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## WG Pay Chart

The 2004 Wage Grade pay scale has been released.

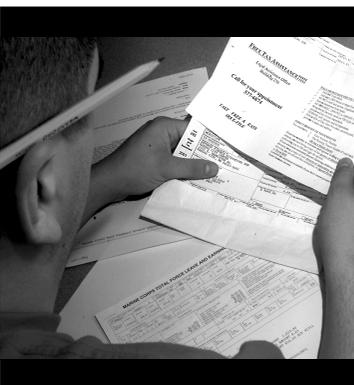
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## Daylight Savings

Spring forward at 2 a.m. Sunday by setting your clock one hour ahead.



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# VITA

With only two weeks left until the end of tax season, call 577-6874 to make an appointment with one of the VITA representatives.

Check out the Marine Corps Web site.

<http://www.usmc.mil>

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## President seeks \$401.7 billion budget

Compiled by Rob L. Jackson  
BARSTOW LOG staff

President Bush is requesting a \$401.7 billion defense budget for fiscal 2005, which represents about a 7 percent increase from fiscal 2004, the Defense Department announced Jan 23.

The president's proposed fiscal 2005 budget will fund continuing transformation efforts and operations and maintenance of today's force. It will also focus on pay and benefits for service members and "quality of life measures needed to recruit and retain the highest quality volunteers for service in the active and reserve forces, a DOD official said.

Under the proposal, service members would receive and 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise. The request also would increase the basic allowance for housing to eliminate all out-of-pocket expenses for service members.

"Since I took office, we have increased pay for our men and women in uniform by 21 percent," the president said in his Jan. 31 radio address. "Our troops put their lives on the line to defend America, and we owe them our best in return."

The budget also funds immediate acquisition need such as humvees with enhanced armor, Stryker vehicles and unmanned aerial vehicles. It also calls for more and better communications systems and better intelligence-sharing systems, said former Pentagon Comptroller Dov Zakheim, briefing on background Feb. 2.

Zakheim called the reinforced humvees, part of a force protection initiative first introduced in the fiscal 2004 budget, "very, very important" to the safety of deployed U.S. troops. "We have to protect our troops, both when they are on the ground and when they are mobile," he said.

The request also asked for up to \$500 million to train military and se-

curity forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and neighboring countries. It also moves toward managing the demands on the military.

Zakheim said the president's proposed fiscal 2005 budget will provide critical funding required to help the Defense Department make the most effective and efficient use of its manpower.

That initiative, he said, involves expanding the military capabilities, rebalancing the active and reserve components, retaining critical skills, receiving authority for higher personnel levels during peak demands, and converting some military positions to civilian and contractor jobs.

As critical as it is to provide the best equipped and best supported troops at the right locations, Zakheim said, it also is imperative that the Defense department continues rebalancing it force to reduce its reliance on the reserve components.

The goal, he said, is to limit invol-

untary reserve mobilizations and to reduce the need to call reservists and guardsmen to active duty within the first 15 days of military operations. Zakheim said DOD ultimately wants to ensure that members of the reserve components are required to serve no more than one year of active duty every six years.

By continuing to implement the National Security Personnel System, Zakheim said DOD would be better positioned to compete with other employers to hire top-quality candidates with critical skills. The new system also will enhance DOD's ability to smoothly convert some military positions to civilian positions, he said.

"You have a lot military folks who are actually doing the work of civilians in defense agencies," Zakheim said. He called hiring civilians to do these jobs and returning the uniformed members to their services to fill mili-

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## Marine 4 Life links Marines, communities

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello  
Combat Correspondent

The combination of the quotes "You are a Marine 24 hours a day, seven days a week," and "Once a Marine, always a Marine," sum up the conclusion that after receiving an eagle, globe and anchor, you will be a Marine forever.

The Marine for Life program is founded on this concept. The Marine Corps continues to care for Marines during the transition out of the Corps.

Marines, who are transitioning out of the Marine Corps, whether after four years or 30, can utilize the services offered by the Marine for Life Program.

During the transition from active duty back to the civilian life, there are many changes that a Marine must go through such as finding a new location, employer, schools and childcare. The Marine for Life program simplifies the transitioning process by forming a network of Marine-friendly businesses, organizations, and individuals that are willing to help Marines and their families get settled back into a community.

"Hometown sponsors are Marines who are located throughout the country that bridge the gap between the Marines and the community the Marine wishes to move to," said CWO3 Calvin Boutte, the hometown link for the San Bernardino area.

Marines can locate their closest hometown link on the Marine for Life Website and contact them to get assistance in the transition. Hometown links help get Marines in touch with the people and organizations who are willing to provide assistance to Marines.

The most commonly used service of the Marine for Life program is finding employment for Marines. The Hometown links locate employers that wish to hire Marines and match the qualifications of a Marine with the Marine-friendly employers, hopefully concluding in the Marine getting a civilian job.

"It is easy to find employers who want Marines working for them. Marines are known for being responsible, mature and having a strong work ethic. What employer doesn't want that?" said Boutte.

The employers are verified to be legitimate and credible businesses and then are advertised on the Marine for Life Website so Marines can view the employment opportunities of the areas they are interested in moving to.

A local example of the success of the Marine for Life program is Master Sgt. Allyson Hedrick, the SNCOIC of the Marine and Family Services Division.

Hedrick is nearing retirement and is in frequent contact with the San Bernardino hometown link, Boutte.

After the first meeting with Hedrick, Boutte



set out looking for a possible employment opportunities for Hedrick based upon her qualifications and experience.

Within one day Boutte had found Hedrick a counseling position that suited her tastes, qualification and location.

"There is something for everyone," said Boutte. "It just takes finding the perfect fit for each person."

"The Marine for Life job network includes everything from police and fire department jobs

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# The Commander's Forum

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



## Submission guidelines

The Commander's Forum is used to keep the work force informed, to explain why things are the way they are or appear to be, and, when possible, to correct situations or make improvements.

It is a valuable two-way communication channel through which people may address concerns they're not able to resolve through the normal chain of command.

Every Commander's Forum call or e-mail is researched, even if it is not published in the Barstow Log. If "callers" identify themselves, they will receive a response.

The key to having a question and its response published in the BARSTOW LOG is that the it be specific and address things that may impact a significant amount of the base employees or tenants.

**Q** I drive a Honda Metropolitan (motor scooter) to work most days and with it getting darker the streets here at Yermo are hard to locate. I requested that a streetlight be placed on the north side of Agate, cross of Daggett -Yermo Rd. via the Fleet Support Division safety representative, over one year ago.

Nothing was done. Also, street lights need to be placed

on both corners of 20<sup>th</sup> Street at Agate before someone ends up on the railroad tracks or there is an accident to ruin someone's day. Historically, someone has to get hurt before anything is done.

**A** Thank you for expressing your concerns about the need for additional street lighting on the Yermo Annex at Agate Road and

Daggett -Yermo Road.

The U. S. government does not own the property along the north side of the intersection; therefore MCLB Barstow cannot erect a permanent structure such as a light pole on the property owned by San Bernardino County.

We are waiting for the county to respond to our request to put up a light on the northern part of the intersection. The intersection of Agate

Road and 20<sup>th</sup> Street does have two lights on the south side providing area coverage of the intersection.

The light located on the west side is 25 yards away and the light located

on the east side is 40 yards away.

