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Sergeant Dacio Danyan Da Silva Martinez, with the Uruguayan National Army, inspects a Mine Resistant Ambush Resistant vehicle as part of a Joint Vehicle Inspection at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California's Yermo Annex, August 3. Uruguay recently initiated procurement of vehicles from the United States Marine Corps to bolster their equipment capabilities for peacekeeping missions within their country and in various United Nations-sanctioned peacekeeping missions around the world.



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News Brief

MARADMIN 359/23

SOLICITATION OF QUALIFIED MARINES FOR LATERAL MOVE INTO THE SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS OPERATOR MOS 7316

This MARADMIN solicits qualified Marines for a lateral move into Primary MOS (PMOS) 7316, Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS) Operator. The demand for qualified Marines to lateral move into the 7316 MOS is expected to remain high for the foreseeable future.

SUAS Operators are responsible for planning, coordinating, integrating and conducting safe operations of the SUAS in support of the assigned missions. SUAS operators will maintain and remotely pilot small-unmanned air vehicles, manage the use of onboard optics, synchronize UAS into unit operations, and serve as the subject matter expert (SME) in SUAS operations and capabilities.

While the essential technical and operational skills are learned through formal training, there are certain innate qualities which SUAS operators must possess. SUAS operators must think critically, communicate clearly, possess interpersonal skills, flexibility, and creativity.

Interested Marines should review the references and contact their career planner to initiate the lateral move process. Any additional questions may be answered by contacting the Occupational Field Specialist POCs below.

Prerequisites: The following are the prerequisites for lateral move into the 7316 PMOS:

Must be a volunteer in the ranks of LCpl to Staff Sergeant from any MOS. Staff Sergeants must not be in zone for promotion. Must possess a GT score of 110 or higher. Security requirement: Must be eligible for a secret clearance. Must have normal color vision and depth perception. Must meet all the physical requirements of the medical screening exam per wwNAVMED 6410/13, UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS) PHYSICAL WORKSHEET. the UAS Physical Worksheet, or receive a local waiver. Must be worldwide deployable when approved for lateral move into the 7316 PMOS.

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Upon successful completion of the SUAS Operator Training Course and the subsequent awarding of PMOS 7316; SUAS operators are authorized to wear the Marine Unmanned Aircraft System Insignia per MCO 1020.34.

This MARADMIN is not applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

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UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION MARINE OF THE YEAR AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

This MARADMIN announces and solicits nominations for the 2023 United Services Organization (USO) Marine of the Year (MOTY) Award.

2. Each year, the USO, Inc. Service Member of the Year Award honors the outstanding contributions of America's junior enlisted service members who represent the standards and values of their respective branches of service, as demonstrated through a specific act(s) of heroism or valor in 2022.

2.A. The award recognizes a Marine (Sergeant and below) who:

2.A.1. Demonstrates bravery and leadership in the course of his or her service.

2.A.2. Offers outstanding support and comfort to those with whom they serve.

2.A.3. Enhances morale and personal welfare of others.

2.A.4. Through their mentorship, inspires other individuals or groups.

3. Nomination packages. Nomination packages must contain these elements:

3.A. Commanding Officer (CO) endorsement. Each nominee's CO must endorse the nomination and express a commitment to facilitate the nominee's attendance at the award ceremony, if selected.

3.B. 2023 SMOY Nomination Form – Command.

3.C. 2023 SMOY Nominee Information Form.

3.D. Detailed description of the honoree's act(s) of heroism. Attach copies of any official letters of commendation, if available.

3.E. Narrative Description. Must be in a personal letter format, contain no more than 500 words, meet the criteria specified in paragraph 2. (a) and highlight any recent deployments or achievements and how those contributions benefited the military or civilian community.

4. Deadline. Nominations must be received by the USO no later than 18 Aug 2023 via email to USO at SMOY@uso.org.

4.A. For questions concerning the award or to request the 2023 SMOY Nomination Form and Nominee Information Form, please contact Ms. Christianna Mihaiu at (917) 587-8403 or cmihaiu@uso.org.

4.B. Please ensure that a current email address for the honoree and/or the honoree's command is included.

4.C. The USO will work with the honoree's command for notification, official photo of honoree, and coordination of a special Service Member of the Year awards ceremony at their duty station. USO will aid in coordination of the awards ceremony at the command and will request support from PAO for media requests.

