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## Civil Affairs helps Haiti make progress

**By Jim Garamone**  
American Forces Press Service

With the return of stability in Haiti, military civil affairs specialists are working to improve the lives of Haitians throughout the country.

The civil affairs mission has changed since the Multinational Interim Force moved into the troubled Caribbean island nation at the beginning of March. "When we first arrived, our job was to minimize civilian interference in military operations," said Marine Lt. Col. Ernest Garcia, the civil affairs chief for Combined Joint Task Force Haiti.

The most important mission was to establish security following Jean-Bertrand Aristide's resignation as Haiti's president. Gangs roamed the streets of the national capital of Port-au-Prince and of cities in the north. Nongovernmental organizations, which supplied most of the food to the population, could not work in that environment.

U.S., French, Chilean and Canadian forces moved into the country and began to establish security. Civil affairs

personnel moved with these forces and urged local people to stay off the streets.

But now the security environment is changed. In addition to the soldiers of the multinational force, the Haitian National Police are back on the job. The force has secured not only the capital and its environs, but also the north and the central plateau of the country. "With this more secure environment, we're able to branch out more," Garcia said.

Most of the civil affairs personnel are from the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion from Fort Bragg, N.C. The active duty unit contains eight personnel in two civil affairs teams. They have been working as the liaison between nongovernmental agencies and the military. They also are helping facilitate movements of humanitarian aid from governmental entities – such as the U.S. Agency for International Development and United Nations organizations – to the people of Haiti.

Civil affairs personnel are working to facilitate cleaning the streets, getting

the schools back up and running, getting markets back in operation and getting food to thousands of people who depend on relief organizations. "At the end of the day, we're pretty tired," said Garcia. "But it's a good tired. We feel we're accomplishing a lot. The payoff for us is when you see the smiling faces of the people you have helped."

Civil-Military Operations Center Director Army Maj. Terence Ray said the nongovernmental and governmental agencies have fit right in with the center. "They have experience working with the U.S. military," Ray said. "They now know how we operate and what we can offer."

Ray said the center is working with Food for the Poor, Catholic Relief Services and the World Health Organization, among others. "Early on, they would come to us to receive escorts for food convoys," Ray said. "They also would come to us with security concerns, and we worked with them to get humanitarian supplies out."

Now the security environment is such that convoys move freely, Ray said.

The unit continues to expand its mission. Recently, the civil affairs personnel sponsored a medical capabilities exercise in Port-au-Prince, and they will sponsor others at different places in the country. "We were able to work with Haitian doctors and nurses in providing medical services," said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Bartolo, a Special Forces-trained medic on the civil affairs team. "We also received medical help from our allies down here."

Bartolo said all were cooperative. The Haitian National Police helped keep order, and the Haitian medical personnel also provided examining sites for the teams. Bartolo said the makeup of the team allowed the medics to provide a full range of medical expertise. "We wanted it to be more than just giving them a bag of medicine and sending them on their ways," he said.

The civil affairs effort will continue. CJTF Haiti commander Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Ronald S. Coleman understands the effort is important, Garcia said, and has provided whatever support the group needs.

## FSD houses vintage prototype equipment

**By Rob L. Jackson**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Not many people are aware that MCLB Barstow is the temporary home of a few historical pieces of equipment from an era that set the stage for the development of today's military hardware.

Deep within the bowels of Fleet Support Division's storage lot sits a few prototype vehicles that never made it into the Marine Corps' inventory, some that never made it past the experimental phase, a few that saw little if any action, and one or two pieces that saw extensive action.

However, a few of those pieces are the predecessors to some of today's amphibious vehicles, according to Master Gunnery Sgt. James King, 11th Marine Regiment motor transport chief and volunteer with the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton museum.

The vehicles in question were developed just after World War II, during the Korean War and some as late as the Vietnam War, but for one reason or another they never got approved for use, King explained. "Take for example the LVWX2 (landing vehicle wheeled - experimental) which was designed to haul troops and equipment from land-

ing craft inland," King said. "The reason it didn't make it was because the Navy's beach master units were already using the same type of vehicle, the LARC-5."

LARC-5 is the acronym for lighter, amphibious, resupply and cargo, with a five-ton capacity. There were only two of the LVWX2 built in 1963 and they were for experimental use only. There are two other vehicles on FSD's lot that closely resemble the LVWX2, built by different companies, and they also were for experimental use. These are called land vehicle hydrofoil or LVHX-1 and 2. Unlike the LARC-5 or the LVWX-2, which were for land use, the LVH was designed for use on land as well as water. Both vehicles were built with the same requirements with aluminum hulls 38 feet long and the capability of carrying a 5-ton payload at speeds of 35 knots. The difference between the two is the LVHX-1 has a submerged foil system, and the LVHX-2 employed surface-piercing foils forward with a single submerged foil aft.

According to the International Hydrofoil Society, during the trial program it became clear that the complexities and costs of such features, a foil retraction and high speed gas turbine pro-



Photo by Rob Jackson

A prototype LVTH-X4, landing vehicle tracked, of which only one was built, sits in Fleet Support Division's lot awaiting a return to the soon-to-be-built Camp Pendleton museum. The machine is equipped with a 105mm howitzer and could reach a land speed of 31.1 mph during its test run.

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# Interview with commandant of the Marine Corps

By **Arthur P. Brill Jr.**  
Leatherneck Magazine

As Marines began to redeploy to Iraq in larger numbers for Operation Iraqi Freedom II, the 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Michael W. Hagee, sat down with *Leatherneck* representative, Lieutenant Colonel Art Brill, USMC (Ret) to review the logistical support during OIF I and to outline preparations for OIF II.

*Leatherneck:* In Afghanistan, we saw Marines go long distances in helicopters, but many of us former "ground-pounders" were amazed with the speed and distance your Marines covered on the ground in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Gen Hagee: Yes, it was something. Those individual Marines performed magnificently. In my opinion, that was really a squad leader's, a company commander's and maybe up to a battalion-

type war.

*Leatherneck:* Has today's battlefield changed much since Vietnam or World War II?

Gen Hagee: The platforms have changed and the speed in which we move has changed, but not the nature of warfare. The battlefield is still a thinking human against a thinking human. It's still complex, chaotic, confusing, very dangerous, and there is a lot of fog and friction out there. It is important how you respond to that. On today's battlefield you need to be adaptable, flexible, expect the unexpected and have tempo or speed. When the unexpected came up in Operation Iraqi Freedom I, those Marines and the soldiers on their left flank were able to respond.

