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2020 Year In Review

In memory of those lost throughout 2020:



*Please take a moment to remember those who lost
their lives throughout this year.*

Remember their lives and their words.

*Remember how they made you feel and the
difference they made in your lives.*

Remember the joys as much as the sorrows.

*Sometimes, it is the smallest things which take up
the most room in our hearts.*

*To those we have lost,
we wish fair winds
and following seas.*

Semper Fidelis

On The Cover:

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Headquarters Company Marines stand in formation with their black masks covering their noses and mouths as per the Center for Disease Control instructions, at Marine Memorial Golf Course aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Jan. 13, 2021. Masks, social distancing, hand-washing, hand sanitizer, and refraining from touching one's face are the top recommended methods to prevent to spread of disease.



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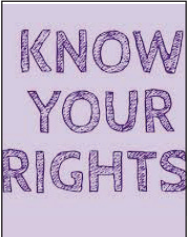

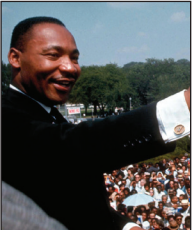

Virtual Tournament of Roses parade

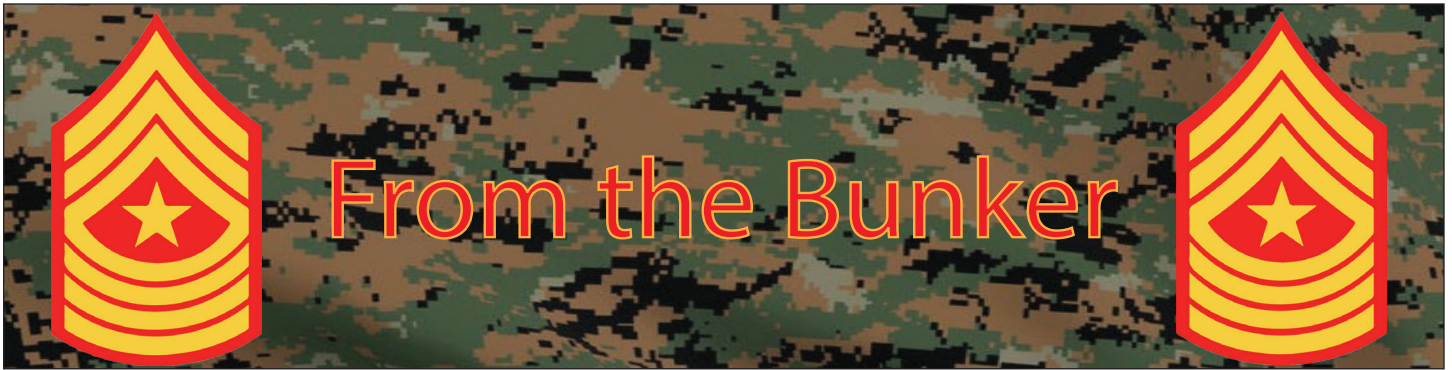


Marines with headquarters company and Mounted Color Guard, and firefighters with Fire and Emergency Services rehearse for their socially distanced roles in this year's virtual Tournament of Roses Parade, along

Route 66, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Dec. 8. The physical parade was canceled this year due to concerns about COVID-19, so entries submitted short videos to participate on-line.

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Happy New Year. As we reflect back on 2020 we will all remember a year full of obstacles and changes that effected our personal and professional lives. It was a year filled with uncertainty and the world was not prepared for the changes that took place in 2020. This is a new year and a new start for all of us. I hope 2021 will be a better and more successful year for all of you. The Marine Corps has gone through many changes due to the Coronavirus that struck the world last year. Meetings have gone virtual, teleworking became a new norm, and physical fitness tests cancelled, were among those changes.

There will be more changes to come for the Corps during this year as well, such as force design.

Regardless of the changes around us and in the Corps, our values, focus, drive, and warrior ethos will not change. The Marine Corps will continue to be successful no matter what challenges we face. We will continue to set the example for others around us and we will continue to be the tip of the spear.

During recruit training, certain things are embedded into us

that we will never forget and makes us who we are today. Along with our Corps values, we are taught and live by teamwork every day. Success is not possible without teamwork. We lean on each other to make the right decisions and we need each other to accomplish the mission. If a Marine tells you that they do not need to be part of a team to succeed they are wrong. Teamwork is one of the values that makes us who we are.

