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## MCLB railhead provides key support



Photo by Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

A Marine with the 14th Marines Artillery Regiment, headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, guides a 7-ton truck off a railcar at MCLB Barstow's Nebo railhead. The railhead operations unit here provided critical support through various aspects of the on- and off-loading operations.

**By Cpl. Andy J. Hurt**  
Barstow Log Editor

Although reserve service members join with a promise of "one weekend a month, two weeks a year," support for these units is a full-time job.

Key players at MCLB Barstow are constantly standing by.

Most recently, the base opened itself to a freight train pulling 90 rail cars loaded with weapons, vehicles and tactical equipment for the 14th Marine Artillery Regiment.

The regiment, headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, consists of five battalions from 21 different locations across the country.

A small element of the regiment arrived here May 19 and began the Herculean task of off-loading all 350 pieces of gear from the rail in the high desert sun. Although the off-loading operation was scheduled to consume nearly five days, the Marines, in coordination with various divisions from MCLB, buried the job in barely more than two days, according to Gunnery Sgt. Bryan Cook, regimental logistics operations chief for the 14th Marines.

Cook, a Kansas native, said that the unit's efforts were matched with highly productive cooperation from MCLB railhead operations.

"The support was excellent," said Cook. "Everyone here came out and supported us in

every need we had," he said of the off-loading operation.

According to Tim Hutzley, transportation supervisor with MCLB Barstow's Installation Division, the major railhead operation was just "business as usual" for MCLB Barstow railhead operatives.

"We only assist Marine units about twice a year here, but we do Army rotations almost every two weeks," said Hutzley.

"That's why we're here," he added.

Main railhead support for the 14th Marines consisted of using MCLB's 33 miles of track, four locomotives and two of Nebo side's loading docks.

Civilian Marines aboard MCLB are utilized throughout most operations, said Hutzley, oftentimes working up to 12-hour shifts keeping the up- and off-loading operations working efficiently. The civilian Marines bustle around the operation inspecting tracks, trains and vehicles for potential and obvious problems while implementing ongoing maintenance procedures, Hutzley said.

Problems that sometimes arise are rotted rail ties, broken bolts, and items that are foreign to the tracks placed by curious service members, such as coins, said Hutzley. The coins have virtually no effect on the trains, but anything

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## DOD Web site explains security personnel system

**By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample**  
Armed Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has launched a new Web site to educate civilian employees about the new National Security Personnel System that will introduce sweeping changes in the way the department hires, pays, promotes, disciplines and fires civilian employees.

Brad Bunn, acting deputy program executive officer, NSPS Program Executive Office, explained the site is meant to help DOD employees understand the new personnel system.

"Change is difficult, and lack of information about coming changes often leads to stress and anxiety and, unfortunately, misperceptions about what those changes really mean," he said. "We recognize that, and are

committed to communicating to our employees about what NSPS will mean to them. The Web site is one communications tool in our toolbox to do that," he said.

"We will be open, honest, and clear about NSPS, and our Web site is designed to encourage employee involvement and interest, and minimize misconceptions." He also emphasized the site will help those affected by the changes to understand the "rationale and benefits" of NSPS and that it will be "extremely useful" in keeping employees informed and updated as the system evolves.

Congress authorized the new personnel system as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act, allowing the Defense Department new authority to develop new civilian

human resources, labor-management relations and employee appeals systems.

The new Web site offers an overview of what DOD employees can expect from the new personnel system, as well as information regarding issues of labor management and employee unions, and links to NSPS-related documents. One of the more powerful features of the NSPS Web site is a mechanism for visitors to submit comments and ideas about NSPS directly to the NSPS Program Executive Office, Bunn said. "We continuously monitor the input from visitors, and the ideas and comments we receive through the Web site will help us gauge what employees and other stakeholders are really concerned about," he said.

Bunn said the site will be a primary NSPS communication

vehicle, and it will be used throughout all phases of the NSPS design and implementation process.

"It certainly won't be our only means of communications, but it's a central source of information on NSPS," he explained. "We want to ensure DOD employees have a reliable, continuing source of information as the system develops." The Web site is the second attempt by NSPS to get the word out about the new personnel system. A previous Web site was taken down as a result of the three-week strategic review of the NSPS design and implementation process directed by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in April.

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# Summer Safety Campaign underway

**ALMAR**  
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The summer season is rapidly approaching. Summer is traditionally a time for vacation and travel. Historically, however, summer is when a number of Marines, sailors, and family members lose their lives in preventable, tragic accidents.

Of the 64 non-operational fatalities in FY '03, 26 occurred between the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. In the previous five years, 81 traffic and 11 recreational fatalities occurred during the summer.