*Leatherneck:* Can you pinpoint a reason why Marines did so well in that fight?

Gen Hagee: It comes from hard, demanding training and a very robust and sophisticated education system. To be frank, Al Gray

[former commandant, Gen. Alfred M. Gray] changed education in the Marine Corps and really focused it on warfighting. A lot of the success the Marines enjoyed in Operation Iraqi Freedom I was a direct result of how we changed our education system, how we modified and how we train.

*Leatherneck:* Before becoming commandant, you commanded the I Marine Expeditionary Force and were involved in the planning for OIF I. Were you surprised by anything?

Gen Hagee: Since I was involved in designing the plan, nothing surprised me.

*Leatherneck:* Was the general scheme you devised essentially carried out in OIF I?

Gen Hagee: It was. Now, at the tactical level, you're going to run into things that you weren't aware of, and that's where this

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## Focus less on stresses of life

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



I met this guy once who had a vanity license plate painted at kiosk that said "Stress Monster." He was a Marine Corps drill instructor at Parris Island, S.C. and he fit the mold perfectly.

He was of the large variety, standing about 6 feet 4 inches, very muscular and wore a "high and tight" like the haircut was invented just for him. I was curious and asked him one day exactly what "Stress Monster" meant to him. He said that it was his job to stress recruits so that they would learn to react calmly under the stresses of battle conditions. Of course he also indicated that he rather enjoyed his job, but at least there was a purpose to it.

As a chaplain I thought how much the idea of stress comes into everyone's daily life. It seems that I can speak with almost anyone and discover that they are "stressed" about something. If you watch any television at all, you will see advertisements by pharmaceutical companies for medications that relieve stress

and other mental ailments. Stress is something that seems to have taken over many lives and in some cases, takes over lives to the point of disruption.

It is for all of these people that writer of the Gospel of Matthew recorded the words of Jesus when he said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" These items that Jesus mentions are important and useful, but sometimes they can take an unhealthy precedence in our lives. Let me be clear, Jesus is not telling those without food not to worry or those without clothing to be unconcerned. Rather, he is saying that for those who have food and clothing to worry about what they will eat or what they will wear is unnecessary stress in their lives. It is clear that many do worry about things they cannot change, and that these worries negatively affect their lives. Jesus also said in the same passage (Matthew 6:25-34) "Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?" The answer to that is no, we cannot by worrying add any length of time to our lives, in fact, studies demonstrate that many people shorten their lives by constant worrying. Stress and worry

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## Just did my job ...



Photo by Pfc. Nich R. Babb

Gunnery Sgt. Craig Stanley, a safety specialist for the MCLB Barstow Base Safety Office, gives words of gratitude and motivating remarks to the Marines in attendance at his retirement ceremony. Stanley finished 20 years in the Marine Corps and plans to stay in the safety profession. Stanley was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for serving as the Safety Chief here from February 2001 to May 2004.

### Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.

### Catholic Rosary

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

For more information, call 577-6849.



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

## Lunch Menu

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

**Today** – Sliced roast sirloin of beef, fried cabbage and New England potatoes.

**Friday** – Deep fried catfish, collard greens and steamed Jasmine rice.

**Monday** – Honey-touched fried chicken, seasoned fries and coleslaw.

**Tuesday** – Pork stir fry, steamed Jasmine rice.

**Wednesday** – Meatloaf with 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 noon. Lanzer Lounge: 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** – Steamship night! Steamship Round sliced online, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed green salad, dessert and fountain drink of your choice.

Family night dinners are served at the Family Restaurant every Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Prices are the same for military and civilian: \$6 adults, \$4 children (5-11 years). Children under 5 years dine free.

## Blood Bank Drive

A blood drive is scheduled for May 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 44, the Base Gym, and from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maintenance Center, Building 573.

Healthy individuals who are at least 17 years of age are encouraged to donate. All perspective donors should be free of illness and infections, weigh at least 110 pounds and not be at risk for AIDS or hepatitis.

All departments should submit a list of donors to the Human Resources Office no later than Monday. The Fleet Support Division and the Installation and Logistics Department are to submit a list of donors to the Maintenance Center.

Each department's administrative officer should designate a representative who will be in attendance one half hour prior to the scheduled time frame. These representatives will be responsible for checking donors in and calling substitutes for those who are unable to donate due to absence or rejection.

Please ensure that volunteers do not arrive prior to their scheduled time. The schedule has been set up to ensure a smooth flowing blood drive without long waits for employees.

For more information, contact Josie Marquez at 577-6483.

## N/MCRS Fund Drive Events

The following events are being held in support of the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society Fund Drive:

Military Personnel Division is sponsoring a root beer float sale in the red wing break room of Building 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. today. \$1.25 for two scoops.

The fund drive ends on Friday so take advantage of your last chances to contribute. Donation forms need to be filled out for each individual donation, whether for cash or check. All money donated to the fund drive goes to the charity, without administrative expenses.

For more information, contact a N/MCRS fund drive key volunteer.

## Safety Shoes

Safety shoes will be on sale on May 26 at the following locations:

The parking lot in front of Building 573 at Yermo from 7 to 11 a.m.

The parking lot across from Building 236, the east end, from 12 to 1 p.m.

