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Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

Col. Liz Bergman, base commanding officer, signs a contribution form for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive, while 1st Lt. Michael R. Smith, fund drive chairman, looks on. Events designed to earn money for the society will be taking place around MCLB Barstow until the drive ends on May 21.

Open letter to DOD's civilian employees

The Department of Defense's civilian workforce is one of our country's most important national security assets. As we develop a process for designing and implementing the National Security Personnel System, we want to ensure that all stake holders in the new system – including civilian employees, managers, and exclusive representatives – have an opportunity to provide their thoughts, ideas, views and concerns.

The task before us is to design a transformed system for the Department's 700,000 civilian employees that supports our national security mission while treating workers fairly and protecting their rights. But the NSPS is a means to that end, not the end itself. Secretary Rumsfeld has directed the implementation of NSPS to be inclusive and comprehensive.

DOD teams are working closely with the Office of

Personnel Management, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Government Accounting Office. These teams will develop a comprehensive design and implementation process that will be presented to the Department's senior leadership in April. After internal approval, we will discuss the approach with Congress.

We are determined to take the time necessary to do the job right. As we work to refine the NSPS, the procedures and concepts will likely change over time. During this period of collaboration, you will have a variety of means by which to get information about NSPS. In the near future, please take time to do one or several of the following:

Tune in to DOD's internal news outlets, including Defenselink.mil and

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BMC adjusts prescription filling policy

Branch Medical Clinic Barstow loses pharmacist, re-aligns capabilities

Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton
Press release

Effective immediately, the Branch Medical Clinic at MCLB Barstow will only fill prescriptions from civilian physicians for active duty personnel.

Refills on civilian prescriptions filled by the Branch Medical Clinic's pharmacy prior to April 9 will continue to be honored for all beneficiaries until the prescriptions expire.

Such prescriptions can continue to be filled by calling the pharmacy's Refill Order Line at 1-866-286-8249.

This change of service has come about as a result of the resignation of the clinic's only pharmacist on April 9.

"The pharmacy standard of care, and the requirement to ensure patient safety through the review of complex medication profiles prevents the fill-

ing of civilian prescriptions without an on-site licensed pharmacist.

The trained pharmacy technicians, with oversight by the clinic staff, will continue to fill all prescriptions for active duty personnel, and prescriptions ordered electronically by clinic providers for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries," said Lt. Cmdr. Donna Jefcoat, officer in charge, Branch Medical Clinic, MCLB Barstow.

"We will immediately try to hire a new pharmacist, but until then, our active duty family members, retirees and their family members with civilian prescriptions will have to use their TRICARE pharmacy options," Jefcoat said.

Current users of the pharmacy have three options for filling their prescriptions.

The first option is the TRICARE

The trained pharmacy technicians, with oversight by the clinic staff, will continue to fill all prescriptions for active duty personnel ...

Mail Order Pharmacy system.

Patients with long-term medications can save time by filling prescriptions through the mail instead of going to a Military Treatment Facility.

Information is available by calling 1-866-275-4732 or on the Web at www.express-scripts.com.

The second is to use the TRICARE Network Pharmacy program, which is comprised of civilian pharmacies (such as Wal-Mart, Rite Aid, Sav-on or Walgreens), for prescription filling. Patients can lo-

cate a TRICARE network pharmacy close to them by calling 1-877-DOD-MEDS or by visiting the Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/retailnetwork.cfm.

The third option is to go to another Military Treatment Facility. General questions about the TRICARE Pharmacy Programs can be answered by calling 1-877-DOD-MEDS or visiting the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy.

For more information about the change of pharmacy services call Jefcoat at (760) 577-6575.

