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Photo By Sgt. Shannon Yount

Colonel Daniel P. Ermer, shakes hands with Colonel Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, after the traditional passing of the colors, during the change of command ceremony at Sorenson Field aboard MCLB Barstow, June 27. The passing of the colors is a time honored tradition signifying the responsibility associated with the command. In this ceremony, the battalion sergeant major hands the guidon to the outgoing commander. That commander then passes the guidon to the incoming commander, to demonstrate his confidence in the commander's ability to handle the responsibility of command. The incoming commander finally passes the guidon back to the sergeant major signifying the trust and fidelity that he entrusts in him.

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**Photo by: Curt Lambert**

Colonel Daniel P. Ermer, relinquishes command of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow to Colonel Michael L. Scalise during a change of command ceremony held on Sorenson Field aboard MCLB Barstow, June 27.

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Photo by Rob Jackson

Colonel Daniel P. Ermer, former commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, receives the key to the city of Barstow from Joe Gomez, mayor of the city at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center on MCLB Barstow June 20.

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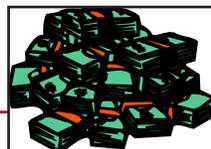
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### Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of your leave donations. Brandi Dew, Lorenzo Duarte, Diane Evett, Michael Fritz, Leonard Hernandez and Kendra Huyck.

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. Please ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well. For more information, please contact Michelle Eichler at 760-577-6915.

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### Oasis Pool Now Open

Do not forget the Oasis Pool is now open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lap swimming and from 1 to 7 p.m. for open swim. Hours on Saturday and Sunday are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for open swim. Contact recreation for more information at 577-6971/6543.

### Oasis Pool Movie Night

Join us for movie night at the Oasis Pool on Thursday, July 19 at 8 p.m. The 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. game play begins at 6 p.m. there is an initial buy in of \$25 per person, which includes \$2500 in chips.

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

**June 28, 1862:** Civil War, Admiral Farragut's fleet vs. Confederate battles near Vicksburg, Mississippi.

**June 28, 1814:** War of 1812, Marines aboard USS Wasp help defeat HMS Reindeer.

### Family Advocacy Program

Almost everyone has heard of, or knows someone who has been verbally abused. It happens within your family and in the workplace. Join Marine and Family Programs, family advocate, Michelle Lawing, Tuesday, July 3, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the McTureous Hall classroom, bldg. 218. Call Marine and Family Programs with any questions at 577-6533.

If you register and pay 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. We must have a minimum of seven players to host the game or we will be forced to cancel. Prizes will be awarded depending on participation. This is open to all MCLB patrons 18 years or older. For more information, call 577-6269.

### Family Bingo Night

Join us at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center for family bingo night. Bingo night will be held on Tuesday evening, July 10, in bldg. 38. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., game play is from 6 to 8 p.m. Prices are \$12 per person, and all winners receive prizes. For more information, call 577-6269.

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Community  
Services  
Barstow

# No Independence Day fireworks aboard MCLB

By Keith Hayes  
Public Affairs Specialist

With the Fourth of July holiday just a few days away, it is time to remind military members and civilian employees that fireworks of any type are prohibited aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

National Fire Protection Association statistics show that during 2010, 83 percent of injuries from fireworks during the July Fourth holiday period were to people using so-called "safe and sane" fireworks, said Terry Jenkins, Acting Fire Chief, MCLB Barstow, Calif.

"There is no such thing as 'safe and sane fireworks,'" Jenkins said. "Sparklers typically burn at more than one thousand degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to burn skin and ignite clothing, paper and dry brush."

Thanks to an aggressive fire prevention

and education program regarding the dangers of fireworks, MCLB Barstow has avoided major problems, according to the chief.

"We have never had a fireworks related fire aboard the base during the 32 years I have been working in the Fire Department," Jenkins said.

Jenkins cautioned even though the Barstow city council has for the first time in many years approved the sale of "safe and sane" fireworks as a way to raise funds for civic organizations within city limits, fireworks remain prohibited on the grounds of MCLB Barstow.

