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Members of the Marine Corps' Silent Drill Platoon demonstrate attention to detail, choreography, and rigorous inspection of arms aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 5. This team practices diligently for as many as three performances in a single week.

Back Cover : Laurie Pearson

Lance Corporals Teishone Busgith, package specialist and Jonathan Miley, warehouse clerk, with Combat Logistics Battalion 453, double check the chains holding equipment on railcars as part of their training aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 2.



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http://www.twitter.com/#!/MCLB_Barstow





Photo by: Rob Jackson

Pixie Bradley is all smiles while being embraced by longtime friend Ingrid Hamilton, after receiving a gift during a pot luck held in her honor March 3. Miss Pixie, as she is lovingly called by the children at the Child Development Center, retired after 26 years of service.

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Individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations:

Kerry Eaton

Annette Madero

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Share Program should contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6915.

**Sugar Loaf Social
St. Patrick's Day Social
Sugar Loaf Hill Bar
Bldg. 38
Friday March 17
4 - 9 p.m.**

Festive Drink Specials. Call 577-6264 for more information.

**YOGA Classes
Semper Fit Gym
Tues. & Thurs.
11:30 - 12 p.m.**

YOGA is a system of breathing practices, postures and meditation intended to integrate the body and mind to restore flexibility and promote calmness. Classes are \$3 drop-in or you may purchase a monthly pass for \$25. For more information call 577-6898.

**Play Morning
Community Center
Friday March 10
9 a.m.**

Come join in the fun! All active duty service members and their dependents are invited to come enjoy singing, stories, crafts and play-time. Make new friends and learn something new each week. For more information contact New 4 Parent Support at 577-6533.

**Screens and Strikes
Family Movie Night
Desert Lanes Bowling Center
Friday March 10
5 - 7 p.m.**

We'll be watching the family friendly movie "Pete's Dragon" For more information contact Desert Lanes Bowling Center at 577-6264 or visit www.mccsbarstow.com/bowling/.



**Burn Your Own Steak Night
Sugar Loaf Bar
Bldg. 38
Thur. March 30
4 - 8 p.m.**

Come to Burn Your Own Steak Night! The \$13.50 per person fee includes 8 oz., ribeye steak or chicken, salad, corn on the cob and baked potato. The grill is open from 4-7 p.m. Happy hour drink specials from 4-6 p.m. Call 577-6264 for more information.

**Tax Preparation
Assistance
Office of General Counsel
Bldg. 236
March 10
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Free tax help for active duty, retirees and MCLB civilian employees. Active duty and dependents need military/dependent IDs. Civilians and retirees bring Social Security card with proper ID. Bring all applicable tax forms. Form 1361-C is required for services; it is located at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f13614c.pdf>. This form will also be available to fill out. To schedule an appointment call 760-830-4829. Walk in services will also be available.

**Baby Boot Camp
Desert Housing
Community Center
Wed. March 15
9 - 11 a.m.**

Join the New Parent Support Program for expecting moms and moms of children ages 0-18 months for information on diapering, bathing, health and safety, soothing a crying baby, infant growth and development, infant care, and infant oral health. Children are welcome! For more information call 577-6533.

**Self-Defense Class
Semper Fit Gym
Wed. March 15
6 - 8 p.m.**

All ages and skill levels are welcome to attend this free class. Even if you don't want to participate you can watch and learn how to be your own personal safety advocate. For more information call 577-6533.

CLB-453 trains aboard MCLB Barstow

Story by: Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist



Photo by: Keith Hayes

(Left) Sergeant Blake Pemberton, Fleet Support Division, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow; Sgt. Maj. Lanette Wright, sergeant major, 4th Marine Logistics Group, New Orleans; Staff Sgt. Max Hedrington, FSD; Brig. Gen. Helen Pratt, commanding general, 4th MLG; Lance Cpl. Justin Fontanilla, 4th MLG; and Sgt. Jedidiah, Birnie, FSD; talk about logistics concerns during Pratt's visit to MCLB Barstow to observe Marine reservists as they train.

