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Photo by Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Juan Valdiva, a firefighter on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., and Gary Cruz, a paramedic and firefighter on base, practice cutting a flat roof at the burn house on base, Aug. 22. The firefighters on MCLB Barstow train to become efficient in their jobs by participating in the advanced roof cutting course.

Back Cover:

Photo by Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Cpl. Bryanna Kessler, a stableman with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, talks to students after a ceremony remembering 9-11 at Lenwood Elementary School, in Lenwood, Calif. Sept. 11.

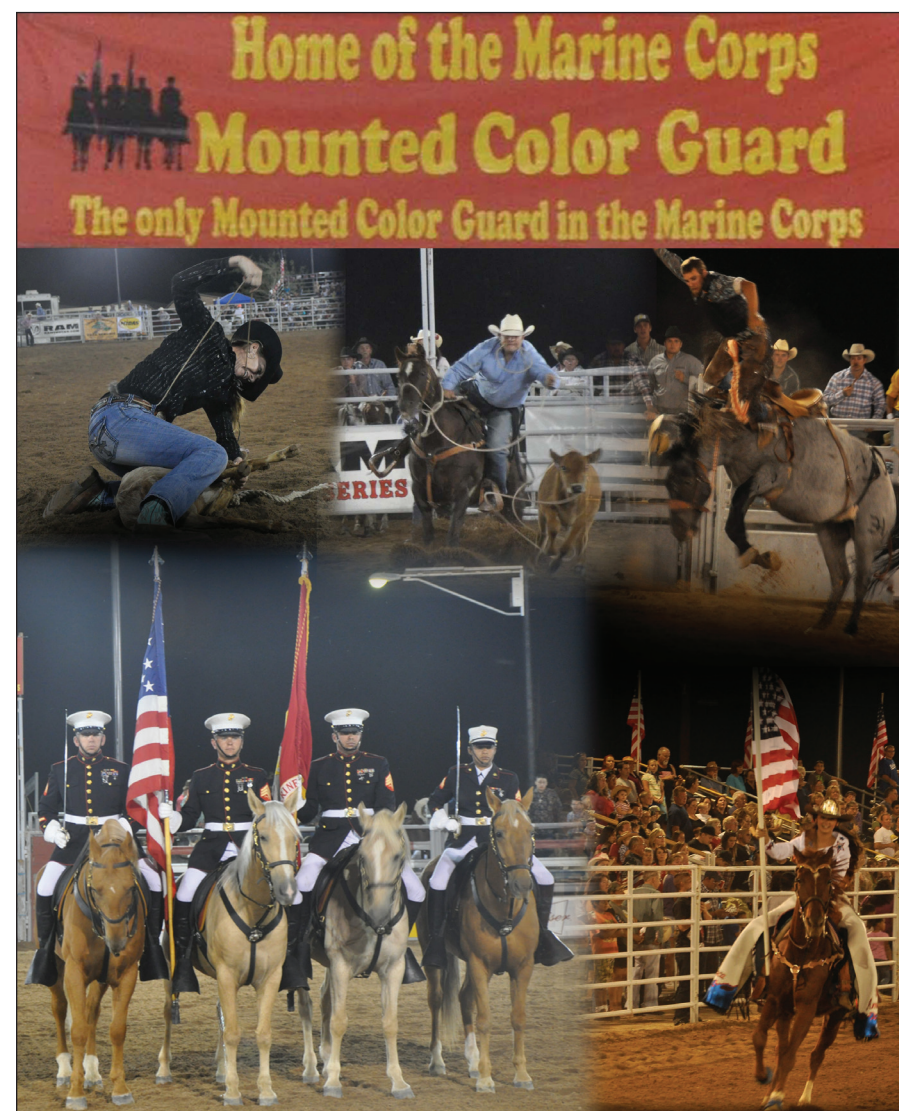


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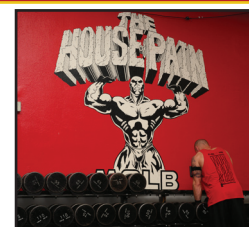
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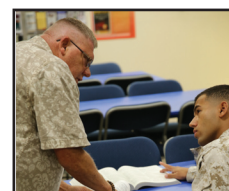
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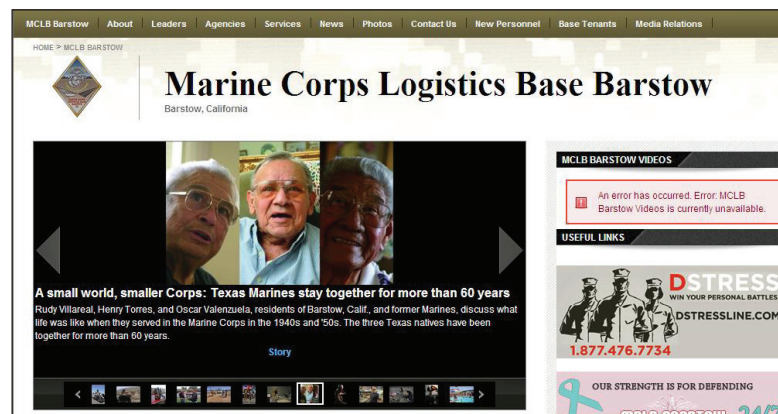




Photo by Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's walking color guard presents the nation's colors at a ceremony remembering 9-11 at the veterans home in Barstow, Calif. Sep. 11. The ceremony was held by Barstow Community College and the Veterans Home of California-Barstow.

News Briefs

NMCRS Thrift Store

School is here and that means Back to School Sale at the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store! During September, all boys, girls, and junior clothes are 50 percent off, as well as school supplies for kids. Our Saturday Sale will be on Sept. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1p.m., featuring 50 percent off men's and womens clothing and shoes.. **Volunteers are needed!** If interested, stop by or call the Thrift Store at 760-256-0444.

Team Building

Marine Corps Family Team Building is slated to hold Sewing and Craft Classes on September 16 - 18, 23, and 30 from 8 a.m. to noon in the multipurpose room of building 375. For more information call MCFTB at 760-577-6675 or 760-755-6408.

