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Branch Medical Clinic modifies operation during staff deployment

Submitted by
Branch Medical Clinic

On Jan. 21, eight corpsmen from Barstow's Branch Medical Clinic were deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

This total accounts for about 40 percent of the hospital corps staff, and as a result the clinic will modify its operations until further notice.

The clinic will be open as usual Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the central phone number will remain the same - (760) 577-6491 - however, take note of the following phone extension changes:

For the appointments clerk call extension 105, for health benefits advisor, call extension

102, and for records and quarterdeck, dial extension 103. Patients requiring medication refills can call 1-866-286-8249.

Beginning Monday the Branch Clinic will schedule patients by priority, with active duty personnel being seen first followed by TRICARE Prime beneficiaries; all other patients will be seen on a space available basis.

Walk-in sick call is no longer available, which means active duty clinic visits will be by appointment only.

The Branch Medical Clinic staff thanks everyone for their continued patience and cooperation with the recent changes, and will continue to keep its beneficiaries up to date on future developments.

In the line of duty

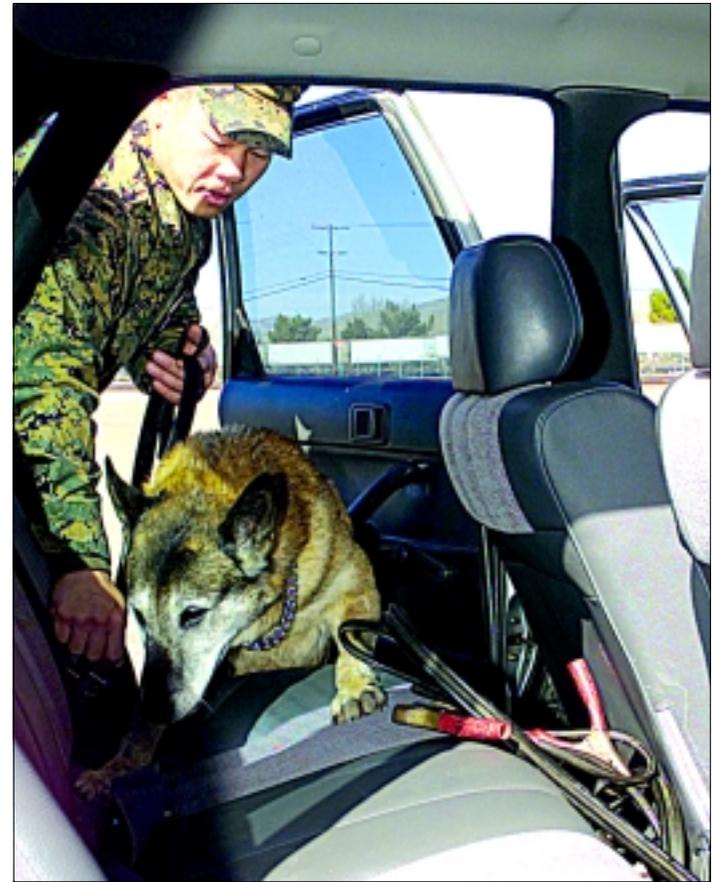


Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt

Cpl. Quyen Au, a dog handler with the MCLB Barstow Provost Marshal's Office K-9 Unit, runs his dog Renzo through Master Sgt. Edwin Wisemon's vehicle. Wisemon's car was stolen recently and recovered in Las Vegas. Wisemon said he could tell whoever stole the vehicle had been "partying" inside and he wanted to make sure they didn't leave any drugs behind.

NMCI seat deployment slated

By Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt
Barstow Log Editor

Years of planning, months of meetings and more than a handful of "Widest Dissems" will have a chance to prove themselves in a few weeks.

With the network cutover in place, it's time to take the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet to the next step: seat deployment.

The first hurdle in smoothly overcoming such a transition as the NMCI seat deployment is the end-user's understanding of the tasks.

An end-user is anyone who uses a government computer system to be productive in his or her respective tasks, said Anita Lewis, head of the MCLB Barstow Communications

Division.

Major changes in the network here began on Jan. 11, when the "green light" was given from Marine Corps Network Operations and Security Command to commence the network transition.

According to Lewis, a network outage occurred and a team began executing steps to route over the NMCI transport boundary and across the NMCI boundary one architecture. The process took a little over two hours, and the Barstow network was successfully transitioned to the NMCI Enterprise.

End-users ran post-transition tests on their systems, and all except for a minor delay the test performance was "exceptional," said Lewis.

And now it's time for the final act.

The final phase of the NMCI transition is slated for the last week in February, said Lewis.

The seat deployment entails a changeover of the current ESI systems to Electronic Data Systems NMCI applications. Users can expect to lose their pictures of grandchildren on their desktops amongst other loss of workplace enlightenment currently on the systems, said Lewis. The overall seat deployment is scheduled to begin Feb. 23, as is logged on the NMCI road map, provided by Communications Division.

According to Darlene Piper, computer specialist in the Network Systems Branch of Communications Division, a total of 1,148 seats are

scheduled for deployment over the course of a few months. The main aspect of seat deployment is re-imagining the current seats. Each seat should allot six and a half hours of time for the EDS technician to re-image the system, though it may take up to eight hours, said Piper.