Commanders will provide guidance in developing safety plans that highlight the increased risks of many popular summer activities.

The Marine Corps summer safety campaign kicked off

with the "Click It Or Ticket" national seat belt enforcement initiative. This initiative began May 17 and ran through June 7 in conjunction with the National Safety Council, and state and local law enforcement agencies.

On-base seat belt use is typically above 96 percent, yet off-base motor vehicle accident statistics show that 43 percent of the traffic fatalities over the past 10 years were not wearing a seat belt. In FY '04, the Marine Corps has already had 22 traffic crashes claiming the lives of 24 Marines.

At least seven of those Marines were not wearing seatbelts; had they taken only a couple of seconds to buckle up, those Marines may have survived.

A second national enforcement initiative, "You Drink & Drive, You Lose," will close out the summer safety campaign over the Labor Day weekend.

Over the past five summers, 30 percent of the traffic

fatalities in our Corps involved the use of alcohol. Alcohol and driving is a deadly combination; alcohol affects judgment and increases the potential for a combination of risks that may lead to horrifying crashes.

Other leading causes of traffic mishaps include excessive speed and driving while fatigued.

In the Marine Corps, 52 percent of the fatal crashes over the past five years involved driving too fast for conditions and 16 percent involved driver fatigue.

Obey the speed limit; don't drive too fast for road, traffic, and weather or vehicle conditions; and plan your trips with proper rest and drive times to return on time and safely or consider alternate forms of transportation.

If you are running late, call and let someone know, but

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## Choosing to live by the spirit

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood  
Base Chaplain



Have you ever been introduced to someone you had never met and walk away from that person thinking, "what a wonderfully kind person?"

Or maybe you met someone and thought "what a mean-spirited person."

If you have had these kinds of encounters you may have wondered why it is that some people are nice and others are, well, not so nice.

I believe that there is an answer to that question in a recent scripture I read. The scripture is in Galatians 5: 16-24.

This passage talks about the difference in people who "live by the spirit" and those who "live by the flesh."

In this particular passage the meaning of those two phrases can be read to mean that the "flesh" tends to be earthy, selfish, self-centered,

contentious, impure and a whole list of other negatives.

So "flesh" in this case can be said to be the opposite of spirit.

On the other hand, people who "live by the spirit" can be contrasted as being people who are characterized by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and so many other very positive traits.

I believe everyone has the two elements within themselves and that we make choices about which one dominates our lives.

Certainly, we have met both kinds of people, and if you pause for just a moment you can quickly figure out which type of person you would like to be around.

So the question is why do some people choose to "live by the flesh?"

I say choose because I believe that people make choices about how they will live their lives.

Sometimes our circumstances are less than optimal and yet I have known many people who make a conscious decision that they will not let their situation dictate what kind of person they will be.

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## Just did my job ...



Photo by Curt Lambert

Lt. Col. Charles M. (Mike) Hamilton, base executive officer, gives parting words at his retirement ceremony on June 9 at the Oasis Club here. No matter where you are or what you are doing, always try to have fun, he said, referring to time spent in the Marine Corps. If you are not having fun, you are doing the wrong job, said Hamilton.

### 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 info call 577-6849.



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## Lunch Menu

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

**Today** – Family Restaurant: Soup and salad bar. Cactus Cafe and Lanzer's Lounge: Chicken tenders.

**Friday** – Baked Mahi-Mahi and fried rice.

**Monday** – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy.

**Tuesday** – Teriyaki breast of chicken and fried rice.

**Wednesday** – Virginia baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy.

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

Lunch hours: Family Restaurant: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cactus Cafe: 11 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. 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** – Lasagna Night! Vegetarian lasagna, beef lasagna, garlic bread, Italian vegetables, tossed green salad, dessert and fountain drink of your choice.

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

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

## Club Membership

A PCS move can generate a lot of stress; so much to do and so many places to out-process.

The good news is it's easier than ever to transfer a club membership.

Individuals planning to PCS in the near future should stop by the club system to let them know when they are leaving.

The club will in turn notify the club at the member's next

command and his or her club dues will be suspended two months during the PCS process. Members' existing Marine Corps club membership card is recognized wherever they go for the convenience while on leave or traveling.

Regardless of the type of club card, it is accepted at any Marine Corps or sister service club, and other MCCA activities..

Within the first 30 days of checking into a new command, members should stop by the club system and provide them with their new address and phone number.

## Power Outage

Due to the ongoing upgrade of the Yermo electrical distribution system, the following outages are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

Friday, Building 598, from 7 a.m. to midnight Saturday. Call 577-6911 or 577-6608 for additional information.

