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NATO forces in Iraq, Afghanistan will free up American troops

By Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 2, 2004 – Sending NATO forces to Afghanistan and Iraq for specific areas of assistance will free American troops to focus on rebuilding those countries and defeating enemies of freedom, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said.

During a wide-ranging July 1 interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service, the secretary gave his views on sending NATO troops to Afghanistan for added security around scheduled fall elections and to Iraq to train and equip Iraqi security forces.

Rumsfeld explained that sending more NATO troops to Afghanistan will free American forces to focus on work being done throughout the country by provincial reconstruction teams and on what he called “the heavy lifting” – defeat-

ing Taliban and al Qaeda fighters, particularly along Afghanistan's border with Pakistan.

During recent NATO meetings in Istanbul, Turkey, Afghan President Hamid Karzai asked for NATO security assistance during his country's upcoming elections. Rumsfeld explained there is particular resistance to free elections in Afghanistan because women will be allowed to vote for the first time. Thirty-seven percent of Afghans who have registered to vote are women, Rumsfeld said.

All NATO nations except France voted to support Karzai's request by deploying NATO's new response force. Rumsfeld explained that NATO's supreme allied commander, U.S. Marine Gen. James Jones, is working to develop options for such a deployment.

“There are several options,” Rumsfeld said, “but ultimately, the

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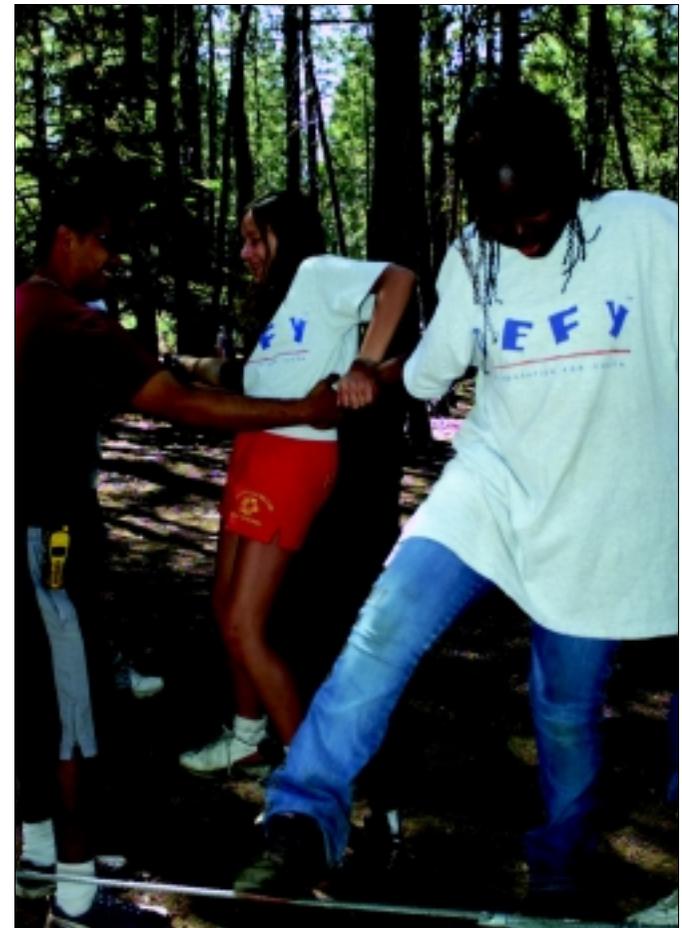


Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

Staff Sgt. Daniel Dorado assists Jennifer Cordero and Jasmine Duffy, students in this year's DEFY program as they balance themselves on a thin wire strung between two trees during a ropes course event. For more information on this year's DEFY camp program see Pages 6 and 7.

DON helps daily commute for employees

By Pfc. Nich R. Babb
Combat Correspondent

The drive to work each morning can be very stressful and repetitive. The gas tank might need to be filled, there is a driver on the road who is reading what Governor Schwarzenegger is doing for the state, your stereo is malfunctioning, and you have not had breakfast yet.

