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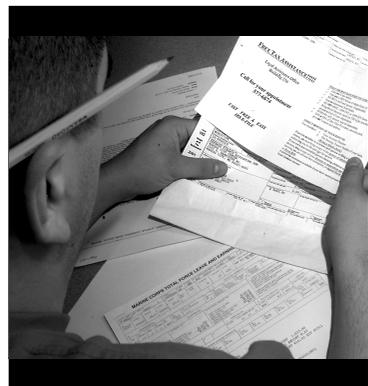
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Retroactive pay increase for federal employees is 4.1 percent average above 2003 rates.

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DOD looking at new ways to test for drugs

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

The Defense Department and other federal agencies may soon be able to implement new drug testing for its work force that will include testing hair, sweat and saliva to detect drug abuse.

Army Col. Mick Smith, senior staff officer for drug demand reduction at DOD's counter narcotics office, said the new procedures will be permitted once the Department of Health and Human Services approves proposed guidelines for the test and DOD completes a subsequent internal approval process.

Those guidelines awaiting DHHS approval will outline quality standards for new types of drug tests, specifically testing hair, oral fluid, sweat and urine, using point-of-collection tests.

However, Smith said, the guidelines will not be promulgated anytime soon. He said the process for getting the new testing measures implemented will first have to be published in the Federal Register and then must go through a 90-day comment period.

Smith said the guidelines also will be posted on the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administra-

tion Web site. The agency is a division of DHHS.

After this comment period, he said, SAMHSA will review the comments, probably make changes to the guidelines, and then start them through the final process of internal review and release by the secretary of DHHS.

Smith said once the guidelines are put into effect, "each branch of the federal government will be permitted to use the new types of drug test." However, he added that government agencies using the new tests must do so correctly.

"If they decide to implement one of the new types of testing," he said, "they must follow the guideline to ensure quality drug testing results and correct interpretation of those results."

Although urine tests have been standard tests conducted by the government for years, the new drug tests have both "advantages and disadvantages" over the urine tests the government now conducts, Smith said.

One of the disadvantages of current urine testing, he said, is that there are difficulties with "chain of custody," when collecting urine. "Donating

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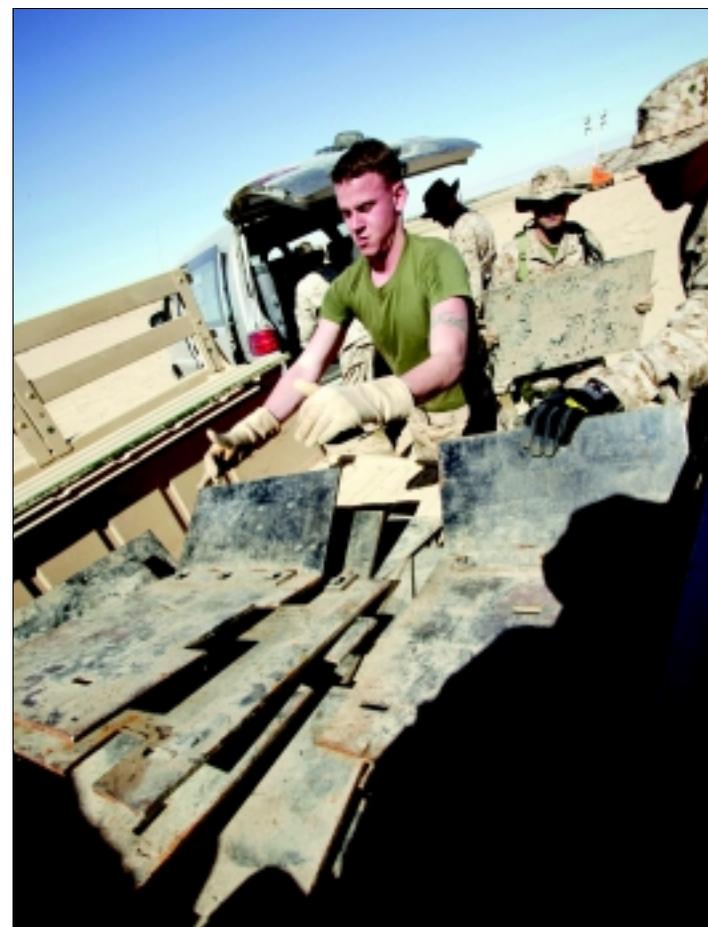


Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Lisbon

Marines from the I Marine Expeditionary Force pile up armor plating for their humvees Feb. 10. While waiting in Kuwait to deploy to Iraq, most Marine units installed factory-made armor kits for hardening vehicles, while others sought extra measures to toughen them. One of the biggest threats facing Marines in Iraq is convoy ambushes by extremists using rocket-propelled grenades, assault rifles and improvised explosives. See Page 9 for more about Marines deploying as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

MCLB Marines train in SAF tactics

By Cpl. Andy J. Hurt
BARSTOW LOG Editor

The citizens who dwell aboard MCLB Barstow may sleep a little sounder now that safety and good order have another hand in the fight against homeland terrorism.

Equipped with knowledge of common anti-terrorism tactics, hand-to-hand combat skills and training in various specialized weapons, 23 Marines from different organizations around MCLB Barstow are now ready, willing and certified to respond quickly to unexpected, expected and suspected attacks on Lady Liberty in the high desert.

The seed for this knowledge was planted a few weeks ago, when the Marines were notified by respec-

tive section heads that their aggressive natures were called upon for Security Augmentation Force training, hosted at the Provost Marshal's Office here.

On March 8, the Marines shuffled into the classroom at Building 236, jittery and wild-eyed from a few post-PT canned caffeine doses.

Staff Sgt. Donald Hopkins, physical security chief from MCLB PMO, kicked off the week's training by giving an overview of terrorism and anti-terrorism tactics.

After the overview and well into day two, deadly force situations and applications were covered, including a thorough study into force continuum, competent authority and precursors to and of deadly force.

"Deadly force (Marine Corps Order 5500.6 F) is used only as a last resort," said Hopkins to a room full of salty students perpetually recovering from "the night before."

Hopkins transferred to MCLB Barstow in October 2003 from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. He often peppered his lectures with anecdotes and sea stories from his time aboard one of the biggest Marine Corps installations in the world, giving Marines an idea of how terrorist acts might unfold in "real-world" situations.

Hopkins cited the fact that Maintenance Center Barstow, one of two depot-level maintenance facilities in the Marine Corps, is clearly vital to national security and could prove a small, effective target

for terrorism.

"The defense of property designated as vital to national security," said Hopkins, "authorizes the use of deadly force."

Devil dogs recited orders verbatim, responded to situation evaluations (shoot, or don't shoot?), and took a test on deadly force before moving on to jurisdiction.

Hopkins, before giving the deadly force test, made it clear to the Marines that he preferred fill-in-the-blank tests, adding that more common multiple-choice tests can become more of a guessing game than a cumulative evaluation.