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 snail mail to Commander's Forum, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, CA 92311

Submission

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 two-way channel through which people may address concerns they're not able to resolve through the 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 Thank you for the opportunity to perhaps introduce a solution to a very frustrating problem at the Super Seven gas station. The problem being a majority of the vehicles on the base with fuel fill points on the driver's side of the car. This pretty much limits them to refueling on pumps Numbers 2 and 4. It has been and still is frustrating to be sitting in line on pumps 2 and 4 and watching pumps 1 and 3 sit totally empty. The most obvious solution to me is to install 15-foot retractable breakaway hoses, similar to the ones at the government refueling station, on all the pumps at the service station. This way any car can refuel at any pump at any time.

A Thank you for your suggestion on changing the gas pump hoses at the MCX, Super Seven Day Store, to 15-foot retractable breakaway hoses, to allow for the fueling of vehicles from either side of the island and cut down on the waiting time. The MCX has had the 15-foot retractable hoses in the past, but due to the number of customers damaging the units by driving off without removing the hose, we were forced to change to the current restrictive style dispenser to save money and overall repair costs. The two types of fuel hoses do not cost the same amount to purchase, or the same amount to install. In the next several

months, the MCX Gas Station will be undergoing repair work on its underground storage tanks. During this shut down we will be looking into the overall cost and current budget to replace all the hoses with the more versatile 15-foot retractable units. If you have any further questions or concerns about the MCX, please stop by the store and speak with David Lewis.

Victorious understanding

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



I have been really enjoying the weather over the past two weeks. In fact, I think if the weather was like this all the time Barstow would be the size of New York City in the matter of a decade.

Part of the joy has been that the mild weather has brought out an abundance of flowers and each morning as I walk to work I am treated to what I consider the wonderful fragrance that only comes from blooming flowers and fresh cut grass.

I think this is absolutely wonderful and would love to spend a significant amount of time just standing enjoying the beauty of the flowers and wonderful scent that wafts through the air making me cast my thoughts back toward summer in southern Oregon where I grew up.

On the other hand, my wife has had a fairly miserable time for the last two weeks. She is "blessed" with hay fever and while the flowers and grass have been

beautiful to look at they have wreaked havoc on her allergies. She has sputtered and coughed and wheezed because of the extensive amounts of pollen in the air.

She jokes that she "wakes up with a bang" in the morning because she starts sneezing right away.

All in all, when the weather is like this and the plants are blooming and beautiful it is a pretty miserable existence for her and others like her.

This illustrates just a little bit how life can be so good for some and bad for others. It is sometimes hard to understand how people can hold certain beliefs that are so diametrically opposed to a belief that you hold. We see that happening all the time.

Certainly in the news we see people who have a completely different view of the world situation than we do.

We see it here in America and abroad, some people just have a completely different point of view and we really wonder, way down inside, how they can really see things so differently.

The hard part is that explaining our differences is not as easy as how I described the effect of the flowers and

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

"Skeeter" Hudson, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, Cost Work Center 714, Maintenance Center Barstow, pulls parts from an MK-17 boomer trailer during the dismantling phase of repair. Hudson, age 60, has been with MCB for about 20 years and said with his partner he can completely dismantle one trailer in five days.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study

Bible study will now be held at the Colonel's Workshop, Bldg. 573 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m..

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.

Lunch Menu

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

Today – Italian wedding soup and salad bar.

Friday – Breaded Hoki fish, macaroni and cheese.

Monday – Beef stroganoff and egg noodles.

Tuesday – Terriyaki chicken breast and rice pilaf.

Wednesday – Stuffed bell peppers, 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 hours: Family Restaurant: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cactus Cafe: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lanzer's Lounge: 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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 – Fish Fry Night! Three kinds of fish in our "Catch of the Day" plus fountain drink of your choice. Prices: Adults \$6, children 5 to 11 years \$4, children under 5 years eat for free. Price the same for military and civilian personnel. For more information, call 577-6428.

Barstow College Summer Schedule

Barstow Community College will not be producing a hard copy of the summer course offerings.

Prospective and current students wishing to further their off-duty education opportunities should call and set up an appointment with Francis Villeme, education services officer, at 577-6118.