Any civilian or active duty personnel cited for using fireworks aboard base can face penalties from state, San Bernardino County and federal authorities said D. J. Thomley, General Counsel, MCLB Barstow.

"Depending on the severity of the violation, an offender could face debarment from

the base by the base commander or criminal penalties brought by civilian authorities," Thomley said.

Chief Jenkins urges all employees to choose safety over the minor thrills of setting off a bottle rocket or exploding some firecrackers.

"The best way to enjoy fireworks is to attend professionally staged, operated and supervised fireworks displays," Jenkins said, "such as the one the city of Barstow sponsors at the Robert Sessions Memorial Sports Park."

For more on Barstow's 15th annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular, go online at [Barstowca.org](http://Barstowca.org) or call (760) 256-3532.

To learn more about the dangers of fireworks, go online with the National Fire Protection Association at [nfpa.org/index.asp](http://nfpa.org/index.asp).

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## Setting the bar higher for Marines at coaches course

By Lance Cpl. Dominic A. Smarra  
Combat Correspondent

In the Marine Corps, a staff noncommissioned officer is a unique group of professionals who lead Marines and enforce orders. Paving the way in a diverse group of individuals is something that takes an exceptional amount of drive and determination.

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Bebermiss is one of those individuals. He is the first Marine to complete the Combat Marksmanship Coaches Course fully, with no modification, as an amputee.

"You'll find out you can test your body," explained Bebermiss. "You can't let limitations hold you back from doing what you want. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to."

The coach's course is organized to support the Marine Corps Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship program. The 15-day course is responsible for assisting shooters in developing firing skills and refining fundamentals in marksmanship skill.

"I have always wanted to be a coach," explained Bebermiss. "I wasn't going to let anything stop me once I was (on the right path). The course presented challenges but I was prepared."

The course consists of many drills that are not conducted in usual training revolutions, but allow the coaches to familiarize themselves with the weapons that they are instructing on.

"It was great to work with Bebermiss," explained Sgt. Michael Johnson, primary marksmanship instructor with the Combat Marksmanship Course, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif. "We weren't quite sure what to expect with him sometimes, but everyday he brought something new to the table and surprised us."

Bebermiss explained that the way he had to go about certain types of training were definitely different than the way they are normally done, but he completed them without any type of alteration to the course. For example, while shooting on the range, for the kneeling and sitting positions he was allowed to modify them for the way that he was able to shoot, but without any alterations to the course itself.

"We were kind of unsure what we were and were not going to be able to do with Bebermiss," explained Cpl. Alex Gardner, primary marksmanship instructor with the course. "He surprised me with every turn. We made a few minor exceptions to certain firing positions to account for his disability but there was nothing in the course that was changed,

it was incredible to see someone so persistent and so ready to sacrifice their body just to achieve something they wanted."

Bebermiss explained that he wanted to be an example to any other amputees who wanted to not only take the course, but push themselves to the next level of training.

Giving people advice is something very familiar to Bebermiss. Showing Marines the right path to take and how to accomplish goals is something Bebermiss prides himself on. He explained that he hoped to be an example for the course and that more amputees would see that it can be done and strive to accomplish completing the course.

The course as Bebermiss explained wasn't just about accomplishing something for himself, but for a community of people. He wanted to push the boundaries not only as a SNCO but also for an amputee. Bebermiss plans on leading the way in any way that he can and pushing forward to reach a higher plateau of training.

"I'm a SNCO, I am here to lead Marines, and I have broken new ground to lead that way," said Bebermiss. "I can hold my head high to add another notch on my belt for something I've done, and now I can set my goals higher."

# Colonel Ermer bids farewell to MCLB

Story and photos by  
Sgt. Shannon Yount  
Press Chief

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, Calif - Col. Daniel P. Ermer relinquished command of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow to Col. Michael L. Scalise during a change of command ceremony at Sorensen Field June 27.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Coglianesse, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations-West, attended the ceremony along with former MCI-West commanding general, now retired Maj. Gen. Anthony Jackson, Marine leaders, friends, family, Department of Defense employees and Barstow residents.

