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Colonel Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, cuts the first piece of birthday cake celebrating the 248th United States Marine Corps birthday, during a ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, November 8. Traditionally, the first piece of USMC birthday cake is then offered to the oldest then youngest Marine present at the ceremony. The oldest Marine on this day was Tom Lewis, at 84 years old. Lewis enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1959.



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Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

Barstow, California



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Photo by: Sgt. Anika Lewis

Children and staff from the Child Development Center marched to building 15 to show off their costumes, and get tricks and treats from Col. Gregory Pace, commanding officer, Marines and civilians during their annual Halloween trek, held aboard

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, October 31. The annual event allows the children the opportunity to enjoy their costumes for the day, and entertain personnel with a brief performance, as well.

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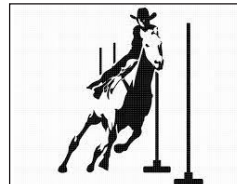
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Commander's Corner

Happy 248th Birthday Marines!

On this special day, we honor and celebrate the birth of the United States Marine Corps. For nearly two and a half centuries, the brave men and women who have served in this esteemed institution have displayed unmatched courage, commitment, and sacrifice. Your unwavering dedication to defend our nation and protect our freedoms is truly inspiring.

As we come together to commemorate this remarkable milestone, let us reflect on the rich history of the Marine Corps. From the iconic battles of the past to the modern challenges faced, Marines have always persevered with the utmost resilience and determination. It is through your selflessness and unwavering spirit that you have earned the title of "The Few, The Proud."

Coinciding with our birthday celebration, we also pay tribute to all veterans on November 11th, Veteran's Day. This annual commemoration reminds us to honor the service and sacrifice of all those who have served in the armed forces. It is an opportunity for us to



Cover photo by: Sgt. Anika Lewis

Colonel Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Tom Lewis, veteran Marine, along with all of the Marines in historical pageant uniforms, salute The Colors as part of the annual United States Marine Corps birthday cake cutting ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, November 8.

express our gratitude to those who have valiantly protected our nation and its values. On this day, let us extend our deepest appreciation to all veterans for their selfless service and unwavering dedication.

Additionally, we had the privilege of enjoying the USMC Pageant and Cake-cutting Ceremony, which serves as a reminder of our proud heritage and traditions. The pageant showcased the history and accomplishments of the Marine Corps, creating a sense of nostalgia and pride among all Marines. Furthermore, the opening of the 24-hour Marine Mart at the back entrance

of the MCX building provides convenience and support to our MCLB Barstow community.

Today, we stand together as one Marine Corps family, cherishing our proud traditions, celebrating our victories, and paying tribute to those who have come before us. Happy 248th Birthday Marines! Semper Fi!

Semper Fidelis,

Col Pace

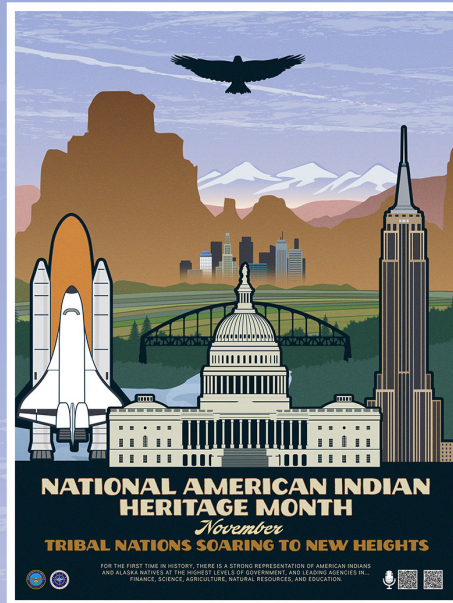


CULTURAL
AWARENESS

OBSERVANCE



NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
TRIBAL NATIONS SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS



Every November, the Department of Defense (DoD) joins the Nation in celebrating National American Indian Heritage Month. The event is also known in some circles as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

It's an opportunity to recognize the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, stories, and important contributions of Native American and Alaska Native peoples.

There are over 9 million American Indian and Alaska Natives living in the United States today.

With over 574 federally recognized tribes, there are hundreds of different cultures that are as unique as the people they represent.

For 2023, The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) has chosen the theme: "Tribal Nations Soaring to New Heights."

For more than 100 years, generations of Mohawk ironworkers shaped the skylines of North American cities. These men built prominent landmarks, including the Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building, the George Washington Bridge, and the World Trade Center.

The Mohawk tradition of ironworking began in the mid-1880s. They were hired as unskilled laborers to build a bridge over the St. Lawrence River onto Mohawk land. Quickly, they earned a reputation for being hard workers on high steel, earning the nickname "skywalkers."

In the 1960s, when New York City announced plans for the World Trade Center, which would be the tallest in the world, hundreds of Mohawk men played a vital role in the construction.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the towers, descendants of the original ironworkers returned to the structure to aid in rescue and cleanup at ground zero.

Fittingly, Mohawk ironworkers then helped build the new Freedom Tower, now known as One World Trade Center.

American Indians and Alaska Natives have built a legacy of professionalism and selfless service that inspires future generations.