After a power-point brief on jurisdiction, Marines moved on to

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Wives: The backbone of warriors on the front lines

By Richard Botkin
WorldNetDaily.com

Informed sources tell me that the most stress-filled, non-combat job in the United States Marine Corps is to serve as a recruiter. The United States Marine Corps is the only branch of the military which has yet to compromise standards to meet its vigorous need for fresh-faced warriors, a decision vindicated recently in Afghanistan and Iraq.

For those youngsters brazen enough to believe they want into the brother-

hood, the Corps has an allure all its own. To the prospective warrior, the USMC understates the obvious tangible benefits of military service. You do not join the Marine Corps for the cash bonus, to go to college or to be all you can be. You join the Corps to see if you have what it takes and, if you pass muster, trust that you will be appropriately employed as your seniors see fit. From personal observation and experience I am able to report that the system works with few exceptions.

Duty as a Marine at once satisfies many a young man's need to serve and

experience a purpose-filled, dangerous life; to exist in a world of cutting-edge innovation yet be part of something venerable and dignified.

The transition from mere mortal to Marine is a unique metamorphosis. Once the eagle, globe and anchor is stamped onto one's heart and injected into one's soul, the new creation becomes a part of living history. With the Corps as your roots, your family ties transcend time and age and ethnicity. With the Corps as your roots, you are instantaneously linked to those intrepid young men who out muscled the Ger-

mans at Chateau-Thierry, who chased Sandino's bandits in Nicaragua, who kept the faith at Wake Island, who stormed ashore at Tarawa, Peleliu, Iwo Jima, who executed the icy breakout from the Chosin Reservoir, who retook Hue city block by bloody block ... and on and on all the way up to the present.

The Corps' rich history and ever evolving culture of victory assures the Madison Avenue marketing gurus an inexhaustible source of material from which to appeal to those young men who seek the path less traveled to gain

life's fullness. For the would-be dragon slayers, it is a sure path to reward.

It has been reassuring to see our nation honor its warriors in ways not seen since World War II. In churches they are openly acknowledged and prayed for. It is today the rare pub or tavern where a young lad sporting a high-and-tight haircut is allowed to pay for his own meal or beer. The ubiquitous flags, bumper stickers and e-mail stories

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Focus on prioritizing needs

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



Have you ever noticed how people tend to change their focus at various times in their lives?

If you follow behavioral psychology you could relate that to Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs. It is a device that Maslow

used to talk about how we relate to our circumstances and how radically our view of what is important changes.

For instance, Maslow suggests that the first priority of persons is what he calls self-actualization. That means that we set out to accomplish a certain task and when we complete it we have satisfied our need to accomplish a goal set for ourselves.

He goes on to say that esteem, then love, then safety, then psychological needs make up the rest of the hierarchy in that order. There are those who suggest that this pyramid of needs can also be changed because once the first need is met, the second need moves into first priority.

For instance, if you were dropped off in the middle of a forest without clothing, shelter, food, or anything else, your priorities would be very

different than a person who was in a populated area with plenty of resources. We would be focused, first of all, on things like shelter, gathering food, our safety and things like that. If we were able to manage those things, then and only then would we begin to focus on other, shall we say, less important things.

For instance, we would not worry about decorating our shelter until we had resolved what we thought were more pressing issues. I think, however, that sometimes we manage to get our priorities wrong in life. That is because we are human and as human we sometimes have a propensity for doing things that make our own lives easier or more comfortable.

In the process of meeting this "hierarchy of needs" we have, it seems, moved toward focusing on some very small details. In fact, some of the details are actually very trivial.

I think about this in terms of the fact that we have taken care of our food, shelter, clothing, and safety, all very important things. Then when we have managed to meet those basic needs we begin to look at smaller things. We start being concerned about what kind of shelter we live in, or what color it is, or where it is located and in the end we have almost forgotten our initial purpose in finding the shelter; to keep us warm,

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

Annette Mesa, materiel expeditor, Cost Work Center 623, Maintenance Center Barstow, inventories a crate of parts received by MCB to ensure every piece ordered checks out on her inventory list. Mesa has been with the Maintenance Center for almost 15 years.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 5 p.m.

**Confession services
before Mass**

Catholic Rosary

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

Unless otherwise indicated lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same.

Lunch menus are subject to change.

Today – Soup and salad bar. Cactus Cafe - Chicken tenders, steak fries.

Friday – Baked Mahi Mahi, fried rice.

Monday – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Tuesday – Teriyaki breast of chicken, fried rice.

Wednesday – Virginia baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy.

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

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

Breakfast

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

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Italian night. Vegetarian lasagna, beef lasagna, garlic bread, Italian vegetables, tossed green salad, dessert and drink.

Resumix Shutdown

Resumix will be shut down March 26-30 to accommodate a major upgrade.

During this time, applicants will not be able to apply for Navy positions using the online resume builder (CHART) at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil>, or via the Navy's Civilian Human Resources Web site at www.donhr.navy.mil.

No new vacancy announcements or certificates will be issued during this time. Managers who are developing recruitment flyers should keep these dates in mind when es-

tablating opening and closing dates.

For more information, call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357.

Military Spouses Tour March 23-25

Active duty Marine Corps, Navy and Army spouses are invited to attend the free Quarterly Spouses Tour of Fort Irwin and Barstow on March 23, 24 and 25.

The first two days will be held at Fort Irwin.

Informational meetings and tours will introduce spouses to services available and military life in general.

The third day, hosted by the Military Affairs Committee of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, will begin at the Veterans Home of California – Barstow at 9 a.m. with a free continental breakfast.

After presentations by the Veterans Home Public Relations Department and the Barstow Police Department, guests will proceed on a tour of the Calico Ghost Town and receive discount coupons for selected shops at the Factory Merchant Outlet Plaza and the Tanger Factory Outlet Center.

A free lunch will be provided at Los Domingo's restaurant in Barstow for all participants. The tour will end at 3:30 p.m.

Participants should dress for the weather, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water to drink while at Calico Ghost Town. Space is limited so registration is required.

For more information, call Christina Tonseth at the Army Outlet Research Center at 256-1735 or Ruth Cox at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin at 380-3776.

Water Outages

Due to the ongoing upgrade of the Nebo Potable Water Lateral, water outages are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

Today from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Building 155.

Monday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Building 157.

Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Building 225.

March 25 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Buildings 196 and 197.

March 30 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Building 204.

