine volunteers came from taking frequent trips to the NTC, applying camouflage paint and wielding rubber M-16A1 rifles, performing late night reconnaissance missions, taking prisoners as well as "killing" a few soldiers.

"That was awesome," said Maj. Guthrie after the first of three recon missions.

Reports came in that the Marines had taken anywhere from 40 to 100

plus soldiers prisoner, and then "stood by" as the Guardsmen were given an evaluation based on the performance of their "Quick Reaction Force."

"In a combat situation, the Army usually takes over all logistical support," said Capt. McKnight, "and soldiers need to know how to do this."

The training for Marines was just as important.

"The Marines are doing a tremendous job. There's a very good chance that one day they could see this same kind of situation," McKnight added.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity to train with Marines and the Army at the same time," said Spart, who participated in two of three recon missions.

"(Marines) learned a lot of stuff that we don't really think about here. Patrolling, noise discipline and just getting dirty," quipped Spart.

After a few missions the reaction force of the Guard units improved, he added.

"I gained a lot of respect for some of those guys. They improvised without weapons and set up an ambush for (Lance Cpl. Peter Vegliante), and it worked. They even captured Major Guthrie."

Spart said that his favorite part of the exercises was "sneaking around the Army perimeter without them knowing. I'd do it again in a minute."

