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for accepting the challenge

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## On The Cover:

**Photo by: Lance Cpl. Dominic Smarra**

The Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow community celebrated Independence Day by staying cool July 4, during the All-American Barbecue held at the Oasis Pool.

Marines, Civilian Marines, local retirees and their families enjoyed a sunny day by the pool engaged in a variety of aquatic activities during the MCCS sponsored event.

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Master Sgt. Frank Omarah, assistant inspector general, and Gunnery Sgt. Yrineo Reynoso, administrative chief, present Staff Sgt. Ruben Garcia, S-3, with a guidon at his going away, July 10. The guidon from the staff noncommissioned officers was a way to ensure that Garcia never forgets Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. Staff Sgt. Garcia is moving to Camp Pendleton's 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division to assume the billet of an Infantry Unit Leader.

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**Leave Share Program**

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of your leave donations. Arvon Allen, Valerie Ashbrook, Patricia Benavidez, Lester Bonner, Marilyn Cochran, Helen Duty, Hayde Jones, and Sandra Perez.

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Sharing Program may do so by obtaining a leave donor application form from the Human Resources Office. Ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well. For more information, please contact Michelle Eichler at 760-577-6915.

**Today in  
U.S.M.C. history**

**July 12, 1798:** Major William W. Burrows was appointed the 2nd Commandant of the Marine Corps by President John Adams.

**Summer Reading Program**

Make sure to update your reading logs regularly to qualify for prizes. Have you guessed the number of candies in the jar this week? Stop by and get your entry in today. Also, note that all Summer Reading Program events begin at 2 p.m. not 5 p.m. as previously scheduled. For more information, call Library Services at 577-6395.

**Library Services Change in Hours of Operation**

Due to our current personnel shortage, Library Services must make the following change in our operating hours, which is effective immediately. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have questions or need assistance, call 577-6395. The Library will now be open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Oasis Pool Now Open**

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**Oasis Pool Movie Night**

Join us for movie night at the Oasis Pool on Thursday, July 19 at 8 p.m. Movie will start promptly at 8:15 p.m. Our movie will be "Sammy's Adventures!" Bring your raft or just hang out in the pool. No glass containers or alcohol permitted. For groups larger than 10, contact recreation at 577-6971/6543.

**Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament Series**

Join us at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center for the next tournament series game July 17. Registration, appetizers and finger foods will begin at 5:30 p.m. and game play begins at 6. there is an initial \$25 buy-in per person which includes \$2500 in chips but if registered and paid by Friday, July 15 you will receive an early bird bonus of \$500 in extra chips.

Sign up locations are the Sugar Loaf Hill Bar, the Family Restaurant, and the Oasis Temporary Lodging Facility. There must be a minimum of seven players to host the game or we will be forced to cancel. Prizes will be awarded depending on participation. This event is open to all MCLB patrons 18 years or older. For more information, call 577-6269.

**Personal & Professional Development – Personal Financial Management Program**

Do you have a financial story you would be willing to share? Personal Financial Management is looking for anyone who has a personal financial victory that they would be willing to share. If you would like to share your story on how you have benefited from this program, send an e-mail to Lynda Schmidt at [Lynda.schmidt@usmc.mil](mailto:Lynda.schmidt@usmc.mil), thank you for your support.

**Desert Lanes Bowling Center Hours Change**

Effective June 27 the Desert Lanes Bowling Center is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday – Friday and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Contact Recreation with any questions at 577-6971/6543.

**STAY IN THE LOOP!**

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# Rising temperatures lead to higher risk outdoors

By Lance Cpl. Dominic A. Smarra  
Combat Correspondent

During the spring and summer months, residents of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow should be aware of the heat flag warning system posted at the front gate and at the Headquarters Building to determine the amount of risk that being outdoors may cause.

Marines and civilian aboard base should be careful during the coming months, because there are many dangers associated with the spring and summer heat.

According to the Journal of Biological Chemistry, the human body uses perspiration to regulate its core temperature. The process draws heat from inside, allowing it to be carried off by radiation, or convection. Evaporation of the sweat further cooling, since the process draws even more heat from the body. When the body becomes sufficiently dehydrated to prevent production of sweat, that particular avenue of heat reduction is closed.

When the body is no longer capable of sweating, core temperature begins to rise swiftly.