Blood Drive

A blood drive is slated to be held on Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at building 375 on the Nebo Annex, and 4 building 574 on the Yermo Annex.

Golf Tournament

The 2nd annual ERD Golf Tournament will be held on Oct. 5, at the Ashwood Golf Course in Apple Valley, Calif. It will be \$55 per player. The tournament includes a 4-Man Team Scramble, prizes for long drives and closest to the pin, door prizes, and a provided taco bar. For more information, contact Isaac.m.Luna@usmc.mil or Michael.Luna@usmc.mil.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week 2013 will be from Oct. 6-12. A safety stand-down and BBQ will be held on Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Nebo Fire Station. Participants will receive VPP safety information and free door prizes.

The BBQ will be \$5 a plate. It includes a hamburger, hot dog, chips and a drink. For tickets, call Joann Williams or Adam Clapp at 760-577-6093. The cut-off date for tickets will be Oct. 7.

Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive

list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations: **Alvin Blackford, Johnny Davis Jr., Roger Dull, Uriah Garcia, Amaris Kanteena, Ernest Langford, Lisa Lucero, Tulu Niusulu, and Howard O'Neill.**

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, contact Josie Marquez at 760 - 577 - 6481.

Anticipated Vacancies

Communication Division- IT Specialist GS-2210-12

Look for announcements under the new link at <http://usajobs.gov>

Energy Tip:

Do not position heat-producing appliances, such as televisions or lamps, near the thermostat that controls your air conditioner. The heat they produce 'fools' the thermostat and causes the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

ITS DATE NIGHT AT THE GYM

Story and photos by
Pfc. Samuel Ranney
Combat Correspondent

For most couples, Friday nights are spent going out for dinner or drinks, spending time with friends, or just relaxing at home; then there are other couples who spend this time at the gym ... training to become professional fitness competitors.