Some of the ways that we foster teamwork is giving junior Marines the opportunity to make decisions. Let the junior Marines use their training, decision-making ability and creativity to get the job done. It is amazing on how much the team can accomplish when everyone contributes to the mission. By doing this the leader will be fostering teamwork along with teaching the junior Marines.

While the team leader gives others on the team more responsibilities, those individuals will in turn help the entire team grow while simultaneously helping Marines get out of their comfort zone. This will build more confident Marines, a stronger team and ultimately a better Corps.



Official USMC photo

The greatest leaders in the Marine Corps have relied on input from their teams to make the decisions needed. In the end, the leader is responsible for the decision of the direction of the team. That direction is better planned when involving every Marines' input and action.

Happy New Year and full speed ahead in 2021.

Semper Fi
SgtMaj Kretschmer



Weingarten: Know your rights

Submitted by the Human Resources Department

Bottom Line Up Front: As required by Section 7114(a)(3) of Chapter 71 of Title 5, U.S.C., DON organizations must inform bargaining unit employees annually of their right to union representation, pursuant to Section 7114(a)(2)(B) of Chapter 71 of Title 5, U.S.C.. This notice serves as a reminder of that requirement and provides background information for context. Please notify bargaining unit employees as soon as practicable, consistent with applicable collective bargaining agreements and/or established practices.

BACKGROUND:

With each New Year, we are reminded that annual Weingarten notices to bargaining unit employees should be issued and posted consistent with applicable provisions of pertinent collective bargaining agreements and/or established past practice. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 7114(a)(3) requires Federal agencies to inform bargaining unit employees annually of their right to representation pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 7114(a)(2)(B), which provides:

An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at:

Any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if the employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and the employee requests representation.

The Weingarten right is generally implicated in all examinations of employees in the unit in connection with an investigation that is carried out by an agency official, whether the agency official is a management official in the employee's chain of command or, in a broader context, some other representative of the agency, such as internal security, command evaluation or certain inspector general (IG) staff. The examination provision, however, requires that the employee must reasonably believe that the examination may result in disciplinary action against him/her and the employee must request representation, unless the agency has negotiated a provision that requires action from the agency which exceeds these statutory requirements.

We are also reminded that 5 U.S.C. 7114(a)(2)(A) provides that an exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at any formal discussion between one or more representatives of the agency and one or more employees in the unit or their representatives concerning any grievance or any personnel policy or practices or other general conditions of employment. Unlike the Weingarten right, there is no annual notice requirement for this statutory provision; however, we need to remain diligent in its observation.

Generally, fact-finding or investigative interviews involving formal EEO complaints (whether by contractor or Government employee) and ADR sessions and/or settlement discussions involving such complaints should be treated as formal discussions in the above labor relations context and the union should be invited to attend in the absence of other agreed-upon arrangements. Exceptions to the general rule should be determined on a case-by-case basis and are likely to be rare.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

As required by Section 7114(a)(3) of Chapter 71 of Title 5, U.S.C., DON organizations must inform bargaining unit employees annually of their right to union representation, pursuant to Section 7114(a)(2)(B) of Chapter 71 of Title 5, U.S.C. To that, please provide notice in whatever format your organization typically uses to communicate with employees (or as required by applicable collective bargaining agreements and/or established past practices).

If you have any questions about this notice, please feel free to contact the Human Resources Office at extension 760-577-6918.



Very Respectfully
Human Resources Office



Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

A hero for all to admire

On Jan 18, communities all over the country will hold in remembrance one of America's most

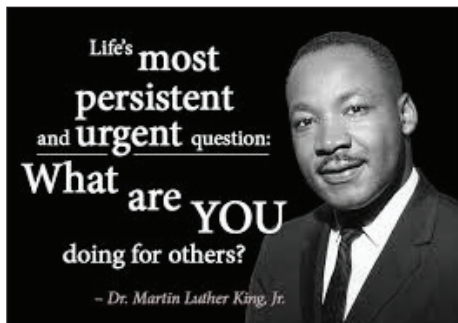


brilliant spiritual leaders and activist of our time, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

King stood in the gap for all humankind as a fearless leader, invested with an abundance of moral strength, self-assuredness, faith, hope and love. His life's legacy is an example of love for his fellow man. His is a legacy perpetuated by deed and actions of all.