The ceremony included the passing of the MCLB Barstow colors, remarks from the incoming and outgoing commanders and a performance by the 1st Marine Division Band from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Ermer, a native of Mason City, Iowa, served as the commanding officer of MCLB Barstow since June 2009. During his tenure, he played a pivotal role in the operational readiness through infrastructure, logistics and services in order to support the war fighter.

"I take pride (in) this installation," he said. The commitment this organization has for supporting the war fighter speaks highly of the leadership, he further explained.

Prior to taking the reins in Barstow, he served as the assistant chief of staff, G4- Installations and Logistics for 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Ermer will move on to serve in the office of the Secretary of Defense.

He was extremely happy, when he found out who would be the incoming commanding officer of MCLB Barstow. The two Iowa natives have been friends for more than 13 years and have crossed

paths throughout the years, explained Ermer.

"You're a great man to take over this command," he said, as he announced Col. Scalise to the audience.

Opening remarks from Col. Scalise were kind words to the former commanding officer.

"I only hope that at the end of my three years, I have accomplished just as much as you," said Scalise.

Scalise, a native of Hampton, Iowa, transferred from being the J-4 director for Special Operations Command Africa in Stuttgart, Germany. As he takes command, he will take on multiple responsibilities, including the oversight of the second largest employer in the Barstow area.

His military career began after graduating with a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Buena Vista College at Storm Lake. Scalise was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Marine Corps De-



Captain Shawn R. Cash, base operations with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, salutes Colonel Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow, during the pass and review for MCLB Barstow change of command at Sorensen Field, June 27.

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cember, 1988.

Upon graduation from the Logistics Officer Basic Course, he checked into 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He served as the command's embark officer and S-4A.

In 1992, Scalise reported to Inspector Instructor Duty in San Jose, Calif., as the 4th Air Delivery Platoon Commander and Assistant Inspector Instructor. Upon completion of his tour he attended the Army Logistics Advance Course at Ft Lee, Virginia.

Once the course was completed, he checked-into Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group-13, 13th MEU, I MEF, Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he completed two Western Pacific deployments.

Completing his deployments and tours overseas, he assumed duties as executive officer for Marine Wing Support Group 27, II MEF, where he deployed to the Al Anbar Province in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Upon his return, he assumed command of Marine Wing Support Squadron 272. Following command, he attended the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base and earned a Masters Degree in Strategic Studies in May 2010.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a gold star, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

"I look forward to working for this command... and to being a part of the (Marine Corps Installations-West) team," he said.



(Above) Colonel Daniel P. Ermer and the Marine Corps Mounted Color guard salute while the National Anthem plays during Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's change of command ceremony, June 27.

(Below) Brigadier General Vincent Coglianese presents the Legion of Merit to Colonel Daniel P. Ermer during Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's change of command ceremony, June 27.



# Cleveland's remarks on Marine Week

Story and photos  
Sgt. Shannon Yount  
Press Chief

Thousands of Clevelanders and visitors from as far away as Virginia came to see more than 750 Marines showcase their skills, equipment, vehicles and aircraft during Marine Week Cleveland June 11-17.

Some were wowed by the martial arts and military working dog demonstrations, while the vehicles and aircraft seemed to be a big hit with the preteen set.

For Luke Fialkowski, 4, the highlight of his day was playing on the tactical vehicles, "I like tanks," he said

smiling. "They are great." Though it's a rare opportunity to play in tactical vehicles and watch demonstrations, the high point for Alexander Nystrom, 10, a Greater Cleveland Young Marine, was the ability to interact with the Marines. "I think it's really cool the Marines are here. Cleveland is really lucky," he said.

Spending a day playing with military equipment was not only enjoyable for many of the children -- this was also an opportunity to learn about the Corps.

"I think it's great that people who attend the event will have more respect and understanding on what the Marines do for this coun-

try," said Rich Croll, a native of Toldeo for more than 25 years.

Though it was Aimme LePelley's first time around military equipment, it didn't stop her from bringing her son to downtown, "It was a great way for the kids to see what the Marines are about besides what they see on TV."

Some took this as an opportunity to thank Marines for their service to the country. Many shed tears at the Ohio Flags of Honor, a tribute to Ohio service members killed during Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Others visited the Travelling Vietnam War Memorial Wall to

find the names of friends and relatives killed during the Vietnam War.