Marine Reservists with Supply Company and Detachment 4, Maintenance Company both from Combat Logistics Battalion 453, out of San Jose, Calif., engage in multi-faceted training aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., all week.

"This is an evolution that highlights the training opportunities available on the base for both active and reserve units across the Marine Air Ground Task Force spectrum," said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Hensley, MCLB Barstow's base operations chief. "We hope to continue to support units and provide commanders with training areas that allow them to accomplish core and assigned mission essential tasks. Due to our unique location we are able to accommodate not only annual training events, but also cater to the full range of military operations that are associated with standard and specialized training cycles."

The training conducted here allows the Marines to tackle multiple training needs at once, allowing them to better perform their functions and meet the demands of their jobs.

"Our San Jose-based Marine Reservists have a special set of military occupational specialties that make it difficult for us to find a site that offers as many unique training opportunities as MCLB Barstow," said Maj. Maro Enoka, commanding officer for Supply Company. "MCLB Barstow allows us to accomplish critical annual training objectives such as the rifle and pistol ranges as well as on-the-job training experience that focuses on supply, maintenance, and distribution management. Our on-the-job training includes

working with active duty Marines and civilians at the Fleet Support Division, Production Plant Barstow, Defense Logistics Agency, and MCLB Barstow Railhead."

Another benefit of this training is to allow the Marines to understand the requirements and training standards within their own military occupational specialty, explained Chad Hildebrandt, Railway Operations supervisor.

"They will be able to support other reserve component units with their rail missions such as the Marine Wing Support Squadron 473 reserve mission later this summer," Hildebrandt said, pointing out that some of the training can only be done here at this base.

"This railway operations training is not offered anywhere else within the Department of Defense," Hildebrandt said. So at some point if they need railway operations training, they have to come to MCLB Barstow.

"The experience has been excellent," Enoka said. "The relationship between San Jose Reservists and MCLB Barstow began in 2016 due in large part to Lt. Col. Gregory Field, inspector and instructor for CLB-453, 4th Marine Logistics Group, and former FSD director. We plan on continuing to grow, foster, and nurture this relationship in the future by continuing to utilize MCLB Barstow resources for our Marines. It is a symbiotic relationship in the sense that we are able to support MCLB entities while at the same time enhancing our Marines' skills and their own capabilities, thus improving operational readiness for the Marine Corps, writ large."



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 453 engage in rifle qualifications as part of their training aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 2. The training included military occupational specialty specific training, competencies, as well as work with railway operations, Production Plant Barstow, Fleet Support Division, Defense Logistics Agency, and supply on base.

Battle Color

Photos complied by: Laurie Pearson,
Keith Hayes and Jack Adamyk



The Marine Corps' Silent Drill Platoon conducted a complicated and moving performance aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 5. The full performance of the Battle Colors Detachment was shortened due to inclement weather. Afterwards the performers took time to meet and greet the public which included members of the local community.



Detachment



Military Spouse of the Year for MCLBB

Story by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Ashley Ignatz is the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Military Spouse of the Year.

According to the Military Spouse of the Year announcement letter, the Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year award “was created to recognize those spouses in the military community who have gone above and beyond in their service, advocacy, and support of our nation’s service members and military families.”

If the name Ignatz sounds familiar, it’s because her husband is Capt. Kendall Ignatz, the assistant public works officer and the Headquarters Company commanding officer aboard the base.

“I was very happy and excited to learn I would be holding that title,” Ashley said. “I believe I was selected for the award because of my work as a trainer with Marine Corps Family Team Building and my positive presence in the MCLB community.”

Ignatz said she volunteers to be on the Marine Corps Ball Planning Committee and the Parent Advisory Board for the Child Development Center.

“Being selected as MCLB Barstow’s Spouse of the Year is a great opportunity to continue to learn, problem-solve, broaden my resources, and ultimately help other military families,” Ignatz said.

Her work as the Family Team Building trainer for Marine Corps Community Services gives her a sense of satisfaction when she helps military families navigate the often confusing world of the military lifestyle.