Leave Sharing Program

Willie C. Wright, Badge No. 7889, Maintenance Center Barstow, has been affected by a medical emergency.

Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a leave donor application through their division/section administrative officer.

For more information, call Pat Snyder, Manpower Division, at 577-7138.

Ramp Closure

The California Department of Transportation will close the northbound on-ramp at Stoddard Wells Road/Bell Mountain Wash on Interstate 15 until May 1.

The detour is as follows: Go east on Stoddard Wells Road to the southbound I-15 on-ramp. Travel south on the I-15 to the Stoddard Wells Road off-ramp. Turn left onto Stoddard Wells Road to access the northbound I-15 on-ramp.

For information, contact Holly Kress, CalTrans liaison, at (909) 383-4631.

Transportation Incentive Program

Interested in joining a vanpool or determining whether eligible for reimbursement of up to \$100 per month in vouchers for qualified mass transportation?

All base personnel are invited to attend a presentation May 5 at the T-598 Yermo Training Classroom from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. In compliance with Executive Order 13150 and the Department of Defense policy letter released Oct. 13, 2000, the Department of the Navy implemented the Transportation Incentive Program in July 2001.

The program is intended to reduce federal employees' contribution to traffic congestion and air pollution as well as expand commuting alternatives.

MCLB Barstow will be implementing the program in June.

All Navy and Marine Corps service members and DON civilian employees, including Nonappropriated Fund employees, are eligible. Reserve Component members serving on active duty for more than 30 days are also eligible for the program.

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to design new weapons.

The following are considered mass transportation systems and qualify for the benefit: commuter bus, commuter train, subway/light rail, vanpool and ferry. Carpools, motorcycles, bicyclists, airplanes, or walkers do not qualify for the benefit. Participants must complete an application to determine if qualified for reimbursement. If approved, vouchers or fare media are distributed on a quarterly basis to MCLB Barstow via the base point of contact and field representatives. The program is closely monitored and audited. Making false, fictitious or fraudulent certification on the application is subject to criminal prosecution, Civil Penalty Action, and agency disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

For more information, contact Monica Morrman at 577-6559, Brenda German at 577-7211 or Michelle Eichler at 577-7811.

NMCRS Fund Drive

April 12 marked the beginning of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive. Although there will be no "raffles" this year, there will be many opportunities to support various fund raising activities around the base. Contribution forms need to be filled out for each individual donation, whether for cash or check. The donor, for tax purposes, keeps the bottom copy.

Payroll deduction/allotments will be available for active duty personnel only.

The goal this year is to make 100 percent contact.

All money donated to the fund drive go to the charity, without administrative expenses.

Call 1st Lt. Michael Smith at 577-6726 or 2nd Lt. Ayanna Harrison at 577-6155 with any questions.

The following is a list of key volunteers:

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| Meredith Taylor -- HRO | x6478 | x6937 |
| Barbara Ybarra -- Public Works | x6127 | Carlos Alborn -- Environmental Div. |
| Annie Breitenback -- Public Works | x6147 | Cpl. Thomas Maxwell -- FSD |
| David Reeves -- Contracting & Purchasing | x6931 | Erin Foster -- Comptroller |
| 1 st Lt. Aniela Szymanski -- SJA | x6678 | 2 nd Lt. Ayanna Harrison -- ASD |
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| | | Staff Sgt. Lafawn Skipper -- Chaplain's Office |
| | | James Yarbrough -- Installation & Logistics Division |
| | | Mary Griffiths -- BMC |



Photo by Pfc. Ashley Warden

Cpl. Curtis White takes a swing as he prepares to send a golf ball down range. The Marine Corps Birthday Ball Committee held a golf tournament April 16 to help raise money for the Marine Corps Ball, to be held in honor of the Marine Corps birthday on Nov. 10, 1775.

MC Ball Fundraisers

Fundraising season for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball has begun. Marines, sailors and civilian employees here are invited to participate throughout the year's various activities.