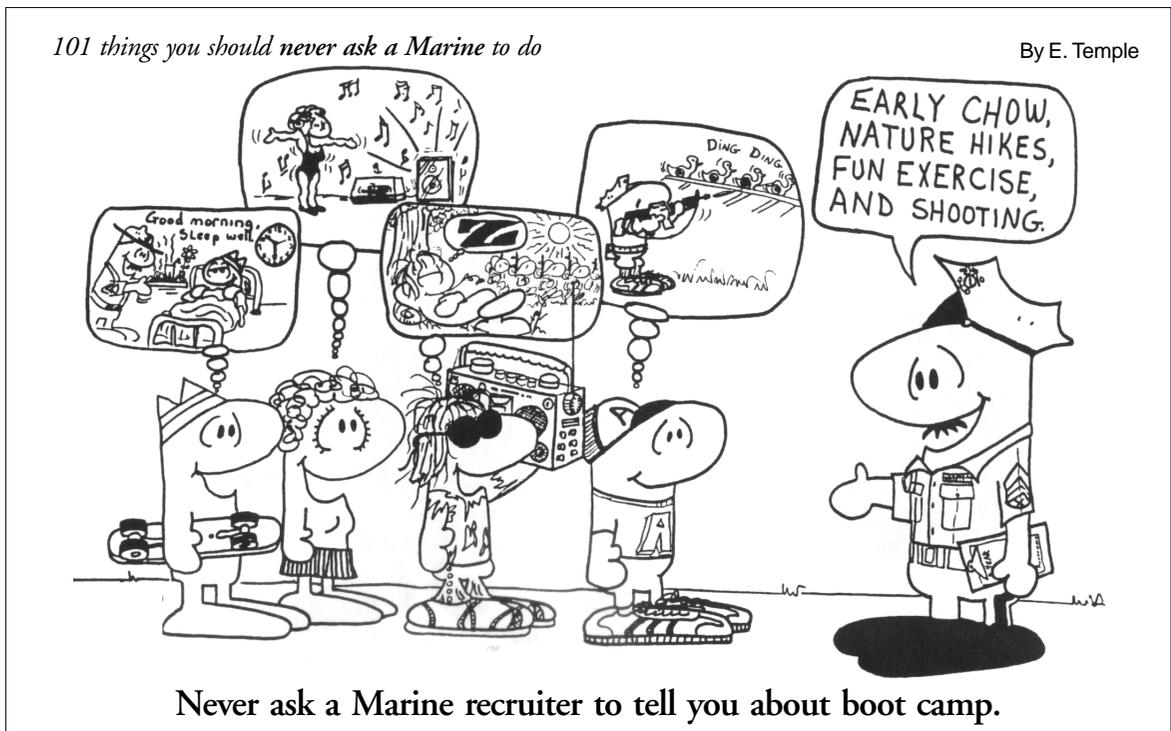
## Relay for Life

A Barstow Region Relay for Life team captain meeting will be held today at the Elks Lodge from 6 to 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held on Monday at the Barstow Community Hospital in the boardroom at 5:30 p.m. All team captains and committee members are requested to attend.

Volunteers and coordinators are needed for the Relay for Life event. For more information, contact Terry Sanchez at 242-6419, or JoAnne Cousino at 256-3531 ext. 3253.

## Case Lot Sale

MCLB Barstow's Commissary is scheduled to hold a case lot sale from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. The event will be held in the Com-



missary parking lot.

Case lots are a way to save even more on Commissary every day low prices. The sale is open to all active duty, retired, reserve and guard personnel with Commissary privileges.

Items will be limited to quantities on hand, no rain checks.

Savings of up to 50 percent on paper products, detergents, canned vegetables, juice drinks, snacks, frozen foods, cereal, pet supplies and more.

There is also the chance to win one of the Commissary's give-a-ways. Prizes include camping gear, a barbecue grill, a \$50 shopping spree and a full size stand alone basketball hoop.

For more information, call Patty Geary at 577-6403 ext. 201.

## Scanner Upgrade

Commissary customers should make sure their coupons match their purchases before heading to the checkout. A newly installed scanner software upgrade is in the Barstow MCLB Commissary.

The upgrade will be able to check coupon bar codes as they pass through the scanner, and then validate the coupons presented against products purchased. The scanner upgrade feature is the grocery industry standard, and

is gradually being implemented in all Commissaries. Prior to the upgrades, Commissary cashiers checked coupons manually.

"With our manual process, if there were any questions about a coupon, our cashiers would have to go back and look at the order or the register tape. Now, the scanner will tell us automatically if a customer is redeeming a coupon on an item that was actually purchased. Cashiers will only have to look at the coupons to verify expiration dates. Overall, it will improve the flow of customer checkout and increase our coupon redemption accuracy," said Bill McCroy, store director.

## DEFY

The Drug Education for Youth program has extended the deadline for registration. The new deadline is on May 27.

The mandatory parent orientation will be held at the base Chapel at 6:30 p.m. on May 27 and applications will be accepted at the orientation. The physical portion of the applications will continue to be accepted after May 27.

The DEFY program is a mentoring program for children ages

9 to 12 that will include a summer camp, monthly trips and lots of fun throughout the whole year. Applications are located at the Base Chaplain's office, the Youth Activities Center and the Headquarters Battalion office.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. LaFawn Skipper at 577-6849.

## Healthcare Notice

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Weed Army Community Hospital on June 8 and 9. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded to the organization. Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of survey. Re-

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## Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW4749-CE	Maintenance Helper	10-03-2003	Open cont.	05-19-2004	MCLB Barstow
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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-Serve 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.

# Combat correspondent wins Outstanding New Writer

By Pfc. Nich R. Babb  
Combat Correspondent

A combat correspondent here March 9 was named the Marine Corps Outstanding New Writer for 2003, an award that is part of the annual U.S. Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association/Division of Public Affairs Merit Awards Program.

Cpl. Andy J. Hurt, editor for the Barstow Log, base Public Affairs Office, won the award for his outstanding effort on articles written in 2003, and is scheduled to receive it at the National USMCCCA Conference in Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 28.

After winning the Marine Corps award, Hurt's work was submitted to the DOD-level competition, the Thomas Jefferson Awards Program, which was held April 21-23. Thomas Jefferson Awards winners were announced May 5, and the following Marines and Marine Corps publications received awards for the listed categories:

— The Scout, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, for **Metro**

Format Newspaper.

— The Chevron, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, for **Tabloid Format Newspaper**.

— Continental Marine Magazine, Marine Forces Reserve, for **Magazine Format Publication; Other than Flagship**.

— Lance Cpl. Macario P. Mora Jr., Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, for **Series; 1/5** describes hardships of war in Iraq's early days.

— Lance Cpl. Adam Tustin, American Forces Network Iwakuni, for **Television Spot Production; Force Protection - Ninja**.

— Cpl. Andrew Revelos, Marine Corps Base Quantico, for **Television Report; Scout Sniper School**.

According to the USMCCCA/DIVPA Merit Awards Program and Thomas Jefferson Awards Program standard operating procedures, the program recognizes military and civilian print and broadcast journalists for outstanding achievements in furthering the objectives of the Marine Corps and Department of Defense internal information programs.

"The merit awards are a way for the Marine Corps to spotlight outstanding writers and broadcasters," said Hurt.

Hurt submitted his articles to be judged for the Outstanding New Writer category, which required him to have one year or less experience in the public affairs field.

His submissions for the contest had to meet certain criteria, which included submitting five stories covering three of four styles of article. The styles that he could choose from were news, feature, commentary, or sports.

