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Saying Goodbye



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

HM2 Jay Ayonmartinez, a corpsmen from the MCLB Barstow Branch Medical Clinic, says his goodbyes to his wife, Christina, and daughter, Sydney. Ayon is one of eight corpsmen selected to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2. The Branch Medical Clinic is currently taking steps to ensure a smooth transition with the loss of manpower.

DON outlines objectives in 2004

By Gordon R. England
Secretary of the Navy

1. The CNO, CMC, and I congratulate each of you on the significant accomplishments of 2003. Together, the Navy and Marine Corps team have fought two wars, made considerable strides in the global war on terrorism, and developed and implemented strategies that will guarantee an unbeatable naval force in the decades to come. In his recent state of the union address, the President stated, "... And the men and women of the American military — they have taken the hardest duty. We've seen their skill and their courage in armored charges and midnight raids, and lonely hours of faithful watch. We have seen the joy when they return, and felt the sorrow when one is lost. I've had the honor of meeting our servicemen and women at many posts, from the deck of a carrier in the Pacific to a mess

hall in Baghdad. Many of our troops are listening tonight. And I want you and your families to know: America is proud of you! And my administration, and this Congress, will give you the resources you need to fight and win the war on terror." Like the President, the CNO, CMC, and I are extremely proud of you. The value you provide to our country is immeasurable. While the President and the Congress ensure the armed services are adequately funded, it is our responsibility to ensure that we make the most with the resources we have.

2. As we begin the new year, it is essential that the leadership throughout the Navy and Marine Corps fully understand and work toward accomplishment of our priority objectives for 2004. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all that needs to be accomplished this year. It does,

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Updated soldiers, sailors relief act provisions protect service members

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug A. Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new law replacing the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 will provide military personnel — especially those deployed or called to active duty — greater protections to handle their personal financial and legal obligations, Defense Department officials said here.

President Bush signed the Service Members' Civil Relief Act into law Dec. 19.

"The focus of the SCRA is the same as under the SSCRA: to provide protections to service members who have difficulty meeting their personal financial and legal obligations because of their military service," said Air Force Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal policy in DOD's Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

"The SCRA is a significant law, because it clarifies and updates the provisions that existed in the SSCRA, while adding some additional protections," he said.

"Service members on long-term deployments or called to active duty should not have to worry about their families in their absence being evicted from their quarters without sufficient legal protections," he continued, "or that they are paying on a leased car or apartment that they can't use, or about civil legal proceedings they can't attend because of their deployment.

"These are some of the situations the SCRA covers so that service members are able to devote their energies to the military mission and the defense needs of the nation, and not on civil matters waiting for them at home," he added.

What Lindemann called "a significant change" added in the SCRA is an automatic 90-day stay of civil proceedings upon application by the service member.

This applies to all judicial and administrative hearings. In the past, according to Lindemann, stays were discretionary with the courts.

The SCRA also makes it clear that the 6 percent limitation on interest rates for pre-service debts requires a reduction in monthly payments, and that any interest in excess of 6

percent is forgiven, not deferred, Lindemann said.

The SCRA also expanded the protection against eviction.

Under the SSCRA, service members and their dependents who entered into a lease for \$1,200 or less could not be evicted without a court order.

The SCRA increased that maximum lease amount to \$2,400 and added an annual adjustment for inflation. For 2004, the maximum will be \$2,465. Lindemann said this will significantly increase the number of service members entitled to this protection.

The SCRA also gives the service member who has received permanent-change-of-station orders or who is being deployed for not less than 90 days the right to terminate a housing lease with 30 days' written notice.

Prior to the SCRA, service members could be required to pay for housing they were unable to occupy.

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December 2003 Safety Summary

ALMAR 002/04

Headquarters Marine Corps

During December, six Marines died in off-duty accidents, one Marine died in an on-duty accident, and two AV-8B aircraft were lost in aviation accidents.

Off duty

A lance corporal died when he lost control of his car on a highway in Arizona. The Marine was ejected from his car when it left the roadway and rolled. He was not wearing his seatbelt.

On Christmas Eve, a staff sergeant died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle

accident caused by a drunk driver in another vehicle. His spouse was in critical condition with a poor prognosis for survival.

A corporal suffered severe injuries from a Christmas Day motor vehicle accident while on Interstate 95 in South Carolina. He died the following day.

The day after Christmas, a lance corporal was killed in a privately owned vehicle driven by a civilian who had been drinking and lost control of his vehicle. The lance corporal was not wearing a seat belt. Another Marine passenger suffered massive head and facial injuries; he was in critical condition.

In Hawaii, a corporal died when he was ejected from a vehicle that left the roadway

and then rolled on top of him. His brother, a civilian, had been drinking alcohol and was driving. This Marine was not wearing a seatbelt.

A lance corporal died while on liberty in Jacksonville, Fla. He had been drinking alcohol at a party, fell asleep and could not be awakened by his friends.

On duty

One Marine died and another was injured when the driver lost control of a government vehicle while traveling on a highway in Texas. The vehicle rolled during the crash and ejected a sergeant from the vehicle. Both Marines were wearing

seatbelts.

Aviation

An AV-8B crashed on final approach to MCAS Yuma. The aircraft developed control problems and the pilot ejected safely.

A second AV-8B was lost within a week of the first accident performing a functional check flight north of Yuma.

Observations/trends

As we leave the holidays behind us, take a moment to reflect on the Marines lost in vehicle crashes. In concert with the second quarter safety theme: "empowerment,"

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Politics and religion are similar

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



Now that all the vacations are over for the holiday season it is time for us all to get back to work.

I hope that your holidays were joyful and prosperous and that the new year will bring you all

many blessings.

It has been an interesting time recently, with all the political debates and caucuses being held, votes being taken and the State of the Union address being given.

Lots of words seem to be flying with many levels of meaning to be interpreted by commentators and politicians.

All these events have really set many of us to thinking about the future of our country and who will be leading us into the next few years.

I have been thinking about something I read recently that really seems to flow into the stream of this discussion.

It was a passage in the Christian

Scriptures where Jesus has an encounter with a Samaritan woman. The passage, from the Gospel of Saint John, reflects some of the same feelings that seem to be out in our society today.

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, she was shocked that he, a Jew, would have anything to do with her.

There was typically no association between Jews and Samaritans for political and theological reasons.

