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**Blessings:  
Food and Hope**  

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**Watch Out for  
Snakes, Spiders**  

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**Little Known  
Marine Sgt. Cann**



# 50th Vietnam Veterans' Commemoration

April 18, 2015

National Training Center  
Ft. Irwin, CA



## Open House

General Public is Invited!

**Where:** Army Field, Inner Loop Rd. & Barstow Rd.

**When:** April 18, 2015 - Main ceremony begins at 11:45 a.m.

## Join us as we pay tribute to our Vietnam Veterans



Special Guest Concert by Mark Farner  
formerly of Grand Funk Railroad  
(3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

- ★ Breakfast: Holiday Inn Express, Lenwood 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
- ★ Parade at Fort Irwin: 10:50 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- ★ Lunch with guest speaker: 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ★ Static displays, vendors & more: 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### All Veterans Who Served During the Vietnam War Era Invited!

Times may change. Please visit [www.irwin.army.mil](http://www.irwin.army.mil) for the most updated schedule of events.

Vietnam Veterans who plan to attend can register at <http://www.irwin.army.mil/Pages/VisitorsTab/VietnamVets.html>.

To reserve by phone: 760-686-8266; by email: [renita.y.wickes.civ@mail.mil](mailto:renita.y.wickes.civ@mail.mil) or [guy.a.volb.civ@mail.mil](mailto:guy.a.volb.civ@mail.mil). Ask for group code Vet when reserving rooms at Holiday Inn Express in Barstow for discounted rate.

## On The Cover:

Front photo by: Carlos Guerra

Firefighter/paramedic Lyndsey Tarin is lowered via pulley during confined-space rescue training held by the Fire Department aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 30. The training included practical application of vertical descent, small space, and rope-assisted rescue scenarios in full fire gear.

Back photo by: Nate Lopez

Lieutenant Robert R. Ortiz, kennel master with the Marine Corps Police Department, on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., trains with his K-9 partner Risci in narcotics detection, April 1. The MCPD here trains K-9 teams regularly to identify narcotics and explosives, as well as in patrol and protection.



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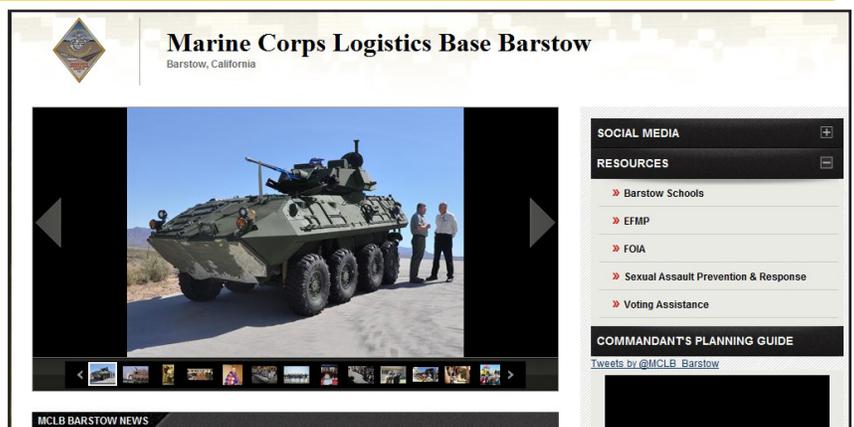




Photo by: Cindy McIntyre

Preschoolers at the Child Development Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. ended the day with an Easter Egg Hunt, April 3. The children were allowed to collect nine eggs, which helped them with their counting skills.

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# News Briefs

## Leave Share Program

Individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations:

**William Anslow**

**Wanetta Blackwell**

**Jedediah Donahue**

**John Ordenez-Ramirez**

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Share Program should contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6915.

## Play Morning

**April 10**

Come knit with your fingers in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month, 9 a.m., Desert View Housing Community Center. Yarn for purple hats is supplied. Child care provided.

