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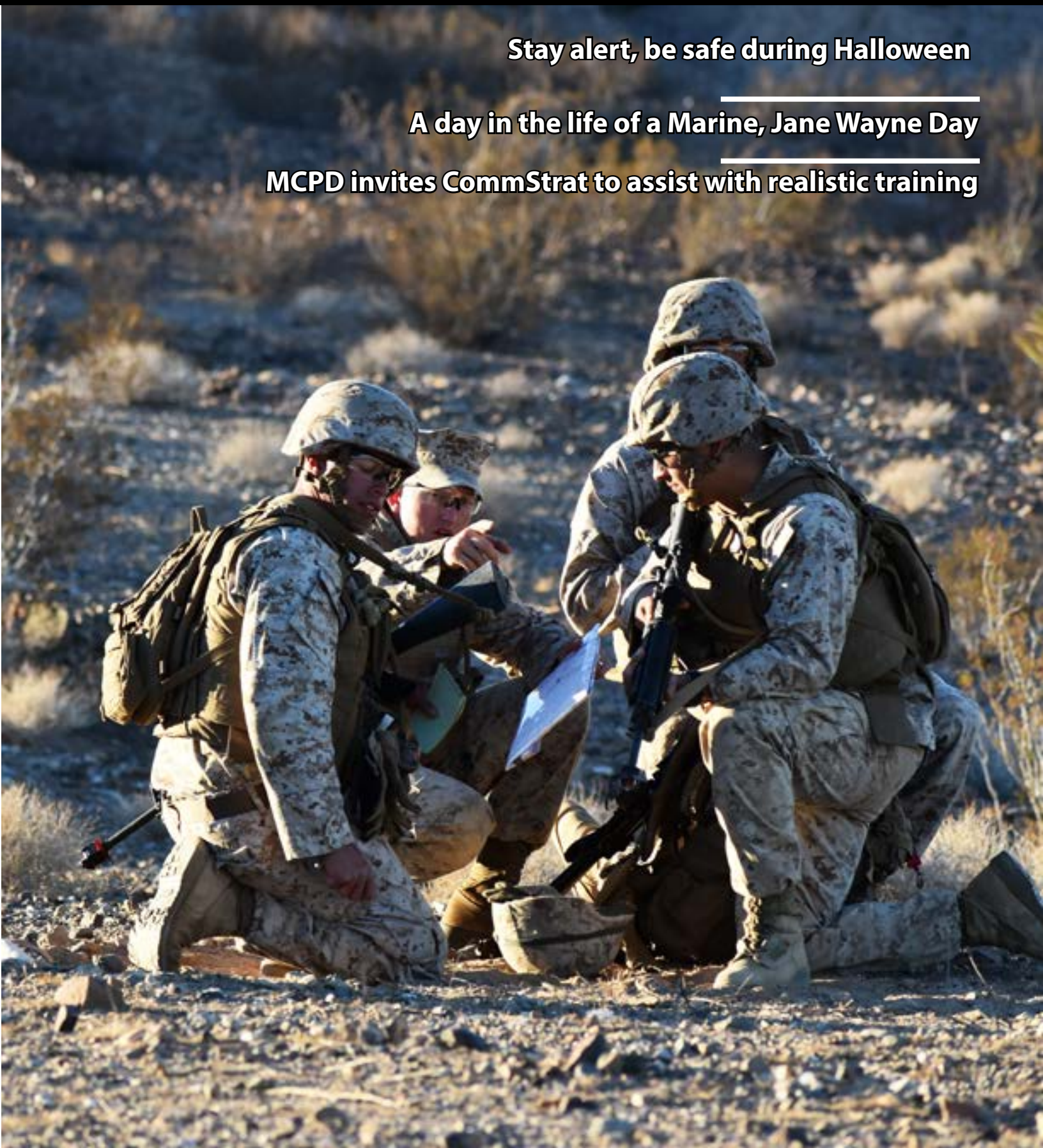
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Chaplain's Corner

Submitted by: Lt. Chad Laughrey
Chaplain, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference." - Elie Wiesel

We often think as long as we are not doing something that is wrong, we are right. I want to challenge you to be more proactive in your life and leadership. Doing nothing is often worse than doing the wrong thing. I have heard it said, "Not even God can steer a parked car." So avoid indifference and get involved in making a positive change in the people around you!



