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Colonel Gregory B. Pace, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, cuts the ribbon during the dedication ceremony of the Route 66, Eagle, Globe and Anchor statue.



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Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Lazarus Piringer runs along Historic Route 66 as he makes his way from Los Angeles area to New York City, raising awareness for #NoKidHungry, March 23. Part of his journey took him through the portion of Route 66 not typically open to citizens, as it is part of the main corridor through Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California. His crew, and girlfriend Avagail Hesson requested special permission to Communication Strategy and Operations to

traverse that stretch of Route 66, which the commanding officer, Colonel Craig C. Clemans, approved. Throughout the cross country trek, Hesson and their American Bulldog, Turbo, follow in their RV support vehicle, which also serves as their mobile office and home for the duration of the event. (Photo courtesy of Lazarus Piringer, Avagail Hesson and Turbo).

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## News Brief

### Four Lenses 126 James L Day Street Thurs. Jan. 18 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The four temperaments trace back to the Greek physician Hippocrates (460–370 BC) who discovered that each person has a unique personality spectrum or lens that reveals how individuals naturally see the world. Because our paradigms are so influential, we often struggle communicating with those who have a different perspective. By failing to truly understand those around us, surely, we are missing one of the greatest opportunities life has to offer.

The Four Lenses training will forever change the way you see the world. Participants discover unique aspects about themselves and everyone around them. After completing a personality temperament assessment, participants begin learning through online training modules, books, and participating in the online community. Participants learn to interact with others in a powerful new way.

REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://4L22.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://4L22.EVENTBRITE.COM)

### Anger Management Bldg. 218 Tues. Jan. 18 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

During this 8 - week session (every Tuesday) we will be discovering what our common stressors are. We discuss how to prepare for upcoming challenges and by the end of the series how to use the tools given to effectively deal with those stressors and challenges. For more information or to sign up call 577-6533.

### MARADMIN 692/21

#### 2021 WINTER SAFETY MESSAGE

The winter season is a joyous and festive time of the year, when Marines, Sailors, Civilian Marines, and their families, both at home and abroad, spend time with their families, friends, and loved ones. Each of you earned this privilege through your hard work in defense of our great nation. Take this opportunity to celebrate. Where possible, make time to celebrate the season with your fellow warriors, especially those of us who are deployed around the globe and away from home.

This season can also be one of the most deadly periods for our Corps. Mishaps and accidents peak during the winter season and each year, Marines and Sailors are lost due to preventable mishaps. This winter, be aware. Have a plan and stick to it. We need each of you to return to your unit safely and ready to train.

If you are traveling, plan ahead. Whether you are close to home or traveling across the country, understand your risks. Do not accept driving fatigued, take breaks, and get enough sleep. Winter conditions can change quickly. Be ready, and if you are delayed by weather or some unforeseen circumstance, do not push it. Call your chain of command and make arrangements to return safely.

Many of us will toast friends, family, and our fellow Marines. If you are of age and choose to drink alcohol, have a plan and do it safely. Moderate your intake and have a designated driver or call a Rideshare. There is simply no excuse for drinking and driving.

Never forget that Marines and Sailors are the single most important weapon the Marine Corps has. Ask yourself “what is different today?” and allow your answer to guide you toward smart –and safe–decisions. Mostly, enjoy this winter season with friends and family, but ensure you come back to your units safe and ready to fight and win.

#### Leave Share Program

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

##### Goodwill, Francis

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

## LazRuns' LA to NYC run takes them across Historical Route 66 on base

Story by: Laurie Pearson  
COMMSTRAT Chief

Florida man runs across country to raise awareness for No Kid Hungry, including a stretch of Route 66 that crosses Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, 19 March. Laszlo Piringer, a 39-year-old man born in Hungary, Budapest, now living in Miami Beach, Florida, is a musician and philanthropist, who has taken to the roads, literally.

“I knew I wanted to do a transcontinental run, for many personal reasons, but in doing so I knew it was going to be a massive undertaking and that I wanted to have a cause, as well, to run and raise awareness for, something that was bigger than just myself,” said Piringer.

He has been running for years, but this is his first transcontinental run, stretching from Santa Monica to New York City, covering approximately 3,200 miles, at a pace of about 40 miles per day.