For information: 577-6533

## Spouse Social

**April 14**

April's topic: sexual assault awareness and Child Development Center 101. Meets 9:30 a.m., Hobby Shop Multipurpose Room. Sponsored by Marine Corps Family Team Building.

For information: 577-6675/6408

## NO MORE 5K Run/Walk

**April 17**

The 5K Run/Walk raises awareness for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response. It begins at the Beer Garden, and runs from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. NO MORE is designed to galvanize change and radically increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault.

For information: 577-6533

Free registration:

[nomorerun2015.eventbrite.com](http://nomorerun2015.eventbrite.com)

## Self-Defense Class

**April 15 and 22**

Self-defense training can help prepare responses to de-escalate or interrupt an attack. Sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program, the class begins at 6 p.m. at McCarver Hall.

For information: 577-6533

## Information Table MCX

**April 15**

Stop by the Family Advocacy Program information table at the MCX to learn what the Family Advocacy Program can do for you.

For information: 577-6533

## Child Abuse Speaker

**April 16**

William Kellibrew will present his story of abuse and survival, 8 a.m., Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center. He will also will give tips and tools on proper discipline, with a question-and-answer session afterward. Refreshments will be served. Open to all MCLB Barstow patrons.

For information: 577-6533

## Story Time & Craft with

**Play Morning**

**April 17**

In recognition of the Month of the Military Child, there will be a reading of "Night Catch."

For information: 577-6395

## Story Time & Craft

**April 22**

Join the Library for a springtime tale and a fluffy craft, 10 a.m., Bldg. 17.

For information: 577-6395

## Pinwheels for Prevention

**April 21**

A blue pinwheel garden will be created in front of the Child Development Center to promote Child Abuse Prevention Month. Participants will be provided free t-shirts and small pinwheels to take home.

For information: 577-6533

## KidFest

**April 29**

Enjoy a fun day with your children at the first-ever KidFest, 4 p.m., Sorensen Field. There will be relay races, story time and craft, food, puppet show, Safe Assured kits for kids, static displays, and more. Sponsored by Marine & Family Programs.

For information: 577-6533

## Nurse Advice Line

TRICARE's Nurse Advice Line provides professional information 24 hours a day, with access to a team of registered nurses, health care advice, referrals for urgent care, or help with making appointments.

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

## What is EMS?

An Environmental Management System is a systematic approach to ensure that environmental activities of an organization are well managed and continuously improving. EMS can help an organization meet its compliance requirements, use materials and resources more efficiently, and streamline operations. Presidential Executive Order 13148 directs federal facilities to implement an EMS, and to include measurable goals, objectives, and targets. A successful EMS requires everyone's participation.

For information: 577-6173

# Here come the creepy crawlies - spiders, snakes and slithery things

Story by:  
Cindy McIntyre  
Editorial Assistant

Many of the creepy crawlies that bite, sting, or just frighten folks here in the High Desert begin showing themselves when the weather warms - just when many people start walking around in bare feet. You can take precautions to avoid dangerous encounters, and understand that not all scary-looking things are dangerous.

The base pest control folks won't even kill a rattlesnake, but they will do their utmost to remove it.

"We release it in the desert," said Eric Fortin, pest control coordinator for Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. He believes snakes have a role to play in nature, even if people don't want them playing it near their homes or workplaces.

"I don't expect to see a lot of snakes this year," said Fortin. "It depends on the drought," he explained. Rain means more insects, and lizards and rodents which eat them multiply, as do the snakes that eat them. During some years, pest control can get 50 to 100 calls for snakes, most of which are non-venomous, such as whip snakes, gopher snakes, or red racers. However, it is the previous year's rainfall that determines the snake population.

Rattlesnakes, of course, have rattles, which they often use to warn away predators such as people. But if you put your hand or foot in a shady spot, or step on a snake sunning itself around a corner, neither you nor the snake may have time for a friendly warning.