So the mere fact that Jesus was talking with her made her suspicious rise. She assumed that Jesus must have some other motive for speaking with her than just seeking a drink of water.

She had probably experienced what many people on the margins of society have experienced, where people treat you badly or take advantage of you simply because of your skin color, the way you dress, or how you look.

It was hard for her believe that all he wanted was a drink of water.

She lived her life "waiting for the other shoe to drop."

Waiting for someone to take advantage of her or to say something mean to

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

Dan Herman (foreground) and Robert Schneider, heavy mobile equipment mechanics, Paxman Engine shop, Maintenance Center Barstow, install a fuel cam into the cam box of a Paxman engine. Herman has been employed with MCB for about six years; Schneider has been there for about 11 years.

Chapel Services

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

**Confession services
before Mass**

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of
every month.

3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.

For more info call
577-6849.

Nebo Bible Study

Wednesday Noon-1:30p.m.

At the Chapel Office.

For more info call
577-6849.



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"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 – Hot roast beef and cheddar sandwiches with steak fries.

Friday – Catch of the day.

Monday – Hamburger pie.

Tuesday – Roast beef and noodles.

Wednesday – Pork roast and seasoned oven roasted potatoes.

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, \$4.75.

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 – South of the Border Night. Beef enchilada casserole, chicken enchilada casserole, Mexican rice, refried beans, tossed green salad, dessert and fountain drink of choice.

ITT Closure

The Information, Tickets and Tours

will be closed Monday for inventory.

Power Outages

Due to the ongoing upgrade of the Nebo electrical distribution system, the following outages are schedule for the listed dates and locations.

Monday at the Commissary from 5 to 7 a.m. The building will run on generator from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday Building T198 and the Beer Garden from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 7 at Buildings 196, 197, and 198 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 8 at the Super Seven Day Store from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 9 at the RV park and Buildings 185, 186, 187 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 10 at Building 176 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 14 at the CNG station, Street Light Regulator at the Beer Garden and Building 342 from 7 to 9 a.m.

Feb. 14 at Buildings 204 and 218 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 16 at the CNG station, Street Light Regulator at the Beer Garden from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 17 at the Bowling Alley from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 22 at Buildings 301 and 302 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call 577-6911 for additional information.

30-day Ramp Closure

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the northbound Interstate 15 off-ramp at Wild Wash Road for 30 days beginning Monday. This closure is necessary to reconstruct and widen the bridge segment over Wild Wash Road to accommodate the northbound I-15 freeway-widening project.

To detour, continue north on I-15 past Wild Wash Road to the Hodge Road off-ramp. Turn left and enter southbound I-15 from the Hodge Road on-ramp. Continue south on I-15 to the Wild Wash Road off-ramp. Guide signs will direct motorists through the temporary traffic pattern.

Drivers' patience is appreciated during this construction project. Drivers are reminded to keep alert, pay

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to go grocery shopping.

attention, watch out for irresponsible drivers when entering a highway work zone, and to slow for the cone zone.

I-15 Closure

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct a blasting operation to remove bedrock southeast of Bell Mountain Wash adjacent to Interstate 15. Three separate blasts will be needed to complete the operation. The first blast occurred Jan. 22, the second and larger blast happened on Tuesday, and the final blast is slated for Thursday between 7 and 8:30 a.m.

Prior mechanical efforts to clear dense bedrock were unsuccessful necessitating the blasting operation.

For motorist and worker safety, California Highway Patrol officers will conduct a temporary, full freeway closure within the blasting zone. Detours will not be available, as a complete traffic break is required to safely perform the operation.

The freeway closure will occur just prior to the start of the blasting work and will remain in place until it is safe to open traffic lanes. Estimated duration for blasting and cleanup is expected to be 20 to 30 minutes.

This construction activity is part of the Interstate 15 northbound wid-

ening project from Victorville to Barstow. Precise blasting time is unavailable, as Caltrans demolition specialists must conduct a site condition inspection and complete many safety checks prior to detonation.

Changeable message signs on northbound and southbound I-15 will alert motorists to the closure. Drivers' patience is appreciated during this necessary demolition operation.

Length of Service Information

As part of the Civilian Workforce Campaign Plan, a Marine Corps Length of Service Pin will be provided to each civilian employee. The pin will reflect the number of years of civilian service with the Marine Corps in the following categories: Blank (0-4 years), 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years.

To assist the Human Resources Office in the correct distribution of the pin, HRO is asking all civilian employees to provide their Marine Corps civilian service (whether temporary, term or permanent) on a form that will be provided by their supervisor.

For identification purposes, employees should print their name clearly and provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number. This form will be maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act by the Human Resources Office and will only be used for the purpose indicated above.

Questions regarding the completion of this form may be directed to Kathleen Dunham at the Human Resources Office at 577-6357.

Sweetheart Trip

CWRA is sponsoring a Sweetheart Trip to Laughlin on Feb. 21 to the Golden Nugget. To sign-up for the trip a deposit of \$15 is required with \$5 refund upon arrival in

Laughlin. Pick-up points are in Victorville at the IHOP at 7 a.m. and at the base Post Office (Building 321) at 8 a.m. Attendees will depart Laughlin eight hours after arrival. Movies will be provided on the trip. No alcoholic beverage allowed. The last day to sign up is close of business Feb. 18. People interested in signing up may call the following people:

- Barbara Kulseth, 577-6771
- Vince Chavez, 577-7580
- Tangia Joseph, 577-7230
- Richard Tusing, 577-6492
- Wrayanne Huddleston, 577-7328
- Ernie Hawkins, 577-7661
- Bruce Rowe, 577-7207
- Fred Molino, 577-7210

Inappropriate E-mail

There have been several inappropriate e-mails with offensive content received by MCLB Barstow personnel.

If you receive e-mail of this nature, delete it. The network infrastructure contains filters and blocks; however, this e-mail has worked through the network.

The Marine Corps Network Operations and Security Command (MCNOSC) is aware of this problem and has a team of personnel working toward a solution. MCLB Barstow and other Marine Corps bases are awaiting MCNOSC's guidance.

MCLB Barstow personnel are encouraged to "do the right thing" by deleting such e-mail and not forwarding it to other people.

Names, dates/times are stamped on all messages, and people who willfully violate computer policy will be held accountable.

Computer users should not even forward such e-mail to the Information Assurance Office either.

Again, this is a Marine Corps-wide problem, and a solution is being sought by the MCNOSC.

Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW0610-DH	Nurse GS-610-09	10-01-2003	Open cont.	N/A	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit resumes, online at the following Web sites: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

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

For more information concerning job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357/6279/6481.

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

DOD still confident on safe beef supply in its ranks

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug A. Sample
American Forces Press Service

Department and the Food
and Drug Administration

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials remain confident that beef products in operational rations, served in military mess halls or sold in commissaries are safe.

This updated assessment comes in the wake of the first disease case diagnosed at a Washington state farm Dec. 23. More than 30 countries have since banned the import of U.S. beef. Known formally as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE - mad cow is a brain-wasting disease of cattle that affects the animal's nervous system and eats away its brain. In humans, the disease has been linked to a variant form of the brain-degenerative Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. Army Col. John Proctor, a staff veterinarian with the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, said "Meals Ready to Eat and other operational rations are safe."

The center is an inventory-control point within the Defense Logistics Agency responsible for providing operational rations and food supplies, among other items, to service members around the world.

Proctor said the Agriculture

maintain that all "potentially infectious products" from the BSE-positive cow have been located and recalled. None of the infectious products, which include the spinal cord and brain, had left the control of the companies or entered commercial distribution, he said.

Proctor said the Philadelphia center furnished the USDA with a list of its beef suppliers and its suppliers for beef components in operational rations. In turn, he said, the USDA initiated an internal recall system to see if the BSE-positive beef was in the center's supply chain. "DoD was not a recipient of any of the recalled beef products," he said.

Proctor emphasized that no company that supplies beef to the Philadelphia supply center was implicated in the USDA's recall.

Proctor said DSCP ensures the safety of its operational rations, meat and food products by procuring items only from approved sources. He said those sources include establishments that are inspected by the USDA or by qualified Army Veterinary Command personnel, and are listed in the Directory of Sanitarily Approved Food Establishments for Armed Forces Procure-



Photo by Pfc. Jenna Lassandrello

Beef from the MCLB Barstow commissary is said to be free of the brain wasting cattle disease known as Mad Cow.

ment. Army veterinary inspectors use equivalent USDA standards "when performing inspections overseas," Proctor said. Since the December beef recall, the Defense Commissary Agency, Army and Air Force Exchange Service and DOD's Veterinary Service Activity have all released statements offering assurances that their food supplies are safe. Army Col. Col Scott Severin, acting director of DOD's Veterinary Service Activity, which provides food safety consultation for the Army Surgeon General and

reviews food safety policies for DOD, said there has been "no indication" that DOD received any meat products recalled by the USDA for possible exposure to the disease. "Military personnel don't need to worry about the meat they are eating in the mess halls as being contaminated with any potential bovine spongiform encephalopathy," Severin said. "We follow all the requirements that are set down by both the FDA and the USDA for food safety." Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials issued a

similar statement emphasizing that its stores have not received any meat from Washington state. Richard Sheff, AAFES food and theater vice president, said food served at AAFES facilities is purchased only from DOD-approved sources. Defense Commissary Agency officials also released a statement in December stating that none of the beef in the 275 commissaries it operates worldwide has been involved in a USDA recall. "The USDA has stated that the U.S. beef supply is safe and that the beef recall resulted from an abundance of caution, not fear that the meat is infected," said Army Col. Mark Wolken, chief of public health, safety and security for the commissary agency. "Should the USDA make a determination that there is a danger, DeCA would be first to react to protect the health of our customers." Proctor said that while each DOD agency has its own priorities, "we all have the common goal of providing a safe and wholesome product to our service and family members." He said that Philadelphia supply center will continue to monitor the situation and will continue to follow the guidelines and recommendations of the USDA and FDA.

AROUND THE CORPS

22ND MEU(SOC) EMBASSY DEFENSE

By Capt. Eric R. Dent
22nd MEU(SOC)

In 1996, ABC News referred to the U.S. Embassy to Liberia in Monrovia as that war-torn country's "last bastion of sanity." Keeping the embassy grounds safe and ensuring the civil war raging through the country stayed

outside its walls were Marines from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

To prepare for a repeat of such a mission during its upcoming deployment, the 22nd MEU executed the reinforcement of a notional U.S. embassy during its recent Special Operations Capable Exercise.

Tasked with the reinforcement mission were Marines from Golf Battery, the artillery unit assigned to Battalion Landing

Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, the MEU's ground combat element. They arrived by helicopter near the embassy under the cover of darkness and quickly made their way to the compound less than a mile away from their landing zone aboard Camp Lejeune. At the same time, additional MEU Marines arrived with armored vehicles outfitted with heavy machine guns and established security on avenues of approach to the embassy.

After Golf Battery's leaders arrived and met with the MEU's forward command element and the embassy's Regional Security Officer, they began to improve the defense. During the hour that followed, the Marines established posts at various locations around the embassy and manned watch sections.

"The reinforcement command quickly and professionally established liaison and allowed us (embassy staff) to continue with our diplomatic mission," said Christopher Stitt, a diplomatic security service chief for the Department of State.

Stitt participates in numerous training events each year to help prepare MEUs for missions they may face during their deployments.

Early the next morning, protest-

ors (portrayed by off-duty Marines) launched insults and taunts at the stone-faced artillery Marines. The Marines, most of whom wore non-lethal protection like shin guards and helmet visors while others carried riot shields, gave warnings to the crowd and yet, several protestors attempted to breach the embassy

eye of the crowd mingling around the embassy, and more than once eliminated threats to the compound before they could be realized.

"Ambassador" Raymond L. Brown, another State Department trainer, expressed his pleasure at having Marines at the embassy by saying that the Marines did a

tremendous job, allowing him and his staff to focus on the diplomatic mission.

Capt. Jim Martin, BLT 1/6's assistant operations officer, stressed the importance of this mission as the 22nd MEU prepares to deploy next month.

"We (the Marine Corps) have done numerous embassy reinforcements, and we know that with the global war on terrorism we must be prepared to execute this type of mission," said Martin, a native of Whitehouse Station, N.J. He

continued by saying the battery Marines executed their mission aggressively and with the utmost professionalism.

Recent history reveals this type of training is prudent. In addition to the embassy in Liberia in 1996, the 22nd MEU has executed similar missions in Beirut, Liberia in 1990, the Central African Republic, Zaire, the Congo, Albania, and Karachi, Pakistan during its 2002 deployment.

