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specialists tour
Goldstone

Humane Society
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Photo by Rob Jackson

An officer with the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Police Department demonstrates how K-9 police officers apprehend suspects on Nicole Gutierrez, the 2012 Miss Teen Barstow, April 4, on base in support of the Friends of MCLB Barstow Tour.

On The Cover:

Front cover:

Photo by Cpl. T. Allen Bricker

More than one hundred motorcyclists showed up for the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony held April 10 in Barstow, Calif. During the event, riders escorted Vietnam veterans from the Veterans Home of California in Barstow, through the Marine Corps Logistics Base on the way to National Training Center Fort Irwin.

Back cover:

Photo by Sgt. Shannon E. Yount

Ted Flores, a motorcyclist, rides during the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony held April 10 in Barstow, Calif. This is the fourth consecutive year Flores has participated in the event. Flores rides in honor of his brother who served a tour in Vietnam.

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The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., stands at attention as they are introduced to Dodger fans for opening day at Dodger Stadium, April 1. The MCG performs at multiple events across the nation to honor the national colors and showcase the Marine Corps' only mounted color guard.

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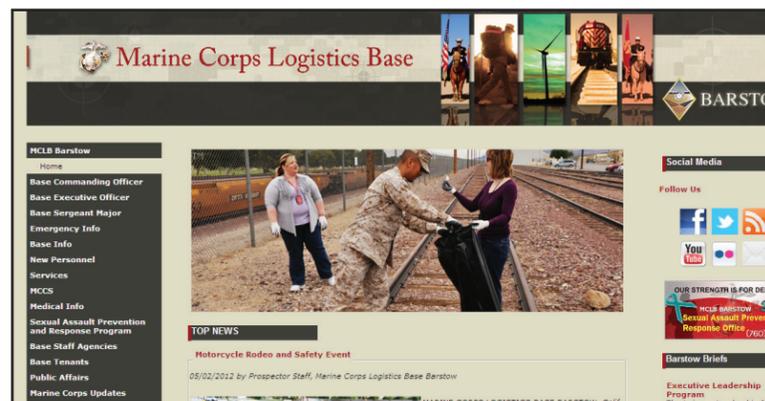




Photo courtesy of Lance Cpl. Jonathon Norita

Lance Corporal Samuel Ribeiro and Pfc. Samuel Ranney, Marines with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow finish an obstacle during the Nevada Super Spartan held April 6, in Henderson, Nev. During the grueling 8.6 mile race, Marines from MCLB Barstow completed more than 20 obstacles and finished in the top one percent of participants.

News Briefs

Power Outage

On Friday 4/12/13 and Saturday 4/13/13 there will be a base-wide power outage for the Yermo Annex. The outage will occur from 0700 to 1700 on both days. The outage is required to make repairs and perform maintenance to the Yermo main substation. All questions can be directed to Paul Florez at Public Works or Bill Kearl at the ROICC office.

Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations: **Johnny Davis Jr., Roger Dull, Eileen Garcia, Cindy Hernandez, Lisa Lucero, Tulu Niusulu, Requella Gonzales, and Lisa Wood.**

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Sharing Program may do so by obtaining a leave donor application form from the Human Resources Office. Ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well. For more information, contact Josie Marquez at 760-577-6915.

Distracted Driving

The National Safety Council has declared April 2013 Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Thousands die needlessly each year because people continue to use their cell phones while driving, handheld or hands-free. Below is a link to a totally anonymous survey. Please take the time to answer the questions truthfully in order for the MCLB's Drive Safe Working Group to develop a campaign to fight distracted driving on base. http://www.research.net/s/distract_driver.

Anticipated Vacancies

Installation & Logistics- Utility Systems Operator, WG-4742-09.

Installation & Logistics- Mobile Equipment Servicer, WG-5806-06.