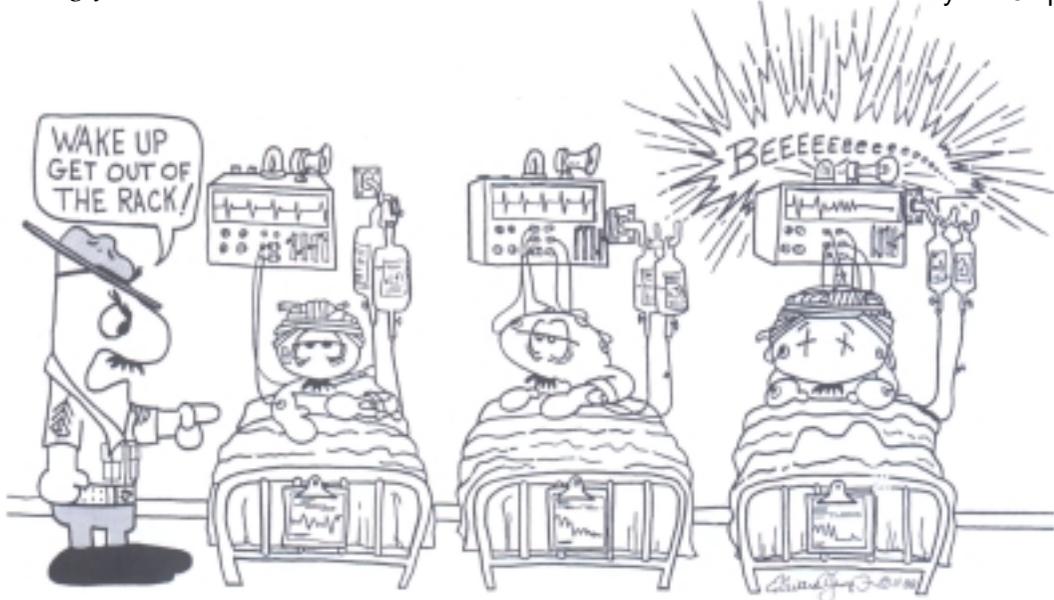
March 31 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Buildings 319 and 321.

Town Hall Meeting April 21 at YAC

The next Combined Town Hall Meeting will be held on April 21 at 6 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center. For more information, contact Nancy Gutierrez at 577-6556.

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to work in intensive care.

Calico Spring Fest

Calico Ghost Town is scheduled to hold Spring Fest, a bluegrass hootenanny, on May 7, 8 and 9 featuring the Lampkins Family, the Hat Band, the Cornbread Wash-tub Band, Silverado, Pat Cloud, High Hills and the Bond Family Cloggers. Camping is available.

For more information call 1-800-TO-CALICO or visit the Web site www.calicotown.com.

Plant Sale

The Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District is scheduled to hold its annual "Desert Adaptive" plant sale at the San Bernardino Country Fairgrounds on April 2 and 3.

This annual plant extravaganza will again be in conjunction with the Victor Valley Garden Party.

The Mojave Desert RCD plant sale will be offering windbreak trees, perennial flowers, grasses, ground covers and accent plants, which are all well adapted to the high desert.

The Victor Valley Garden Party will be held on April 3.

There will be vendors on site offering educational information clinics and garden supplies to create and enhance a desert adaptive garden.

MDRCD will be accepting Visa and Mastercard for pre-order purchases over \$50.

Checks and cash will also be accepted but the pre-ordering can only be done during the pre-sale period. Pre-orders will be taken for 10 or more plants.

The last date to pre-order is March 22. A non-refundable deposit of 50 percent must accompany the order form.

Women's History Month

On March 25 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. there will be a Federal Women's Program Luncheon in honor of Women's History Month at the Oasis Club.

Today is the last day to purchase tickets. Contact one of the following people: Susan Patten, 577-7774; Ed Tintos, 577-7126; Marva Johnson, 577-6965; Cheri Magorno, 577-6034; Cory Martin, 577-7387; Sharon Loschen, 577-6187; Evelyn Scott, 577-7266.

Uniformed Service Almanac

The 2004 Uniformed Service Almanacs and 2004 Retired Military Almanacs are available from Chuck Ashbrook, Career Resources Center program manager, Building 129. Call 577-6169 for more information.

Job Watch

Annuc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW0610-DH	Nurse GS-610-9	10-01-2003	Open cont.	N/A	MCLB Barstow
SW0081-04-160020-DE	Firefighter (paramedic) GS-0081-07	3-15-2004	3-25-2004	3-17-2004	MCLB Barstow
SW0081-04-160014-DE	Firefighter (paramedic) GS-0081-04 (target GS-07)	3-15-2004	3-25-2004	3-17-2004	MCLB Barstow
SW0303-04-163280-DE	Administrative support clerk (OA) GS-303-05	3-15-2004	3-19-2004	3-17-2004	MCLB Barstow
Basewide (permanent employees only)					
SW3306	Optical instrument repairer leader WL-3306-11 (temporary promotion)	3-11-2004	Open cont.	3-22-2004	MCLB Barstow
SW3414	Machinist leader WL-3414-10 (temporary promotion)	3-11-2004	Open cont.	3-22-2004	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.

Women's History Month inspires hope, possibility

By Pfc. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

"Women inspiring hope and possibility" is this year's theme for National Women's History Month. Hope comes in many forms from laws challenged and changed, the discovery of new medical research, stories of compassion and courage, and watching women standing tall against great odds.

The month of March was deemed Women's History Month to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments women have made throughout history.

This time can also be used to express appreciation for the significant contributions of our female Marines, female civilian Marines, and female family members, MARADMIN 065/04 states.

The emergence of women's history can be contributed to two significant factors. The women's movement of the '60s caused women to question their invisibility in traditional American history texts as well as raise their aspirations and open more opportunities for women in society.

It wasn't until 1978 that the history of women was turned into a celebration. A Women's History Week celebration was started by the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Com-



mission on the Status of Women in California. The week was chosen to coincide with International Women's Day, first celebrated March 8, 1911.

The U.S. Congress expanded the celebration to the entire month of March to reflect on the challenges, change, and research that American women have championed, according to MARADMIN 065/04. Since then annual ob-

servances have focused on the sacrifices and success stories of women while various educational programs have taught people the horizons women have yet to breach.

"During Women's History Month, we celebrate the many accomplishments of our Nation's women," said President George W. Bush in his 2004 Women's History Month proclamation.

"Women are leaders in American business, government, law, science, medicine, the arts, education, and many other fields. As mothers, sisters, and daughters, they bring compassion and integrity to our communities and help to teach our children the values that make our country great."

Women are also joining in the tradition of defending our nation, said the president.

"In 1918 until today, women have volunteered to serve as Marines," stated MARADMIN 065/04.

"Women hold every rank in our Corps, from private to major general and they are trained in 93 percent of all military occupational specialties. They serve as recruiters, drill instructors, platoon commanders, and commanding officers."

Women have come a long way throughout history. March has been named the month to celebrate the success of women of the past, of today and of the future.

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dry, and protected.

Life is like that in many ways. We manage somehow to get our basic needs taken care of then we begin to focus on trivia, almost forgetting what the important things in life are. We forget how important it is for some just to find a way to be fed because we have now focused on some relatively unimportant detail of our lives.

I know you have heard the saying that goes something like this, "I wish my life was so complete that all I had to worry about was..." We usually hear that phrase when we think someone has noticed a detail that would normally be relegated to the status of minutiae and they are making it a priority. I think that somehow we have to guard against getting lost in the minutiae and be able to see that just because we may have all of our basic needs met that there are many others who have many needs that have yet to be met.

In other words, we need to practice seeing things first globally and then work our way down to where we are finally concerning ourselves with our own lives. That will be difficult to do, but the fact is that most people do have their own lives pretty well working and have their basic needs met. Learning to focus on the important things takes practice, but pays off in that more and more people will feel cared for and will have their needs met instead of us just taking care of ourselves.

