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Base Commander's Birthday message

By Col. Liz Bergman
Base Commander

As we commemorate the Corps' 228th Birthday, we join with Marines worldwide to reflect on the past, celebrate the present and rededicate ourselves to the future.

With each generation Marines continue to distinguish themselves to the American public by their love of country, pride in their Corps and their willingness to sacrifice to preserve our freedoms.

Our heritage is one that reflects an unbroken line of Marines who dedicated themselves to the core values of courage, honor and commitment.

During this year's celebration we may reflect on the efforts this past year to include Operation Iraqi Freedom.

We answered that call as a team of Marines, sailors and civilian

Marines each doing their part to ensure our success.

I have never been more proud to be a part of an organization. Your accomplishments validated the importance of MCLB Barstow's role in support of our expeditionary forces. Whether in combat, serving overseas or at home, the mission of every Marine is special and needed because the defense of liberty has become incredibly sophisticated.

Those who preceded us set the standard of serving mankind and defending freedom. Now it's up to us to carry on that legacy with honor.

While we revel in our proud Marine history, we must look to the future and remain focused on providing a responsive, flexible logistics capability. We must also remember those who support and

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Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Kathy Schwahn, heavy mobile equipment mechanic with Cost Work Center 719, puts glue on a Paxman engine to hold on a gasket. Schwahn has worked there for 23 years. See CWC 719 story and photos on Page 6.

Overseas assignment policy changed

By Sgt. Jason Anderson
Marine Corps Base Quantico

Headquarters Marine Corps has decided to change the assignment policy for four lengths for Marines going to III Marine Expeditionary Force or Marine Corps Bases Japan (MCBJ) to 36-month tours with family members, or 24-month tours without families.

"This issue was carefully considered by the Corps' senior leadership," said General Michael Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps. "The time has come to change the standard unaccompanied tour lengths on Okinawa to 24 months."

Hagee said the decision was based on the need to reduce turnover rate within III MEF and MCBJ and because the quality of life on Okinawa is now comparable to state-side assignments.

"The reduced turnover will enhance our operational readiness and III MEF's war-fighting capability," Hagee said. "Also, the quality of life on Okinawa for Marines and their families has dramatically improved over the last 16 years."

The phase-in plan will occur over several years, with full implementation expected by 2008. Details of how the policy change will be phased in are being finalized by Manpower Policy at Quantico. Officials expect some adjustments will need to be made during the process to ensure the transition is smooth and minimally disruptive to servicemembers and the support infrastructure on Okinawa. Although the policy change will not increase the number of Marines assigned to III MEF or MCBJ, it will likely increase the number of family members.

"We are committed to developing a common sense phase-in plan that will be sensitive to the welfare of Marines and their families. We will ensure that the supporting infrastructure such as schools and housing can accommodate an incremental family member increase," Hagee said.

This policy change does not affect assignments to Okinawa under the Unit Deployment Program, which make up approximately 30 percent of Marines serving within III MEF.

Marines currently assigned to Okinawa will not be affected. The criteria for who will receive orders to Okinawa or Iwakuni under this new policy is still being finalized.

"As this policy change is being phased in, Marines with dependent family members will be given the option of accepting 36-month tours to III MEF or MCBJ accompanied by their family members" said Major Larry Bauer, military assignment policy analyst. "Only those who elect unaccompanied orders will be assigned for a 24-month tour."

Currently, Marines assigned to Okinawa without family members receive 12-month orders, unlike the 24-month orders the other services give. Unaccompanied Marines have been serving 12-month tours on Okinawa since 1987 when the Marine Corps was granted an exception to the Department of Defense policy for overseas assignments. Since that time the Marine Corps' assignment policy to Okinawa and Iwakuni, Japan has stood apart from the other military services.

At the time the waiver of the DoD

policy was enacted, personnel on Okinawa faced isolation and hardships due to a limited support infrastructure. However, numerous quality-of-life initiatives and better living conditions have occurred over the last 16 years. These include improved housing, and a full range of professional, social, travel, education and recreational opportunities. As a result, life for Marines and their families on Okinawa has improved dramatically.

In addition, the increased Cost-of-Living Allowance provided to members serving tours with family members has significantly mitigated the financial burdens incurred by living overseas.

This policy will not apply to Civilian Marines or Marines assigned to Camp Fuji, Japan, since it is more isolated and does not enjoy the same support infrastructure as Okinawa. Also, the policy will apply to Navy personnel assigned to Okinawa under a Marine Corps command.

A Marine Administrative message will soon be released to explain the details of the phase-in plan.

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Birthday Message from LogCom CG

228th Marine Corps birthday first celebrated by MCLC

By Maj. Gen. H. Mashburn Jr.
LogCom Commanding General

As we celebrate 228 years of our Corps' proud history, I encourage each of you to reflect on its significance.

While our rich heritage of comraderie and esprit de corps is renowned and encourages us when our enemies gather their might against us, our real strength lies in the commitment and dedication of every Marine who wears the eagle,

globe and anchor.

The individual Marine's determination was demonstrated through the smaller unit's success during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Undeniably, we must work together as a team, and we must always be able to rely on our band of brothers.

Our team ... our Corps is made up of individuals, each accountable to the whole and each investing in the strength of the Marine on either

side.

As we focus on improving our own strategies and tactics, let us also strive for clarity of vision for our Corps' future.

We stand at the threshold of the 21st century, facing new warfighting capabilities, concepts and theories.

Our world will see vast changes over the coming decades, and Marines must learn new technologies, techniques and ideas to meet the challenges required for remaining the nation's 9-1-1 Force.