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SES Department- Firefighter, GS-0081-04/05/07

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SES Department- Supervisory Firefighter, GS-0081-11

Please look for announcements under the new link at <http://usajobs.gov>

Energy Tip:

Did you know that it is estimated that 50 to 80 percent of the tires rolling on U.S. roads are under inflated? Driving with tires that are under inflated increases "rolling resistance," wasting up to 5 percent of a car's fuel. We could save up to two billion gallons of gasoline annually simply by properly inflating our tires.

MCLB Barstow's safety specialists share expertise with NASA

Story by Pfc. Samuel Ranney

Combat Correspondent

The one and only Marine Corps base to receive star certification by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Program took their knowledge and experience to NASA, March 26.

The safety office on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., shared safety precautions with NASA and various California agencies in support of Partners in Safety, an organization promoting new ideas in safety, during a tour of the Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex on the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

The purpose of Partners in Safety is to bring agencies together to exchange safety information from different standpoints and job fields, explained

Charles Keegan, a safety and occupational health specialist on MCLB Barstow.

NASA's Deep Space Network is an array of antennas used to communi-

Keegan.

"Other agencies were very interested in how we became certified," he said. "We explained to them how the inspection process works to the best of our



Photo courtesy of Charles Keegan

Participants of Partners in Safety who toured the Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex pose for a photo in front of the Mars Station, March 26. The group consisted of safety specialists on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, the National Training Center at Fort Irwin and various other California safety agencies. During the tour they shared ideas on how to improve overall safety at each organization.



Photo courtesy of Charles Keegan

The Mars Station at the Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex on the National Training Center at Fort Irwin is the largest antenna on the Goldstone Complex. It stands 24 stories high with a 70-meter diameter. The antennas are used to communicate with spacecraft on the edge of the solar system.

cate with robotic spacecraft exploring throughout space. The spacecraft captures images of different planets, moons, asteroids, comets and stars, and then transmits those images back to Earth. Goldstone's complex is one of three clusters of antennas in the world, as stated on deepspace.jpl.nasa.gov/dsn. The other two are in Spain and Australia.

Attendees included safety specialists and firefighters from Fort Irwin and various other California safety agencies, said Keegan.

"We were the only representatives with VPP star certification," added the Hillman, Mich., native.

OSHA's VPP is a prestigious certification. Every aspect of the base must pass exceptionally thorough safety inspections in order to qualify, added

ability; every minor detail counts during inspections."

Keegan found the trip to be beneficial to improve overall safety on base.

"We don't know everything," he said.

"If something comes up in the future that we don't have experience with, there's a good chance they (Partners in Safety) can help us," Keegan said. "It's a great opportunity for networking."

"The areas of safety differ significantly between agencies," Keegan said. "A lot of the things they do weren't applicable to us, and a lot of safety aspects we focus on weren't applicable to them. The most important thing was the learning experience and broadening our views as a safety office. Just because something doesn't apply to us to

A time to raise awareness

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Shannon E. Yount
Press Chief

As part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, some Barstow residents took strollers to asphalt to raise awareness of child abuse prevention on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, April 2.

A presidential proclamation signed by President Barack Obama, encouraging communities to restore support to abolish child abuse and neglect, was published the same day as base residents and employees walked the streets of the installation.

"This was the first stroller walk to raise awareness for child abuse on the base," said Elizabeth Clawson, the New Parent Support Program manager with Marine Corps Community Services on the base. This was an opportunity to make service members and military spouses more aware of child abuse, and how to protect those who can't protect themselves, she added.

"I came out to support a great cause and thought it would be fun," said Melanie Morales, an administrative assistant with Marine Corps Family Team Building on base. "Even though my children are all grown up, that doesn't stop me from being a mandatory reporter."

The Marine Corps defines child abuse when a parent, guardian, foster parent, or a caregiver puts a child's well-being in jeopardy due to physical or sexual abuse, emotional maltreat-

ment or neglect of a child.

During the event, volunteers walked from the Desert View Housing Community Center to the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center where participants sat down together to talk about child abuse and different ways to report an incident. After the discussion, individuals were given the option to participate in friendly competitions such as a stroller race on an obstacle course.