On The Cover:

Front cover courtesy: Gunnery Sgt. James Hainer

Sergeant Benjamin Crouch, Supply Administrator, delivers patrol instructions to his team during the Headquarters Company field exercise aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 18. This field exercise was to provide proof of concept, capability and refresh basic troop skills.

Back Cover: Laurie Pearson

Lieutenant Colonel Tarrell Giersch, director of Fleet Support Division, tastes a variety of chilis, carefully judging for taste, texture and spice or sweetness during the FSD Annual Chili Cook-off Event held on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 24. Of the 19 chili submissions, the four judge panel selected their top three and awarded prizes to those participants.



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Just doing our jobs...



Photo By: Keith Hayes

Electricians Tony DeLuca and Tabitha Bush work to install an inverter in the interior of a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 19. The inverter takes vehicle power and converts it into usable energy to operate personal electronic devices. In the background, Glen Mata, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, uses a large crescent wrench to make adjustments to the MRAP's drive shaft. The six-seat Cougar model of the MRAP is designed to take the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device and direct it away from the specially reinforced cab of the vehicle to increase survivability of the cab's occupants.

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Leave Share Program

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

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

L.I.N.K.S Coffee Chat With Career Services Desert View Housing Community Center

Thurs. Nov. 1
9 - 11 a.m.

Bring your laptops for this interactive career workshop. We'll be assessing out strengths to help find a career you can be passionate about, and learning how Marines advance in their careers. The Family Member Employment Assistance Program Manager will provide a career resource workshop on a comprehensive online resource to help you plan for the future. Learn about your interest, skills and work values and use those results to build a personal career plan, explore occupational information and plan for your future success. Come chat with us, ask questions, and learn about our community. Coffee, hot chocolate, tea, smoothies, and water provided. For more information contact L.I.N.K.S at 577-6675.



Operation Tobacco Free Marine

Semper Fit Gym
Mon. Oct. 29
12 - 12:30 p.m.

The "Operation Tobacco Free Marine" Tobacco Cessation Program provides the tools and resources to help you become tobacco free. Individual and group classes are available to the entire Marine Corps community.

Burn Your Own Steak Sugar Loaf Hill Bar

Bldg. 38
Thurs. Oct. 25
4 - 9 p.m.

Come to Burn Your Own Steak Night for a great meal and some friendly conversation. We also have food for the kiddos so bring them along. Drink specials from 4 - 6 p.m. and grilling until 7 p.m. Burn Your Own Steak is \$13.50 per person.

Energy Tip

Take cooler showers.
 Heating water typically
 accounts for 18 percent of
 utility bills.



Education Week McTureous Hall Thurs. Nov. 1

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
**Education and Career
 Assessment**

Match education and career opportunities and find the degree/career path you are looking for. (Assessment is 30 min. You can discuss results then or on another date). For more information call 577-6118.



Play Morning Desert View Housing Community Center

Fri. Oct. 26
9 - 11 a.m.

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

Stay alert, be safe during Halloween

Story by: Keith Hayes
CommStrat Planner

Halloween is intended to be a fun time for children dressed in their favorite costumes out collecting candy door to door. However, not everyone is concerned about the safety of the children, and that is where a responsible adult comes in.

“Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow is a closed and contained community, so the worries about Halloween safety aren’t as great, but don’t start to feel a false sense of security when it comes to Halloween safety,” Michael Reyes, physical security specialist, said.