As temperature rises within the body, victims may become confused and hostile, often experience headaches, and may exhibit behavior similar to being intoxicated. Blood pressure may drop significantly from dehydration, leading to possible fainting or dizziness, especially if the victim stands suddenly. Heart rate and respiration rate will increase as blood pressure drops and the heart attempts to supply enough oxygen to the body. The skin will typically become red, as blood vessels dilate in an attempt to increase heat dissipation. The decrease

in blood pressure will then cause blood vessels to contract, as heat stroke progresses, resulting in a pale or bluish skin color. Complains of feeling hot may be followed by chills and trembling as is the case with a fever. Some victims especially young children, may suffer convulsions. Acute dehydration, such as that accompanying heat stroke, can produce nausea and vomiting; temporary blindness may also be observed. Eventually, as body organs begin to fail, unconsciousness and coma will result.

In such an event, body temperature must be lowered immediately. Move the patient to a cool area and clothing should be removed to promote heat loss. The person may also be immersed in cool water or a hyperthermia, or heat stroke, vest can be applied. Avoid wrapping the patient in wet towels or clothes, as it can actually act as insulation and increase the body temperature. Cold compresses to the torso, head, neck, and groin will help cool the victim. Fans may be used to aid in evaporation of the water. If any of these signs or symptoms should present themselves, always remember that heat stroke is a medical emergency requiring hospitalization, and the local emergency services should always be notified as soon as possible.

Drink two to four eight-ounce glasses of a cool, non-alcoholic beverage an hour to stay hydrated. Replace salt and minerals by drinking sports drinks. Consult a physician for those on a low salt diet, however. Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen, schedule outdoor activities carefully, pace yourself, and stay cool indoors when possible.

Below are the Heat Flag Conditions Instruction list and what each flag color represents. All employees and supervisors are asked to review the Heat Injury Prevention Program, Base Order 6200.7A which can be found on the MCLB Barstow SharePoint. Ensure that a risk assessment is conducted for all hot weather related operations and training activities. For more information contact the Base Safety Office at 760-577-6002 or the Occupational Health Clinic at 760-577-6491.

## WBGTI and Heat Condition Flag Warning System



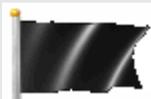
**Green Flag (WBGTI of 80 to 84.9 degrees F):** Heavy exercises, for unacclimatized personnel, will be conducted with caution and under constant supervision.



**Yellow Flag (WBGTI of 85 to 87.9 degrees F):** Strenuous exercises or physical labor will be curtailed for unacclimatized, newly assigned Marine and Civilian Marines in their first 3 weeks. Avoid outdoor classes or work in the sun.



**Red Flag (WBGTI of 88 to 89 degrees F):** All PT or very strenuous work will be curtailed for those not thoroughly acclimatized by at least 12 weeks. Personnel thoroughly acclimatized may carry on limited activity not to exceed 6 hours per day.



**Black Flag (WBGTI of 90 and above degrees F):** All strenuous outdoor physical activity that is nonessential to mission accomplishment (including organized and unorganized PT) shall be halted.

# Barstow resident presented the Congressional Gold Medal

**Story and photos by  
Rob Jackson**

Public Affairs Officer

Story has it that he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on dare from his brother-in-law, who thought he couldn't do it. Now, 66 years later he is being recognized for taking up that challenge by receiving the highest civilian honor the government bestows.

During a small ceremony, held at the Sizzler in Barstow on Saturday, James Arthur Brewer was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for service as a Montford Point Marine. As a Montford Point Marine, Brewer, who enlisted in 1946, be-

came one of the Corps' first 20,000 African American recruits.

Making the presentation was Colonel Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow.

"This is my first official act as the new commanding officer of the base, because I literally took over about three days ago, and it is an honor for me to make this presentation to Master Gunnery Sergeant Brewer," he said. "It is also a pleasure to be part of history, knowing that you will be hearing more about the Montford Point Marines as time goes by."

Sgt. Maj Derrick Christovale,

sergeant major of Marine Corps Installations West/Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, a third generation Marine, also said a few words honoring one of the Marines who paved the way for his success, saying "it is an honor for me to be here to pay homage to a Montford Point Marine. As an African American I am thankful and very appreciative that you and your fellow Montford Pointers paved the way for all African Americans serving the Corps today."

