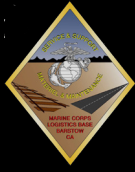


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Colonel Gregory B. Pace, commanding officer, Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, and Maj. Narciso Corral, base operations officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, lead the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard in the 135th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade, in Pasadena, California, Jan. 1, 2024. The Mounted Color Guard has the honor of being the only unit in the parade to carry The Colors and lead the parade each year. In addition to the parade, the MCG participates in the traditional Equestfest events each year in the days leading up to the big event.



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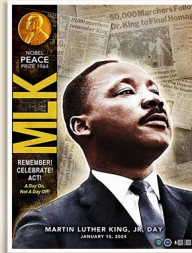
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CULTURAL AWARENESS



RESERVE
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
January 15th



Each year, on the third Monday in January, the Department of Defense (DoD) stands with the Nation in honoring the life and enduring influence of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King is celebrated as a champion of nonviolence in America and as a prominent figure in the Civil Rights Movement.

In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday (MLK Day) as a National Day of Service. All Americans are encouraged to volunteer to improve their communities.

This year holds particular significance as it marks the 60th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

At the age of 35, King became the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to nonviolent methods during the Civil Rights Movement.

Gunnar Jahn, the chairman of the Nobel committee, stated King was "the first person in the Western world to have shown us that a struggle can be waged without violence. He is the first to make the message of brotherly love a reality in the course of his struggle, and he has brought this message to all men, to all nations and races."

In his Nobel acceptance speech, King pondered the contradiction that he would be given a prize to honor peace regarding a movement filled with much violence, oppression, and injustice toward people.

He concluded that nonviolence is in fact the answer by explaining, "I conclude that this award, which I receive on behalf of that movement, is a profound recognition that nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral question of our time—the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to violence and oppression."

King demonstrated his unwavering dedication to the Civil Rights Movement by donating the entirety of his Nobel Peace Prize award money.

Just 4 years after receiving the Nobel Prize, King was assassinated while standing on the balcony of his motel room on the evening of April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Defense Department recognizes that freedom, equality, and inclusion are true force multipliers and imperative to the national defense and our Nation's strength.

King recognized the power of service. Observing MLK Day through service continues the DoD's mission of promoting change and building communities.

The men and women of the DoD honor King by living up to the standard he set. Together we safeguard his legacy and, as one DoD family, rise to meet today's challenges.



On the web

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Photo courtesy of Barstow Fire Protection District

A multi-agency rescue team saved a Barstow-area man who'd been "entombed" by a multi-thousand pound concrete slab, 22 feet below ground, for nearly 12 hours in Barstow, California, Jan. 12, 2023. The man had fallen

into a leach pit in his front yard and then the concrete slab slipped and covered the opening. Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Fire and Emergency Services responded for Mutual Aid and helped rescue the man.

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In 2023, the base celebrated 80 years of service

Humble base beginnings



The Ross legacy



First structure on base



"This is a small sacrifice on our part—the real sacrifice is the troops in-country." —Rudy Flores
Repair keeps equipment moving for "Desert Shield" —See pages 1&5