## FSD Gym Open

The Fleet Support Division gym, located in Building 406, has been reopened. The gym hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Wrightwood Mountaineer Days

Escape to the past when goldminers were digging for their fortunes.

Where sheriff's kept the law with a six-shooter in the streets.

Come and learn about the mountain days of years past, July 3 and 4.

Admission is free.

Food, music and a trader's encampment are scheduled activities along with an Indian settlement.

For information and directions, call (760) 249-4320.

## Classic Car and Quilt Show

The 4th anniversary celebration of the Route 66 Mother Road Museum Classic Car and Quilt Show is scheduled for June 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Historic Harvey House Casa del Desierto.

For an entry form or more information on the Classic Car and Quilt Show, check the Web site or call (760) 255-1980.

## Leave Sharing

Mr. Macelino P. Aviles, badge number 8224, has been affected by a medical emergency. Anyone

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple

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Never ask a Marine to plan a race.

desiring to donate leave under the leave sharing program may obtain a leave donor application through his or her division/center administrative officer. For more information, please call Pat Snyder at 577-7138.

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the traits of people "living in the flesh" and yet they have not changed their lives and become hardhearted and mean-spirited.

Is it easier to be mean-spirited than it is to be nice?

I do not believe it is, but what I do believe is that there is a culture that teaches us to be aggressive, fearless, and invasive in order to get what we "need" out of life and that same culture teaches us that we "need" to wear certain types of clothes, drive certain types of cars, and live in certain places.

This culture then teaches us how to obtain these items and it does so by teaching us to be fairly ruthless and cynical in order to get what we want.

I believe though that inside each of us is a good and gentle person that with some nurture will blossom into our personality.

It is much like I used to tell some patients in a boys home where I worked; "It's OK to be nice."

They had been convinced that the only way to get ahead and to be "cool" was to be hardhearted and tough.

I tried to demonstrate to them that people really do enjoy being around people who live by the spirit much more than being around someone who lives by the flesh.

## Looking for something to do?

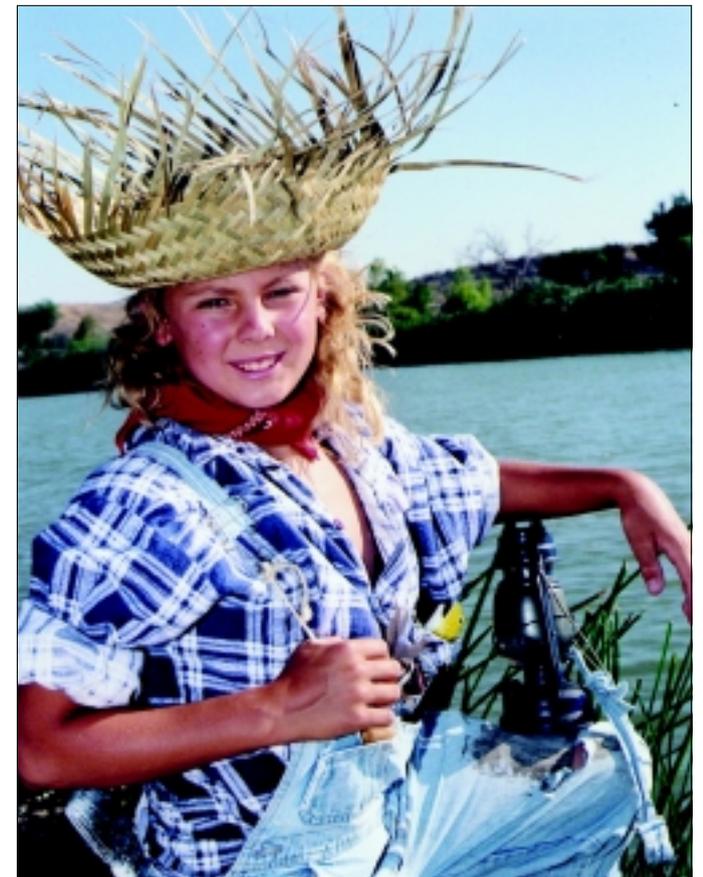


Photo courtesy of [www.huckfinn.com/press.html](http://www.huckfinn.com/press.html)

Huckleberry Finn, a fictitious character, comes to life during the 28th Annual Huck Finn Jubilee at Mojave Narrows Regional Park in Victorville, Calif., Friday through Sunday. Bluegrass music, hot vottles and the California State Arm Wrestling Championships are a few of the many activities slated for the weekend. For more info, call (909) 780-8810 or visit the Web site at [www.huckfinn.com](http://www.huckfinn.com).