With that, Base Sergeant Major Richard Charron read the congressional resolution which granted the Montford Point Marines the



From left to right: William C. Ponder, USMC Ret., VFW Post 12039 commander; Sgt. Maj. Derrick Christovale, Marine Corps Installations West/Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton; retired Master Gunnery Sgt. James Brewer; Sgt. Maj. Richard Charron, MCLB Barstow base sergeant major; Colonel Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer, MCLB Barstow; Navy Lt Benjamin Warner, MCLB Barstow base chaplain, pose for a photo after the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Brewer honoring him for his service as a Montford Point Marine.



Photo submitted by Brewer Family

medal. The presentation also rehashed some of the most famous black Marines who persevered and served with honor. Some of those names included Sgt. Maj. Gilbert “Hashmark” Johnson, Edgar Huff to name a few.

While information and those names were being read, Brewer listened intently occasionally nodding as the memory of those names came back as well as the training he endured. Although his health is failing and eyesight not as good as it once was, at age 84 Brewer’s memories of Montford Point and his career in the Marine Corps are quite vivid.

In 1942, President Roosevelt established a presidential directive giving African Americans an opportunity to be recruited into the Marine Corps. These African Americans, from all states, were not sent to the traditional boot camps of Parris Island, S.C. and San Diego, Calif. Instead, African American Marines were segregated - experiencing basic training at Montford Point - a facility at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Approximately 20,000 African American Marines

received basic training at Montford Point between 1942 and 1949.

Brewer enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 18, in his hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, and trained at Montford Point. He said the training was harsh but that was all a part of becoming a Marine. When asked about the racial slurs and tension from his white counterparts, the soft-spoken Brewer said “I never thought much about, I just did what I had to do as a Marine.”

For the next 26 years he served the Marine Corps getting assignments at various Marine bases throughout the U.S. and abroad. He worked in supply during his entire career and did a stint in Vietnam, serving with Force Logistics Command in Denang from July 1970 to April 1971, but he never saw combat.

He was retired honorably from active duty in 1972; his last duty assignment being Material Company, Headquarters Battalion, what was then known as Marine Corps Supply Center, Barstow, Calif. Brewer went to work at the Marine base and worked for another 20 years retiring in 1994.

Before and even after the ceremony Brewer’s family and friends were excited about the award presentation. His four sons: Jonathan, Carlos, James Jr., and Cornielus, all said they were proud of their father’s accomplishments.

“My father is a great man and I am so excited

that he received this award,” James said. “The only person missing is our mom who would’ve cherished this moment forever.”

Brewer’s wife of more than 50 years, Pearl, died September 2011 of cancer.

When the ceremony was over, Brewer said he was humbled yet honored to receive the medal.

“It was totally unexpected to receive such a high honor, but I am grateful that I was able to serve the Corps for so many years,” he said. “I do want to thank all the people who took the time out of their busy Saturday to see the presentation of this award.”



Colonel Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, congratulates retired Master Gunnery Sgt. James Brewer after presenting him with the Congressional Gold Medal honoring him for his service as a Montford Point Marine.

# Marine Corps offers ways to avoid, eliminate debt

By Cpl. Thomas A. Bricker  
Combat Correspondent

A Marine may be able to keep his or her calm in a combat zone but on the home front there are still many looming threats, including financial security that can bring even the most iron-willed warriors into a stressed environment.

While many may never experience debt, sometimes it is unavoidable. With some precautions Marines and their families can remain debt free. For those living with it, utilizing several tools provided by Marine Corps Community Services can eliminate debt over time.

When purchases are made with borrowed finances, such as a credit card, debt is accrued and can sometimes add up to, what seems to be, unheard-of amounts.

“One of the biggest and easiest ways people can become indebted is not having any plan for their finances,” explained Lynda Schmidt, a personal financial management program specialist aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. “Making purchases on impulse without thinking about what your needs are can make things hard later on,” she added.

Avoiding debt can be done through many means. Marine Corps Community Services has specialists ready to offer advice and consultations for developing stable financial living.

“If Marines and their family members need any help in situating their finances, they can come to my office and I can help set them up with a financial plan,”

8 explained Schmidt. “We offer

several different ways to help people get their finances in order to help avoid debt or eliminate it,” she added.

There are ways to make major purchases, such as a car, without bringing debt into the situation.