Several warning signs that a child may be a victim of child abuse were discussed, explained Clawson.

"If a child is left unattended, that is neglect," she said. If there are bruises on an infant who is not mobile or a toddler who is mobile and has bruises on their back, neck, ears or on the face, they may be a victim of physical abuse.

"Before you decide to make a report, gather information and clarify the situation," said Clawson. Talk to the child and look for indications of child abuse and think of plausible explanations for those signs. If there are no probable explanations, report it to the Family Advocacy Program.

As the event came to an end, participants walked the remaining three miles back to the Desert View Housing Community Center, where Clawson addressed the crowd, "Thank you for showing up and walking with us ... thank you for supporting the prevention of child abuse."



Children from the School Age Program hold a sign while walking through military housing during the first Stroller Strong Walk, April 2.

"Protecting Our Future Marines"

By
Victim Advocacy-Family Program

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and create strong communities to support children and their families. This year's campaign theme is "Protecting Our Future Marines." The Marine Corps has made it its mission to increase awareness on child abuse and neglect.

Child Welfare Information Gateway states that child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community. Child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations without community resources, and do not know how to cope; and the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community. It can be prevented by mak-

ing sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment.

Child abuse and neglect not only causes immediate harm to children, but it has been proven to increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking.

All citizens should become involved in supporting families to provide safe, nurturing environments for their children, giving them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community. Effective child abuse prevention programs, like the Marine Corps Family Advocacy Program, succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

Marines respect themselves and care

for their children. Child abuse is incompatible with readiness, the maintenance of high standards of performance, and military discipline. The Marine Corps has zero tolerance for Marines involved in child maltreatment and will hold offenders accountable. Thus, the USMC policy is to prevent and eliminate child maltreatment from the Marine Corps.

Abuse of a child impacts the entire family, is preventable, and is often treatable if addressed promptly and comprehensively. If left unreported or ignored, child victims can suffer for a lifetime and the prestige of the Marine Corps is tarnished.

When responding to child maltreatment incidents, USMC operates as a coordinated community response that recognizes the importance of bringing together all the critical responders to provide safety for victims, hold abusers accountable for their behavior, and coordinate activities with civilian agencies and organizations whenever appropriate and possible.

In promoting this commitment, education is the key to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The Family Advocacy Program

(FAP) invites you to check out their information booth on child abuse this month. The booth will present information on child abuse from the Family Advocacy, New Parent Support, and Sexual Assault Response Programs. It is intended to help inform our community on all the different aspects of child abuse and neglect.

The Family Advocacy Program will have two Child Abuse displays available throughout the month of April. One is located at McTureous Hall, Bldg. 218 and the other at Marine and Family Programs, Bldg. 129. The displays will showcase child abuse and neglect related brochures, bookmarks, magnets as well as blue child abuse bracelets to be worn in support of Child Abuse Awareness month.

If you would like more information and resources on this topic and/or others, please stop by Marine and Family Programs-Family Advocacy Program in Bldg. 129 or contact us at 577-6533. Sources: www.childwelfare.gov/



6 Residents and base employees participate during the Stroller Strong Walk hosted by the New Parent Support Program on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, April 2. The three-mile stroller walk was the first of its kind to raise awareness for child abuse.

10 Reasons To Stand Up For Children

10. Children are the heart of our future.
9. Everyone can make a difference in a child's life.
8. It's easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults.
7. All children are special.
6. There's no excuse for child abuse.
5. Children thrive when adults care.
4. Protecting children is everyone's job.
3. Each child deserves to be cherished.
2. Children are our most valuable natural resource.
1. Because they can't always stand up for themselves.





Corporal Bryanna Kessler, a stableman with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, plays with her current foster dog at the base library, April 1. During her free time, Kessler volunteers at the local humane society and fosters dogs in hopes of finding them new homes.