According to Reference A, Executive Order 13150, which was signed by former President Bill Clinton on April 21, 2000, all federal agencies were ordered to start a “mass transit benefit program,” which went into affect on Oct. 1, 2000. The order established an alternative mode of transportation for qualified employees, designed to cut down on vehicle pollution and traffic delays.

The United States Navy's response to the order was to implement the Transportation

Incentive Program, which encourages all Navy and Marine Corps personnel to commute to and from work using public transportation or a vanpool, said Monica Moorman, management analyst for MCLB Barstow's Manpower Management and Assignments Division. The incentive for doing this takes the form of a voucher or financial aid for the participant, Moorman said.

Right now there are three vanpools that are made up of people who work here, said Moorman. She is also responsible for making sure that all of the individuals who take part in the vanpooling receive a voucher that they can use toward paying for van rental, gasoline and other expenses.

There are two effective ways to participate in a vanpool, said Moorman. A person could get their own group of people together to ride in the same van,

or an individual can put their name on a waiting list and when an opening in a van becomes available they can choose to take the seat or not.

“If you have to travel more than 20 miles, it (vanpooling) will be advantageous,” Moorman said.

Tim Hutzley, the transportation supervisor for the Railroad and Heavy Equipment Division at Yermo, is a van driver. He drives a van with eight riders who qualify for the voucher and help pay for the van. The number of people who take part in the vanpool directly correlates to the amount of money an individual has to pay each month, Hutzley said.

Hutzley has been working here for 20 years, but has only been able to vanpool for two months, he said. Everyday he has driven over 100 miles round-trip, he said. With TIP he

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May 2004 safety summary released

Headquarters Marine Corps ALMAR 036/04

During May, four Marines died in operational accidents and nine Marines died in non-operational accidents. There were no reported aviation accidents.

Operational

A lance corporal died in a HMMWV accident. He was riding in the right rear passenger position during rehearsals for live fire exercises when the driver lost control. The lance corporal was ejected from the vehicle, and the vehicle rolled over trapping him under the HMMWV.

A private first class completed a physical fitness test and had trouble breathing. He was treated at the

battalion aid station, lost consciousness, and was transported to the emergency room where he died the next day from cardiac arrest.

A private first class was found lying unconscious outside his billeting tent beside an open electrical junction box in Al Asad.

He was taken to the surgical company where he was pronounced dead.

A corporal riding as a passenger was killed when the logistics vehicle system he was in was involved in a vehicle crash.

Non-Operational

Two lance corporals were killed in a single vehicle accident where the vehicle left the road and struck a tree during wet conditions.

A private first class was pronounced dead at the scene when the vehicle in which several Marines were riding collided with another vehicle and rolled several times.

A lance corporal, riding as a passenger, died of severe head trauma sustained in a private motor vehicle accident that occurred on April 24; he was taken off life support on May 3.

A corporal was killed in a motorcycle accident. No alcohol was involved.

The accident is currently under investigation.

A sergeant, riding as a passenger, was killed in a private motor vehicle accident that is currently under investigation.

A lance corporal was struck by a van in traffic on Okinawa after exiting a taxi and attempting to cross the

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Leaders should be servants

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



Have you ever said to yourself, "I could be a better leader than this person?"

Have you thought about what makes a person a good or a poor leader?

Sometimes we think that we would

be a good leader without ever really knowing what it takes to accomplish goals.

You can probably recall all of the old sayings that supervisors say about subordinates.

"They don't have to like me, they just have to get the job done."

"This is not a popularity contest, this is a job."

These two sayings, and many others like them reflect an attitude that not only does not make people want to work for you, it also seems to act to relieve the supervisor of any responsibility of being humane to their subordinates.

One could almost say that it opens the

opportunity for the supervisor to be "mean." If you have ever worked for a supervisor like this you will know what I mean.

