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COVER

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A service member's child receives a United Services Organization branded backpack filled with school supplies at the Back to School Brigade event at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 24, 2024. The USO procured and brought the supplies, which were given away during the event to military families who live and work at MCLB Barstow.



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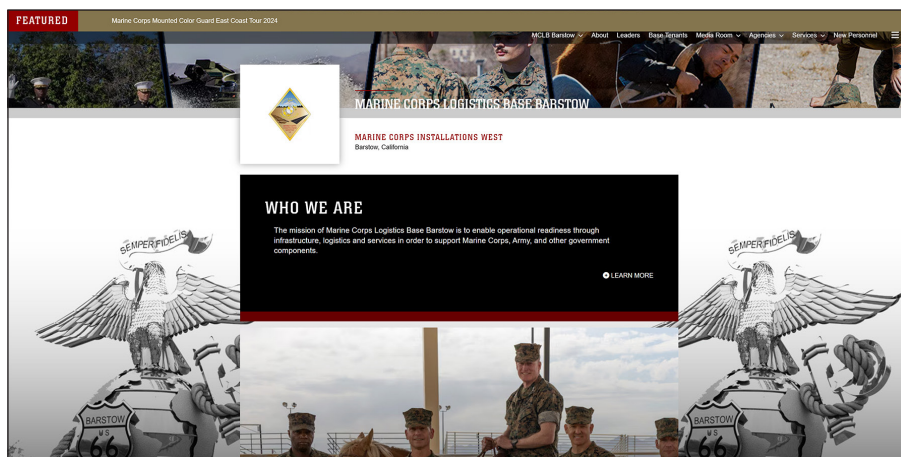




Photo by: Betty Jackson

Colonel Russell Savatt, base commanding officer, took his first tour of the Marine Depot Maintenance Command Production Plant Barstow, on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, July 17. Pictured left to right: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Zachary Evers, Master Sgt.

Marcelino Rangel, 1st Sgt. Raymond Rozane, Capt. William Bomchill and Col. Savatt, followed by plant personnel: Nathan Peppler, Jared Combe, Daniel Contreras, Malissa Santos and Ontoniell Avalos.

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For more information, contact the U.S. Office of Special Counsel at (202) 804-7002 or hatchact@osc.gov.

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1FSB "Pie a Supervisor in the Face" Day

Submitted by: Lee Hubble
1st Force Storage Battalion

1st Force Storage Battalion, Marine Force Storage Command, on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, held a "Remember Everyone Deployed Shirt" opportunity drawing and "Pie A Supervisor In The Face" event, July 11. The event consisted of a giveaway to participants of RED shirt Fridays where if participants wore a red shirt or the jersey of their favorite sports team, they received an opportunity drawing ticket. Opportunity drawings are held quarterly, with numerous chances to win prizes, and the event was thrown in support of Work Force Recognition Day that will be held later this year.

Employees were also given the chance to donate money for the chance to "Pie A Supervisor" with proceeds also going towards the Work Force Recognition Day.



End of Summer

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan
Multimedia Specialist



Children test their ability to jump distances at the Summer Reading Program end party, at the McTureous Hall library on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 25.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Summer Reading Program held at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California:

- **18+ age group: Joann Rafferty**
read 13,320 minutes
- **13-17 age group: Abigail Gutierrez**
read 243 minutes
- **5-12 age group: Hailleigh Rafferty**
read 5,490 minutes
- **0-4 age group: Kristi Baker**
read 4,429 minutes

The theme of the summer reading program was *Read, Renew, Repeat* and focused on conservation. Environmentally friendly prizes for the winners included: wheat straw wireless earbuds, a Mother Bruce stuffed bear plushy (from the children's book series *Mother Bruce*) and wooden stacking meditation stones.



Child Development Center hosted an end of summer party, open to parents and children enrolled at CDC, at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 26.



School Age Care hosted an end of summer pool party with parents at the Oasis Pool on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 25. Families from Camp Pendleton, California, were also invited to enjoy time at the pool.



Pamela Roque (pictured left), children's librarian from Marine Corps Community Services at Camp Pendleton, California, lays out ice cream and snacks for the Summer Reading Program end party attendees, at the base library on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 25.

Summer Fun!



A mother swings her son at the Oasis Pool on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow during the School Age Care end of summer pool party, July 25.



A family works on one of several crafts at the Summer Reading Program end party at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 25. Some of the crafts included: bug jars, suncatcher succulent kits and crab headbands.