Doughnut sales are new to MCLB's efforts and can be expected to appear around both Nebo and Yermo Annex.

Golf, football, softball and basketball tournaments have been effective and exciting fundraising methods for base personnel and should also be looked out for.

For more information, contact Danielle Heinze, Headquarters Battalion, at 577-6307.

Standards of Conduct: How do you act on the job?

SecNav releases standards of ethical conduct in ALMAR 013/04

By Pfc. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

A strict code of ethical conduct, standards by which one should act based on values, is the very thing the Marine Corps has a steep tradition based on.

It is essential that all Department of the Navy personnel adhere to the highest standards of integrity and personal conduct, according to Gordon R. England, secretary of the Navy in ALMAR 013/04.

"The American people put their trust in us and none of us can betray that trust,"

stated England.

"It is critically important that we put ethics above personal gain."

In order to preserve this trust, people must understand that actions that may be permissible for some non-government employees are prohibited DOD employees.

According to the Department of Defense Directive 5500.7, DOD employees and service members are encouraged to consider ethical values

when making decisions as part of their official duties.

These values include: honesty, integrity, loyalty, accountability, fairness and respect.

Most ethical problems can be avoided by being truthful and honest with everyone in every situation, stated England.

Truthfulness is required. Lies erode credibility and undermine public confidence.

The use of government resources such as personnel, equipment and property is restricted to official use only.

"We pay for our people, vehicles, and equipment with taxpayers' money, so we must

use them to only accomplish our mission," England stated.

Accepting responsibilities for actions and the resulting consequences can improve trust.

He noted that the acceptance of gifts offered by individuals seeking to do business with DOD is strictly prohibited, save the rare exceptions to the rule.

Treating people with respect will leave no room for unacceptable behavior in the work place, such as sexual harassment or assault.

"The important point is that taxpayers must be confident that we make decisions for the benefit of the entire nation rather than just for ourselves, or a few companies or individuals."

The message also informed government employees seeking employment with a prospective employer that they must disqualify themselves from participating in official decisions, recommendations or other actions that would affect the financial interests of the prospective employer.

Respect, to treat people with dignity, honor privacy, and to allow self-determination, must be granted to all people in order to adhere to high ethical standards, stated England.

Treating people with respect will leave no room for unacceptable behavior in the work place, such as sexual harassment or assault.

Adhering to these high standards of ethical conduct and personal behavior will ensure that others are treated with dignity and respect, which every person desires and deserves.

Additionally, England encourages all commanders and supervisors to set the example when it comes to ethical conduct and integrity.

This will create an environment that encourages subordinates to develop these same traits.

England requests that all service members set a high standard to live by as well.

"I appreciate the superb service each of you performs on a daily basis," he said.

"You carry on a long tradition of service that preserves and protects freedom and liberty for all our citizens."

"The American people put their trust in us and none of us can betray that trust," stated England.

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

Insurgents won't shoot their way to power

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

WASHINGTON — Iraq's Transitional Administrative Law offers hope for the country's future, and outlaws who oppose it will not be allowed to "shoot their way to power," the Coalition Provisional Authority administrator told the Iraqi people in an April 18 nationally broadcast address.

"The forces of darkness hope to obstruct the path to Iraqi sovereignty, elections and democracy," Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III said.

"The vast majority of Iraqis want a peaceful, democratic Iraq. The path to that Iraq has been well defined."

He said the Transitional Administrative Law — often referred to as Iraq's interim constitution — is "proof that Iraqis not only want, but are prepared to construct a country based on the principles of individual liberty and democracy."

The document, written by the Governing Council, provides for a seven-month interim government, four national elections, and an elected transitional government with plenary powers.

The law, he said, will guarantee a broad range of individual freedoms, such as free-

dom of speech, freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of the press.

The law also provides for an independent Iraqi judiciary, he said.

The law recognizes Islam as the official religion of Iraq, but still provides protection for all to practice their religious beliefs, he added.