Tentatively beginning Feb. 17, a series of NMCI customer transition briefs will take place.

Sessions will be limited to approximately 150 attendees, invited according to geographical location (on base) in correspondence with what locations will be deployed first, said Lewis.

The nearly four-hour briefing will cover a myriad of information end-

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FITREPS 101: proper preparation

By Sgt. Maj. Charles D. Castle
Personnel Management Support Branch

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today" is a phrase that we are somewhat familiar with from the Popeye days of our youth. Unfortunately this concept is still being applied today as we prepare performance evaluations.

One of my responsibilities here at the Personnel Management Support Branch is to educate the masses on performance evaluation. The masses being the 103,000 sergeants and above who receive fitness reports.

Probably the most openly and often discussed issue I encounter is that of the reporting senior not providing a copy of the signed report to the Marine reported on. Providing the MROs a signed copy of their fitness report

is the easiest portion of the performance evaluation process, right? Yet, it is one of the more neglected requirements I continue to hear about from the "masses." Paragraph 4013.3 and Appendix B.5, Section J.1 of MCO P1610.7E, Performance Evaluation System, both pertaining to the Reporting Senior Certification, reads, "... I have provided a signed copy of this report to the Marine Reported on."

This particular action seems to be removed from the fitness report process a lot of times. Notice I said a lot of times, not all the time. This is similar to writing checks with insufficient funds. The signature on a personal check indicates a promise of good faith. The RS's signature in Section J indicates a promise of good faith to the MRO, the reviewing officer, and to Headquarters, Marine Corps that the RS has provided a copy of the completed fitness

report to the MRO.

Another area that seems to be challenging is Section A.1.d - the social security number of the MRO. I am sure there are a plethora of reasons as to why the SSN is a continual discrepancy on fitness reports starting with the MRO. Maybe the MRO isn't providing the correct SSN to the RS on the Marine Reported On Worksheet. Maybe the command review process isn't being conducted.

Even worse, when the RS provides a copy to the MRO they don't catch the disparity. For instance, there is no such SSN as "123456789," yet we still receive reports with that number in the SSN block.

Moreover, no two Marines have the same SSN, yet we continue to receive reports with the same SSN for the

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Faith is not just a word of belief

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



Faith. Now there is a word that almost everyone knows or has heard. It is a word that many people associate with religious beliefs and also a word that some link to

adherence to a cause.

Faith is a word that can evoke a strong response when used casually and can really make people think about what you are trying to say.

The year has moved along and we are now in February, but the year has really just begun and many of us are still trying to work the "bugs" out of the resolutions we made early on the New Year's morning.

I can recall a few of the resolutions I have made in the past.

Resolutions like "I am going to lift weights and get fit this year." That is one reason why many people who regularly go to the gym do not go the

first two weeks of the year because they know that all the "New Year's people" will be there.

Other resolutions I have made include mastering algebra, learning to play the clarinet and a few more things.

Some I have done more successfully than others. For instance, I had the privilege of playing clarinet in the new Barstow Band for a while, a group hosted by the High School band director Mr. Garvin.

Other things, algebra, I was not so successful with.

One thing I learned about all these resolutions was that they all took faith. According to one author, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of the not seen." (Hebrews 11:1).

Although I am not exactly certain what Webster would say, I think that is a pretty good definition.

Faith is really something intangible. It is something that seems to wax and wane with our life's ebb and flow.

It can also be something that is terrifically strong and powerful in our

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

Ken Ulibarri, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, CWC 714, MK48/LVS product line, installs brakes on an MK48 "bogy." Ulibarri has been with Maintenance Center Barstow for approximately seven 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 – Chicken parmasean and noodles.

Friday – Catfish and rice pilaf.

Monday – Salisbury steak and grilled onions.

Tuesday – Teriyaki breast of chicken and rice.

Wednesday – Prime rib and mashed 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 – Italian night. Spaghetti, lasagna, garlic bread, italian vegetable, tossed green salad

tem, the following outages are schedule for the listed dates and locations.

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

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

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

Tuesday 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) closed the northbound Interstate 15 off-ramp at Wild Wash Road for 30 days on Feb. 2. 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 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 Jan. 27 and the final blast is slated for Today 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 widening 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.

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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.