Gunnery Sergeant Russell Garcia, data chief on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., has been training with his wife, Katherine, for several months. He has been preparing for his first event: a physique competition for The Tournament of Champions, by John Lindsay,

"I originally got into fitness when I was younger after finding out that I had heart problems," said Garcia. "I needed to stay physically fit for that."

Garcia explained he has enjoyed lifting weights since high school. In the last few years, however, Garcia and his wife took fitness to a new level. The couple even hired an online personal trainer.

"My wife and I did a 12-week plan and got awesome results," Garcia said. "I lost 20 pounds ... the trainer thought I would be competition ready just a few weeks after that."

Garcia signed up for the Tournament of Champions and began his competition training program on July 13.

"This close to the competition, I'm eating white fish, steamed vegetables, eggs and egg whites," he explained. "That's pretty much what my diet consists of ... and a gallon of water a day."

Every other day, Garcia gets up first

thing in the morning to do 30-minutes of cardio interval training, without eating or drinking anything. In the afternoon, he does abdominal exercises and works out whatever part of his body is scheduled for that day. After every workout, he practices his poses for 30 minutes.

"I lift five days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday," he added. "On Wednesdays I take a break from lifting and only do cardio and abs."

"With (the competition) right around the corner, its work, gym, tan, and meal preparations every day," Garcia said. "It's a vicious cycle."

He is 110 percent dedicated, Katherine explained.

Having his wife as a training partner makes the process a lot easier, Garcia explained. They get to see each other a lot more often as opposed to one of them doing it alone.

"It's also nice to have someone you trust there to spot you," added Katherine. "You can lift much heavier (weight)."

Katherine, a Temecula, Calif., native, said they use each other for motivation. "Everyone has a day when they don't want to go to the gym; it's nice to have someone there to push you ... and to go with you," she said.

The couple explained that fitness and dieting have become more of a lifestyle now.

"It's become second nature," explained Garcia, the Waller, Texas, native.

They may not go out on dinner dates or out with friends on the weekends, but they still have fun. For their next anniversary, they are going to a fitness retreat, explained Katherine. The dedicated couple has a goal ... they each want their pro



Gunnery Sergeant Russell Garcia bench presses on an incline as Katherine Garcia spots him. The couple has been rigorously training for months in preparation of fitness competitions.

cards to be considered professional fitness competitors.

Katherine, who will be competing in February, explained that she believes her husband will do well in his competition. However, more than winning, his goal is to push himself and to be better than he was yesterday.

Garcia encourages anyone to get involved; however it's not just something you can jump into.

"It seems like just a couple weeks ago I couldn't even see my abs," Garcia said laughing. "However, if you train right and eat right you will get there ... with time."



Gunnery Sergeant Russell Garcia executes dumbbell presses at the base gym as his wife, Katherine Garcia, spots him, Aug. 28.



Gunnery Sergeant Russell Garcia executes dips carrying 100 pounds of weight while Katherine Garcia, performs side lateral raises.



Gunnery Sergeant Russell Garcia spots Katherine Garcia as she performs shoulder presses at the base gym.

ATV course offered

Story by
Pfc. Garrett White
Combat Correspondent

Whether on or off-duty safety is always paramount, but certain leisurely activities are inherently more dangerous than others.

Riding All-Terrain Vehicles (also known as quads) are one such activity, which is why service members are subject to certain rules regarding their use and operation.

Service members and Department of Defense civilians who operate personally owned ATVs must participate in an off-road course for the vehicle they own, according to Marine Corps Order 5100.19F. The course may be taken on base or at a local dealership.

Brian Korves, motorcycle and traffic safety officer on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., runs the ATV Rider Course here.

The riding course is designed to reinforce riding fundamentals and reduce the risk inherent with riding quads, Korves explained. The course teaches you techniques on mounting and dismounting, turning, breaking, accelerating, and proper body positioning when riding up and down hills or encountering various obstacles.

“You just can’t sit on the machine and expect it to handle or operate properly (by itself),” he said.

The course also covers the required safety equipment, he added. The personal protective equipment required for DoD employees and service members are boots, long pants, long sleeve shirt, full fingered gloves, and a Department of Transportation approved helmet (a ‘DOT’ sticker is located on the helmet signifying it meets standards.)