The 22nd MEU will deploy in mid-February aboard the amphibious assault ships Wasp, Shreveport and Whidbey Island alongside a destroyer, two cruisers, and a fast-attack submarine. The name of this collective group is Expeditionary Strike Group 2.



Photo by Capt. Eric R. Dent

A Marine from Golf Battery, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, the ground combat element of the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit, watches a crowd of protesters from the open window of his HUMVEE during an embassy reinforcement exercise aboard MCB Camp Lejeune.

fence. Streams of Oleoresin Capsicum, an extract of cayenne pepper in a spray form, provided an instantaneous response: breach contained. Painfully reminded that these Marines were serious about their mission, the crowd began to diminish and eventually left the scene.

Over the course of the next several days, representatives from the II Marine Expeditionary Force who oversaw and evaluated the reinforcement mission threw a host of problems at the 22nd MEU Marines.

A backpack tossed over the embassy's fence tested the responsiveness of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Marines assigned to the reinforcement team and prompted the placement of additional strands of concertina wire around the embassy's fence to create more of a barrier.

The appearance of a large truck failing to stop at a checkpoint, eerily reminiscent of the bombing at the American embassy and Marine barracks in Lebanon in 1983, prompted the outer security ring of vehicles to neutralize the threat. Meanwhile, snipers perched in numerous vantage points around the compound kept a constant and wary



Photo by Capt. Eric R. Dent

A sniper team from Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, the ground combat element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, scans the crowd around a "U.S. Embassy" during a reinforcement mission exercise aboard MCB Camp Lejeune. The mission was one of those undertaken by the MEU during its Special Operations Capable Exercise.



Photo by Capt. Eric R. Dent

Marines from Golf Battery, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, the ground combat element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, form a wall behind their riot shields during an embassy reinforcement exercise aboard MCB Camp Lejeune.

Grades earn rewards

By Pfc. Jenna Lassandrello
Barstow Log Staff

Brandon Stevens, a 11th grader at Barstow High School and the son of Chief Warrant Officer Scott Stevens, received two \$500 U.S. savings bonds from the Marine Corps Exchange Super Star Student Program at MCLB Barstow for making good grades in his classes.

Students who are authorized patrons of the Super Seven Day Store, are in grades six through 12, and who have a B-average or higher can come into the exchange with their report cards for the grading period and receive a scratch-off card. Scratching off the card will reveal the prize the student will receive. "Students can win anything from a \$5 gift certificate to a \$1,000 savings bond," said Sgt. Rebecca Wilkinson, an exchange supervisor at the Super Seven Day Store.

In November 2003, Stevens brought in his report card, and the scratch-off card said a \$500 savings bond.

This past January Stevens won a second \$500 savings bond from the Marine Corps Ex-

change Super Star Student Program.

For the Stevens family, this is the third savings bond they have received. Younger son Kyle, who attends Kennedy Middle School, won a \$1,000 savings bond last year.

"I think it is a really good program that encourages students to get good grades and then rewards them for it," said Deanna Stevens, the boys' mother.

"There is still one more \$1,000 savings bond out there. ... All you have to do is bring in your report card and you will have a chance at it," said Dave Louis, the head of retail and services for the exchange at MCLB Barstow.

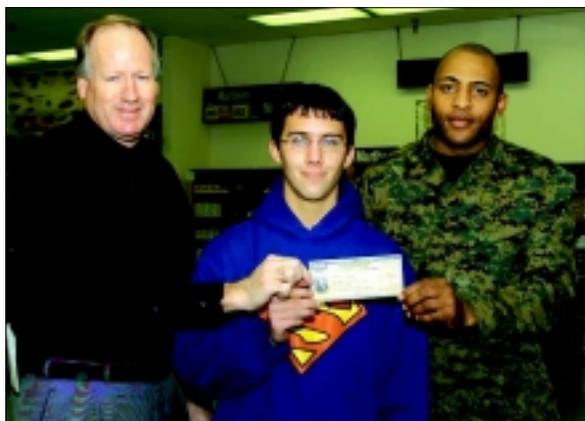


Photo by Pfc. Jenna Lassandrello

Dave Louis, head of retail and services for the MCX here (left) and Sgt. Richard Dowie, a retail manager at the MCX (right) award Brandon Stevens with his second \$500 U.S. savings bond.

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however, reflect our joint consensus on those objectives that we personally intend to manage and track to assure that the objectives are met.

DON objectives for 2004:

War on Terror

A. Continue to support the global war on terrorism through naval combat forces that are capable and relevant to the mission assigned by the combatant commander.

(1) Provide and support the required forces for OIF and OEF.

(2) Incorporate OEF and OIF lessons learned during current operations and in POM 06 investment decisions.

(3) Optimize DON intelligence capabilities and ensure integration with DOD-wide intelligence efforts.

(4) Participate in public for a to emphasize the role of naval forces in the GWOT.

Work Force

B. Shape, streamline and protect the work force for the future.

(1) Continue to provide for the growth and development of our sailors and Marines by sustaining our quality of service/quality of life programs including training, compensation and promotional opportunities, health care, housing, and reasonable operational and personnel tempo.

(2) Broadly implement the national security personnel system (NSPS) in DON.

(3) Transform naval military personnel force by creating modern human resource systems to achieve the objectives of Sea Power 21 and Marine Corps Strategy 21.

(4) Reduce mishaps to be on target

for a 50 percent reduction FY02 to FY05.

Reserves

C. Create a more responsive and integrated reserve component (RC).

(1) Define the 21st century reserve force structure.

(2) Determine active component/reserve component force structure and mix that supports the Fleet Response Plan (FRP), flexible deployment concept and global CONOPS and new Navy missions such as anti terrorism/force protection (AT/FP).

(3) Implement redesign of naval reserve to:

(A) Establish common training and readiness standards for regular and reserve forces.

(B) Improve reserve access to current equipment and tactics.

(C) Optimize command and headquarters relationships between regular and reserve forces.