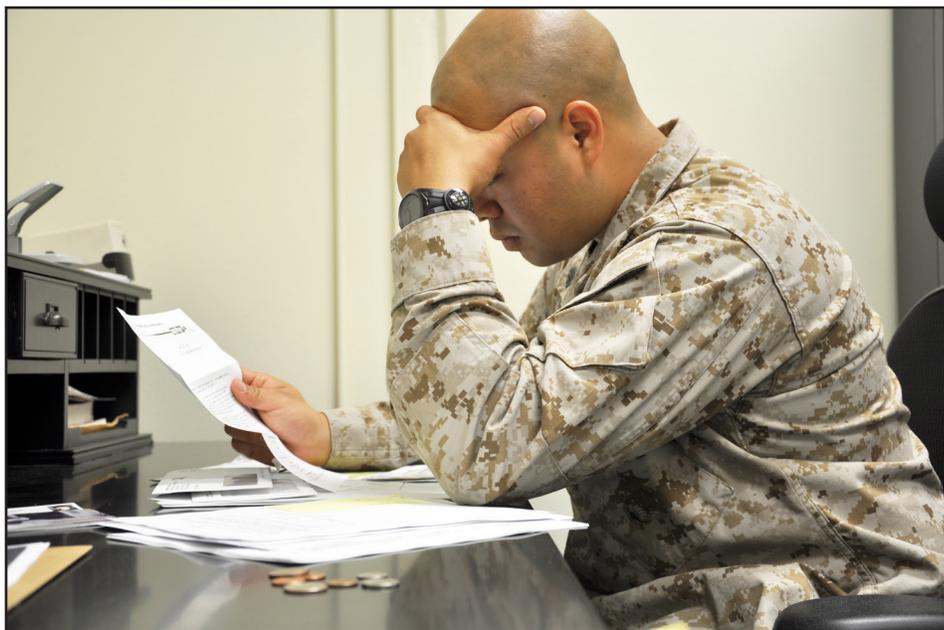
“Many people think buying a car means taking out a loan and paying on it over an extended period. This isn’t the only way to go about making a purchase,” Schmidt said. “You can do what I call ‘test driving car payments.’ Research what kind of vehicle you’re interested in and the car payments that would come along with it. Take a length of time and set away money equal to the amount of the car payments. When you’ve finished, you can purchase a vehicle in cash, something many people don’t even think is possible anymore,” she added.

A majority of the United States has been affected by debt at one point in their life. With the right mindset though, there is a way to become debt free.

“At one point, my family was in debt from credit cards,” explained Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keoni Kim, military personnel officer and Headquarters Battalion executive officer aboard MCLB Barstow. “Starting in 2009, we started to pay off our debt and this year, we were able to finish it off. I took a 13-week house study course and it taught me a lot about finances and budgeting. Now, my wife and I sit down every other week and plan a budget for the next two weeks. It keeps us from having to worry about debt and it helps keep the communication about finances open between us,” he explained.

MCCS offers meetings with interested Marines or their family members to help create plans for resolving debt. They also offer programs to set up budgets for those wishing to have a better understanding of their finances.

For more information on financial awareness or counseling, contact Lynda Schmidt at (760) 577-6533.



Official File Photo

# Graphics artist makes work easy with passion, a smile

By Cpl. Thomas A. Bricker  
Combat Correspondent

Many leave home to travel the world, hoping to find their passion and purpose in life.

Cheryle Magorno, a graphics specialist aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow did just that. At a young age, she trekked across the country and returned to where her heart resided with a job she's waited her whole life to get; one that she loves.

"We moved to Barstow in 1950, right after I was born [in Oklahoma] and I spent my entire life growing up in Barstow," Magorno explained. "It wasn't until after I graduated high school that I started moving places," she added.

Between 1969 and 1980, Magorno traveled and took up jobs in different cities but none had the appeal she had been searching for.

"I got a first glimpse of what I wanted to do while taking classes at a technical college that taught me desktop publishing. That's when I knew what I wanted to do for a living."

Magorno, now married, was about to embark on the next chapter of her life; one that would bring her a little closer to the job she'd always wanted.

"In 1995, my husband and I went to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to work for five years. He was with the human resources office while I worked as a marketing specialist with [Morale, Welfare, and Recreation] services," she explained. "It was so nice there; one of the best places I think I've ever been in my life," she added.

Though her travels of the west and overseas were life changing and adventurous, she returned home and fulfilled her passion.

