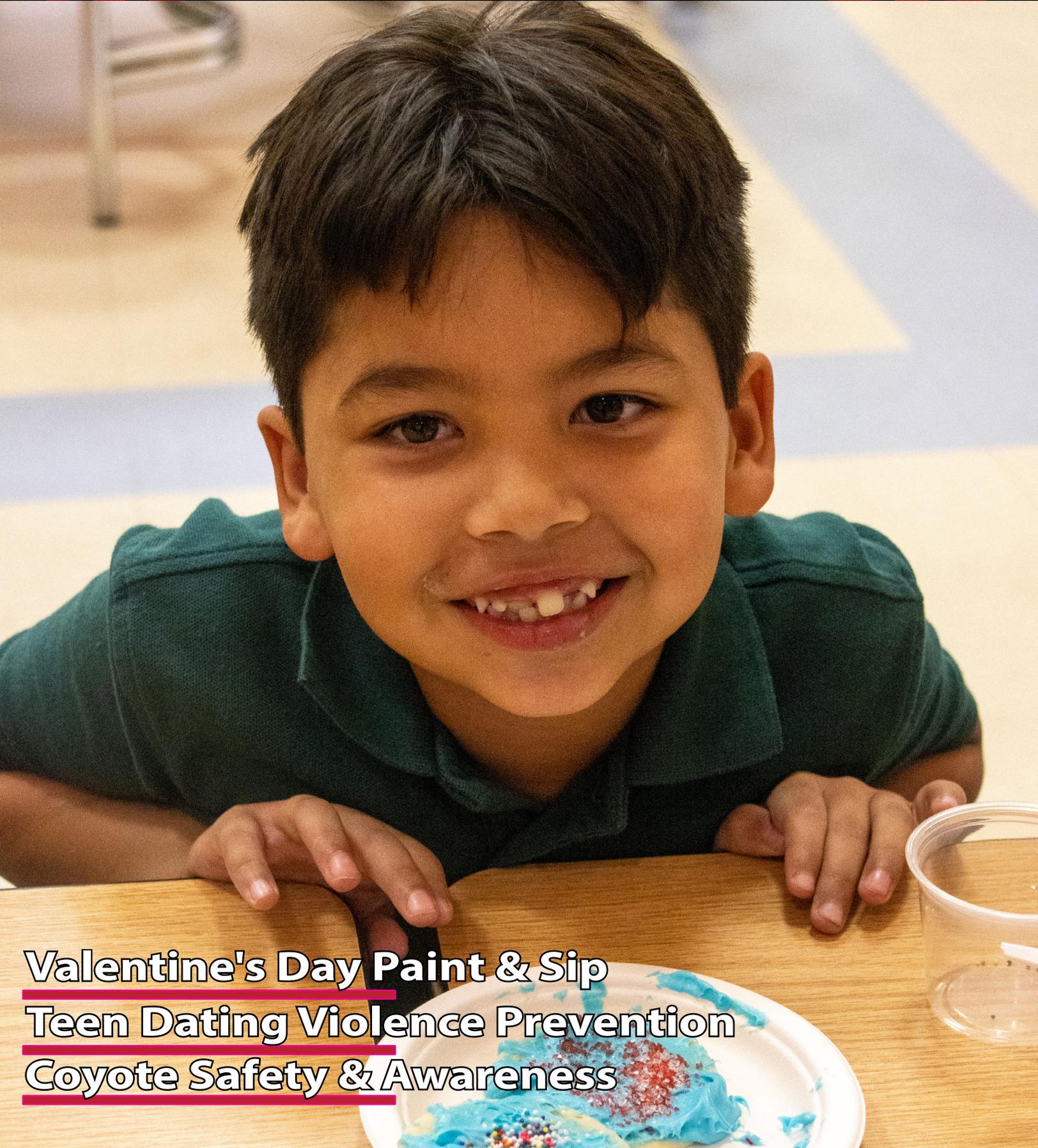


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Children and staff at the School Aged Care program baked and decorated Valentine's Day cookies to share with one another and their families aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, February 12.