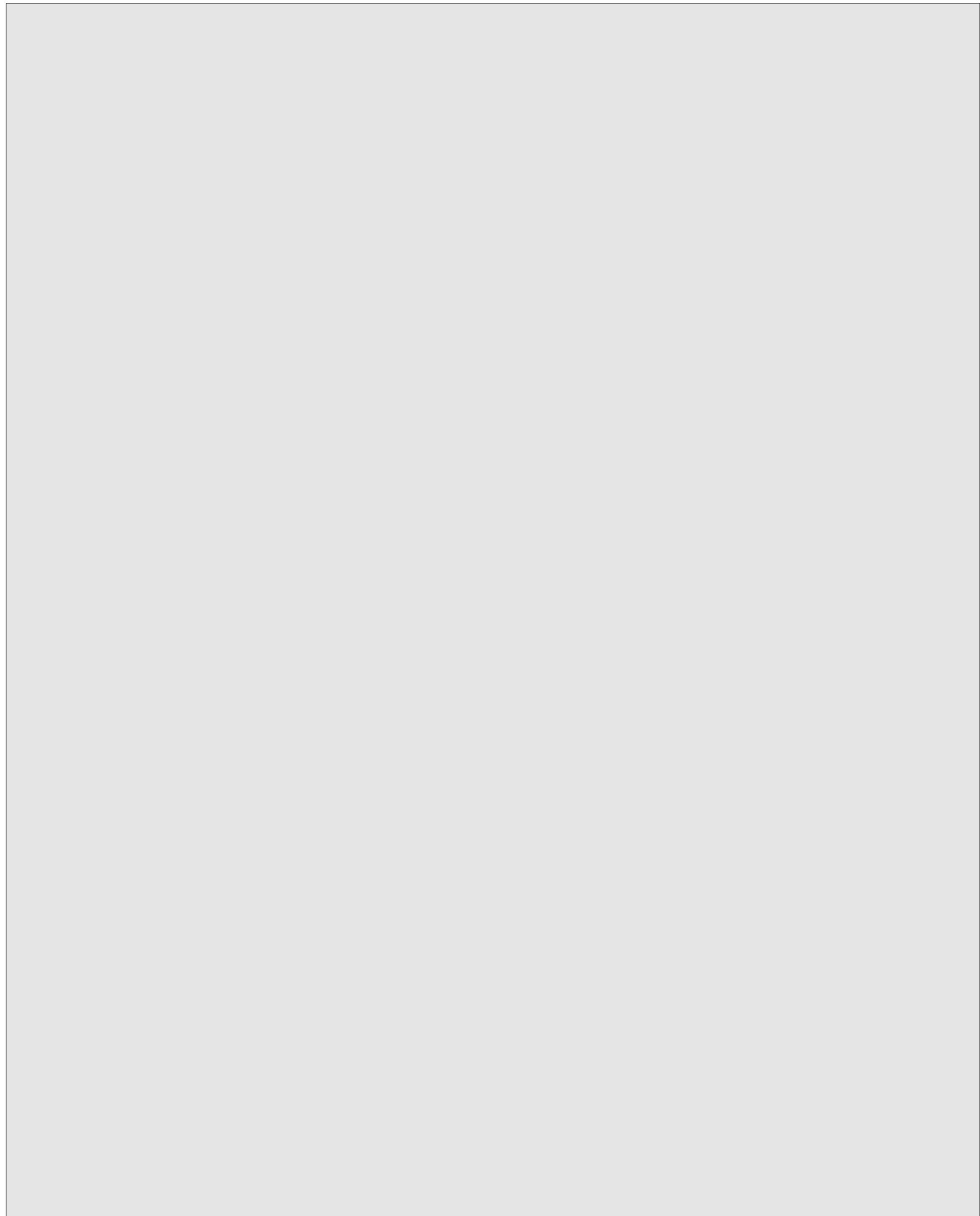
POM 06

D. Continue major emphasis on system survivability in POM (Program Objective Memorandum) 06. In the development of Sea Shield, assess and program to reduce risk in survivability of naval systems, platforms, units, and critical infrastructure from both conventional and asymmetric threats.

BRAC 2005

E. Posture the department for Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005. Establish policy imperatives to effectively support the Navy and Marine Corps 20-year Force Structure Plan and align our shore infrastructure to support this vision. Establish policies to guide department analysis of BRAC candidates through the DOD joint process, and determine a framework for

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LAV shop equipped Marines for success in Iraq

CWC 713 makes customer satisfaction number one priority in 2004

By Pfc. Jenna Lassandrello
Barstow Log Staff

Cost Work Center 713 has many plans for 2004, but the main goal in the minds of the artisans working behind the scenes is customer satisfaction.

CWC 713 is the light armored vehicle section at Maintenance Center Barstow. On a standard day, artisans can be found doing anything from welding to painting the LAVs that come here for repair.

The LAVs come to the Maintenance Center from the fleet looking for repairs and rebuilding. LAVs are armored vehicles that can travel on land or in water and are put to high use in combat. And with hard training for combat or actual combat situations, the LAVs tend to need depot-level maintenance about every three years. There are seven different types of LAVs that are repaired at MCB Barstow, and many of the LAVs that CWC 713 receives have been to the Maintenance Center before, according to Isac Sanchez, the first line supervisor of CWC 713.

After arriving at CWC 713 the LAVs are put through an initial inventory and evaluation.

After all the major problem spots have been identified parts are ordered, plans are made and the real work begins.

No matter what the amount of damage is on an LAV the entire vehicle is completely disassembled.

"We once got an LAV that only had 53 miles on it, but it went through the exact same process as all of the rest," said Sanchez.

The individual parts are checked over even if no repairs are necessary before the LAV is sent back out to the operational forces, which is just one way that the workers try to guarantee a quality product is going out to the customers.

Using the hull as an example of the process that the components go through, the procedure begins with an individual inspection.

"The parts are inspected individually throughout the whole process of breaking down, fixing and rebuilding the LAVs" said Sanchez. Next, the hull is stripped until all that remains is an empty shell. The Maintenance Center is equipped with a

massive X-ray that checks for cracks or damage to the hull to see if welding is needed through non-destructive testing or NDT.

The LAVs may come to CWC 713 encrusted with dirt or rust, but while here they receive a full makeover.

Steaming, blasting and several coats of paint are part of the cleaning and refurbishing process.

The steam cleaning is mostly focused on removing all the built up oil and grease from the hull.

The facility used for steaming resembles a car wash, and the hulls are taken through it approximately five times before it is determined grease free, said Sanchez.

After the steam clean, the hull is blasted. Minute pieces of garnet, which are imported from India, are blasted onto the hull inside and out to wear away all stages of corrosion.

After the hull is completed it is reunited with the rest of the LAV parts as they complete a similar cycle.