Adding additional lights on the north side near the railroad tracks is not possible due to safety concerns in proximity near the railroad.

# Look for ways to say 'yes'

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood  
Base Chaplain



This week we church folk celebrated the feast of the Annunciation.

This is the feast that celebrates the announcement to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would become pregnant with the Messiah.

The story is a delightful one that takes the reader through some of the emotions that Mary must have felt and ends with her remarkable response. According to scripture (Luke 1:26-38), Mary had a visitation from the Angel Gabriel. Gabriel told her that she was highly favored among women and that the Most High was with her. Mary immediately wondered exactly what this greeting meant and sensing that all of this might be a bit much; the angel said, "Don't be afraid. You have found favor with God." The angel went on to explain that she would conceive and bear a son and that she would name him Jesus. The angel Gabriel went on to say that this son of hers would be great and would be called the son of God, the Most High and

that the Lord would give him the throne of his ancestor David. Finally he added that her son would reign over the house of Jacob forever. With all this swimming in her ears and heart and mind, Mary made a startling statement. She said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Mary must have had many thoughts running through her mind. She certainly must have wondered what Joseph, her fiancé would say. Not only that, but what would everyone else say? She knew she would be very hard pressed to get anyone to believe that an angel had visited her and that she was carrying a child that had been conceived in a supernatural way. She was facing some insurmountable obstacles that would come with the announcement from the angel and I am certain that she had great fear about the future. Her life was literally flashing in front of her eyes as she contemplated what she was being asked to do. What is most noteworthy is how she reacted to all this stimulus. She simply said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." In other words, "OK, I'll do it if that is what I am supposed to do." She did not think of reasons why she shouldn't do what

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## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Ron Moore, an artillery mechanic at Maintenance Center Barstow's Cost Work Center 729, artillery shop, compiles sensitive electronic recoil information from a recent M198 155mm Howitzer test firing. Moore, who is usually found working on LAV-25 chainguns, stands out from his peers because of his computer programming skills, which have proven "extremely beneficial" to CWC 729's mission.

### 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**.  
For more info call 577-6849.



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# News Briefs

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

## Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated, lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe and Lanzer's Lounge are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

**Today** – Baked potato, salad bar.

**Friday** – Hoki fish with macaroni and cheese.

**Monday** – Spaghetti and meat sauce with garlic bread.

**Tuesday** – Sliced roast sirloin of beef, mashed potatoes and gravy.

**Wednesday** – Pork stir-fry, steamed Jasmine rice.

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, and at Lanzer's Lounge from 11:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 577-6428.

## Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m., and 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: Beef lasagna, angel hair pasta with chicken alfredo sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, dessert plus fountain drink. Prices: \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 5 to 11 years, children under 5 eat free. Prices are the same for military and civilian personnel.

## Power Outages

Due to the on going upgrade of the Nebo electrical distribution system, the following outages are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The golf course club house, Buildings 15 and 18, Warehouses 2, 3, 4, 5.

Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 149, 17, 38, 293, Q11, 364, 342, 319, 218, 321, 176, 177, S181, 204, 375, 374, 368, 322, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 163, S393, 226, S196, 196, 197, 198 and 191

April 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of Desert View housing and the water tank south of I-40.

April 10 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buildings 372, 103, K9, 185, 186, 187,

301 and 302, S181, the R.V. Park and the contractors yards

For more information on the above schedule, call 577-6911.

## Water Outages Scheduled

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

Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Buildings 167 and 236.

April 8 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Warehouse 3.

For more information on the above schedule call 577-6911/6608.

## Plant Sale

The Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District is scheduled to hold its annual "Desert Adaptive" plant sale at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday.

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 well adapted to the high desert. The Victor Valley Garden Party will be held on Saturday.

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 was March 22. A non-refundable deposit of 50 percent must accompany the order form.

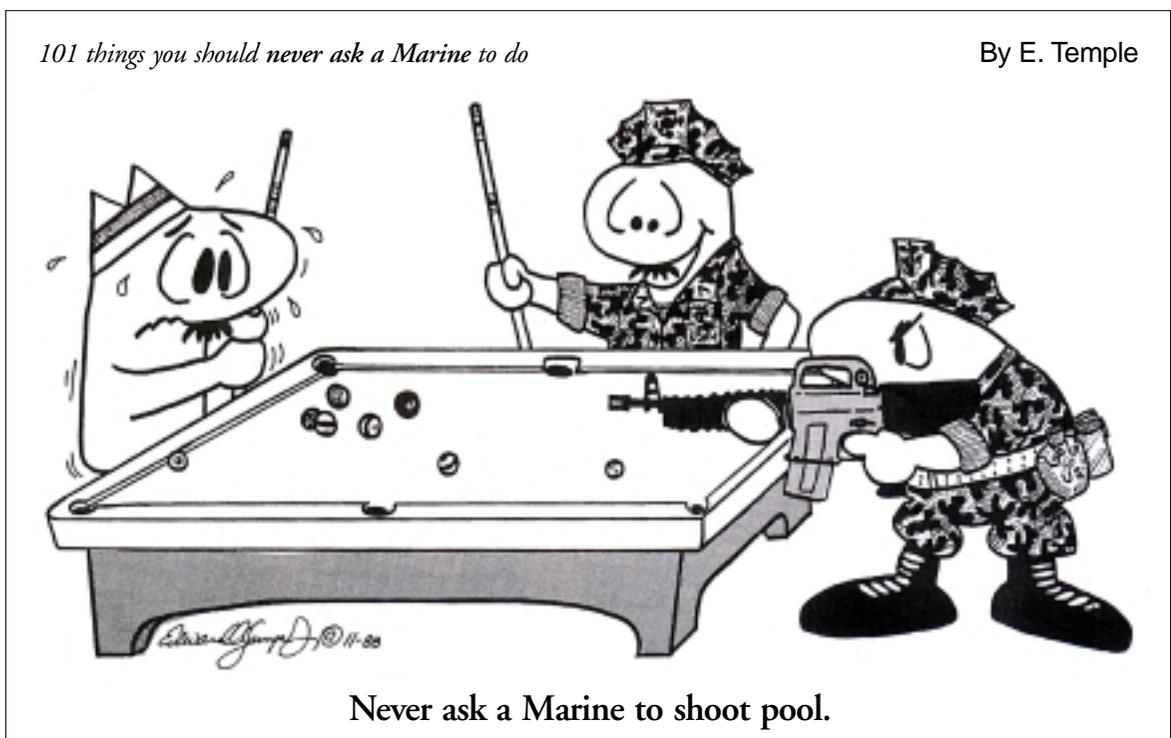
## Military Academic Skills Program

A free Military Academic Skills Program is scheduled to begin on April 19 and will run through May 14 in Building 218 in the Lifelong Learning Education Center's classroom.

The class is primarily utilized for Marines and sailors who are interested in increasing their ASVAB scores for reenlistment or to improve lateral move potential.

These classes can also be used to help make the transition back into education programs or college by refreshing basic math, reading and writing skills. Family members over 18 are eligible to take part in this program, while space is available.

The Test of Adult Basic Education is a pre-registration requirement for the course. The test can be scheduled through the Lifelong Learning Edu-



cation Center.

Classes are held Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call the Lifelong Learning Education Center at 577-6118.

## Telephone Branch advises using DSN

The Telephone Branch recently completed an audit of outbound dialed calls from both Nebo and Yermo branches.