4.D. The USO plans to announce the honorees from all branches simultaneously. Please do not make any official public announcements about your honoree until all necessary paperwork is completed.

5. Release authorized by SES April L. Langwell, Director of Communication, Communication Directorate, Headquarters Marine Corps.

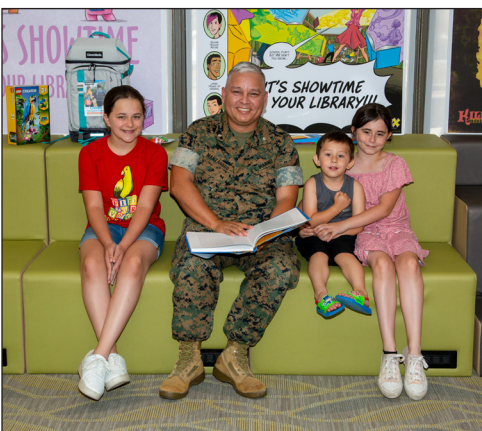
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Back to School Brigade and the Summer Reading Program

Photos by: Sgt. Anika Lewis
Visual Information Chief



Military personnel and their families were treated to backpacks and bags stuffed with school supplies for any student in their households, during the Back to School Brigade event held at McTureous Hall aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 26. The USO, and representatives from a variety of schools were present to talk to students and families about the upcoming school year, school activities, enrollment and more. Meanwhile, the Summer Reading Program came to an end. Marines and their families competed to read as many hours as possible throughout the summer. Those with the most reading hours won gifts such as toys, a kite, an insulated backpack and a Kindle for continued reading. During the award presentation, Lt. Col. Arturo Manzanedo, base executive officer, told attendees about his own experience, winning a reading competition as a child, and how, over the years, he eventually embraced reading again, encouraging the participants to continue learning and growing through reading themselves.



VPP and Commander's Safety

Story by: Sgt. Anika Lewis
Visual Information Chief

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow was first recognized as a Voluntary Protection Program Star Site in 2008. The purpose of the VPP, as stated by the United States Department of Labor, is to promote an effective, worksite-based safety and health program. It has been a priority for MCLB Barstow's leadership to maintain its focus on health and safety standards. Because of this, the Commanding Officer's Safety Award program was developed.

"The Commanding Officer's Safety Award Program is designed to stimulate interest in mishap prevention, safety program accomplishments, and program support," said Sara Montez-Diaz, MCLB Barstow base safety office lead and safety and occupational health specialist. "There are four awards in the Commanding Officer's Safety Award Program that base organizations can qualify for."

The program's highest safety award is the Raymond V. Aguilar Safety Excellence Award. The award is named after one of MCLB

Barstow's base safety managers who served from 2001 to 2021. Aguilar had played an important role in getting the base approved as a VPP Star Site.

"This award is reserved for the organization that embodies the same ethos and commitment toward safety as its namesake," Montez-Diaz said. "The recipient of this award also has to maintain a healthy workplace."

For calendar year 2022, the Facilities department won the Raymond V. Aguilar Safety Excellence Award. The award was presented by the Installation Commanding Officer, Col. Gregory Pace, during the quarterly awards ceremony held August 3. Maintaining all safety program requirements, having 100 percent attendance for collateral duty safety officer training, and 100 percent attendance for the supervisor's safety training were criteria that contributed to the department earning the prestigious award.

The second highest safety award in the program is the Commanding Officer's Safety Achievement Award and Special Recognition of Voluntary



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Sergeant Daniel Garcia, Headquarters Company training noncommissioned officer, accepts the Commanding Officer's Safety Recognition Award on behalf of Headquarters Company, from Col. Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, during an award ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, August 3. The award honors departments which excel in maintaining safety programs and healthy work environments on base. Six departments earned this distinguished award.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Deputy Chief Albert Ramirez, Provost Marshal's Office, accepts the Commanding Officer's Safety Recognition Award, on behalf of PMO, from Col. Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, during an award ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, August 3. The award was given to six departments in total, honoring their dedication to maintaining safety programs and healthy work environments on base.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Colonel Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, pose with personnel from Facilities, honoring their Raymond V. Aguilar Safety Excellence Award, during an award ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, August 3. They earned this award for embodying the VPP ethos and commitment to safety. The award is named after Aguilar, in honor of his 20 years of service to base safety.