SOFT SPOT FOR ANIMALS KEEPS MARINE BUSY

Story and Photo by
Cpl. T. Allen Bricker
Combat Correspondent

You see, she's been through the desert carrying a dog with no name, but it wasn't to get out of the rain. She couldn't remember the dog's name because there was no one to share the dog's pain; a parody of the 1970s folk-rock band America's hit "A Horse with No Name" parallels the story you're about to read.

Corporal Bryanna Kessler, a stableman with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., acts as a foster parent for the dog referenced above rescued from the Barstow Humane Society.

In early March 2013, Kessler began fostering dogs from the local humane society after several weeks of volunteering there, at the end of each work day.

8 "I started out walking four or five dogs a day after work regularly last

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month," said Kessler. "Up until that point, I had only been going out there every so often," she added.

Fostering an animal is similar to pet adoption; in both cases, the pets are taken home. For foster care, the pet is only there temporarily, until the foster parent has found a home for the animal or until it's returned to the humane society.

Currently, fostering an animal isn't a regular practice at the Barstow Humane Society.

"As of now, we're working on a process people can follow to foster animals, something more official," explained Ashlee Ramsey, manager of the city's humane society. "Right now, it's based on who we see regularly and get to know and trust," she added.

- CPL. BRYANNA KESSLER, STABLEMAN WITH THE MARINE CORPS MOUNTED COLOR GUARD

Kessler is no stranger to caring for animals. Growing up, her family had many 'farm' animals as pets despite never actually living on a farm. Animals they had ranged from the conventional house pets such as dogs, cats and rabbits, to larger ones like horses and goats.

By volunteering her time after work at the humane society, after spending a full work day caring for and training horses, the Kelso, Wash., native has been able to immerse herself in a world of animals.

"It feels so rewarding to help out with animals. With the first dog I fostered, I helped it [avoid euthanasia] and, instead, it went to a great home,"

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MCLB Barstow hosts law enforcement conference

Story and photo by
Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

This month, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow was the host of the monthly Law Enforcement Meet and Greet.

During the event, the base and five other safety and emergency agencies were able to use interagency cooperation while dining at the Family Restaurant on base, April 5.

The event takes place on the first Friday of each month and has been going strong since it started in October 2012, explained Chief Darwin O'Neal with MCPD on MCLB Barstow. The monthly gathering enables the agencies to sit down with each other and share information about what is going on in their communities. This is MCLB Barstow's second time hosting the event.

The agencies participating in the event include: the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol, the City of Barstow Police Department, the National Training Center Fort Irwin Police Department, MCLB Barstow MCPD and a NASA representative from Goldstone on Fort Irwin.

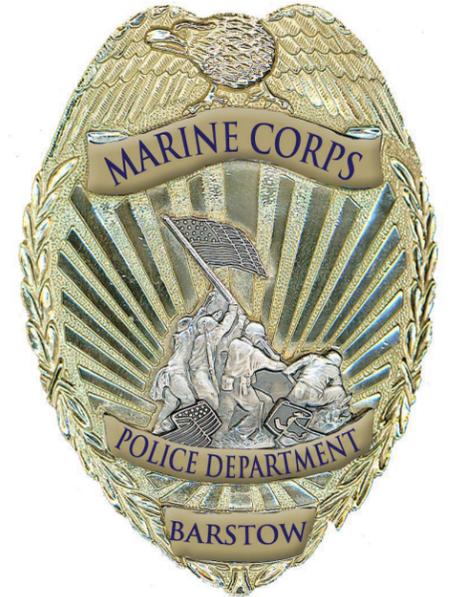
"This event is important because it allows law enforcements, the fire departments and the military, to network with the resources each agency has and makes them available to each other," said Capt. Patrick Rowe, captain of the Barstow CHP Office. If any of the agencies need assistance with an emergency, they can reach out to any of the other agencies and receive additional help.

As an example of the interagency relationship, O'Neal recollects when Fort Irwin assisted the MCPD with a bomb threat several months ago. Recently, Fort Irwin requested MCPD provide K-9 units for an upcoming event they are hosting.