Photo courtesy: Ashley Ignatz

Ashley and her husband Kendall Ignatz, here a first lieutenant prior to his promotion to captain. Ashley, who is with Marine Corps Community Services, was recently chosen as Marine Corps Logistics Base Military Spouse of the Year by Armed Forces Insurance. The award was created to recognize those spouses in the military community who have gone above and beyond in their service, advocacy, and support of our nation’s service members and military families.

“I try to use my job as a platform to not only teach but also to connect military families with the resources available to them,” she said. “It makes me feel good to receive positive reviews on my workshops and know



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Ashley Ignatz, Marine Corps Family Team Building trainer, coaches military spouses during a cooperative salsa making class, as part of the LINKS for Spouses training held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb. 9.

that what I said resonated with someone and will help them.”

To learn more about the Military Spouse of the Year award, go to <http://msoy.militaryspouse.com>.

The overall 2017 Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year will be named at an event in the District of Columbia in May. 🇺🇸



Photo by: Keith Hayes

(Left) The Cat In The Hat, aka Reece Dillingham, library technician, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow; waits as a gaggle of children dressed as characters from a Dr. Seuss book, jockey for position to get their pictures taken by Ashley Ignatz, Marine Corps Community Services, MCLBB; as Thing 2, Jennifer Thrasher, MCCA looks on, during the celebration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday March 2. Ignatz was named Military Spouse of the Year for MCLB Barstow by Armed Forces Insurance Feb. 13.

PPB continually improving

Story and photos by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Continuous Process

Improvement is a program to improve the safety and efficiency of the artisans working on production as well as improve the quality of the finished product at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

Angelina Rivera, branch head, Production Analysis Branch, PPB, said the CPI program has been in use for years and is very effective.

"We look at ways to make any type of process, whether it's a paper transaction or the way we produce a vehicle, faster, better, below costs and with no quality defects," Rivera said. "We try to eliminate bad quality and do things as safely as possible."

Rivera said one of the biggest benefits of the CPI program is to reduce injuries at the plant.

"We had an injury on the way torsion bars were being transported for the AAVs (Amphibious Assault Vehicle). Originally they were putting them on pallets which involved a lot of bending and lifting. This way could lead to potential injuries and could cause damage to the torsion bars," she explained. "The CPI team working with the artisans led to the development of a special stand to move the torsion bars from one location to another ergonomically, safely, and eliminate risk of the torsion bars being damaged."

"The customers for the CPI office are the artisans on the floor and the supervisors," Rivera continued. "My team consistently engages with production and work on ways to make things easier, more efficient and above all safer. We have a bi-weekly meeting with the plant manager and several of the managers just on process

improvement projects and projects we want to complete in the future."

Improving efficiency means laying out the area where the job is being performed in a logical way.

"We try and reduce movement for the employee so that the artisans have everything, all of the tools they need to do their job more efficiently. All of that walking and looking for tools and materials means it takes longer to do the



Angelina Rivera, branch head, Production Analysis Branch, explains CPI at a Light Armored Vehicle project site. The chart is a graphical representation for artisans working on the project to follow how the production process for that particular vehicle is conducted at Production Plant Barstow, March 2.

actual job," Rivera said.

"We try and work with the artisans to streamline the process, so everything is within reach," she said. "We have done 'point of use tooling,' meaning that every tool the mechanic needs is right there and they can just pick it up and use it rather than searching around the shop for the right tool. All tools to perform their duties are now clearly laid out for them, and wasted time looking for tools has been minimized."

The CPI has proven its effectiveness time and time again, Rivera said.

"Most recently we've been doing a lot of floor layouts to increase workload capacity," she said. "When

we have an increase in workload for a product line they need a bigger footprint to do the job without impacting the Repair Cycle Time (RCT).

"For the Marine Corps HMMWV (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) project we're working on, for example, we reutilized additional workspace and gained 7,700 square feet. This allowed six more assembly stations and two disassembly stations," Rivera said.

Although Rivera and her team spend a lot of time on the plant floor looking for ways to improve things through participation in ISO audits, hazard recognition walks, and 6S audits, they do spend time behind their computers analyzing data.

"People don't realize that we do a lot of data analysis of figures to determine patterns and to determine where our weaknesses are and where we can improve," she said. "We prepare the reports for the twice-weekly Production Meetings, review Cost Performance Index (CPI), and Repair Cycle Times for the production lines as well as quality defects."