Awards aboard MCLB Barstow



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Major Justin Lokkesmoe, base operations officer, accepts the Commanding Officer's Safety Recognition Award, on behalf of Operations, from Col. Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, during an award ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, August 3. The award was given to six departments in total, in honor of each department's dedication to maintaining safety programs and healthy work environments on base.

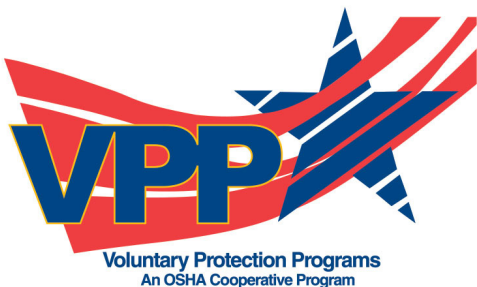


Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Master Sergeant Keith Figueroa, Logistics chief, accepts the Commanding Officer's Safety Achievement Award, on behalf of S-4 Logistics, from Col. Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, in recognition of his department's commitment to a safe and healthy work environment.

Protection Programs.

"This award is presented to organizations that have achieved and maintained superior safety programs while maintaining a safe and healthful workplace," said Montez-Diaz.

Six departments aboard MCLB Barstow were awarded the Commanding Officer's Safety Achievement Award and Special Recognition of Voluntary Protection Programs. The police department, S-4 Logistics, Special Staff Offices, S-1 Administration, S-6 Communications, and the S-8 Comptroller department all earned this recognition for their commitment to safety and health.

Another prestigious award in the program is the Commanding Officer's Voluntary Protection Programs Star of the Year award. This award is given to the organization that has shown the most commitment to VPP.

"The organization has to go above and beyond for the program by volunteering for VPP events, meetings, and projects," said Montez-Diaz. "The award was presented to the fire

department for their continued support of safety and VPP. Their efforts have directly contributed to the increased efficiency and effectiveness of MCLB Barstow's mission. The fire department's efforts are sincerely appreciated by all employees aboard the base."

Lastly, the Commanding Officer's Safety Recognition Award was presented to Headquarters Company and the Operations department. These departments also excelled at maintaining safety programs and healthy work environments.

Montez-Diaz extended her sincere appreciation for all organizations and individuals involved in ensuring safety on the base.

"Without the help and dedication from the departments, we could not raise the Voluntary Protection Program flag every day and be worthy of the title. We thank these departments for continuing to believe in and support the VPP," said Montez-Diaz.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Colonel Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, pose with Fire and Emergency Services personnel in recognition of Fire earning the prestigious Commanding Officer's Voluntary Protection Program Star of the Year Award, during an award ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, August 3. This award was earned due to Fire's discipline and commitment to the VPP safety and health standards.

Changes are coming to base recycling

Story by: Laurie Pearson
COMMSTRAT Planner

Senate Bill 1383, designed by Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens), and signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 2016, is soon to impact Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

The bill established the toughest restrictions on super pollutants, to include methane, fluorinated gases and black carbon, for the entire country, but offered a window of time for organizations to prepare and make necessary changes.

“The intent is to reduce methane gas and reduce climate change,” said Miguel Arandaguillen, Environmental Division supervisor.

Territories in 32 countries, on six continents, representing a quarter of the global economy, endorsed an agreement, spearheaded by California, to take actions intended to limit the increase in global average temperature to below 2 degrees Celsius. This is considered the warming threshold at which scientists say there will likely be catastrophic climate disruptions. The “Under2Coalition” aims to reach these changes over a period of time, by limiting a range of pollutants to include black carbon. California continues to push forward.

“This is a California-specific bill and it requires big changes in how recycling is done on base. Organic waste will need to be separated from regular trash and properly disposed of in a green or brown container,” said Arandaguillen. “This will have a heavy impact on the commissary and the Route 66 Café, specifically. Family housing will be managed by BURRTEC Waste Industries. Other recyclables will continue to be collected as we do now.”

Environmental Compliance Coordinators continue to assist with people turning in other recyclables every Thursday at building 146.

BURRTEC Waste Industries has pushed out an additional container, throughout the city of Barstow, intended to collect organic waste, such as food and food scraps.