This kind of cooperation between agencies is commonplace for emergency services in the High Desert.

During at the meeting, agencies also talked about potential dangers for service members out in town, explained MacNeil.

Some places can affect the well-being of a Marine. A Marine can walk into an illegal business thinking it's legitimate, when in reality it's not, said O'Neal. Learning about those issues could then



be passed up to the first sergeant or battalion commander so they can warn Marines to stay away from those places.

Through the Meet and Greet, law enforcement agencies are afforded the opportunity to look at all of the jurisdictions, explained O'Neal. There are situations going on that not all agencies are aware of, until the Meet and Greet.

"We cover multiple things," expressed MacNeil. "We have covered things like the shooting at a gas station back in October and the Christopher Dorner incident; everything is talked about."

The monthly meetings help each agency see what's happening overall in the area, which prevents tunnel vision. When someone is taking care of a specific jurisdiction, that agency starts to care only about their gamut and forgets about the surrounding areas, explained O'Neal. "With this event we get to see everyone's point of view and know our surroundings."

"I go to a lot of different events and I'm very familiar with the people here today, and you can see the conversations we have are always for a good cause," explained Rowe.

The more often the Meet and Greet occurs, the better prepared the agencies will be for situations that may take place, concluded O'Neal.



Chief Darwin O'Neal with Marine Corps Police Department on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., speaks about the base's upcoming events to the rest of the agencies, April 5. The meet and greet happens once a month, allowing each agency to share their schedules and exchange ideas.

MAN ON THE STREET

The MCLB Barstow public affairs office gets first hand opinions from base personnel

What does Earth Day mean to you?



Petty Officer 3rd Class Barry Menges, religious program specialist on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

"I have never heard of Earth Day in my life before coming to this duty station. I have become much more aware of the environment and now I always recycle."



Raul Garcia, environmental protection specialist on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

"I encourage everyone on base to recognize Earth Day; every day should be treated like it is. It is important to preserve our natural resources for today, and for tomorrow."



Master Sergeant Joe Cobin Jr., Senior Enlisted Advisor, Production Plant Barstow

"To me, every day is Earth Day. I recycle whenever I can and utility use is important too. I try not to let the kids use the garden hose in the backyard too long and I just started using rechargeable batteries too."



Michael Olguin, motor vehicle operator, Fleet Support Division

"I try to keep it clean and avoid using oil. I like to watch out for the health of the fish population. I like to use solar power as well. It saves money too."

What Earth Day means to MCLB Barstow

Earth Day has been celebrated around the world, April 22 every year since 1970. Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. senator from Wisconsin, started the environmental movement after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill.

MCLB Barstow is slated to celebrate Earth Day on Thursday, April 11, from 3 - 7 p.m. at the base library, McTureous Hall. The purpose of the event will be to educate patrons about the importance of taking care of the environment.

Dr. Mike Glassey, a doctor of entomology on Fort Irwin, will bring a variety of wildlife na-

tive to the Mojave Desert. On and off-base organizations will be present with a variety of displays and information booths. Children from the base Child Development Center will participate in a drawing contest - - using Earth Day as their theme. Marines will be present, selling refreshments to raise money for the 2013 Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Come and celebrate with us! For more information, call 760-577-5846

Information provided by MCLB Barstow's environmental department

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Kessler explained. "It felt good knowing he was adopted 24 hours after I picked him up. It was like I gave an animal another shot at a happy life," she said.

Not only does Kessler's volunteer work with dogs help the animals, it assists the humane society as well by clearing space at their compound for new animals and alleviates some of the workload of the permanent personnel.

Ramsey explained that Barstow's Humane Society has 12 to 13 people on staff but doesn't include the

volunteers who come in to help. While the employees are capable of doing all jobs there, the volunteers normally handle tasks such as walking dogs, bathing the animals, and cleaning cages.

Kessler's current foster companion is a small, nameless dog she hopes to find a loving home for adoption. They're accompanied at home by Hank, a one-year old dachshund-mix she adopted in November 2012.