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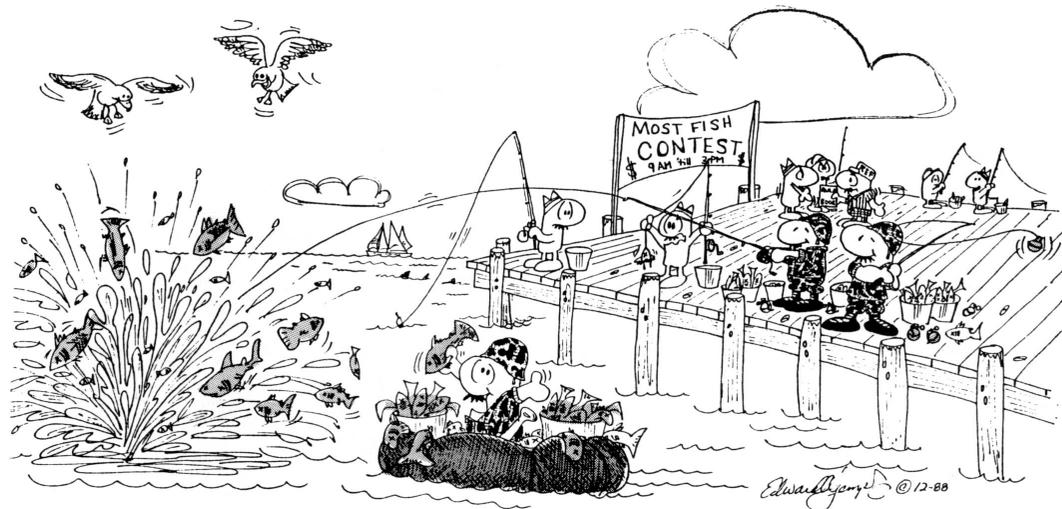
Sweetheart Trip

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. 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

By E. Temple

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do



Never ask a Marine to go fishing.

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

African American History Month luncheon

The Black Employment Program Committee will host its annual African American History Month luncheon Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oasis Club. Guest speaker for this year's luncheon is Captain Richard Diggs of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The menu for this event is a choice of fried chicken or fried catfish, with collard greens, rice pilaf, corn muffins, and iced tea or coffee. Cost for the chicken is \$7.50 and \$8.00 for the catfish. Tickets are on sale now until Feb. 18, and can be obtained from the following committee members:

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.

A court case beyond boundaries: Brown vs. the Board of Education

Compiled by Rob L. Jackson
BARSTOW LOG staff

This month marks the 78th annual observance of African American History Month. Dr. Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week in 1926, and in 1976 the week was expanded to a month.

The theme of this year's observance is "Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas," commemorating the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that ended federally sanctioned racial segregation in public schools.

This landmark case settled the question of whether blacks and whites can receive an education integrated with or separate from each other. It overturned the 1896 case of Plessy v. Ferguson, which established the doctrine "separate but equal." This concept stated that separate public facilities of equal quality do not violate the equal protection

clause of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution, which reads:

Section 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.

No state shall make or enforce any law, which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction equal protection of the laws.

Linda Brown, an 8-year-old African American, had to cross Topeka to attend grade school while her white friends were able to attend classes at a public school just a few blocks away.

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Linda's parents filed suit in federal district court on the basis that separate facilities for blacks were inherently unequal. The lower courts agreed with the school system that the facilities were equal; the child was being treated equally with whites as prescribed by the 14th Amendment.

Not satisfied with the courts' decision the Browns and families in other school systems appealed to the Supreme Court that even facilities that were physically equal did not take into account "intangible" factors, and that segregation itself has a harmful effect on the education of black children.

The other school systems

included Clarendon County, S. C.; Farmville, Prince Edward County, Va.; the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware; and in Washington, D.C.

Their case was taken by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) legal defense team and argued before the Supreme Court on Dec. 9, 1952 and reargued on Dec. 8, 1953 by Thurgood Marshall, who would later become the first black justice on the Supreme Court.

The attorneys in all five cases, complying with NAACP strategy, introduced extensive sociological and psychological materials and solicited testimony from leading social scientists to

show the damaging effects of segregated schools on both black and white children.

In all but the Delaware case, the three-judge district courts were not impressed with the scientific findings or by this line of argument and upheld the validity of the segregated school system.

Only in Delaware was there initial success. Chancellor Collins Seitz of the State Court of Chancery held in *Belton v. Gebhart* (1952), that the black children of Newcastle County must be admitted to the white public schools, since separate black schools were inferior; he further mentioned that the segregation "itself results in Negro children, as a class, receiving educational opportunities substantially inferior to those available to white children."

On appeal in *Belton v. Gebhart*, the Delaware Supreme

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users need to know in order to maintain current productivity status throughout the seat deployment, such as Public Key Infrastructure certificates, Gold Disk Applications, Legacy Applications, a deployment plan overview and a brief from the customer technical representative, Susan Louis.

These are just a few of the topics that will be covered.

Lewis stressed that end-user attendance is paramount, and those unable to attend the initial briefs will be given the opportunity for a make-up session.

End-users will be notified of what brief they are scheduled to attend through section heads and a handful of e-mails. The briefs will be held at the Oasis Club.

The briefs are just a small part of the overall communications strategy, including information distribution resources such as the intranet, public affairs and end-user sessions. There are weekly updates scheduled as well as feedback sessions.

If it all seems confusing, it may very well be. But according to Lewis, the end users will have the resources to be informed. As long as people have their head in the game, the NMCI seat deployment will be like some sort of computer-geek Santa Claus, bringing faster systems, more security and the services and support to help people do their jobs.

For more information on the NMCI network seat deployment, contact Darlene Piper, Network Systems Branch, Communications Division, at 577-6672.

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lives and really becomes a sustaining force.