Peace,
Fr Randel

Base reduces energy usage by 33 percent since 1985

By Rob L. Jackson
BARSTOW LOG staff

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow has done well in conserving its energy resources according to the latest Energy Policy Letter signed on Feb. 19 and currently out for public view.

According to the information provided in the letter, and based on monthly utilities usage, MCLB Barstow managed to reduce its energy consumption per square feet by 33 percent.

This is well below the baseline percentage set by the Department of Defense in fiscal year 1985, according to Joseph Lloren, energy manager at Public Works Division.

This puts MCLB Barstow ahead of the interim 27 percent reduction goal for FY'03 and on track to meet its energy usage reduction of 30 percent for 2005 and 35 percent by 2010.

To arrive at this baseline percentage, according to Lloren, DOD conducted a survey in 1985 of the amount of energy it consumed as a whole during that time, based on reports submitted by people in the field. After compiling the reported figures a baseline was established and

MCLB Barstow exceeds 2005 goal of 30 percent, on track to meet or exceed 2010 goal of 35 percent

from the baseline energy consumption percentages were established.

"This is where you start from (the baseline)," said Lloren. "In 1985 the base was using this much energy and now, according our graph, we're 33 percent lower than what we used to be." As good as it sounds though it's almost impossible to measure these reduction percentages in dollars and cents.

"The oil and energy price sometimes fluctuates too much," he said. "So you can't measure in dollar savings, you measure energy usage. For example, natural gas currently goes for four dollars per decatherm (10 therms) where it used to be 11 dollars in 2000."

The energy consumption goal is enforced by the Department of Defense and mandated by Executive Order 13123 of June 3, 1999 signed by then President Bill Clinton. In section 202 of the order it states, "Through life-cycle cost effective measures, each agency shall reduce energy consumption per gross square

foot of its facilities ... by 30 percent by 2005 and 35 percent by 2010 relative to 1985."

In keeping within the order, the new policy letter provides specific cost-effective measures and guidelines to help MCLB Barstow military and civilian employees to continue reducing energy usage, particularly with the summer months fast approaching, and stay on track to meet the 2010 goal.

Some of the measures mentioned in the letter include:

- ◆ Reducing interior lighting in all workspaces and quarters by 20 percent.

- ◆ Setting thermostats no lower than 78 degrees in the summer and no higher than 70 degrees in the winter in all workspaces and quarters when occupied.

- ◆ Not using unauthorized fans, window air conditioners, portable heaters, personal refrigerators, and other electrical equipment not directly supporting mission requirements.

- ◆ Shutting down all stand alone computers and peripherals - those not on the Navy Marine Corps Intranet - at the surge protector not in use for more than 30 minutes and at the end of the day.

"There are some exceptions (to these measures) especially when it comes to mission accomplishment," Lloren revealed.

Other exceptions would require the department supervisor submitting a waiver of the policy to the energy manager requesting an exception to the rule, providing a compensatory conservation measure is in place.

Energy consumption aboard the base is monitored monthly through meter reading received by the energy manager from the maintenance folks at the Installations and Logistics Department.

"We know which buildings are using too much electricity and try to inform (the people in those buildings) what's going on," said Lloren. "Maybe the A/C isn't shut off when

it should be during the summer, which happens most of the time.

"We also have an energy monitoring system to some buildings but not all of them, so we look at that as well to find out the reason for a jump (in usage) and correct the problem."

As MCLB Barstow's energy manager Lloren said that in the near future he plans to put together an energy management team and individual building energy monitors to enforce energy reduction.

Perhaps the best monitoring systems in place already are the individual users themselves, according to Lloren.

But when it gets to a point where MCLB Barstow's energy bill gets out of reach then more corrective actions must be taken.

"We know what our energy usage should (be) and what it should not be," said Lloren emphasizing that usage is being monitored.

For more information about the energy policy go to MCLB Barstow home page on the intranet (<http://mclbonline/>), click on Policies and Directives, click energy policies, then page down to Energy Policy Guidance, and click to open and read Energy Policy Letter 01-04. Call 577-6911 for more information.

SPORTS

Soldiers raid MCLB Barstow's field to play "Footy"

By Pfc. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

Football, the all American sport, or is it? Australian Rules Football, a form of football with traces of Rugby and Gaelic football, was introduced in 1858, predating all other modern forms of football, for instance, American, Canadian and Rugby Union and League.

The sport combines a lot of sports the American people are familiar with, said Army Spc. Kerry P. Bonas, a member of the Fort Irwin F troop, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Mojave Greens player.

Australian rules is a game that combines the skills of American football, basketball, and soccer.

The Mojave Greens is an Australian Rules Football team, consisting of enlisted and officer service members stationed at Fort Irwin.

The team is currently a private organization, belonging to both USFOOTY and the California Australian Football League. USFOOTY currently has a membership of over 70 clubs from all over the United States. The CAFL contains seven teams from Southern California.

The team holds practice twice a week, usually on Tuesday and

Wednesday nights at Fort Irwin. Practices consist of both drills and scrimmage.

Small groups of team members practice on their own during the other days of the week.

It is mostly a social event, said Bonas. Players form groups among themselves, usually with people they wouldn't otherwise meet in the job fields or social groups they are in. This leads to a high level of camaraderie between the teammates.

Along with being a social event the game offers a cardio workout to get players further in shape, said Bonas. The sport is physically demanding.

The game is traditionally played on cricket ovals. It is because of this there are no standard dimensions for a football field. The field is an oval anywhere between 405 feet to 555 feet long and 330 feet to 465 feet wide.

Two sets of posts erected at the far ends of the oval constitute as goals, the inner set of which being the actual goal posts. There is also a set of smaller behind posts, placed behind the posts on the boundary lines.

A ball kicked between the two larger goal posts, without being touched, is a goal worth six points. If the ball passes between the behind

posts by any means it is worth one point. A ball anywhere else on the field is free game and can be played anyway a player wants.

The Mojave Greens will be using Sorensen Field here to play all their home games. This is mainly due to the fact that the field on Fort Irwin is not large enough. The playing surface is not much better, being that it's gravel.

Anyone interested in playing Australian rules football can go out and watch a game held at Sorensen Field.

"The best thing about the game is, no matter what size player you are, whether big or small, fast or slow, tall or short, you are still an asset to the team," said Bonas. Smaller players can be used in offense because of their speed, while bigger players can be on the defensive end.

"Don't be intimidated by the physicality of the sport," said Bonas. The injury rate compared to that of other sports is not as high but the sport is not injury free.

The next game is scheduled for March 20 against the Valley Vandals held in Los Angeles. The next game the Mojave Greens will host here is scheduled May 15.

After games, teams will hold social events in town. Team members and fans can bring their families.



Photo by Pfc. Ashley Warden

A Mojave Green faces an Orange County Crush for control of the ball in a toss up at the beginning of the game on March 6 at Sorensen Field here.

MCLB softball team warms up for season

Positions still available on Bulldogs; potential players can practice with team

By Cpl. Andy J. Hurt
BARSTOW LOG Editor

As the days get longer and the evenings warmer, one of America's favorite pastimes is coming out of hibernation.