Railway Operations



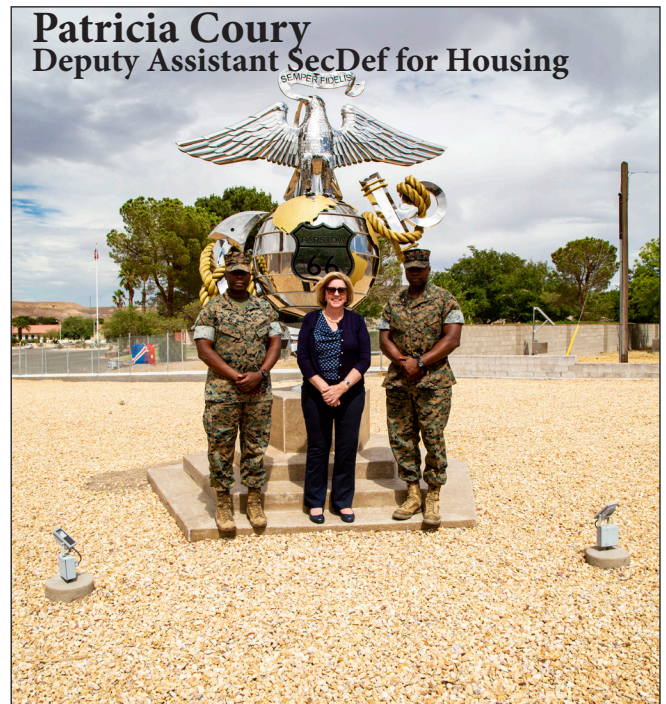
Politicians and delegations



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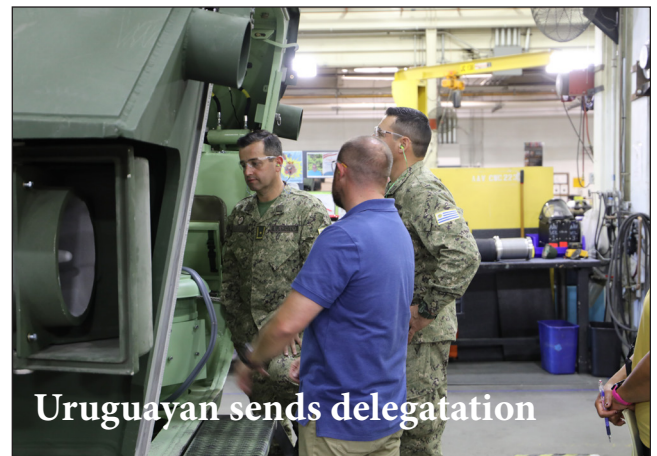
Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow is often visited and toured by politicians and other dignitaries for myriad purposes. Among them is to foster and enhance relationships with the local community, leaders, and policy makers. Throughout 2023 Col. Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major as well as other leaders on base, met with Assemblyman Thomas Lackey, California Assembly District 34, Patricia Coury, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Housing, and Andrea VanLanen, Deputy Counsel for the Commandant of the Marine Corps.



United Arab Emirates delegation



Indonesian delegation



Uruguayan sends delegation

Members of the United Arab Emirates, National Army of Uruguay and the Indonesian military participated in various tours, observations and Joint Vehicle Inspections aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. They predominantly worked with Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, and First Force Storage Battalion, and Railway Operations. In the case of the vehicle inspections, the military vehicles may serve multiple purposes, foremost among them being vital components for peacekeeping efforts.



3d Marine Littoral Regiment trains on base



U.S. Marine Corps Capt. Robert Patterson, company commander, 3d Littoral Combat Team, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, conducts a key leader engagement with the local police chief and mayor of a simulated town during Marine Littoral Regiment Training Exercise (MLR-TE) at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Feb. 14, 2023. MLR-TE is a large-scale, service-level exercise designed to train, develop, and experiment with the 3d MLR as part of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force, led by 3d Marine Division, operating as a Stand-in Force across a contested and distributed maritime environment. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jerry Edlin)

U.S. Navy HM3 Christopher Horcabas, 3d Littoral Combat Team, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, patrols during Marine Littoral Regiment Training Exercise (MLR-TE) at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Feb. 16, 2023. MLR-TE is a large-scale, service-level exercise designed to train, develop, and experiment with the 3d MLR as part of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force, led by 3d Marine Division, operating as a Stand-in Force across a contested and distributed maritime environment. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jerry Edlin)



U.S. Navy Corpsman HN Steven Vargas with 3d Littoral Combat Team, 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, conducts a key leader engagement with a local doctor and patient of a simulated town during Marine Littoral Regiment Training Exercise (MLR-TE) at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Feb. 15, 2023. MLR-TE is a large-scale, service-level exercise designed to train, develop, and experiment with the 3d MLR as part of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force, led by 3d Marine Division, operating as a Stand-in Force across a contested and distributed maritime environment. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jerry Edlin)



A U.S. Marine Corps UH-1Y Venom extracts a simulated casualty during Marine Littoral Regiment Training Exercise (MLR-TE) at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Feb. 16, 2023. MLR-TE is a large-scale, service-level exercise designed to train, develop, and experiment with the 3d MLR as part of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force, led by 3d Marine Division, operating as a Stand-in Force across a contested and distributed maritime environment. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jerry Edlin)

California Cadet Corps bivouac

Photo by: Anthony Plummer Jr.



Cadets with the California Cadet Corps visited Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow for their annual Bivouac training exercise, April 14-16, 2023. This year, the cadets participated in an obstacle course, attended a water safety and survival class, learned map and compass reading, practiced military drills, and conducted land navigation around the base. The CCC is a component of the California Youth and Community Programs Task Force. The para-military program uses an Army foundation to teach leadership skills, as well as teaching the young men and women how to become better citizens.

