

Director's Letter

With summer coming to an end, it's time to get the kids back to school and establish routines. The CDC is currently enrolling for full and part time child care. Be sure to visit them soon as they are filling up fast. Other end of summer news, the pools have extended their hours into October due to patron requests.

Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. The holiday originated in 1882 as the Central Labor Union sought to create "a day off for the working man." I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication to MCCS. I

hope you enjoy your three day weekend. Please remember to be safe and don't drink and drive.

The 7th anniversary of September 11th is right around the corner. It is important that we all take time to remember those we have lost and the role we play in supporting our Marines, Sailors and their families in their continued service to Operation Enduring Freedom. On September 13th all employees and their families are invited to attend the Sounds of Freedom concert to be held on Victory Field. This event will recognize the sacrifices our military makes in ensuring our freedom.

Sincerely,

April Howard Calloway

Do you have a question for me? Please direct your feedback to the Marketing Department via your Division Head.

Sounds of Freedom
September 13th
5 p.m.
on Victory Field

Pat Green

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 MARINE CORPS

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September 5th
September 19th
October 3rd

Paydays

Ms. Lindy Seto, MCCS Coordinator Time with MCCS: Nine Months

Growing up in a small Southern town called Sumrall located in central Mississippi, Lindy graduated from high school with only 64 people in her class. As a small town girl, she enjoyed swimming in creeks, slumber parties and stealing watermelons from a local farm. "I was always made to go pay the man after I was caught," Lindy said. She is the oldest of three siblings with 13 years difference between Lindy and her youngest brother. Lindy's dad was a mortician for the first 20 years of her life. She can remember spending weekends with him and having to sleep in the apartment at the funeral home while he worked. Lindy's third grade science fair project was on embalming; needless to say, her mom received a phone call on that one! She worked summers at her high school and was involved with cheerleading and other academic organizations.

Lindy attended William Carey College and graduated with her Bachelor of Science in psychology. Her first job out of college was a social worker for mentally ill adults living in the community. She visited their homes and assisted with daily living skills including budgeting, medication compliance, and overall quality of life. "It was a great job but I began to realize that I needed to further my education in order to advance my career," stated Lindy. She finished her Master of Science in 2000 with an emphasis in counseling education. She began working as an academic advisor for Meridian Community College and assisted students with degree and career counseling. She also served as the cheerleading coach and was an advisor for numerous clubs and organizations. In 2006, Lindy spent a semester abroad teaching English on the small island of Roatan, just off the coast

Employee Spotlight

of Honduras. It was one of the most difficult yet life changing experiences according to Lindy. Upon returning from Honduras, she worked as a student development coordinator for the second largest community college in the country. She planned and developed campus activities and leadership programs for over 52,000 students. She remembers it as "a great opportunity for me and an experience that I will always treasure."

In 2007, her boyfriend of four years joined the United States Marine Corps. Her life was forever changed the moment he was pinned a Marine! They were married in 2007 and have been stationed at 29 Palms for nine months. She currently serves as the MCCS Coordinator.

Lindy has a great love of animals! She states that if she had a lot of money and land, she would run a shelter for abandoned dogs.

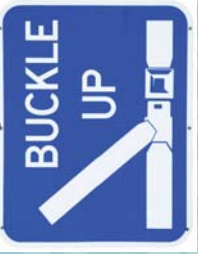
"Sorry to all the cat lovers out there, I am deathly allergic to cats so they can't be included in my dream job!" She currently has three dogs: Ruby, Homer, and Oscar. Ruby was rescued from a kill shelter after she was diagnosed with heartworms. Oscar was removed from his owner after being severely abused and now terrorizes all visitors to Lindy's home! Homer came to the Seto house as a pup and he is now 8 years young with more energy than anyone else in the family. Lindy recently adopted a guinea pig who has been named Bertha! "She is a nice addition to my family, but my husband has stated we are at our limit," said Lindy.



One benefit Lindy enjoys as an MCCS employee is the knowledge she is able to gain through her job. As a new spouse, this information has helped her transition to military life.