However, we Marines will remain steadfast in our purpose, our commitment to freedom, our love of country and Corps, our respect for humanity, our regard for our fellow Marines and our reverence for our Corps' traditions.

Our esprit de corps, the spirit of the Marine Corps, will remain unchanged.

Happy Birthday Marines.
H. Mashburn, Jr.
Major General, USMC

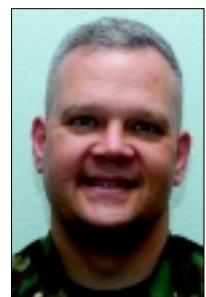
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love us: our families and friends and the American public ... these are the forces that bind us into the unique organization we are.

So on this 228th anniversary of our Corps, Joe and I wish each of you, your families and those who help us be proud and professional Marines ... Happy Birthday. Have fun, be safe!

You reap what you sow

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



I was recently reading a parable or story in which the writer was speaking of a person who was attempting to plant wheat.

The description can be found in the Christian Scriptures, Matthew chapter 13.

The story is that the person sowing seed is using the old fashioned method of simply scattering the seed by hand and hoping that wherever it fell it would take root and produce wheat.

As I read this story I was reminded of a few things. First, the time when as a lad I discovered that when you put seeds in the ground and water them properly they will grow.

At that age I really didn't believe that it would happen, after all I had been playing in the dirt all my life and felt that I knew more about dirt than anyone.

Yet when I took the green bean seed, stuck my finger into the dirt to make a hole, placed the seed in and then covered it up and watered it, the seed began to grow.

I remember going out to look at the seed every morning bleary eyed with sleep but too excited to stay in bed and wanting to know if the seed would grow.

I had watered it everyday, but the first few days there was nothing but wet dirt. Then one day I went out and there was a little bean plant! I was very excited and had to tell everyone about my plant.

It was only later that I realized that I would have to keep watering the plant in order for it to grow as well as weeding and fertilizing and all those other good things that gardeners do on a regular basis.

The fact is that I learned something valuable about gardening and it is the same lesson that the writer of the parable learned. People are like the earth.

Some are fertile, soft, and filled with nutrients, others have been hardened through weathering storms and temperatures, and some don't seem to have the right minerals and nutrients that are needed to promote growth.

Yet, we know that every person has the potential for growth and the ability to produce useful products that will help themselves and those around them.

Certainly some take more effort than others but we should not be put off by the

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Pfc. Jenna Lassandrello

Lt. j.g. Daniel Nixon, physician's assistant at the MCLB Barstow Branch Medical Clinic, gets into the festivities while working on Halloween. The clinic staff wore costumes for the holiday and there was a Halloween donation bake sale for the clinic's Morale, Welfare and Recreation fund with all kinds of goodies available.

Chapel Services

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

Morning Prayer in the Building 15 Administration Office Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.
For more info call 577-6849.

Episcopal Mass

Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Building 406 in Yermo.
Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Base Chapel.



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News Briefs

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

Lunch Menu

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

Today: Sliced pork loin.

Friday: Breaded catfish.

Monday: Chicken fried steak.

Tuesday: Holiday hours: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with menu service.

Wednesday: Salisbury steak.

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, \$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 8 a.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

Family Night Dining

Tonight - Prime rib. First servig is \$6 and extras are \$.50 an ounce. Includes baked potato, vegetables, dessert, and fountain drink of choice.

The Family Restaurant is open Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for dinner. They offer a dinner menu as well as regular menu service.

Cake Cutting ceremonies

There will be a base-wide Marine Corps birthday cake-cutting ceremony today at 8 a.m. in front of Building 15. The uniform for Marines will be the green camouflage utility uniform.

The employees of Maintenance Center Barstow and Fleet Support Division are invited to come to the Nebo side of the base and participate in the ceremony. Buses will be provided for those wishing to come for the ceremony.

A cake-cutting ceremony will also be held at noon at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow.

All Marines are invited to attend to celebrate with the former Marines at the veterans home.

The uniform for Marines will be the dress blue "D" uniform.

For transportation information, call

John Hines at 577-6296 or Steve Weinrub at 577-6869.

For ceremony information, call Ronnie McClintock at 577-6555.

Toys for Tots

This year Santa needs more help than ever in the High Desert. Many children face the prospect of finding nothing under the tree this year. Your donation of a new, unwrapped toy can bring a more joyful Christmas to an underprivileged child. Collection points aboard MCLB Barstow are as follows.

- Environmental Division
- Headquarters Battalion
- Headquarters Administration
- Housing Office
- Family Services Division
- Human Resources Office
- Public Safety Division
- Maintenance Center Lobby
- Branch Medical/Dental Clinics
- Tees n Trees Golf Course
- Warehouse 401
- Family Restaurant
- Communications Division
- Base Maintenance
- Fleet Support Division Lobby
- Nebo Fire Dept.
- Yermo Fire Dept.
- Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society
- Training Audio/Visual Support Center
- MCCS Fitness Center

Toys for Tots locally is a Barstow community program that MCLB Barstow supports. On base collections are starting early again this year so the toys collected can be presented on the local telethon on Time Warner Cable channel six on Dec. 6.

For more information call the Nebo Fire Dept. at 577-6732/6866/6865

CWRA Turkey Giveaway

The CWRA Committee is sponsoring another turkey giveaway. There will be a drawing for eight \$15.00 gift certificates, two at each drawing, at Stater Brothers to purchase anything desired, "a turkey," on the following dates: Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, and Nov. 20.

Winner's need not be present to win. The CWRA Committee members will circulate cans with the survey slips to be filled out.

