



BARSTOW LOG



Marines help mold juveniles into upstanding citizens



Photo by Lance Cpl. Sean Palmer

(Left to right) Corporals Juan Cerna, Brian Chandronnet, with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and Deputy Michael Bradbury with the San Bernardino County Sheriffs Department, instruct a student with the Self-Discipline, Obedience, Character and Knowledge program, Oct. 8. The Marines and police officers involved with S.H.O.C.K. help transform children with discipline problems into respectful citizens throughout the course of the 10-week program.

By Lance Cpl. Sean Palmer
Combat Correspondent

Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and deputies with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department helped transform troubled youths from Apple Valley, Calif., into upstanding and respectful citizens utilizing a 10-week Self-Discipline, Honor, Obedience, Character and Knowledge program, Oct. 8.

The Marines gave back to the community, teaching the misguided youth involved in S.H.O.C.K. how to become honorable members of society using the discipline instilled in them by the Marine Corps.

S.H.O.C.K. originated in 2007 as a 10-week juvenile intervention program created in Apple Valley to combat the negative influences of drugs, gangs, violence and other similar problems affecting the youth in the local community.

"The students of S.H.O.C.K. all come from a similar background, but the problems that landed them here are all very different, ranging from problems with disobedience at school or at home, to drug and gang violence," said Deputy Sheriff Darren Gilmore, a S.H.O.C.K. instructor from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department.

Discipline and obedience are taught to the students Marines from MCLB Barstow. The Marines lead the students through Marine Corps close order drill and give the children some motivation to get on the right track with a little Marine Corps drill instructor-like guidance.

"All the S.H.O.C.K. students have fallen off track and we teach these students in hopes that they will get back on the right track and become better citizens once they have completed the 10-week program," said Denver native Cpl. Brian Chandronnet, one

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MCLB Barstow observes National Fire Prevention Week

By Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

The most famous fire in American history, the Great Chicago Fire, roared through the city Oct. 9, 1871, killing more than 250 people, leaving 100,000 homeless, destroying more than 17,400 structures and burning more than 2,000 acres.

While the Great Chicago Fire has the best name recognition, it was not the biggest or deadliest conflagration that week in 1871. That dubious distinction goes to the Great Peshtigo Fire in Northeast Wisconsin which started the same day as the

Chicago fire, destroyed 16 entire towns, killed 1,152 people, and scorched 1.2 million acres before it ended.

The horror of those two massive and lethal fires changed the nation's attitude toward fire prevention and 40 years after the fact inspired the International Fire Marshals Association to push for the establishment of National Fire Prevention Week in 1922. It is now the longest running public health and safety observance on record, according to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center.

"Those two fires were the

reason fire prevention began to be actively studied and practiced," said Assistant Chief Terry Jenkins, fire prevention chief with the Marine Corps Logistics Base Fire and Emergency Services Division.

Several events were staged aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow during National Fire Prevention Week to remind people of the critical importance of fire prevention practices, both in the home and workplace.

Fire House 18 on the Nebo side of the base staged the Safety Standown Barbeque

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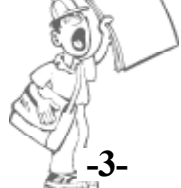
Photo by Keith Hayes

Joanne Williams, Fire Inspector, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Fire and Emergency Services Division, prepares for the rush of hungry Base personnel at the Safety Standown Barbeque at Nebo Fire Station, Building 18, Oct. 6. The luncheon was just one of several events staged by the MCLB Barstow F & ESD during National Fire Prevention Week 2010.

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The idea of using speed governors or cruise controls on all Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow vehicles to limit them to speeds under 75 miles per hour has been examined. The vehicles used aboard MCLBB are not owned by the Marine Corps, they are leased. The lease company, General Services Administration, leases the base what we request, with the options we request, if available. GSA is a government entity and is required to buy their vehicles from the lowest bidder, as

are nearly all other government agencies. Sometimes vehicle manufacturers have an abundance of specific types of vehicles on their lots and can give deals to GSA, but at times they do not have the cruise control option, are not white, are not alternative fueled and are not standard cab vehicles. A governor on a vehicle costs about \$900 to buy and install. It is not common practice for cars to have them installed at the factory. At MCLB Barstow, we lease a fleet of approximately 130 vehicles. That's

\$117,000 for the base to add speed control systems to them and at the end of the lease we would have to remove them at a cost as well. Twentynine Palms has 300 autos, Camp Pendleton has 4,000 autos, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar has 160, Bridgeport has 100, MCAS Yuma has 200. That's millions of dollars to forcibly ensure an adult follows the LAW. We, as adults and civil servants, should be setting a good example and governing our speeds on our own when driving GSA vehicles.