So if you find yourself being a person who has been living in the flesh, the transition to being a person who lives by the spirit is a choice that you and you alone can make.

Peace,  
Fr Randel

## GOT NEWS?

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

# Beware of and report war charities, lotto scams

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. A. K. Szymanski  
Legal Assistance Attorney

It seems as if nothing is sacred anymore when it comes to people trying to scam you out of your money. The most recent consumer fraud scams involve fraudulent solicitations to support the war effort and false lottery winnings. There are so many consumer fraud scams going around lately that it is impossible to know of all of them before being solicited by one; however, by educating yourself, you will be pro-active in reducing the likelihood of becoming a fraud victim. Familiarizing yourself, your family and friends about the below scams is an excellent first step.

Recently, even some government e-mail addresses have been on the target list for consumer scam efforts such as those described below. Watch out! Remember the three rules before parting with your money: research, research, and research before giving anybody anything (including personally identifying information).

## War charities

In an effort to capitalize on people's patriotism during this time of conflict, illegitimate organizations are soliciting for donations to "charities" that are supposed to benefit service members overseas or their families. They also may claim to be selling products that will be sent to

service members (for example, care packages), which never are. Some of these charities are fronts for scam organizations that will just pocket your money. The Better Business Bureau has already helped shut down one charity supposedly raising money for families of the space shuttle astronauts who were killed recently.

The key to avoid giving money to sham charities is to look beyond the name. Some things that you should always consider before giving money to a group raising money for service members in Iraq or their families are:

1. Find out if they are registered with the state and the IRS as a tax-exempt charity.
2. Then ask how much of your gift goes to the service members or their relatives: it should be at least two-thirds of any cash you give.
3. You are better off saying "no" to a questionable charity solicitation and giving donations to a charity you know you can trust.

If you would like to donate funds for care packages to go to service members, the United Services Organization, which has been around since 1941, is an excellent resource. The USO operates a program called "Operation USO Care Package" that allows individuals to donate \$25 to purchase one care package to be delivered to service members before they leave for their overseas destination.

Also, the Armed Services Exchanges operate a "Help Our Troops Call Home" program to provide pre-paid phone cards to

deployed service members. You may make a donation toward this program by going to [www.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.usmc-mccs.org) or going to the MCLB Barstow Exchange. You can also check out a charity online at [www.give.org](http://www.give.org), which maintains an index of charities with more information about individual charities. By sticking with charities you know and trust, or one you researched, you will know your donation is going to people in need and have a greater peace of mind when parting with your hard earned dollars.

## Lottery scams

The "lottery scam" consists of an e-mail or telephone call informing you that you have won the lottery and must collect your winnings. The e-mail subject line will often read "Congratulations." You are told to contact a claims agent to collect, usually at a free e-mail address.

The claims agent will then send a claim form to "verify your identity." You must return the form with your personal details along with copies of your passport and driver's license. This is where the scam begins. The fraudsters now have enough information to duplicate your identity.

This fraud goes beyond just stealing your identity; the fraudsters also want your money. To do so, you are given options on how to collect your winnings.

You can have the money wired to your personal bank account, you can open an account with a specified bank (bogus and usually online), or you can pick up the

winnings personally (normally from Amsterdam or Canada).

Most people want their winnings transferred into their bank account. This involves upfront fees for taxes, insurance or even legal fees.

Victims transfer money as requested via Western Union to cover these fees and never see the winnings. If they do not want to pay upfront fees, they can open an online account with a specified bank, whose "policy" requires a deposit of around \$3,000. This bank is fake.

Alternatively, victims are able to pick up their money personally by traveling to Amsterdam, where they are required to pay a release fee in cash, and receive their winnings in counterfeit currency.

A list of known fraudulent lottery scam operatives is maintained on [www.fraudwatchinternational.com](http://www.fraudwatchinternational.com).

The list is too lengthy to publish here; however, here are a few examples:

- Awards Clearing House
- Alexis Corporation Canada (solicits over the telephone)
- Canadian Equity Funding
- Cash & Prize Clearing House
- Chadwick and Burke
- E-Business Lotto South Africa
- European Lottery Commission
- Garfield and Winston
- First Sovereign Equity Group
- Global Payment Services

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# Single Marine Program holds Pisgah Volcano tour

Story and Photos by Pfc. Nich R. Babb  
Combat Correspondent

Neil C. Morrison, a retired soldier and the museum director of the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment Museum at the National Training Center Fort Irwin, Calif., gave 19 Marines on a Single Marine Program sponsored event a tour of the Pisgah Volcano in Pisgah, Calif., May 26.