This year Halloween, Oct. 31, falls on a Wednesday. Some parents may take their trick or treaters out to the Barstow community for their night of candy collecting, so paying special attention to your surroundings is of paramount importance.

“For children and their parents who participate in off-base trick or treating,” Reyes said, “tell the children not to eat any of their treats until they get back to base. They can always go to the police station and have their bags ‘wanded’ with a metal detector to find any foreign objects that may have been inserted into the candy.”

Reyes also recommends that homemade food and candy items put in the bag should be removed.

“I wouldn’t take a chance,” he said. “Unless it is wrapped and sealed in the original wrapping, you don’t know what could have been put in there.”

The costumes worn by the youngsters should be of a reflective material or have reflective tape added to them, especially if they intend to be out after dark.

“The costumes and wigs should also be made of a flame retardant material,” he said. “If the costume comes with a mask which doesn’t allow the wearer to see all around them, then it shouldn’t be worn.”

Children are focused on one thing when out Halloween night, getting the candy. They may not take

the time to look around them to see whether it is safe.

“Teach your children never to enter a stranger’s home or car,” Reyes said. “They shouldn’t leave familiar well-lit areas and they should always stick with their friends or the adult who is accompanying them.”

Keep an eye out for slow-moving vehicles that seem to be following children to forestall the possibility of child abductions.

Although not as big a concern aboard base, homeowners should check their property prior to Halloween and remove any “trip and fall” hazards.

“Having your porch lights on means you are giving away candy,” Reyes said. “When you’re out of candy or done for the evening, turn your porch lights out.”

“Halloween is a fun time, so go out and enjoy being with your children, but be vigilant and aware, because crime and accidents can happen,” Reyes said.



The National Safety Council offers these additional safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- **Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.**
- **Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.**
- **At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.**
- **Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.**



A day in the life of a M

Story by: Keith Hayes
CommStrat Planner



Photo By: Keith Hayes

Military spouses and civilians familiarize themselves with semi-automatic pistols during the weapons-firing portion of Jane Wayne Day activities held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 12. Active duty Marines assist the ladies in experiencing a day in the life of military personnel.



Photo By: Keith Hayes

Colonel Craig C. Clemans, commanding officer, gives a pep talk to the participants in Jane Wayne Day at Sorenson Field, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 12. Usually, the spouses of active duty military attend the event with their significant others, but this year the colonel opened the activity up to civilians as long as they were on leave or a regular day off.

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Thirteen spouses and, for the first time ever, Civilian Marines, gathered at Sorenson Field aboard MCLB Barstow to take part in Jane Wayne Day, Oct. 12.

Once a year Jane Wayne Day gives military dependents of active duty service members a taste of what daily life is like for their significant other aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

The first event was the modified Combat Fitness Test.

“The Combat Fitness Test was modified for the participants, but it was still a physical challenge that most people would have difficulty completing,” CWO3 Jose Maynes, Uniformed Readiness Coordinator, and organizer of the event, said.

The CFT required participants to lift 15-pound ammunition cans over their heads as many times as they could in a specified time period. That was followed by a quarter-mile “movement to contact” run around the Sorenson Field track. Next, the “maneuver under fire” activities including, among other events, a body drag, a fireman carry, a grenade toss (using dummy grenades), and concluding with a sprint to the finish carrying two ammo cans.

Blanca Crouch, the wife of Sgt. Benjamin J. Crouch with base supply, took part in the Jane Wayne Day activities “because I wanted to do something with my husband.”

Crouch said he was surprised by the news that his wife had signed up.

“But then I was happy about it,” he said. “I helped her to get ready by having her lift weights in the living room.”

The group also participated in live-fire activities at the base pistol range, firing a 9-millimeter semi-automatic handgun at a silhouette target. Each “Jane” had a Marine as a partner, in some cases their active duty husbands, to teach them proper stance and firing position, as well as range safety.