To save time and increase productivity during the rebuilding process, CWC 713 crossed over from an assembly line to a three-worker team that is assigned to complete the reassembly. "The assembly line wasn't practical for the reconstruction process because if one person was missing, it would slow up the whole process," said Sanchez. "We are always looking for ways to be more proficient at what we do," Sanchez said.

And even though the process is seasoned, there is always room for improvement. Some of the improvements that have been put into action at the Maintenance Center are the installation of new small overhead cranes, a contractor to maintain the equipment, and the implementation of the Theory of Constraints Management Philosophy.

One of the last steps prior to the Final Support Operation Quality Control Inspection is the testing.

"We perform a road test/float test operation to ensure full operational status in accordance with the statement of work. We operate the vehicles for a minimum of 20 miles testing the speed, brakes, suspension and performance on an incline," said Sanchez.

Following the road test is the float test in the 16-foot pond.

"The vehicle is backed into the water to float for five minutes to ensure there are no leaks. The testing provides the assurance that the LAVs are in top condition.

"Our main goal here is to provide our customers with the highest quality product that we can," said Sanchez.

"That is so important because our customers are the Marines that are actually using these for what they were built to be used as. It is vital that everything was fixed or rebuilt the right way. We want to make a name for ourselves so that the Marines feel safe in a

product from Barstow," said Sanchez. Some satisfied customers were the Marines from the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion and the 1st Maintenance Battalion who spent time in Iraq serving their country from inside LAVs.

One Marine wrote a letter to the Maintenance Center giving feedback to CWC 713.

"(The Marine) wrote, 'The vehicles performed very well

on the battlefield and as we drove them all over Iraq. We are very impressed with the quality of work that comes from each vehicle from Barstow. The Marines from of 1st LAR Battalion and 1st Maintenance Battalion are proud to have this Maintenance Center supporting us," said Sanchez.

"It was really amazing to get that letter, that kind of feedback makes our job much more interesting. We go from fixing LAVs to fixing LAVs for our Marines," said Sanchez.

For FY04 CWC 713 is predicting on working on 31 LAVs, which is a significant drop from last year putting 63 LAVs through the shop.

But Sanchez said he believes this is the "calm before the storm."

"So many LAVs are in use right now overseas that when things settle down over there we

will be getting a lot of LAVs to repair," Sanchez predicted.

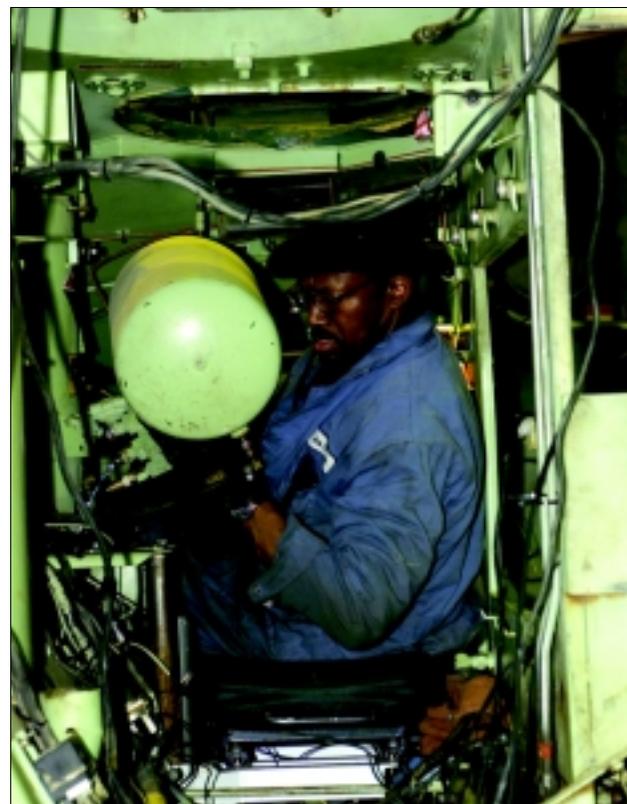
"We are estimating a workload of 73 for FY05, and we will be ready."

"It will be just as important next year

as ever to execute good communication and teamwork. It is a lot of work, but I depend on my leaders and I know the job will be done on schedule. I am appreciative for all of the support shops associated with the LAVs for making FY03 a successful year, and I am looking forward to doing in again in 2004," said Sanchez.



Danny Wolf, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic at CWC 713, installs a vent line for the break system of a light armored vehicle.



Alton Deshazor, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, removes one of three air tanks from a light armored vehicle during the tear-down process of the vehicle.

Photo by Rob Jackson

K-9 Unit outfits dogs with tactical body armor

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt
Barstow Log Editor

The “citizens” of MCLB Barstow can feel a little more confident in the fight against crime, now that the Provost Marshal’s Office K-9 Unit has built its weapons of justice nearly unstoppable.

About three weeks ago, the K-9 unit received a shipment of tactical supplies from Headquarters Marine Corps, to include field kennels equipped with air-conditioning units, training “rewards,” leashes and bite suits.

The most revolutionary item sent to the kennels here was the K-9 body armor.

The armor vests are constructed of soft woven Kevlar material and weigh about seven pounds.

“Every unit (Corps-wide) gets a shipment,” said MCLB Barstow K-9 Unit kennel master Cpl. Kevin Hying.

The K-9 unit here received enough tactical K-9 gear to outfit all five of its devil dogs, said Hying.