There is no cost to the individual. Please include first name and last name printed clearly and work phone number. The following CWRA Committee members and volunteers will have slips and cans available to fill out and participate in.

- Dan Keirn 577-6614
- Fred Molino 577-7210
- Barbara Kent 577-7330
- Barbara Kulseth 577-6771
- Cliff Ades 577-6968
- Bruce Rowe 577-7346
- Wrayanne Huddleston 577-7346
- Richard Tusing 577-6523



Vince Chavez 577-7580
Tangia Joseph 577-7230

Leave Transfer Program

Mr. John W. Alley, badge #6874, Maintenance Center Barstow, has been affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Transfer Program may obtain a leave donor application through his or her division administrative officer.

For more information, contact Pat Snyder, admin advisor, at 577-7138

Baker construction delays

The California Department of Transportation is paving a 6-mile segment of north and southbound Interstate 15 from Halloran Summit to Cima Road which started Monday, weather permitting, with an anticipated completion date of late November 2003.

Travelers may experience delays of up to 45 minutes during the hours from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Lane closures will be approximately 1.5 miles in length during paving operations. With cooler weather approaching, paving must be restricted to the warmest part of the day to facilitate the asphalt curing process.

Traffic is separated by concrete barrier with reduced lane widths for 20 miles just south of the paving project for the remainder of the construction.

Once complete in summer of 2004, the project will have constructed an 18-mile southbound truck-descending lane, re-paved all southbound mainline lanes as well as reconstruct the 18-mile northbound Baker Grade with long lasting concrete.

The speed limit is reduced to 55-mph throughout the 25-mile project limits from Baker north to Cima Road with a recommended speed of 45-mph through the detour. The CHP can and will issue double fines for traffic violations through the construction zone.

In addition to construction activity, truck traffic has increased 30 percent along the I-15 corridor compared to last summer combined with a 4 percent increase in passenger vehicle traffic over the same time period.

Motorists are advised to stay alert for slow moving truck traffic and congestion as a result of construction. If possible, plan travel during the hours after 6 p.m. and before 6 a.m.

Merging late into highway work zones may seem like a quick way to save some time, but the results can last a lifetime, or end one. Your patience is appreciated during this freeway improvement project.

For more information, contact Holly Cress, CalTrans Liaison, at (909) 383-4631

Recycling can inventory

Please place all 95-gallon blue recycling containers at the designated dumping location no later than 7:30 a.m. Nov. 18 for inspection and reconciliation.

All containers, regardless if they need to be emptied, are requested to be placed outside so an accurate count can be made.

Containers will also be inspected to determine whether they need repair or replacement. Please do not remove the containers before 3 p.m. to allow time for the inspection to be completed.

For more information, contact Carmela Gonzales at 577-3105.

FEHB Open Season

Federal employees will have an opportunity to elect a new health plan beginning Monday.

All information concerning health care providers can be viewed and/or downloaded by accessing the Office of Personnel Management, at www.opm.gov/insure/health to include health plan brochures, FEHB guides and the FEHB handbook.

Once an employee has made a decision on a particular health plan, changes must be made using the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS) via the Internet or through the Benefits Line. The EBIS can be accessed at www.donhr.navy.mil or www.civilianbenefits.broc.navy.mil. The Benefits Line phone number is 1-888-320-2917.

Both applications are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week All changes must be completed by midnight (PST) 8 December 2003.

For more information, contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6918.

DANTES presentation

Master Gunnery Sgt. James P. O'Keefe Jr., special enlisted advisor to the director of the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, is scheduled to give a presentation during Enlisted PME at Oasis Club Nov. 21.

The DANTES presentation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. and will give the Marines an opportunity to ask and find out more information about DANTES education programs.

Marine "Wolfpack" train to track and attack fires

By Sgt. Richard J. Kulleck
MCAS Miramar

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Miramar Marines are once again gearing up for battle, but this a battle like no other. The aggressor is fierce, fast and has plenty of fuel to power its attack. It has hit multiple locations with no remorse for the people, buildings or land it has killed or destroyed. Trying to negotiate or convince this enemy to stop is not an option. This is not one person or a group of people; this is an element of Mother Nature. It has struck the forests and plains of California before, but with the lack of precipitation the wildfires have become more powerful than San Diego firefighters are accustomed.

Requests from the National Interagency Fire Center, in Boise, Idaho, were sent to the Department of Defense for air support in order to help contain, control and extinguish wild land fires in the Southern California area.

With the heightened state of emergency, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld gave the approval for military support.

All military support to civil authorities falls under the command of U. S. Northern Command located in Colorado Springs, Colo. Homeland defense is the primary mission of the command established as a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. However, according to a U.S. Northern Command news release, they

also provide 'one-stop shopping' for military assistance to civil authorities in the event of disaster relief operations to include wild land fires.

Six military units from across the United States were called upon to help support the firefight. Six Marine CH-53 Super Stallions with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466, also known as the Wolfpack, from MCAS Miramar were one of the units tasked with the assignment because they had the most assets available.

The CH-53 is designed for heavy-lift capabilities and was considered ideal for this joint operation due to the weight standards of the Bambi Buckets when fully loaded. The Bambi Bucket is a proven, helicopter-borne integrated firefighting system in service worldwide.

Three different types of buckets are being used — one 1,340-gallon, two 900-gallon and three 660-gallon.

Additional buckets are being sent from MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.