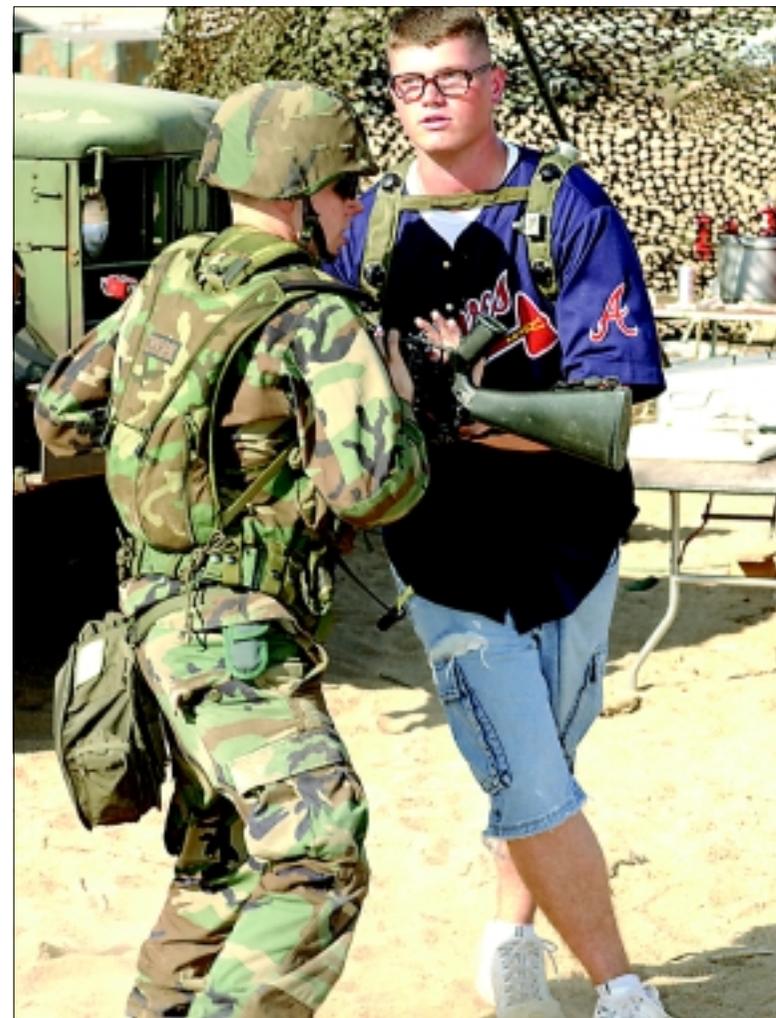


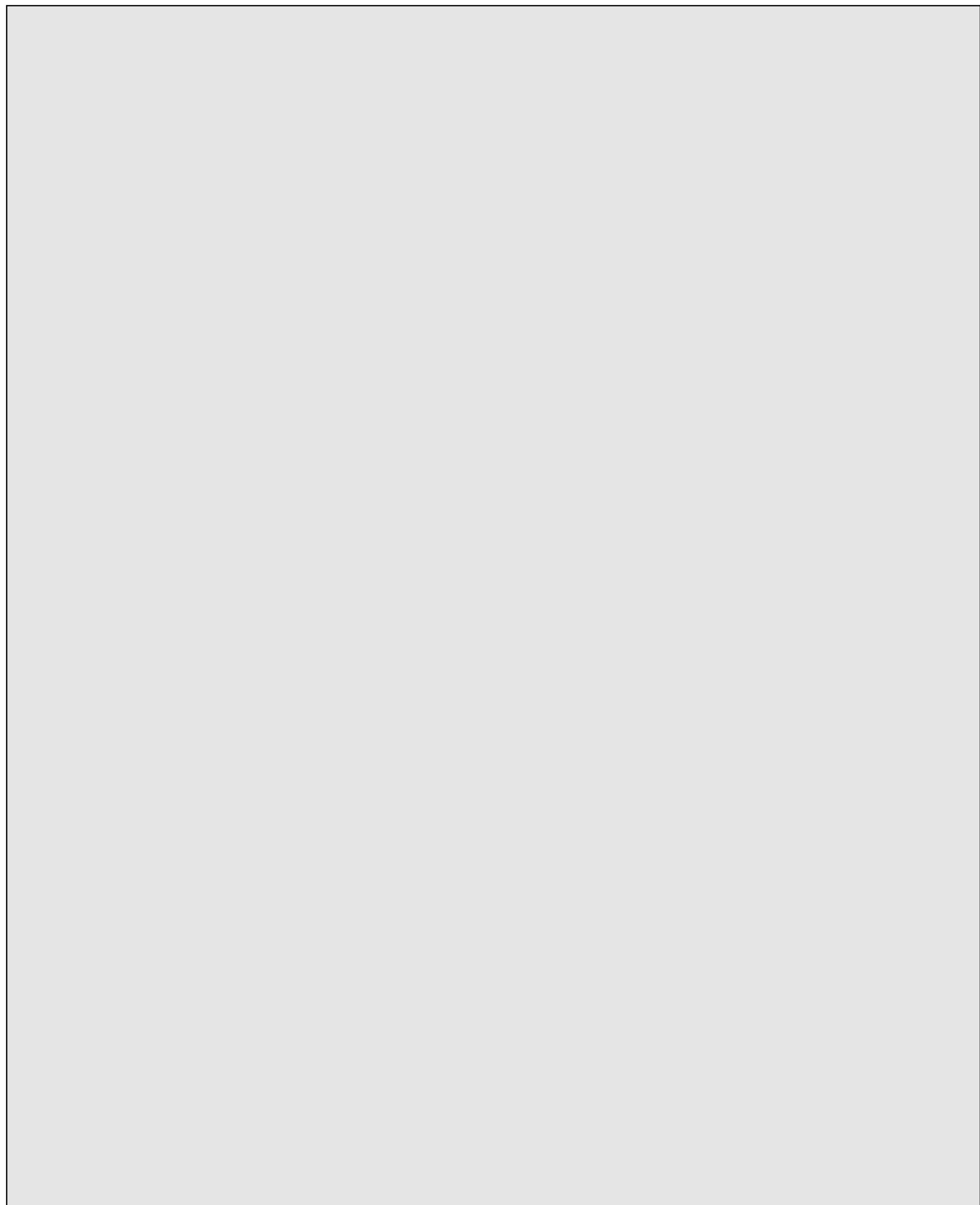
Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Lance Cpl. Timothy Graham, a computer specialist for the Communications Division, attempts to force his way past a soldier from the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade, based out of Clinton, N.C.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Staff Sgt. Christian Galbraith, Headquarters Battalion S-3 chief, gets up close and personal to a member of the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade, wrestling the weapon away while protesting the American occupation of his native land Colusa, an imaginary country.



Around the Corps

Europe Marines help Georgians find their way

By Capt. Teresa Ovalle
Marine Forces Europe

KRTSANISI, Georgia - All Marines need to know how to locate where they are, plan a route to where they need to be, and utilize cover and concealment during the process. Their lives could depend on it.

Many of the soldiers trained through the Georgia Train and Equip Program are conscripts with little or no military experience. Although some of the officers and noncommissioned officers have been trained in soviet style land navigation, all GTEP soldiers will gain experience in the techniques necessary to conduct land navigation in a combat environment.