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| ✓ Diapers | ✗ Electronic waste |
| ✓ Dishware | ✗ Hazardous waste |
| ✓ Flower pots | ✗ Hot ashes |
| ✓ Hoses | ✗ Infectious waste |
| ✓ Plastic bags | ✗ Flammable |
| ✓ Pet waste | ✗ Fluorescent bulbs |
| ✓ Plastic toys | ✗ Machinery |
| ✓ Plastic utensils | ✗ Paint |
| ✓ Shrink wrap | ✗ Pesticides |
| ✓ Straws | ✗ Oil |
| ✓ Window glass | ✗ Sharps |
| ✓ Wipes | ✗ Tires |

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| BLUE BARREL GUIDE | |
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| YES | NO |
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| ✓ Aluminum cans | ✗ Carpet |
| ✓ Brochures | ✗ Ceramic dishes |
| ✓ Cardboard | ✗ Clothing |
| ✓ Cartons | ✗ Diapers |
| ✓ Catalogs | ✗ Electronic waste |
| ✓ Computer paper | ✗ Furniture |
| ✓ Envelopes | ✗ Hoses |
| ✓ Glass bottles & jars | ✗ Mirrors |
| ✓ Junk mail | ✗ Pet food bags |
| ✓ Newspaper | ✗ Pizza boxes, soiled |
| ✓ Paper products | ✗ Plastic toys |
| ✓ #1 - #7 Plastics | ✗ Stuffed animals |
| ✓ Tin cans | ✗ Used paper products |
| ✓ Tissue boxes | ✗ Wax paper |
| ✓ Wrapping paper | ✗ Window glass |

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DO NOT BAG GREEN WASTE**

| GREEN BARREL GUIDE | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| YES | NO |
| ✓ Bagged food waste | ✗ Animal waste |
| ✓ Birds of Paradise | ✗ Batteries |
| ✓ Dead plants | ✗ Cactus |
| ✓ Flowers | ✗ Concrete |
| ✓ Food soiled paper | ✗ Dirt |
| ✓ Grass clippings | ✗ Electronic waste |
| ✓ Leaves | ✗ Flammables |
| ✓ Prunings | ✗ Glass |
| ✓ Shrub trimmings | ✗ Hazardous waste |
| ✓ Small branches | ✗ Liquids |
| ✓ Twigs | ✗ Metal |
| ✓ Untreated wood | ✗ Plastic |
| ✓ Weeds | ✗ Rocks |

Image courtesy of the City of Barstow

“As part of this process, we are hoping to generate more revenue to improve the Qualified Recycling Program on base, and hire additional personnel to assist with the changing demands,” Arandaguillen stated. “Funds from the QRP are utilized to pay operational and maintenance of the program costs which include vehicle use, labor, and supplies fees. Remaining funds not to exceed 50 percent are used to support local projects, which include pollution prevention, energy conservation, occupational safety, and health projects. Any remaining proceeds may be transferred to the non-appropriated Marine Corps Community Services account for any approved morale, welfare and recreation program.”

Those funds are often used to help with the events on base.

“We use some of the QRP funds to help bring down the cost of the Marine Corps Birthday meal held on base, and we can use the funding to create new, or add more excitement to existing events already being hosted on the installation,” said Angelica Benavidez, MCCS Operations officer. “The money is specifically for events and activities for all of our authorized patrons.”

“Anyone can request QRP funds, as long as they fall within the guidance given,” Arandaguillen said. “Requests will need to be presented to the QRP committee for approval.”

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Uruguayan delegates meet with PPB

Story by: Laurie Pearson
COMMSTRAT Planner

Members of the National Army of Uruguay participated in a Joint Vehicle Inspection at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Yermo Annex, August 1 to 3, 2023.

“Uruguay recently initiated procurement of vehicles from the United States Marine Corps to bolster their equipment capabilities for peacekeeping missions within the country and in various United Nations-sanctioned peacekeeping missions worldwide,” said Paul Niemeyer, Project Officer with PPB’s Program Management Division. “These vehicles are intended to serve multiple purposes, foremost among them being vital components for peacekeeping efforts.”



Photo by: Betty Jackson

Members of the Uruguayan National Army pose with personnel from Production Plant Barstow, Navy International Program Office and Marine Corps Systems Command’s International Programs Office during their Joint Vehicle Inspection aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow’s Yermo Annex, August 3.