"Now in order to fly with these agencies, NIFC and California Department of Forestry pilots need to complete a certain training regimen and there are certain people who need to give that training and then evaluate the pilots on their ability to drop water," said Capt. Robert J. Muckenthaler, Marine emergency planning liaison for Joint Task Force Wildland Fire Fighting, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing representative to Commander of JTF-WFF, Brig. Gen.

John Iffland, Air National Guard.

"It is not just dropping water out of a bucket, it is all the coordination they have to go through with the people on the ground because the helicopters are supporting them," said Maj. Bill McCrindle, U.S. Air Force Advisor to the JTF-WFF, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs.

With a day and a half of accelerated training, 51 Marine pilots and 32 crew chiefs from different squadrons became class-certified giving them knowledge in command structure, communication, fire behavior and bucket tactics.

Only 16 pilots and crew chiefs from HMH-466 were able to put class knowledge to use at Case Springs, Camp Pendleton. They learned how to conduct drops, communicate and utilize the daisy chain method. Upon completing four runs, flight certification was granted to crews under CDF's requirements.

"Some of the difficulties we had were finding a good long final approach and trying to keep the bucket from swinging," said Cpl. Conrad Rodriguez, CH-53 crew chief and weapons and tactics instructor with the Wolfpack.

This is not the Wolfpack's first encounter with fighting fires from an aerial position. While stationed in Okinawa, Japan, the squadron had to conduct missions with Bambi buckets ex-

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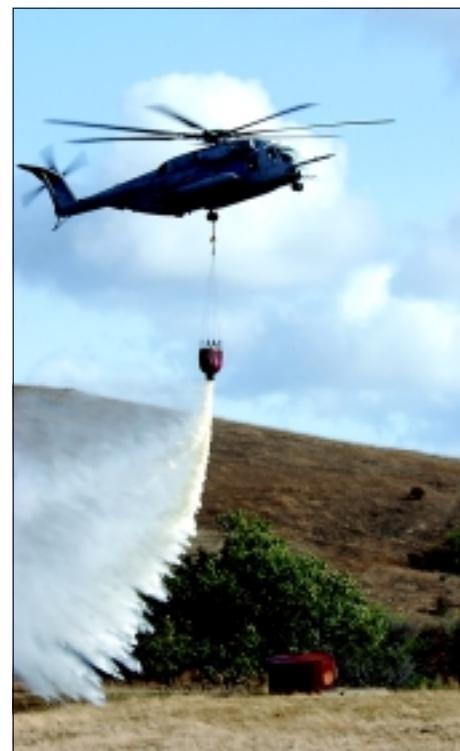


Photo by Sgt. Richard J. Kulleck

An MCAS Miramar CH-53 Super Stallion from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466, the Wolfpack, makes a pass hitting their target, allowing them to complete their requirements for California Department of Forestry certification. Once certified, the pilots are authorized to provide air support to ground fire fighters as they fight wildfires.

CMC's birthday message

By Gen Michael W. Hagee
Commandant of the Marine Corps

This year we celebrate the 228th anniversary of the founding of our Corps.

As always, it is an occasion for remembrance, proud traditions, and joyful camaraderie.

The events of the past year have called for great sacrifices from many Marines and their families.

While the Global War on Terrorism will continue to demand the best from each of us, it is important that we join with our fellow Marines, families and friends to celebrate our Corps' special culture and unique warrior ethos.

This past year, Marines demonstrated once again that they are the most important entity on any battlefield.

Lethal weapons and advanced

technologies provide us unique advantages, but educated warriors ultimately determine victory in combat not machines.

During Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, our small unit leaders' skills, adaptability and flexibility produced victory on uncertain and at times chaotic battlefields.

We proved once again the power of integrated ground-air-logistics teams as well as the importance of every Marine being first and foremost a rifleman.

Our special spirit is evident not only in battle; it is evident in the faithful performance of demanding duties by countless Marines at home and abroad.

Every Marine makes a vital contribution to the ability of our Corps to project and sustain credible combat power.

Moreover, the willingness and readiness of all Marines to accept and accomplish any mission is central to our success and a hallmark of our warrior ethos.

The culture that defines the Marine Corps is nurtured by our traditions.

In celebrating our heritage, we strengthen the linkages to a glorious history and recommit ourselves to upholding the standards and values given to us by past generations.

In commemorating our 228th anniversary, remain true to the spirit of the occasion.

Reflect on our fallen with deep respect, observe our traditions with justifiable pride, take care of one another, and of course, celebrate those special bonds that exist among United States Marines.

Happy Birthday Marines, Semper Fidelis, and keep attacking!

Veteran's Day more than another day off

By Col. Liz Bergman
Base Commander

Veterans Day is more than just another day off.

It is a time to pay special tribute to veterans of all branches of the armed forces for their dedication, courage and exceptional service to our great nation.

Many served and many died. They believed in their god, country, service and mission.

We are accountable to these gallant patriots who gave so much to ensure the myriad of freedoms we share as Americans were sustained.

Our freedoms are challenged

every day so it is vitally important that we never become complacent or take them for granted.

We need to cherish this history of excellence, strength, and compassion with which we are entrusted.

It is a legacy to be proudly carried on by those serving today and those who will become the guardians of freedom tomorrow ... for all will become veterans.

So Veterans, stand proud on your special day while we recognize and salute you for your selfless service to our great land and to mankind.

Around the Corps

Thousands in Oceanside cheer on OIF fighters

By Cpl. Matthew Richards
Camp Pendleton

OCEANSIDE, Calif. — Thundering cannons blasted confetti into the air as thousands cheered I Marine Expeditionary Force Marines marching through Oceanside Saturday in the Defenders of Freedom Parade.