PLAYGROUP

Tue, 10am-11am

Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 29, May 27, Jun 24,
Jul 29, Aug 26, Sep 30, Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 30

Desert Housing Community Center

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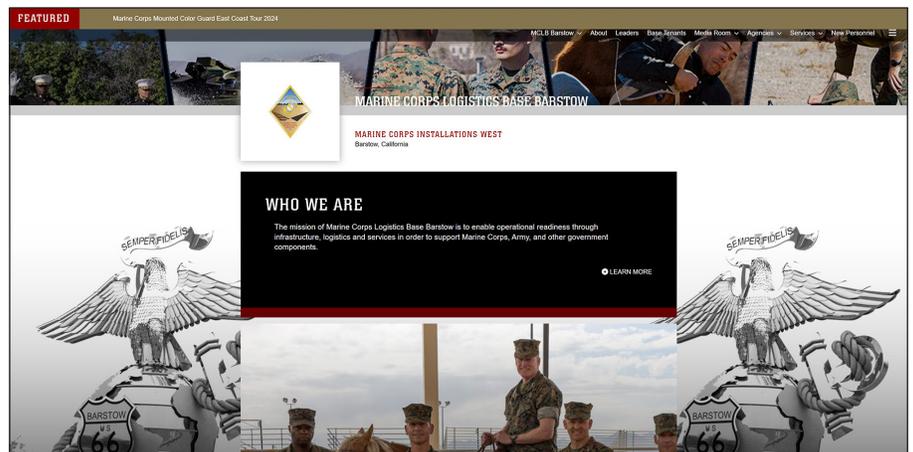




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The Warehouse Utilization Project, launched by the office of the Secretary of Defense, requiring Defense Logistics Agency Disposition to vacate its current location in warehouse seven and relocate to warehouse fourteen was initiated aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, February 1. This

initiative will significantly bolster the capabilities of DLA Disposition Services in receiving, managing, organizing, and disposing of a diverse range of products at MCLB Barstow.

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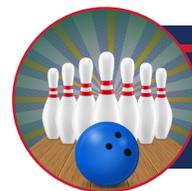
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Sergeant Major's Corner: The Heart of Leadership

Written by: Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus
Base Sergeant Major



As we step into 2025, we do so with renewed purpose, drive, and commitment to excellence. The success of our mission—supporting the warfighter through logistics, sustainment, and innovation—rests not just on our capabilities but on our leadership. True leadership is not about rank, authority, or position; it is about heart, service, and the relentless pursuit of improvement.

The Heart of Leadership

At its core, leadership is about **influence, accountability, and inspiration**. It is not about being in charge—it is about taking care of those in our charge. Whether you wear chevrons, bars, stars, or civilian attire, each of you has a role in shaping the culture of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

1. Lead with Integrity – Trust is the foundation of leadership. Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching, sets the tone for those around you. As we strengthen our logistics mission, we must also strengthen our character. Let honesty and accountability be the standards we uphold in every task.

2. Commit to Excellence – Complacency is the enemy of progress. We must always strive to be better than we were yesterday. Whether it's refining processes, improving readiness, or mentoring the next generation, our mindset must be one of **constant growth**. Excellence is not a destination—it's a daily choice.

3. Serve with Purpose – The Marine Corps has never been about individual success; it's about the mission and the team. Leadership is not about being served but about serving others. When we put the needs of our Marines, Sailors, and civilians first, we cultivate a culture of **mutual respect, loyalty, and teamwork**.

4. Develop the Next Generation – True leaders build more leaders. Investing in mentorship, professional development, and personal growth ensures that MCLB Barstow continues to thrive. Leadership is not just about today; it's about securing the future.

Rising to the Next Level in 2025

This year, we will push beyond good to achieve **greatness**. That requires commitment from each of us to:

- **Enhance Readiness** – Every personnel, every asset, every system must be at peak performance to support the fight.
- **Strengthen Our Team** – Building a culture of mutual respect, trust, and cohesion makes us unstoppable.
- **Innovate Relentlessly** – The battlefield is evolving, and so must we. New solutions, new efficiencies, and new thinking will keep us ahead.
- **Set the Example** – Each of us must embody the warrior ethos and uphold the standards that define us as professionals.

Leadership is not found in words alone; it is demonstrated in action. As we navigate the challenges and opportunities of 2025, let us do so with courage, discipline, and an unyielding commitment to our mission and each other. We are more than a base—we are a **family** united by duty, honor, and service.