Fortin says people working at the Yermo Annex should lift pallets and other outdoor equipment with care, since snakes might lurk there. And since rattles can break off, some rattlesnakes lack their trademark noisemaker.

The U.S. Geological Survey's Southwest Biological Science Center website warns: "Common sense is the best protection against dangerous species when afield: Watch where you place your hands, where you place your feet, and where you sit. If you find a snake, LEAVE IT ALONE!"

Most rattlesnake venom is a hemotoxin, meaning it affects the victim through the bloodstream. The Mojave green



*Creative Commons photo by: Robb Hannawacker  
Giant desert hairy scorpion*

rattlesnake also has a neurotoxin, affecting the nervous system, and is therefore more potent - 10 times more toxic than any other rattlesnake in the U.S. Adult Mojave greens are two to four feet long and can have a vivid diamond pattern, or can look somewhat drab and pale. Coloration is generally various shades of green.

While the Mojave green is the most common rattlesnake found at Nebo, the sidewinder is more often seen at Yermo. This snake slithers sideways with an emphatic "S" shaped motion.

If you see what you think is a venomous snake on base, call pest control at 577-6467. Fortin asks that you keep an eye on the snake so pest control knows exactly where it is when they arrive, which is generally within a few minutes. He also advises keeping the perimeter of your house or building free of debris and weeds, which attract rodents, snakes, and scorpions.

The scorpion is another creepy crawly that people want gone from their homes. They tend to come out at night, which is why many park rangers love taking people on night hikes to look for them. Scorpions glow under a black light, which can overcome the "ick" factor on such a nature walk.

Most scorpion toxin isn't fatal to humans, and the most common one in this area is the giant desert hairy scorpion, said Fortin. Since it can grow up to seven inches long and has brown hairs on its yellow body, it's a fitting moniker. "It has a weak

venom, like a bad bee sting," said Fortin.

A lot of folks in this area see arachnids which go by several names: solifugae, sun spiders, camel spiders, wind scorpions, and even vinegaroons. However, Fortin says the vinegaroon isn't found in the High Desert, although several people in the area swear they have seen these brown critters with the long whiptails that spray an acetic acid mixture that smells like vinegar. The sun spiders are harmless and Fortin catches them by hand and puts them outside. "They're very beneficial," he said. "They eat spiders and insects."

The only spider in this area with venom dangerous enough to seriously affect humans is the black widow. The female, known by her shiny black body and red hourglass on the bottom of her abdomen, loves the numerous cracks and crevices that homes provide. "The webs are a matted mess," said Fortin. "They tend to be on the hotter side of a building."

Juveniles and males look nothing like the female, and several harmless spiders often get squished because they look like black widows. However, the female is responsible for most of the human bites.

To give black widows their due, they helped us win World War II, since their strong silk was used to make crosshairs for gun sights.

Fortin said pest control is not very effective in controlling spiders, since they don't absorb pesticides through their footpads. Make your living space unattractive to spiders by vacuuming and cleaning trash piles and clutter inside and out, and checking things in storage before you move them.

Many harmless spiders look particularly nasty, especially the huge tarantulas. "Tarantulas are part of our natural environment," said Stephanie White, natural and cultural resources specialist at MCLB Barstow. "Teach your children about these animals so they will understand that they are as much a part of the desert as the birds, the coyotes, and the tortoises," added White. "Let them explore their curiosity at Barstow's Desert Discovery Center where they can see the animals up close without the risk of injury. Be sure to keep your pets safe from wildlife, too." 🐜

***"Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know your Part. Do Your Part"***  
**Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation**  
**April 2015**

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) is recognized across the country by both civilian and military communities. This month offers a unique opportunity to build on the current push to eliminate sexual assault and ensure all Service members are in a command climate where they are treated with dignity and respect.