The Pisgah Volcano last erupted about 4,000 years ago, and is now an inactive crater, which is used as a source of lava rock for different industries, said Morrison. Lava rock is used in asphalt, barbecue pits, insulation for cinder block houses and even soap.

The Marines spent the day exploring various caves and lava tubes that were created the last time the volcano erupted. The caves were formed after the outside of a lava flow cooled and hardened, while the lava underneath it kept flowing, said Morrison. The caves formed in various sizes, which ranged from small enough for a person to crawl, to big enough to build a gymnasium inside.

The Marines started the day by taking a short drive down Interstate 40, and received a brief lesson from Morrison about volcanic spew.

Spew is when a volcano

throws a large amount of rock from an eruption throughout the surrounding area, he said.

Even today, spew can be seen on the side of the highway in the form of tiny black rocks, Morrison said. As a person gets closer to the volcano, the rocks increase in size. The rocks vary in color as well, which is a result of rocks being burned at different temperatures, Morrison said.

When the group members reached their destination they were greeted with a closed gate and had to hike their way to the main cave.

Morrison then enlightened the Marines by telling them about six different American Indian tribes who lived within about a 150-mile radius of the volcano. There was also a lake that was next to the volcano, keeping herds of buffalo plentiful which were hunted by the American Indians, said Morrison. The natives also received some of their resources from the lake until it dried up from a series of earthquakes.

When the explorers reached the main cave they had already ventured into other caves along the way. Some of the caves lead to an exit, while other caves were discovered by the explorers to lead to parts which were too small for an adult to pass through.

The Marines then had lunch inside of the cave, which lacked a natural light source.

To give the group a feel of what the early explorers had to endure,

Morrison brought a candle into the cave. Morrison said explorers dealt a lot with shadows and candles going out when they were first exploring the caves.

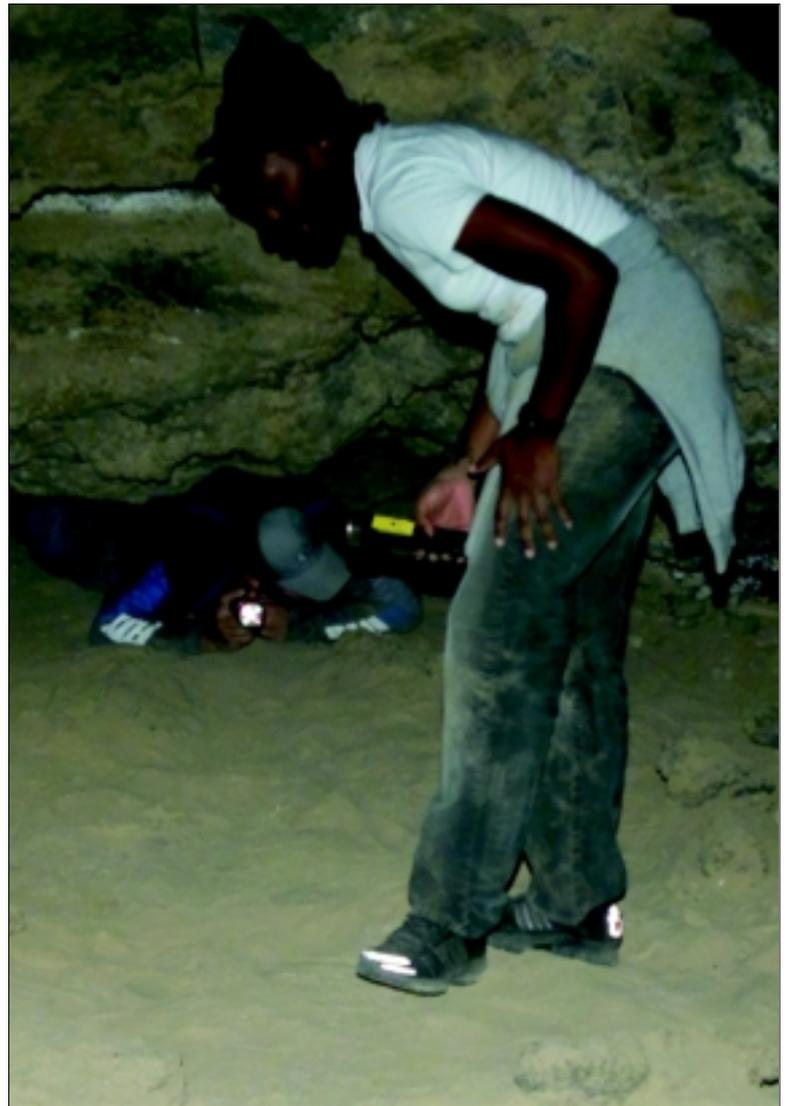
After the group members trekked back to the vans they visited a site where American Indians used to set up camp. The American Indians made arrowheads and other tools out of stone there, said Morrison. When making these weapons, chips of rock were broken off and can be seen on the ground to this day.