A child enrolled at School Age Care slides down the frog-shaped waterslide at the Oasis Pool on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 25, during the SAC end of summer pool party.



Child Development Center hosted a end of summer party, at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 26. The event was open to children enrolled at CDC.



Group photo of participants of the Summer Reading Program 2024 at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 25.

I MEF Training at Production Plant Barstow

Submitted by: Betty Jackson
Command Support (MDMC PPB)



Photo courtesy: Betty Jackson

Joseph "Joey" Lopez, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, trains a Marine on vehicle assembly for a dozer, at Marine Depot Maintenance Command Production Plant Barstow, California, July 11.

IMarine Expeditionary Force, 1st Maintenance Battalion based in Camp Pendleton, California, sent Marines to Marine Depot Maintenance Command Production Plant Barstow aboard the Yermo Annex at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 8 - 18, 2024, for on the job training with production plant personnel.

Marines were split into two groups, with consecutive one week of training, where they worked closely alongside PPB personnel as they worked on military vehicles. The participants included motor transport mechanics, engineer equipment mechanics, engineer equipment operators, electricians, fuel specialists and water support technicians.

Plant personnel repair vehicles to the 5th echelon, which is the highest level of maintenance in the Marine Corps', and many of the I MEF Marines were previously only trained to make 2nd echelon repairs, which typically encompasses organizational maintenance and minor



Photo courtesy: Betty Jackson

Marines assemble the hydraulic arm of a dozer, at Marine Depot Maintenance Command Production Plant Barstow, California, July 11. This involved placing retaining pins that connect the arm to the body of the dozer.

repairs on ground equipment.

"The training I received at Production Plant Barstow will help me accomplish mechanical tasks at a faster pace and overall be a better mechanic," said I MEF Lance Cpl. Martin Buenagaray, engineer equipment operator.

"I have never before been able to do what we accomplished at the production plant. I gained valuable skills for repair and tear down, further than my usual job scope with the maintenance battalion," said I MEF Lance Cpl. Maria Solis, engineer equipment mechanic.

Although the training benefitted the Marines by giving them deeper knowledge and experience for their regular 2nd echelon maintenance duties, it was also beneficial to the plant personnel, who could see firsthand how their handiwork is in service of the military members.

"It was good for the people on the floor, because these Marines are who they're doing it for," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Zachary Evers, military deputy at the production plant. 🇺🇸



Photo courtesy: Betty Jackson

Marines installing the brake assembly to a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement, at Marine Depot Maintenance Command Production Plant Barstow, California July 17. An MTRV is a standard cargo vehicle used by the Marine Corps.



Photo courtesy: Betty Jackson

Left to right: PFC Marcos Martinez, motor transport mechanic; Deshaunte Williams, heavy mobile equipment mechanic; Sgt. Noe Aguilar Casarrubias, motor transport mechanic; and Dylan Spressart, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, during the training on a MTRV Wrecker variant, July 18.

USO Supports Back to School Brigade

Story by: Vanessa Schell
CommStrat Specialist



Photo by: Kristyn Galvan

A military family receives school supplies, provided by the United Services Organization at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 24. There were also plenty of snacks, sweets and water provided to all attendees.

Since 2020, the United Service Organizations has supported the school supply giveaway event, also known as Back to School Brigade, at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, by providing the school supplies, including backpacks. Based out of Army National Training Center Fort Irwin, whose command support falls under the Inland Empire USO (which encompasses 22,000 square miles), the USO has many programs that support service members and their families. Last year, the Inland Empire USO gave support to almost 100,000 service members.

“Our goal is to help ease some of the pressure on the military families who we serve when it comes to preparing their kids for school,” said Brandi Elias, USO Inland Empire Area operations manager and Fort Irwin USO operations and programs manager.



Photo by: Kristyn Galvan

A military family visits the Fire and Emergency Services table at the Back to School Brigade, in the McTureous Hall library at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 24. FES provided education on fire safety, as well as had coloring books, crayons, rules and other related giveaway items.

The Back to School Brigade is held towards the end of summer every year, but the USO has long supported MCLB Barstow in other ways throughout the year. Such as the Coffee Connections event held for military spouses every quarter, the last of which was held on May 29, 2024.

“We will also be hosting a Murder Mystery dinner later this summer, and we are looking to support the single service members with a ‘Barracks Bash,’ where we will provide a barbeque and games after work one evening,” said Elias, who is also committed to supporting events for single service members and works regularly with Fort Irwin’s Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

The USO is a nonprofit-charitable organization that provides live entertainment, social facilities and other programs for active duty military and their families. The USO was result of multiple charitable organizations uniting in 1941, as ordered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, just before the United States entered World War II.