In addition to the required safety gear: shin, knee, elbow, and chest pads are recommended, added Korves. It is especially recommended for those riding on rough terrain or attempting any jumps on a quad.

Korves can teach any ATV engine size, which range from 30cc to 850cc. The course also covers which engine sizes are appropriate for which age ranges. While the size, strength and skill level of riders under the age of 16 is a factor, it is generally recommended to follow the manufacturer’s recommended age for the type of quad being ridden. Most quad manufacturers will have a sticker on the fender of the quad or a designation in the owner’s manual for the recommended age.

“The biggest thing to do when (buying) an ATV, whether right off the showroom floor or out of someone’s garage, is get the owner’s manual for it,” said Korves. This way owner can know how the quad is supposed to be maintained and properly operated. It also lets owners know how to properly inspect their quad.

For inspections, the course teaches an acronym called TCLOC – it represents Tires, Controls, Lights, Oils, Chains and drive shaft chassis, said Korves. It’s a basic pre-ride

inspection to make sure the ATV is ready to ride. There is nothing worse than riding about 10 miles out from camp and breaking down because a proper oil check wasn’t performed.

While the riding course fulfills the Marine Corp’s requirement to operate quads, it is also important to know the state laws governing them, said Korves.

“In the state of California, ATV operators are required to wear a helmet at all times when operating an ATV on public lands,” said James White, California Highway Patrol officer.

ATVs are required to be titled and registered with the state once a year, said White. Owners will receive a numbered plate for the ATV signifying it is properly registered.

Additionally, ATV operators may be subject to other state, county, or city laws and ordinances based on where they’re riding, said White. It is important for the rider to educate him or herself on where they are allowed to ride and to do so legally and safely.

Riders looking for information on locations where riding quads are permitted can go to the Bureau of Land Management’s Barstow Field Office

Right now the rider’s course is held quarterly, the next



Photo by Pfc. Samuel Ranney

Brian Korves, the motorcycle and traffic safety officer on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., simulates a portion of the ATV Rider Course, Sept. 6. Korves shifts his body weight as he turns through cones in place of various obstacles a rider may come across.

course is scheduled for late Nov., Korves said. However if more people are interested in taking the course, Korves will set up a special class for them.

“I would rather them get the proper training, so at least they know the basic safe operations of the ATV before they go out into the desert and get themselves hurt,” said Korves.

Ultimately, the goal is safety. Whether a new rider or an experienced rider, it is important to take the ATV Rider’s Course. As important as it is to ride within your skill level, it is just as important to ensure safety at all times.

SAMSON THE FRIENDLY DOG

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

Dogs are being used more and more in hospitals, senior citizen homes and retirement homes as therapy dogs to comfort and entertain them while passing the time.

One American Bulldog is currently being trained to do just that...Samson, the two-year-old 'son' of William and Miriam Hemme have spent numerous hours in training to become a therapy dog.

“When we first adopted Samson, he had some problems,” said Miriam. “We think he was used as a bait dog. A bait dog is a dog that is used to get a fighting dog amped up before a fight. Samson had really bad anxiety.”

She further explained when they first got him; he would chew on everything in the house. His anxiety was so bad he jumped through a glass window. So they took him to a trainer to see if he could be trained.

“We took him to one of our friends, Randy Abbott, who is a behavioral dog trainer,” said Miriam.

When Samson was brought to Abbott, he was timid and didn’t know what to do without the Hemmes, explained Abbott.

“Samson was a good dog, but he just had trouble controlling his anxiety,” said Abbot. “It took a lot of patience, but he slowly started to catch on to each command.”

The trick is to get the dog into a working state where it realizes that the commands given to him are tasks he must complete. When it reaches that mind set, the animal becomes more confident. When confidence is gained everything else falls into place such as the basic commands ‘come,’ ‘sit,’ ‘stay,’ ‘no,’ and ‘lay down,’ Abbot explained.