These kinds of supervisors actually believe that the end result of getting the job done makes whatever action they take to accomplish that all right.

In other words for them, "the end justifies the means."

The fact is that people who believe that this is the way to lead others are grossly mistaken.

That is more like "driving" people than leading.

The people who "drive" their employees are people who seem to have forgotten what it is like to be on the receiving end of this treatment.

I am certain by this point you all know where I am going with this idea. In case you don't let me make it clear.

There is a passage in the book of Saint Matthew (20:17-18) that discusses good leadership.

It is a familiar passage that says in order to be a good leader we must be servants of those we lead.

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Pfc. Nich R. Babb

Jennifer Kinsey, the procurement technician for MCLB Barstow, holds her Program of the Year Award, which was presented to her by the Marine Corps for her coordination and running of MCLB Barstow's Purchase Card Program. According to MARADMIN 628/00 the program is a way for Marines, sailors and civilian Marines to manage their finances with online banking, reporting and automated billing.

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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Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe 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 pork roast.

Friday – Grilled mahi-mahi.

Monday – Chicken fried steak.

Tuesday – Chicken stir-fry.

Wednesday – Stuffed pork chops.

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.

Lanzer's Lounge Menu

Weekly specials available at Lanzer's Lounge. Menus subject to change. Today and Friday: Chicken breast sandwich. Next Week: Catfish sandwich.

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 – BBQ Ribs Night! Barbecue pork ribs, baked beans, corn on the cob, cole slaw, tossed green salad, dessert and fountain drink of your choice. Family Night dinners are served at the Family Restaurant every Thursday from 5 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.

Celebrity Basketball Game

A free to military personnel NBA Celebrity Basketball Game is slated for Saturday at Edwards Air Force Base, hangar number 1600.

The game starts at 2 p.m. Watch the stars play -- Bill Belamy (Fast Lane, How to be a Player), Ice Cube (Friday, Barbershop), Karl Malone (LA Lakers) and Brian McKnight

(R&B star) to name a few.

For more information, contact Sgt. Alex Arrieta, Single Marine Program vice president, at 577-6114/6494, or Melissa L. Ackman, commercial sponsorship coordinator, Edwards AFB, at (661)277-3802.

Leave Sharing Program

Lance W. Kemock, Installation and Logistics Department, and Nancy J. Derryberry, Administration and Support Department, have been affected by medical emergencies and are in need of leave donations.

Anyone desiring to donate leave may do so under the Leave Sharing Program by filling out a leave donor application, available from department/section heads.

For more information, contact Donna Wilder at 577-6638, or Johnnie Curtis at 577-6734.

Michael Anderson, Badge #3443, Maintenance Center has been affected by medical emergencies and is in need of leave donations.

Anyone desiring to donate leave may do so under the Leave Sharing Program by filling out a leave donor application, available from department/section heads.

For more information, contact Pat Snyder at 577-7138.

Swim Lessons

MCCS is offering swim lessons for children at the Family Pool.

Sign ups will be taken at the Family Pool.

Lessons consist of 10 half-hour classes Mondays through Fridays.

Children ages 6 to 36 months can be enrolled in the Aquababy program, held July 12 - 23.

A Tiny Tots program, for children ages 3 to 5 years will be held August 2 - 13.

Classes are also available for beginners, advanced beginners and intermediate swimmers.