Hurt attributes some of his success to the public affairs chief here, Master Sgt. John Cordero, who told him about the contest, the deadline for submission, explained the criteria of submissions, and helped him choose the articles he submitted.

When Hurt heard about the competition he had some articles in mind that were used in other periodicals, including the Leatherneck magazine, he said.

Cordero then made recommendations to ensure Hurt did not

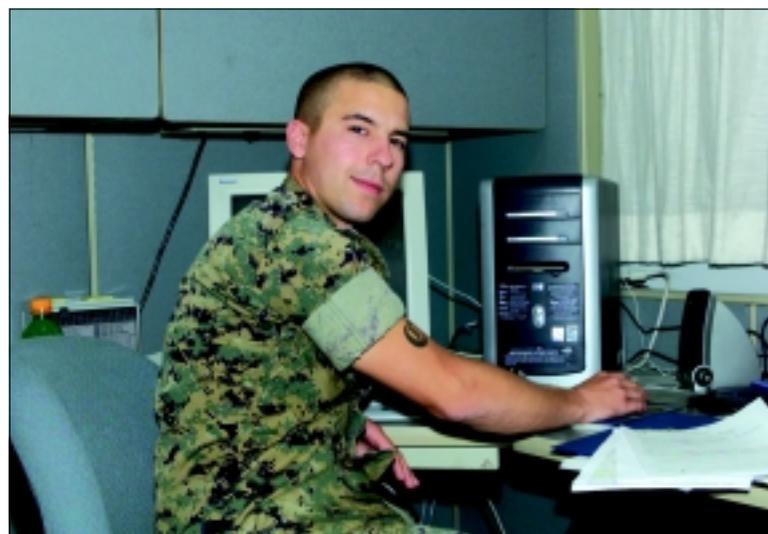


Photo by Pfc. Nich R. Babb

Cpl. Andy J. Hurt, the editor of the Barstow Log, is the recipient of the Outstanding New Writer for 2003 title for the USMCCCA/DIVPA Merit Awards.

submit articles that would have minimized his chances of winning.

Referring to the entries, Cordero said, "You want to show a diverse ability to write stories."

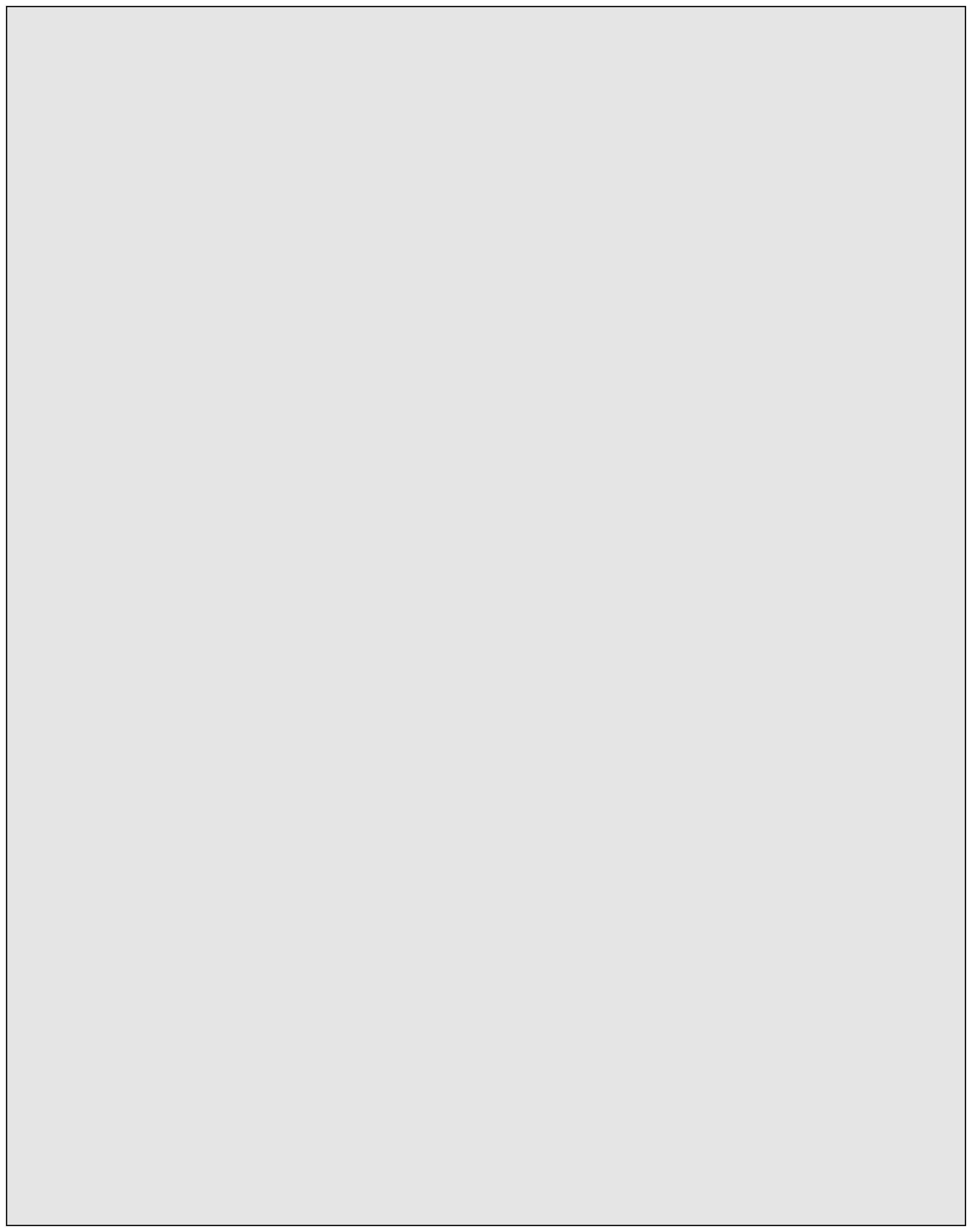
Cordero added that one of Hurt's strengths is that he puts his heart into his articles.

Hurt said he isn't really sure what set him apart from the rest

of the competition, but he said he always writes to the best of his ability.

Hurt said he credits most of his success to learning from an experienced and knowledgeable staff.

For more information about the Marine Corps and DOD competitions, visit [www.usmccca.org](http://www.usmccca.org) and [www.dinfos.osd.mil](http://www.dinfos.osd.mil).