Softball.

There simply wouldn't be a season in the high desert if the Marines from MCLB Barstow didn't catch the scent of lawn fertilizer and leather and head out to Sorensen Field here for off-duty camaraderie.

This year's team currently consists of 18 motivators from various sections around the base to include a couple civilians.

Donald "D" Hopkins, this

year's coach and manager, said he has big plans for the team this summer.

No games are scheduled at this time, but two-hour practices are held at Sorensen Field every Monday and Wednesday starting at 5:30 p.m.

"We're going to start out with some tournaments around here, and in June get in a league in Barstow," he said.

Hopkins stressed the fact that team members will not get "nasty" just because they are not in uniform, and will take special care to watch their lan-

guage while practicing near little-league teams.

"There will be no spitting on the field, and we will not drink beer before or during games," said Hopkins.

The mission of this year's team, said Hopkins, is to have fun.

"That's what we're here for, right?" he asked

the players during a practice session last week.

People who want to join the Barstow Bulldogs may contact Hopkins by phone (760-577-6409) or e-mail (HopkinsDC@barstow.usmc.mil) or simply show up at one of the practices.



Photo by Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Joshua Lovett smashes a softball during the Barstow Bulldog's softball team practice on March 11. The softball team is welcoming anyone interested in playing. Those who are interested should call Donald Hopkins at 577-6409 or show up for the practices.

President signs executive order on pay raises

The President recently signed a long-awaited executive order to implement a retroactive pay increase for federal employees averaging 4.1 percent above the 2003 rates.

This pay adjustment supersedes the 2.0 percent overall average increase approved in December. Of the 4.1 percent increase, 2.7 percent (instead of the original 1.5 percent) is allocated as an across-the-board increase to basic pay and 1.4 percent is allocated to increases in locality pay. The new 2004 salary tables are posted on the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Web site at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.asp>.

The overall 2004 pay increase ranges from about 3.89 percent (in the Kansas City locality pay area) to about 5.35 percent (in the San Francisco locality pay area) over the 2003 rates.

Special rates and pay rates for the Senior Executive Service, administrative law judges, and administrative appeals judges were also adjusted.

The executive order makes the pay increases effective retroactive to the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after Jan. 1 (Jan. 11 for most employees).

Salary Table 2004-LA

Incorporating the 2.7% general schedule increase and a locality payment of 20.05%
 For the locality pay area of Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, Calif.
 (Including Santa Barbara County and all of Edwards Air Force Base)
 (Total Increase: 4.74%)

Effective January 2004

Annual Rates by Grade and Step

GS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	18758	19383	20008	20628	21252	21620	22234	22856	22882	23461
2	21090	21591	22290	22882	23138	23819	24500	25180	25861	26542
3	23011	23778	24545	25313	26080	26847	27614	28381	29148	29915
4	25832	26693	27554	28415	29275	30136	30997	31858	32718	33579
5	28902	29866	30830	31794	32758	33722	34686	35650	36614	37578
6	32217	33291	34366	35440	36514	37589	38663	39738	40812	41887
7	35800	36993	38187	39380	40573	41767	42960	44153	45346	46540
8	39648	40969	42291	43613	44935	46256	47578	48900	50222	51543
9	43792	45252	46711	48171	49631	51091	52551	54010	55470	56930
10	48225	49833	51440	53048	54655	56263	57870	59478	61085	62693
11	52985	54751	56517	58283	60049	61815	63581	65347	67113	68879
12	63505	65622	67738	69855	71971	74088	76204	78321	80437	82554
13	75517	78035	80552	83070	85587	88105	90622	93140	95657	98174
14	89239	92214	95189	98164	101139	104113	107088	110063	113038	116013
15	104971	108470	111969	115469	118968	122468	125967	129467	132966	136466

PMO trains security augmentation force platoon

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vehicle and personnel searches.

The vehicle/personnel training relied heavily on a practical application session on day three.

Students pulled their personal vehicles into the driveway at Building 236 to allow for the planting of dummy evidence such as wired TNT charges in their vehicles.

MCLB Barstow's PMO K-9 unit was on hand to assist in vehicle and personnel training, planting narcotics on vehicles and briefing students on what their role would be in routine, command authorized random vehicle searches.

Lance Cpl. Jason Martinez, dog handler with the K-9 unit, gave a short lecture on how the dogs work, why they work and where they work.

Martinez is currently on a temporary additional duty assignment at March Air Reserve Base, searching each and every seabag which is scheduled to travel overseas with Marines deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II for drugs and contraband.

After the personnel and vehicle search lesson, the Marines were issued PR-24s and Monadnock expandable batons, along with handcuffs and belts.

The next two days were spent in and out of the base fitness center, where Marines trained in compliance tactics, defensive tactics, handcuffing and deadly force.

Shouts of "Get back!" and "Stop resisting!" were heard over random shouts of pain and compliance.

The training, said Hopkins, was invaluable due to the fact that Marines can never expect what they may encounter while on security duty.

Day five was spent in a comfortable place for Marines: the rifle range.

M9 pistols, Benelli shotguns and M4 rifles were passed out in addition to magazines and live rounds.

Instead of running through a known distance firing course, staff NCOs from PMO were on hand to create and supervise tactical courses for each of the weapons.

A highlight of the range phase was when the command to place M4 selector levers on "auto" was given.

Marines steadily squeezed triggers as bursts of 10 rounds per second spewed from the heated barrels of the weapon.

Lance Cpl. Ryan Simmons, systems administrator from the MCLB Barstow Communications Division, could not help but stumble backward a few steps as the rifle cut loose.

"I wasn't expecting that," he exclaimed.

Hopkins said that he would have let the Marines unload an entire magazine in one burst, but he said, "I'm not stupid. It doesn't matter how big you are; a full magazine would (knock you off balance)."

The day was wrapped up at the base armory.

Marines took turns in shifts cleaning weapons and passing back tactical gear.

Overall, said Hopkins, the training was a success.

"I don't expect these Marines to learn all this stuff in a week, that's why we have to do it again in maybe a month."



Photo by Pfc. Ashley Warden

A mock bomb is found under a vehicle the Marines searched as part of the SAF training, showing the importance of a thorough vehicle search.



Photo by Pfc. Ashley Warden

Staff Sgt. Donald Hopkins displays the lethal weapons people can have hidden in their vehicles, showing the SAF students what they need to look for when conducting vehicle searches. Hopkins also pinpointed the most common areas the objects are hidden. Vehicle searches were a major part of the SAF training conducted by the Provost Marshal's Office from March 8 to 12.

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urine requires some privacy," he said.

Smith explained the federal drug-testing program requires the donor to go into a bathroom to collect urine.

During this time, the collector cannot see this process except in special circumstances, he added.

"Some officials are concerned that the donor might adulterate or dilute the specimen to avoid detecting drug use."

Collecting oral fluid, he said, doesn't present that problem.

"The donor can put a small

device in his or her mouth in the presence of the collector, and the collector can take the oral fluid specimen and send it to a laboratory for testing, keeping the chain of custody from collection through testing."