MCLB Barstow, this is our year to rise higher, push farther, and achieve **new levels of excellence**. Lead with heart, serve with pride, and let's make 2025 our best year yet!



Valentine's Day Paint & Sip

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan
Multimedia Specialists

Military and civilian personnel joined MCCS Barstow with family, friends, and loved ones for a Valentine's Day paint and sip event at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, February 14. The evening was enriched with the creation of valentine gnome paintings, accompanied by food and beverages, along with the spirit of camaraderie amongst participants.



DLA Hilman Tra

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan
Multimedia Specialist



The Defense Logistics Agency Distribution Barstow procures Warfighter Support for DLA Distribution at the Yermo Anne

The Hilman Trakporter is a remote-controlled self-propelled or other heavy loads safely, easily, and efficiently. "This crawler owned Warfighter critical Mission material," said Adam Sm spaces where overhead crane or large forklift access is not practical locations that are currently inaccessible with the equipment of per minute with a zero-turn radius. The Trakporter System that includes tow jacks, specialized rollers, the powered move equipment will improve Barstow's operations, future state, it

The purchase of this system enhances DLA Distributions capacity stored in an outdoor location. "This new system will allow us us to store material indoors and get critical equipment out of the The new system was purchased in September of 2024 and del



Trakporter Crawler



...red and trained with a Hilman Trakporter crawler system to enhance DLA's
...ex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, February 12.
...led crawler system designed to move heavy machinery up to 30 tons (60,000 lbs.)
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...er, and special work aid beams designed specifically for DLA. " "This new piece of
...may be utilized across DLA's 24 Distribution Centers worldwide," stated Smith.
...pability to properly store US Navy mission critical parts that would normally be
...to move material with only having to lift it 8 inches off the ground, which allows
...he weather," explained Valerie Bustamante, Deputy Director of DLA Distribution.
...ivered in February 2025.



Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month

Story by: **Kristyn Galvan**
Multimedia Specialist

Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month is observed in February each year aboard and by Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the prevalence of dating violence among teens and to promote resources, education, and prevention efforts to help end the cycle of abuse.

“According to the National Institute of Justice, Teen Dating Violence can also be called intimate relationship violence or intimate partner violence among adolescents, or adolescent relationship abuse, and can include physical, psychological or sexual abuse to include harassment and stalking of any person ages 12-18 in the context of past or present romantic or consensual relationship,” stated Michelle Adams, Behavioral Health office manager and victim advocate. “It is an adverse childhood experience that affects millions of young people in the U.S. Teen dating violence is preventable by increasing protective factors for our youth, and by having resources readily available for teens, families, school and communities. Dating violence can take place in-person and online, and through technology devices, and can impact the health and wellbeing of our youth.”

Research conducted with Betterhelp.com states that teen dating violence prevention initiatives were established in the mid-2000s, and since their inception, researchers have consistently investigated its prevalence. According to the latest survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it is estimated that one in every twelve high school students has encountered physical dating violence in the past year, while another one in twelve identifies as a survivor of either physical or sexual violence.

The goal is to inform young people, educators, parents, and communities about the signs of dating violence, its impact, and how to prevent it.

Key Aspects of Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month:

1. Awareness and Education: Behavioral Health is holding events, campaigns, and workshops to educate teens about healthy relationships, boundaries, and the warning signs of abuse.

2. Highlighting Resources: This month, BH is promoting resources available to teens, such as hotlines, support groups, and counseling services, to help those affected.

Youth.gov encourages teens to reach out by reading blogs, tweets, participating in webinars, or talking to other teens. Establishing connections with Family Advocacy programs and accessing appropriate resources is essential for adolescents and their families, even if it simply involves having someone available to talk with.

“The Family Advocacy Program staff can help the individual or family by offering a supportive environment where they will receive free resources such as counseling options, victim advocacy, discuss reporting options, and create a safety plan that can help protect the individual(s) if a situation were to happen,” said Jennifer Grunwald, FAP Prevention and Education specialist and victim advocate.