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pulsion presented too great a penalty to pay for the increased water speed. As a result, further pursuit of the hydrofoil landing craft was terminated.

"They also had problems with the tires and that's why it was a failed project," said King.

"The LARC-5 is what the Navy's Beach Master Group still utilizes today and what they'll do is when the landing craft actually come ashore and get stuck they will go out and push them back off again," said King.

The LARC-5s are also used as envoys for amphibious tractors, to carry cargo, and used as medevacs just as its predecessor the LVHXs were designed to do, according to King.

Another piece of equipment that King pointed out, also a prototype, was a landing vehicle tracked recovery or LVTEX3. This vehicle had a land speed of 40 mph, tipped the scales at 45,704 pounds and came equipped with a .50 caliber machine gun to protect its three crewmembers and four engineers.

"It is experimental but it has the mine plow on the front of it and they only made two of those and that's the only one that's still around," said King. "It was going to be used to push through mine fields but it never went

into production because they came out with the mine plows for the P5. They came out with the ones for the tanks but didn't want to use it on the amtracs any more because it was too burdensome for an amtrac to go out an do mine duty too."

Tucked between two of the experimental vehicles, like a newborn pup, sits an M76 amphibious cargo carrier which the Marines used extensively during Korea and Vietnam, according to King.

"They used them for snow a lot because before they had the actual SUSVs, this was perhaps the best little snow vehicle you ever saw," King revealed.

"It had its own heater inside. The only bad thing about it was that the fuel tank was right where the pilot could see it and when things started popping off, well you know."

The M76 steering was like an aircraft, could spin on a dime, was very fast and agile, and not that noisy because it had an air-cooled engine, said King.

Another item on the lot that never tested and is only one of its kind is an LVT 76mm gun carrier. This particular tracked vehicle nearly dwarfs anything sitting next to it because of its size. This item is the only one ever built and was manufactured in 1951.



Photo by Rob Jackson

An LVT3C, one of 1200 manufactured in 1950, is billed as the precursor to today's amphibious assault vehicle. These are considered second generation LVTs, modified by the Long Beach Naval Shipyard and used during the Korean Conflict.

Pointing out a 105mm gun carrier, again only one of a kind, King emphasized that this particular machine was built with the same concept in mind as the 76mm gun carrier, was lighter than the 105mm but it also died on the drawing board.

"A lot of (the developers) sat there and said, 'OK our concept for this is just not going to work,' so this is (a good example) of that drawing board stuff that never makes it," said King.

Saving the best for last, King showed what he and the history books said is the precursor to today's am-

phibious assault vehicle, the LVT3C (landing vehicle tracked). It should be noted that this particular vehicle, according to history, is a second generation of LVTs, the first of which were used throughout World War II.

In 1950, 1,200 LVT3Cs were modified by the Long Beach Naval Shipyard for use during the Korean War, according to King. It weighed in at 39,190 pounds, came equipped with a .50 caliber machine gun, could reach a land speed of 17.5 mph and water speed of 5.7 mph, and as of the mid-1990s it was still in use by allied

forces.

"At one time there were more than 100 of these LVT3Cs here at Barstow, just waiting to be DRMO-ed, and some civilian company came in and purchased everyone of them and had them shipped to Florida. They are now part of Florida's artificial reef," King explained. "This one and one other are the only items left."

King also revealed that each one of the items currently stored at FSD were on display at Camp Pendleton for almost 30 years. People used to bring their fathers and grandfathers around to reminisce about them

"To this day I still get people asking 'whatever happened to the amtrac thing that was on top of the hill?'" said King jokingly. "Which is why everyone is happy that we've got a museum being build there so they can have a place to do that all over again."

Since 1993 this equipment has been stored at MCLB Barstow and until the museum at Camp Pendleton is completed, it will stay. Some of the items are in need of repair, but for the most part they look the same as they did during their experimental and testing phases in the 1950s and 1960s.

"This is the perfect climate for those things because with this dry area, unlike Camp Pendleton, it will hold up for a long time," King concluded.

# Hagee has positive outlook despite differences between OIF 1 and OIF 2

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flexibility and adaptability comes in.

*Leatherneck:* The Marines who made it to Baghdad essentially received the necessities, but did the speed of advance and the distance covered cause some logistics problems?

Gen Hagee: Yes. We had some real challenges there and we're trying to address them. Our logistics system, along with the Army's, was set up for a Cold War type of scenario where after stopping a Soviet onslaught in Europe, U.S. forces would get on line and march to Moscow. Similarly, the Marines would put a mountain of logistics on a beach during an amphibious operation, line up and take an island. Over the last few years, the Marine air and ground team has changed. I don't think that logistics has changed along with it, at least as much as it should. Some of that is because we never really have an opportunity to train and actually exercise logisticians for several days.

*Leatherneck:* In my day, much of the logistics during exercises was constructive and not very realistic. How do you train logisticians today to go 600 miles using tactical communications?

Gen Hagee: I would argue that all three components of the Marine air-ground task force have that particular challenge. The ground forces never train to go that far either. On deep raids, we'll only practice getting on the helicopter and the takedown. Flying 600 miles is flying 600 miles, so we don't practice it. We have a tendency to take out that middle section. That's OK probably, but that middle section is very important. We don't want to fly extra resupply helicopters and run vehicles up and down the highways unnecessarily, but there are

things we can do to better test our logistics processes over long distances.

*Leatherneck:* What was so different in supplying Marines in Iraq last year compared to previous conflicts?

Gen Hagee: The speed of advance. In Operation Iraqi Freedom I, we went over 500 miles in 28 days and destroyed eight Iraqi Divisions. Those are miles as the bird flies; we actually went much longer going up those roads. The logisticians did an unbelievable job with the systems and processes that we had in place, but we have to improve and go faster.

*Leatherneck:* I understand that the main culprit that hindered things in Iraq was the outdated Marine logistics information-technology systems and processes that work OK in garrison, but not on today's fast-moving battlefield and that getting repair parts was particularly horrendous?

Gen Hagee: We actually had the repair parts in Kuwait. The requests got back, but we did not have a good way of tracking the part when it was sent to the unit. The units moved around a lot. The technology is here; we just haven't adapted properly. We're trying to ensure that we have a logistics system and a process that works well first on the battlefield.

*Leatherneck:* How important is the Marine Corps' logistics modernization program?