King once said, "You ought to believe in something in life. Believe that thing so fervently that you will stand up with it until the end of your days. We have a power, a power as old as the insights of Jesus of Nazareth and as modern as the techniques of Mahatma Gandhi."

In pausing to recognize Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, each



of us should ask ourselves what it is we believe in and whether or not we are willing to stand up for it. That very belief could be the key to overcoming obstacles.

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humankind. Moreover, that belief was a motivating factor in his fight to overcome oppression. In looking back on his successful role in fighting oppression and for equality, one must ask, "What am I doing to overcome the hurdles standing in the path to success?"

The effort to overcome those hurdles should not be endeavored with the goal of striving to do so, but to succeed in doing so. If one starts out on a journey of striving for success, this is what can be accomplished from start to finish. The journey is toward the end of success, and the perception should be conscientiously shifted to that end. The words of the popular hymn sung during marches and sit-ins across our nation during King's era was "We shall overcome." The implication was clear – to succeed.

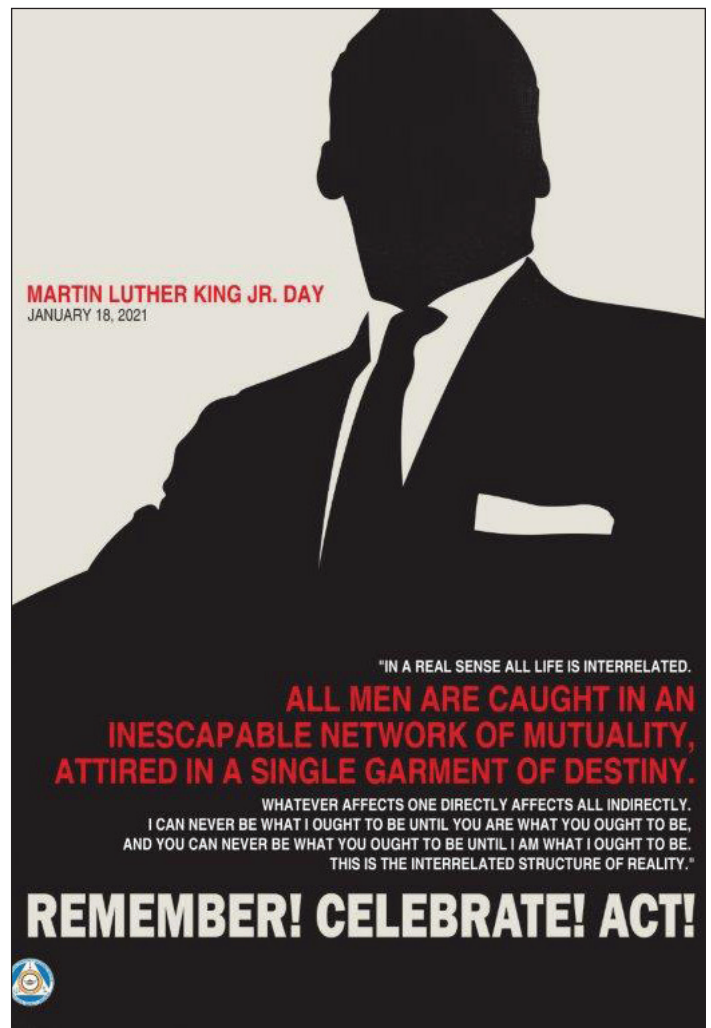
Think in these terms; if you endeavor to succeed, even when it appears that you are falling short, the lesson learned is not in failure, but in doing the best you can with you have. Becoming all that we can be, if we do our best, is succeeding. When one feels a yearning within, the power to do what one is doing as well as it can, and all of their faculties say "Amen" to what is accomplished; this is success.

King left a legacy of success in brotherly love and in overcoming oppression. For



Americans Martin Luther King Day is no day off. It is a day to be spent on the reflection of one man's successes and our own. How and what will you overcome? Where will you succeed? Start a crusade in your life. Dare to be your best.

By Robin Cross-Walker
Base Librarian
January 2002



Railway operations & tank divestment



Private First Class Josue Valazquez Diaz, logistics specialist, 1st Marine Division, measures tracks to ensure proper loading of the M1A1 “Abrams” tank on rail cars aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 7.