The law also provides for a permanent constitution to be written by elected representatives and presented to the Iraqi people for ratification.

"Some have challenged the Transitional Administrative Law," Bremer said.

"They have raised objections based on imperfect understanding. This has created misconceptions about the Transitional Administrative Law."

Bremer clarified several misconceptions about the new law.

Many Iraqis, he said, believe the law gives too much power to an unelected government. But he said that belief is "false."

Bremer pointed out that the unelected interim government will be in power for just seven months, and is intended only to look after the "ordinary, day-to-day affairs of government."

Furthermore, the interim government,

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Photo by Pfc. Ashley Warden

Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, play in the final game of a basketball tournament held April 16. The tournament was held to raise money for this year's Marine Corps Ball.

CIVILIAN AWARDS

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Watch The Pentagon Channel or your local military television programming for announcements of upcoming "town hall" meetings and other Q&A sessions with DOD officials involved in NSPS design and development. Visit the NSPS Web site at www.cpmo.osd.mil/nsps to receive the most recent and up-to-date information. The website also provides opportunity to offer comments and suggestions. Be patient as the process is still being defined, but working together, we can make this a world-class system to support our world-class team of civilian employees at the Department of Defense. Thank you.

David S.C. Chu -- Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness

Gordon England -- Secretary of the Navy

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he said, will not have the authority to negotiate treaties or to undertake long-term, binding commitments.

"The interim government will not have the power to do anything which cannot be undone by the elected government, which takes power early next year," he explained.

Another misconception, he said, is the belief that provisions in the interim constitution permitting two-thirds majorities of any three governates to reject the draft permanent constitution is a trick to keep Iraq from having a permanent constitution.

"This too is false," he said. "Iraqi unity requires a constitution that all of Iraq's communities can support. It is a fundamental principle of democracy that the constitution should provide for majority rule but also protect minority rights."

He noted that a constitution objectionable to an overwhelming majority of the citizens of any three prov-

inces would prevent a unified Iraq.

Bremer said the coalition, the Iraqi Governing Council and the Iraqi people -- working over the coming weeks with United Nations envoy Lakhdar Brahimi -- will establish an Iraqi "caretaker government" capable of administering the ordinary affairs of the country before elections take place in January.

He said the Iraqi interim government will consist of a president, two deputy presidents and a cabinet of "honest, distinguished, and capable Iraqis."

Bremer said Brahimi is considering convening a national conference of prominent Iraqi citizens to be held in July.

That conference, he pointed out, would elect an advisory council to provide "guidance and wisdom to the new government."

He said U.N. experts would work with Iraqis to ensure full, fair, and free national elections.

"This, now, is the way forward," he said.

"Iraqi unity requires a constitution that all of Iraq's communities can support ... "

"First, we must all work together to restore security to Iraq. Then, working under the framework set out in the Transitional Administrative Law, Iraqis, the United Nations, and their coalition allies will together build a sovereign Iraqi that is secure, democratic, and free."

However, Bremer said sovereignty in Iraq is being challenged by "violent minorities" who are trying to stop the election process and shoot their way to power."

Events of the past two weeks, in which insurgents overran Iraqi police stations and seized public buildings as Iraqi forces were unable to stop them, prove the country still faces security threats and needs "outside help," Bremer said.

He said that Iraq's security forces

must have help until they are fully equipped and trained, and that the coalition intends to provide that help, Bremer said.

Because Iraqi forces will not be able to deal with the threats to Iraqi security on their own by June 30, when an Iraqi government assumes sovereignty, he said, Iraqi and coalition troops will be partners in providing the security the country needs.

Bremer said that while the security situation will be the primary responsibility of the coalition, it also is the responsibility of the Iraqi people.

"Whether by direct enlistment in the security forces or through the sharing of information with security forces, almost all Iraqi families can add to the security and progress of their country," he said.