The USO’s mission statement is to “strengthen the well-being of the people serving in America’s military and their families.”

For military and civilian families who weren’t able to attend the Back to School Brigade, there may be other opportunities to get school supplies. Please contact Adam Diaz, school liaison officer, at 760-577-5854 or adam.diaz@usmc.mil, for more information.



Photo by: Kristyn Galvan

A Marine Corps’ servicemember with his child at the Back to School Brigade school supply giveaway event, July 24. In addition to the school supplies procured by the United Services Organization, there were also vendors from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow organizations, such as Behavioral Health, Fire and Emergency Services and the base library.

CDC/SAC Storytime

Photos by: Vanessa Schell
CommStrat Specialist



During the Summer Reading Program held at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 3 - July 27, 2024, Birdie Rubio, lead library technician, led storytimes at the Child Development Center and School Age Care building, every Monday, alternating. Rubio curated a selection of age appropriate story books and guided the children through a sing along that incorporated American Sign Language.



Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Submitted by: Tamara Eastman
Defense Commissary Agency Historian

July 27 marks the 71st anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement that was signed in 1953 in Panmunjom, Korea. The armistice officially ended the war that had begun on June 25, 1950, when North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel separating South Korea from North Korea.

North Korean military forces captured the South Korean capital of Seoul before United Nations forces, led by the United States, pushed them back all the way to the border of Korea and China. By November 1950, China had entered the war, and for the next two years, the opposing forces waged indecisive combat until the U.S., North Korea and China signed the armistice agreement to end the hostilities on the peninsula. South Korea never signed the agreement because it regarded a divided Korea as unacceptable.

The men and women who served during the Korean War were known as the Silent Generation. They lived through McCarthyism, a campaign against alleged communists in the U.S. that was carried out by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Many people accused of belonging to the Communist Party were blacklisted, and some lost their jobs, even if the allegations were not true.

In the U.S., the Great Depression of the 1930s and World War II in the early to mid-1940s caused many Americans to decide to have fewer children than previous generations. The Silent Generation were known for their traditionalist behavior and their desire to work with the system rather than try to change it.

Many of the service men and women in the Korean War were born at or near the beginning of the Great Depression. They were children during World War II, and many of their fathers served overseas during the war. Besides surviving the Great Depression, these people also survived the Dust Bowl from 1930 to 1940 when the drought stricken southern plains of the U.S. suffered severe dust storms as high winds and choking dust swept from Texas to Nebraska. Many people and livestock died as a result. The circumstances of their upbringing led many of this generation to adopt cautious, conscientious behavior.

The Korean War provided the first confrontation between two nuclear powers, and as the war progressed, the conflict demonstrated how difficult it would be for either side to use atomic bombs decisively in battle. The war debuted the first U.S. use of jet fighters in combat, such as the Air Force's F-80 Shooting Star fighter jets.

By 1950, the American commissary food standards were the best in the world, according to the Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) first historian, Dr. Peter Skirbunt. The advertising industry was at its peak, and both civilian grocery stores and military commissaries started promoting their products. Television and radio commercials used big wording to grab the attention of consumers, and inside the stores, elaborate displays and bright colors piqued shoppers attention.

By this time, commissaries were all self-service rather than customers handing a list to a clerk behind a counter. Customers walked through the stores and selected their own items. There was a much larger variety of products by 1950, and nationally branded items were available in all commissaries. Plastic film and wrapping machines allowed for prepared, pre-packaged fruits and vegetables in many commissary stores.

It was during the Korean War, on January 1, 1952, that a surcharge started being collected at all U.S. Army commissaries. The surcharge was used to pay for operating equipment, supplies, utilities, and merchandise losses and spoilage.

From 1953 to 1959, there were six major supply points for



Photo courtesy: Army Times

Interior of the White Sands, New Mexico, commissary during the Korean War.

ground troops in South Korea. Three of them issued rations and made bulk sales: Supply Point 46 at Taejon, Supply Point 41 at Seoul and the 55th Quartermaster Depot at Ascom City. The remaining three only issued rations: Supply Point 48 at Busan (previously anglicized as Pusan), Supply Point 47 at Taegu and Supply Point 39 at Uijongbu.