Chaplain's Corner

Inspiring others for success

By Lt. Allen Presser
Base Chaplain

a time begin to significantly add up, whether it is for the attainment of a goal or encouraging someone.



So just how powerful is our influence to encourage those around us one may ask? Well, it is hard to say exactly; however, recent research has revealed the power of influence in many respects. In one study, there was a group of about 15 teenagers, and one of the teenagers was being evaluated in each of the sessions for the study. In the study, 14 of the 15 individuals were told ahead of time to state the color they would see was blue, even though it was actually red. When the color red was displayed in front of all 15 individuals, the 14 pre-briefed individuals said it was blue, and when the 15th/last person was asked, what color he or she saw, approximately 76 percent of the time the 15th/last person also said it was blue because of what the other 14 individuals previously said, even

One of the many assurances we have in life is that one day these bodies that we dwell in will fade away, unless the Lord comes back first, and then we will move on to our eternal homes. So, with this certainty in life, what kind of life and manner ought we to live? Well, for me, a couple of things come to mind. First, since eternity is longer than our maximum potential of 120 years (Genesis 6:3), it seems only reasonable to live our lives preparing for the remainder of eternity. Second, while living on this side of eternity, we can live passionately about our visions, dreams, and good goals in life.

One of the ways that we can help each other to achieve these goals is to encourage one another. A lot can be said about encouragement, and as we encourage, pray, and help each other to be all that we can be in life, we will begin to influence the world for good, little by little. As the Word declares: here a little, and there a little (Isaiah 28:10,13), and over a period of time, these habits of consistently accomplishing a little at

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Chapel Services

Catholic Mass
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
505 E. Mt. View Barstow
Sundays, 7:30 a.m. Misa En Espanol
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. English

Protestant Services
Sunday 9 a.m.
Jewish Congregation
Call 253-3532
for more information

Just doing my job...



Photo by Curt Lambert

Colonel Daniel P. Ermer (left), commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, presents Navy Lt. Allen Presser, base chaplain, with the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal outside of the Marine Memorial Chapel, Oct. 13. Presser received the award in appreciation of his outstanding performance during a successful tour of duty from Dec. 2007 to Oct. 2010, while stationed at MCLBB.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Religious Ministry Team and Family Services will have counselors and specialists available for anyone desiring to talk Oct. 4. The services will be available to all from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Marine Memorial Chapel Fellowship Hall. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. For further information, call the Base Chapel at 577-6849. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

TRICARE for 'Gray Area' Retirees

TRICARE Retired Reserve, a new program being launched in the Fall, will allow certain "gray area" retired National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are not yet age 60, the opportunity to purchase TRICARE health coverage.

Under TRICARE Retired Reserve, TRICARE Standard and Extra coverage will be available for purchase to "gray area" retirees. Retired Reserve are encouraged to sign up for e-mail updates from TRICARE by visiting the TRICARE Web site, https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=USMHSTMA -- sign up for "Benefit Changes" for "Retired National Guard and Reserve Member."

235th United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball

All Military Civilian Personnel and Retirees affiliated with MCLB Barstow are invited to attend the 235th United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball. The ball will be held at Primm Valley Resort Casino Nov. 13.

Tickets are on sale now until Nov. 7. Prices are \$60 for Civilians, Retirees and Officers. \$55 for SNCO's and \$40 for E5's and below and their guests.

Hotel reservations can be made through Primm Valley Resorts at 1-702-386-7867 with the group code: Upon Purchase. Reservations must be made before Oct. 29.

Unattended children

Safe Kids USA and the California Highway Patrol are reminding you to never leave your children in the car...not even "for a minute." Over the past few months in the United States, more than 20 children have died from overheating while alone in a vehicle. A child's body heats up 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's. It only takes a few short minutes before a child can become dangerously overheated. In just 10 minutes a car's temperature can increase by 19 degrees – and it continues to rise. There is

no evidence that cracking the windows helps prevent the temperature in vehicle interiors from reaching dangerous levels. In fact, sunlight coming through car windows makes the car work like an oven. Remember, never leave children unattended in a vehicle.