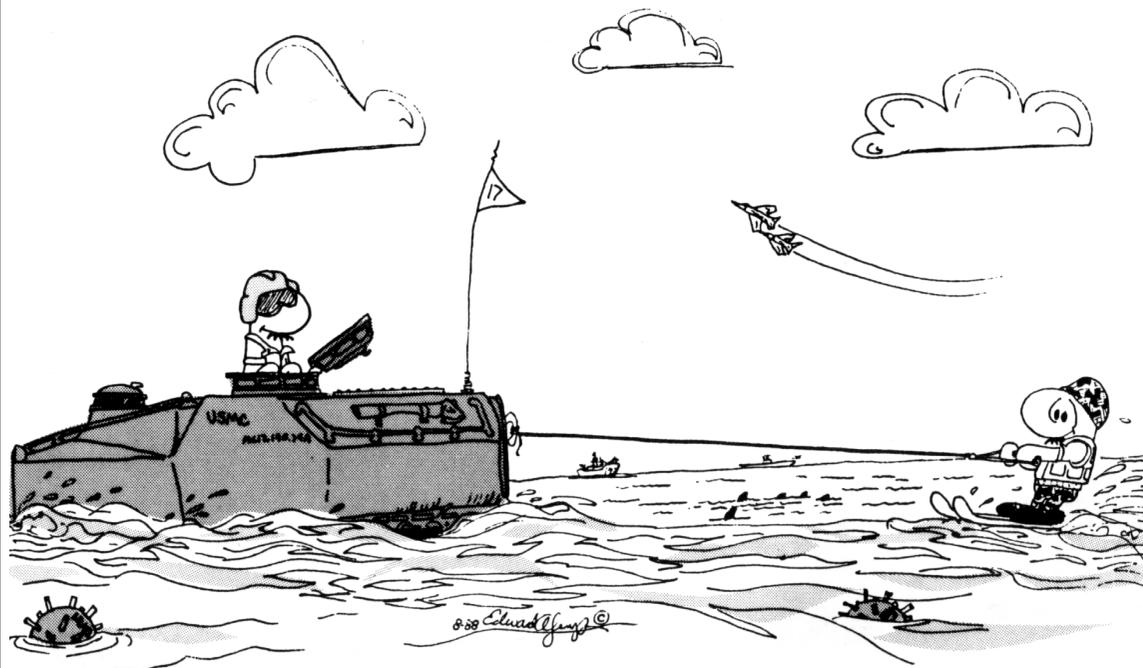
The cost is \$20 per child. Family prices are also available: two children for \$35, three for \$55, four for \$70 or five for \$90.

Payment for classes must be made no later than Friday for the first session and July 30 for the second session.

For more information, call 577-6817/6971.

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to go water skiing.

Ramp Closure

The California Department of Transportation closed the northbound on-ramp at Dale Evans Parkway on Interstate 15 for 30 days on July 1.

The closure is necessary to continue construction for the mainline freeway-widening project, which is scheduled to be completed winter 2005.

The northbound on-ramp at Bell Mountain/Stoddard Wells Road has been reopened to accommodate detour traffic for this closure.

For more information, call Terri Kasinga at (909) 383-4631.

New Parent Support

Classes for new and expecting parents from the New Parent Support Program will be holding New Parent Basic Training for parents expecting a child in July, August or September. Classes are from 9 a.m. to

12 p.m. in the Family Assistance Program classroom in Building 129.

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

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

Playmornings

Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. playmornings will be held in its new location at the base library.

For more information, call Robin Lindsay at 577-6332.

YAC Open Recreation

Open recreation is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays for all children.

The Youth Activity Center is also open to all ages from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Open recreation dues are \$5

per month for one child and \$3 for each additional child in the family.

Special field trips and activities will be scheduled for teens ages 13 through 18 during the summer.

For more information, call 577-6287.

Super Star Student Program

Students in grades 6 through 12 with a grade point average of "B" or better are invited to the Marine Corps Exchange for a chance to win prizes, gift certificates and savings bonds.

Students must be an eligible patron of MCX, whose parents or guardians either live or work on MCLB Barstow.

Call 256-8974 for more information.

GOT NEWS?

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

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW4742-04-192905-DE	Utility Systems Operator	07-01-04	07-14-04	07-06-04	MCLB Barstow
	WG-4742-09				

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit resumes online at the following Web sites: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information concerning job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357/6279/6481.

This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

Sergeants Course: Do you have what it takes?