Corporals Courses

Photos by: Sgt. Anika Lewis



As part of their professional development, junior Marines undergo training called Corporals Course aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. During this training, they are taught the fundamentals of being a corporal, as well as pathways they can undergo as they develop leadership skills. Students are provided with basic knowledge and skills necessary to become successful small-unit leaders. The training uses realistic problem-based scenarios that the Marines may encounter during their careers. The instructors are seasoned Marines, from myriad positions around the base, offering a broad scope of experiences and input. The course is mandatory for those corporals to be eligible for promotion to the rank of sergeant. The program also offers working knowledge of general military subjects.



Month of the Military Child & Springfest

Photos by: COMMSTRAT



Children at the Child Development Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, create banners, signs and posters, April 6, for the Month of the Military Child. The banners will be displayed on the fence around the CDC and flags and signs will be carried April 19, 2023, during a parade celebrating the strength and resilience of military children worldwide.

For 37 years, the Department of Defense has recognized and celebrated military children during the month of April. Officially known as the Month of the Military Child, Defense officials seek to honor the more than 1.6 million military children who face frequent challenges and often make numerous sacrifices as a result of their parents' service.



Marines and civilians enjoy the annual Springfest held at the McTureous Hall lawn, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 12, 2023. Marine Corps Community Services provided bounce houses, rock climbing wall, dunk tank, food, giant chess and other games, and vendors with informational and educational booths. To the left, Col. Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, enjoys the festivities with his grandchild. To the right, Vanessa Tzorin-Stacey, lead library technician, paints colorful designs on children's faces while others play games in the background.



Rise and Read!

American children's author and cartoonist, Dr. Seuss, once said: "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Many of Dr. Seuss' colorful books continue to be read by young readers today, transporting them to another imaginative world. Booklovers often celebrate this famous author's birthday, March 2, via events and activities that promote a love for reading and education. The Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow library also celebrated this love of books by hosting a Rise and Read event that day. The lead librarian at MCLB Barstow's library, Vanessa Tzorin-Stacey, spoke on the event's theme and goal.

"This year, it's 'Read All Day,'" she informed. "It's to improve your language, critical thinking, and your memory."



Photo by: Sgt. Anika Lewis

Basewide clean-up

Photos by: Sgt. Anika Lewis



During the basewide clean-up events held on base, all hands are given time off from their regular duties to don their gloves, grab trash bags and tools, to gather trash, debris, and tumbleweeds from around their functional working areas aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. In addition to assisting with base beautification, it can also be a time to build team camaraderie, and morale for employees as they work together outdoors, in ways they do not typically get to in the performance of their regular duties. The events are typically two hours, filling hundreds of bags of things that are often blown in during typical winds in the High Desert.

Semper Durus 2023

Photo by: Sgt. Anika Lewis



Marines and civilians move barriers and offload from an V-22 Osprey tilt-rotator aircraft aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 12, 2023. Marine Corps Installations West demonstrates its capabilities, explores crisis management techniques, and improves upon interoperability with regional partners in the annual exercise "Semper Durus." This year's challenges improve and build upon previous years' exercises dramatically. Semper Durus provides hyper-detailed notional problems for the regionally situated MCI-West team to approach with a systematic and rapid-response solution in a variety of notional scenarios.

MCLB Barstow golf tournaments

Photos by: Sgt. Anika Lewis

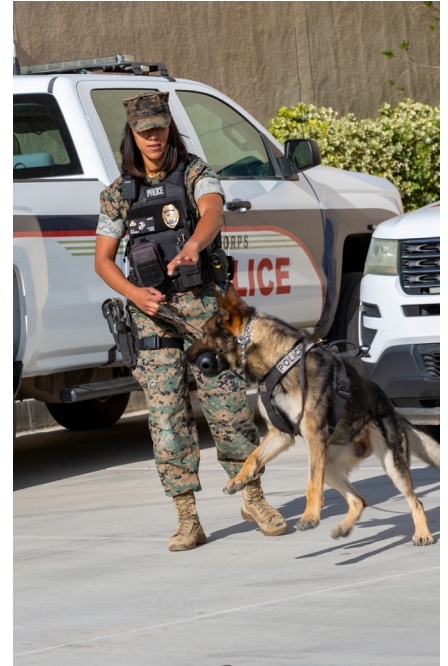


Colonel Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, hosted golf tournaments inviting military personnel and civilians to participate for prizes at the Marine Memorial Golf Course aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, throughout 2023. The first, held in May, pitted teams of four against one another to compete for top shots. In the second, held in October, the Marine Corps Community Services team put together a glow-in-the-dark, night golf opportunity, with a movie playing outdoors, in addition to the golf. Winners of that night-golf festivities won horror movies, boxes of pumpkin spice flavored Cheerios, and candy.