Photo By: Jack Adamyk

Sergeant Benjamin Crouch, Supply Administrator, runs with his wife, Blanca, during the Combat Fitness Test portion of Jane Wayne Day aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 12.

arine, Jane Wayne Day

Stephanie Gray, an analyst with the Manpower Department, was proud of the grouping of her shots on target.

“I enjoy shooting. That’s one of the reasons I signed up for Jane Wayne Day,” she said. “I knew the physical demands were going to be pretty intense for us, but I wanted to see what it’s like to be a Marine.”

“The Highest Shooter Award went to Maribel Gonzalez of base supply,” Maynes said. “She scored 178 out of 180 possible points with 18 rounds fired.”

Lunch was served at the range in the form of military MREs, Meals Ready to Eat, for those who didn’t bring a box lunch with them.

After the range, the Jane Wayne participants went to the Yermo Annex to tour the Lt. Col. Robert Lindsley Stables, home of the last remaining Mounted Color Guard in the Marine Corps.

Then it was on to a tour of Production Plant Barstow and participation in a demonstration at the Vehicle Test Track area of the Marine Depot Maintenance Command facility. Each of the participants took a ride in a Mine Resistant, Ambush Protected vehicle, or MRAP, around the hardened concrete oval track designed to handle the 68-ton weight of an Abrams Main Battle Tank.

At the end of Jane Wayne Day, Alma Martinez, the wife of Sgt. Maj. Sergio MartinezRuiz, picked up the Gung Ho Award as the most inspiring participant.

“She kept the others going and was an enthusiastic supporter for the other women to help them complete each task,” Maynes said.

“Jane Wayne Day helps build community among the personnel who live and work aboard MCLB Barstow,” he concluded. “Families are of major importance to our morale and spirit and Jane Wayne Day helps bridge the gap by providing the non-military member a better appreciation of our mission.”



Photo By: Keith Hayes

Military spouses and civilians enjoy warm-up exercises to kick off Jane Wayne Day on Sorenson Field aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 12. Designed to give a taste of what military life is like, Jane Wayne Day puts participants through a modified Combat Fitness Test, a visit to the pistol range, a tour of the Mounted Color Guard stables, and Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command.



Photo By: Jack Adamyk

Military spouses, and civilian employees competed during the Combat Fitness Test portion of Jane Wayne Day aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 12. Events of the day included the CFT, pistol range, tour of the Mounted Color Guard stables, and a ride on the test track in Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicles (M-ATV).



Photo By: Jack Adamyk

Colonel Craig Clemans, Base Commander, low crawls with his wife, Ruth, during the Combat Fitness Test portion of Jane Wayne Day aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 12.

MCPD invites CommStrat to assist with training

Story by: Laurie Pearson
CommStrat Chief

The Marine Corps Police Department is implementing role-playing scenarios to enhance training for new officers aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

"These new officers have graduated the 13 week Basic Police Officer's Course, and are now undergoing the 14 week Field Training Officer Program," said MCPD's Deputy Police Chief William Atkinson.

"The more realistic the scenario, the better the training," said Christopher Dinisi, police officer with MCPD. "The training makes it as realistic as possible, so that when something occurs in reality, you know how to respond. Basically, you train like you fight and fight like you train."

For this round of training, Lt. Robert Johnson, Field Training Officer Program Coordinator with MCPD, requested the assistance of Communication Strategy and Operations.

"Since Julie Felix used to work on base as a police officer, she knows the ins and outs of the base, and she has experience in how questions can and should be asked in order to guide a conversation," Johnson explained.

Felix is now the editor in charge of designing and editing the base publication, The Prospector. She took time out of her busy schedule to play the roles of both, a victim in one scenario, and a witness in the other.

"I think it went great," Felix said. "They asked a lot of good questions and it gave them an idea of areas they can improve on out in the field. In conducting investigations, it's important to know how to avoid leading questions, and to ask open-ended questions instead. It's always better to stick with the basics by asking who, what, when, where, why and how types of questions as well. The more they practice in scenarios like these, the better they'll get."