Marine Corps school emphasizes leadership and combat proficiency for NCOs



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Keith Milks

Sgt. Ryan West, of Lafayette, Indiana, a squad leader with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit(SOC) screams for his Marines to take cover as sniper fire impacts around them during a fight with anti-coalition militia in central Afghanistan. During two days of heavy fighting, three Marines were lightly wounded and at least 25 ACM fighters killed. Combat proficiency and leadership were just two topics covered during Sergeant's Course.

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello
Combat Correspondent

The purpose of the Marine Corps Sergeants Course is to enhance a sergeant's leadership and professional knowledge in preparation for assuming duties of greater responsibility and for making a greater contribution to the Corps.

While attending the Sergeants course, located at several bases around the Marine Corps, Marines learn how to be the leaders that the Marine Corps is known for, said Sgt. Alejandro Arrieta, an ammunition technician at MCLB Barstow who recently attended the course. The Marine Corps Sergeants Course is an eight-week course that enhances a Marine's skills and knowledge in basic leadership and places an emphasis on combat skills.

There is a pre-screening process to ensure that all Marines scheduled to participate in the course are qualified. Some of the requirements are passing a physical fitness test, having proper uniforms,

and having completed specific professional military educational courses.

After arriving at the Sergeants Course, the Marines are immediately introduced to a full day schedule, similar to boot camp, said Arrieta.

"There is a lot to learn in eight weeks so we were always very busy."

The days, and sometimes nights, were filled with many different activities geared at making the Marines better leaders, said Arrieta. The training syllabus for the Sergeants Course is designed to enhance leadership skills when dealing with subordinates, as well as peers.

It also gives the Marines, with a military occupational specialty other than infantry, an opportunity to test their performance in a field environment, he said.

Some of the "self-improvement" classes the sergeants course include are practicing sword manual and close-order drill, holding inspections, practicing professional reading,

writing essays and reviewing Marine Corps policies.

The leadership oriented activities included inspections and counseling subordinates, reviewing request mast and non-judicial punishment and learning how to give proficiency and conduct marks. But the most emphasis in the Sergeants Course syllabus is put on combat preparation. Many of these activities were based on learning about terrorism, learning how to call for a medical evacuation, practicing squad offensive and defensive combat tactics, land navigation, and learning and using night vision equipment.

"The course was a precursor for the staff noncommissioned officer ranks," said Arrieta. "In boot camp recruits are taught the basics of being a Marine, and at sergeants course Marines are taught the basics on how to be good leaders," he said.

"It is a very important course to go through, especially considering the conflicts the military is involved in at the present time, said Arrieta.

READY, FRONT

June Promotions

The following Marines were promoted to their listed ranks June 1:

Lance Cpl. Joseph A. Alvarez
Provost Marshal's Office

Lance Cpl. Christopher A. Clark
Provost Marshal's Office

Lance Cpl. Zipporah Hull
Provost Marshal's Office

Lance Cpl. Craig Smith
Supply

Sgt. Johnathan Henderson
Provost Marshal's Office

Sgt. Christopher Janton
Communications Division

July Promotions

The following Marines were

promoted to their listed ranks July 1:

Sgt. Angel Avila
Finance Office

Cpl. Joshua J. Pascua
Finance Office

Cpl. Davey G. Roberts
Provost Marshal's Office

Lance Cpl. Lauren L. Johnson
Finance Office

Certificate of Good Conduct

The following Marines received Good Conduct Medals July 1:

Sgt. Jason M. Dorman
Provost Marshal's Office

Cpl. Nicole Cleveringa
Fleet Support Division

Cpl. Francisco Mercado
Provost Marshal's Office

Lance Cpl. Leonard A. Dockter
Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals

The following Marines received Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals July 1:

Staff Sgt. Laura L. Sikes
Communications Division

Sgt. Carlos Barrientos
Military Personnel Division (Second Award)

Cpl. Andy J. Hurt
Public Affairs Office

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Master Sgt. John A. Cordero
Public Affairs Office



Photo by Pfc. Nich R. Babb

Lance Cpl. Stephen Lunny, a motor vehicle mechanic for MCLB Barstow's Fleet Support Division, dodges a ground ball on his way to third base in a softball game during Headquarters Battalion's physical training on Friday. The game, hosted by the acting HqBn commander Capt. James A. Boerigter, was held at Sorensen Field. There was also a barbecue for the troops, which was prepared by Headquarters Battalion first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Donald R. George.