Samson poses for a photo in his cammo flauge utilities while visting offices on base, Sep. 9.



Captain William Hemme, operations officer, Fleet Support Division on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., his wife, Miriam Hemme, and their dog, Samson, pose for a family photo Sep. 9.

“With Samson it was just that way,” he expressed. “When we got Samson in the working state, all of the commands became second nature to him. However, it did take a lot of patience and repetition. The Hemmes had to dedicate at least an hour or two a day.”

Since the training was a success, Samson was given a new goal which is to become a therapy dog, Miriam explained.

“We have been training Samson to become a therapy dog because our trainer said it would be a good idea for Samson,” she said. “At first we didn’t think it was a good idea. However, our church had a ‘trunk or treat’ and we went to pass out candy to children. We were all dressed up as mummies, including Samson, and (more than) half of the children touched him and petted him. So, we thought if he could be dressed up in a costume and let more than 100 kids pet him; he could be a therapy dog.”

Now, the Hemmes have trained Samson to pass the test every therapy dog must go through, Miriam added.

Therapy Dog International will be administering the test to Samson. The test consists of the dog’s comfort under furniture, friendliness, walking on a loose leash, the ability to sit in one spot for two minutes, and giving his paw gently. This is Samson’s first time taking the test. If Samson passes he will become a volunteer therapy dog. “So far, Samson has performed well enough to where we believe he is ready to take the test!” she exclaimed.

The Hemmes will be putting Samson through testing in the next couple of months in hopes of him qualifying.

MARINES CLOSE WIDTH AND DESTROY THE BOOKS

Story and photo by
Pfc. Sanuel Ranney
Combat Correspondent

For the most part, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., is a slower-paced, non-deployable support establishment. That being said Marines here have a great opportunity to further their education and enhance their Marine Corps careers.

There are numerous benefits, grants and scholarships available for active duty military members, explained Francis Villeme, the base education officer.

“Marines have the military tuition assistance program,” Villeme explained. “It covers \$4,500 in tuition costs per fiscal year.”

Aside from TA, Villeme added there are many other ways military members can receive money for school.

Numerous Marines qualify for FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and various grants,” said the Rolla, Mo., native. Cost of tuition, books and other fees may all be covered without even using their military TA, Villeme added.

“There are all kinds of scholarships out there ... I have a book two-inches thick with different scholarships and grants,” explained Villeme. “They are for anyone -- including military, military families and dependents.”

Service members also have the benefit of being able to participate in the College Level Examination Program free of charge.

“The CLEP speeds up the process of obtaining a degree,” explained Villeme. “It allows you to study the course material on your own ... and when you’re ready, you test out to receive the college credit.”

Different colleges have different regulations regarding the CLEP; however, As long as the student passes the exam to their respective school’s standards they will receive the credit, he added.

The test is normally more than \$200, not including any study material.

However, not only is the test free; the library here will provide all of the materials and lectures needed to successfully complete the exam and receive the credit, explained Villeme.

“I’ve seen Marines study for two weeks up to three months,” Villeme explained. “Both of them passed the



Francis Villeme (left), the base education officer, gives Lance Cpl. Samuel Ribeiro, an adjutant clerk here, information on various scholarship programs and benefits he can use, Sept. 9, at McTureous Hall, the base library. The library offers myriad information and study tools to help service members successfully enroll and complete college courses.

exam. It all depends on the student.”

Villeme explained with time management and dedication, Marines who take advantage of both TA and the CLEP will have no problem leaving MCLB Barstow with an associate’s degree.

The retired Marine artilleryman, who received 30 credit-hours through the CLEP and a master’s degree by the time he got out, doesn’t understand why every Marine doesn’t take advantage of the numerous benefits.

“There are a lot of Marines here who capitalize on these benefits, but there

are still some who don’t,” Villeme said. “They may not realize just how many advantages they have to further their education.”

Villeme further explained, if a Marine is worried about taking an online course for the first time, the base library offers practice courses to get familiar with online learning. Tutoring is also available for any subject.