"I couldn't help but try to find her a new family. The humane society was getting ready to put her down and I saw

how behaved she was so I asked if I could try to find her a home," Kessler explained while holding the tiny dog in her arms.

The animal lover has every intention of continuing to assist animals after her time is done with her current foster dog.

"I don't know if I'll be fostering another dog right after this one, but I definitely want to in the future," Kessler explained. "I'm going to keep up with walking dogs after work though. I love doing anything I can to help these animals," she concluded.

Chaplain's Corner

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
Base Chaplain

Maturity, perspective, and time

Something very cool happened in my life recently. I was receiving e-mail from a local school's admissions department, when I noted the admissions counselor's name. It was the same name as a kid I knew from my high school youth group. It's a fairly rare last name (Mark is his first name, common enough), so I thought I'd call up the school and see if this was the same guy. It took a little bit of phone tag, but we were finally able to connect—sure it enough, it was my friend Mark. We hadn't talked to each other in probably a decade. The last time I'd seen Mark was at a concert in a small community park back home—shortly after I was married. It was a great blessing in my life to be able to reconnect with someone from such a formative period of my life. I began to think about our times together: we'd been on mission trips together, we'd been at weekly youth group, and even had some good memories from retreats we took. Then I began to think about my youth group in general—how many people I still have contact with vs. those who have seemingly dropped off the face of the earth.

I also began to think about how many people from my own past do not hold entirely positive memories for me. If I ran into them, would I feel the same joy as I did at running into my friend Mark? I think there's some value in reconnection, even if it's not all daisies and sunshine. Look at the Biblical picture of Jacob and Esau. When they part company, Esau is ready to kill his brother, Jacob. And not just in the sense of, "I'm gonna kill you" that all brothers eventually claim. This was more in the sense of, "I have motive, means, and opportunity to kill you, and I will do it." What happens later, though? Jacob takes off for more than a decade only to return to a brother who is overjoyed to see him. That's a pretty drastic change between visits, but it's what time does for us—it gives us perspective.

For instance, how many people return to their high school for a ten year reunion only to find that the people they may have shunned in social groups back then are actually pretty normal human beings? I know this isn't always true, some



people can stay jerks forever. But, isn't it one of the great hopes of our lives that we will indeed mature? That we won't always be childish, won't always have to have the last word, and won't always have to be right in order to beat everyone else? After all, Esau's anger seems legitimate—his brother stole his rightful inheritance. And his own mom helped! If there was ever a reason for sibling rivalry, this was it.

It's possible you have some pretty negative memories about people in your own life. It's possible that some of the reasons for those negative feelings are good reasons, and it's likely that some of them are for bad reasons. I don't ever want to tell you how to respond to your own past—it's yours for a reason. However, my suggestion is that if time can heal Esau's wounds, time can heal yours as well.

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day, doesn't mean we won't use it in the future."

Upon conclusion of the tour, the safety specialists sat down with Dr. Mike Glassey, the wildlife preservation manager on Fort Irwin, and were introduced to unique wildlife found in the desert, explained Keegan.

"Safety precautions need to be taken with dangerous animals in the area such as rattle snakes," he said. "Also, we must be careful in preserving en-

dangered wildlife such as the desert tortoise."

Many people are unfamiliar with desert wildlife he explained. There are many birds of prey, mammals, reptiles and insects that have adapted to the High Desert climate. It is important for us to be aware of the different animals we share the area with; for our safety and for theirs.

"Overall the trip was a great learning experience," said Keegan.

Keegan encourages Marines and

base employees to take advantage of the Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex Tour offered on Fort Irwin. Many people are unaware such a thing exists only 35 miles from Barstow.

As for learning about wildlife, Keegan recommends attending MCLB Barstow's Earth Day 2013, April 11 at the base library, McTureous Hall. Dr. Glassey will be on base with desert critters and birds of prey to showcase and educate base personnel.