I think about faith when I think of how we interact with others. It is easy to see our own shortcomings of others.

How often have you looked in the mirror and spoken to yourself about a particular fault or failing?

How many times have you done the same about others? Probably a bit more often than we take the time to say, I know I failed this time but I will accomplish this!

We sometimes lack faith in ourselves to do what we set out to do.

In fact, I think our own lack of faith is the single greatest hindrance to our success. When we are able to believe or have faith that we can accomplish what we set our minds and bodies to is when we find the greatest success.

When we can see the strength of others and the potential they have we can help them by believing or having faith in them.

I am sure we can recall a time when someone said an encouraging word to us that helped us when we felt as though we would fail.

That is the faith that I am speaking about. Faith is a powerful ally.

It is something we all have, we just seem to have different amounts.

I think this begs the question, "How do I increase my faith?" I believe there are a number ways.

First, as parents we can build our children's faith by expressing our own belief in their ability to succeed.

We have to model that behavior for them in our own lives as well.

If we live without faith in ourselves we will certainly communicate that to others.

Secondly, I believe that we strengthen our faith by believing that we are all created equal.

That means while we may not all be able to do everything, we can certainly do something.

A quote I heard once seems to sum up the idea I am trying to make.

"Everyone is smart, just about different things."

Believe in yourself and others and watch the success begin.

Peace,

Fr Randel

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Court upheld the decision of the lower court, upon the narrow ground that the black schools were of poorer quality than the white schools.

Marshall, then the NAACP legal team's director-counsel, expected these initial set-backs and decided upon two

procedures by which to bring these class action cases to the U. S. Supreme Court; first, the suits in Kansas, Virginia and South Carolina were to be brought to the Court on Appeal; second, the litigants in the District of Columbia case were to file for writs of certiorari.

The first of the five cases acted upon by the Court – Briggs v. Elliott (1952) – involved the suit from South Carolina, in which the decision was vacated and remanded to the district court. On March 3, 1952, the district court repeated its judgment that black school children of the county were entitled to equal facilities but still refused to declare South Carolina's compulsory segregation law unconstitutional.

Again Marshall appealed the case to the Supreme Court, along with the Topeka suit, which was now coming before the court for the first time.

In explaining the justification for the court's jurisdiction in the Brown case, Marshall, Robert Carter, and Jack Greenberg emphasized the adverse effects of segregation on school children during their most formative years.

Their statement expounded upon the findings of the district court in Kansas that emphasized with the sociological argument against state-enforced segregation but nevertheless upheld the state law; centered on those problems peculiarly confronting the black children

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under a segregated school system; and concluded with the lawyers for the appellants arguing that the black children were being denied the “equal protection of the laws” and the equality in treatment required by the 14th Amendment stating:

Since elementary education is absorbed during the formative years of a child’s life, it assumes a peculiar and more important role than education at any other level. ... Negro children cannot be afforded the opportunity to develop fully their intelligence and their mental capabilities if their training is circumscribed and their development stunted by state practices which, at the very outset of their search for education, places them at a disadvantage with children belonging to other racial groups.

On June 9, 1952, the lawyers for the appellants and respondents in the South Carolina and Kansas cases were officially notified that the Supreme Court of the United States would hear their causes. Oral argument was originally set for the week of Oct. 13, 1952; however, the court later postponed argument until Dec. 9 to allow the lawyers in the three remaining cases to file their briefs. The four state suits were consolidated under the title *Brown v. Board of Education*.

That from the District of Columbia, *Bolling v. Sharpe* (1954), was handled separately because it involved federal jurisdiction.

Oral argument for the litigants in the five cases began on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The NAACP briefs, filed three months earlier, outlined the points of attack made by Marshall, Carter, and James Nabrit Jr., another member of the NAACP’s legal team, and the others.

In *Briggs v. Elliott*, Marshall was primarily responsible for both the oral argument and the brief on behalf of the black appellants from South Carolina. Relying on what were by now familiar sources by social scientists and on legal precedent from 46 cases, Marshall presented social and legal justification for the Supreme Court to repudiate the “separate but equal” doctrine.

The Director Counsel argued that legally enforced racial segregation in the public schools of South Carolina denied the black children of the state that equality of educational opportunity and benefit required by the “equal protection of the laws” clause of the 14th Amendment.

Moreover, he continued, the compulsory-segregation laws of the state inflict on its public schools that racism which the Supreme Court of the United States has repeatedly declared unconstitutional in other areas of government action.

The allotted time for both sides came to an end on Dec. 11, 1952, having produced a total of 10 hours of oral argument in three days; Marshall had met a worthy opponent in John W. Davis, the former solicitor general and the presidential candidate for the Democratic Party in 1924, who argued the cause for South Carolina.

Davis had disputed the argument that



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt

A group of Marines from MCLB Barstow Fleet Support Division gather around a CH-53E Super Stallion from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 769, Marine Air Group 46 at Edwards Air Force Base Friday. The Marines took a day off work to tour the base, including the base museum and NASA Test Flight Facility.

segregation inflicted psychological damage on black school children.