“Route 66 is historical for so many reasons,” Piringer said. “It’s a landmark original highway and I thought it perfect for my journey because of its distinct history and recognizability.” Running is a fairly common form of exercise, but cross-country running, literally from one coast to the other, is a feat tackled by very few.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Lazarus Piringer, musician, runs along Historic Route 66, as part of his mission to run across country, from Los Angeles area to New York City, to raise awareness and funds for #NoKidHungry, including a portion of Route 66 that is not typically available to citizens, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, March 24. His crew, Avagail Hesson and American Bulldog, Turbo, follow and track his progress in their recreational support vehicle, which also functions as their sleeping quarters, and mobile office. (Photo courtesy of Avagail Hesson).

“Though this year, in particular after COVID-19, I have seen quite a few!” Piringer said. “So because it’s such a big project, visiting so many places along the way, it’s a great opportunity to talk and meet with people and spread awareness about who we’re trying to raise money for and also just to perhaps encourage people to be healthier and go out and create their own adventures!”

As passionate as he is about running, the couple is also passionate about making sure that every child is able to receive decent meals.

“It’s the absolute bare minimum and no person, or child especially, should ever be without food,” Piringer said. “I want to do my part to help make sure that is available to those who need it.”

To that end, once they complete the run, LazRuns will be donating funds received to No Kid Hungry. Piringer and Hesson offer yet another challenge. “Go out there and do something!” they said. “Don’t be a person who just sits and watches life pass by in front of your eyes. There are no do overs! If you are here on this planet just one time, make sure you’re not spending it staring at a phone screen for years.”



Bearsun is escorted through Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow as part of his journey from Los Angeles to New York in a bear costume to raise awareness for various charities, July 14. This part of Historic Route 66 is the only portion not accessible to the public without special permission by the base commanding officer, Col. Gregory Pace. Colonel Pace approved the request and the Marine Corps Police Department provided the escort. He stopped several times in 102 degree heat to graciously take photos with base fans. Jesse Larios started out his journey as #IAmBearSun to raise awareness for charities such as autism, cancer, and the environment, in the area of Little Tokyo, in Downtown Los Angeles, July 5. His goal is to walk from LA to NY in costume, despite weather, and other potential hazards. He has said several times that when he began this trek, he thought he would be alone for most of the journey, but people began to track his location using an app called ISharing, and spreading the word by social media. He has been overwhelmed by the number of people tracking him down for photos and offers of support in various ways.

To be clear, he did NOT have AC in that costume.

# MCLBB Fall Festival

Photos by COMMSTRAT staff



Above: Sergeant Maj. Edward Kretschmer, base sergeant major, heckles Marines who just donated \$100 for the opportunity to dunk him into the dunk tank during Fall Festival held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Sept. 15. Kretschmer did not hesitate when the offer was made. He emptied his pockets, removed his cover, and climbed into the tank. Money raised during the event will benefit the Marine Corps Ball to be held in November.

Top Left: Children enjoy one of several inflatable slides and games during Fall Festival held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Sept. 15.

Left: Reah Andrews, fuels manager, enjoys the petting zoo along with 5-year-old Cali Avilez, during the Fall Festival held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Sept. 15.

# MCLB Barstow earned coveted awards

Story by: Laurie Pearson  
COMMSTRAT Chief

In 2021, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow earned both, the Secretary of the Navy Safety Excellence Award, for fiscal year 2020 and Navy 2021 Cultural Resources Management Award for small Installation.

Regarding the Navy Safety Excellence Award, David Romero, lead Safety & Occupational Health specialist said. "This award is a direct reflection of MCLB Barstow's dedication of Safety first,"

"The entire Safety Program is looked at for this award. So, it's the entire installation that is involved in earning this award."

"The safety training, the programs, the culture of our base are what wins the installations' safety awards," said Sara Montez-Diaz, Safety and Occupational Health specialist. "The Voluntary Protection Program drives a lot these awards. MCLB Barstow's remarkable success is in part attributed to the earning and maintaining of VPP status, to include three star certifications to date."

The SecNav level award is top tier and in order to be competitive, the base has to have been nominated by Headquarters Marine Corps. The Safety staff first entered a packet for nomination to earn the Marine Corps Safety Award which was endorsed by the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations West.