The parade featured 10,000 Marines, sailors, veterans and two high-school bands.

In an outpouring of support, on-lookers held “welcome home” and “thank you” signs.

“I think it’s really cool to have Marines out here in their uniforms strutting their stuff,” said Stacey MacBeth, of Oceanside, a Vista High School student.

Veterans from past wars stood along the route. For some vets, the parade contrasted starkly with receptions they received returning from war.

“We were more or less snuck back in,” Ray Flores said of his 1967 Vietnam return. “There were some people at the airport but they were mostly demonstrators. I think the support is well overdue, that’s why I’m here.”

Other veterans agreed. “In World War II you went there and just came back,” said Walter Moore, a retired Marine. Locals had a love-hate relationship with the Corps.

“I would have been here on my hands and knees,” Moore said as he sat in his wheelchair on the parade route.

Business owners also were happy to have the Marines home.

Bikers and Marines in cammies crowded the Motorcycle Cafe to watch the procession.

“This is the best day ever,” said Mike Fiscetti, the cafe’s owner. “We’ve been busy since we opened.

“Since they’ve been coming back (from deployment), business has picked up,” Fiscetti said.

He said they opened in May and didn’t suffer as badly as other businesses during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 101 Cafe also showed support for the troops, handing out free coffee to them. By the start of the parade, John Daley, one of the cafe’s owners, estimated they served up 1,000 cups of free coffee.

“We’ve been watching the Marines come back since World War II,” Daley said. “I think it’s always important to support the troops. We need to welcome them and tell them they’re appreciated.”

Support even came from people who didn’t support the war, including retired Marine Tom McDermott of Murietta.

“I was against it for my own personal reasons, but as soon as they sent (Marines), I was one of the first people waving the flag,” he said, adding that his 16-year-old son plans to become a Marine pilot.

Paraders marched through town from 10 a.m. until noon, covering nearly a mile along Coast Highway. They were treated free lunch and a show featuring R. Lee Erney of “Full Metal Jacket,” “The Boys of Company C” and the History Channel’s “Mail Call.”

The flood of gratitude from celebrities and citizens alike overwhelmed some Marines.

“I didn’t expect (this), it’s just a shock,” said Lance Cpl. Mario Jones, of 1st Force Service Support Group who returned from Iraq Oct. 13. “I didn’t think the community would go to this length.”

“Personally, I didn’t think there (would be) that many people to support us,” said Sgt. Dennis J. Winiger, of 1st Intelligence Battalion.

He was especially impressed with the patriotism of children.

“A little girl about 4 or 5 years old screamed out, ‘Marines are the best,’” he said. “Hopefully, she’s a future Marine.”

The parade consisted largely of Marines marching and riding in military vehicles.

They waved and smiled as they ambled in formation past cheering, flag-waving admirers. Marine helicopters periodically buzzed overhead along the parade route.

Longtime residents, city records and military archives cited only one other parade in history dedicated to the military — following Operation Desert Storm in 1991.

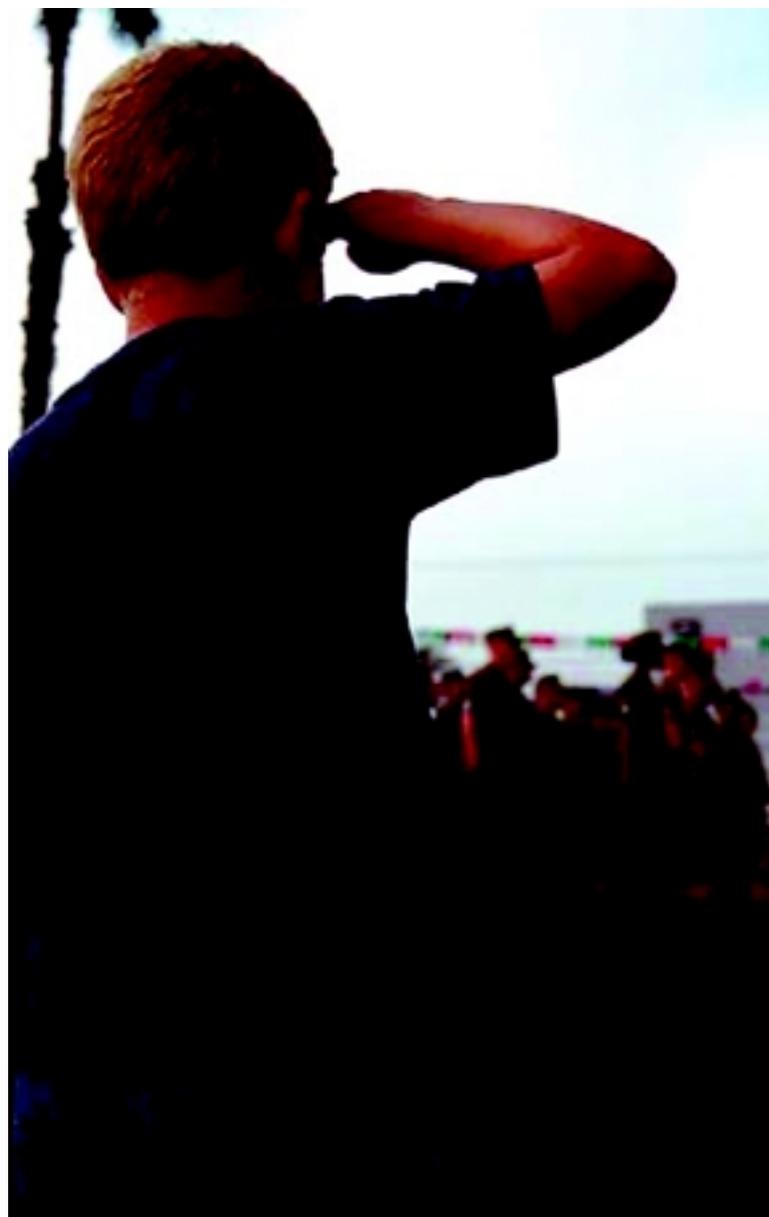


Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Matt Hevezi

With an estimated 80,000 lining the streets of Oceanside, Calif., Marines march down Coast Highway Oct. 25, 2003. The parade was a historic moment for Oceanside and the 10,000 marching leathernecks.