The audit showed that many calls are using FTS2000 commercial trunks and not utilizing DSN trunks.

FTS2000 trunks cost you and your organization valuable money while DSN is free for the government. The telephone branch advises using DSN first before trying commercial.

To make a call using DSN dial 94 + DSN prefix + last four digits of the number. DSN numbers for the following bases are as follows:

- Fort Irwin, Calif. – 470
- Camp Pendleton, Calif. – 365 and 361

- China Lake, Calif. – 437
  - MCAS Miramar, Calif. – 267
  - MCLB Barstow, Calif. – 282
  - Quantico, Va. – 278
  - Camp Lejune, N.C. – 752
  - MCRD San Diego, Calif. – 524
  - MCRD Parris Island, S.C. – 335
- For more information on what numbers to dial DSN contact the base operator by dialing 0.

## Base Order Revised

Base Order P5100.11G, the safety program, has been extensively revised and is now available via the MCLB Barstow intranet.

All federal employees are advised to review and become familiar with the order provisions. To access the revised order do as follows:

- Go to <http://mclbonline/>
- Click on Policies and Directives
- Click on Base Orders
- Click on 5000-5999
- Click on P5100.11G

The Safety Program orders are long so they will take some time to load.

## Uniform Service Almanac

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

## Free Cleanup Day

The City of Barstow Landfill is hosting a free to the public Cleanup Day on April 10. The landfill will waive all regular trash and tipping fees from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Scrap metal collection will be held at the City Cooperation Yard, south lot, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 900 S. Ave. H.

A free household hazardous waste bin will be at the same location, but will not be accepting business waste. Passenger vehicle tires will be accepted from city residents. For more information, call Belinda Barbour, City of Barstow, at (760)256-3531, ext. 3295, or email [bbarbour@barstowca.org/](mailto:bbarbour@barstowca.org/).

## Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW0610-DH	Nurse GS-610-9	10-01-2003	Open cont.	N/A	MCLB Barstow
SW0318-04-163269-DE	Secretary (OA) GS-318-05	3-18-2004	4-12-2004	3-22-2004	MCLB Barstow
SW-7006-CE	Preservation Servicer WG-7006-07 (Temporary NTE 1 Years)	10-01-2003	Open cont.	04-02-2004	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.

# The Do's and Don'ts of the Desert Tortoise

By Pfc. Ashley Warden  
Combat Correspondent

Summer is just around the corner and that means more activity from wildlife in the area surrounding MCLB Barstow, specifically the Desert Tortoise.

The Desert Tortoise is the official state reptile of California and is protected by law, making it the only known resident species on MCLB Barstow that is protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act as well as state law. It is the largest plant-eating reptile in the southwestern United States.

"The fact that it is Federally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, makes the animal important in itself," said Charles Sullivan, Bureau of Land Management worker.

Although the tortoise is active all year, much of the activity takes place between the months of March and June with a lesser extent of activity in late summer. Most of this time is spent waiting for extreme temperatures to subside in underground burrows.

The tortoise can survive in areas where ground temperatures exceed 140 degrees Fahrenheit. This is mainly because of the fact that they can burrow underground to escape the heat. In fact, tortoises spend up to 95 percent of their lives in these burrows. The burrows also help protect the animal from freezing while dormant from November through February or March.

A terrestrial herbivore, the tortoise prefers to eat annual forbs and grasses. Green

vegetation, such as shrubs and cacti as well as their flowers are preferred, since the tortoise can use the green vegetation to meet its water needs as well as for nutrition.

If water is available, the tortoise will drink it, although it can survive many years without drinking.

Catchment basins are dug by Desert Tortoises in the soil to maximize the utilization of infrequent rainfall. The tortoise remembers where these basins are and will return to them when rain appears imminent.

The Desert Tortoise has existed for millions of years but recently there has been a rapid decline in the species population. Such decline has placed the tortoise on the threatened species list.

Several factors contribute to the loss in numbers, to include the loss of their natural habitat through urban development, flu like disease that is often fatal, being preyed upon by natural predators such as ravens and loss of forage plants as a result of competition from livestock and pet collecting.

Hisses, pops and "poink" sounds are made a fear or distress calls by the Desert Tortoise. Listening for these warning signs could prevent injury to the animal.

The only undisturbed natural habitat the tortoises have is located on MCLB Barstow's rifle range. It is because of this fact that approximately 540 acres on the southern edge of the range is designated critical habitat. The remaining area of the range is considered tortoise habitat.

Between 250 and 300 Desert Tortoises

inhabit MCLB Barstow lands. It is because of this the base has established guidelines for activities conducted here which may affect the tortoise.

Any attempt or activity that is designed to harm, harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, kill, trap, capture or collect the Desert Tortoise is illegal. Such illegal activities can bring up to six months in jail for each violation and civil penalties of up to \$50,000.

A number of measures to protect the tortoise have also been implemented by the base. Sites where workers are investigating and cleaning up hazardous materials under the Installation Restoration Program or any construction or maintenance project must follow specific rules to prevent disturbing the Desert Tortoise. Such rules include: inspecting work areas for the presence of tortoises, checking under vehicles which provide shade for the tortoise and strictly maintaining speed limits and keeping vehicles on normal roadways to avoid running over burrows and food for the tortoises.

Desert Tortoises have some characteristics, which can help identify them. The tortoise has a brown shell measuring anywhere from eight to 15 inches long. They also have flattened front limbs adapted for burrowing.

Other precautions can be taken to avoid hurting the animal.

Avoid touching the animal at all costs. When the Desert Tortoise is lifted, they often void the contents of their bladder. This loss of water in the desert could gravely affect the survival of the animal.

Do not litter. This attracts coyotes and ravens, which prey upon young tortoises.

Pet tortoises should not be released into the desert. They will compete with the Desert Tortoise for food.

Stay on the road unless in a designated off-road area.

Finally, Desert Tortoises should never be removed from the desert.

If a desert tortoise is spotted, there are some things that are allowed.

Observe the tortoise in its natural habitat along with taking pictures.

Watch for Desert Tortoises crossing the road.

"It is important to follow these guidelines to prevent the possibility of inadvertently spreading disease to the animals, which will then spread the disease among themselves," said Sullivan.

For more information, call the environmental division at 577-6111/6173 if a tortoise is spotted anywhere other than the rifle range, or if you come across an injured Desert Tortoise. The Humane Society or any veterinarian may also be called.

## Editor's Note:

Information for this article was taken from articles by Manny Joia, MCLB Barstow environmental protection specialist, and <http://www.ca.blm.gov>.

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tary jobs a "win-win: a more efficient civilian side, a more effective military side.

These conversions already are underway. During fiscal 2004 10,000 military-to-civilian conversions are scheduled, with an additional 10,070 projected for fiscal 2005, according to Zakheim.

DOD is set to replace all of its substandard military family housing units by 2009, a senior DOD official told a congressional committee March 3.

The proposed fiscal 2005 budget "allows the department to stay on track to eliminate nearly all of its inadequate military family housing units by FY 2007, with complete elimination by 2009," noted Philip W. Grone in prepared remarks for the House Subcommittee on Military Construction. He is principal deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment.

Out of its \$401.7 billion budget proposal, Grone noted DOD is requesting \$4.2 billion to construct, operate and maintain military family housing. That money, he said, represents a \$200 mil-

lion increase over last year's budget.