Marines work together to load a tracked vehicle onto a railcar as part of their training in Railhead Operations Group on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Oct. 1. Tanks are being divested out of the Marine Corps and sold to the U.S. Army, and are being transported by rail in order to save on transportation costs. Every year, the Marine Corps saves the Department of Defense millions of dollars in transportation fees by using rail instead of other methods of transportation whenever possible.



Jesus Torres, a contractor with Technica who specializes in Material Handling Equipment, supervises as an M1A1 Abrams tank is transferred from the trailer it arrived on from 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 29 Palms, California and is loaded on a rail car aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 7. Tanks such as this one, and other equipment, are being transferred from Marine Forces Reserve, Logistics Command, and Exercise Support Division to the Sierra Army Depot, Herlog, California as part of the Commandant of the Marine Corps’ Tank Divestiture Program.



Marines offer soldiers instruction regarding placement and tension on chains as they load equipment onto railcars as part of the Marines’ Railhead Operations Group training held on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Oct. 1.

Repeat for Marine of the Year 2020

Story and photos by: Keith Hayes

COMMSTRAT Planner

Corporal Noah Avila has a habit of being the best, as demonstrated by his capturing Marine of the Year for 2020, following his choice for the same honor in 2019.

Avila was chosen from a field of stellar Marines as best typifying the ideals and spirit of the Corps by the selection board at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

The S-6, data systems administrator arrived in Barstow May 2019 after attending Military Occupational Specialty training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, California.

The choice of his MOS was a natural for Avila.

"I had designed websites for charitable organizations starting in 8th grade, especially for Massachusetts Project 351," he explained. "I've been with them ever since. I'm also on their leadership team. Project 351 is deeply devoted to the power of youth leadership amplifying principles of community, volunteerism, unity and gratitude."

Avila received a meritorious promotion to corporal in June 2019, shortly after arriving aboard base. Meritorious promotions are given once a Marine has shown they are capable of upholding the requirements of the next rank. Meritorious promotions occur prior to the standard time requirements for promotions (earlier than typical) which make them special.

Avila's volunteer work extends to his active duty life as well.

"I also work with charities in Barstow helping to feed the homeless," he said. "I'm the president of the Single Marine Program at MCLB, which gives me the opportunity to advocate the needs of single and unaccompanied Marines as well as plan outings, engage with the community and volunteer."

Raised in Dighton, Mass., Avila graduated from high school and applied for college.

"Then I decided I wanted to join the Marines," he said. "They are the best, and I wanted to be with the best"

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The choice concerned his

father, whom as a naturalized American originally from Portugal, placed a high value on education, and wanted the oldest of his three sons to go to college.

"Realizing the short and long term educational benefits of service within the Corps, I was able to convey that college would be obtainable while in, and eventually out, of the Corps," Avila said.

He attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, N.C. after joining the Corps in August 2018.

"Boot camp was fun in a unique way," Avila said. What you experience during Boot camp is unlike anything anyone can prepare for. The sense of confusion, an ever-changing and unpredictable schedule, and emphasis on perfection quickly develops recruits into a Marine Corps state-of-mind."

When he received orders to MCLBB he asked around and found that even many senior Marines didn't know there was a Marine base in Barstow.

"Those Marines who did know about the base told me it was in the middle of nowhere and there wasn't much here," Avila said. "Barstow is what you make out of it. It affords Marines the time to advance their education whether it be through trade programs or college and simple get aways to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, and a trove of National Parks are a mere few hours away."

As with the rest of America and the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused civilians and Marines aboard the base to do their jobs a little more creatively because of social distancing restrictions put in place to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

"Our helpdesk team has worked tirelessly over the past year to swiftly adapt remote means of communication launching the Corps into the 21st century. Over the past year, as the 1st Network Battalion has taken supervision over all services and networks, our team has worked hand-in-hand to smoothly transition whilst supporting the Mission of MCLB Barstow," Avila said.

He's also a big supporter of finding out what a person can do if they put



Corporal Noah Avila, S-6 Communications data analyst, checks the identification of a contractor entering the back gate of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Jan. 13 Avila was name 2020 Marine of the Year for MCLBB, the second year in a row he has been honored with the title.

their mind to it.

"I would definitely encourage someone to join the military if they're considering it," Avila said. "It doesn't have to be the Marine Corps. Regardless of what branch of military an individual joins, we all fight for one mission: to support and defend the constitution."

He also plans to re-up with the Corps when his assignment to MCLB Barstow is concluded.