"The challenge we have with teach-

ing land navigation is that the Georgians are used to soviet maps and compasses and the soviet way of doing things," said Staff Sgt. Eric M. Shedd, instructor/trainer, Team 1, GTEP. "We try to change that mind-set to bring them into NATO standards in order to become a future coalition partner."

Therefore, a one week segment of the 14-week training cycle is geared specifically to land navigation and cover and concealment. The soldiers learn to navigate through the training environment by using a 1:50,000 topographical map, a protractor and a lensatic compass.

"The soldiers need to know what they are up against for terrain features," said Gunnery Sgt. Wendell D. Keener, assistant team leader, Team 1, GTEP.

Keener, a native of Ripon, Calif., stressed the importance of reading the terrain "and to know how to use a map, compass and protractor as the tools to finding locations."

Students also learned how to find an azimuth, determine direction, change grid to magnetic angle, and perform a resection using the map and compass method.

Practical application is done in the field. Soldiers are challenged with both a day and night course and are expected to pass the course as individuals in the day course and as teams at night.

Cover and concealment instruction also begins in the classroom with em-

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Photo by Capt. Teresa Ovalle

KRTSANISI, Georgia - A Georgian soldier uses his lensatic compass to determine azimuth during a practical application land navigation exercise.

Inside MCCS

By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

This week *Inside MCCS* will take a look inside the Hobby Shops to meet the people who provide the hobby services and what they offer.

The Auto Hobby Shop

Gregg Williams at the Auto Hobby Shop is new to the shop, but he nonetheless, can help you with your do-it-yourself auto work.

Doing it yourself can save money - lots of money. Save on hourly mechanic fees, and on the cost of parts.

A major engine overhaul probably can't be done, but there are lots of things you can do yourself.

Things like changing, rotating and balancing tires, oil changes, tune-ups, replace shocks, brake repair, muffler work and the basic upkeep and repair of a car can be completed fairly easily.

You don't have to have mechanical experience. If you've never changed a spark plug, you can take advantage of the Auto Hobby Shop, because there is someone there to help you and guide you through

whatever project you may undertake, and all the tools you'll need are right there at no charge.

Drop by and let Williams show you around the shop, and explain the many things you can do for your car.

The Auto Hobby shop is open Wednesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call Williams at 577-6441.



Gregg Williams

The Ceramic Hobby Shop

Marke Hutchens at the Ceramic Hobby Shop will complete 11 years of service this October, so rest assured his knowledge and experience can help you in any project.

At the Ceramic Hobby

Shop you can make figurines, vases, lamps, mugs, holiday scenes and individual pieces, even a full set of dishes for the holidays. You have to come into the shop to see all the variety of ceramic projects available to you.

Ceramic pieces

make wonderful gifts, plus there is the "I made this for you" factor that adds so much to the gift.

Greenware is the clay ceramic piece before it has been "fired" or baked in a kiln (hot oven). You select your greenware piece and from there on it's your creation - your choice of colors, your designs, your touch - and the finished product will amaze you.

You should give it a try - see what you can create. It's enjoyable, and the Ceramic Hobby Shop has a pleasant atmosphere to do your work.

It's not all work at the shop - there are a lot of fun events, and field trips to make the shop an interesting place to practice your hobby and have fun.

The Ceramic Hobby Shop is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Hutchens at 577-6228.



Marke Hutchens

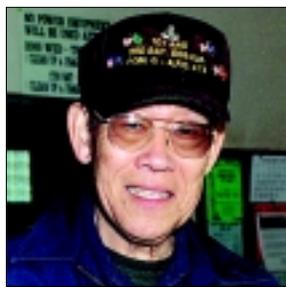
The Wood/Rock Hobby Shop

Bob Izumi at the Wood/Rock Hobby Shop is another long-timer at the base. His knowledge and skill in both woodworking and lapidary (rock work-

ing) will be a huge benefit to you in your projects at the shop.

Bob has a fascinating and illustrious military background.

He served in World War II in the 442nd All Japanese Combat Team, later in the 101st Airborne. Serving in the Korean War, he was in the



Bob Izumi

Beirut crisis of '57 and '58, and he served in Vietnam. He's seen it all and has many military decorations and awards to show for it.

But for now, Bob's main concern is showing you how to enjoy woodworking and lapidary work.