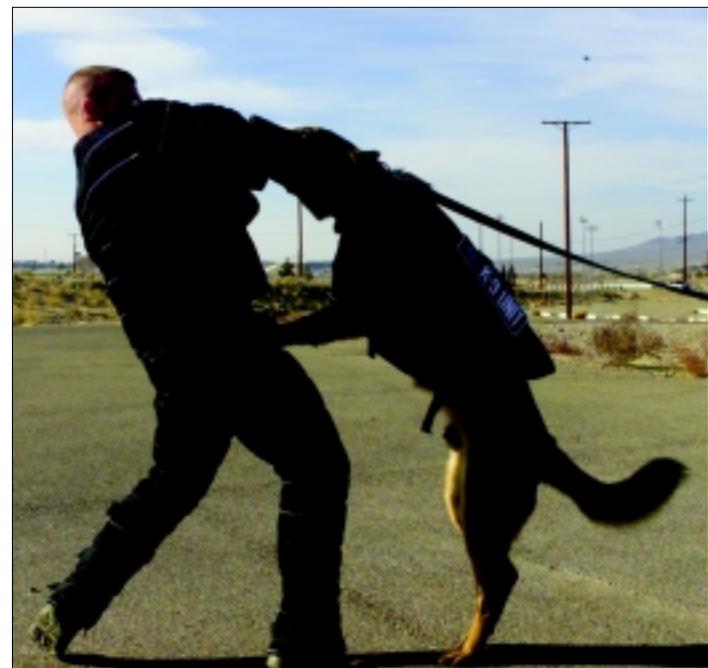
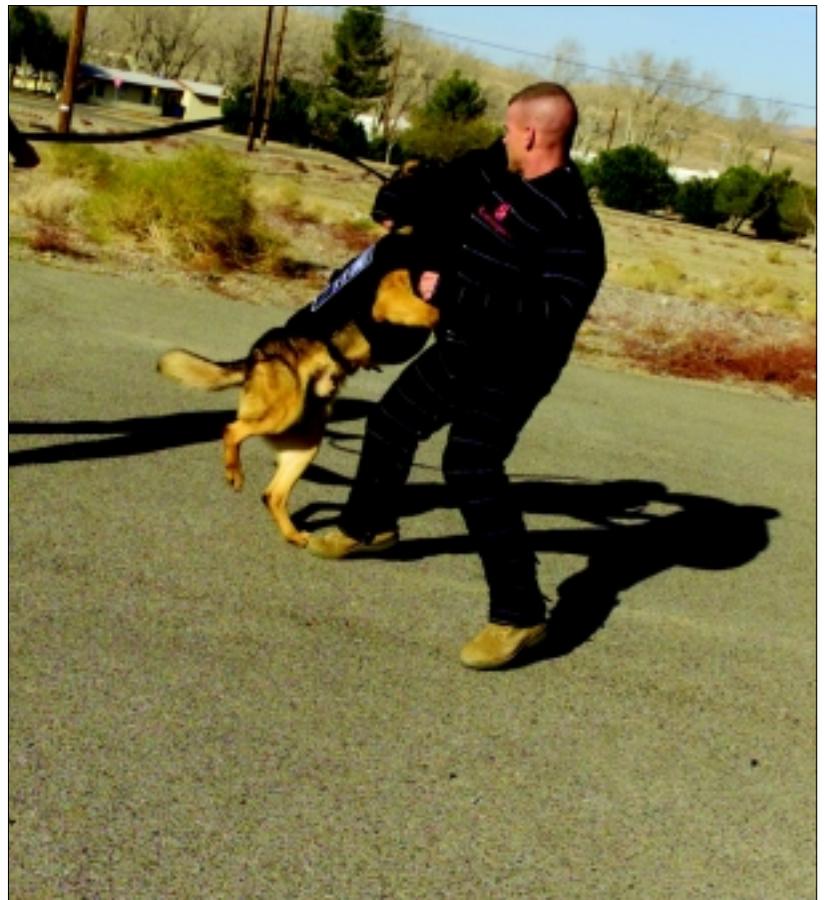
The armor is able to stop small arms fire and protect the dogs from stab wounds, he said, enabling the dogs to perform safer and faster in high-intensity environments such as bomb threats.

The dogs are still adjusting to the armor, said Cpl. Jason Dorman, dog handler with the PMO K-9 Unit.

“It slows them down a little, but they’re pretty fast anyways,” said Dorman.

Dorman added that the armor is similar to a Marine wearing a flak jacket.

After a short training session involving two dogs, a Marine and a bite suit, the exasperated look on the “victims” face meant only one thing: the dogs are as strong, fast and smart as ever, and are still willing to take a bite out of crime when called upon.



The jaws of justice

Cpl. Darin Cleveringa, dog handler with the MCLB Barstow PMO K-9 Unit, suited up in one of the new bite suits the K-9 unit received. Cleveringa then stood back and felt the wrath of one of the unit’s dogs equipped with K-9 body armor, proving that though endurance may be hindered by the weight of the armor, the dogs’ power and short-distance attack speed leave little to the imagination.

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One of the more significant provisions in the SCRA that did not exist in the SSCRA, Lindemann said, was an added protection for service members who have motor vehicle leases.

Any active duty service member who has received PCS orders outside the continental United States, or who is being deployed for not less than 180 days, may terminate a motor vehicle lease.

The law prohibits early termination charges.

"Now, service members won't have to pay monthly lease payments for a car they can't use," said Lindemann.

"Service members may not always realize all the protections they have under the law," Lindemann said. "If service members have questions about the SCRA or the protections that they may be entitled to, they should contact their unit judge advocate or installation legal assistance officer for further assistance."

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realize we cannot win the campaign against preventable accidents without action on everyone's part.

We have the power to prevent many of the senseless losses described above. One major step is to use alcohol responsibly. Four of the six off-duty deaths in December involved alcohol.

Re-dedicate yourselves to reducing this risk and others in all your activities.

The second issue I want to address is the importance of seat belt use.

Three of six fatal accidents involved occupants who did not use seatbelts, and in two of the remaining three accidents seat belt use is unknown.

There are real benefits for seat belt use.

National statistics indicate 73% of restrained occupants who were in a fatal crash last year survived, of those who were not restrained only 43 percent survived. In crashes, 73 percent of all vehicle occupants who

were ejected died; only 1 percent of restrained occupants were ejected. Be smart and safe, wear your seat belt.

Semper fidelis, M. W. Hagee, general, U.S. Marine Corps, commandant of the Marine Corps.

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her. Jesus had to convince her otherwise. This is not unlike many of us today. We have certain ideas about people who are different from us and we are not easily persuaded otherwise. What does that mean exactly?

Well, it means that we have pre-conceived ideas about people for good or for ill and that it takes quite a lot of convincing and experience for us to believe otherwise. Politics and religion are similar to that in many ways. For instance, what happens when you hear the word Republican or Democrat?

Doesn't that evoke thoughts, ideas, and images in your mind?

Don't you begin going through all the categorizing about what it means to be a Democrat or a Republican?

When we put these ideas into action they usually come out as prejudicial behavior.

The same is true of religion. Just try saying the word Episcopalian or Mormon or Jewish without conjuring up images and ideas of what these words objectify. Hard to do isn't it? The lesson here is that Jesus had realized that the label that this woman wore was not really who she was. He was able to look beyond the label, beyond the clothing, beyond the gender and see a person of worth and value; he saw another human being!