And the \$1.6 billion slated for family housing construction in fiscal 2005 is \$400 million more than last year's budget, Grone pointed out, and will be used for both traditional, military-sourced construction projects and those provided by privatization agreements.

"Our current plans are to privatize a cumulative total of over 136,000 units by the end of FY 2005," Grone said, noting DOD expects to privatize more than 59 percent of its existing family housing in the continental U.S. and territories by then.

Grone said that DOD is committed to "help service members who live off base to afford good quality housing and to improve their options."

Therefore, he said, the proposed DOD budget request "includes necessary funding to ensure that the typical service member living in the private sector will have zero out-of-pocket housing expenses."

Under the proposed fiscal 2005

budget, the Army would receive \$97.2 billion; the Navy and Marine Corps, \$119.3 billion; the Air Force would receive \$120.5 billion; and defense agencies \$64.7 billion.

The Marine Corps' cut of the FY 05 budget totals \$16.8 billion and constitutes 14 percent of the Department of the Navy's entire budget. The Corps' budget amounts to just 4 percent of the DOD's entire \$401.7 billion budget.

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to positions at Home Depot," said Boutte.

All Marine for Life services are free to any Marine six months prior or 90 days after receiving honorable discharge from the Marine Corps.

With over 80 hometown links in the country, there is going to be a Marine to assist with the transitioning process no matter where in the country you choose to make your home. "If there is no hometown link in the direct area of where Marines are settling, that is not a problem. The closest home-

town link to the area will be the sponsor of that Marine, and with many of the Marine-friendly employers being nationwide business, the network of employees will still be useful," said Boutte.

"It's a really great program," said Boutte. "It's another way the Marine Corps is connecting with the communities, and both the community and the Marine Corps are benefiting from the program."

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she had been asked to do although there were several very good reasons. She did not ask Gabriel to go and find someone else since she was about to be married and did not want to ruin her marital relationship. She did not flatly refuse saying "it's not my job." She took the hard road and looked for a way to say "yes." She was willing to take on a task that could have cost her everything because she believed that was she was doing was going to be a great thing for the people of Israel. She was willing to make the sacrifice

because she knew that she was the one who had been asked and that she was the first choice. She acted out of her desire to be obedient. The lesson is that many times we try to find ways to escape doing something we are asked to do.

We many times look for other people to do what we have been asked instead of doing it ourselves. We often look for ways to say "no," instead of ways to say, "yes."

If we could be more like this woman of virtue and grace we could accomplish great things not only for ourselves, but most especially for others.

It will really take a change of heart for many of us to do that. We will have put away our "me first" attitude and begin to try and be the servant of those around us.

The beauty of this system is that when we are all trying to serve the job gets done and people receive the help that they need.

Peace,  
Fr Randel

# Marines set precedence in ROK ship off-load

**By Lance Cpl. Chris Korhonen**  
MCB Camp Butler

**PYONGTAEK PORT, Republic of Korea** — The MV 1st Lt. Jack Lummus broke new ground when it docked at the Pyongtaek Port, South Korea, March 8 as part of Freedom Banner '04, an amphibious ship off-load exercise.

Freedom Banner is an annual exercise, but this year marked the first time a Maritime Positioning Ship has off-loaded equipment and supplies this far north on the Korean peninsula. The 406 tanks, amphibious assault vehicles, howitzers, trucks and containers off-loaded here will be used during three other exercises this month: Korean Integrated Training Program; Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration, and Foa Eagle. This off-load is very important to the U.S. and South Korea security relationship, according to Major Samuel K. Howard, arrival and assembly operations group, operations officer, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

"It revalidated the Marine Corps' ability to put a significant force in a country or any theater in a reasonably small time," Howard said. "On a larger scale, it demonstrated our resolve to our Korean counterparts that we can come in and rapidly establish a force. It also demonstrates our resolve to aid our South Korean allies in the defense of their country."

The MV Lummus, based out of Guam, is part of Maritime Prepositioning Squadron-3. The MPS concept calls for three different squadrons to each maintain loaded ships that can equip and sustain a force as large as a Marine Expeditionary Brigade of 17,500 Marines. In the event of a crisis, the ships sail directly to a port near the crisis area and Marines fly from their home bases to the port, rapidly off-load the equipment, and move off to accomplish the mission.

The MPS program has been proven in operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom, and has supported exercises in the Pacific in countries such as Thailand and Australia as

well as S. Korea.

Since this was the first time an MPS ship was granted permission to dock in Pyongtaek Port, the unloading of tanks, amphibious assault vehicles and other equipment on a commercial dock raised many questions about the ease of the operation, according to Howard, a Jacksonville, N.C. native.

"It was a unique and very challenging exercise because we had a lot of unknowns," Howard said. "We didn't know if we could actually get the ship in (to the port), and we weren't quite sure if we had enough staging area."

Major Chris Brown, exercise planner, III MEF, was also unsure of how smoothly the off-load would go in the unfamiliar port.

"Given some of the constraints on the port, the estimates for completion were based on a very pessimistic view, and on how tough it would be to work on what was a commercial steel pier," Brown said.

Working hand-in-hand with their Korean counterparts, the Marines and sailors ensured the equipment was received quickly and accurately, and there was no interruption of commerce through the port.

Originally expected to take 48 hours to complete the unloading process, the 406 pieces of equipment were unloaded half a day earlier than scheduled.

"Through this effort in talking and cooperation with the Koreans, we were able to complete our off-load well ahead of schedule," Howard said.

The unloaded equipment will be used for training exercises on the peninsula, which is different from previous Freedom Banner's MPS off-loads, according to Brown.

"Sometimes past Freedom Banners have just been done by offloading gear from an (MPS) ship, keeping it on the pier, accounting for it, then putting it back on the ship," Brown said. "Now we decided to utilize the gear, which is more appropriate and cost effective and gives us better training."

Brown added that the proximity to North Korea will also give Marines a more serious tone to the training with their ROK counterparts.

With the off-load completed, Howard stressed the importance of the cooperation between the Marines and Koreans in accomplishing the mission, and continuance of training together.

"The off-load probably would have not gone as well as it did if we didn't have the help from our Korean counterparts," Howard said.

"The language barrier was indeed there, but we overcame those obstacles and we really forged a good working relationship, one that we can pursue in years to come. This was the first time they worked with Marines up close and this was our first time up here, so there was a lot of apprehension on both sides. We realized we have a common interest, and once we expanded on that, the exercise went a lot faster and a lot smoother."