"After submitting for the Marine Corps Safety Achievement Award they determine if we meet the criteria to move forward to the next step," Diaz explained. "Once nominated, winners are determined by whether or not they are providing all of the core safety services to all of its tenants and to what level. Also, aside from what the base does for themselves, evaluators look at how bases work to improve the safety of other bases and the Marine Corps as a whole."

"The award simply means we are doing our job, and we are getting the support we need from the leadership of the base to do our jobs effectively," Romero said. "It also means that the employees have a 'safety mindset' when performing their jobs. We have a safety culture here aboard the base with management, employees and our Safety office that shows we are all striving to meet the same goal, which is to be safe."

"The goal, at the end of the day, is to go home in one piece and the culture that we have shown in Barstow is that Safety will continue to be first priority so we can achieve this goal," Diaz said.

For the Secretary of the Navy 2021 Cultural Resources Management Award, MCLB Barstow beat out all other Navy and Marine Corps installations in that category.

"To qualify for this award, the installation must be 10,000 acres or smaller and have taken significant steps to promote effective cultural resources management through proactive stewardship of heritage assets," said Jason Thompson, Environmental director.

The achievement tracks cultural resources efforts from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020 (Fiscal Year 2019-2020).

"Since 1962, the Secretary of Defense has honored installations, teams, and individuals for outstanding achievements in Department of Defense environmental programs," said Benjamin "Cody" Leslie, Natural Resources Specialist and Cultural Resources support. "The nominees are evaluated by a diverse panel of judges with relevant expertise from federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector."

"This a great award to receive as it recognizes MCLB Barstow's hard work and dedication to the environment and its cultural resources," Thompson said. "Angelina Antonucci was the Cultural Resources Program Manager during this time period who really spearheaded the whole endeavor ensuring the program was a success. We received a lot of support for the Cultural Resources Program from Headquarters Marine Corps, Colonel Clemons, base commanding officer, and Jon Aunger, Facilities director."

"Marines need a variety of landscapes and facilities to conduct training," Leslie said. "However, training can impact cultural resources on public lands. The American people place intrinsic value on certain resources; failure to protect those resources under the stewardship of the Marine Corps may lead to legislative, executive, or judicial directives limiting Marine Corps access to lands necessary to maintain military readiness. Conducting the programs that have earned MCLB Barstow the Secretary of the Navy Award for Cultural Resources-Small Installation, shows that this base is committed to protecting and preserving the cultural resources that are part of American history all while ensuring mission requirements."

# MCLB Barstow and HQ Battalion changes of command

Story by: Laurie Pearson  
COMMSTRAT Chief



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Colonel Gregory B. Pace, commanding officer, expresses his thanks to his wife and family for their support, and introduces himself during the Change of Command ceremony held at Semper Fit Gymnasium, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 1. Colonel Pace transitions to MCLB Barstow from 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, II Marine Expeditionary Force where he was the G4.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Brigadier General Jason G. Woodworth, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, exits with Sgt. Maj. Edward C. Kretschmer, MCLB Barstow base sergeant major, and Col. Craig C. Clemans, outgoing base commander, after presenting Clemans with a Legion of Merit medal as part of the Change of Command ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 1. Clemans will be assuming the role of Chief of Staff for Logistics Command aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Georgia.

Colonel Gregory B. Pace assumed command of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, during a ceremony held at Semper Fit Gymnasium, aboard the base, July 1.

The ceremony included the traditional Marines in formation, with a Walking Color Guard to present colors. Keynote speaker, Brig. Gen. Jason Woodworth, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, spoke about both, the incoming and outgoing colonels, highlighting the accomplishments of Col. Craig C. Clemans, during his tenure commanding MCLB Barstow, to include generating support for billions of pounds in railway equipment transportation through the base, and increasing training capabilities to include more Special Forces opportunities and training by external units at the base range. He also welcomed Col. Gregory B. Pace, commending him for his career to date, and assuring everyone that he is the right man for the job, at the right time.

Both, Col. Clemans and Col. Pace offered a huge thanks for the support of their families throughout their Marine Corps careers, with wives who take care of the home front, so that they can focus on the work at hand without having to worry about how the families are functioning.