The group ended the tour by experiencing the wonders of Rainbow Basin. A river flowing through the area many years ago formed the basin, Morrison said. He added that it is called the Rainbow Basin because of the array of color the different layers of rock make.

Some of the Marines spent their time at Rainbow Basin climbing to the top of a hill and attempting to surf down it on their feet. It proved to be difficult, because the Marines, who tried it, fell on their rear ends and continued down the hill in that manner.

If you wish to explore the caves, bring a buddy for safety, said Morrison.

Also, he suggested staying on a trail, to assist wildlife preservation. To the untrained eye the Mojave Desert may look like a very somber place, but for some Marines here, there is history lying in these hills and valleys.



Pfc. Lauren Johnson, finance clerk, and Lance Cpl. Jason Jordan, data systems specialist, return from exploring a cave so cramped, crawling was needed to get into and out of it.



The group of Barstow Marines relax in a cave at the Pisgah Volcano after finishing afternoon chow. The tour of Pisgah Volcano quickly became a tour of mystique and geological history. Rock formations carved thousands of years ago dazzled devil dogs, priming inquiries and sparking interest in the yet unknown. "I was very dazzled by the rock formations," said Pfc. Lauren Johnson, an MCLB Barstow finance clerk.



After departing from the volcano, the Marines went to Rainbow Basin to see the different colored rock.

# AROUND THE CORPS

## 22nd MEU (SOC) engages forces in Afghanistan



A Marine from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) engages anti-coalition militia which have taken refuge on a mountain in central Afghanistan as rounds impact the wall to his right. During two days of heavy fighting, three Marines were lightly wounded and at least 25 ACM fighters killed.



**Story and Photos by Gunnery Sgt. Keith Milks** officers) really were the heroes of the day," said Marine Staff Sgt. Christian Boles, a platoon sergeant in BLT 1/6's Charlie Company, whose unit saw much of the heavy fighting.

In what officials have described as the bloodiest fighting in Afghanistan since last fall, elements of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) participated in two days of pitched firefights with anti-coalition militia (ACM) forces in south-central Afghanistan June 2-3.

The two days of fighting began when Marine attack helicopters were fired upon with rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns as they scouted ahead of a heavily-armed convoy from Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, the MEU's ground combat element.

Moving forward to the attack's point of origin, the Marines found and engaged Taliban insurgents hidden in the rocks of a nearby mountain.

The Marines used fire and maneuver to fix the enemy and then called in air support to augment their attack.

During the ensuing four-hour firefight, troops on the ground were supported by Marine AH-1W Super Cobra and UH-1N Huey attack helicopters, AV-8B Harrier attack jets, and Army AH-64 Apache attack helicopters and Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II ground attack aircraft.

Eight enemy fighters were confirmed killed in the battle, with an unknown number wounded.

"Our junior NCOs (non-commissioned

The next day, Army Apache helicopters observed a group of approximately 20 anti-coalition militia fighters attempting to flee a village as the Marine convoy approached. The helicopters fired on the group as Marines on the ground closed in and engaged the enemy in a series of sharp firefights.

Once again, Marine, Army, and Air Force warplanes participated in the attack, and were joined by an Air Force B-1B Lancer bomber. Three Marines were lightly wounded by enemy fire as they pursued the ACM fighters up a valley's draw.

Two have returned to duty and the third was transported to Forward Operating Base Ripley where he was declared in stable condition with prognosis for a full recovery.

Seventeen ACM fighters were killed in this second day of fighting, and four individuals were detained near the fighting.

These firefights were the heaviest since the 22nd MEU's arrival in Afghanistan in late March. Since then, the MEU has supported U.N. voter registration efforts in the country and pursued an aggressive campaign of combat and civil military operations.

Right: A Marine from the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) knocks down a blocked door to search for weapons and anti-coalition militia near where ACM forces engaged the Marines in central Afghanistan.

Left: Sgt. Ryan West, of Lafayette, Ind., a squad leader with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), screams for his Marines to take cover as sniper fire impacts around them during a fight with anti-coalition militia.



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Mega Lottery International.