“If a Marine begins to struggle in any course, the library will ensure they get the help they need,” he said. “They just need to let us know.”

Lance Corporal Luis Castro, administrative clerk on base, is just one of the Marines here who takes advantage of these benefits.

The Puerto Rico, native, is majoring in criminal justice and has passed six college courses covered by TA and used the CLEP for one.

“It’s not hard at all to sign up for college,” Castro explained. “Marines here shouldn’t have a problem taking one or two classes a semester (while still performing) their duties as Marines.”

Being in a non-deployable unit gives Marines a great opportunity to advance in school; they should take advantage of the time they have here, Castro added.

Sergeant William Koeppel, the base career planner, also agrees that Marines here should take advantage of the slower pace and work toward their degrees.

“Marines here aren’t deploying. Not only does that leave more time to study, but the opportunity to take any in-class courses they need, as opposed to taking a class online,” Koeppel explained.

No matter what Marines intend to do, whether it’s getting out for civilian life or staying in the Marine Corps for 20 years, a college education will give them an advantage.

“Someone getting out of the Marine Corps who took advantage of off-duty education will have a head start to their degree and career plans,” Koeppel said. “They will also be able to save

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Reset helps the Corps in multiple ways

Story by
Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

With service members returning to the states from the Middle-East, the gear they took with them is also coming back.

Fleet Support Division Barstow on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., is handling the retrograde reset.



Photo by Pfc. Samuel Ranney
Vehicles coming back from deployments stored on MCLB Barstow, Calif. Vehicles and gear are repaired, stored and maintained for use in future missions.

Education

some of their GI bill (a 36-month college benefit for service member who get out honorably) by taking advantage of tuition assistance while they are active.”

Marines who choose to stay in also benefit from taking college courses, Koeppel added. It can help with promotions and allow enlisted Marines to participate in the Enlisted Commissioning Program. Marines who earn a bachelors degree while enlisted will have the opportunity to go to officer candidate school to become commissioned officers in the Marine Corps.

“Anytime you increase your education it will be useful and applied

“Since the reset, we have accumulated more than \$50 million worth of gear,” said Martin Durette, a branch head with FSD on MCLB Barstow. “We have also distributed more than \$16 million worth of gear back to units.”

FSD receives everything that comes back into the United States from Afghanistan, he added. Gear they receive could be anything from pens to a predator drone. FSD storing and shipping gear helps the Marine Corps in two ways: keeps the Marine Corps combat ready and saves money.

“When equipment comes onto the installation we have to decide whether a piece of gear is going to be preserved and stored, fixed or shipped back out to units to use in training or in forward deployed environments” said Durette.

Inspectors go through each piece of gear and get the proper paperwork to check whether the vehicles are serviceable or not before making the decision on whether to store it or get it repaired.

“We also can give units gear on a moment’s notice,” said Durette.

The Marine Corps isn’t really an occupational force, it’s more of a strike force. Marines need gear as soon as possible in case a crisis arises, said Lee Hubble, a branch head with FSD on MCLB Barstow.

somewhere,” Koeppel explained. “Marines with a college education will benefit the Marine Corps and themselves.”

Marines never really stopped going to school, Villeme said. They go to the school of infantry, their military occupational specialty schools, and constantly receive professional military education; so, why not further their education and receive college credit for it?

“One thing Marines do is accomplish the mission ... no matter what,” Villeme concluded. “So, make education a personal mission and get it done.”



Photo by Pfc. Samuel Ranney

Mine resistant ambush protected all-terrain vehicles lined up and preserved on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. Retrograde gear that comes back from forward deployed environments is preserved here to keep the Marine Corps mission ready.

FSD aims to keep the Corps combat ready at all times by preserving and maintaining maintenance on gear; however, they also save the Marine Corps money, Durette explained.

“By us saving or refurbishing the gear we save the Marine Corp millions of dollars, because now they do not have to buy new equipment,” said Durette.

The reset helps the Corps maintain and ensure combat readiness at all times and is giving the Marine Corps different ways to save money.