However, he added that a disadvantage of this type of testing is that some drugs cannot be detected in oral fluid for a very long time and the amounts of some drugs in oral fluid are very low.

"This increases the chance of testing error," he said.

Also, marijuana, which he said is the most-abused drug and accounts for 70 percent of those who test positive, "is probably the most problem-

atic drug to detect in oral fluid."

Hair samples also can be problematic.

Smith said drugs can be detected in hair samples for a much longer period, but the department has "some issues with external contamination and hair color bias that need to be addressed before DOD would permit testing."

Although the drug testing procedures are new within DOD, Smith said that testing of hair and oral fluids is not new to many industries. He said there are a number of "unregulated" industries that have been using these newer drug tests for years.

"If you want to get a job dealing

cards in Las Vegas casinos, you will probably have to have a cutting of hair tested for drugs before getting hired," he noted.

"If you had an insurance physical recently, chances are the health technician who did your physical screen collected a saliva, now termed oral fluid, specimen that was sent to a laboratory for an HIV and drug screen."

Smith said the new testing procedures are important because many federal employees, including those in the military, are in "security or safety sensitive" jobs.

He said these employees are subject to random drug testing, but their organization at present can only test

urine, which he said has some weaknesses.

"What DHHS is now doing is proposing to permit these new types of tests and to regulate their quality," he said.

Smith emphasized that the new types of test will not be implemented in DOD until they have gone through an internal process for approval, even after the new tests are permitted by DHHS.

"The internal process will include putting the new policy out for review by organization directors, employee unions and others before being implemented," the colonel said.

AROUND THE CORPS

25,000 Marines, sailors return to Iraq

Submitted by HQMC Media
HQMC Public Affairs

The Marine Corps is answering the call to duty overseas as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

From March 2004 to March 2005, Marines and sailors will conduct security and stability operations (SASO) in Western Iraq to help the Iraqi people establish an Iraq that is unified, stable and at peace with itself and its neighbors. For many of the Marines and sailors the terrain will be familiar, owing to their involvement in Operation Iraqi Freedom last year. Other Marines and sailors, however, will be entering the Middle Eastern country for the first time.

"This is an important time in Marine Corps history," said Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael Hagee.

"We are successfully demonstrating our ability to execute missions in a wide variety of environments across the full spectrum of operations. We are working closely with coalition forces to fight our nation's enemies in the Global War on Terrorism, and we will continue to answer the call until our mission is complete."

"We will deploy approximately 25,000 Marines and sailors to Iraq," said Col Doug Stilwell, deputy director of Operations Division, Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps.

"We're talking about nine maneuver battalions and required combat support and combat service support."

As usual, the Marines will operate in an organic Marine air ground task force (MAGTF). The Corps contribution to OIF-II will occur in two seven-month rotations. The first rotation is expected to be from March to September of 2004. The second rotation is expected to be from September 2004 to March 2005. The Corps will send a division-sized Marine air ground task force to Iraq with the preponderance of units coming from the I Marine Expeditionary Force, headquartered at Camp Pendleton, Calif. The Marines will primarily relieve the Army's 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 82nd Airborne Division.

"In preparation for OIF-II, we have analyzed lessons learned from our experiences in conducting security and stability operations from March to September 2003, and recent Army lessons learned," said Gen. Hagee.

"We have assimilated these lessons through a comprehensive training package that includes tactics, techniques, procedures for stability and counter-insurgency operations."

Before returning to Iraq, units conducted SASO training in a vacant family housing area near March Air Reserve Base in Southern California. The train-

ing, which was approximately one week in duration, was focused on preparing Marines for contingencies they may encounter in Iraq. The training began at the small unit, or squad and platoon level, to gradually sharpen unit cohesion and build skills. The training concluded with a battalion-sized field exercise that enables the units to practice and test their capabilities to conduct typical missions associated with operations in an urban environment.

"This exercise is great," said Cpl. John P. Pollson, an infantryman with 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. "They've provided us with the most realistic environment they could."

In addition to SASO training, Marines are receiving Arabic language immersion training, and all deploying Marines and sailors are receiving cultural education.

"This is my second deployment to Iraq and I'm just as motivated as the last time," said Lance Cpl. Christian Slater, of the 1st Force Service Support Group, based at Camp Pendleton.

"I joined the Marines to get out and serve my country. I've done it twice now and I'm still a lance corporal. I think Iraq

needs our presence right now," he added.

Although the preponderance of units will come from I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Pendleton. Marines and sailors from across the globe will be participating.

Approximately 5,000 Marines from II Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., will participate as will approximately 3,000 Marines from III Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Okinawa, Japan. The reserve component of the first seven-month rotation will include approximately 3,000 Marines and the second rotation will be approximately 3,500. Also, approximately two dozen journalists from U.S. newspapers and TV stations will be embedded with the units.

"Going back to Iraq is part of the job," said Gunnery Sgt. Andrew Lewis, of the Camp Lejeune-based 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines.

"The hardest part (for my family) is knowing that I will be gone for a length of time."

He added that he saw the mission as similar to the peacekeeping operations he participated in during his last deployment in Kosovo.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Lisbon

Lance Cpl. Samuel E. Irvin, a field wireman with 1st Force Service Support Group's Headquarters and Service Battalion, counts belts of ammunition to be distributed to Marines convoying to Iraq from Camp Victory in Kuwait. Vehicle convoys have been steadily streaming into Iraq carrying Marines and gear of the I Marine Expeditionary Force into the country to relieve Army units. Approximately 25,000 I MEF Marines and sailors will be deployed to Iraq in the coming weeks.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Lisbon

Lance Cpl. Cody S. Braun, a heavy equipment operator with 1st Force Service Support Group's Headquarters and Service Battalion, looks off into the desert landscape while waiting for his convoy to pull out of Camp Victory in Kuwait on March 2. Vehicle convoys have been steadily streaming out of Kuwait carrying I Marine Expeditionary Force Marines and their gear into Iraq in order to relieve Army units. Approximately 25,000 I MEF Marines and sailors will be deployed to Iraq in the coming weeks, with 1st FSSG, whose main mission is providing combat service support, making up nearly a fifth of the troops.

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all proclaim a level of patriotism never personally witnessed by anyone born after 1940. No longer are our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines unsung in their service and sacrifice.

In recent months, I have visited several friends just returned from combat duty in Iraq. First among them was my dear friend Lt. Col. Clarke Lethin. Having served as the operations officer for the First Marine Division, his duties put him at ground zero during the entire planning, preparation and execution phases for the major combat portion of the war.

I recall sitting with Clarke in his Camp Pendleton office, a large theater map spread out before us, as he gave me the unclassified blow-by-blow of how events unfolded. In rapt attention I listened as he described the actions of the Marines - his pride in their aggressive spirit, the quality of leadership at every level, the individual and collective initiative for which Marines are so well known, how they boldly and continuously pushed forward all the time. I was moved to tears as his voice lowered when he spoke of those we had lost. Even though they had moved faster, farther and with fewer casualties than ever recorded in human history, the loss of those Marines weighed heavily upon his heart. I remembered then and there thinking how wise it had been to name my second son for this man.