AROUND THE CORPS

11th MEU TRAP team brings downed pilots home

**Submitted by 11th MEU
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ABOARD THE USS BELLEAU WOOD — Air Force Captain Scott O’Grady became a household name when he evaded capture by Bosnian Serb forces for six harrying days after his F-16 Falcon jet was shot down while patrolling over the country.

U.S. Marines were the ones to go in and rescue him.

Most people don’t know what it takes to accomplish such a mission,

called Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel, or TRAP.

However, a platoon of Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit does.

Marines from 3rd Platoon, Company C, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 11th MEU, participated in a TRAP exercise at San Clemente Island, Calif., April 17.

The TRAP mission was successfully completed during the 11th MEU’s second at-sea period called Compos-

ite Unit Training Exercise, or COMPTUEX, and is one of 23 missions the MEU trains for to earn the designation “special operations capable.”

In this scenario, 3rd Platoon boarded two CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters and went to rescue two American pilots who ejected from their aircraft over enemy territory due to mechanical problems.

3rd Platoon’s mission was to rescue and bring them safely back to the USS Belleau Wood.



Photo by Cpl. Dick Kotecki

1st Lt. Seth W. Moulton, platoon commander for 3rd Platoon, Company C, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, receives reports from his Marines during a mock Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel mission.



Photo by Cpl. Dick Kotecki

Lance Cpls. Ryan J. Foiles (left) and James K. Butson, 3rd Platoon, Company C, Battalion Landing Team, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, carry a wounded pilot during a mock Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel mission April 17. The TRAP mission was conducted during the 11th MEU’s second at-sea period call Composite Unit Training Exercise, and is one of the 23 missions the MEU trains for to become “special operations capable.”



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Lance Cpls. Daniel B. Trigg (left) and Joshua A. Cash, 3rd Platoon, Company C, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, apply a pressure bandage to an injured pilot during a mock Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel mission April 17.



Photo by Cpl. Dick Kotecki

The Marines of 3rd Platoon, Company C, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, carry a “wounded” pilot to a CH-53E “Super Stallion” helicopter for extract during a mock Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel mission.

Marine fought for several days, despite gunshot wound

By Cpl. Paula M. Fitzgerald
1st Marine Division

CAMP HURRICANE POINT, Iraq - Sgt. Kenneth Conde Jr. didn't even realize he was shot until someone told him.

In the mid-afternoon hours of April 6, Conde's unit, 3rd Mobile Assault Platoon, Mobile Assault Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, received orders to help evacuate two casualties from Company G wounded during a firefight in the city of Ar Ramadi.

"There were ambushes going on everywhere," 22-year-old Conde said. "We were able to get to the casualties and get them loaded up into our vehicle."

But in combat, the plan rarely survives first contact. What was supposed to be a simple in-and-out mission rapidly changed when the 27-man platoon came under fire. Machine gunners laid down suppressive fire from the tops of the trucks and cleared a path for the convoy to maneuver.

"The platoon turned down what we call Easy Street," explained the Orlando, Fla., infantryman. "That's when we saw another squad and a company."

Marines down that street were engaged in a vicious gun battle with enemy forces. Shots rang out from

every direction. There was no way for Conde's convoy to get through without putting up a fight.

"There were people everywhere and we couldn't really tell where the firing was coming from," he said.

Conde knew the Marines couldn't defeat an unseen enemy. He needed to locate the enemy before destroying him. Rifle in hand, he headed down the street to do just that.

"The insurgents are like ghosts," he said. "They have the element of surprise because they can hide. They see us but we can't see them. I knew we had to get out to see where they were shooting from."

The sergeant called upon Cpl. Jared H. McKenzie and Lance Cpl. Matthew A. Cox to leave their vehicles and follow him to the front of the convoy.

"Wherever Sergeant Conde goes, that's where we go," said Cox, of Saint Peter's Mo. "No questions asked. We just follow him."

The three of them darted past the trucks looking for enemy positions on the rooftops.

"We walked up to the third block past the vehicles and spotted a guy shooting at us from one of the rooftops," Conde said. "One of the gunners, Lance Cpl. Matthew Brown, took that building out with his machine gun."