Photo by Sgt. Jim Heuston

Confetti rains down on Marines participating in the Defenders of Freedom Parade Oct. 25, 2003 in Oceanside, Calif.

Resources for victims of the California wildfires

Submitted by Marine and Family Services

The following information and referral service are provided for victims of the California wildfires and is current as of Oct. 31. The below listed agency provides referrals for food, shelter, clothing, counseling, and other community services. The counties served are indicated with each.

Crisis and Access Line

800-832-9119 (24-hours)
Serving San Bernardino County

National and Regional Disaster Services and Hotlines

American Red Cross Hotline
P. O. Box 37243
Washington, D.C. 20013
1-866-GET-INFO – English and Spanish (1-866-438-4636)
<http://www.redcross.org>
Residents of Southern California fac-

ing potential danger from the wildfires can call for shelter locations. Local Red Cross chapters are now operating 28 evacuation centers near communities endangered by the wildfires. Red Cross provides shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to those in need.

Serving all U. S.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
Federal Center Plaza
500 C. Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472
1-800-621-FEMA (3362) Federal disaster assistance – English, Spanish, Japanese, Korean and other languages.
<http://www.fema.gov>

FEMA will accept phone applications for Federal Disaster Relief from all those effected by the California wildfires.

Salvation Army
Sierra Del Mar Division

825 7th Avenue
San Diego, Calif. 92101
619-231-6000 phone
619-231-6001 fax
www.sandiego.salvationarmy.org/
Salvation Army disaster personnel are currently providing meals to responders and evacuees at shelters and via six mobile feeding units (canteens). Personnel are also providing pastoral crisis counseling. Serving the following counties: Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego

Shelters in San Bernardino County

Frazee Community Center
San Bernardino, Calif.
909-889-4424

Salvation Army
San Bernardino, Calif.
909-888-1337

New Life Shelter
909-574-5981

Emergency Financial/Food/Clothing Assistance in San Bernardino County

Set Free Christian Fellowship
909-383-2323
Hot meals, food bags, and clothing.

San Bernardino County Food Bank
909-386-5011
Food

Catholic Charities
1800 Western Ave
San Bernardino, Calif.
909-880-3625
Food, motel vouchers

Catholic Charities
635 South Taylor Street
Ontario, Calif. 91762
909-391-1617
Clothing and food

Aletheian Christian Foundation
12801 Oaks Avenue

Chino, Calif. 91710
909-627-3635
Tuesday and Thursday:
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Food assistance

GAP Food Bank
8768 Helms Street, Suite A
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. 91730
(909) 945-1020
www.cbconline.org/pages/ministry/gap.htm

Food distribution is every Thursday 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Community Services Department of San Bernardino County (CDS) - Family Development Program

686 East Mill Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415
909-891-3950

www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/csd/
They have not received emergency funds for wildfire victims yet, but they may.

Paxman engine shop keeps motors running

By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt
Editor

Cost Work Center 719, the Paxman Engine Shop at Maintenance Center Barstow performs a task that nobody else does in the Department of Defense. They work on Paxman engines.

The Paxman engine is an engine manufactured in England and used in nine Navy patrol boats and an array of Coast Guard boats.

The Navy crafts carry four Paxman engines each and the Coast Guard Cutters, which are the only ones the Maintenance Center fixes engines for, carries two on each vessel.

The Navy patrol boats can get up to 24 nautical miles per hour, which if you ask anyone who has been on one of those boats going that fast can tell you, is almost too fast to go on water.

The reason the work CWC 719 does is so important for DOD is the Navy patrol boats are used mainly in homeland defense. The Navy was in the process of phasing the boats out, said Greg Johnson, team leader at the Program Management Branch, Maintenance Center Barstow, and program manager for CWC 719. They recently found that they were good for the use of homeland defense and decided to keep them around.

The Paxman engine has 16 cylinders and can pump out about 600 horsepower, said Gary Heidorn, supervisor for CWC 719.

The process for these engines is supposed to take 120 days from complete tear-down to complete rebuild, said Heidorn. Earlier this year, CWC 719 did an engine in eight days.

"That is the kind of commitment we have from the people that work on these engines everyday," said Johnson.

The Paxman Engine Shop is also on call.

"We stand by every engine we build, said Heidorn. "If somebody needs us to work on

an engine in short notice and they can't get it here, we'll go to them."

That is why in the coming weeks, CWC 719 is sending a team to Bahrain. The mission comes with a certain amount of risk, going near hostile territory, but anyone who could witness the amount of volunteers for the assignment wouldn't ever know it.

"Our guys are eager to do stuff like that," said Heidorn. "It can take a toll on them and their families, but our guys are committed to the work they do."

The men and women who work on Paxman engines are also world renowned.

"We get calls from various places that need work done to one of their engines and they will ask for some of our workers by name," said Heidorn. "I'll get calls saying, 'I don't want anybody else to come, but so-and-so.'"