The overall scenario was focused on larceny of a private property. In this case, a barbecue grill was reported to have been stolen from Felix's backyard over the weekend while she and her husband were supposedly out of town.

With Miguel Magana, a field training officer, and Lt. Johnson observing, officers Christopher Dinisi and Ivan Orozco approached Felix separately asking similar questions. Her responses were guided based on the questions asked and they varied as a result. In that manner, they resembled a sort of "choose your own adventure." The officers later approached Felix again, this time as a neighbor who may have witnessed the incident. Again her responses were a direct

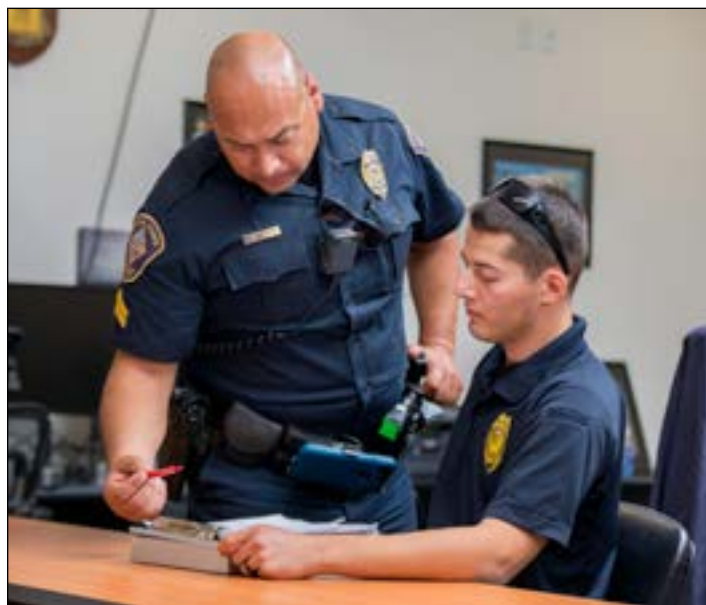


Photo By: Jack Adamyk

Corporal Miguel Magana, with the Marine Corps Police Department, assists in training new members of the police department on standard operating procedures such as how to conduct interviews, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 16

result of which questions were asked and how.

"These officers are in what we call 'the ghost phase' right now," Johnson explained. "It's Phase Four of their field training, which means that Magana takes more of a back-seat role and lets the officers handle their calls for service. Once the calls are completed, Magana takes a moment afterward to do a critique of the incident and how they performed, offering guidance based on his years of experience."

The trainees appreciated the interactive role-playing as it made the scenario all the more realistic, Dinisi explained.

"I come from an infantry background," said Orozco. "We didn't do interviews or investigations, typically. So the role playing helps to get us used to doing active police work, interviewing people... knowing what to say and what not to say. It gives us a chance to get to know who we're interviewing and especially what types of questions you should be asking."

Those parties interested in volunteering to be a role-player in future training sessions may contact Lt. Robert Johnson at 577-6020 or via email at robert.a.johnson1@usmc.mil.



Gunny to First Sergeant Flores

Story and photo by: Laurie Pearson
CommStrat Chief

Gunnery Sergeant Antonio Flores, served in the Marine Corps for over 20 years, and has now signed on with the California Cadet Corps as a First Sergeant, serving the 32nd Regiment, 18th Brigade located at Riverside Preparatory School as of this month.

Flores retired from the Marine Corps in September 2017, then underwent the extended application process and returned to Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Railway Operations team in June 2018. In the interim, he assisted the CACC at Riverside Prep where four of his daughters are currently attending school.

"I had one daughter on the volleyball team there and one with the CACC," he said. "So, I spent several months as the head coach for the middle school girls' volleyball team, and got involved with assisting the CACC, too. After working with them most of the school year, they invited me to be an Assistant Commandant of Cadets."

As he assumed civilian duties here on base, he began the formal application process for the CACC.