"If I am permitted to continue on in the Corps, I put high emphasis on gaining additional MOS credibility – hopefully in a unit with a higher operational tempo with the chance to travel internationally," the corporal said.

Avila is currently enrolled at Barstow Community College where he is working on a degree in computer science.

He said the Marines and civilians you work with are extremely important and that relationships need to be cultivated.

"Don't underestimate the value of your people, they're the most valuable assets the base has and need to be treated with respect. That way you'll get the best from them and make your job more rewarding," Avila said.

"It's important to develop a dynamic leadership style because everyone is different and if you're flexible, you can adapt and reach more Marines to lead them in the right direction both developing their skills and supporting their interests," he concluded.

Horse Marine takes NCO of the Year

Story and photos by: Keith Hayes
COMMSTRAT Planner

A member of the
Exclusive Marine
Corps Mounted Color

Guard is the 2020 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year 2020 for Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

Sergeant Timothy J. Wolfbrandt, stableman with the Marine Corps' last Mounted Color Guard, was tapped as NCOY recently.

Wolfbrandt sought out the MCG posting once his advisor told him after his last deployment he had only a year and a half left on his current enlistment contract and could not be deployed again.

He discovered after his research on social media sites just how important a recruiting tool the MCG is, especially in rural areas where there usually is not much of a recruiter presence.

"I was raised in Volcano, Calif., which has a population of about 100 people," he explained. "My folks had to go to Jackson for my birth because we didn't have a hospital in Volcano."

Though tiny by any standard, Volcano has some important history behind its name Wolfbrandt said.

"It was the first community in California to have a public library, it was also the first community in the state to have an observatory," he said.

The sergeant joined the Marine Corps right out of high school in 2012. He had a driving interest in joining the Corps because of the events of 9/11.

"I was raised in an area where there were a lot of military veterans who fought in Vietnam and the Korean conflict," Wolfbrandt said. "I knew I wanted to join the military from an early age. Originally, I wanted to join the Navy to become a fighter pilot and attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, but I chose the Marine Corps after 9/11 because I knew it would get me into the fight quicker and I wanted to take part in handing out justice for the 9/11 attack."

He attended boot camp at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in June 2012. His first assignment out of boot camp was Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton where as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines he deployed to the Asian and Southeast Asian Theater.

"I was deployed to Okinawa, Japan; Australia, South Korea and Indonesia," Wolfbrandt said. "After I reenlisted I was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center) Twentynine Palms."

"I have been deployed twice to Kuwait, once to Iraq and once to Syria, with a little bit of time in Jordan," Wolfbrandt said.

Wolfbrandt believes the leadership traits he demonstrates on the job also helped him get the NCO of

the Year spot. He credits that to his past leadership roles in the Marine Corps, especially in Syria where he was the guard force commander for a firebase.

"Usually an E-5 NCO doesn't get that kind of responsibility, but Syria was a dynamic and changing environment which required Marines to adapt quickly to responsibility," Wolfbrandt concluded.

He credits his time deployed for developing an appreciation for his fellow Marines.

"When you're part of a group that is deployed to a combat zone they pretty much become family and everything you do is for them ... your Marines," Wolfbrandt said.

"The same attitude follows you to whatever assignment you're given, and I believe that is also one of the reasons I was chosen as NCO of the Quarter," he said.

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow was a real change for the sergeant when he arrived in April 2019.

Because Wolfbrandt was stationed at Twentynine Palms, though, he did not experience the "terrain" shock that some people have when they come to MCLB Barstow.

"I like the desert, its geography and the history in the area so I'm enjoying being here," he said.

He values his time in the Marine Corps, but plans on separating from the service in July 2022 to pursue horse-related schooling.

"I plan to start with a farrier school, then saddle-making school, and every horse related school that the GI bill will cover," the sergeant explained.

Wolfbrandt wants to apprentice with the big ranches in America, such as the King and Four Sixes ranches in Texas, which breed and train quarter horses.

"After I complete an apprenticeship at a big ranch, I want to start up my own ranch," he said.