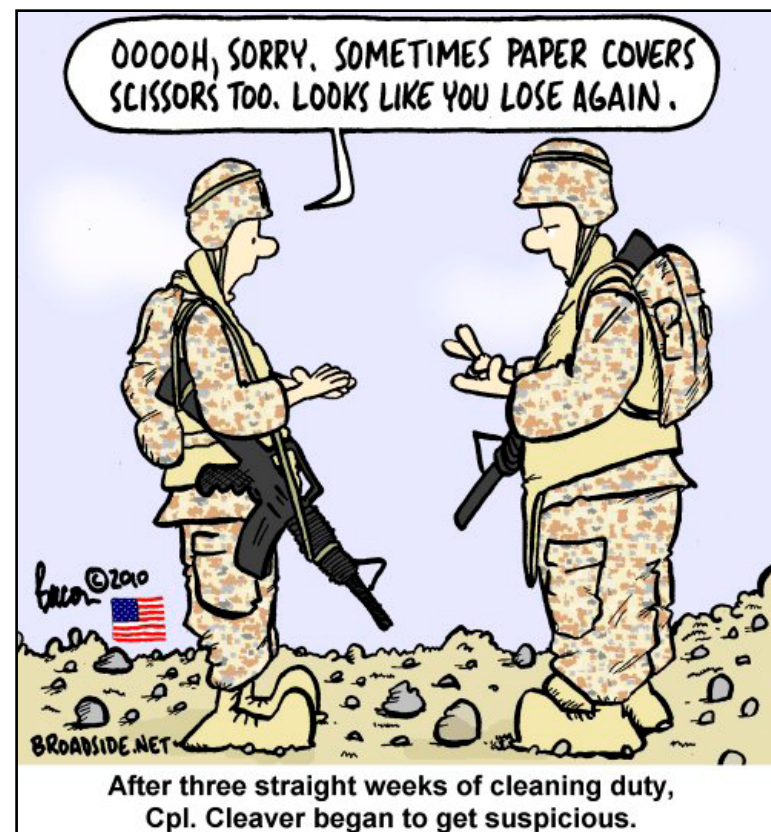
Voting

With three weeks left before the national general election, we would like to remind all military members and their families that we are here to assist in registration and/or absentee voting. We would also like to extend the invitation to any civilians who have base access to any assistance that we can provide in helping you register to vote. If you have questions, call Capt. Stephen H. Salmon, S1/Manpower Director, at 577-6155.

Leave Transfer Requests

The following individuals have been affected by medical emergencies and are still in need of your leave donations.

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave to Bree Nece, Lishea Spires, Kyle Fraser, Elizabeth Warren, Denise Alderson, Amanda Zamora, Cecilia Blanco or Nichole Cessna under the



After three straight weeks of cleaning duty, Cpl. Cleaver began to get suspicious.

Leave Sharing Program may do so by going online at http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/opm630a.pdf clicking or by obtaining a leave donor application form from the Human Resources Office.

For more information, contact Joyce Farrell at 577-6483.

Energy Tip

Take shorter showers. Cutting just two minutes off per shower could save up to 1,000 gallons of water and \$250 per year. This is another Green Energy Tip from your MCLB Energy Team.

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www.marines.mil
or the MCLB

Barstow Web site at:
<http://www.bam.usmc.mil/>



TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

Security tip of the week

This is a message that bears repeating, no matter where you live in the world: Your assistance is needed in preventing terrorist acts. Working around a high profile target, such as a military installation, staying alert for terrorist activity can literally be a lifesaver. If you see or know about suspicious activities, report them immediately to the Marine Corps Police Department aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. Keep an eye out for anyone video recording or monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, maps, binoculars, etc., near key facilities/events. Report anyone attempting to gain information in person, by phone, mail, email, etc., regarding MCLB Barstow or people who work there. Watch for any attempts to penetrate or test physical security or procedures at MCLB. Keep track of supplies, such as explosives, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, uniforms, badges, flight manuals, access cards or identification and anyone trying to acquire such items. Report individuals who do not appear to belong at MCLB loitering around the facility. Report any abandoned vehicles or suspicious materials left outside the fence line which may be supplies for terrorists. If you observe this kind of suspicious activity, again, contact the Marine Corps Police Department aboard MCLB Barstow at 577-6669.