Conde, McKenzie and Cox kept



Photo by Cpl. Paula M. Fitzgerald

During a firefight April 6, Sgt. Kenneth Conde Jr., infantryman with Mobile Assault Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, was shot in the left shoulder. Even after being hit, Conde, of Orlando, Fla., was able to kill an enemy combatant.

searching for the enemy. They exposed themselves to the fire - the only way they could get a good look at enemy's firing positions. As they pushed forward, Conde was able to take out two shooters, but then things took a turn for the worse.

"I was running and I watched as I got shot in the left shoulder," Conde said. "I remember seeing a red mist coming from my back."

Even though he saw himself get shot, it didn't occur to Conde to quit fighting.

"I didn't really realize I had been shot until one of the Marines said something," he added.

According to McKenzie, Conde fired several shots, killing a combatant, before falling to the ground. He then managed to get back to his feet and fire a few more rounds at the enemy before falling again.

"We helped him up so he could get to the corpsman to get bandaged up," said McKenzie, a 22-year-old from Bonaqua, Tenn. "We made sure to kill the guys who shot him."

The corpsman treated Conde, who only wanted to get his gear and get back to the fight.

Conde's Marines were out there and he knew his place was alongside them.

"We stayed and fought until every one of the insurgents was dead," Conde said.

Before the day was through, 3rd MAP also raided the house of a former Ba'ath Party member and seized a large weapons cache.

Over the next few days, Conde's unit participated in several other firefights until the violence died down. All the while, he nursed his wound, not giving into the pain and refusing to leave his Marines.

Only when his arm went numb, making it difficult to hold his rifle steady, did he finally give in and step out of the fight.

Back at the camp here, Marines asked Conde why he chose to stay and fight even after being shot.

"I told them that I couldn't just leave the fight when I still could keep going," he told them.

But his actions didn't surprise his fellow Marines.

"He always told us that he would lead us from the front, and that we would never do anything if he wasn't doing it too," Cox explained.

"After being in that firefight with him, I will always know that he is true to his word."

"Wherever Sergeant Conde goes, that's where we go. . . . No questions asked. We just follow him."



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Sgt. Kenneth Conde Jr., infantryman with Mobile Assault Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, was shot during a firefight April 6. The Orlando, Fla., Marine never quit fighting. He was bandaged up and returned to the fight for several days after.

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trees.

With that it is easy to understand that for one it causes quite a bit of discomfort while for the other it provides beauty.

It is so much harder to do that when it comes to explaining how people can hold such different beliefs. You might be able to understand how someone from a foreign country would be different than an American, but when it is another American who is different, it is hard to understand.

The same is true of families. We often have differing viewpoints in our families and have very difficult times understanding and explaining them to each other.

These "misunderstandings" many times cause hurt feelings and estrangement. Yet, most of the time they do not have to cause separation.

They can be resolved by simply trying to understand that people are different and then by actually talking about the problem as opposed to debating the problem. We spend way too much time attempting to convince the other person of our position rather than trying to understand each other.

I think that is a greater victory than convincing someone of our viewpoint. Learning to understand is the greatest challenge we often face, for in understanding we allow each other the right to be fully human.

Peace,
Fr Randel

Circus festivities coming to MCLB



Photo courtesy of Marine Corps Community Services

Skeeter the Clown puts on a pre-Circus Day presentation at the Child Development Center here. The Culpepper and Merriwether Circus is scheduled to perform at MCLB Barstow Saturday.

The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, America's favorite big top circus, will be coming to MCLB Barstow Saturday, April 24.

Sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services, the event is scheduled for two performances, 2 and 4:30 p.m.

Now in its 20th season, the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus have become internationally known for family entertainment. In addition

to the two 90-minute performances, there will be a free presentation after the tent raising, scheduled for 9:30 a.m., circus morning. There is a 20-minute Endangered Species show slated to start after the tent raising and includes a walking tour of the circus grounds. During this time guest will learn interesting facts about the different species of animals in the C&M family. The presentation will also address topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care of all the animals the

circus receives.