This April marks the eleventh annual Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) with the theme "Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know your part. Do your part." Every Service Member, at every level in our military, must know, understand and adhere to our service core values (integrity, trust, dignity, respect, fidelity, courage) and standards of behavior in order to eliminate sexual assault and other inappropriate behavior. We must continue to strive for an environment where professional values, team commitment, and respect define how we treat one another at every level of command, workplace, and throughout our military community.

Each member of our DoD community has a unique role in preventing and responding to sexual assault. We must recognize our part in stopping this crime, starting with our own awareness and knowing when and where to intervene. Understanding bystander intervention is vital in helping to identify and stop unsafe behavior. Each day we can take steps to foster a culture of dignity and respect.

We have to act! If we see a crime or inappropriate behavior unfolding, we must take the necessary steps to prevent it. We need to add our voice to the call to end this crime. In order to prevent sexual assault, every member of the DoD community must be committed to advancing an environment where sexist behaviors, sexual harassment, and sexual assault are not tolerated, condoned or ignored. Sexual assault is not only inappropriate behavior, it is criminal behavior.

Sexual assault can occur anywhere, any time and to anyone. Living up to our values and knowing our part and doing our part to prevent sexual assault, requires us to remain committed to preventing it. By sustaining the right command climate, ensuring leadership support, and empowering Service Members to safely intervene, we can create the environment to eliminate sexual assault.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,  
that as Installation Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow; I, Colonel Michael L. Scalise of the United States Marine Corps, join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to eliminate sexual violence. I do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"



MICHAEL L. SCALISE  
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer  
Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California

**1 APRIL 2015**

**COMMAND PROCLAMATION**

**SUBJECT: MARINE CORPS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH-APRIL 2015**

In 1974, the first federal child protection legislation, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), was enacted. During the ensuing forty years, the original legislation has been amended many times as the nation's awareness of the perils of child abuse became more and more evident. In 1983, in recognition of the importance of protecting our children, April was proclaimed National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The theme for 2015's Child Abuse Prevention Month is "Children deserve to be protected. Know the warning signs. Help Stop Child Abuse.....Before it Happens". This theme recognizes the shifting focus from merely reporting child abuse and neglect to the pro-active, positive message of supporting families and strengthening communities and thereby, preventing child abuse and neglect. Prevention and education is the key to eliminating child abuse from our Marine community and in strengthening our Marine families. Whereas leadership can direct, educate and encourage proper care of our children, it is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children's safety and well-being. To protect our children, we must be educated on warning signs and risk factors so that we can stop child abuse before it happens. I encourage you to reach out to parents under stress, to make sure your child is in a safe place when you are under stress, to reach out to an unsupervised child to offer assistance or to call a neighbor or friend for support.

During this National Child Abuse Prevention Month, it is time to recognize that each of us aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, must play an important part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of the children and families aboard our base. By being proactive and taking the extra step to offer assistance, to lend a helping hand or a listening ear, you can be the catalyst for the change we need to prevent harm or neglect to our children. I challenge everyone in our Marine community to become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.

I, Colonel Michael Scalise, hereby proclaim April 2015 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow. I encourage and invite you all to become aware that "Children deserve to be protected. Know the warning signs. Help Stop Child Abuse.....Before it Happens." Be the proactive change we need to eliminate child maltreatment from our community.



MICHAEL L. SCALISE  
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding Officer  
Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California

# Blessings: Military spouses offer food and hope

Story by:

Laurie Pearson

Public Affairs Specialist

When it comes to feeding the members of the homeless community in the Barstow area, Blessings proves true to its name as its volunteers provide food, clothing and other items to those in need.

Sandra Murray, the wife of Sgt. Horace Carryl, food inspector for the U.S. Army Public Health Command District – San Diego, stationed aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., created a Facebook group called Blessings, on the first of January this year. Through Blessings, Murray challenged members to give five homeless people a meal each month. The request was simple and direct.