Left: The MV 1st Lt. Jack Lummus pulls into Pyongtaek Port, South Korea, to begin the unloading of equipment for annual training on the Korean Peninsula.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Chris Korhonen



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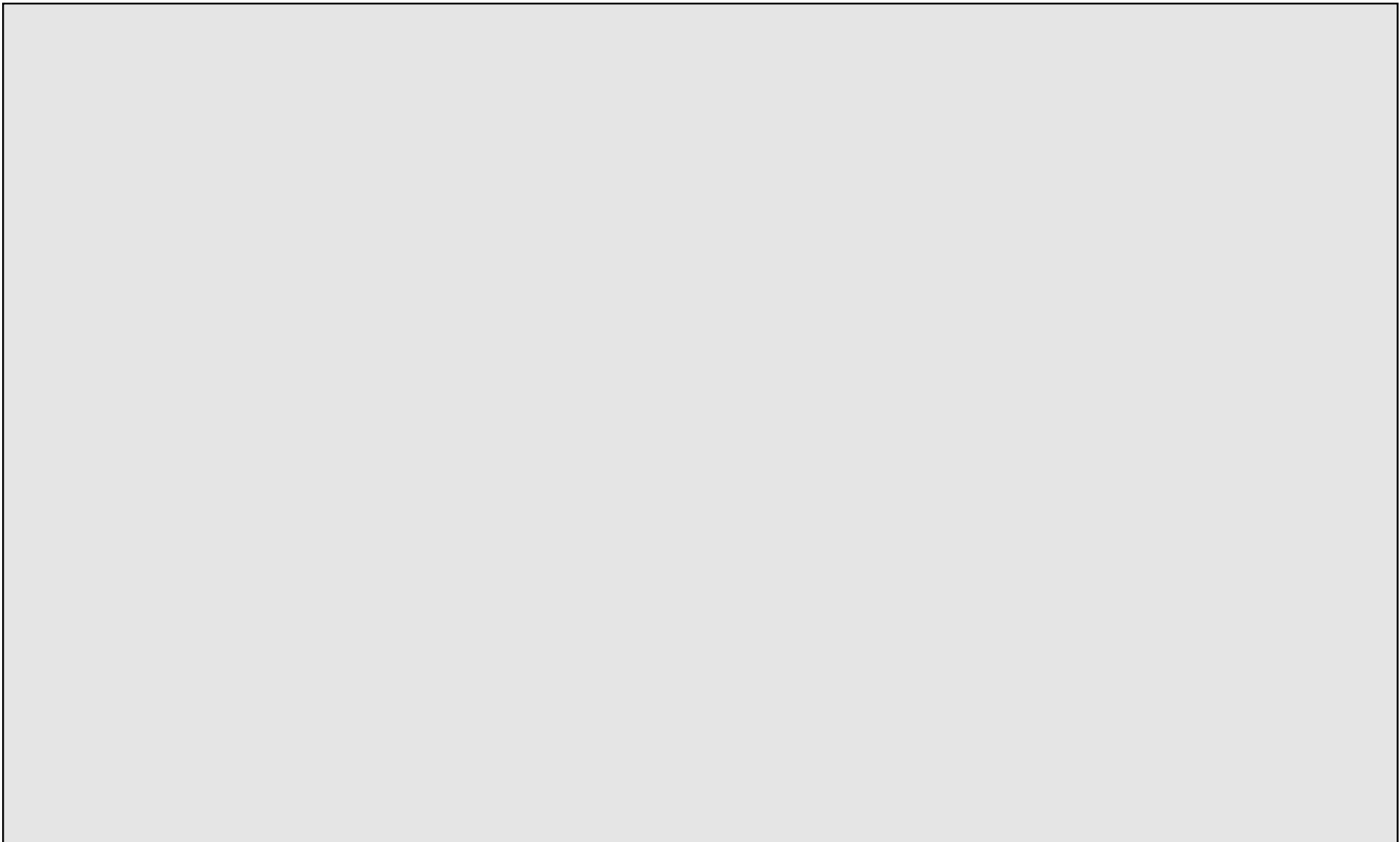
Members of the Offshore Preparation Party move an amphibious assault vehicle off of the dock gantry at Pyongtaek Port, South Korea.



# Wage grade/leader/supervisor hourly rates by grade, step

## *2004 hourly wage table for the Los Angeles, Calif., area*

WG																WD-WN
WL-WS	WG-Rates					WL-Rates					WS-WD-WN Rates					Pay
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	Level
1	9.09	9.46	9.83	10.22	10.59	9.99	10.41	10.82	11.24	11.65	15.32	15.95	16.59	17.23	17.87	
2	10.37	10.81	11.25	11.67	12.11	11.41	11.89	12.37	12.85	13.31	16.61	17.30	18.00	18.69	19.38	
3	11.67	12.16	12.65	13.14	13.62	12.85	13.38	13.91	14.45	14.98	17.91	18.66	19.40	20.15	20.89	1
4	12.97	13.51	14.05	14.59	15.13	14.27	14.86	15.45	16.05	16.65	19.21	20.01	20.81	21.61	22.41	2
5	14.28	14.87	15.47	16.06	16.66	15.70	16.36	17.01	17.67	18.32	20.51	21.37	22.22	23.07	23.93	3
6	15.58	16.22	16.87	17.52	18.17	17.13	17.84	18.56	19.27	19.98	21.78	22.69	23.59	24.50	25.42	4
7	16.83	17.53	18.25	18.95	19.65	18.53	19.29	20.06	20.84	21.61	22.97	23.92	24.87	25.82	26.79	5 1
8	18.02	18.78	19.53	20.27	21.02	19.82	20.66	21.47	22.30	23.12	24.16	25.16	26.16	27.17	28.18	6 2
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13	23.25	24.28	25.22	26.19	27.16	25.61	26.69	27.74	28.83	29.90	28.53	29.72	30.90	32.10	33.29	11 7
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15	24.91	25.92	26.97	28.08	29.09	27.39	28.56	29.65	30.84	31.97	30.53	31.80	33.07	34.34	35.61	9
											WS-16	31.65	32.97	34.29	35.61	36.93
											WS-17	32.90	34.27	35.64	37.01	38.39
											WS-18	34.28	35.71	37.13	38.56	39.99
											WS-19	35.51	36.99	38.47	39.95	41.43



# Voting: With election approaching, do you know how?

**By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello**  
 Combat Correspondent

"In our country, we have (the right to vote) as a result of past and present sacrifices of U.S. service men and women ... it is particularly appropriate that you, who protect this right for all of us, also exercise this right for yourself," stated the Secretary of the Navy, Gordon England in ALMAR 008/04.

Defending and exercising the right to vote is the main focus of ALMAR 008/04. Voting can be complicated for service members who don't understand the process. Issues such as: What state elections can I participate in?, how do I vote if I am deployed?, and how does being in the military affect my dependant's voting rights?, can cause confusion and make Marines more hesitant to vote.

"If a Marine doesn't know how to register and obtain an absentee ballot they will be less likely to vote," said Capt. James Boerigter, the Voting Assistance Officer for MCLB Barstow.

Boerigter is trying to improve the number of voters on base by being available to Marines with any information about voting that Marines might need.

"If Marines have questions, comments or concerns about voting, they need to come to me. I can assist them with everything from voter registration, to obtaining absentee ballots, and to providing local, state and federal voting information," said Boerigter.

Many service members may believe they can only vote for the state that is their home of record. This is not true. Service members can vote from any state that is your "legal voting

residence." The legal voting residence can be the last state where you resided before entering military service, also known as a home of record, or the residence where you currently reside. A military member may change their legal voting residence as often as they change duty stations.

To be eligible to change your legal voting residence a military member must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to the location as a primary residence.

There may be legal obligations, such as taxation, to change a legal voting residence, so consulting with a legal officer beforehand can make sure military members are informed of any ramifications.

Being stationed or deployed overseas during an election period does not disqualify a military member from voting for candidates of the federal office. An election for the federal Office is any special, general, runoff or primary election held solely or in part for the purpose of selecting, nominating, or electing any candidate for the office of president, vice president, presidential elector, U.S. Senate, U.S. Houses of Representatives, delegates from the District of Columbia, Guam, Virgin Islands and American Samoa, and resident commissioner of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The 1975 Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Rights Act gave U.S. citizens who reside outside of the United States who would otherwise be qualified to vote except for residency, the right to vote for candidates of the federal office.