In the woodworking side - you can make bookcases, furniture, gun racks, bird houses, furniture and antique repair and much more.

All the tools you'll need are provided. You do have to provide your own wood. But everything else is here for you, tools, work tables, help and instructions.

Let Izumi go over your proposed project. He can give you tips on what kind and how much wood you'll need.

In the lapidary side - you can make belt buckles, pendants, earrings, necklaces, all sorts of jewelry, and of course those beautiful cut and polished stones. All the stones and

tools are provided.

One-on-one instructions and help are available any time.

The Wood/Rock Hobby Shop is open Wednesdays through Fridays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call Izumi at 577-6692.

Did you know ...

Hobbies are great pastimes, productive in the sense you are making something for yourself, your home or as a gift, or in the case of auto do-it-yourself - money and time saving.

MCCS provides the Auto, Ceramic and Wood/Rock Hobby Shops for your enjoyment at hours convenient to you.

Here's something you may not know - the fees you may pay for items at any of the Hobby Shops does not fully support the shops.

The Hobby Shops are supported in part by the fees you may pay, but funding is also drawn for their operation from such activities as Super Seven Day Store and the Rail-head Exchange, Family Restaurant and other MCCS activities that are revenue generating.

Remember that the next time you purchase something at the Super Seven Day Store, or have lunch at the Family Restaurant - you're buying something at a fair price and you're also supporting many other activities - like the Hobby Shops.

The next MCCS activity to be covered in this column will be Semper Fit.

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and before the call for prayers and God's blessings are asked publicly. I am certain that God's blessings are asked by many privately, but I wonder what would happen if we were able to offer prayers on a basis that did not require an emergency?

For those who believe in prayer it might afford us the opportunity to avoid disasters.

It might also bring us closer to each other since we believe that when prayers are offered that the Almighty works in the hearts of those praying and those for whom prayers are being offered.

It would certainly bring us closer to the Almighty, and we would probably even begin to hear God's voice and recognize it and follow its direction.

Those are all things that I perceive as good and all it takes is for us to not wait for a crises, but to make prayer a daily routine and not just general prayer, rather prayer for our family, our city, our country and other countries.

Who knows what God will do when we pray?

Peace,
Fr Randel
livingoodr@barstow.usmc.mil

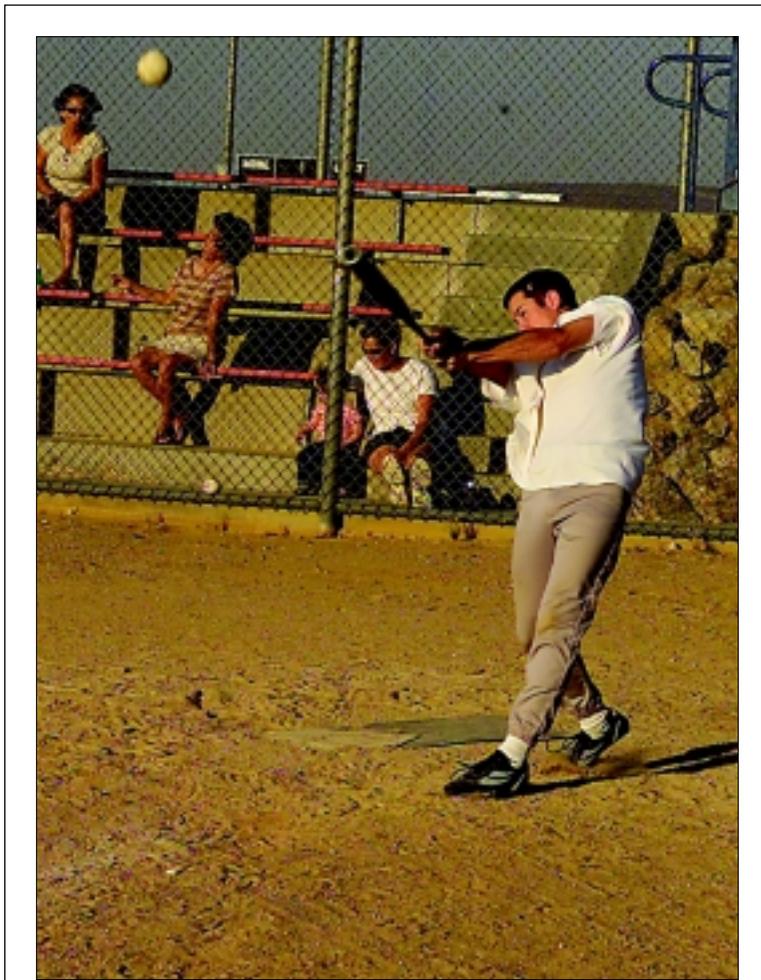


Photo by Cpl. Joshua Bamhardt

Jeff Pearson strokes a single to left field during the first game of the MCLB Bulldog's doubleheader June 19. They split the games and have a 3-2 record on the season.