Seeing all the Marines left Diana Roberts, a resident of Cleveland for more than 54 years, with a "sense of pride for them serving their country," she said.

Nancy Kucharshi agreed. She said she was "honored to call the Marines our own."

For Ohio military veterans, the draw was a chance to see the equipment and vehicles being used by this generation of Marines. They also showed a keen interest in the experiences of this generation of Marines and relived their own military service.

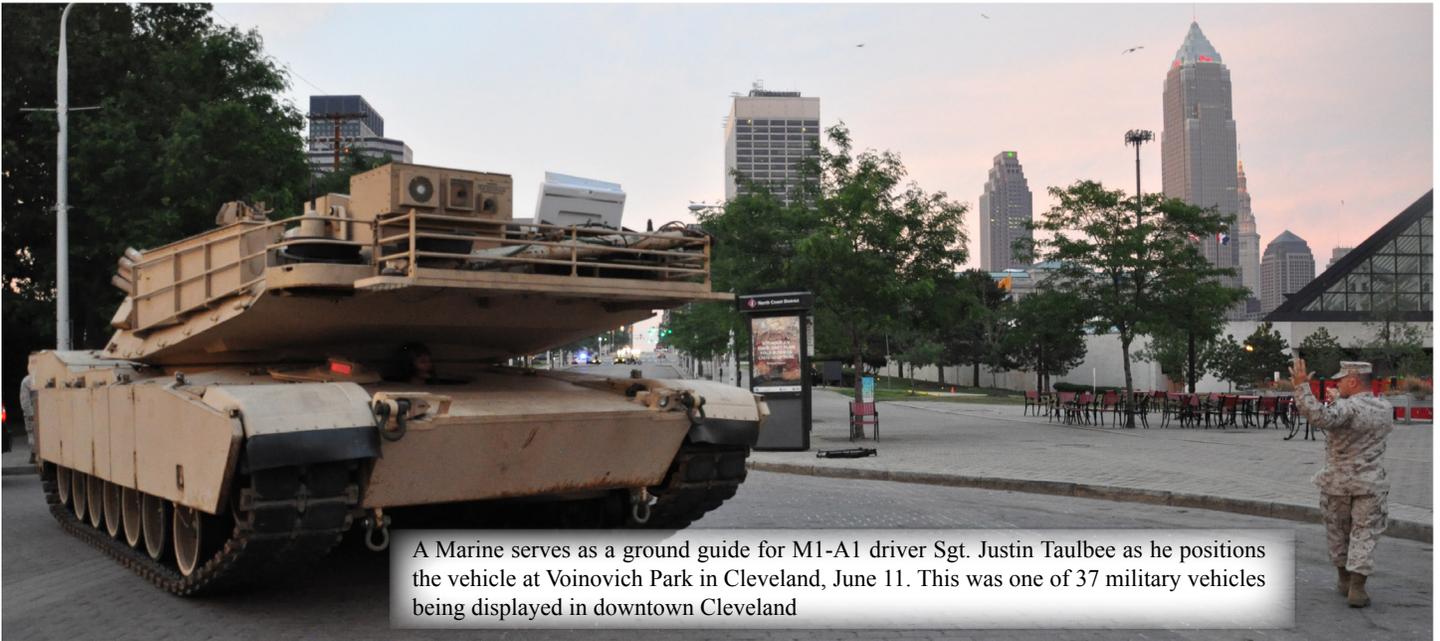
There were some from an older generation who remembered another visit by Marines. In 1959, almost 1,200 Marines invaded Edgewater Park on the shores of Lake Erie during a mock invasion that was part of a yearlong celebration of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

"I was 10 years old when the Marines landed on the beach, and once I saw (them) I wanted to join," said Dale Shriver, a Vietnam veteran.

He said he proudly served in the Marine Corps for two years during the final days of the Vietnam War. While observing the military equipment, Shriver remembered those times -- being around today's Marines made those memories more vivid.