Drug Education for Youth holds summer camp

By Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden
 Combat Correspondent

“Come on. Everyone does it; stop being such a baby.”

Children oftentimes face peer pressure when confronted with the decision to take drugs or not. Through the Drug Education for Youth resident camping and mentoring program, held this year in Big Bear, Calif. June 14-18, children ages 9 through 12 learned about the effects of using drugs and how to say no.

The two-phase DEFY program, held this year at Pine Summit in Big Bear, implemented its first phase as a five-day residential camp. This phase is followed by a year of mentoring, where campers and mentors meet monthly for fun activities and continued drug education.

This year, 23 children and 10 mentors from MCLB Barstow attended the residential camp.

The camp was held in Big Bear to get the children out of Barstow, said Staff Sgt. Lafawn Skipper, camp coordinator for this year’s resident DEFY program and MCLB Barstow chaplain’s assistant.

The goal of this year’s DEFY program was to set an early example of positive reinforcement for saying no to drugs. “These (children) need to keep away from drugs and keep their friends off drugs,” said Skipper.

Gunnery Sgt. Tad Snidecor, camp director for this year’s resident DEFY

program and supply officer of Headquarters Battalion MCLB Barstow, said drug resistance was stressed.

The DEFY program is based on a self-esteem building curriculum which provides children with the tools to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol. While attending the camp students received classes in such areas as the history of the national ensign and how to create a board of advisors who can help them in a compromising situation. The basics of fitness and nutrition, goal setting, drugs and how to resist them and classes on how to resist peer pressure were also areas that were focused on.

“The purpose of class was to teach kids drug awareness, physical fitness, teamwork and to build self-confidence,” said Skipper.

The days at camp weren’t just filled with long hours in the classroom, though. Team building skills and trust in others were enhanced through recreational activities held at the camp.

Students had the chance to participate in the President’s Challenge, the Physical Activity and Fitness Awards Program of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, aimed at assessing the current fitness level of youths ages 6 to 17. The program consists of testing children in five different areas. These areas include: crunches, a one-mile endurance run, the v-sit, the sit and reach and right angle push-ups. To stress the importance of physical fitness, students participated in a nature walk, games of

human foosball, basketball and swimming.

Team building skills and trust were taught through a rope course set up at the camp. The different events, constructed to show the importance of teamwork and trusting the people around them, were presented to the students. The rope course included students standing on a log and switching places without touching the ground, swinging from one point to another and trying to get a whole team on a platform, staging a team from one tree to another on a thin piece of wire, and traversing from one end of an unstable log to another. This was the culmination of the activities at camp before returning the Barstow campers back to their parents.

“Each (child) made a drastic improvement,” said Skipper. “Whether it was changing from not wanting to participate to becoming more involved. Just seeing them get along as a team was a drastic improvement,” she said.

“(Children), parents and mentors teamed together to learn the simple fact that the use of illegal drugs is wrong,” said Snidecor.

The DEFY program is scheduled to move into its second phase Aug. 21 with a “Collect Can Cookout.” Students and mentors can bring non-perishable food items, which can be exchanged for a lunch of a hotdog, chips and soda. The items collected will be donated to a local shelter. Children wishing to join the program, or for more information, can contact Skipper at 577-6849.



1st Lt. Aniela Szymanski, deputy staff judge students on a nature walk. The walk help st which was one of the lessons taught during o



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

DEFY students participate in a team building class, in which they were tasked to identify things that make them special as well as things the team members have in common. Pictured from left to right: Julie Cordero, Jennifer Cordero, Sarah Rehn, Taylor Rehn, Ashley Benally and Cassandra Griffin.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

Sgt. Daniel Peters, an inside plant chief for MCLB Barstow’s Communications Division, helps Julie Cordero and Taylor Rehn across an event in the ropes course, designed to build confidence and teamwork. Students balance on a thin wire attached to two trees as they try to get their team from one tree to the other.





Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

The advocate of MCLB Barstow, leads DEFY classes to stress the importance of fitness and nutrition, and physical education classes at camp.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

Reanna Lawson, a student in this year's DEFY program, takes a breath after plunging into the water from one of the slides at the camp pool. Water basketball and kickboard competitions between the girls and boys were also held to show the students that swimming can also be a way to exercise.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

Above: Gunner Sgt. Tad Snidecor, the camp director for this year's resident DEFY program and supply officer for HqBn MCLB Barstow, listens as students share their encounters with drugs and alcohol or the people that use them. In class, students learned that it is okay to say no to drugs and how to help others resist them.

Left: DEFY students compete in a game of human foosball during one of the scheduled recreational hours. The game involved students holding hands and moving along lines painted on the ground while trying to score against teams of people facing against them.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

NATO from Page 1

NATO countries will in fact provide assistance for the elections in Afghanistan.”

He said he envisioned such assistance as a short-term surge in forces. “It is specifically designed to create a more secure environment during a period when the parliamentary and presidential elections would be taking place,” he said. NATO forces will be deployed to Iraq with a different mandate: to train and equip the various Iraqi security forces. Security forces in Iraq include police, border patrol, army, national guard and site-protection forces. NATO countries unanimously agreed to “organize a central capability to assist the Iraqis in training and equipping their security forces,” Rumsfeld said.

“That was good progress,” he noted. “We’ll have NATO assisting, ... and it will not be left just to us or just to the Iraqis or just to the other coalition countries that are already assisting.”

VANPOOL from Page 1

spends about \$30 a month, which is saving him a lot of money on fuel and vehicle maintenance, he said.

When choosing a van, Hutzley was given two primary vendors to rent from. He chose a van that had bucket seats for all of the passengers, because quality was his main concern, he said. If the TIP is not enough, the state of California has other programs that can give money to commuters who use alternate means of transportation.

According to the San Bernardino Associated Governments, San Bernar-

dino County has the Rideshare Program for citizens to use. This program gives vanpools that registered before April 30 this year \$2,400 worth of credit to use toward their vanpool over a one-year period of time, said Moorman. People who signed up after the 30th still receive credit, but only for \$1,800 over a nine-month period, according to SANBAG.

The Department of the Navy started the TIP so that all employees could utilize it, said Moorman. Hutzley is pleased that he now has a way to save money on the commute to and from work, he said.

If you have any questions about receiving a voucher or renting a van, you may speak to Monica Moorman at 577-6559, and if you have any questions about the benefits of vanpooling, Tim Hutzley at 577-7013 has agreed to try to answer them.

SAFETY from Page 2

street. The report indicated alcohol involvement by the driver of the van. A corporal, riding as a passenger, was killed in a single vehicle accident in Maryland.

Alcohol involvement was indicated.

A private was the driver of a vehicle with three other Marines as passengers. He lost control of the vehicle, rolled it, and later died from major head trauma and internal bleeding.

Observations/Trends

So far this fiscal year, 11 Marines and one civilian have died in operational mishaps and 39 Marines have died in off-duty and recreational mishaps.

The loss of any Marine is tragic but the loss of nine Marines in eight avoidable off-duty mishaps is horrendous and unacceptable.

In six of those mishaps, the opportunity for passenger intervention was ignored or not considered.

Marines must take responsibility for their own safety by making sure the driver is not speeding, not under the influence of alcohol, or not falling asleep, and that all occupants are wearing a seat belt.

We must curb these losses now. All Marines must follow our credo of “taking care of our own.”

The safety theme for the fourth quarter FY ‘04 is “excellence in safety is essential to excellence in warfighting.”