Apart from their primary role in peacekeeping missions, the acquired vehicles will also be utilized for vehicle training, troop transportation, security operations, and any other missions that necessitate their versatile capabilities, he explained. The acquisition of these platforms aims to enhance Uruguay’s operational

effectiveness and response capabilities across a spectrum of mission requirements.

“The objective of this visit was to identify 20 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicles 1240A1 variants suitable for a limited scope of repair at MDMC’s Production Plant Barstow,” Niemeyer said. “Throughout the visit, the delegation collaborated closely with personnel from Systems Command, MDMC PPB, and 1st Force Storage Battalion, focusing on the identification of viable candidates for the repair process. Key topics of discussion encompassed the scope of repair, mission requirements, schedule, and funding. The engagement proved to be productive, and we were able to discern suitable M-ATVs for the repair initiative.”

The procurement process was executed with careful consideration of quality, suitability, and adherence to the required specifications to ensure that the acquired vehicles meet the highest standards of performance and reliability, Niemeyer explained. Through this acquisition, Uruguay seeks to augment their peacekeeping capabilities and foster collaboration with the international community in promoting peace, stability, and security worldwide.

The Uruguayan personnel had the opportunity to inspect 5-10 Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement MK-23s and MK-25s during the visit. The condition of the MTRVs was found to be satisfactory, with a possibility of considering additional vehicles for acquisition in the future.

“There are numerous benefits derived by both parties from the recent MATV procurement initiative,” Niemeyer said. “The delegation’s visit to Barstow facilitated hands-on inspections of the MATVs, enabling them to assess the vehicles’ conditions and identify any potential issues.



Photo by: Freddy Garcia

Colonel Eduardo Andres Ferreira Galvan, and Lt. Col. Horacio Marques Medeiros, with the Uruguayan National Army, work with Paul Niemeyer, Project Officer, Program Management Division, on a Joint Vehicle Inspection at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex, August 2.

Collaborating closely with MDMC personnel, the delegation carefully selected the most suitable candidates, effectively minimizing the amount of work required to bring the vehicles to operational condition. This strategic selection process will prove advantageous to both parties in terms of efficiency and resource utilization.”

For PPB, the benefits include enhancing the skill sets of the artisans working with these vehicles, promoting professional development within the organization. It also reinforces PPB’s capabilities in handling this specific platform, positioning them to retain expertise in this area. Niemeyer further explained the increased workload resulting from the procurement would generate additional direct labor hours. This would enhance production capacity and operational effectiveness.

“Beyond the immediate gains, this program is poised to cultivate a robust working relationship between PPB and key stakeholders such as the Navy International Programs Office, USMC International Programs at SYSCOM, and the Uruguayan National Army,” he said.

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DeCA Rewarding excellence

Fisher House Foundation's 'Scholarships for Military Children' awards 500 students

Story by: Mike Perron

DeCA public affairs specialist

FORT GREGG-ADAMS, Va. – For the 23rd straight year, Fisher House Foundation's Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded deserving children of U.S. service members scholarship grants, providing an early leg up in funding their higher education dreams.

This year 500 children were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the nonprofit foundation for the upcoming 2023-2024 academic year.

Fisher House created the program in 2001 in partnership with the Defense Commissary Agency to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the commissaries' role in enhancing the military's quality of life.

Fisher House has continually improved the application process to support the increasing number of students applying each year, according to Marshall Banks, Fisher House Foundation's director of community relations.

"The application process for the 2023-2024 Scholarships for Military Children program went extremely well," he said. "We received 4,443 applications from 224 commissaries. That's a 21-percent increase in applicants from last year." He added that, in total, Fisher House has provided \$22,126,500 in scholarships over the last 23 years.

Scholarship applicants submit their official transcript indicating a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for high school applicants, or indicating a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale for students already enrolled in college; and an essay of 500 words or less, no longer than two pages.

Eligibility is determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants must ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military dependent ID card. The applicant must also be planning to attend or already be attending an accredited college or university, full time, in the fall of 2023 or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applicants who are awarded a full scholarship to attend a college or university or receive an appointment to one of the military academies or affiliated preparatory schools are not eligible to receive funds from this program. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other expenses.

All rules and requirements for the program, as well as links to frequently asked questions are available at the Scholarships for Military Children website, as is the full list of this year's winners.