Do you have a unique story to tell? Is there someone you would like to put in the MCCS Employee Spotlight? Nominate co-workers to your supervisors or division heads. Be sure to include what sets them apart; their hobbies, interests, family life, etc. Get your nominations in now!

Safety First



Seat Belt Safety Awareness

By Gaston "Sundance" de PratGay
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Perhaps one of the most overlooked safety items on automobiles is the seat belt. Most people do not give seat belts a second thought, but they should check them to ensure their families safety.

Seat belts are still the most effective means of reducing fatalities and serious injuries in a traffic crash. In fact, seat belts save over 10,000 lives in America every year.

Sadly, thousands of people still die in traffic crashes every year because they don't wear a seat belt. Passengers in a moving vehicle continue to travel at the vehicle's original speed during the moment of impact.

Seat belts are your best protection in a crash. They are designed to have the strongest area of your body absorb the impact of the crash. Seat belts keep you in place so that you are less likely to strike the windshield, dashboard, or be thrown out of a vehicle.

Top 4 Reasons To Wear Your Seat Belt

- 1) Seat belts can save your life in a crash.
- 2) Seat belts can reduce your risk of serious injury in a crash.
- 3) Thousands of people die in car crashes each year because they forget to buckle up.
- 4) It's easy! Fastening your seat belt only takes three seconds.

Remember to make a habit of buckling up as soon as you get in the car. Some people find it helpful to tie a reminder ribbon somewhere in their car. Once the habit is formed, it will feel strange to be in a car unbuckled. Set an example for friends and family. You may save their life.

Your Benefits

Safety is NO Accident
on the job

By Hal Neiger, MCCS

Personnel Officer

THINK SAFE ...
WORK SAFE...
BE SAFE



When is an accident acceptable? The answer is simple, "NEVER!". Accidents should never be acceptable, nor should an accident ever be considered as "just part of doing business." All of us should have a reasonable expectation of going home in the same condition as we came to work. Working safely should be the number one priority for all MCCS employees.

However, should an accident occur please be assured that there is a process in place to take care of an injured employee. Regardless of the severity of an injury, you must report it to your supervisor immediately. If medical attention is required that will be the first priority. If no medical attention is required, you still must report it to your supervisor. This is for your protection.

In the event that an injury causes an employee to miss work, there is workers' compensation available for you. While there is a third party administrator that handles most of the paper work, you should know that all expenses are paid directly from MCCS at 29 Palms.

Q. WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I AM INJURED ON THE JOB?

A. Report any on the job injury to your supervisor and/or Human Resources Department immediately, even if you do not seek medical attention. They will complete the proper paperwork and forward your claim to the third party administrator and the Department of Labor.

Q. DO I LOSE MY RIGHTS TO BENEFITS IF I FAIL TO NOTIFY MY EMPLOYER OF AN ON THE JOB INJURY?

A. The statute of limitation for filing a workers' compensation claim is thirty days from the date of injury. It is to your benefit to notify your employer immediately of any work related injury.

Q. WHO IS OUR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

A. Workers' compensation claims for NAF employees are processed by contract Claims Services, Inc. (CCSI). They are located in Dallas, Texas. Once your claim is received at CCSI, you will be assigned an adjuster who will be your point of contact on claim issues.

Employee Coupon

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Wheel Alignment Service**
(\$25 or More)

at the Auto Skills Center
Bldg 1083, 830-4179

Good for the month of September. One Coupon Per Visit



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Working Together to Support the Marines, Sailors, & Their Families

Armed Forces Recreation Society Recognizes Two of Our Own

2008 Armed Forces Recreation Society (AFRS)
"Special Citation Award"

This award recognizes exemplary professionals working at the operational level who set the standard for management and implementation of world-class recreational programs and services at their installation.

This award was given to:

Mr. Todd Makovsky &
Mr. Joe Rosselli

Both will be recognized by their peers at the AFRS Awards Banquet in Baltimore, Maryland, in conjunction with the National Recreation and Park Association Congress October 14th - 17th, 2008.

Congratulations gentlemen!