I believe that we need to try and train ourselves not to see Democrats or Republicans, Catholics or Baptists. Rather, we need to begin seeing human beings of worth and value.

We need to see individuals who have something to contribute regardless of their status.

Maybe when that happens we will hear a lessening of the destructive rhetoric to which we have grown accustomed.

Maybe then we can begin to learn to be more trusting.

Maybe then we can learn to simply be ourselves as part of creation and part of each other and maybe that will lead to the beginning of a wonderful new year.

Peace,
Fr Randel



Leadership, understanding key to 2004 DON mission

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aligning post-BRAC capabilities in support of future operating forces and concepts.

Missile Defense

F. Deploy operational naval national missile defense capabilities.

Transformation

G. Align organizations and processes to ensure service collaboration on key joint concepts and capabilities and to accelerate force transformation.

(1) Stand up a sea basing joint concept development office.

(2) Develop a joint tactical air weapons office.

(3) Revise policies and procedures to facilitate "joint basing."

DOD Planning

H. Take a leadership role in shaping DOD and joint staff enhanced planning process.

(1) Prioritize and align service participation in the Business Management Modernization Program, joint capabilities integration and development system, the Aldridge Study and Under Secretary Wynne's analytical agenda efforts.

(2) Balance the planning and resourcing activities to create a better business structure by focusing more executive time on planning, vice resourcing.

(3) Developing Executive financial

As we begin the new year, it is essential that the leadership throughout the Navy and Marine Corps fully understand and work toward accomplishment of our priority objectives for 2004.

management tools to better support executive planning and decision-making along with the financial accounting improvements needed to obtain a clean audit.

Performance Measures

I. Develop an enterprise-wide system of performance measures fed by echelon II level metrics that enables effective DON management and provides linkage to the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) risk areas and the President's management agenda.

Shipbuilding

J. Develop, in concert with DOD and Congress, a financing strategy for shipbuilding that articulates requirements, matches them with platforms, and aligns resources with those commitments. Explore options that differentiate these major capital investments from other costs.

Training and Readiness

K. Work with Congress and appropriate agencies to ensure needed training and readiness of naval forces are not impaired by en-

croachments and restrictions such as urban sprawl and local environmental regulation. Ensure effective consideration of national defense factors in amendments to environmental laws, especially reauthorization of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

(1) Work closely with Congress and regulatory agencies to ensure proposed reauthorization of MMPA is consistent with national defense needs.

(2) Implement a robust, integrated program to assess the potential impacts of naval activities on protected marine animal species.

(3) Complete fleet guidance, environmental documentation, and mitigation actions for all routine unit training evolutions and major exercises in FY04.

Maintenance Management

L. Adapt maintenance management to support surge requirements of the Fleet Response Plan (FRP).

(1) Develop a strategy to support the "one shipyard" concept within the industrial base.

(2) Establish mission funding at all shipyards.

Homeland Security

M. Clarify DON and Coast Guard roles, missions, and homeland security relationships both in CONUS and non-CONUS theaters of operation.

Information Technology

N. Synchronize and align information technology (IT) programs and investments/NMCI. Identify and execute the near term application and server management decisions to capitalize on NMCI as an enterprise IT system.

Enterprise Resource Program

O. Create the enterprise framework and initially deploy an Enterprise Resource Program (ERP) to manage our supply chain and to enhance and modernize our business management process.

4. We look forward to receiving progress reports on each of these objectives and working as a team to accomplish the best possible results. We commend each and every one of you on your commitment to achieving the maximum effectiveness with the greatest efficiency. Thanks for all your help.

Editor's Note:

The message above was released by the Secretary of the Navy and re-released in ALMAR 005/04.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Super Seven Specials

All kinds of specials are available to you at the Super Seven Store - check these out:

Soft drink special - 12 pack Pepsi or Coke, just \$1.99 (offer good Saturday and Sunday only).

Chip special - 11 or 12 ounce bag of chips, regularly \$2.99 to \$3.99 sale priced at just \$2.50.

Our January sale in progress now features:

White Sale - towels, pillows, sheets and comforter all slashed to special prices.

Gas prices - we've cut five cents per gallon off the posted price from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.

Balloons - these are great for Super Bowl parties, birthdays, any special event - 25 percent off. We'll even furnish the helium for free.

Coffee drinker? You've got to check out our new Coffee Cards.

Just buy five cups of coffee and get the sixth one free. Drop by and buy a cup of coffee and pick up your card today.

For more information call the Super Seven Store at 256-8974. The Super Seven Store is open Mondays through Fridays 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Club activities

At the Oasis Club this week: Tonight is Happy Hour from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Tomorrow is TGIFamily Night. Next Tuesday is Burn Your Own Steak Night, and Wednesday is Movie Night.

At the Enlisted Club this week: Darts, pool, TV and CD music every night. Next Monday and Tuesday is Bar and Grill Night, and Wednesday is Midweek Relaxation Hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information call Tammy at 577-6418

Youth and Teen summits

Marine and Family Services is providing our youth, through the Youth and Teen Summits, the tools to strengthen character, raise self-esteem and confidence, develop leadership traits, focus on the importance of setting long and short term goals, deal with conflict resolution and live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

There are no fees. The Youth Summits are for children ages 9 to 12. The Teen Summits are for teens ages 13 to 18.

Both summits will be meeting at the McKinney Youth Activities Center. All who wish to attend need to sign up at the YAC as soon as possible.

February summits will be: The Youth Summit Feb. 6 at 3:30 p.m.. The Teen Summit Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m.

This program is offered to family members and those youth and teens authorized to use the McKinney Center facilities. The Youth and Teen Summits will be a monthly event. For more information call 577-6533.

Room for more

Food and Hospitality has 20 new parking pads for RVs.

This cost is \$10 per night. For details call Tammy at 577-6418. The RV parking office is located in Bulding 342 (ITT and Bowling Center building).

**Super Bowl
XXXVIII party**



At the Enlisted Club Feb. 1

**Doors open at 10 a.m.
Game starts at 3:25 p.m.
Free food and prizes!
Chance to win prizes including
a \$500 value "Imperial Palace Love Tub
Getaway Weekend" in Las Vegas. A video
game chair from the Furniture Outlet, a
free dinner at Lola's Kitchen, and more!**

**Everyone welcome
Open to all MCLB personnel
For more information call 577-5418**