The lawyer for South Carolina argued that the only question of sufficient magnitude for adjudication was whether the framers of the 14th Amendment had actually intended to eliminate segregated schools.

If this were the case, he concluded, then Congress could never have allowed the existence of such schools in the District of Columbia.

In June 1953 the Supreme Court, in a memorandum decision, held that it was necessary to clarify certain points before a decision could be reached; it assigned the cases for reargument on Monday, Oct. 12, 1953.

In addition, the court requested the advocates on both sides provide answers to a number of significant questions: What evidence was there that the authors of the 14th Amendment, as well as the state legislatures that ratified it, understood the amendment to mean the end of segregated schools?

If no such assumption had been made, was there any evidence that the supporters of the amendment perceived that the Congress might imply such a prohibition or that the federal courts might legitimately construe the amendment to mean the elimination of such segregation?

If the original intent remained unclear in both questions, was it within the court’s power to do away with segregated public schools nevertheless?

Finally, if the court did decide to do so, how should the order be implemented?

Although disappointed by the court’s delay in deciding the case, the NAACP lawyers were optimistic about the direction indicated by the questions. It became apparent to them that the Supreme Court was more than willing to

overrule the “separate but equal” doctrine if only an acceptable rationale could be found.

They were correct in their assumptions, particularly after filing their final brief with the Supreme Court on Dec. 5, 1953.

In the brief, the lawyers for the appellants put forth the Kelly-Frank-Graham argument that the states in this case have taken a mistaken approach to the history of the adoption of the 14th Amendment; that the amendment was not proposed simply to constitutionalize the Civil Rights Act of 1866. Their argument:

The significance of the legislative history of the of the Fourteenth Amendment is that there can be no doubt that the framers were seeking to secure and to protect the Negro as a full and equal citizen subject only to the same legal disabilities and penalties as the white man.

The Court decisions in aid of this fundamental purpose, we submit, compel the conclusion that school segregation, pursuant to state law, is at war with the Amendment’s intent.

On Monday, May 17, 1954, almost five months after the reargument of the cases, the Supreme Court announced its decision in the four state cases.

In a unanimous opinion delivered by Chief Justice Earl Warren, the court disposed of the historical argument on the ground that the evidence presented was inconclusive with respect to the framers’ intent toward segregated schools. The following are excerpts from the court’s decision:

One significant reason for the inconclusive nature of the Amendment’s history with respect to segregated schools is the status of public education at that time. In the South, the movement toward

free common schools, supported by general taxation, had not taken hold. Education of white children was largely in the hands of private groups.

Education of Negroes was almost nonexistent, and practically all of the race was illiterate. In fact, any education of Negroes was forbidden by law in some states.

Today, education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments.

Compulsory school attendance laws and the great expenditures for education both demonstrate our recognition of the importance of education to our Democratic society.

It is required in the performance of our most basic public responsibilities, even service in the armed forces. It is the very foundation of good citizenship.

Today it is a principal instrument in awakening the child to cultural values, in preparing him for later professional training and in helping him to adjust normally to his environment.

In these days, it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education.

Such an opportunity, where the state has undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms.

We come then to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other “tangible” factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of educational opportunities? We believe that it does.

In delivering the court’s conclusion, Warren did not overturn the Plessy

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doctrine as being unconstitutional; rather, he contended that its application to public education was invalid:

We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of "separate but equal" has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment.

In less than an hour after the decisions were read, the Voice of America announced the news by short wave to Eastern European countries.

The United States Information Agency also transmitted news of the decisions – as a "victory for democratic principles and practices" – to the people in the Far East, in China, Korea, Japan and Vietnam.

Thurgood Marshall later commented that the Brown decision "probably did more than anything else to awaken the Negro from his apathy to demanding his right to equality."

Editor's Note:

Information for this article was compiled from the following sources:

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Calico Presidents Day Civil War re-enactment



Photo submitted by Calico Ghost Town

Presidents Day weekend will offer a real-life history lesson about the great Civil War set against the backdrop of the historic town of Calico on Feb. 14, 15 and 16. Visitors to the small ghost town located north of Barstow will have the unique opportunity to experience the occupation of the town by Union and Confederate soldiers.

WEEKEND WARRIOR

Nature's glorious canvas unfolds at ...