Lance Corporal Samuel Ribeiro, an adjutant clerk on base, receives information from Francis Villeme about the College Level Examination Program, Sept. 9, at the base library. The CLEP, offered to service members free of charge, allows students to test out of a class for college credit without actually going to class.

Not all American heroes are home grown

Story by
Pfc. Garrett White
Combat Correspondent

Anyone who pays the ultimate price for their country deserves to be recognized; however, there is something special to be said about the person who comes to this country and pays that price.

Henry L. Hulbert is one of those individuals.

Born January 12, 1867, in Kingston-Upon-Hull, Yorkshire, England, to a prosperous merchant family, Hulbert at a very young age distinguished himself as someone with a drive for excellence. He excelled in his studies as a child, and was highly successful as an adult in his career with Britain's Colonial Civil Service.

Between his own exceptional abilities and his marriage into a powerful family, his career seemed destined for greatness.

However, in the summer of 1897, everything he had worked for burned down around him. He was caught having an affair with his wife's younger sister, incurring the wrath of his wife's family. With their influence and power, his ex-wife's family destroyed his reputation, and saw to his effective exile from his home.

After drifting from place to place, the disgraced Briton found himself in San Francisco. With war looming with Spain, Hulbert enlisted in the Marine Corps on March 28, 1898.

After boot camp at Mare Island, Calif., the 31-year-old private was assigned to the Marine Guard, USS Philadelphia. This is where
10 Hulbert would begin

to make his mark in Marine Corps history.

Barely a year after his first enlistment, on April 1, 1899, Hulbert would have a chance to prove himself for the first time in combat.

During a combined British-American excursion into Samoa, Philippine Islands, Hulbert's unit of British and American Marines and seamen was ambushed by a numerically superior force of rebel fighters.

Under fire from three sides, Hulbert conducted a one-man delaying action, allowing his unit to fall back to a defensible position covered by the guns of friendly warships off-shore. Despite being wounded himself, he single handedly held off the attackers while the main body of his unit had established a new defensive perimeter.

For his actions that day, Hulbert received the Medal of Honor.

The years that followed Hulbert's actions in the Philippines saw his steady rise through the Marine Corps' enlisted ranks. Serving a variety of billets associated with his era, he never missed an award of the Marine Corps' Good Conduct Medal, and never shot less than expert on his yearly rifle requalification. His proficiency and conduct marks were the highest that could be awarded, and his service records contained several commendations by reporting seniors.

By 1917, Hulbert was promoted to the rank of sergeant major, and served on the staff of Maj. Gen. George G. Barnett, 12th Commandant of the Marine Corps. In that same year, shortly before America's entrance

into World War I, Hulbert was put on an examining board to determine his fitness for the newly established grade of Gunner.

At the recommendation of Brig. Gen. John A. Lejeune, president of the examining, Hulbert became the first Marine to wear the 'bursting bomb' rank insignia of a Gunner, and the first Chief Warrant Officer in the Marine Corps.

The 50-year old Hulbert would go on to be assigned as a platoon leader with the 66th Company (later C Co), 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. During the Battle of Belleau Wood, though suffering injuries, he would be thrice cited for bravery in official reports. The third citation would see him awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the U.S. Army's second highest award for valor.

During the Battle of Soissons Hulbert would again be cited for heroism under fire in actions where he was again wounded. For his bravery, he was commissioned to second lieutenant, and immediately promoted to first lieutenant.

It was during the Battle of Blanc Mont Ridge that Hulbert would receive the Navy Cross, the Navy and Marine Corps' second highest award for valor. Sadly, he would receive this award posthumously as he was killed by an unknown German machine-gunner while leading his unit during the battle.

Hulbert was also awarded the Croix de Guerre Order of the Army, a French mili-



tary decoration for heroism in combat, by the French government for his actions at Blanc Mont. He was also promoted to the rank of captain, as his promotion had been approved by the Secretary of the Navy at the time of his death.

But Hulbert's story didn't end with his death. In 1919, destroyer USS Henry L. Hulbert (DD-342) was launched in Norfolk, Va. The USS Hulbert served 26 years as an American ship of the line, until being decommissioned in 1945, and then sold for scrap in 1946.