Later that evening, at the Lethin household, I made the remark to his lovely bride: "Wendy, most men in their

Walter Mitthey fantasies wish they could be Clarke." Without looking up from what she was doing, and with not a hint of bitterness or acrimony she very matter-of-factly replied. "Yeah, Rich, all men want to be Clarke, but no women want to be me."

Weeks later it was my good fortune to dine with another long-time Marine pal, Lt.Col. Geff Cooper. Coop had commanded the Second Battalion, 23rd Marines, one of nine infantry battalions used by the Corps in the long march up to Baghdad. With us was June, his wife of 25 years, and daughter Jennifer, just graduated from college.

The serious accounts of the adventures of his Marines were compelling and, like Lethin's, heartrending. After the war stories, Coop returned to his signature anecdotes and cornball jokes. Keeping me laughing with his disgustingly good-natured quips, daughter Jennifer rolled her eyes as if to say "not again" and lovingly told her father: "Dad, you're such a dork." Enjoying the family exchange I thought, "I wonder if Saddam's troops thought your dad a dork as his Marines were taking the fight to them?" At the same time I glanced over at June. Happy that her man was back, she was taking it all in, her eyes fixed on him looking like a teenage girl with a crush on the high-school football hero.

Throughout the many Marine or somehow Corps-related functions I attended in the last year, there was always a special kind of joy. Whether at the funeral of an old friend and mentor who had served both in World War II

and Korea or as a guest at the reunion of American Marine advisers and their South Vietnamese counterparts, there was that undiminished, unquantifiable feeling, the old fire-in-the-belly warmth that comes from being in the company of good men.

Pondering that joy and what it took to create it all, I thought about the wives. It was Wendy Lethin's steady devotion to her husband, his mission and to serving all Corps families there at Camp Pendleton that awakened me from my lethargy, made me see what was always there but had failed to discern fully. I was not the only Marine to marry up. We all have. The Marines are the warriors, the men in the arena, the victors . . . but the wives. The wives. An enemy is safer doing battle with the husbands. As plain as day, there it was. The quality and character of the Corps is unchanged from Guadalcanal to Dong Ha to an-Nasiriyah. And so it is for the women who make the Corps the Corps for the men who staff it. These are the women, who in every generation, daily demonstrate the "Semper" part of "Semper Fidelis."

As with its recruiting standards, the Corps was absolutely parsimonious in its awarding of medals for the Iraq action. So when I read the Bronze Star Medal citation for my friend, Col. Andy Hutchison, a man duly recognized for his superior intellect, leadership and creative resourcefulness in helping organize and, along with a talent-laden team, execute fully a logistics plan that supported tens of thousands of Marines and their gear through countless actions in disparate locations, I cannot help but

believe a portion of that medal goes to wife, Susy.

Known and respected widely throughout the greater Seattle area for her years as a professional newscaster, Susan Hutchison is far more than just another television personality. A veteran in her own right, as a young girl she watched her fighter pilot father depart for a one-year tour of combat duty in Vietnam. As a wife and mother she endured these trials yet again. And like Wendy Lethin down at Camp Pendleton laboring countless unpaid hours for families of others with loved ones in harms way, Susy matched her husband's leadership step for step in her efforts to assist local families.

With their husbands away I would often call Wendy, June and Susy hoping to impart a telephonic hug, let them know our family was praying for them, all that stuff. Usually they were impossible to find. They were always out somewhere, doing something for someone else, and when I would catch up with them it was I who would come away from the conversation refreshed and reinvigorated.

Day in, day out, ensuring the needs of their children were met: homework, doctor's appointments, school meetings, soccer tournaments, music lessons, and then doing the same for other families. One day Wendy and Susy even teamed up to work with Hugh Hewitt on his nationally broadcast radio show. In three hours, they helped raise more than \$100,000 for needy military families. No big deal. Just another day of service. Semper Fidelis in the real world.

Clarke Lethin, Geff Cooper and most of the First Marine Division will soon return to Iraq. They are set to relieve the able soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division. Those Army families are about to get their well-deserved, temporary break from the toughest part of military service. For Wendy Lethin and the thousands of other Marine Corps wives and families, it is game time yet again.

For that very small percentage of men upon whose courage and wits our freedoms have always depended, for those who lead men into danger, who cheerfully blast off from blackened aircraft carrier decks or parachute into the night, for those with the cunning and engineering skill to drive submarines through murky, stealthy depths, the joy of that service, the fullness to those lives comes at high price.

I think often now of the wisdom of a Wendy Lethin. Maybe she is right. Few women would choose that life. But for those men who live at the edge there can be no completeness without a Wendy in their corner.

The recruiters, the marketing whizzes are masterful at selling adventure, danger, challenge. The dragon-slaying stuff they have down cold. But they left out the part about the princess.

For insight, maybe they should call my pal Clarke Lethin.

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that there is still time for those Easter projects. There is a nice selection of baskets, eggs and bunnies to choose from for your project. For more information, call Marke at 577-6228.

Free movies at the gym

Every Thursday enjoy a free movie at the gym. The current movie schedule is:

Today – Under the Tuscan Sun. Show time: 6:30 p.m.

March 25 – Gods and Generals. Show time: 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 577-6817.

Double Eagle (Albatross)

Staff Sgt. Donald Hopkins made a rare Double Eagle (Albatross) while playing on the Tees & Trees golf course on March 6. Donald holed his second shot on the par 5 with a No. 4 wood, to record a 2 on the hole. Donald shot a round of even par 72 for that day. MCLB employee Rick Baca witnessed the albatross. Congratulations Donald.

Aerobic class

Stephanie Jeffery's Aerobic class is held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Base Gym. The cost is \$20 per month or \$2 per session. Call 577-6971 for more information.

Wednesday is Movie Night. Be sure to mark your calendar for March 25 - that will be Right Hand Night at the Oasis Club.

At the Enlisted Club this week: Darts, pool, TV and CD music every night. TGIFriday every Friday. Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays are Bar and Grill Nights, and Wednesday is Midweek Relaxation Hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, be sure to catch the NBA game at the club. For more information, call 577-6418.

Hobby Shop closed

The Ceramic Hobby Shop will be closed on March 27. The hobby shop will be sponsoring a trip to the Pomona Ceramic Show on this date. The hobby shop will be open again on regular schedule March 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Ceramic Hobby Shop would like to remind everyone

By Jim Gaines

MCCS Publicity

Beverage Sale at MCX

The Beverage Sale that starts tomorrow will feature 10 percent off all 12-pack beverages. The sale will run through the end of the month at the Super Seven Store and the Railhead Exchange. For more information call the Super Seven Store at 256-8974.

The Super Seven Store and Gas Station hours are: Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Credit card sales for gas at the pumps are 24/7.

Club activities

At the Oasis Club this week: Tonight is Happy Hour from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday is TGI-Family Night. Tuesday is Burn Your Own Steak Night, and

Lifelong Learning Programs



Schools on Base

California Career School Geoff Berner, the site representative, is available on Mondays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Bulding 218 (Lifelong Learning/Library/Enlisted Club) to answer questions on CDL Class A and B licenses.