Gen Hagee: The program's importance is either above or at least on the same level with the weapons systems we have coming down the road. The MV-22 Osprey, Joint Strike Fighter and Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle will allow Marines to go deeper and wider in the future. We're going to take advantage of the speed and the distance these new platforms can take us. They will enable the same number of Marines to occupy, control and move around in a much

larger area. We're going to go faster than we did in Iraq, and resupplying them will be a challenge. We've got to be able to do that. We have to get flexibility and adaptability into our logistics system to keep our Marines supplied. That is exactly why Rick Kelly [Lieutenant General Richard L. Kelly, Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics] and his people are working on this.

*Leatherneck:* Setting aside logistics for a moment, will the ability of Marines to go long distances faster have any other impact in the future?

Gen Hagee: Some defense experts say if you're able to go that far that fast, you may not need as many forces to do it. We will react before the enemy can build up significant forces and respond. When you think about that, it has tremendous consequences.

*Leatherneck:* Is a modernized Marine Corps logistics program also necessary for sea basing?

Gen Hagee: Yes. But I would raise it up a level. We need this for joint operational maneuver from the sea. Sea basing is a large part of that. Strategically, it is using the oceans and the seas that we control as highways. That large area should be joint operational maneuver space. That won't work unless we have a joint logistics system. Another thing I would underline is we cannot have a Marine Corps-only logistics solution. As long as I am Commandant, whatever we come up with will be compatible with the other services.

*Leatherneck:* You have commanded everything from a rifle platoon to a MEF. What was your experience with logistics?

Gen Hagee: If you compare tactics at any level with logistics, the tactics was easy. It was the logistics that was hard. I can tell you, logistics is unbelievably important. If you run out of ammo or bulk fuel, you're done. You'll grind to a halt. Our logisticians have to go faster, think like a commander on the battlefield and use his metrics and language.

*Leatherneck:* What do you mean?

Gen Hagee: None of this is good or bad; it is just the way it is. The metrics a logisticians uses are such things as efficiency, stable, predictable and just-in-time arrival. They work really well in business and allow you to get resources from the West Coast to

the East Coast. The metrics a battlefield commander uses is unpredictability and flexibility, which is the opposite of just-in-time arrival. So, we have two different metric systems. Knowing that a combat situation can change dramatically, we must be able to respond and do it with speed. We should talk about this in the language of the battlefield, not in the language of business.

*Leatherneck:* Can any of the speedy and modern methods business uses today help Marines in combat?

Gen Hagee: There are some good technologies available, but we should be using them better. We need to take some of that and then apply it to the battlefield in order for us to maintain that flexibility and tactical ability. I

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# AROUND THE CORPS

## 22nd MEU Hercules flex muscles in Afghanistan

By Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks  
FOB Ripley, Afghanistan

Located deep in the Oruzgan province of south-central Afghanistan, Forward Operating Base (FOB) Ripley, the base of operations for the 22d Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), is relying on one of the Marine Corps' most versatile work horses to carry out its operations.

Taking off and landing nearly every day from a remote, and recently improved, desert airstrip, KC-130R Hercules transport planes from Marine Aerial Refueler and Transport Squadron-252 are keeping the MEU supplied and capable of conducting combat and civil military operations.

"Since the beginning of the MEU's combat operations, the KC-130 detachment has provided assault support transport of essential supplies, vehicles, and personnel to and from FOB Ripley," said Capt. Pete Munson, of Cleveland, Ohio, a Hercules pilot serving as air planner for the 22d MEU (SOC).

"We are also available for helicopter and fixed-wing aerial refueling, aerial delivery of supplies, equipment, and personnel, airborne radio relay, and rapid ground refueling operations of helicopters."

Located near the town of Tarin Kowt approximately 60 miles north of Kandahar, the airstrip was pitted and unserviceable until Army engineers assigned to the MEU moved in and improved it sufficiently to support KC-130 operations. Normally used for long

range transportation, the KC-130R, now nearing its 30th year of operational service, has proved particularly adept at operating under the rough conditions in Afghanistan.

"I believe the operations here have been an excellent demonstration of the KC-130 as a force multiplier," continued Munson, whose call sign is 'Munster.'

The only operation similar to this one for VMGR-252 was its support of Camp Rhino near Kandahar during the initial campaign in Afghanistan, 2001-2002. Unlike the strip at Camp Rhino, though, the airstrip at FOB Ripley is much more challenging for the aircrews.

"The forward landing strip at Camp Rhino was longer and at lower elevation than the one at FOB Ripley," said Munson.

"The conditions at Ripley, including the surrounding terrain and the runway size itself, are much more limiting to KC-130 operations than the conditions at Camp Rhino."

Munson went on to say that the primary impact using the airstrip on FOB Ripley is the need for aircrews to exercise extra vigilance in planning their cargo loads to ensure the mission does not exceed the aircraft's capability.

Cpl. Dave Finn is a flight mechanic who routinely makes the flight from the detachment's base outside Afghanistan to Kandahar, and then the short hop to and from FOB Ripley. Despite the difficult challenges posed by flying into a forward landing strip, he is impressed by the aircraft's per-



Photo by Capt. Eric Dent

A Marine KC-130R lands at the expeditionary airfield at Forward Operating Base Ripley in Afghanistan. The aircraft forward deployed to support the 22nd MEU (SOC) during Operation Enduring Freedom.

formance thus far and the aircraft's handling of the harsh conditions.

"This [KC-130R] is a good aircraft," Finn said. "We're not seeing any mechanical problems we don't normally see. For us, it's business as usual."

VMGR-252 is no stranger to supporting deployed MEUs. In recent years, the unit has supported the 24th and 26th MEUs, and also the 22d MEU (SOC) during its most recent deployment in 2002 when it flew during operations in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Horn of Africa.

Munson went on to say that this is the first VMGR-252 detachment to deploy with a full complement of night vision goggle-capable aircraft and aircrew, an asset put to good use during tactical arrivals and departures at FOB Ripley.

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"People outside the KC-130 community rarely see the aircraft doing anything except landing on long, paved runways. The versatility of the 130 is a great asset to the MEU and has been crucial to the buildup of supplies and equipment for the FOB."

The 22d MEU (SOC) consists of its Command Element, Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 6th Marines, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266 (Reinforced), and MEU Service Support Group 22.

The MEU is working with Combined Joint Task Force 76 and is designated Task Force Linebacker.