"We do ISO 9001 audits (International Organization for Standardization), which is important because it says we're producing a quality product for our customers, and Continuous Process Improvement is part of the ISO standards," Rivera said.

The ultimate customer, the one that will be using what PPB produces, is always on Rivera's mind.

"I come from a family with a strong military tradition. So being able to provide back to the warfighter for what they've done for us is just amazing. We give them the best possible vehicles we can as quickly and efficiently as we can is our goal. That's important to me and everyone who works here," she said.

Scrap metal round-up on MCLB Barstow

Story and photos by: Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

With the recycling prices of steel on the increase, members of the Qualified Recycling Program are seeking opportunities to collect scrap metal around Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

"The majority of the scrap metal we currently turn in (to the recycling centers) is steel," said Arley Lessard, QRP manager. "We have also collected tin and aluminum."

"Some examples of common items to recycle are metal dumpsters, metal bins, mixed metals to include aluminum, steel, and brass," said Jack Adamyk, QRP laborer.

"There are different types of steel," said Scott Figueroa, QRP assistant. "Number one steel and

number two steel. Number 1 steel is your heavy iron stuff that you can't bend yourself.

Number 2 is like sheet metal, flimsy stuff. It would bend if you hit it with a bat. There are also plate and structural steel such as manhole covers, beams for big buildings. Short iron is four feet and under and ready to ship. All of the steel that's recycled then gets shipped (overseas) where it's repurposed."

Recycling serves multiple purposes such as cleaning up the base.

"Recycling (also) diverts waste from going to the landfill reducing costs," Lessard said.

"In the case of scrap metal, it generates revenue for the program."

The revenue generated from QRP is used according to the Marine Corps Order for operational needs, maintenance,

and overhead costs incurred by the QRP, explained Lessard.

"Excess funds, if any, may be used for pollution prevention, energy conservation, safety and health projects, or non-appropriated morale, welfare and recreation purposes," Lessard said. "However, these expenses must be approved by the QRP committee led by the (base) executive officer."

In the past QRP, funds have been used to support the Marine Corps Ball, and Marine Corps Community Services events such as the base Christmas party, or Halloween Haunt.

"Recycling also reduces landfill costs, saving the base money," Lessard said.

To coordinate a pick-up or drop-off of scrap metal, contact the QRP manager at (760) 577-6941 or via email at arley.lessard@usmc.mil. 📧



Arley Lessard, Qualified Recycling Program manager, Scott Figueroa, QRP assistant, and Jack Adamyk, QRP laborer, coordinate with Mike Belomoz from SWRFT to recycle scrap metal aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb. 14.



Scott Figueroa, Qualified Recycling Program assistant, maneuvers scrap metal with a forklift in preparation for recycling, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb. 14.

COMMANDER'S FORUM



Col. Sekou S. Karega
Base Commander

Colonel Sekou S. Karega, base commander, is very interested in improving the quality of life for our Marines, their families and our Civilian Marines throughout the base, as well as our other active duty members and their families.

With this in mind, he would like to know your thoughts, suggestions and comments on quality of life issues and how they can be improved. What suggestions do you have?

This is a new section in the Prospector which will be published in each bi-monthly edition. Tell us your thoughts or issues and a

response or answer to a question you may have will be published in the base paper.

To get things started, let's hear your thoughts about the new Route 66 Café. It reopened for business on 6 March 2017 with a new look and menu. For those of you that have had the opportunity to visit, what do you think? 🍷

Send your responses to
BSTW_PAO@usmc.mil

Grand re-opening of Route 66 Café

Photo by: Rob Jackson
Public Affairs Officer



Colonel Sekou S. Karega, commander officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow with assistance from Edwina Ramsey, food and beverage assistant manager, Sergeant Major Sergio MarintezRuiz, base sergeant major, and Tommie E. Patillo, Barstow

Operations officer, MCCA, cut the ribbon to signify the grand opening of the Route 66 Café, March 6. The café reopened with a new design and an all new menu, with just a bit of history as part of its decor.