3. Encouraging Open Conversations: These events encourage open dialogues about relationships, consent, and respect in dating. ““Respect That” is the theme for TDVPM this year,” explained Adams. “This comes from the loveisrespect.org and is selected by the loveisrespect youth council and brings the message that respecting someone is a mindset not just an idea. It also highlights the importance of treating others with dignity and being willing to listen to their point of view and respecting others boundaries and autonomy.”

Social media campaigns and discussions help reduce the stigma around seeking help and provide a platform for teens to share their experiences.

4. Focus on Healthy Relationships: One of the primary goals is to highlight what a healthy relationship looks like, emphasizing mutual respect,

communication, trust, and support, which contrasts with abusive behaviors such as control, manipulation, and violence.

Why It's Important:

Prevalence: Studies show that a significant number of teens experience dating violence, with about one in three adolescents reporting physical, emotional, or sexual abuse in a dating relationship.

“Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month is important so that we can educate people in the signs and red flags to watch out for, the risk factors and helps educate them on how they can help prevent it.” Adams emphasized. “According to loveisrespect.org website one in every three US teens will experience physical, sexual or emotional abuse from someone they’re in a relationship with before becoming adults. During the pre-teen and teen years, it is vital for adolescents to learn the skills needed for what healthy relationships look like and how to communicate in healthy and positive ways.”

Long-Term Impact: Teen dating violence can have lasting effects on mental health, self-esteem, and future relationships. Early intervention and education can help break the cycle.

According to Loveisrespect.org, dating abuse refers to a series of harmful actions that aim to exert power and control over a romantic partner. Although we characterize dating violence as a recurring pattern, it is important to note that the initial occurrence of abuse is still considered dating violence. This distinction acknowledges that dating violence typically encompasses a range of abusive behaviors that unfold over time.

Activities During the Month:

Wear Orange Day: FAP Wear Orange Day will be observed on Feb 4th. People can post selfies on the BH Facebook page wearing their orange fashions using #TDVPM.

Social Media Campaigns: Teens can visit loveisrespect.org to participate in their Respect Week and webinars they offer.

TDVPM Contest with the School Aged Care program; winners announced Feb. 28th on Facebook.

Resource tables will be established in specific locations.

There will also be a TDVPM bowling event with trivia to earn prizes with free bowling and shoe rental, and a Tween Game Night at the housing community center.

Getting Involved:

“Teens and their families can come to the Behavioral Health office on base if they are experiencing dating violence,” stated Grunwald. “There are also free educational classes the individual or family can participate in that will help enhance their understanding of what healthy relationships look like, as well as provide tools they can use to help better their communication, self-esteem, coping skills, and build resiliency.”

Leaders and Parents can support by having conversations about healthy relationships and providing teens with tools and resources for protection and safety.

“Everyone can make a difference by reaching out to young people in simple ways,” states youth.gov. TDVPM plays a critical role in empowering young people to understand their rights in relationships and create a safer, more supportive environment.



Teen Bowling Night: TDVPM

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan
Multimedia Specialist



Behavioral Health hosted a teen bowling night at the Leatherneck Lanes aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, February 14. The event aimed to motivate teenagers to participate in activities with their peers, fostering the development and enhancement of friendships. Additionally, it sought to educate them on the importance of recognizing and addressing negative behaviors that may arise in dating relationships. A key objective of events themed around Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month, organized by the Behavioral Health team, is to illustrate the characteristics of healthy relationships and to underscore the significance of mutual respect.



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Coyote Safety & Awareness

Story by: **Kristyn Galvan**
Multimedia Specialist

Coyote breeding season is upon the Mojave Desert, increasing sightings aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

“Coyotes are considered a nuisance wildlife by the state, and our management efforts focus on reducing human subsidies and attractants,” said Elizabeth Barron, natural resource specialist with the Environmental Division. “If a coyote poses a direct threat to humans, pets, or property, we take steps to mitigate that threat. Additionally, we humanely address cases of illness or life-threatening injuries to coyotes when necessary.”

Understanding coyotes goes beyond just recognizing their physical appearance. It is about appreciating their behavior, ecological role, and how they adapt to various environments.

“They’ve been here for at least 11,000 years and aren’t going anywhere,” Barron explained. “We are a threat to them and should present ourselves as such. If you do encounter a coyote, stand your ground and assert your presence. It is also important to be aware of when coyote activity is heightened. For instance, their breeding season runs from January to about March, making sightings more frequent during this period. Stay alert and take precautions during these times.”