In recent years the Endangered Species Show has become a popular program for school field trips, families and interested community members.

It is presented in a way everyone, young and old, can learn about all the animals in the C&M family. This show is known as a special part of Circus Day.

For more information contact MCCA at 577-6968.





By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity
Playmornings

Bring your children (five years old and younger) to a fantastic time of toys, simple crafts, music and camaraderie.

This is a great way to get out of the house and meet other families who have children the same age as your child.

Activities are available for children who are just learning to walk as well as those who are pre-school age.

Playmornings are facilitated by the New Parent Support Program home visitor.

Please register at Marine and Family Services, Building 129, at 577-6332/6533 before May 5.

You will need your child's up to date immunization to register.

This program is free.

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: Boss's Night tonight at 5 p.m. 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 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Circus at MCLB

The Culpepper and Merriweather Circus is coming to MCLB on Saturday.

The Tent raising Ceremony will

be held at 9 a.m., and at 10 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 on Nebo side, Lanzer's Lounge (Building 573) on Yermo side. In town locations are: Foster's Freeze, Barstow Chamber of Commerce, and Del Taco (Mt. View, First St., and Lenwood).

Presale tickets: \$7, adults, \$5 child.

Free Wednesday Movies

Free movies every Wednesday at the Enlisted Club on the patio. Bring your own chair, blanket and picnic dinner and take in a movie.

Wednesdays movie is "Timeline." The film is rated PG13, show time is 7:30 p.m. and the length of the film is one hour, 56 minutes.

For more information, call 577-6817.

Look good this summer!

Get in shape! Summer is almost here. You can do it with aerobics. Stephanie Jeffery holds classes every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Just one hour, twice a week. That's all it takes! The cost is \$20 per month or \$2 per class session.

For more information, please call 577-6971.

ITT has new Disneyland prices!



1 day adult.....\$41.

1 day child.....\$36.

2 days adult.....\$71.

2 days child.....\$61.

5 days adult.....\$96.

5 days child.....\$81.

Information Tickets & Tours



577-6541

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tickets available after hours & weekends at Bowling Center

1996 CHEVY CAMARO: Z-28, "immaculate", Red, 59K miles, leather interior, all power, T-top, auto trans, tinted windows, \$9,500 OBO. Call cell anytime (760) 590-9665.

1966 DODGE POLARA : Station wagon, 383 engine auto, air, roof rack, runs, needs TLC, \$1,200. Call 254-1013.

1966 PLYMOUTH FURY: 383 engine auto, air, four door, runs, needs TLC, \$1,200. Call 254-1913.

MOTORCYCLES: 2003 Honda Metropolitan motorcycle, if you hate current gas prices, 100 miles per tank, great work vehicle but not freeway legal, \$1,500; hitch mount tilt-a-rack, for small motorcycle, \$200 firm. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Carpet, Burgundy, 12 x14, xlt cond., \$50. Call 256-1653. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Recliner, xlt cond., \$75; Bridgestone truck tires, \$200, must see; television 32" w/ VCR-disk player combo, \$400, brand new, OBO. Call 256-1430.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dinette set 42" glass table top with 4 chairs, \$60. Call 255-4339.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two bow back barstool kits, \$20 each; one IBM Selectric typewriter, needs cleaning, \$30; one 2 inch hitch ball, \$10; empty Qt canning jars, \$20 takes all. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: VW bug older style mages 5 lug all 4 rims, \$75, dual quad aluminum manifold for a 327 Chevy, \$125; 1988 and newer Honda Civic interior parts, make offer. Call 254-1913.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sears Kenmore electric clothes dryer, almond color, works but makes noise, FREE, you pick up. Call 252-3886.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dog Igloo for medium to large dogs, like new \$60. Call 252-9120. Lv msg.

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.