Marines who are ready to answer our nation’s call achieve excellence in warfighting. Marines achieve excellence in safety by being fit and able to perform assigned missions or tasks while personally managing their risk.

Marines, have the fortitude and persistence to speak up when observing unsafe acts or behaviors.

Be on the look out for ways to help your command and the Corps keep our Marines alive and poised for duty.

If you see a Marine acting in an unsafe manner, help that Marine, preferably directly or, as a last resort, through his or her leadership.

As professionals, I am counting on you to help me keep Marines safe.

Semper Fidelis, M. W. Hagee, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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This is one of those verses that always give people fits because they do not think that leaders or people in positions of authority should be servants.

However, the idea is that if we are “serving” those who work for us we will be looking out for their best interests as they regard safety, working hours, health, and a number of other things.

Put another way, it means that we try to provide for them the things that we value and find important in our own lives.

It really isn’t too difficult to figure what people need and the fact is that if people know you care about them and are going to do your best to meet those needs the work will get done and people will believe you to be a good leader all at the same time.

You will become one of those people you talk about in private conversations where you say, “I would work for that person again anytime, anywhere.”

I believe that is the kind of leader that most people want and that most people want to be.

The real question is can you be that kind of servant?

Peace,

Fr Randel



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Mid-Summer Evening Specials

Enjoy the Mid-Summer Evening Specials every Monday and Tuesday at the Super Seven Store. These Evening Specials will run throughout July from 6 to 9 p.m. Save 10 to 25 percent off on sale items - look for the "Happy Face" balloons marking the sale items. For more information, call 256-8974.

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

Club activities

At the Oasis Club this week:

Tonight is Happy Hour from 3:30 to 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 is Midweek Relaxation Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday is darts, pool and TV. Friday is TGIFriday Night. Saturdays and Sundays are Bar and Grill Nights. For more information, call 577-6418

Free Movies in the park

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

Wednesday's movie is "The Bourne Identity." The film is rated PG13. The length of the film is one

hour, 58 minutes. Movies begin at dusk. Movies will be shown inside the Enlisted Club in case of inclement weather.

For more information, call 577-6817.

Save time, save money

Save money and time with do-it-yourself auto work. Jason is back at the Auto Hobby Shop with his knowledge and experience to assist and advise you in whatever you undertake - oil changes, tire rotation and major repair.

All the tools and equipment you'll need are there. All you need to do is get there. The Auto Hobby Shop is open Wednesdays through Fridays, 1 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Give Jason a call at 577-6441.

Clearance Sale

The Wood-Rock Hobby Shop is having a Clearance Sale! Everything is 50 percent off! Great buys from the Wood Hobby Shop: Stains, varnishes, antiquing kits, steel casters, hinges and much more.

From the Rock Hobby Shop: clocks, clock motors, buckles, pendants, bolo slides, horse pins and much more. Drop by and look over these great bargains from both shops. Call 577-6692 for more information.

Military Personnel Specials

Free Admission

Under Operation Homecoming, any U.S. or coalition service member who can provide a valid Department of Defense ID and proof of overseas service for any period between May 26, 2003 and Nov. 11, 2003 are entitled to a single-day free admission to one of the six participating Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks (Sea World, Busch Gardens, Discovery Cove, Adventure Island, Water Country USA and Sesame Place), for themselves and as many as four direct dependents.

The offer is valid for one day and one park only. Qualified military personnel can register online, print the form and bring it on the date of their visit to expedite the admission process.

Registration forms can be found at www.seaworld.com, www.seesameplace.com and www.buschgardens.com

Free Ride

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway would like to thank the Armed Forces. Military personnel, whether active or retired, are invited to ride the World's Largest Rotating Tramcar for free during July by showing their Military ID. Their guests (up to 6 persons) receive a 25 percent discount off regular Tram admission tickets.

Information Tickets & Tours

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Tickets available after hours and weekends at the Bowling Center. For more information, call 577-6541