Joshua Tree National Park

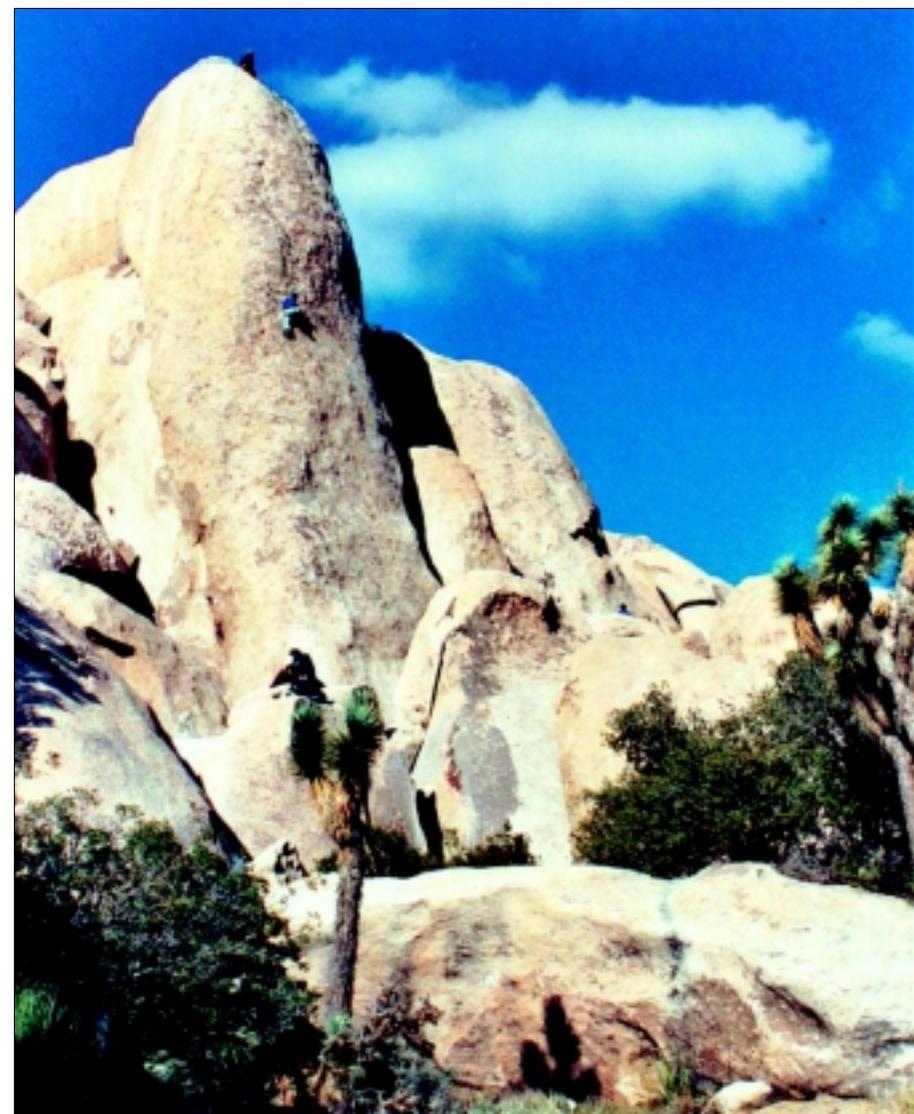


Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt

A group of rock climbers reach for the heavens on one of Joshua Tree's many towering granite boulders. The park is known internationally for its world-class climbing. Visitors interested in climbing may contact local independent businesses that offer lessons.

By Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt
Barstow Log Editor

The football season has ended and nearly seven months lay ahead before the start of the next regular season. Things were looking bleak for many Marines at MCLB Barstow, until now.

"I can't wait for this weekend," said Pfc. Schmuckatelli.

"Are you going to the club?" replied his fellow devil dog.

"No," said Schmuckatelli, "I'm going to get lost in nature's serenity, explore her vast majesty, rock climb, hike, camp and relax."

It so happens, Schmuckatelli was referring to Joshua Tree National Park, located in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Rather than a night or two in town, facing rejection from girls, sugary overpriced rum-and-cokes and a hangover, he decided that what was more exciting would be an inexpensive getaway to one of the most beautiful and delicate places on planet Earth.

Joshua Tree National Park is located about 1.5 hours south of MCLB Barstow off U.S. Highway 62.

The 790,000-acre park is open year-round and offers endless possibilities to the weekend warrior.

The park has two visitors' centers. Cottonwood Visitor Center is open year-round from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Oasis Visitor Center is open year-round from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The visitors' centers, ranger stations, entrance stations and outdoor exhibits are all located along the main roads leading into and through the park.

Detailed information on weather, road conditions, backcountry use, campgrounds and regulations may be obtained at visitor's centers or entrance stations.

For rock climbing experts or novices, Joshua Tree offers hundreds of world-class bouldering and rope climbing routes.

Geology enthusiasts may wish to take in the park's eye-popping rock formations and high-desert landscape.

Another major attraction at the park is its namesake, the Joshua tree. These spiny, twisted oddities are like something straight out of Dr. Seuss books and thrive throughout the park. The trees have an annual growth rate of a half inch per year. The park's tallest Joshua tree stands over 40 feet tall and is an estimated 300 years old.

The ideal visiting season is September through mid-May. Temperatures in the summer months reach an average of 110 degrees, making a day in the desert somewhat undesirable.

There are nine campgrounds located within the park, with a 30-day camping limit per year and only 14 nights between October and May. For reservation and fee information, visitors may call 1-800-365-2267. Under certain provisions, backcountry camping is also authorized.

For adventurers looking to spend more than one day in Joshua Tree, park officials strongly advise planning ahead.

There are several publications available at the visitor's centers and bookstores about the park, as well as www.joshuatree.org.

On the political side of the park's interests, Joshua Tree has recently made the National Park Service's Endangered Parks list for the third time in five years, alarming some conservationists.

