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**Challenge Cup Baker to Vegas Run**

**SAPR & CAPM**

**Easter & Earth Day**

# ATTENTION

## 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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## COVER

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Military Police

Lance Corporal Landen Pritchard, Military Police with the Provost Marshal's Office aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, tackles leg three of the annual Challenge Cup Relay - Baker to Vegas Race, held April 5-6. As he finishes this leg, he prepares to hand off the baton to a runner from Barstow Police Department for leg 4. The race covers 120 miles, 20 stages, and over 10,000 runners, guests, family members and support staff.



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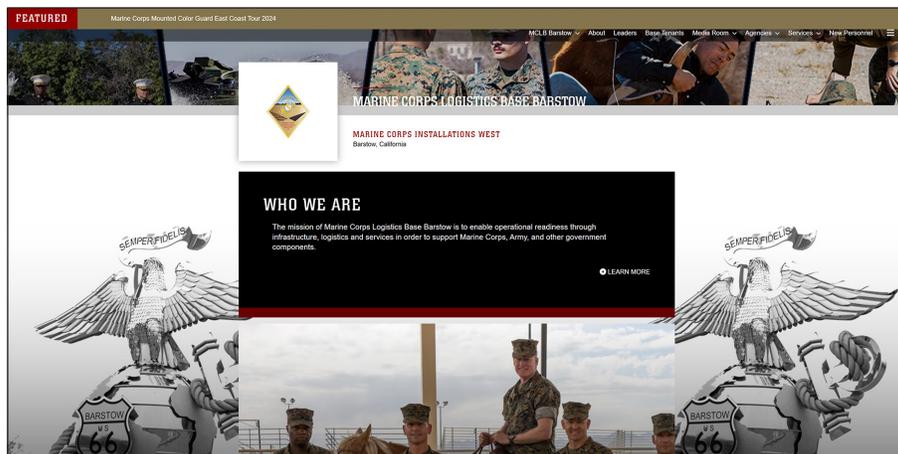


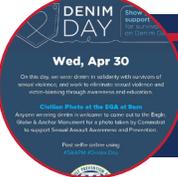


Photo by: Laurie Pearson

After Chaplain Lee delivered a moving Easter message at the base Chapel, Marines and civilians, and their families broke bread together at the Maj Gen James L Day Conference Center, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 20. They enjoyed a barbecue potluck and Easter egg hunt, as well as an

Easter Egg and Spoon race. The Easter Bunny even made an appearance, offering prizes to children who found the eggs with the golden tickets. Dishes were shared from cultures around the world, including Bulgogi beef, kimche, lumpia, barbecue ribs, pulled pork, pina colada tres teches cake and more.

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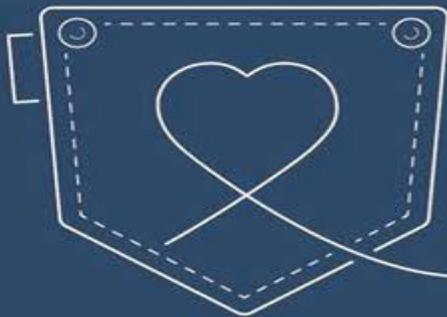
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SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH



# DENIM DAY

Show your support  
for survivors  
on Denim Day!

## Wed, Apr 30

On this day, we wear denim in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence, and work to eliminate sexual violence and victim-blaming through awareness and education.

### Civilian Photo at the EGA at 9am

Anyone wearing denim is welcome to come out to the Eagle, Globe & Anchor Monument for a photo taken by Commstrat to support Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention.

Post selfie online using  
[#SAAPM](#) [#Denim Day](#)



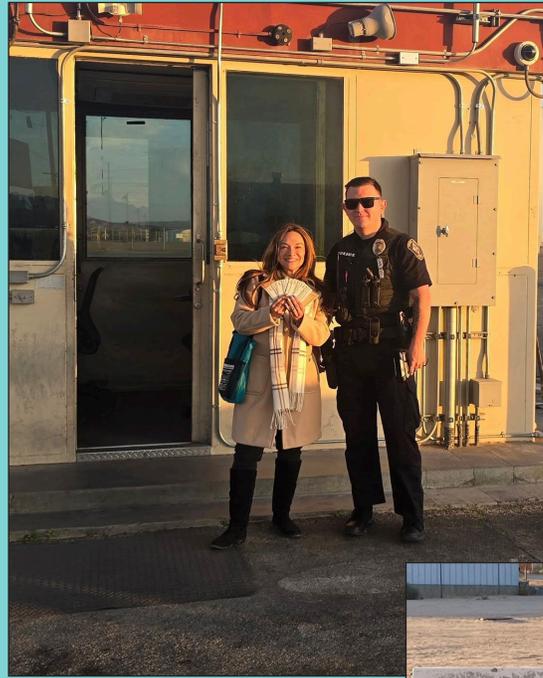
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# Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