### **Advance fee scam**

This scam, also known as the Nigerian 419 scam, has been around for a while. An individual or company receives a letter, fax or e-mail from an alleged official representing a foreign government or agency. An offer is made to transfer millions of dollars into your personal bank account. The money will be represented as coming for a variety of different sources: wills, contract fraud, purchase of real estate, conversion of currency, sale of crude oil. You are requested to provide blank company letterhead forms, banking account information and telephone/fax numbers. You may receive numerous documents with official looking stamps, seals and logos testifying to the authenticity of the proposal. Eventually you must provide up front or advance fees for various taxes, attorney fees, transaction fees or bribes. Sometimes, you are even encouraged to travel overseas to

complete the transaction (In June of 1995, an American was murdered in Lagos, Nigeria, while pursuing a 419 scam, and numerous other foreign nationals have been reported as missing). This scam has been around since the 1980s and is still being circulated. In fact, individuals on base at their usmc.mil e-mail addresses have even received it. Unfortunately, victims are still falling for it. The Financial Crimes Division of the U.S. Secret Service receives approximately 100 telephone calls from victims and potential victims and 300-500 pieces of related correspondence per day!

### **An ounce of prevention**

If you receive one of these e-mails or phone calls, do not respond at all. If you have already responded, cease all communication. Contact the Riverside branch office of the Secret Service immediately at 909-276-6781, file a complaint online at [www.econsumer.gov](http://www.econsumer.gov), which will enter your complaint into law enforcement databases maintained by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, and visit the Legal Assistance Office. Additionally, [www.fraudwatchinternational.com](http://www.fraudwatchinternational.com) maintains a list of current scams

being circulated. If you have already given money to these fraudsters for any variety of reasons, unfortunately, there is not much chance of recovery. Once the fraudsters have your cash, even if they are caught and prosecuted, your money is gone. Don't allow your Marines, employees or yourselves to become victim to consumer fraud scams. Doing your research before parting with your money is the best prevention.

### **RAIL from Page 1**

larger could cause potential danger, Hutzley said. Safety, he added, is a top priority for railhead operations. Service members rotating through MCLB are given pre-operation briefs on the do's and don'ts of railhead safety. The railhead at MCLB Barstow is a key player in West Coast operations, said Hutzley. Equipment, vehicles and weapons need continuous shipping to major installations such as Marine Corps Air Ground Training Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., National Training Center Fort Irwin, Calif., along with getting goods from the West to the East Coast and places in between, he said.

### **WEB from Page 1**

Bunn said the new site reflects a conscious effort to minimize confusion about plans for NSPS. "We decided to completely redesign the site," he said, "giving it a new look and feel, to ensure that it reflects the results of that strategic review, including leadership's commitment to openness and transparency in the NSPS process." But, as with any Web site, there is always room for improvement, he said. "So we encourage our Web site visitors to offer their comments and suggestions about how the new site can become even better."

### **SAFETY from Page 2**

don't speed or drive all day and night to make up lost time. While motor vehicle crashes are the leading killer of Marines among non-operational mishaps, recreational mishaps are no less deadly. Nine recreational fatalities have already occurred in fy04. Several serve as precursors of what we can expect during the 101 critical days of summer. A Marine died as a result of injuries when he was ejected from his all-terrain vehicle; he wasn't wearing a helmet. A

Marine drowned while swimming in Japan; despite water condition warnings of severe hazards, he chose to swim anyway. A Marine fell from a 3<sup>rd</sup> deck barracks railing after partying with friends. A Marine died from alcohol poisoning measured at .58 blood alcohol content. A Marine fell into a campfire after consuming alcohol. Another Marine drowned while swimming in a wash in Colorado; again, alcohol was involved. All these mishaps showed a lack of sound judgment.

All of these mishaps were preventable. Commanders will ensure that planned safety events reinforce the continued need for risk management during the summer months. All levels of leadership must intervene at the earliest signs of unnecessary risk taking. I challenge each of you to commit to a personal goal of zero mishaps each and every day this summer. It is time to break the chain of events that lead to these senseless and preventable tragic mishaps. Keep attacking, M. W. Hagee, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps.



**By Jim Gaines**

MCCS Publicity

### Father's Day is Sunday

Still time to shop for gifts for dad - check out these bargains: TIMEX assorted men's watches 20 percent off already low prices. Rio Flash Player, Fuse 128 MB, regularly \$149.99 now just \$99.99.

Sylvania 13" DVD/TV Combo, regularly \$149.99, now just \$129.99.

And there's more for dad at your MCX. Drop by and browse all the bargains and specials.

We also have great Father's Day T-Shirts on sale at only \$9.99.

Your Super Seven Store has gifts, cards and balloons just right for the occasion.