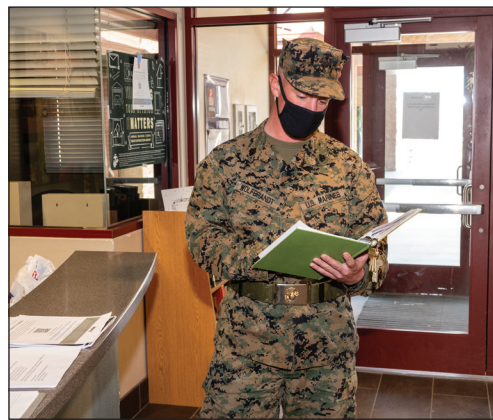
Wolfbrandt has a philosophy about being a good Marine.

"It's not that hard to do the right thing, in my opinion," Wolfbrandt said. "I've never had any disciplinary problems because it wasn't hard to stay out of trouble."

"If you're in the Marine Corps or any branch of the military, for the right reasons, it's pretty easy to stay on the straight and narrow. If you join the military because you truly care about your country, the rest comes pretty easy," he said.

He also said learn to appreciate the good in everything and find out what there is to do outside of Marine life at wherever you are stationed.

"It helps you deal with the stress if you can find some volunteer work to do or something to keep you involved," Wolfbrandt concluded.



Sergeant Timothy Wolfbrandt, stableman, Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, records information during his shift as Barracks Noncommissioned Duty Officer, Jan. 13. Wolfbrandt was named 2020 NCO of the Year for MCLB Barstow.

Modified exercise and recreation on base

Marine Corps Running Club

Oasis pool and water park



Major Terry Herzog, S-1 director and Sgt. Josue LopezArenas, Administration noncommissioned officer, keep pace with one another as they run the roads in their new Barstow Marines Running Club shirts, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 17. The club has 13 members as of today, with each tracking their miles, competing and encouraging one another.



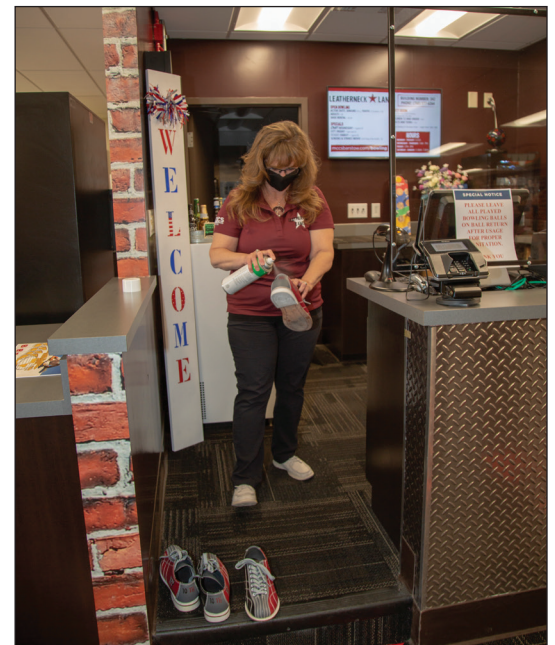
As part of their Memorial Day fun, 9-year-old Kipp Eli Keller clings to his mother, Kristy Keller, as she tosses her youngest son, 5-year-old Cuyler Smith Keller over the water at Oasis Pool and Water Park, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., May 27. The pool has reopened for those with base access, with new requirements to ensure the safety of everyone using the facility.

Headquarters Company half marathon



Steven Clemans, son of Col. Craig C. Clemans, base commanding officer, enjoys a brief cool-down shower by Fire and Emergency Services, during the Headquarters Company Half Marathon, held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 5. Over 50 participants ran the 13.1 mile race throughout the base and surrounding area in the early morning hours in order to avoid the scorching heat of the Mojave Desert. "The intent is to build camaraderie, as well as mental and physical stamina," said Sgt. Maxim Krymov, range operations assistant, training noncommissioned officer assistant, and half marathon event coordinator.

Leatherneck Lanes



Jennifer Thrasher, bowling alley manager, sanitizes shoes after a family used them for bowling, ensuring a safe environment for people to enjoy some socially distanced recreation at Leatherneck Lanes aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, May 20.

Marine Memorial Golf Course



Lieutenant Colonel John E. Bilas, Executive Officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, swings his club on the greens of the Marine Memorial Golf Course aboard MCLB Barstow, California, Oct. 23, 2020. This was part of an annual golfing tournament on the base to encourage camaraderie of Marines of the base.



Golfers take to the course, engaging in socially distanced rounds of golf at the Marine Memorial Golf Course aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., May 20. Some new protocols are in place to keep golfers healthy, without interfering with their ability to enjoy their time on the golf course.