K9s: More than man's best friend

Photos by: Sgt. Anika Lewis



Dogs are the most popular pet in the United States; and according to a 2023 report from Forbes Advisor, more than 65 million households in America own a dog. There are many reasons why people love dogs. However, there is a common phrase that sums up everything that make dogs loveable. A dog is a man's best friend. Dogs provide companionship and loyalty; they love unconditionally and are selfless; and dogs provide a source of happiness. Yet, dogs can provide even more than what they are commonly appreciated for. The dogs at the Adam Leigh Cann Canine Facility on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow also have an important mission. "Military working dogs bring a line of defense," says Lt. Christopher Dixon, the MCLB Barstow kennel master, "They maximize security on the base." The base's facility is allotted six military working dogs. Currently, there are four at the kennels: Thor, Bono, Joe, and Esso. Two dogs were recently retired, but Dixon is planning to request new dogs to bring the kennel to full capacity. The 37th Training Wing at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, provides military working dogs to the Department of Defense. The dogs are first bought from breeders, sometimes even procured internationally. The dogs are then put through an initial training process at Lackland to test the dog's aptitude at becoming a military working dog. If not found suitable, the dogs are sent back to the breeder. "The dogs that are accepted then get a full physical workup and tattoo in their ear," Dixon said. "The tattoo is their stock number since military working dogs are marked as equipment." German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois are typically purchased for military working dogs. Dixon said both breeds are large, which naturally makes them psychological deterrents for people. They also adapt very well to their environment and are faster learners compared to other dog breeds.

Fire Prevention BBQ



Fire Prevention personnel and Marines with the Single Marine Program offered hotdogs, hamburgers and snacks, as well as trivia games, and prizes during the annual Fire Prevention Standdown Barbeque held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Oct. 11, 2023. The event is an opportunity to highlight the importance of fire prevention and preparedness with educational materials, and conversations with personnel from Fire and Emergency Services, as well as the Voluntary Protection Program representatives.

Awards earned

Photos by: COMMSTRAT



Donald LeRoy Fearon, Facilities Maintenance work leader, was honored for his 50 years of federal service during an award ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Aug. 3, 2023.



Top right: Facilities was awarded the Raymond V. Aguilar Safety Excellence Award, Aug. 3, 2023. They earned this award by embodying the VPP ethos and Commitment to Safety. The award is named after Aquilar in honor of his 20 years of service in Safety.

Right middle: Fire earned the prestigious Commanding Officer's Voluntary Protection Program Star of the Year Award, Aug. 3, 2023. This award was earned due to fire's discipline and commitment to the VPP safety and health standards.



The United States Marine Corps awarded two firefighters from Fire and Emergency Services aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow with Civilian Chief Executive Fire Officer of the Year and Civilian Fire Officer of the Year. Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Tworek has a long list of accomplishments leading to him earning this prestigious award to include being the accreditation manager for the first USMC Fire Service to achieve Commission for Fire Accreditation International accredited agency status for a third time. Tworek also authored the 5-year Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover signed by the base commander and implemented by the FES.

Along with Tworek, another firefighter proved to be yet another award-winning asset to the base. Assistant Chief Marvin J. Torgeson earned Civilian Fire Officer of the Year. Among his long list of accomplishments, he also authored an article on leadership and team development for Fire Engineering which was accepted for publication and will be printed in the Fire Engineering Leadership Supplement. "He has also demonstrated leadership and innovation, leading to the promotion of Assistant Chief of Operations," Purdy said. "He has achieved certifications from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress fire officer IV and Pro Board health and safety officer."

HQCO Change of Command



Captain William Bomchill, incoming Headquarters Company commanding officer, assumed command from Maj. Narciso Corral, during a Change of Command ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Oct. 20, 2023. The Walking Color Guard present The Colors during the ceremony, during the ceremonial transferring of the Marine Corps flag.



Barstow Kiwanis Club Mardi Gras Parade



DV Survivor Zombie 5k & Trunk or Treat



Riders of the West: Showdown at Barstow



Marine Corps' 247th birthday



Toys for Tots 2024