Today in U.S.M.C. history

Oct. 14, 1950: Marine Aircraft Group 12 began operations out of Wonsan Airfield in North Korea during the Korean War. Through the end of the Korean Conflict, MAG-12 participated successfully in numerous operations and accumulated more than 80,000 effective combat sorties against enemy troops, installations, vehicles and countless other vital targets.

Local community college hosts theatrical comedy

By **Lance Cpl. Thomas A. Bricker**
 Combat Correspondent

With Barstow's close proximity to Las Vegas to the north and several large Southern California cities nearby, base personell looking for something to do often take to the road for entertainment. The Barstow Community College Performing Arts Department will provide an alternative to traveling for a good time by presenting a play written by Craig Pospisil titled "Months on End", for two weekends in October.

"Months on End" is a comedy with 12 scenes, each involving a different month of the year. The show is centered on Phoebe and Ben, who are to be married in the near future but go through a series of problems leading to the nuptials. Other characters include Elaine, a close friend of Phoebe's, Greg, a man coming out of a bad marriage who finds a confidant in Elaine at a New Year's party, Nick, Greg's brother, and Paige, his fiancée. As months pass, each member of the cast has a chance to interact with one another and the audience sees their relationships with one another develop.

Amy Ross, an instructor for the Performing Arts Department at BCC, didn't know what to expect when she took on the director's job, she said.

"We picked this show based on what we thought we were going to be able to work with," Ross explained. "We based it on what resources we had to work with and who we thought were going to audition," she added.

As the show developed, Ross saw everyone involved with it develop with it, too.

"It's a really good cast we have for this show," Ross, a Nevada City, Calif., native, said. "They did a great job in putting this show together.

Ross has been with BCC's Performing Arts Department for nine years and has directed more than 16 shows with them. "Month's on End" opens Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and continues in the same time slot Saturday with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, and Oct. 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. The play does contain some graphic language.

"I chose this show because it's an enjoyable one," Ross said. "It should give the audience a good laugh," she added.

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Thomas A. Bricker

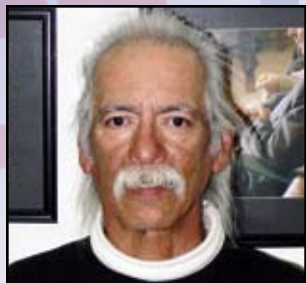
Carol Enos and Aaron Dome play the roles of Elaine and Greg for Barstow Community College's rendition of Craig Pospisil's "Months on End." The show opens Friday and is open to the public.

Top's Picks

Congratulations to Al Morales, of Fleet Support Division's Set Assembly Section, on winning the Week #5 Top's Picks. Morales went 10-3 this weekend, destroying his closest competitors by the widest of margins; no one came close, not even the Top. Since this season has been so unpredictable up to this point, this weekend's matchup between the Cowboys and Vikings should be real intriguing. Both are sitting at 1-4 and were expected to be playoff and Super Bowl contenders this year. Oh how the mighty have fallen. This game should be fun to watch, along with the Ravens versus Patriots matchup.

Sunday

- *Miami @ Green Bay
- Cleveland @ Pittsburgh*
- Detroit @ NY Giants*
- Seattle @ Chicago*
- New Orleans @ Tampa Bay*
- *Atlanta @ Philadelphia
- Kansas City @ Houston*
- *Baltimore @ New England
- *San Diego @ St. Louis
- *NY Jets @ Denver
- Oakland @ San Francisco*
- Dallas @ Minnesota*
- Indianapolis @ Washington*



Monday Night

- *Tennessee @ Jacksonville

Byes: Cardinals, Bills, Panthers, Bengals

In case of a tie, the Monday Night game will be used as the tie-breaker using total points scored. Remember to drop your selections off at the Public Affairs Office, Bldg 204 on Nebo, or e-mail them at BSTW_PAO@usmc.mil, by close of business Friday. Good luck!

Importance of Voting

By Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

The general election taking place nationwide Nov. 2 is the best opportunity for members of the Marine Corps and America's armed forces to have a substantial say in their future.

Active duty Marines and Civilian Marines need to talk with the voting officer or his assistants aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow for help in registering to vote.

Salmon explained he has not been excessively taxed by his extra duties even though Election Day is less than three weeks away. "We've had six to eight Marines come to me so far for help in registering to vote," he said.