Photos courtesy of SAPR

#SAAPM #Denim Day



*Michelle Adams, Sexual Assault Response Program coordinator, and Esmeralda Savatt, award winning volunteer, hand out Safehelpline resources for the second round of gate handouts highlighting Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 23. Upcoming events include Denim Day, April 30, and the SAPR Stomp Out Sexual Assault 5k, May 2.*

# Sexual Assault Prevention & Response



*Colonel Russell Savatt, base commanding officer, and his wife Esmeralda, joined children and staff from the Child Development Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 2. The blue and silver pinwheels are a national symbol for Child Abuse Prevention Month, and are intended to symbolize the joy and playfulness of childhood and the hope for a safe and healthy future for all children. They serve as a reminder that everyone has a role in creating safe and nurturing environments for children.*



# Earth Day with SAC and CDC

Photos courtesy of  
Environmental Division

Alicia Florez, Facilities director, Cathey Donaldson, Comprehensive Environmental Training and Education Program coordinator, and Liz Barron, Natural and Cultural Resources specialist worked with personnel from the Child Development Center and School Age Care students to engage in Earth Day educational outreach, April 23.

"The children explored a sand sensory bin with toy animals to learn why creatures live underground," Barron. "They also designed their own tortoise burrows in an art station, and learned local species using wildlife flashcards."

The children participated in a nature-based color palette scavenger hunt, and created collages, using magazine clippings inspired by the colors they found.



# Earth Day 2025

Story by: Laurie Pearson  
COMMSTRAT Officer

Celebrating Earth Day in 2025 incorporates several activities aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California. These include a basewide clean-up, educational events, interactive events, and this year, it even included the rescue of two red-eared slider turtles.

"Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22 to raise awareness about environmental protection and sustainability," said Elizabeth Bonner, Natural and Cultural Resources specialist. "It serves as a reminder of the importance of preserving natural resources and encourages individuals and organizations to take action toward a healthier planet."

Earth Day was first observed on April 22, 1970. It was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as a way to bring national attention to environmental issues.

"The movement led to the creation of major environmental policies, such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency," Barron said. "Earth Day is important to the base because it aligns with our mission of environmental stewardship, sustainability, and resource conservation. Military installations often manage vast lands, water resources, and wildlife habitats, making it crucial to implement sustainable practices."

Participating in Earth Day activities, such as clean-up events, tree plantings, or recycling initiatives, can help to ensure that the base remains a responsible steward of the environment while supporting mission readiness.

"In the case of recycling initiatives, it can even save us money," Barron said!

The Basewide Clean-up was held on April 22, and personnel from all around the base spent two hours

weed-eating, digging up tumbleweeds, bagging trash and placing plant debris into burlap tarps for proper disposal.

The Bottles-Up Challenge ran throughout the month of April, with personnel from each department competing for which turned in the most recycles for the month. Winning department will be announced in May.

Do you have recycling you'd like to turn in on base? Contact Scott Figueroa, Qualified Recycling Program coordinator at 760-577-5865, 760-577-6784, [mclbb\\_environmental@usmc.mil](mailto:mclbb_environmental@usmc.mil).

Additional ways that personnel and families on base can participate in supporting a healthier planet include disposing of trash and recycling in appropriate receptacles and taking trash out regularly for pick-up.

"You can also reduce your use of plastics, conserve water and properly dispose of hazardous materials," Barron said.

As for the red-eared slider turtles that were rescued... they simply meandered into a potentially dangerous location and were returned to where they came from as quickly as possible.



Photos courtesy of Environmental Division

"Two red-eared sliders, escapees from a nearby restaurant pond, made their way onto base," said Liz Barron, Natural & Cultural Resources specialist aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California. April 14."