It is a testament to the excellent work done by the workers at CWC 719, said Heidorn. They go work on a project and do such a good job that people remember their names.

CWC 719 also helps with projects over the phone, said Heidorn.

"I get calls from people on ship that are having a problem, but they are out to sea or something and I, or someone else will talk them through a problem on an engine," said Heidorn. "I have Navy and Coast Guard guys who seem to have my number on speed dial. They call us anytime they have a problem and we are glad to help."

Right now, CWC 719 is working to get more workers as certified Paxman engine mechanics, said Heidorn. CWC is always trying to get its people better trained and more knowledgeable about the job they do.

"It is all part of putting out a good product," said Johnson. "Supporting something like homeland defense is very important to me and the people who work on these engines."



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

A Paxman engine sits outside the Maintenance Center waiting to be shipped back to a customer.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Bryan Ruble, heavy mobile equipment mechanic with Cost Work Center 719, uses a wrench to tighten down bolts on a Paxman engine. Ruble has worked at CWC 719 for 11 years.



Photo by Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt

Robert Schneider, (left) cable splicer for Cost Work Center 719, and Rick Dominguez, (right) heavy mobile equipment repairer for CWC 719, apply a gasket to a Paxman engine part.

Dedicated sergeant wins quarterly award

By Pfc. Jenna Lassandro
BARSTOW LOG staff

After being watched and evaluated through a physical fitness test, service "A" uniform inspection, drill competition, and a question and answer board, Sgt. Christopher A. Garcia came out on top and claimed the title of NCO of the Quarter.

The competition is held every quarter to find an NCO who performs his or her job well, exhibits good leadership, and sets a good example for junior Marines while upholding the standards of the Marine Corps.

Garcia is very modest about winning his award and claims his fellow Marines helped motivate him.

"It's the excellent work of the Marines from the Communication Division that helped me win this award," Garcia said.

Garcia joined the Marine Corps in December 1998 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Calif. After completing Marine combat training,



Sgt. Christopher Garcia

Garcia went to communications school at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., to become a construction wireman. To get advanced training, Garcia went to Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. His first duty station was Camp Lejeune, N.C., and following that Garcia was stationed at Camp Hansen, in Okinawa, Japan. Garcia re-enlisted for a second term before leaving Okinawa to come to Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

After this enlistment is over Garcia plans to move his wife, Elodia, and daughter, Angelika, to his home state of Arizona and begin training to become an emergency medical technician.

Gunnery Sgt. Keith S. Brotherson, communications chief for the Communications Division, nominated Garcia for the board.

"I nominated him because I felt he would do an outstanding job. He is a great NCO that deserves some recognition. (Garcia) is an example for all his Marines and they look up to him, I think it is time he let others see some of what his junior Marines see in him."

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idea that positive human growth and development takes work and nurture.

I believe that we scatter "seed" among our youth. If we begin "planting good seed" when they are young and impressionable then the seed seems often times to take root and grows in the good earth of their personalities.

If we wait to plant the good seed until later in life, we often find that the "ground" of their personalities are hardened and very difficult to sow. Some may say, "I simply won't plant any seed at all." To that I say that it is impossible not plant seed since our youth learn by example and if you are living out your life in front them you are planting seed.

If they see you as an example of love and faithfulness then I suspect that with proper nurturing, love and faithfulness will grow. If they see you as an example of greed and selfishness those seeds will grow as well.

You have the ability to decide what kind of seeds you will sow, but as the story goes, be prepared to reap what you sow.

Peace,
Fr Randel

Gunny's Picks

Week 2



Congratulations to Staff Sgt. John Sweredoski, legal chief, Staff Judge Advocate office, winner of this week's Gunny's Picks. Staff Sgt. "Ski" went 10-4, to include the Monday Night game, to beat out three others tied for this week's top slot.

The Up State New York native is the first Marine winner of the year and is a big Packers fan and said they're a lock for the Monday Night match up with the Eagles. As far as his photo goes, it's obvious he didn't get the memo on what to wear for his winning photo. There are some tough games to pick this week and doesn't look to get any easier in the coming weeks. Here are the rest of pairings for Week 10.

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

Chicago at Detroit*
Miami at Tennessee*
Cleveland at Kansas City*
Houston at Cincinnati*
Atlanta at NY Giants*
Arizona at Pittsburgh*
*Seattle at Washington

*Tampa Bay at Carolina
*Indianapolis at Jacksonville
*Minnesota at San Diego
Buffalo at Dallas*
*NY Jets at Oakland
Baltimore at St. Louis*

Monday Night

Philadelphia at Green Bay*

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

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

GOT NEWS? *If you think you've got something newsworthy, call the public affairs office at 577-6430.*

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tinguishing range fires.

"They are familiar with the Bambi buckets but are not fully prepared for local areas because they need to know who to talk to when they get out to a wild land fire. In Okinawa they were not dropping in close proximity to structures and people, they were mostly doing work on range fires started by tracer rounds," said Muckenthaler.

Each helicopter, when assigned to an area to assist in fighting fires, will be equipped with a crew of five. Two crew chiefs, two pilots and a civilian Camp Pendleton firefighter will be working together to make each run a success.

Tasking comes from South Operations, Riverside, Calif., directing each helicopter to an incident commander working the different wild-fires.

"Right now all of them will be working in the San Diego county area," said. Muckenthaler, "As long as something is burning in San Diego, those Marine helicopters will be utilized."

McCrinkle added that the Wolfpack can be tasked anywhere as long as they are working under the JTF-WFF.