For more information on the 22d MEU's role in Operation Enduring Freedom, visit the unit's Web site at [www.22meu.usmc.mil](http://www.22meu.usmc.mil).

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think we can do that.

*Leatherneck:* What part of the world should worry us the most in the future?

Gen Hagee: Wars are going to occur where people live. About 80 percent of the world's population resides within 200 miles of the coastline. The U.S. controls the oceans and the seas, and that is our maneuver space. Most of the experts agree the area where we'll be focused on over the next few years runs from North Africa down around the east to Southwest Asia, South Asia and up through Southeast Asia. The National Defense Strategy talks about that area as being very important.

*Leatherneck:* The Marines who recently returned to Iraq in Operation Iraqi Freedom II are in a relatively stable situation compared to last year. That should help Marine logisticians along with some "fixes" that were put in place. If ordered to move a long distance, will your logistics Marines be able to keep up?

Gen Hagee: Yes. But we are not close to where we want to be.

*Leatherneck:* How will your Marines do over there?

Gen Hagee: I think they are going to do very well. Operation Iraqi Freedom II will be significantly different than last year. I would underline the fact that this is a dangerous place. We can't forget that. We've done everything we can to properly train and educate them.

*Leatherneck:* How did the transition go with the U.S. Army?

Gen Hagee: The Army in general and the 82d Airborne Division in

particular, because that's the area we've gone into, did a fantastic job over there on preparing the battle space for this rotation. It's going to be easier for us because of them. It's still going to be dangerous, hard and complex. We've done everything to prepare them. Of course, you don't know what you don't know.

*Leatherneck:* Did you do anything special to prepare the Marines who returned to Iraq?

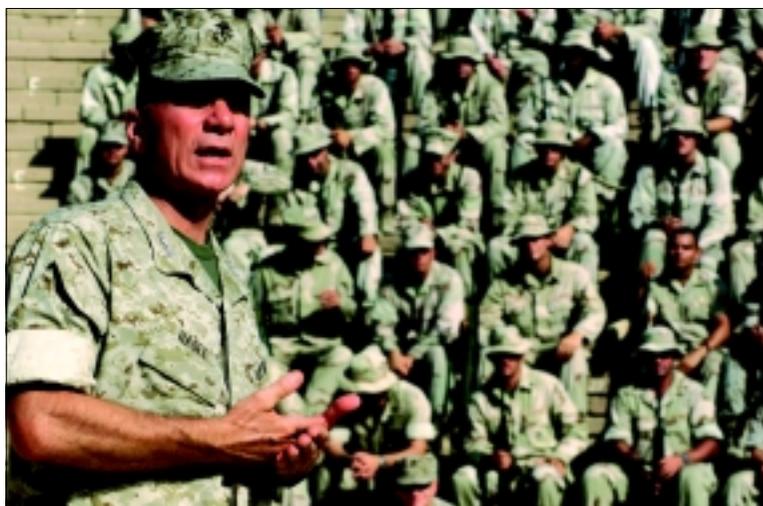


Photo by Sgt. Colin Wyres

General Michael W. Hagee, commandant of the Marine Corps, speaks to Marines, sailors and soldiers of the I Marine Expeditionary Force in Iraq. "We're trying to ensure that we have a logistics system and a process that works well ... on the battlefield," said Hagee.

Gen Hagee: I come back to what we've talked about before; we tried to prepare them to be flexible and adaptable. We also had classes on Islam. We tried to raise their cultural intelligence so at least they understand how the people over there view the world differently. We put 800 Marines through Arabic language training, which is a very difficult language. Four hundred Marines went through a one-month immersion course and another 400 completed a one-week course. Our Marines carry a card that lists possible responses to questions and to certain situations. The commanders did a tremendous job focusing on that.

*Leatherneck:* Do the Marines have a people-to-people type of mission?

Gen Hagee: We're ready to reach out and help the Iraqi people to follow on and continue what the soldiers did over there. I would be remiss [if I didn't say] that we're still combat capable. If we're told to do high-tech combat, we're ready.

*Leatherneck:* What is the intelligence situation in the area where the Marines are operating?

Gen Hagee: The intelligence that the soldiers were starting to get is paying off. The Iraqis started coming

to them, which is good and exactly what we want. It will help the security situation there.

*Leatherneck:* How did the Marines work the turnover with the Army?

Gen Hagee: We worked with the 82d very closely to ensure this handover was as smooth as we can make it. We had several thousand Marines over there by mid-February. The transfer of authority occurred in the latter part of March. We did the "right seat ride" [an Army term] to ensure that we learned as much as possible from the soldiers. Our Marines met with the same people as the soldiers so that the transition presented a very, very small seam.

*Leatherneck:* You have some experienced Marines who returned to Iraq, don't you?

Gen Hagee: Yes, we do. Jim Conway, Jim Mattis and Jim Amos [the I MEF, First Marine Division and Third Marine Aircraft Wing commanding generals] were all in southern Iraq after the war. A lot of the Marines going back were in those southern Iraq towns doing many of the same things they are doing now. Having said that, southern Iraq is a different area than the one we're in now. We fully realize that.

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are not helpful to the human body and they do not add to the quality of life of anyone. The challenge for most of us is to identify those things that are troubling us and then to take action to correct the situation. It seems that when we take action to relieve the problems in our lives we begin to experience less stress. It also helps us to focus on the important things in life. If we find ourselves worrying about what to wear when we have a closet full of clothes, we may find ourselves worrying needlessly. If we are concerned when there are actual problems in our lives, then we must not "worry," but take action of some kind to eliminate those stressors. When we begin to eliminate our stressors we will find ourselves more able to concentrate on the important things in life.

Finally, this passage of scripture leaves us with one more great piece of wisdom when Jesus says, *"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."*

Peace,  
Fr Randel

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quests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The requests must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview.

Such requests should be addressed to Division of Accreditation Operations, Office of Quality Monitoring, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181, faxed to (630) 792-5636 or e-mailed to: [complaint@jcaho.org](mailto:complaint@jcaho.org).

### Identity Theft

The U.S. Department of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service warns taxpayers of an e-mail based scheme that attempts to trick taxpayers into revealing personal information such as social security numbers, driver's license information and bank and credit card numbers.

The ploy contains an e-mail, which is sent to consumers claiming that they are under investigation for tax fraud and are subject to prosecution. The e-

mail informs recipients they can "help" the investigation by providing real information and directs them to an official looking Web site, <http://deptreas.org/irs/7634//>, where detailed personal information must be provided to dispute the charge.