While overseas, Boerigter suggests Marines should keep up with candidates and the positions they take by reading U.S. magazines and surfing the Internet.

All U.S. citizens who are 18 years or older who are residing outside of the United States during an election period are eligible to vote absentee in any election for federal office.

The request for an absentee ballot should be received by election officials at least 45 days before an election day to allow adequate time to process the request and mail the ballot. Registration is different from state to state, but if a military member is applying for registration and an absentee ballot, the request may need to be mailed earlier than 45 days.

Even if family members of a service member are not in the military, the military life still affects the voting process of the family members. The legal voting residence of the family members have the same requirements of physical presence and the intent to remain. Military members and their families can only have one legal voting residence at a time but spouses and children over the age of 18 are not required to claim the same residence as the military member. Family members or military members are eligible to vote by absentee and for the most part follow the same procedures of the military members.

To find out more information about voting, contact Boerigter at 577-7582. Information can also be obtained by calling the Voting Information Center at 703-588-1343 or DSN at 425-1343, or visiting the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

## Some voting Do's & Don'ts for service members

*Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, which covers Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty says that an active duty member of the armed forces:*

- May register, vote, and express his or her personal opinion on political candidates and issues, but not as a representative of the Armed Forces.
- May promote and encourage other military members to exercise their voting franchise, if such promotion does not constitute an attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election.
- May join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform.
- May serve as an election official if such service is not as a representative of a partisan political party, does not interfere with military duties, is performed while not in uniform, and with prior approval of the Secretary of Defense concerned.
- May sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot, if the signing does not obligate the member to engage in partisan political activity and is done as a private citizen and not as a representative of the armed forces.
- May display a political sticker on the member's private vehicle.

*The same Defense Directive 1344.10, says that active duty members of the armed forces may not engage in certain activities. Members of the armed forces:*

- May not use official authority or influence to interfere with an election, affect the course or outcome of an election, solicit votes for a particular candidate or issue, or require or solicit political contributions from others.
- May not be a candidate for civil office in federal, state or local government, or engage in public or organized soliciting of others to become partisan candidates for nomination or election to civil office.
- May not participate in partisan political management or campaigns, or make public speeches in the course thereof.
- May not solicit or receive a campaign contribution from another member of the armed forces or from a civilian officer or employee of the United States for promoting a political objective or cause.
- May not speak before a partisan political gathering of any kind for promoting a partisan political party or candidate.
- May not use contemptuous words against officeholders described in 10 USC 888.
- May not perform clerical or other duties for a partisan political committee during a campaign or on an election day.
- May not solicit or otherwise engage in fundraising activities in federal offices or facilities, including military reservations, for a partisan political cause or candidate.
- May not sell tickets for, or otherwise actively promote, political dinners and similar fundraising events.
- May not allow or cause to be published partisan political articles signed or written by the member that solicit votes for or against a partisan political party or candidate.
- May not display a large political sign, banner, or poster on a private vehicle (bumper stickers are allowed).
- May not participate in any partisan effort to provide voters with transportation to the polls.
- May not attend partisan political events as an official representative of the armed forces or while in uniform.

This list is only meant as a guide. If you have specific questions consult DOD Directive 1344.10 or your legal officer.

### 2004 State Presidential Primary Election Calendar

#### APRIL

- Texas 04/13 (S)
- Pennsylvania 04/27 (P,S)

#### MAY

- Indiana 05/04 (P,S)
- North Carolina 05/04 (P,S)
- Nebraska 05/11 (P,S)
- West Virginia 05/11 (P,S)
- Arkansas 05/18 (P,S)
- Kentucky 05/18 (P,S)
- Oregon 05/18 (P,S)
- Idaho 05/25 (P,S)

#### JUNE

- Alabama 06/01 (P,S)
- New Mexico 06/01 (P,S)
- South Dakota 06/01 (P,S)
- Iowa 06/08 (S)
- Maine 06/08 (S)
- Montana 06/08 (P,S)
- New Jersey 06/08 (P,S)
- North Dakota 06/08 (S)
- South Carolina 06/08 (S)
- Virginia 06/08 (S)
- Utah 06/22 (S)

#### JULY

- Georgia 07/20 (S)
- Oklahoma 07/27 (S)

#### AUGUST

- Kansas 08/03 (S)
- Michigan 08/03 (S)
- Missouri 08/03 (S)
- Tennessee 08/05 (S)
- Colorado 08/10 (S)
- Connecticut 08/10 (S)
- Wyoming 08/17 (S)
- Alaska 08/24 (S)
- Florida 08/31 (S)

#### SEPTEMBER

- Guam 09/04 (S)
- Arizona 09/07 (S)
- Nevada 09/07 (P,S)
- New York 09/09 (S)
- Delaware 09/11 (S)
- Virgin Islands 09/11 (S)
- District of Columbia 09/14 (S)
- Massachusetts 09/14 (S)
- Minnesota 09/14 (S)
- New Hampshire 09/14 (S)
- Rhode Island 09/14 (S)
- Vermont 09/14 (S)
- Washington 09/14 (S)
- Wisconsin 09/14 (S)
- Hawaii 09/18 (S)
- Louisiana 09/18 (S)

#### NOVEMBER

- American Samoa 11/09 (S)
- S= State P= Primary elections

#### Editor's Note:

Information in this article was taken from the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at <http://www.fvap.gov>.

# M198 155mm Howitzers undergo inspection

## *Marines look to bring weapons to fleet Marine force readiness*

By Pfc. Ashley Warden  
Combat Correspondent

Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Bases Barstow and Albany conducted limited technical inspections on more than 120 M198 155mm Howitzer cannons stored here from March 16 to 26.

Two teams were set up to inspect the weapons, said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jason Kut, ground supply officer and head of the Fleet Support Division Principle End Item Branch. One team was set up to work with the guns, and one team to work the sight components associated with them.

The Marines from MCLB Albany were put to the task of inspecting the weapons, said Kut.

"It is a long and involved process," said Staff Sgt. Dave Henry, electro-optical repair chief with the Fleet Support Division's Technical Assistance Team stationed here.

Most of these weapons have been through the most recent war in Iraq, said Staff Sgt. Andrew Vaughn, a towed artillery weapons technician from MCLB Albany and a member of Technical Assist Team, East.

The number of weapons in the lot here has more than tripled from the influx of weapons returning from Iraq, said Vaughn.

The artillery sights were inspected to see if they were functioning properly and if anything needed to be fixed or replaced, said Henry.

Inspectors look to see if the tolerances are correct and to see if the tritium, used to illuminate the sights during limited light conditions, needs to be replaced.

"The tolerances can vary anywhere from .5 ml to 1 ml," said Henry. Imagine a compass divided into 360 degrees, this is the same as saying 6,400-ml. The tolerances are only fine-tuning. They are how the artillery measures, if the sight is moved one click, and there is anywhere between a .5ml to 1.5 ml tolerance, when it fires, the round will land within that .5ml to 1.5ml of tolerance where the sight was aimed.

This makes it very accurate, said Henry.

The process allows the inspectors to assign condition codes to each of the sights before sending them to Maintenance Center Barstow for final inspections and repair, Henry said.

The weapon itself was also inspected to see if it had all of its components and whether or not the weapon works.