Saved from the scrap heap was the ship's bell, which in July 1998, was rededicated at The Basic School's Infantry Officer Course at Quantico, Va. On the quarterdeck of Mitchell Hall, along with the decorations won by the ship's namesake, the bell stands as a reminder of the exemplary career of a magnificent Marine.

Information for this story was gathered from <http://arlingtoncemetery.net/hhulbert.htm>, and <http://www.history.navy.mil/danfs/h9/hulbert.htm>.

Chaplain's Corner

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
Base Chaplain

Thanks and goodbye

For the last three years, I have had this space to talk about my own faith journey and the points of contact between the broader world and how that informs said journey. It is now time to move on: part of this military life is the constant transition from duty station to duty station, and it is my privilege to go and serve with a battalion of Marines out of Camp Pendleton. During my tour here, many of you have stopped and thanked me for what I've written here. One of the big surprises was when you'd stop me in the store—I didn't realize my picture went with the article! I thought I was flying incognito. But, I'd now like to turn that thanks around and thank you for the last three years. There have been any number of people who have made this tour meaningful to me, I may not remember who they all are in this short few paragraphs. Be assured, any oversight speaks more to my limited memory rather than any

shortcomings on your part.

Thank you to everyone who helped me as I became part of this community three years ago. I think of all the businesses who welcomed me with open arms—not just trying to sell me something, but to value me as part of the community—you truly embody the best of what a business can mean to the citizens of this area. I also think of the numerous civic groups who allowed me to be involved with what is going on: the Military Affairs Committee always treated me as a valued member of what they were doing and allowed me to contribute to the well-being of service members in the High Desert. The Barstow Chamber of Commerce invited me to be a part of so many events that I think I eventually met everyone in Barstow. The Scouting community in Barstow was a great place for my family, where we were all able to

invest in the city—thanks Troops 116 & 169 (and Pack 169, too!). Getting to know all of the local folks I interacted with has been a tremendous joy. Some of my colleagues remarked that I could run for mayor after seeing how many people I interacted with at the Mud Run in 2012. I don't know about holding political office, but I count myself as privileged for having known so many of you who seek to make your community the best possible place.

Thank you to the congregation of Marine Memorial at MCLB. Many times chaplains look forward to getting away from chapels and heading back out to the field. But, you made it a joy to be in installation ministry as you sought to care for me and my family. Thank you to the Barstow Christian Ministerial Alliance. Rarely have I seen such a group of pastors and church members committed to one another. In an



age of competition and dissension, you have embodied unity and singularity of purpose. Thanks for covering at the chapel on various occasions for the sake of our people, and so I could go on vacation. A special word of thanks to my command: I count it an honor to have served with many great Marines and Sailors, and a dedicated civilian workforce.

Thank you, readers, for sharing this journey with me. I considered it my goal to share some sacred space with you, finding places where culture and faith can join in conversation. From the responses I've received, I think many of you reflect on these things at length, too. I'm glad that we were able to walk together on that path for the last three years. God's blessings be upon all of you, and Semper Fidelis.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015 SCHOOL OF ADVANCED WARFIGHTING APPLICATION

The Marine Corps recently published guidance for Marine officers who want to apply to School of Advanced Warfighting for academic year 2015. This advanced intermediate school is comprised of individuals who demonstrate the character, competence, and creativity to excel as planners, staff officer and future commanders.

Marine Corps University and

School of Advanced Warfighting convenes a selection board on Nov. 13, 2013 to pick 24 students for academic year 2014-2015. This is to ensure the best qualified applicants are afforded the opportunity to become (0505) Marine-Air Ground Task Force planners.

Further information on SAW and the application process is available at the MCU website

www.mcu.usmc.mil/saw/sitepages/recommendations.aspx

There are a lot of criteria for Marines to meet in order to fulfill requirements for eligibility. For more information, contact your unit career planner, or view the MARADMIN at www.marines.mil/messages/pages/MARADIN445-13.aspx.