8 Staff Sgt. Matthew Drake, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the traveling Vietnam War memorial wall during Marine Week Cleveland helps Clifford Baechle, an Army veteran, search for a fallen comrade's name etched in the memorial.



A Marine serves as a ground guide for M1-A1 driver Sgt. Justin Taulbee as he positions the vehicle at Voinovich Park in Cleveland, June 11. This was one of 37 military vehicles being displayed in downtown Cleveland

“I plan on being down here every night until they close it down, I never want it to end,” he said.

For another Vietnam veteran, Marine Week Cleveland validated his own wartime service.

“You see the dignity, respect and honor the Marines are giving us after 43-years,” said Jack J. Palush, a Vietnam War-era Marine. “For us to get respect from the Marines after so many years, it’s priceless. There’s nothing that could ever replace it,”

he said teary eyed.

“For us old timers to see how well you guys have carried on the traditions and honor, we know the Corps is in good hands,” said Palush.

The military precision of morning and evening colors, the daily ceremonial wreath laying, young Marines eagerly talking about the tools of their trade and their service to country, and the numerous Marine band performances, gave Clevelanders from all walks of life something to see during Marine Week Cleveland.



Diana Roberts, a Cleveland native, searches for her nephew’s name on a flag pole at the Ohio Flags of Honor in Voinovich Park, during Marine Week Cleveland.



Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, holds a microphone to a student while answering childrens’ questions during a conference, part of the Leadership Academy designed to improve leadership skills, held at the Playhouse Idea Center in Cleveland June 14.

# Transitional compensation: Help for victims of domestic abuse

Submitted by  
Marine and Family Services Division

Transitional compensation is a military program designed to help family members who are victims of domestic abuse. Victims of abuse often feel isolated and discouraged. For the families of service members, this isolation may be more intense because they may live far from extended family and friends. Fortunately, the Marine Corps has programs and resources to help victims of domestic abuse. One of those programs, Transitional Compensation, helps alleviate the financial hardship family members have to face when they decide to leave an abusive relationship.

Transitional Compensation is available to spouses and children of service members who have been separated from military service or sentenced to a forfeiture of all pay and allowances due to domestic abuse. Family members become eligible for Transitional Compensation under the following circumstances:

- The family member must have been living in the home or married to the service member when the incident(s) occurred.
- The service member must have served at least 30 days on active duty.
- The service member must be convicted of a dependent-abuse offense and:
  - (a) separated from military service under a court martial sentence,
  - (b) sentenced to a forfeiture of all pay and allowances by a court martial for a dependent-abuse offense, or
  - (c) administratively separated from military service, at least in part, for a dependent-abuse offense.

A dependent-abuse offense must be listed as a reason for the separation from military service or forfeiture of pay, although it does not have to be the primary reason. However, it is very difficult to add dependent abuse as a reason for separation after the service member has left the military.

In addition to financial compensation, transitional  
10 compensation includes other benefits.

- **Amount of compensation.** The compensation amount is based on the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), which changes annually. Current DIC amounts can be found at the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site at [www.vba.va.gov](http://www.vba.va.gov) (follow the links under “Benefits” and “Compensation & Pension”).

- **Length of time compensation is available.** Compensation is available for a minimum of 12 months or the unserved portion of the service member’s obligated active service, whichever is longer. However, compensation will not extend beyond 36 months.

- **Other benefits.** As part of the Transitional Compensation program, you may be eligible for other benefits, including medical care, exchange privileges, and commissary privileges

- **Applying for Transitional Compensation.** The Family Advocacy Program can help you apply for Transitional Compensation. Compensation will begin once the application has been approved.

- **Ineligibility.** You will become ineligible for benefits if you remarry or move back in with the former service member while receiving benefits. If compensation is available for more than 12 months, you will be required to recertify your eligibility for Transitional Compensation annually.

Transitional Compensation is just one of the resources available to you as a victim of domestic violence. The Family Advocacy Program has victim advocates who can help you develop a safety plan for you and your family, help you access a safe house or shelter, provide counseling, accompany you to a medical exam or court appearance, refer you to additional military and civilian resources, and help you apply for Transitional Compensation.