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phasis being placed on camouflage and target identification, including movement, sound and noise discipline.

During the practical application phase of the training, Georgian soldiers were given additional instruction on applying camouflage paint with emphasis on proper and improper camouflage techniques.

"Cover and concealment are fundamental to every infantryman," said Capt. Lee Helton, officer in charge of training, GTEP. "Force protection and unit discipline are the results of these fundamentals," added the Tulsa, Okla. native.

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vice, military or Park Service for example. Deadline for entries is July 13 and must be mailed to: CFC, P.O. Box 363, Barstow, CA, 92312.

Maintenance complaint line

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

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changes just for the sake of change.

According to Mashburn, the Department of Defense is moving at a fast pace trying to keep up with modern technology and business practices, and LogCom must move at the same pace to remain efficient and competitive.

One of the main ways Mashburn plans to keep LogCom heading in the direction of state-of-the-art facilities is to keep his personnel well educated.

This base has a mission, he said, and he plans to continue to carry out that mission as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Because of that mission, Mashburn said, MCLB Albany will remain relevant.

When asked what the greatest asset aboard the base is, Mashburn replied with a smile, "The people. That's an easy question."

Mashburn went on to explain that if people don't work together, the mission will not be accomplished as effectively.

As the LogCom commander, in addition to being MCLB Albany's commanding officer, Mashburn will oversee MCLB Barstow, Calif., Blount Island Command in Jacksonville, Fla., and the Maintenance Centers at Albany and Barstow.

1996 PONTIAC GRAND AM: automatic, A/C, P/W, P/L, new tires, well maintained, must sell. 3,000 OBO. Call Jason at 252-4175.

1985 FORD RANGER: Long bed, straight body, V6, stick, P/S, P/B, radio w/cassette player, selling because it's not needed, \$1,500. Call 252-2195 after 5 p.m.

1983 HONDA ACCORD: Hatchback, A/C, automatic, radio, new timing belt, water pump and motor mounts, current smog and license, 97K miles, asking \$950. Call 252-3309 lv msg.

1994 ISUZU TROOPER: 4x4, power everything, cassette, CD, A/C, new Michelins, \$6,150. Call 252-1908.

5th WHEELS: 1984 Alpenlite, 19', dual axle, sleeps 4, awning, A/C, heater, shower, hitch included, xlt. cond. \$3,600, OBO. Call 253-1200.

TRAILERS: Utility trailer, spare tire, storage box and permanent registration, \$225, OBO. Call 252-1908.

MISCELLANEOUS: Hope Chest by Lane, mahogany dark stain with ornate, beveled framing, lined in cedar, \$100; matching his and hers jewelry boxes, mahogany wood, \$20 for the set; magazine rack, oak and forest green, \$8; dog/cat house, 3x3 small door opening, opening may be enlarged, \$5; boys bike, 5 speed, purple and chrome, xlt. cond., \$50. Call 252-1160.

MISCELLANEOUS: Love seat, southwest colors, good condition \$50; executive high back office chair \$75. Call 253-5926.

MISCELLANEOUS: IBM word processor, \$50; Kenmore sewing machine \$40. Call 253-1200.

MISCELLANEOUS: Children's luggage, 2 piece (red) with "visiting grandma" stickers, \$10; Nike baseball cleats (size 12 & 13) \$10 each, also game pants and accessories, \$5; Diaper Genie (odorless diaper pale), \$15. Call 252-1160.

MISCELLANEOUS: Children's wood swing set and fort with slide, good condition, \$300. Call 252-0055 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: 2-3 person Cal Spas Jacuzzi w/cover, \$700 OBO; computer monitors-view sonic P775, \$200 and E771, \$175; three piece couch set, \$500, OBO. Call 256-4412. Ask for Aurora or John.

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