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

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

### Father's Day Brunch

Give dad a treat, take him to the Father's Day brunch at the Family Restaurant.

It's on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Menu includes: Baron of beef carved on line with au jus, baked and fried chicken, bacon, sausage, Mojo potatoes, cut corn, pancakes, french toast, omelets made to order, tossed green salad, fresh

cut fruit, red velvet cake, champagne for all fathers.

Adults \$10.95, children (5-11 years) \$6.95.

For more information please call 577-6428.

### Club activities

At the Oasis Club this week: Tonight is Happy Hour from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tomorrow is TGIFriday Family Night. Tuesday is Burn Your Own Steak Night, and Wednesday is Movie Night.

At the Enlisted Club this week: Monday is darts, pool and TV. Tuesday is Karaoke Night, Wednesday features Midweek Relaxation Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday is darts, pool and TV. Friday is TGIFriday Night. Saturday and Sunday are Bar and Grill Nights.

For more information please call 577-6418

### Movies on the patio

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

Wednesday's movie is "Kill Bill Vol. I."

The film is rated R, the length of the film is one hour, 51

minutes.

Movies begin at dusk. Movies will be shown inside the Enlisted Club in case of inclement weather.

For more information please call 577-6817.

### New Parent Support

Classes for new and expecting parents from the New Parent Support Program.

When to call the doctor June 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. in FAP classroom, Building 129.

Save yourself a trip to the ER.

Join our one hour hot topic discussion of common childhood symptoms, which ones can be treated at home, which need to be discussed with the doctor, and how to tell the difference.

A drawing will be held for a door prize.

New Parents Basic Training July 6 from 9 a.m. to noon in FAP classroom, Building 129. This class is for parents expecting a child in July, August or September.

The class offers all the information of Fort Irwin Expectant Parent Classes except the hospital tour and anesthesia lecture.

After taking this class couples will automatically be signed up for the anesthesia/hospital tour at Fort

Irwin.

For details on these classes or other New Parent Support Program programs please call Robin Lindsay at 577-6332.

### Family Swimming Pool

The Family Swimming pool is open full time.

The Oasis Club Pool is closed until further notice.

The Family Swimming Pool is open to all active duty ranks, reserve forces, retired military personnel, DOD MCLB civilian employees, family members and guests when accompanied by the sponsor/employee.

All ID holders may bring one guest.

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

The Family Swimming Pool schedule is as follows:

Mondays - Closed.

Tuesdays through Fridays - Lap swimming 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesdays through Fridays - Recreational swimming 1 to 7 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays - Recreational swimming 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 577-6817.

2003 MUSTANG: Low mileage, fully loaded, \$12,500. Call 253-4268.

1994 NISSAN QUEST VAN: Preferably for parts only, needs new engine, runs off and on, you pick up, price negotiable. Call 252-2642.

1993 PONTIAC: Sunbird, Call 252-0613.

1985 BUICK: Century. Call 252-8034 or 252-0613.

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

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

1986 HONDA HATCHBACK: Quarter mile race car. (not street legal) tilt front end, roll bar, lugs changed, plexiglas windows, wired for 1.6 motor, needs motor and trans. \$2,000 or trade for motorcycle. Call 254-1913 or cell 760-285-4931.

MOTORCYCLE: 1987 Kawasaki, 900 Ninja, new tires, 43k miles, Super Tap exhaust, new cabin seat, \$1,500. Call Jeff Ozanne, 948-2186 or 254-2913.

MISCELLANEOUS: Entertainment Center, black wood with gold trim, \$75. Call 951-7281.

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: 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: Craftsman 22 inch gas lawn mower, electric starter, brand new battery, mower in xlt cond., \$100; Men's suits, 46 long, athletic cut, dark blue, dark green and brown, xlt cond. Call 2527198

MISCELLANEOUS: Pro Form Cross Walk Treadmill, 0-10 MPH, 2HP, 14" x 45 tread belt, xlt cond, \$125.00. Call 256-6629. Lv Msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Casio keyboard, portable, 14", \$40; couch sleeper, beige and light blue with Oak side arms (tear on wall side)

\$20; boys head board and footboard, twin size, Oak with platform, \$25; TV trays and cart, \$20; typewriter (Smith Corona) needs ball adjustment \$10; toy ghostbusters house, (3 story), \$8; BB gun and BB's with holder, \$15; nursing manuals, computer programs, pictured disease books, medical journals, drug book, various prices. Call 256-8696.

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

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

LOST AND FOUND: Found one black cellular phone and one black wristwatch. If you think one of these items may be yours, please call Cpl. Rogers at 760 590-3995, or stop by the Physical Security Office at Building # 236.