It’s important to remember that, as a victim of domestic violence, you are not alone. There are resources available to provide information and to help you make the best decisions for you and your family. If you would like more information, visit the M&FPD office in Building 129 or contact Michelle Lawing at 577-6533.



# Chaplain's Corner

## Redefining love

By Lt. Benjamin Warner  
Base Chaplain



We often refer to “I love you,” as those “three little words.” This is an intentional understatement. We realize that the word “love” carries a lot of weight for its monosyllabic nature. Failure to tell someone we love them can have disastrous consequences for our relationships. Yet, I think in our culture, it is our overuse of the word “love” that becomes a far greater danger. Think about it—when was the last time you said you loved something? Was it something particularly important? Probably not. You might have said you “love” ice cream, or your favorite TV show, or a good song, or an article of clothing. Now, let me ask you to draw a comparison—my guess is you would also say you love your family, your spouse, and your children. So, do you feel the same way about your son, daughter, wife or husband as you do about ice cream? I would hope not! It shows an either callous disregard for those closest to you or an unhealthy obsession with the most glorious of all dairy products.

Why do I bring this up? Because we have

come to equate love with affection (to greater and lesser degrees). This becomes an especially difficult problem when we accuse one another of being “unloving.” Discussions of religion (and by discussions I mean arguments) often boil down to one person accusing another of being “unloving.” But, if we’ve already begun the discussion with a skewed definition of love that leans more towards “being nice” and/or “having affection for,” then we can accuse anyone at any time of being unloving based solely on their body language!

Now, this is not the whole of how we use the word love in our culture. Nor would I excuse the idea of “affection” or “niceness” from a well-developed picture of love. However, we all recognize that there are other parts to loving someone or something. We even use the phrase “tough love” when we realize that doing what is best for someone else may result in that person not being entirely pleased with us. Love can indeed be difficult. Given all of these challenges, how should we define love? More importantly, how should we demonstrate love? A rather famous quote of Jesus says,

*“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends”* (John 15:13).

This would suggest that at the heart of love is the willingness to give of ourselves for the benefit of another. The greatest extreme of that love would then be giving one’s life for another.

Other components of love come into play in life, even in definitions given in Scripture. Ideas of loyalty, friendship, affection, and romance (a significant way we view love today) are all spoken of in Scripture with regard to the word “love.” So, what does it mean to demonstrate love? A whole range of things can fall under acceptable definitions of “love.” Being faithful to a friend (even when it hurts), giving up your time for the benefit of another, sacrificing money to give to someone less fortunate: these are all “loving” things to do. My suggestion is 1) do them, and 2) be careful how you toss the word “love” around. Make sure you mean it—then you have the credibility that love gains you.

## ARMED FORCES VOTERS WEEK AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS VOTERS WEEK JUNE 28 TO JULY 7 2012

On November 6 2012, the United States will hold a general election to elect the President of the United States, all members of the U.S. House of Representatives, 34 U.S. Senators, 13 state and territorial governors, and several state and local officials.

During Armed Forces Voters Week and Overseas Citizens Voters Week, all Marine commands are directed to disseminate voting information to Marines, Civilian Marines and their eligible family members. The goal is to contact 100 percent of our eligible voting population and provide them the information to assistance they may need to register to vote with their home state.

This week will be an opportunity to increase voter awareness and assist eligible voters in completing and mailing federal post card applications (sf-76). It is recommended that all commands:

A. Ensure unit voting assistance officers are assigned and trained to assist all eligible voters with registration in accordance with the reference.

B. Emphasize at formations and gatherings the importance of registering now, ensuring voters can participate in the general election.

C. Ensure motivational voting posters and banners are displayed in high traffic common areas to remind members of the upcoming election and the importance of registering early.

D. Encourage citizens not currently registered to participate in the voting process.

E. Coordinate armed forces voters week activities with base/station voting assistance officers in order to maximize the publicity.

F. Publish articles regarding voting and voting registration in base and station newspapers and in other internal media, including plans of the day and closed-circuit television.

Well coordinated armed forces voters week activities will improve voting awareness among our service members, civilian marines, and their family members. “Our country, our leaders, our choice. Vote.”