The site has been shut down at the request of the IRS and the Treasury Inspector General for Administration. The bogus Web site and the e-mail contained several grammatical errors, rendering them immediately suspect. The IRS does not use e-mail to contact taxpayers about issues related to their accounts. Official taxpayer contact usually includes a letter on IRS stationary in an IRS envelope. They also contain a contact phone number.

Taxpayers who believe they have received suspect communication are encouraged to call TIGTA's toll-free fraud referral hotline at 1-800-366-4484. Taxpayers can also contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040, where an IRS representative will be able to verify the taxpayer's account status and determine whether the claims are legitimate.

More information on identity theft and fraud can be found on the following Web sites: [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) and [www.tigta.gov](http://www.tigta.gov).



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

Lance Cpl. Christopher Sherman, a patrolman for the MCLB Barstow Provost Marshal's Office, takes a few shots at dunking his "boss" Master Sgt. Richard Holman, the provost sergeant, to raise money for the N/MCRS fund drive during "Dunk the Boss Day" on May 14.



**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

**Memorial Day Weekend Sale**

Save 10 to 25 percent on special featured items. Look for red, white and blue balloons that mark sale items. The sale starts May 28 and runs through the end of the month.

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

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

**Club Activities**

At the Oasis Club this week: Tonight is Happy Hour at 4 p.m. Tomorrow is Karoke 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.

At the Enlisted Club this week: Tonight is Bosses Night at 5 p.m.

Every night: Darts, pool, TV and CD music. 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.

For more information, call 577-6418.

**Swimming Pools Open**

The swimming pools will be open the weekends of May 29 and June 5 and 6. Both pools will open full time beginning June 11.

Family Pool eligibility: E-5 and below and authorized base civilian employees. Base employees must be present with family members.

Oasis Pool eligibility: E-6 and above and authorized base civilian employees with Oasis Club mem-

bership.

Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian of at least 18 years of age.

For more information, call 577-6971.

**Movies On The Patio**

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

Wednesday's movie is "Good - Fellas." The film is rated R. The length of the film is two hours, 26 minutes. Movies begin at dusk.

For more information, call 577-6817.

**New Parent Support**

New Parents Basic Training class June 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Family Advocacy Program classroom, Building 129. Tired of driving to Ft. Irwin? New Parents Basic Training takes all of the Fort Irwin Expectant Parent Classes (except anesthesia class and hospital tour) and combines it into a fun, fast-paced, convenient morning. The anesthesia class and hospital tour can be scheduled at one time, saving you three trips. Plan your birth experience - learn what to expect. Free gifts and snacks. For more information, call Robin Lindsay at 577-6332.

**School's Almost Out!**



**Don't want the children sitting home or saying "I'm Bored"?**

**Sign up for Summer Children and Youth Programs**

Summer Fun at Youth Activities Center for youth ages six to 15 will begin on June 11. The program will run Mondays -Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through August 24. The program will not be in session on July 5. Each week will have a fun theme with activities such as field trips, arts & crafts, swimming and sports activities. Meals will not be provided, however the YAC snack bar will be open for children who wish to purchase food. The cost of this program is \$25.00 per week for the first child and \$12.50 per week for each additional child. There will be extra charges for some field trips, and children must provide their own sack lunch for the field trips.

**Extended Open Recreation Hours**

Open recreation will be scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays for all children. The YAC is also open to all ages from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. Open recreation dues are \$5.00 per month for one child and \$3.00 for each additional child in the family. Open Recreation will have special field trips and activities scheduled for teen's, ages 13 to 18 during the summer, to include a trip to Magic Mountain.

**Space is limited to 60 children! Sign up today to guarantee your child a fun filled summer!**

For more information, call 577-6287

1990 VOLVO 24ODL: A/C, power windows and locks, new tires, new stereo and speakers, some sun paint fading, 191 k MI, \$1,500, contact Rich 254-3226.

1966 DODGE POLARA: Station wagon, 383 engine auto, air, roof rack, runs, needs TLC, \$1,200. Call 254-1913.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Truck tires, Michelin, LT 235 85 R16, xlt cond., \$20 each. Call 256-6629.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: Bridgestone truck tires (LT235/75/R15), Xlt Cond., \$200; sofa (Hide-a-bed), brand new never been used, gray/blue in color, \$250. Call 256-1430.

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

MISCELLANEOUS: VW bug older style mag's 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: Queen size water bed frame with regular mattress, black wood with gold trim, mirrored headboard with glass doors, two matching nightstands, \$150; black wood with gold trim entertainment center \$75. Call 951-7281.

MISCELLANEOUS: Men's suits, 46 long, Athletic cut, dark blue, dark green and brown, xlt cond.; King size patchwork quilt in blue, \$25, queen size quilt, with shams is extra heavy and the pattern is hearts, \$60. Call 252-7198.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dog Igloo for medium dogs, like new \$50. Call 252-9120. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Baseball glove, Mizuno 12.5 inches, MPM 1251, xlt cond., \$25. Call 256-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: Racing edge bike, (5 spd), \$40; Goldstar microwave, \$25; Exercise Waist wheel, \$10; various kitchen utensils, \$.50 to \$1.00. Call 252-1160.

MISCELLANEOUS: Toyota Celica Sports Bra, fits 2000 – 2003 models, brand new, paid \$160, sell for \$50, OBO; three life jackets, Water Sports size, 2 x L, 1 x Lg, brand new, \$5 each. Call 953-3240.

MISCELLANEOUS: Panasonic battery re-charger, includes a set of D, C, AA batteries, \$20; TV trays and cart, dark butcher block design, \$25; Floor sweeper vacuum, bag less, \$10; crib layette, red polka dots with

colorful, quilted balloons, \$25; toys, various prices. Call 252-1160.

MISCELLANEOUS: Scanner, Visioneer 6100, PC Compatible, asking \$50, OBO; Singer sewing machine, model 6202/ 6212, has carrying case and accessories, \$50, (like new), one owner, w/manual ideal as spare; professional hair dryer, Belvedere First Lady, \$50. Call 953-3240.

YARDSALE: Friday and Saturday May 21, and 22. 2494 W. Main St. #174, from 7 to 11 a.m.

WANTED: 1979 to 1985 Toyota 4 x 4 pick-up or Forerunner, Call 963-5401.