Anything, from inspection to repair, dealing with the howitzers is coordinated through Marine Corps

Systems Command, said Vaughn. "If (MCLB Barstow) needs help we'll help each other out," he said.

The purpose of the inspections also helps determine how many weapons are stored here, as well as assign a condition code to the weapon, said Henry.

A condition code for a weapon is determined by what is wrong with it.

A minor adjustment versus having to break the parts down and repair or replace a piece of the part determines, which code the weapon will receive, said Henry.

After the sights are inspected they are "married up" with the howitzer itself. Another check is conducted to see if the weapon and the sights match up and function properly together.

"We are making them condition code 'A' so they can go to the fleet," said Henry. Code A is the utmost stage of readiness the howitzers can be in at any given time.

Condition codes at the maintenance center prioritize which weapons will be repaired first.

Two types of howitzers were

inspected, the M101A 105mm Howitzer and the M198 155mm Howitzer.

MCLB Barstow is getting the M101A 105mm Howitzer ready to give back to the Army, said Vaughn.

Some will be sent to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., to be used in the Marine Corps Officer Candidates Course to train young officers.

The M198 155mm Howitzers will remain here and will be distributed, as they are needed to replace guns in Iraq, or to bases that have supplied units in Iraq, said Henry.

Specific parts of the weapon can also be sent to deployed units, which have howitzers in need of maintenance, said Henry.

"King of battle' she is," said Vaughn, referring to the main purpose of the howitzer: providing heavy fire support to the infantry.

The inspectors from both MCLB Barstow and Albany will condition code the weapons and send them to the Maintenance Center, where these weapons can truly live up to the name 'King of Battle.'



Photo by Pfc. Ashley Warden

Lance Cpl. Jose Santos, artillery maintenance and repair specialist, looks through a howitzer sight so it can be condition coded before being sent to the Maintenance Center here.



Photo by Pfc. Ashley Warden

Lance Cpl. Jose Santos, artillery maintenance and repair specialist, inspects M198 155mm Howitzers at Fleet Support Division's Strip 4 in preparation for Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Through years of extreme combat effectiveness, the howitzers have earned the nickname "Kings of Battle."



**The circus is coming!**

The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus is coming to MCLB Barstow on Saturday, April 24.

The Tent Raising Ceremony will be at 9 a.m. and at 10 a.m. there will be an Endangered Species Show - both these events are free.

The two main show events will be at 2 and 4:30 p.m.

Tickets sale locations are: ITT and CDC at the Nebo Annex, Lanzer's Lounge (Bldg. 573) at the Yermo Annex. In town locations are: Foster's Freeze, Barstow Chamber of Commerce, and Del Taco (Mt. View, First St., and Lenwood). Presale ticket prices are: \$7 adults, \$5 children.

**Movies in the park**

Free movies every Wednesday at the Enlisted Club patio. Bring your own chair, blanket and picnic dinner and take in a movie - it's free!

This week's movie is Kangaroo Jack. The film is rated PG, and show time is 7:30 p.m. The length of the film is one hour, 29 minutes.

For more information call 577-6817.

**Therapeutic massage at gym**

Therapeutic massage is available Wednesdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. For an appointment call Linda Harper, RN, MSN, at 257-1207 or 220-7977.

# Spring Break at YAC

Spring Break will be here before you know it! The Youth Activities Center has a full week of activities for April 12 through 16.

Monday, April 12 - Arts & crafts.

Tuesday, April 13 - Knotts Berry Farm.  
Cost: Adult \$22.50, Child (3-11 years) \$14.50  
Depart YAC at 6 a.m., Return to YAC at 6 p.m.  
Please ensure your child has a bag lunch and some extra spending money.

Wednesday, April 14 -Bowling.  
Cost \$5.00

Thursday, 15 April - Field Meet.

Friday April 9 & 16 - Ceramics - cost \$5.00  
Friday, April 16 - Family Spaghetti Dinner and a movie. Dinner at 5 p.m., movie at 6 p.m.

All registration paperwork must be completed to participate in SAC/YAC programs.

For details, please call 577-6499 or 577-6473

**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

**MCX Easter Sale**

Get ready for Easter at the Super Seven Store - we have everything you need. Easter Baskets and candy 10 percent off Sunday through April 11. Easter lilies on sale Sunday through April 11.

Drop by and browse our Easter selection. Are you familiar with the Super Seven Store's Coffee Card? If you are, you'll like the new Fountain Card. The Fountain Card will be like the Coffee Card - after you have purchased five large drinks, the sixth drink is free. Drop by the Super Seven Store and pick up your Fountain Card today.

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

The Super Seven Store & Gas Station hours are: Mondays through Fridays, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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 to 6 p.m. Tomorrow is TGIFamily Night.

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

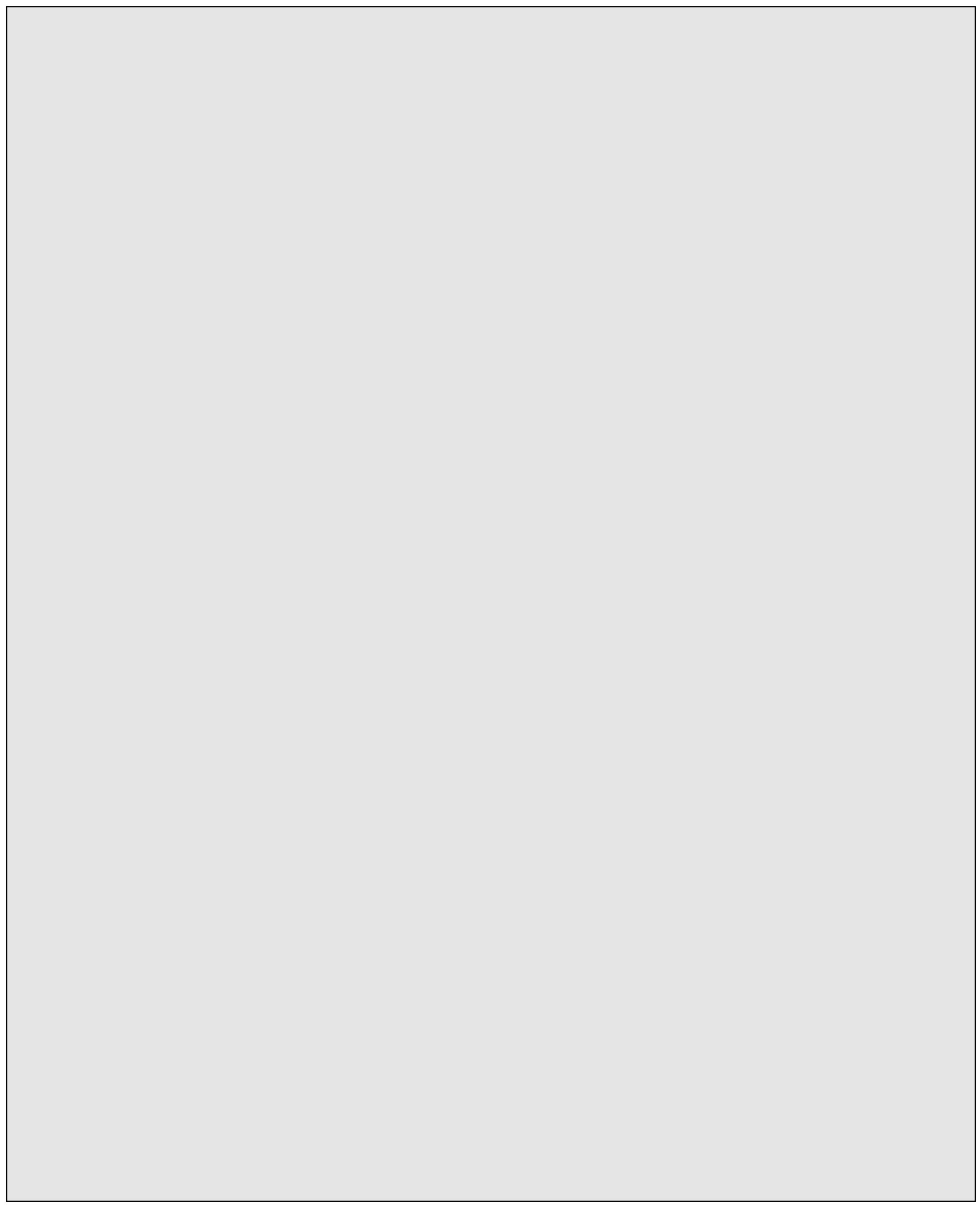
Thursday is Happy Hour from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