Hitting the ground running, Col. Pace and Sgt. Maj. Edward C. Kretschmer, MCLB Barstow's base sergeant major, flew out in the early morning hours the day after he assumed command of the base, to join the Mounted Color Guard for the annual Cody Rodeo and Parade, taking place in Cody, Wyoming.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths," he said stating that faith is a big part of his life and for those in his family, including his church family. "Thank you all for taking the time to be here today. It means so much to me."

He then assured his wife, Ruth Clemans, who forged ahead to their new home in Georgia to stoke the home fires ahead of him that their vehicle was packed and he would be on the road by that afternoon.

Meanwhile, Col. Pace proceeded to the welcoming reception with his family, to meet and greet some of the military personnel and civilians now under his command, as well as members of the local community.

"I look forward to what lies ahead," he said.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Captain Christian Lara prepares to pass the Colors to Capt. Evan Medford during a Battalion Change of Command held at Semper Fit Gymnasium aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 12. Medford is the deputy director of Communications, in addition to his new role as battalion commanding officer.



Photo by: Jack Adamyk

Above: Colonel Gregory Pace bids farewell to Captain Christian Lara and welcomes Capt. Evan Medford as the two exchange command of MCLB Barstow's headquarters battalion.

Right: Captain Evan Medford (joined by his wife, Marrisa) stands at attention while assuming command of MCLB Barstow's headquarters battalion during the July 12 ceremony.



Photo by: Jack Adamyk

Marines from MCLB Barstow's headquarters battalion present arms as their commander, Captain Christian Lara passes the responsibilities of the command to Capt. Evan Medford during the July 12 change of command ceremony.



Photo by: Jack Adamyk

# USMC's 246th Birthday and Route 66 EGA ceremony



**Photo by: Laurie Pearson**

Marines stand ready to march on the birthday cake as part of the Marine Corps' 246th birthday celebration held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 10.

**Right photo by: Laurie Pearson**

Colonel Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, delivers a speech highlighting the history of the United States Marine Corps during the 246th Marine Corps birthday celebration held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 10. During the speech he also addressed the connection between the base and Historic Route 66 which traverses the middle of the base, and is the only portion of the historic highway not open to the general public without special permission from the commanding officer.



**Left photo by: Laurie Pearson**

Colonel Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, cuts the traditional birthday cake in celebration of the 246th United States Marine Corps birthday celebration held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Nov. 11. Standing by are retired Master Sgt. William C. Ponder, and Pfc. Eleazer Dayoun, as the oldest and youngest Marines present for the honored passing of the cake.



**Photo by: Robert Jackson**

William Ponder, the oldest Marine present, at 81 years old, gets the first piece of the traditional birthday cake during MCLB Barstow's observance of the Corps' 246th Birthday.



# January

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> New Year's Day 132nd Tournament of Roses Parade
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Stalking Awareness Month Anger Management Series Preschool Story Time	<b>5</b> SMP Dinner & Bowling	<b>6</b> Warrior Maintenance Stress Management	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> College Football	<b>11</b> Anger Management Series Baby Story Time The 7 Habits of High- ly Effective Military Families	<b>12</b> Family Care Plan Federal Resume Workshop Teen Scene	<b>13</b> Active Duty Breakfast Relocation Workshop Baby Bootcamp Volunteer Orientation	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>MLK Day</b>	<b>18</b> Anger Management Series Preschool Story Time The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Military Families	<b>19</b> Self Defense L.I.N.K.S. Chat Active Duty Dinner & Movie	<b>20</b> Wellness Series PME- HQBN Warrior Maintenance Stress Management	<b>21</b> Play Morning	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Anger Management Series Baby Story Time The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Military Families	<b>26</b> Financial Aid New Year Update Welcome Aboard: Virtual Self Defense	<b>27</b> Warrior Maintenance Stress Management L.I.N.K.S. Training	<b>28</b> Play Morning SMP Dinner & Movie	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> SMP Volunteer Activity	<b>31</b>	For more details, visit MCLB Bartstow's community events page at <a href="https://www.mclbarstow.marines.mil/MC-LB-Barstow/Events/">https://www.mclbarstow.marines.mil/MC-LB-Barstow/Events/</a>				