"While these turtles may look cute, one was sick and posed a serious risk to our native desert tortoise populations by potentially spreading disease," Barron said. "This is a reminder to keep a close eye on your pets and ensure they're secure, especially near sensitive habitats. Let's work together to protect our wildlife and prevent the spread of harmful pathogens."



# Basewide Clean-up 2025

Photos by: Laurie Pearson  
COMMSTRAT Officer



*In celebration of Earth Day, Marines, Sailors and civilians participated in a basewide clean-up aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, April 22. They dug up tumbleweeds, picked up trash and debris, and pulled weeds, bagging some of it up for pick-up, while other items were loaded into trucks to be hauled away. This is part of an ongoing effort at base beautification.*



# Public Safety Telecommunicator Week

Story by: **Laurie Pearson**  
*COMMSTRAT Officer*

Although their work is 24 hours per day, seven days per week,

Public Safety Telecommunicator Week is celebrated across the country, each year, April 13 -19.

Here aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, there are 13 Public Saty Telecommunicators working in Dispatch, supervised by James Bilyeu.

"We would like to recognize these hard workers for all of their efforts, especially during Public Safety Telecommunicator Week," Bilyeu said. "Liza Aguirre, Melinda Larssen, Brianna Hanify, Dave Enriquez, Erin Stevens, Natasha Silva, Mindy Deffenbaugh, Kelley Arps, Katie Violette, Robert Mashburn, Carmen Slack, Feliece Miller, and Austin Freitas."



Photos courtesy of MCLB Barstow Dispatch Team

*Public Safety Telecommunicators demonstrate their dedication to the job of dispatching emergency personnel, 24/7/365, at the Dispatch Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 28. Public Safety Telecommunicator Week is celebrated April 13 - 19.*

"These individuals completed and maintained a significant amount of training to complete their tasks as PSTs." Silva said. "MCLB Barstow's Dispatch is a 24-hour Communications Center. The Public Safety Telecommunicators work holidays, weekends, and birthdays."

The team is dedicated in the public safety of the installation, as well as surrounding areas, which are outlined in Mutual Aid Agreements.

"Public Safety Telecommunicators are often the first point of contact in an emergency," Silva said. "They begin the important work of obtaining essential information,

remaining calm, calming others, and sending the appropriate responders to the right location. They also provide instructions to the 911 caller, which in many cases is essential to stabilizing or saving a life."

These professional communicators are also tasked to conduct a driver license checks, and wants and warrants checks, on individuals entering NEBO and the Yermo Annex.

"The MCLB Barstow Police and Fire have Mutual Aid Agreements with Barstow Police Department, California Highway Patrol, the CHP dispatch center, Cal-fire, Barstow Fire Protection District, and the Army's Fort Irwin National Training Center Fire," Bilyeu said. "These agencies contact the telecommunicators at MCLB Barstow when fire or police services are needed and MCLB Barstow's PSTs dispatch the appropriate personnel. PSTs at MCLB also are involved in training drills that help the center prepare scenarios that may arise. Public Safety Telecommunicators are a vital role in Public Safety. They are often heard but not seen. The 2nd week of April of every year helps bring light to these unseen heroes that dedicate so much to the care of other."



Photos courtesy of MCLB Barstow Dispatch Team

*Balloons and other decorations were just a few of the ways that Public Safety Telecommunicators were celebrated at the Dispatch Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 13 -19.*



# Semper Fit's Leprechaun Fun Run

Photos by: Laurie Pearson  
COMMSTRAT Officer

*Marines, sailors and civilians, families and their dogs, all participated in a Leprechaun Fun Run held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, March 12. The event included leprechauns who challenged runners to catch them if they can, capturing their flags, throughout the run. Whether they did the 1-mile option or the 5k, participants were treated to refreshments and prizes at the end of the event.*



# rechaun Fun Run





SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

# STOMP OUT SEXUAL ASSAULT 5K

**Fri, May 2 • 3pm-5pm**  
**McCarver Hall Gym Bldg, 44**

Get ready to step forward and *STOMP OUT* Sexual Assault by running or walking on behalf of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

T-Shirts and bags will be handed out on a first come first serve basis. Prizes will be awarded for top three in Men, Women & Pet categories, with additional activities such as a photo selfi e station, resource tables, and light refreshments.

**For more information call (760)577-6098**



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