Single Marine Program



Sergeant Kersey Haynes, administration chief, Cpl. Colten Kokes, administrative specialist, Lance Cpl. Christopher Garcia, network transport technician, and Lance Cpl. Elena AlvililarCamarillo, administrative clerk, enjoy some pancakes, bacon and sausage at the Single Marines Program's Pancake Breakfast event held at the Active Duty Recreation Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 31. The program builds camaraderie amongst the Marines stationed on base without families. The pancake breakfast fills their bellies with another warm meal that they can enjoy with one another before heading to their respective jobs.



Lance Corporal Christopher Garcia, network transport technician, attempts to stand up on his soft-top surfboard, during a "Learn to Surf" trip sponsored by the Single Marine Program, held at Del Mar Beach, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, Sept. 18. Five Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow attended the event, learning to surf and enjoying some time at the beach with perfect weather, after months of quarantining due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The surf lessons were two hours long, with some instruction on the beach, then some lessons in the water, after which the Marines had free time to practice their new skills. The SMP program also provided transportation to and from the event, as well as lunch and dinner.

Fire and emergency services

Best Medium Fire Department in the Department Of Defense



Firefighter Todd Campbell with Fire and Emergency Services assists a fellow firefighter in donning a Level "B" Hazardous Material protective suit with the respirator during training held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, March 11. It is this type of teamwork and extensive training that has led to the department earning Best Medium Fire Department in the entire Marine Corps three times in a row. "I have never heard of another Marine Corps fire department winning this award three times in a row," said Paul Purdy, Fire chief.

An early morning fire at the recreational vehicle park aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, destroyed one trailer, but a quick response by MCLB Barstow Fire and Emergency Services saved surrounding RVs, Feb. 15. Jeffrey Hinton said his 34-foot camper caught fire Saturday around 7:30 p.m. A Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Services investigation of the blaze identified the cause as a malfunction in the cooling system of a refrigerator in the vehicle's kitchen area.

Marine Corps police department

K9 inspects barracks



Corporal Christopher Dixon, police officer and K9 handler with Marine Corps Police Department, and K9 Waffle inspect barracks aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, May 12. The K9 team patrols, searches and inspects various parts of the base as part of their daily operations.

Special Augmentation Force training



Lance Corporal Jeremy J. Tom, warehouse clerk, screams in pain as Lance Cpl. Noah M. Avila, data systems administrator, tries to help him by spraying him with cold water, after Tom was sprayed with OC spray as part of the Security Augmentation Force training held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 1. Once Marines complete the SAF training, they can then be called upon to serve alongside police officers to ensure base safety during events that may require additional manpower. In addition to the OC spray, Marines also train in the use of firearms, patrol techniques and other aspects of law enforcement duties.

Generals visit and tour MCLB Barstow

Shooting competition



Brigadier General Daniel B. Conley, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, takes aim during a shooting competition staged to closed out the MCI West Commander's Conference held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 4



Two Marines use white adhesive dots to cover the bullet holes on silhouette targets used during the Commander's Shooting Competition held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Nov. 4. The competition was the final event of the MCI West Commander's Conference hosted by MCLB Barstow.

Lt.Gen. Chiarotti tours 1st FSB

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Egan, 1st Force Storage Battalion interim deputy commander, leads the tour of warehouse facilities with Lt. Gen. Charles Chiarotti, Deputy Commandant Installations and Logistics, along with Col. Craig C. Clemans, MCLB Barstow's commanding officer, Sgt. Maj. Edward Kretschmer, base sergeant major, and MGySgt. Lance Baughman, 21XX occupational field manager, during Chiarotti's tour of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 19, 2020.



United States Marine Corps birthday



1st Lieutenant Adam Medford, adjutant, reads the traditional birthday message from Gen. John A. Lejeune during the Marine Corps 245th birthday ceremony held on the Parade Deck aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 9. On November 1, 1921, John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, directed that a reminder of the honorable service of the Corps be published by every command, to all Marines throughout the globe, on the birthday of the Corps. Since that day, Marines have continued this tradition.

Colonel Fridrik Fridriksson, guest of honor, reminds the gathered Marines to be proud of being a Marine because they are truly Spartans. He made the remarks at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, 245th birthday celebration of the Marine Corps on the parade deck, Nov. 9.