A true "force in readiness" and fully capable with the combination of Marine Corps and CDF training, the Wolfpack Marines were tasked with assisting firefighters with the Paradise Fire Nov. 1 beginning at 10:56 a.m.

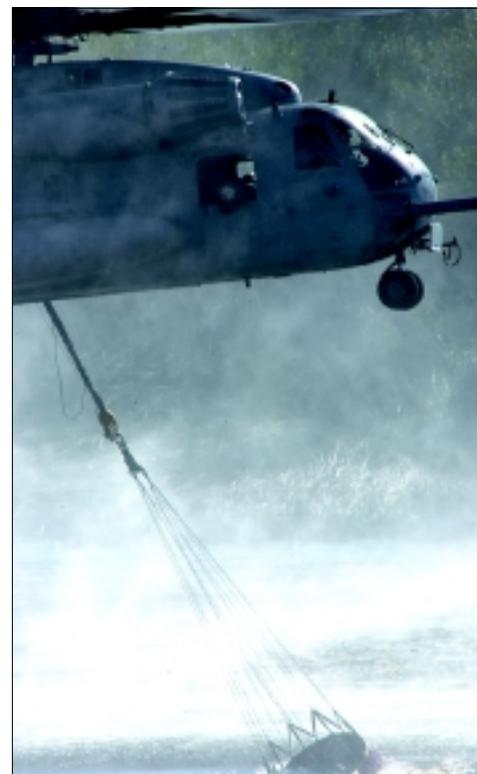


Photo by Sgt. Richard J. Kulleck

A crew chief watches the Bambi Bucket emerge from the water hole as the CH-53 Super Stallion from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466, the Wolfpack, powers up to make its attempt at the target during certification training at Case Springs, Camp Pendleton.



Photo by Sgt. Richard J. Kulleck

An MCAS Miramar CH-53 Super Stallion from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 466, the Wolfpack, lowers a Bambi Bucket into a water hole at Case Springs, Camp Pendleton, during one of four runs in order to be certified by the California Department of Forestry. Once certified, the pilots are authorized to provide air support to ground fire fighters as they fight wildfires.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Christmas shopping

Christmas shopping has already begun - if you haven't started yet, here's some great gift starters at the Super Seven Day Store:

Black Hills gold jewelry (earrings, necklaces, and bracelets) \$38 to \$76. Apex portable DVD players \$179.99. Sony 20" TV/DVD/VCR combo with Truflat screen \$349.99. Eton & Totes gift sets \$8.99 to \$14.99. Godiva chocolates \$4.80 to \$10. Assorted kitchen appliances \$6.99 and up.

Thanksgiving Brunch

Make reservations for Thanksgiving Brunch at the Family Restaurant for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27.

Brunch will be served from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prices are: \$10.95 adults, \$6.95 children 5 to 11 years. As always, children under 4 years dine free.

The menu will include: Bacon, sausage, omelets made to order, pancakes, biscuits, rolls, baked chicken, fried chicken, sliced turkey breast, Baron of Beef with au jus carved on line, and apple cobbler and cherry cobbler pies.

Make reservations by calling 577-6428 or 577-6429.

Veterans Day

Holiday Hours Tuesday

Open:

The Super Seven Day Store:

Monday 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.,

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Base Gym:

Tuesday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Family Restaurant:

Tuesday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. with menu service

Tees and Trees Golf Course:

Tuesday 7 a.m. - Sunset

All other MCCS facilities will be closed Tuesday.

The Auto, Ceramic and Wood/Rock Hobby Shops will also be closed Sunday.

Rumsfeld visits wounded troops in hospital, stresses importance of mission in Iraq

By Gene Harper
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld visited wounded service men, women and their families Monday at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Television reporters in Texas and Washington state, interviewed the secretary upon his return to the pentagon.

“I just came back from Walter Reed,” Rumsfeld told KHOU-TV in Houston, “where the troops from Iraq are arriving with bad wounds, serious wounds. And I met a number of the families that were there visiting their loved ones.

“I looked them in the eye and told them how important what their sons and daugh-

ters are doing, how much the American people appreciate it, and they're proud of what they're doing and they understand the importance of it.”

The defense secretary also noted “our hearts and prayers have to go out to those families and loved ones of those people” killed in the Chinook helicopter crash Sunday.

“I say that any time you are losing wonderful young men and women in battle, it causes people to reflect and to be concerned,” Rumsfeld said. “And what we have to do is recognize that that was a tough day when that helicopter was shot down.”

He told KING in Washington state's Seattle-Tacoma television market that more tough days lie ahead.

“It's a dangerous business,” he said. “But what is taking place there is, on balance, the commanders feel that they have the advantage, that they can deal with those problems.

“We're increasing the number of Iraqi security forces every day, and they are taking on more and more responsibility. And the coalition provisional authority is working to transfer governance to the Iraqi people.

“That's the task. It's a tough one and we hope we can complete it successfully, and I believe we can,” Rumsfeld said.

He also remarked to KHOU that the search for Saddam Hussein continues.

“We've got a large number of people working that problem,” Rumsfeld ex-

plained. “It's a very hard thing to do to find a single individual.

“Armies, navies and air forces were organized, trained and equipped to fight armies, navies and air forces.

“They weren't organized, trained and equipped to go out and find single individuals. It's a very difficult task. Look at the number of people who stay on the FBI list for five, 10, 15, 20 years sometimes.

“I think the American people have a very good center of gravity and they know that what's being done in Iraq is important and it needs to be done, and they support it,” he said. “Our forces do have what they need to do this job and they're well equipped and they're well-trained and they're doing an outstanding job.”