"We have a president who is talking about putting a permanent space station on the moon," said Howard Gross, conservation association spokesman on Joshua Tree.

"People don't need to go to the moon to have an incredible experience. We need to have our priorities straight."

But the facts speak for themselves, and over 1.3 million visitors annually can't be wrong. Joshua Tree is awesome.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt

The sun sets on another high-desert afternoon at Joshua Tree National Park as a lone tribute stands steadfast against the rigors of time and weather.

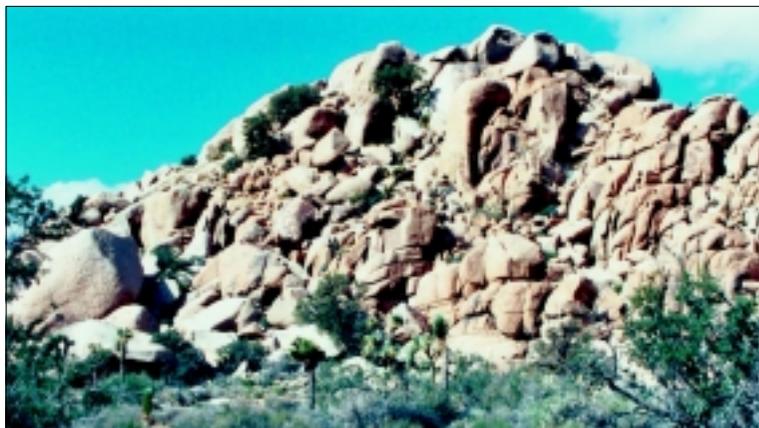


Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt

An oasis of huge boulders in the middle of the desert may seem a little out of place anywhere but Joshua Tree. These bizarre formations attract geologist majors and curious spectators year-round.

READY, FRONT

Motivated Sgt. wins Marine of the Year award

Winner of various quarterly boards, Sgt. Christopher A. Garcia accepted honors at Barstow Community Recognition Awards & Installation Banquet

By Lance Cpl. Andy Hurt
Barstow Log Editor

As heart rates increased and tension grew on a late December afternoon, a handful of devil dogs dressed in service Alphas filed into a conference room in front of a panel of board members.

Sgt. Christopher A. Garcia was announced the Marine of the Year.

Garcia was born on Oct. 8, 1978, in Mesa, Ariz.

He attended high school at Red Mountain High school and graduated with the Class of 1997.

Garcia entered active duty on Dec. 15, 1998, attending recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

He completed Marine Combat Training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton's School of Infantry and went on to Field Wire School at Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Upon completion of school, Garcia furthered his military occupational training by attending Construction Wiremans school at Shepherd Air Force Base, Texas.

Garcia's first duty assignment was with the 8th Communications Support Battalion at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejuene, N.C.

He attended the Corporals Course while at Camp Lejuene and received a certificate of commendation for his academic achievements there.

Garcia was then sent overseas to Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, for a tour with 7th Communications Battalion.

Garcia checked into Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., May 3, 2003, as the outside plant chief for Communications Division.

Garcia attended the Marine Corps Martial Arts Green Belt Instructors Course in January of 2004.

His military awards include two letters of commendation, a certificate of commendation, a Good Conduct Medal, an overseas service ribbon and a National Defense Medal.

Garcia is currently the president of MCLB Barstow's Single Marine Program.

Garcia was married to Elodia Garica July 26, 1999, and has a 6-year-old daughter named Angelica.

Garcia has future plans of attending college and pursuing a career in the Emergency Medical Technician field.

Garcia said his favorite aspect of life in the Marine Corps is working with troops and building unit camaraderie.



Photo by Pfc. Jenna Lassandrello

Sgt. Christopher A. Garcia accepted a plaque from Base Commander Col. Liz Bergman at the 23rd Annual Barstow Community Recognition Awards & Installation Banquet Saturday at the Cora Harper Community Center.

January, February promotions, awards, medals

Seven promotions to corporal of Marines dominate mid-winter formations

January Promotions

The following Marines were promoted to their listed ranks in January:

Master Sgt. Edwin Wisemon
Base Adjutant

Cpl. Nicole Cleveringa
Fleet Support Division

Lance Cpl. T.J. Strube
Provost Marshal's Office

Sgt. Christopher Barrera
Provost Marshal's Office

Sgt. Nancy Diugood
Military Personnel Division

Cpl. Michael Diaz
Provost Marshal's Office

Lance Cpl. Josh Lovett
Headquarters Battalion

Lance Cpl. Tara Newcamp
Semper Fit

Good Conduct Medals

Gunnery Sgt. Keith Brotherson
Sixth Award
Staff Sgt. Dale Cobin
Third Award

February Promotions

The following Marines were promoted to their listed ranks Feb. 1:

Master Sgt. John A. Cordero
Public Affairs Office

Warrent Officer Anthony Cisneros
Marine Corps Exchange

Cpl. Curtis White
Base Adjutant

Cpl. Nicholas Paul
Provost Marshal's Office

Cpl. Gregory Horn
Communications Division

Cpl. Neil Fucci
Provost Marshal's Office

Cpl. Quyen Au
Provost Marshal's Office

Lance Cpl. Kathleen Gilliam
Finance Office

Certificate of Good Conduct

Cpl. Michael Sullivan

Lance Cpl. Davey Roberts

Certificate of Commendation

The following Marines were awarded Certificates of Commendation for outstanding performances as security forces during the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show Oct. 18-20, 2003:

Sgt. Joseph Evans
Cpl. Darin Cleveringa
Cpl. Jason Dorman
Cpl. Quyen Au

Lance Cpl. Jason Martinez

The following Marines were awarded Certificates of Commendation for outstanding performance while accounting and distributing thousands of new computer units from February 2003 to April 2003:

Staff Sgt. Edward Snider
Sgt. Juan Calderon
Lance Cpl. Matthew Shockey
Lance Cpl. Duy Ngo

The following Marines were awarded Certificates of Commendation for outstanding performance of duties while assigned to Marksmanship Training Unit, MCLB Barstow:

Cpl. Thomas Maxwell
Lance Cpl. Joshua Pascua
Lance Cpl. Jeffery Raymond
Pfc. Vincent Sassone
Lance Cpl. Jason Jordan
Lance Cpl. Christopher Moore

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MRO and the RS, or the RS and the RO, or better yet, the MRO, RS and the RO. "This number is the most critical administrative item of information entered on the form. An incorrect or missing SSN will preclude or delay the entry of the report into the Marine's records." (Chapter 4, trust me.)

If there are ever any questions pertaining to the fitness reporting process, do not hesitate to give us a call. All of our numbers are on our Web site at <https://www.mmsb.usmc.mil>.

If you find yourself aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., stop by 2008 Elliot Road and take 20 minutes to get the tour and walk away with a current copy of your Official Military Personnel File and Master Brief Sheet.

Editor's Note:

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- Marva Johnson 577-6965
- Ed Virgil 577-7118
- Clarence Green 577-6585
- Howard Wyche 577-7193
- Odis Gentry 577-6002

Celtics vs. Clippers

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association has tickets still available for anyone interested in going to watch the Los Angeles Clippers take on the Boston Celtics Feb. 19 at the Staples Center.

There are 20 seats available at \$19.00 a seat and they can only be purchased in sets of four. The seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis only, and the tickets are non-refundable.

Ticket purchasers must provide their own transportation to and from the game. For more information contact CWRA member Vince Chavez at 577-7580.

Gunny's Picks

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. John Sweredoski, legal chief, Staff Judge Advocate Office, winner of the Super Bowl edition of Gunny's Picks.

Who would have thought that the Carolina Panthers would give the Pats such a run for their money?

Needless to say, it was a Super Bowl to remember.

Sweredoski called it "one of the most relaxing Super Bowls I've ever had."

It also appears that the Cincinnati Bengals have lost their mascot for the time being; hopefully he'll be back next year.

Until then, the Pigskin Prognosticator gets shutdown 'till sometime next fall.

Early predictions indicate the Vikings going all the way next season. Who knows?



GOT NEWS?

If you think you've got something news-worthy call the public affairs office at 577-6430.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Valentine's Day is coming

Pick up a dozen or a half dozen pre-wrapped roses, on sale from Feb. 10 to Feb. 14.

Also check out our boxed candy - a perfect gift for Valentine's Day.

Don't miss our Early Bird Gas Sale with prices cut five cents per gallon off the posted price.

These sales will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9 and 23.

Our Home Electronics Sale which begins Feb. 16 and runs through Feb. 22 will feature 15 percent off all home and car audio and video equipment.

For more information call the Super Seven Store at 256-8974.

The Super Seven Store/Gas Station are open Mondays through Fridays 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 24/7 credit card for gas.

Club activities

At the Oasis Club this week: Tonight is Happy Hour from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Tomorrow is TGIFamily Night. 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. TGIFriday every Friday. Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday are Bar and Grill Nights, and Wednesday is Midweek Relaxation Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information call Tammy at 577-6418

Universal Studios Hollywood

ITT has Universal Studios Hollywood annual tickets for \$39.50, some blackout days may apply.

ITT also has those ski lift tickets - Mammoth, Big Bear and Mt.

High.

Drop by and see all the tickets we have to offer you. Ask about our Whale Watching tickets while you're here. Call us at 577-6541 for more information.

Keep those gas prices down

Bring your car or pickup over to the Auto Hobby Shop and learn how to get better gas mileage. It's easy to do. Let us show you how to save on gas and drive a safer car for you and your family. Call us at 577-6441

Semper Fit

Aerobic classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Gym. The cost is \$20 per month or \$2 per session.

Exercise tapes are available for check out (for in-gym use only). The exercises cover aerobics, kick-boxing, Pilates, Tae Bo and Yoga.

The Weight Room in the Gym has the latest equipment in body building. Drop by and check it out.

Kick back and relax in a hot sauna and feel great. Check out our Equipment Issue Room. We have everything from sports equipment to camping equipment (tents, sleeping bags, stoves, lanterns, back packs, and much more).

It's all right here at Semper Fit at the Base Gym. For more information call 577-6971.

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