"I came back to Barstow and was working here at the base for a while [with Marine Corps Community Services] as a marketing representative," she explained. "After a year, I left to



Cheryle Magorno, a graphics specialist aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow cuts a map of the base, July 11. Magorno grew up in Barstow, but spent much of her life traveling the West Coast and abroad before she returned to Barstow for her current position.

work at Fort Irwin for a bit but came back in 2002 for the job I have now."

Known as the "The Graphics Lady" or "Ms. Cheri" throughout the installation, Magorno has become a key part in the daily operations since she began working here. Her bubbly personality and the love she has for her job combined with the quality of work she produces has not gone unnoticed.

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-Cheryle Magorno

"I've only been here a few months and I've worked with Cheri numerous times already," said Sgt. Maj. Richard Charron, MCLB Barstow base sergeant major. "She's great to work with, has a great personality, and she just creates a good atmosphere around her; one that's good to work in."

The first impression of Magorno to the lasting one has never changed for those who have worked with her the longest.

"She knows her job and she does it well," explained Rob Jackson, the public affairs officer aboard MCLB Barstow and Magorno's supervisor. "She loves her work so much; sometimes we have to tell her to slow down," he added jokingly.

As the graphics specialist, the job involves designing signs, logos, event programs, and posters for the base. Her collateral duties include working with the Voluntary Protection Programs in designing and publishing a quarterly newsletter on base, and she's also the fire warden and works with the supervisor on the department's annual budget. In several years, Magorno would like to end this chapter of her life at MCLB Barstow, but it doesn't mean the end of her days as a graphics designer.

"I'd like to open up a web-based business to design logos and other works of art after I retire from Barstow," she explained. "Artistic ability runs in my family. It's not something I can just turn off," she said with a smile.

# DoDEA Educational Partnership Awards

## \$540,000 grant to Barstow Unified School District

ARLINGTON, VA –The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Educational Partnership awarded a \$540,000 grant to the Barstow Unified School District through the 2012 Fiscal Year Grant Program.

The School District serves students whose parents are stationed at Fort Irwin and at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

There are over a million school age children from military families, with the majority attending public schools throughout our nation. DoDEA is committed to supporting educational outcomes for ALL children of military families. As the largest geographically dispersed school system in the nation, serving approximately 86,000 students worldwide, DoDEA shares

was focused on programs that: 1) infuse Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) principles throughout the curriculum; 2) establish or expand foreign language learning; and/or 3) programs that include ongoing, systemic strategies for parent and family engagement.

For the FY12 grant program, competitive priority points were awarded if the school district had not previously received a DoDEA grant award, and if one or more of the eligible schools has a military student enrollment of 50 percent or more.

The grant will fund efforts to increase elementary students' proficiency in Mathematics and Technology. Barstow USD will implement the use of Common Core Standards aligned interdisciplinary STEM units focused in math and technology.



Children at the Youth Activity Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., pass the time away through several activities July 10. These children will benefit from a grant from the Department of Defense Education Activity Educational Partnership that will fund efforts to increase elementary students' proficiency in Mathematics and Technology.

its experience and resources with military-connected public school districts.

“Through outreach and partnerships DoDEA has the opportunity to support efforts to increase student success, provide professional development for teachers, implement practices that minimize the impact of transitions and deployment, and provide access to rigorous educational opportunities,” said Kathleen Facon, Chief of the DoDEA’s Educational Partnership Program.

Facon noted that DoDEA received many high-quality proposals for innovative programs and initiatives to support military connected students. This year’s grant competition

Tablets will be provided to create 1:1 computing opportunities for students and teachers and include significant professional development.

“This grant will allow military students in Barstow USD to be on the cutting edge of implementing technology in STEM areas, providing increased opportunities for students to be competitive in the global marketplace”, stated Teresa Healy, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services.

DoDEA awarded more than \$35 million in grants this year. The grants were awarded to 26 military-connected public school districts to strengthen family-school-community relationships and enhance student achievement for military connected students.

To be eligible for participation in the grant, the district must have an active military-connected student population of 5 percent or more, with a population of

15 percent or more military-connected students at the school level. Although funding levels are related to military student enrollment, the proposed programs will serve all students at the target schools.