MCLB Barstow Marine Corps



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Marines and civilians celebrated the annual Marine Corps Ball with their celebrations with a cake aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

During the ball held at Planet Hollywood, USMC Major Retired, regaled attendees with encouragement to junior Marines. As a Marine, Major Retired's service aboard MCLB Barstow is crucial to the community.

At the cake cutting ceremony held on May 20th, Major Retired gave an educational and informative event, highlighting Marine Corps and war history. Colorful slides depicted important moments in MC history, highlighting those who serve, and included a video honoring those who serve, and included a video about the service animals. From World War I, Sergeant Reckless, a Jeju and Thoroughbred War, and earned, not only a place in Marine Corps history, but also medals for her incredible service.

Tom Lewis, who served in the Marine Corps, gave the cake cutting, and served as the Oldest Marine in the audience about his time in service. Having served in the Marine Corps, he made special note that Marines would be self-sufficient and simply of the hitch-hiking adventures to the top of the world. He entered Cunningham's "beautiful young lady" who later became a pillar of the Barstow community, creating a career, a life, and a family here.



Corps Ball and Base Cake Cutting



the 248th Marine Corps birthday this year, starting with in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 3. They then continued cutting ceremony and historical uniform pageant held Barstow, California, November 8.

ood in Las Vegas, Guest of Honor, Dr. Moses A. Thomas, s with a nod to USMC history, his own experiences, and ogistician himself, he discussed how the work conducted Marine Corps and the Department of Defense mission.

MCLB Barstow, the historical uniform pageant was an ighlighting the uniform of the period, as well as a bit of mel Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, spoke of ighlighting personal sacrifices. He noted the importance of words of appreciation for not just the humans who serve, War Dogs to War Horses, he paid special tribute to Staff hbred horse mix, from Korea who served in the Korean C history, but in their ranks, earning official USMC rank

Corps from 1959 to 1965, was Guest of Honor at the base Marine present for the traditional ceremony. He told the ving served on the base early in his Marine Corps career, ld hitch-hike to town "back in the day." He said that the did what needed to be done. In his case, it was on one own of Barstow, so that he could use a pay phone to call s Pharmacy, and laid eyes on a woman he said was "a e his wife. Married 62 years now, Lewis left the Corps to nity, running a certified welding shop for over 50 years, re in the High Desert.



CDC Halloween Fun

Special Tricks and Treats at the Commissary and Building 15

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Visual Information Chief



Production Plant Barstow

Plant manager Robert "Chip" Schwartz retires

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PPB Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting



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Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

For Home



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Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Example UL, CE, EMC, and Intertek testing symbols.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Take them to a battery recycling location within your community. For Barstow it is located at 900 Ave H and open on Saturdays from 0900-1400.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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DeCA FIGHTS FOOD INSECURITY

Story by: Mike Perron
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FORT GREGG-ADAMS, Va. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) annual Feds Feed Families campaign, held this year from June 26 through Sept. 29, has ended with over 10 million pounds of goods donated to food banks across the nation, an increase of more than 2.2 million pounds from last year.

Each year, Feds Feed Families encourages employees from across the federal government to donate to stateside food banks and pantries. This is the fourth year that the Department of Defense (DOD) has designated the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) as its overall campaign leader.

Of the 10 million pounds donated, DOD contributed 5.9 million, or 59 percent, an increase of more than 26 percent from 2022. DeCA's share of DOD's 5.9 million was 4.1 million pounds, or 69 percent, an increase of more than 28 percent from last year.

"This year's campaign was successful because of teams working diligently across the DOD and at commissaries," said Doug Nomura, DeCA and the DOD's Feds Feed Families chairperson. "With the support of commissary patrons, DOD and DeCA employees, we beat last year's food donation totals. Great job!"

Participating stateside military installations helped collect items designated as "most needed" by food pantries. Commissary customers and employees in these communities participated in two ways: First, by purchasing needed food for donation while shopping at commissaries, or bringing items from home and placing them in donation bins at the store; and second, by purchasing prepackaged donation bags available in commissaries.

This year, commissary customers purchased an estimated 71,000 bags, totaling approximately \$950,000 in groceries. Once collected, local installation officials worked with the commissary to deliver the donations from all installation sources to local food banks.

The demand for donations increased this year as more families across the U.S. struggled with high food costs. According to the USDA, more than 34 million people, including 9 million children, are food insecure in the U.S. Many households that experience food insecurity



DeCA photo by: Keith Desbois

A sailor purchases a prepackaged donation bag at the commissary to give to Feds Feed Families.

don't qualify for federal nutrition programs and must visit their local food banks and other food programs for extra support.

"The annual Feds Feed Families campaign remains one of the best ways for commissaries and military families to give back to the communities that host us across the nation," said Marine Sgt. Maj. Michael R. Saucedo, senior enlisted advisor to DeCA's director. "The summer months typically see food bank donations fall, and with the lingering costs of the pandemic's supply disruptions this year, a little help can go a long way."

-DeCA-



RIDERS OF THE WEST



Showdown at Barstow

MCLB Base Stables
572 Agate Rd.
Daggett, CA 92327

November 18, 2023

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Special appearances by
The Marine Corps Mounted Color GUARD
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Events



Children Dummy Roping



Pole bending



Rescue racing



Team roping



Speed Barrel

Beer tent

Food trucks

Craft tables