The World Wide Web is providing potential voters one more way to register. "The best thing to do is go on the Internet at your house to the Web site FVAP.gov, and (the Federal Voting Assistance Program) will walk you right through registration or requesting an absentee voting ballot," Salmon said.

But for those who prefer the face-to-face method of registering, the voting officer and his assistants can register virtually anyone who works aboard base. "This is also open to civilians who have base access," Salmon pointed

out. "We're here not only to support the active duty families and members, were also here for civilians."

"Also, different states will either accept a FAX or you have to mail in requests to do absentee voting or to register," he added.

Additionally, "snail mail" is still an option if you have enough time. "Each state will allow you to physically write in a ballot and send it in," Salmon said. "You need to get a form from me to do that."

"The main thing is we have only (a few days left) in the election countdown as of today," Salmon pointed out. "You're running short on time." Salmon urges active duty personnel, retired military, or Civilian Marines to register to vote now because, although each election is important, this particular general election seems to be a watershed for many important aspects of American life.

"Of all the times that I've been a voting officer in the military, there's really no time that I can think of that voting was so critical," Salmon said. "We need a lot of change right now, and when you turn on the TV or pick up a newspaper you can see why there is a need for change."

That's why it's important to register to vote in the Nov. 2 General Election. "Voting is the way you let the little guy be heard about changes at the top," Salmon said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Houston White Jr.

"Sweet Pea" the Clown (left) takes time to apply colorful paint designs to the face of 5-year-old Barstow native Anica Car- rion during the 8th Annual Fall Family Festival aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Oct. 7. The event included a number of fun sport challenges, games, activities and rides for youngsters and lasted well into the evening.

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL



Photo by Pfc. Dominic Smarra

The Happy Times Express shuttles families around the events of the Fall Family Festival aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Oct.7. The Fall Family Festival featured a little something for everyone including live music, free barbecue, and multiple inflatable play areas for children.



Azena Francis, 5, from Barstow, Calif., is guided by Hartnell as she climbs from the window of the Fire Sa. The teaching aid, used to instruct children how to safely set up by nearly every department at MCLB on the gro centerpiece of the MC Fire Department's National Fire

FAMILY FESTIVAL



Photo by Staff Sgt. Houston White Jr.

Zion, Ill. native Charles Ayers (right), physical security specialist for the Marine Corps Police Department, performs the SafeAssured Identification process for a youngster during the 8th Annual Fall Family Festival Oct. 7 aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.



Photo by Keith Hayes

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Firefighter Austin [Name] Safety House at the 8th annual Fall Family Festival Oct. 7. [Name] evacuate a burning house, was one of several displays [Name] Prevention Week instructional activities.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Houston White Jr.

Newberry Springs, Calif., native Jordan DeVault tosses a football toward a target Oct. 7 during the QB Toss Challenge. The 7-year-old was one of many children who enjoyed the games and fun featured at the 8th Annual Fall Family Festival aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Houston White Jr.

Barstow native Hayleigh Santos bears her imaginary claws and fangs after receiving her "Cat Girl" face painting at the 8th Annual Fall Family Festival aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Oct. 7. The 5-year-old and many other children received colorful paint makeovers during the event.



Family Restaurant - Renovation

The Family Restaurant, Building 301, is closed through Oct. 20 for renovations. Breakfast and lunch will be served at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center, in Building 38. Breakfast hours are from 5:30 to 8 a.m. and lunch hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Don't forget, to go orders are also available. For more information or questions, contact a member of the Food & Hospitality management staff; Family Restaurant Manager, Diane Yslas or Conference Center Manager, Steve Nelson at 577-6372.

Building 319 (MCCS Administrative Offices) - Renovation

The MCCS Administrative Office, Building

319, will be closed from Oct. 12 through Nov. 4 for renovations. MCCS Marketing, Finance, and the NAF Personnel Office staff will temporarily relocate to McTureous Hall, Building 218, and the Director's office will temporarily relocate to Marine and Family Services, Building 129. For information or questions, call MCCS Finance Officer, Rena Montano at 577-6391.

MCX - Renovation

The Community Store (MCX), also in Building 319, will be closed from Oct. 12 through Nov 4 for renovations. The MCX gas station will remain open for credit/debit card purchases ONLY. Drinks, snack foods, and other retail services will be unavailable, however, the Yermo Exchange will remain open regular business hours during this time. For more information or questions, contact the Exchange Chief, MSgt. Roberto Chavez at 760-256-8974 or Director of Business Operations Keith Varney at 577-6269.