With raised and crossed M777 Howitzer barrels, a color guard and an escort for the 245th Marine Corps birthday cake, the oldest Marine aboard base, 67-year-old Leland Schnauffer and the youngest Marine, 21-year-old Cpl. Kyle Westover, stand ready to receive the first slice of the celebratory confection at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 6.



Lieutenant Colonel Micheal Graham, 1st Force Storage Battalion commander, slices the ceremonial birthday cake with a sword, during the commemoration ceremony of the 245th Marine Corps birthday, aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 10.

The official cake for the 245th Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting ceremony displays the Route 66 Eagle Globe and Anchor emblem aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 9. Of the entire Route 66, the one mile section that runs through MCLB Barstow, is the only section that is not accessible to the public, making this section of Route 66 iconic and unique.

Production Plant Barstow

P930 constructed

Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, finished construction of its new maintenance facility, P930, on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, with a ribbon cutting ceremony held Aug. 26. The groundbreaking took place December 2018, and the months-long construction process included building 32 open bays, an administration area, a break-room, restrooms, a telecomm room, electrical room, mechanical room, and an external mechanical yard. The facility helps to improve working conditions for employees and equipment, getting them out of the extreme Mojave Desert weather conditions. It also improves on the Return Cycle Time, helping them to meet important deadlines.



1st Force Storage Battalion

1st birthday



The colorful birthday cake commemorating the initial stand-up of the 1st Force Storage Battalion awaits devouring during the recognition of replacing the civilian-led Fleet Support Division with the military unit 1st FSB, June 26.



Samantha Atkinson and Staff Sgt. Ruben Garcia serve pieces of the 1st Force Storage Battalion first birthday cake commemorating the stand-up of the military unit aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Calif., June 26. 1st FSB replaces civilian commanded Fleet Support Division.

All in a day's work



Staff Sergeant Ruben Garcia, senior enlisted advisor for 1st Force Storage Battalion, and Donnie Nez, heavy mobile equipment operator, ensure that the Caterpillar 988 Tractor, is properly detached from a divested M1A1 Abrams tank on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Aug. 12. The tank is one of thousands being divested by the United States Marine Corps and shipped to Anniston Army Depot, in line with Force Design 2030 released by Commandant of the 15 Marine Corps, General David Berger last Spring.



MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW

*To preserve the health and welfare of base employees
and to help limit the spread of COVID-19
the following are changes to base activities and areas of*

Postponed or closed

- Self defense
- Spin
- Pass & ID Nebo 101
- Pass & ID Yermo 406
- Swim lessons
- Play mornings
- Wellness series

MFP Virtual Events

For a list of MFP virtual events, dates, times and links, contact Beth Simpson, MFP coordinator, 760-577+6675, or visit <https://www.facebook.com/MCFTBBarstow/>

Modified hours and services

Leatherneck Lanes Bowling Center open w/modifications (kitchen open):

- Call for details and hours, which vary by the day 760-577-6264

Marine Memorial Golf Course open w/modifications:

- Call for details 760-577-6431

Semper Fit Gym:

- Unmanned hours for all permanently assigned DOD employees on base begin Sept. 16. Call 760-677-6812 to make an appointment to register your CAC ahead of time.
- Combat room CLOSED.

SMP/Rec. Center:

- Single Marines only, no guests - Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
- Closed Thursday nights, as well as Sat. & Sun. during COVID restrictions.

Oasis Pool and Water Park: CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Route 66 Cafe:

- Open for dine-in and take out. Can also call orders in ahead at 760-577-6428.

Commissary:

- Open every Tues. 9 - 9:30 a.m. for active duty and spouses only.
- Open Tues. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- NOTE: IDs are mandatory and will be verified.

Base Library:

- Open Mon. - Fri. 8 - 11 a.m..

Personal & Professional Development:

- Available via Telework

Behavioral Health:

- Telehealth services available
- To set an appointment, call 760-577-6533

Auto Skills Shop:

- Open every other weekend, Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Call Bruce for further information, 760-577-6260, 760-267-1075

ITT:

- Open Mon. and Thurs. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pass & ID 236:

- Appointment only, 760-577-6969

Thrift Store:

- Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month 1 - 4 p.m.
- Closed November 24 and 26 for Thanksgiving holiday.

For additional information about the base, go to <https:mclbbarstow.marines.mil>

For a complete list of MCCS hours and services impacted by COVID-19, go to <http://mccsbarstow.com/Impact/>