Safety Guidelines:

Do Not Feed Coyotes: Never intentionally feed a coyote, as it can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Keep your outdoor areas free of food sources, including pet food and garbage.

Keep Pets Safe: Small pets like cats, small dogs, and rabbits are especially at risk. Coyotes may view them as prey. Keep pets indoors or supervised and on leashes when outdoors, especially during dawn, dusk, or nighttime hours.

Secure Your Trash: Coyotes are opportunistic scavengers. Ensure garbage bins are secured with tight-fitting lids and consider using a coyote-proof container if you live in an area where they are common.

Fencing & Barriers: Install secure fencing if you live in a coyote-prone area. A tall, solid fence (at least 6 feet) with no gaps at the bottom will help prevent coyotes from entering your yard.

Avoid Attractants: If you have fruit trees, remove fallen fruit promptly, as this can attract coyotes and other wildlife.

Keep a Safe Distance: If you encounter a coyote, do not approach it. Coyotes typically avoid human interaction, but if you get too close, they may feel cornered.

What to Do in an Emergency:

Stay Calm: If a coyote approaches or seems aggressive, stay calm. Do not run, as this may trigger the coyote’s chase instinct.

Make Yourself Look Larger: “It is important to stand your ground, make loud noises, and throw rocks or sticks if necessary to scare them away,” stated Barron.

Use a Barrier: If a coyote gets too close, place a barrier between you and the animal, such as a car, tree, or fence.

Defend Yourself: Although unlikely, if a coyote does attack, try to fight back using whatever is available, such as sticks, rocks, or any objects that can create distance.

Seek Medical Attention: If bitten, seek medical attention. Coyotes can carry diseases like rabies, so medical care is important.

“I can provide advice on handling and preventing encounters, share information about coyote biology, or respond to concerning situations involving coyotes,” emphasized Barron. “Questions are always welcome, I have an open-door policy, and take education seriously.”

If you see a coyote acting aggressively or exhibiting unusual behavior (e.g., daytime aggression, lethargy, or foaming at the mouth), report it to the Provost Marshal’s Office at 760-577-6678. Recurring coyote sightings should also be reported to the Natural Resources specialist at 760-577-6318.

“Coyotes are a natural part of the ecosystem around Barstow, California, and it is important to understand how to coexist with these animals safely,” Barron explained.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife highlights that the human population has reached nearly 40 million, resulting in a greater number of individuals residing in or near wildlife habitats than at any previous time. Consequently, the likelihood of encounters with wildlife is on the rise in certain regions.

Project Coyote states that proper education will provide urban communities with the resources necessary to adopt science-informed and compassionate strategies for conflict resolution, while promoting harmonious coexistence with wild carnivores through education, effective communication, scientific understanding, and behavioral adjustments.

“Coyotes are naturally wary of humans and have coexisted with us for thousands of years, but their adaptability and dietary generalists means they are drawn to human environments, especially where food is available,” Barron said. “Disposing of garbage properly, not feeding wildlife, keeping an eye on pets, and standing your ground are prominent safety guidelines.”

Coyotes are an important part of the ecosystem, helping to control rodent populations and maintain biodiversity.

“Working together, we can minimize conflicts with coyotes while respecting their role in the local ecosystem,” Barron said. “Stay vigilant, follow guidelines, and help keep the Marine Corps Logistics Base safe for everyone!”



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Community Responsibility

Working together, we can minimize conflicts with coyotes while respecting their role in the local ecosystem. Stay vigilant, follow these guidelines, and help keep the Marine Corps Logistics Base safe for everyone.

Don't Feed Coyotes:

Never feed coyotes. Secure all trash cans and remove outdoor food sources to include pet food.

Protect Pets:

Always supervise pets outdoors, especially at dawn, dusk and nighttime.

Secure Your Property:

Close off potential access points. Install motion-sensor lighting and maintain fences.

Keep A Safe Distance:

If you encounter a coyote, do not approach it.

Know What To Do In An Encounter:

Act assertively: Clap, yell or throw small objects to scare the coyote away.

Do not run: Running may trigger the coyote's instinct to chase.



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28 February, 2025

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