DoDEA consists of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools located overseas, and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools located in the U.S. and its territories and possessions. DoDEA provides education to eligible DoD military and civilian dependents from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. DoDEA also provides support and resources to Local Education Activities throughout the U.S. that serve children of military families.

# Chaplain's Corner

## Surprising place to find food

By Lt. Benjamin Warner  
Base Chaplain



Before coming into the Navy, I was a chaplain at a community hospital in my hometown of St. Louis. Hospital chaplaincy can be rough. Dealing with illness, grief (both the family's and mine), unwelcome news, frustration, and all the other pains that come along with getting sick can take its toll on you. There were some days I went home and just didn't want to talk about it. It was during this ministry that I really found out how to replenish myself. I had previously encountered the idea that we all get fed and that we all waste energy—and I'm not just talking about calories here. We all have relational resources—some of us are introverts and so we have less energy to deal with people. Some of us are extroverts (some are only *professional* extroverts). And in the midst of this, we all need to find a way to replenish the energy we need for the task of dealing with relationship.

Now, I've known these things for awhile, I've probably even commented on them in this space before. But life has a tendency to make us forget the things we already know. Or at least life

becomes so busy that we can run out of energy without necessarily remembering how to get it back. That's been my life for a couple of weeks—I've been busy with various things at work, home, and for my denomination. I was forgetting to eat (metaphorically). That's why I was so surprised by finding food one day because someone just wanted to talk to me. That's a fairly lost art in our culture. Usually we (and by "we" I mean "me") don't want to have conversations with each other as people—we talk to someone, and then rather than listen to their response, we wait for our turn to talk again. Maybe we hear the words spoken to us; maybe we drift off into space. But hearing the words doesn't mean we actually have taken part in a conversation. But what happened to me was that I was walking through a building on base and stopped just to have a conversation about life with another person—it was meaningful for me. Now, it might have been less like food on some other days, and it might have been a hassle on other days, but on that particular day, it was what I needed.

Some of you reading might have the same range of responses I could have: hassle, frustration, ignoring or not fully engaging in conversation. And

that's okay—no one can have their conversation ability in the "on" switch all the time. I think that's why the New Testament community put an emphasis on spiritual gifts (see 1 Corinthians 12-14). People were gifted differently. And while that may at times cause problems in how we relate to each other, being put together differently is also what makes relationship possible. We all need to be fed in different ways and in different times. In some things, I'm very predictable in how I need to be fed. And then sometimes my need for food sneaks up on me and I don't realize it until my wife asks what's with me lately. My guess is that you have had similar experiences—where you've needed to be fed and didn't realize it. The people around you who know you well probably noticed it before you did, and that's okay (just one more reason why we need each other). Figure out how it is that you find your relational food (and how much you need), it will make life a little more enjoyable.

## New reenlistment regulations published by Headquarters Marine Corps

Marines looking to reenlist or extend in fiscal year 2013 may be affected by the new regulations published in June by Headquarters Marine Corps.

The administrative message provides incentives for those extending their careers, cutting reenlistment points and offering bonuses to Marines renewing contracts.

Marine administrative message, 257/12, applies to first-term and career Marines whose contracts end between October 1 and Sept. 20, 2013.

In the message, it provides the amount each Marine is approved for in each occupational specialty for a reenlistment bonus. No reenlistment bonus will exceed \$90,000.

Along with how much each Marine is entitled; the bonuses will be paid at a flat rate over a period of 48-months. For Marines reenlisting for a longer period, bonuses will still be paid in a four-year period. Those who reenlist for a shorter period will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

The pre-tax selective reenlistment bonus amounts are authorized based on the Marines reenlistment zone,

their rank on the date of their reenlistment and military occupation.

The second message, 358/12, states that effective June 30, Marines will no longer receive reenlistment points toward promotion composite scores.

Marines who currently rate or are awarded the points prior to July 1 will maintain the points until promoted to the next grade or until they leave active duty.

It further explains MarAdmin, 529/07, was established as an incentive for reenlisting during the Corps' period of increasing active duty personnel, which is now no longer required.

Headquarters Marine Corps has lifted the 105% cap on Quality Reenlistment Program for all FY12 boat spaces. This means that any Marine who qualifies to submit a package which will be boarded under the Quality Reenlistment Program, who's MOS was previously closed due to lack of boat spaces can still submit until July 31st for the final board. This information can be found under the Total Force Retention System (TFRS) message A0281.



Men

Ladies