Families could not accompany members of the armed forces to duty stations in South Korea until the late 1950s, after the political and military situations stabilized. This prompted the start of several commissaries in country. In 1959, for instance, stores opened at Army posts at Camp Walker, Camp Henry and Supply Point 47 in Taegu. Commissaries opened at Naval Air Station Chinhae; Seoul, South Korea; and Camp Hialeah (at Busan) in 1961.

Stores continued to open in South Korea throughout the 1960s, including Hannam Village in 1968. In the early 1970s, stores opened at the key Air Force base at Osan and the Army base at Yongsan. Through 2006, commissaries also opened at Camps Carroll, Casey, Edwards, Howze, Humphreys, Page, Red Cloud and Stanley.

In 2022, President Joseph Biden proclaimed that July 27 would be forever known as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. Three years after the Korean War Memorial was completed, the national observance was established in an amendment of U. S. Code Title 36.

Nearly 1.8 million Americans fought during the Korean War, and about 767,000 Korean War veterans remained living in the U.S. as of 2023.

"Korean War Veterans Armistice Day is a national day of recognition that honors the U.S. service members who served, laid down their lives, and are still missing in action," said Navy Command Master Chief Mario Rivers, senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. "As we mark this milestone, may we always remember their bravery and sacrifice in defense of democracy."

The military commissaries that opened in South Korea in the late 1950s began a legacy of service that continues to support those stationed there to this day. Currently, there are nine commissaries in South Korea: Camp Carroll, Camp Casey, Camp Humphreys, Chinhae, Daegu, K-16 Air Field, Kunsan Air Base, Osan Air Base and Yongsan. These commissaries are a vital resource for service members and their families, providing them with affordable groceries and household goods.





AUGUST

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>7 - 11AM: Sunday Drive @ Marine Memorial Golf Course</p> <p>Auto Skills - Open</p> <p>4</p> | <p>Work Like a Dog Day</p> <p>5</p> | <p>National Sisters Day</p> <p>9 - 10AM: (Adult class) Journaling, Organizing & Gratitude @ Bldg. 218 9 - 10AM: NPSP Take It Make It @ Bldg. 363 1 - 3PM: Got Your Back 8 Week Series @ Bldg. 218</p> <p>6</p> | <p>National Purple Heart Day</p> <p>12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 2 - 3PM: (Kids class) Name Plate for School @ Bldg. 218</p> <p>7</p> | <p>9 - 11AM: 5 Love Languages of Children (online) 930AM - 130PM: Thrift Store Open 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342</p> <p>1</p> | <p>6 - 8AM: SMP Summer Breakfast @ Bldg. 375 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 4 - 6PM: Sugar Loaf Social @ Bldg. 38</p> <p>2</p> | <p>10AM - 2PM: Thrift Store Open</p> <p>Auto Skills - Open</p> <p>3</p> |
| <p>7 - 11AM: Sunday Drive @ Marine Memorial Golf Course</p> <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>9 - 10AM: (Adult class) Crafts & Coffee @ Bldg. 218 9 - 10AM: Interpersonal Communication (online) 9AM - 4PM: Baby Boot Camp @ Bldg. 363 4 - 730PM: SMP Taco Dinner Night @ Bldg. 375</p> <p>13</p> | <p>12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 2 - 3PM: (Kids class) DIY Pencil Cup Holder @ Bldg. 218</p> <p>14</p> | <p>8 - 11AM: The Happiness Advantage (online) 930AM - 130PM: Thrift Store Open 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 1 - 3PM: Volunteer Orientation @ Bldg. 126</p> <p>15</p> | <p>8AM - 2PM: SMP La Brea Tar Pits/Petersen Car Museum Trip 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342</p> <p>16</p> | <p>National Thrift Store Day</p> <p>10AM - 2PM: Thrift Store Open</p> <p>Auto Skills - Open</p> <p>17</p> |
| <p>7 - 11AM: Sunday Drive @ Marine Memorial Golf Course</p> <p>Auto Skills - Open</p> <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>10AM - 12PM: EAP Domestic Abuse Info Table @ Bldg. 319 11 - 1130AM: (Adult class) Beginners Stitching @ Bldg. 218</p> <p>20</p> | <p>12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 2 - 3PM: (Kids class) Make Your Own Bookmark @ Bldg. 218</p> <p>21</p> | <p>930AM - 130PM: Thrift Store Open 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 4 - 5PM: L.I.N.K.S. Foundations @ Bldg. 126</p> <p>22</p> | <p>Remember Slavery Day</p> <p>12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342</p> <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> |
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