Cameron University Mark your calendar and reserve your seat. Enrollments are currently being accepted for the Cameron University MBA Program on base. For additional information, call Debra Ann Valdez at 256-8696 or visit Building 218.

Park University Cathey L. Donaldson is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bachelors of science degrees in criminal justice administration, management, management/computer information systems, management/human resources and social psychology are available. Call 256-8811 to set an appointment.

MCCS brings three new players to the game

By Jim Gaines
MCCS Marketing/Publicity

MCCS has new staff members heading up the recreation, retail services and food and hospitality branches. Patrons will undoubtedly notice more innovative ideas and progressive operations reflecting each individual's technique. Here are the staff members and some information about them and what they bring to MCCS patrons.

MCCS introduces Sharon Morrison as the new head of the Recreation Branch

Sharon Morrison is the new head of the Recreation Branch. She has worked in the field of recreation for more than 20 years, primarily with the military.

Morrison is a graduate of the University of Redlands in the field of business administration and management.

She is married and has one daughter. The family members make their home in Barstow.

The Recreation Branch includes the hobby shops: Auto, Ceramic and Wood/Rock, as well as the Bowling Center and Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT).

Morrison also has started the free movies at the base gym, Building 44,

every Thursday evening.

Morrison's philosophy is summed up in this statement: "As part of the MCCS team, our goal is to provide recreational services to the Marines and family members so as to make MCLB a better place to live and work. It is how well we provide this service that makes the difference and makes a lasting impression. We may do without supplies and equipment, but we can

"... our goal is to provide recreational services to the Marines and family members so as to make MCLB a better place to live ..."

never do without pleasing service and high professional standards. I insist on a commitment to excellence."

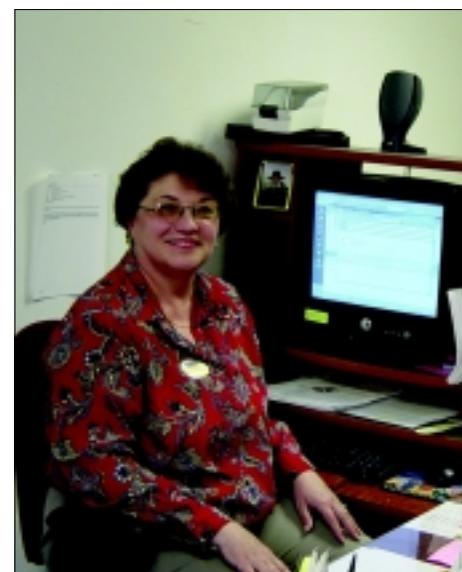
Initiative, teamwork and loyalty are the hallmarks of her philosophy in

achieving a well organized and smooth operational Recreation Branch.

Morrison urges all Marines and their families as well as the MCLB civilian personnel to take advantage of the many facilities and services offered by the Recreation Branch.

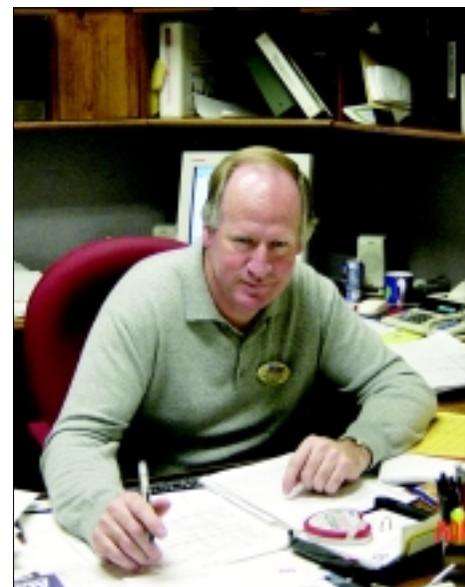
Your feedback is important too - take the opportunity to let the new head of Recreation know what you would like improved, added, deleted or any other ideas regarding the recreation facilities and services.

Innovative ideas are welcome as well - along such lines as free movies every Thursday in the base gym, which is now underway. Do you have ideas like that? Let Morrison know about them. Morrison's office is in the base gym. Her phone number 577-6817. She welcomes your suggestions.



Sharon Morrison

MCCS introduces Dave Lewis as the new head of the Retail and Services Branch



Dave Lewis

Dave Lewis is the new head of the Retail and Services Branch. Lewis came from Iwakuni where he held a similar position at MCCS. He brings with him more than 18 years of combined retail and services experience having worked for both the Marine Corps Exchange as well as the Navy Exchange systems.

"Whatever it takes to get the job done has been my credo for as far back as I can remember, making sure I have done everything in my power to satisfy the customer, and if that doesn't work, be willing to go out and find the person who can."

This is actually Lewis' second "tour" at MCLB Barstow. His father, a career naval officer was the OIC of the Branch Medical Clinic 25 years ago, and while living with his family

aboard base he attended and graduated from Barstow High School.

"I have experienced first hand what coming to Barstow can mean to the military family, and some of the challenges unique to this facility. Hopefully with the help of my staff and the feedback from you, our customers, we will make some positive changes and add to the overall quality of life here aboard MCLB Barstow.

"My whole reason for being here is to provide the goods and services that the folks here at MCLB want to see at their MCX.

I look forward to hearing from

you, the customers, as to what you want your exchange to look like and services it should offer - and then making your wishes a reality."

Retail and Services Branch includes the Super Seven Store in Nebo, The Railhead Exchange in Yermo, the Barber Shop and the Gas Station.

Your feedback is important. Give Lewis a call and let him know your ideas on the exchange and it's ser-

vices.

Lewis is currently in Building 302 but will soon move to Building 319. His phone number will remain 577-6963.

"... we will make some positive changes and add to the overall quality of life ..."

MCCS introduces Herman Wagner as the new head of the Food and Hospitality Branch

Herman Wagner is the new head of the Food and Hospitality Branch. Herman has attended four different colleges and universities, completed 17 short range military schools and 10 short range civilian schools.

He is retired from the Army with 22 years of service and is a Vietnam veteran who was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and seven Good Conduct Medals.

Wagner has been an Army drill sergeant, Army recruiter, as well as a club manager. He has a total of 31

years of total government service, with most of those years in the food and beverage field.

He likes to point out with pride that he was an instructor for the International Food Safety Foundation Manager Certification Program.

His experience will be an asset to the Food and Hospitality Branch.

Wagner is married with one daughter and two sons.

The Food and Hospitality Branch includes the Family Restaurant in Nebo, the Cactus Cafe and the Lanzer's Lounge in Yermo, Oasis Club and the Enlisted Club in Nebo, as well as the

Temporary Lodging Facilities (TLF) and RV Parking Facilities in Nebo.

His philosophy is brief and to the point - "Service is not everything - service is the only thing!"

Wagner not only welcomes but encourages your feedback and suggestions for the Food and Hospitality Branch.

Let him know what you would like to see at the three different restaurants - foods, services or whatever. The same for the clubs. Don't just think about it, or simply tell your friends - let him know.

Drop by his office at the Oasis Club, stop him while he's on his many rounds to his various facilities, or call him at 577-6176.



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