Desert Lanes - King of the Desert

From Oct. 20-24 the Desert Lanes Bowling Center will host a 9-Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament, 1st – 4th place will receive a cash prize. Registration dates are Oct. 6 through

Oct. 20. Pre-registration is required for all participants. Bowl four games during tournament period at participant's convenience. Entry Fee is \$20.00 per player. The tournament is open to all authorized patrons 18 years and older and their sponsored guest. Call the Desert Lanes Bowling Center for more information at 577-6264.

New Parent Support Program

On Tuesday, Oct. 12 NPSP will be teaching a course on "Teaching Your Child Responsibility". We will watch the "Parenting Works" DVD and then discuss how these principles apply to our families. For more information, call NPSP manager Nancy Hirst at 577-6533.

Conference Center Closure

The services currently provided at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center and Family Restaurant will be temporarily interrupted and the facility will close at 12:15 p.m. Oct. 18 for a private function. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding. For more information, contact Keith Varney, Director of Business Operations at 577-6269.

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though the person knew it was red. In other words, because they did not want to be the outsider, most of the individuals said the opposite color, even though they knew better, and only 24 percent spoke up and said the truth about the matter. However, when one of the 14 individuals also told the truth on what color he or she saw, the number grew from 24 percent to 76 percent of the individuals telling the truth. In other words, one person had a tremendous influential impact on a group, and altered the outcome on approximately 50 percent of the group of individuals who would not have necessarily told the truth.

Conclusively, if one person can alter the outcome of a group by 50 percent, then imagine what we can do in the course of our own personal lives to encourage and influence those around us. Certainly we can individually and collectively encourage each other to greatness and ultimately to the love and saving grace our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and shake this generation with the glory and knowledge of God.

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open house as a combination fund raiser for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball and a National Fire Prevention Week activity Oct. 6. Fire crews also joined with the Barstow Fire Prevention District when they staged a display at the city of Barstow's open house day Oct. 2.

On Oct. 5 the fire department conducted a teachable moment for the children at the Child Day Care center aboard base. "The reason we go up there is to introduce the two- and three-year-olds to fire prevention. The little ones get really excited to meet Sparky the Fire Dog," Jenkins said. Fire prevention is a full time concern, not just a weeklong event, Jenkins said. "We're also going to two elementary schools in Victorville and Hesperia later this month. The schools combined have about twelve hundred students," Jenkins said.

"The theme of this year's National Fire Prevention Week is 'Smoke alarms: A sound you can live with'," the chief said. As part of his duties, his department inspects the smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in Base housing and Base workplaces annually. "We are the only Base in the Marine Corps that

inspects Base housing regularly," he noted.

During the 8th the annual Family Fall Festival staged on the grounds of McTureous Hall, Building 218, Oct. 7, the public was treated to the largest display of fire prevention exhibits and equipment of the week. (See photo page 7)

"The biggest thing is educating people in the work place and in their home dealing with fire prevention, getting them to do things in a fire-safe way," the native of Dayton, Ohio, said.

The emphasis on fire prevention education has paid off. "I've worked here thirty-one years and have never had to close down a building because of fire safety violations," Jenkins said. "That's a testament to people working diligently to make sure we don't have problems."

After working more than three decades in fire safety, Jenkins regards his work aboard the Base and with the employees as more of a calling than a job. "Fire prevention is definitely a passion with me," he said.

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of the Marine S.H.O.C.K. instructors from MCLB Barstow.

The S.H.O.C.K. class consists of 27 children ages 12 to 17. The law enforcement officers and the Marines work hard to make sure the class maintains its attendance so the graduating class can be as full as when it started. The S.H.O.C.K. classes typically have an 80 percent success rate and once the students graduate they rarely go back to their old habits, Gilmore said.

Once each class has started to progress through the S.H.O.C.K. course the students learn that the Marines and law enforcement officers who were once shouting and barking orders, are more mentors than harsh drill instructors. The officers take the students to places such as the Victorville Federal Correctional Complex and the San Bernardino County Courthouse in Victorville, Calif., to show them what their futures might become if they continue on a negative path.

"I went through a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program sort of like S.H.O.C.K. and it helped me become the Marine I am now, so it's rewarding to see these students go from disrespectful juveniles to becoming upstanding citizens in this community," Chandronnet added.

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