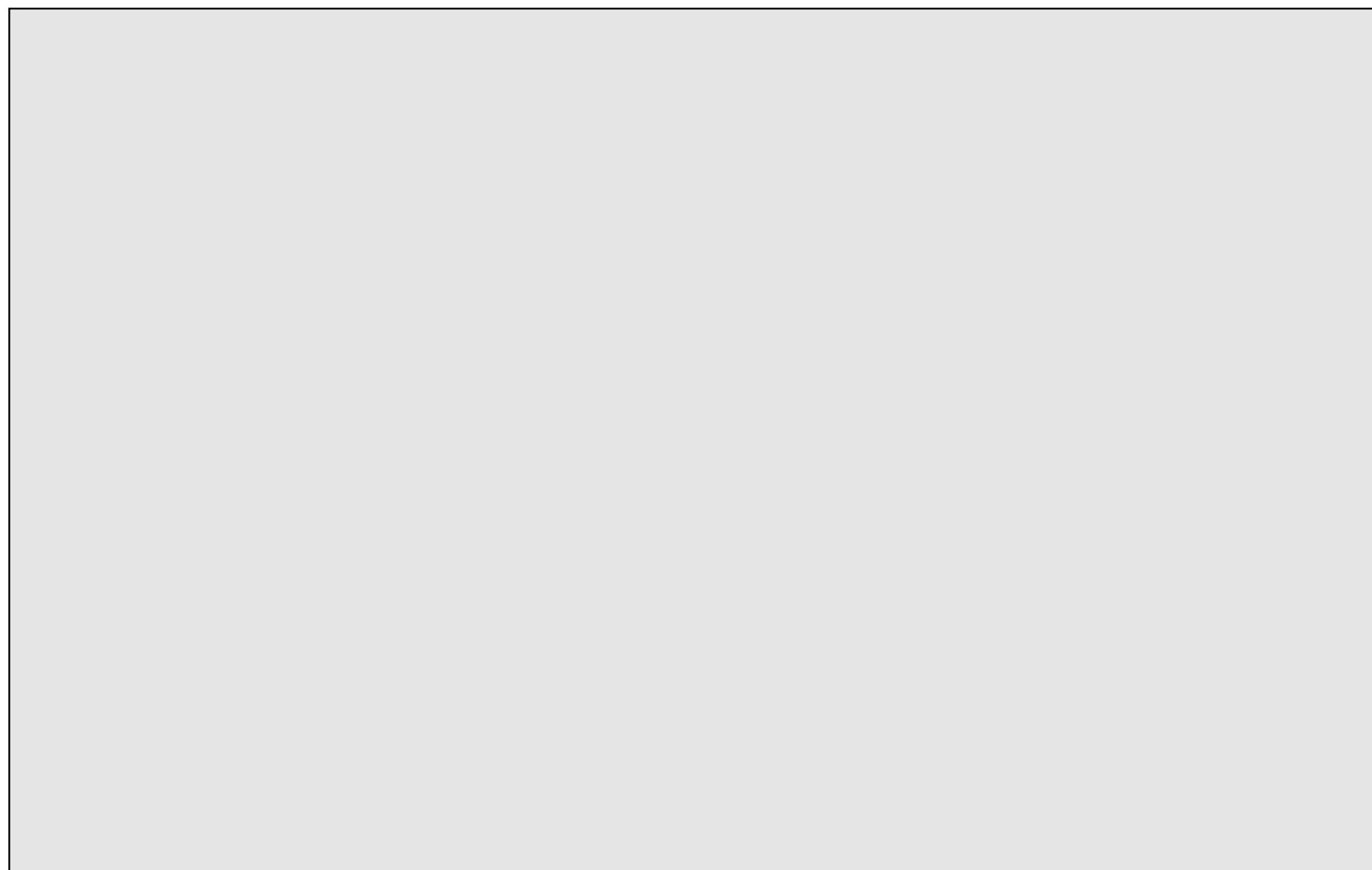
For more information, call 577-6418

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 Wednesdays are Midweek Relaxation Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sundays, be sure to catch the NBA games at the club. For more information, call 577-6418







1997 FORD EXPEDITION SPORT UTILITY: Silver, V8, 4.6 liter, automatic, 4 wheel drive, fully loaded with multi compact disc charger, (81,000 miles) \$14,000. Call 252-1160.

1998 PLYMOUTH BREEZE: Runs good, \$2,500 OBO. E-mail olguinmf@barstow.usmc.mil or call 577-7767.

1998 FORD RANGER XLT: V-6, auto, P/B, P/S, AM/FM CD player, 15 inch factory wheels, xlt cond, one owner, 118,000 miles, \$6,800, OBO. Call 243-1392 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Roll bar, fits Ranger \$50; tailgate 83-89 Ranger \$50, xlt cond; 98 Ranger factory aluminum, 14-inch wheels, \$300. Call 243-1392 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Heritage sofa, light green velour, xlt cond, \$150, OBO; computer desk, Oak/black finish, xlt cond, \$40 OBO. Call 252-4996.

MISCELLANEOUS: Beginner Trumpet, \$50; very nice trumpet, \$150. Call 256-8131 lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Baseball equipment to include gloves, bats, pants, catcher's equipment, at various prices. Call 252-1160.

MISCELLANEOUS: Twin-size day bed w/mattress and white metal frame \$100; large birdcage, \$45; Murray 20" lawn mower w/bag \$65. Call 252-4787 or 447-2771.

MISCELLANEOUS: Baby items, rocking entertainer center, \$40; white rocking cradle w/bedding, \$65; large Century stroller \$90; small stroller, \$35; Blues Blue blanket (twin size) w/drapes and sheets \$40; Quiet Time swing set, \$35. Call 252-4787 or 447-2771.

MISCELLANEOUS: Single cast iron sink w/faucet \$25; American Tourister Luggage (3 piece) \$20; wood frame 26"x31" \$15; small truck utility box \$30; OBO. Call 256-1430 lv msg.

WANTED: Large doghouse, commercial or home made in good condition. Call 253-5926.

PETS: Purebred toy Pomeranian puppy, one male 8 weeks old, has first shot already, milk chocolate in color, cute little guy. Parents on premises, \$350 firm. Call 252-1588.