"The window to apply for the 2024-2025 Fisher



House Scholarships should open in December and close sometime in February, but the exact dates have not been set yet," said Todd Heasley, DeCA's scholarships program liaison. "Be sure to check the scholarship page in December for the date of the opening, as well as the new essay question for the year."

Fisher House Foundation also has a custom scholarship search engine on its scholarship website, tailored to military families, called "Scholarships for Service." It's free, easy to use, and available on mobile devices or computers at militaryscholar.org.

"Fisher House Foundation has a long history of direct, critical support to service members and their families," said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael Saucedo, senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "It's an honor for us at the Defense Commissary Agency to promote these scholarship grants again this year, offering the children of service members a timely head start to their journey in higher education."

Fisher House Foundation is ranked a four-star charity by Charity Navigator. No government funds are used to support the Scholarships for Military Children Program. Commissary vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers and the general public donate money to fund the program.

-DeCA-



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Photo by: Betty Jackson

Members of the Uruguayan National Army and personnel from Production Plant Barstow take a moment to pose for a photo during the Joint Vehicle Inspection tour of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, August 3.

“The collaboration demonstrated during the procurement process can potentially lead to further opportunities for partnership, not only with the Uruguayan National Army, but also with other NATO allies. The establishment of such

alliances can open avenues for future workload and mutually beneficial initiatives.”

The MATV procurement initiative represents a strategic endeavor that brings value to all parties involved.

“As part of the comprehensive visit, MDMC personnel provided the Uruguayan delegation with a detailed tour of the maintenance center,” Niemeyer said. “The tour included an insightful exploration of the various shops responsible for the repair process once funding is secured. Witnessing the MATVs and MTRVs at different stages of repair significantly enhanced their understanding of the forthcoming repair procedures. The JVI was a success, yielding valuable insights and establishing a solid foundation for the repair initiative. The Uruguayan delegates remain optimistic about the potential outcomes and are appreciative of the support and cooperation extended by all parties involved.”

This acquisition signifies a significant step toward reinforcing Uruguay’s commitment to maintaining international peace and security while contributing to global peacekeeping efforts. The vehicles procured from the USMC will play a pivotal role in supporting Uruguay’s peacekeeping endeavors and further strengthen their capacity to meet mission demands effectively and efficiently.

“As the procurement process progresses, Uruguay remains dedicated to maintaining transparency, adhering to established protocols, and cultivating a cooperative partnership with the Marine Corps and other relevant stakeholders,” Niemeyer said. “The successful completion of this acquisition will mark a significant milestone in Uruguay’s peacekeeping efforts and contribute positively to regional and global security endeavors.”



Appreciation



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Arthur Basulto, Bureau of Land Management Ranger, was honored with the Commanding Officer’s Letter of Appreciation for his countless hours of time and service spent educating Marines on the desert flora and fauna, to include potentially hazardous wildlife, as well as protected species, during an award ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, August 3. Col. Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, pose with Basulto after the ceremony and discuss future opportunities.

Old Glory



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Attendees watch as Marines prepare the American flag to be raised during the Colors Ceremony at the commencement of an awards ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, August 3. During the ceremony, awards were given for excellence in safety to include the Raymond V. Aguilar Safety Excellence Award, Commanding Officer’s Safety Recognition Award, Commanding Officer’s Voluntary Protection Program Star of the Year Award.



August

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| 2 Family Fun Day | 3 | 4 Take it & Make it | 5 Infant Massage Warrior Wednesday Adolescent Anger Management | 6 Anger Management Training | 7 Friday Night Lights Sugar Loaf Social | 8 |
| 9 Family Fun Day | 10 | 11 Baby Story Time | 12 Warrior Wednesday Make It & Take It Adolescent Anger Management | 13 Smooth Move Volunteer Orientation Anger Management Training | 14 Friday Night Lights Screens and Strikes | 15 |
| 16 Family Fun Day | 17 | 18 | 19 L.I.N.K.S. Networking Event Warrior Wednesday Adolescent Anger Management | 20 Anger Management Training | 21 Friday Night Lights | 22 |
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| 30 Family Fun Day SMP Volunteering | 31 | For more details, visit MCLB Bartstow's community events page at: https://www.mclbbarstow.marines.mil/MCLB-Bartstow/Events/ | | | | |