"I just received my appointment letter from the State of California – Military Department, to be a First Sergeant, and the Senior Enlisted Advisor at RSP School," he said.

The campus has a middle school and a high school CACC program, with approximately 40 students involved in the program at this time, with a mix of males and females. The program uses an Army foundation to teach leadership skills to the students.

"The program is different than some programs I've seen," Flores explained. "They allow senior classmen in the program to do most of the teaching. The Commandant teaches them the baseline, then turns it over to senior ranking cadets who are usually juniors and

seniors from the high school, who then teach the younger cadets."

One of their goals is to teach cadets to be better citizens and instruct them on leadership skills and traits. An event the CACC participates in is the Team Extreme Challenge which takes place at Los Alamitos, Joint Air Force Base. That challenge includes CACC cadets and Junior Reserve Officer Training Course cadets. Yet another is to participate in a summer encampment.



Retired Gunnery Sgt. and current civilian employee in Railway Operations, Antonio Flores Jr., explains the dynamics of properly securing equipment on railcars to Army Soldiers, on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 11. The training is part of a 140 - hour course offered through the Marine Corps Training Information Management System and is available to all branches of the military.

"The Summer Encampment teaches leadership, but also includes a mixture of learning opportunities for certifications," he said. "For instance, they can get certified in security, first aid, and other first responder types of responsibilities. Once they successfully complete the program, the school receives a report with who is certified in which types of activities so that they can use those skills in future scenarios."

Flores joined the Marine Corps in 1997 as a Paralegal, serving in Quantico, Virginia and Okinawa, Japan. Since then he has served

on Marine Security Guard Duty, with assignments in Lima, Peru; Yerevan, Armenia, and Nairobi, Kenya. He then served as a Criminal Investigator and Crisis Hostage Negotiator, in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and in Iraq. He eventually became a Drill Instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. After DI duty, Flores was promoted as Operations Chief in Criminal Investigations, in Afghanistan and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Upon arrival at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Flores was assigned as the Company Gunnery Sergeant, and appointed as the Mounted Color Guard Staff Noncommissioned Officer-in-Charge. He finished out his enlistment years in Railway Operations, where he reported to Chad Hildebrandt, Railway Operations supervisor.

"In addition to my normal duties, I was also a Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, Martial Arts Instructor, a Marksmanship Coach and a Marksmanship Instructor Trainer," he said. "I didn't realize it at the time, but it was a real favor to me, putting me out with RailOps. It turned out to be a really good fit, so once I retired, I was eager to come back as a civilian to do what we do out here."

The days are long, and the work grueling at times, with the crew often working in extreme weather conditions, but they do not complain. They do what they need to do, in order to ensure that they meet mission demands.

"He has been a great addition to our team," said Master Sgt. Patrick Grabowski, Railway Operations chief. "It was nice to have him before, while on active duty. Now, as a permanent member, he adds continuity to our training team. As we continue to grow, his experience as a teacher and coach is an invaluable asset.... No comment on him becoming a Soldier!" 🍌 9

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SPOUSE TRANSITION & READINESS SEMINAR

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

9 to 11 a.m.

McTureous Hall, Bldg 218

Family Member Employment Assistance Program

760-577-6265

Is your spouse separating or retiring? Reduce the unknowns at this free seminar! Learn tips and resources to assist you and your spouse in transition. Have your questions answered by our subject matter experts. Stay informed about your family's benefits and entitlements.



OCT 26th, 2018

Domestic Violence

Prevention Month

SURVIVOR WALK

To Register Please Call: (760) 577-6533

Major General James L. Day Conference Center

2:30-5:00 PM

Join the Family Advocacy Program's 5th Annual Survivor Walk in honor of the Survivors and Victims of Domestic Violence.

This event is open to all MCLB patrons

Light refreshments will be provided after the walk

Free T-shirts and goodie bags will be given out on a first come first serve basis.



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