“Doing what you can, when you can,” said Murray. “Half a loaf of bread is better than none.” Not everyone can give a lot, she explained, but everyone can give a little.

Since its creation, Blessings has paired up with local High Desert organizations in order to better serve the homeless population. Desert Manna in Barstow is one such organization. Murray advises Desert Manna coordinators when and where volunteers will be serving food and dispersing donations.

“We provide Blessings with food, clothing, blankets,” said Beth Simpson, program director at Desert Manna. With the high number of homeless people in the High Desert, Simpson emphasized the importance of groups such as Blessings being willing to hit the pavement and reach as many people as possible.

*(Do) what you can, when you can.  
Half a loaf of bread is better than none."*

*-- Sandra Murray*

“In 2014, 450 homeless men, women and children came through our facility,” said Simpson. “This includes 25 veterans.”

Although there are 32 beds available at the Desert Manna facility, Simpson indicated that there are often people who either cannot or will not commit to staying in a shelter facility.

“It’s nice to have community coalitions like (Blessings) to go out and make a difference” said Simpson.

Jeff Collins, deputy with San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department, and High Desert coordinator for Homeless Outreach Proactive Enforcement division, agreed with Simpson regarding the number of chronic homeless in the High Desert.

“A Point-In-Time (Homeless) Count was done by the Office of Homeless Services, in January 2015,” said Deputy Collins. The PITHC is a count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“(This) is not a perfect 100 percent count, though,” Deputy Collins pointed out. “There is a four-hour window where volunteers go out and attempt to make contact with the homeless in the community. The (numbers are) likely one-third of reality.”

With the hope of reaching as many chronically homeless people as possible, Murray gathers volunteers through the Blessings Facebook page and together they sort donations, cook and serve it up at a local park.

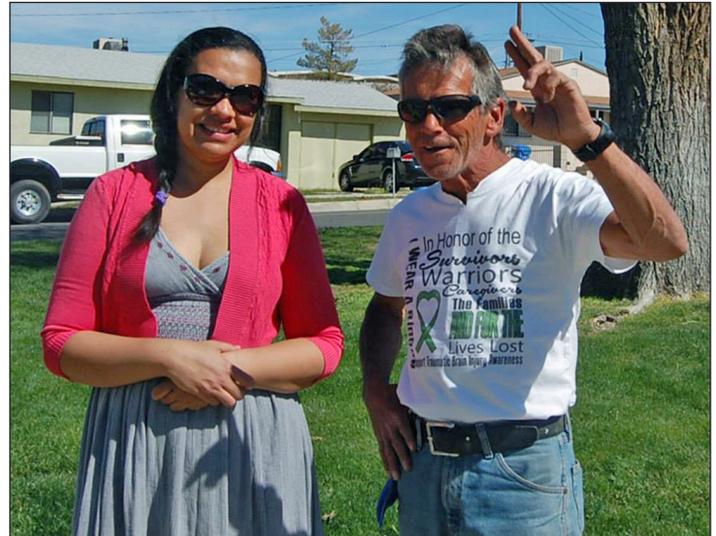


Photo courtesy of Blessings

Sandra Murray, founder of Blessings, and an Army wife living on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, greets and feeds chronically homeless people in the High Desert on the second Sunday of each month, at Lillian Park in Barstow, Calif. Blessings pairs with organizations such as Desert Manna and H.O.P.E. division of the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department to offer proactive services to those in need. Gary, a patron of Blessings, offers his help as well.

“Since we’re all going out (to volunteer), why not meet and go out together?” asked Murray. The group meets on the second Sunday of each month at Lillian Park in Barstow. Volunteers and people-in-need could come together with a common goal: to share food and hope.

“I (volunteer) because I have been taught to ‘treat others as you want to be treated,’” said Jill Kovach, wife of Staff Sgt. Frank Kovach, training chief and substance abuse control officer on MCLB Barstow. “(Blessings) is a very needed role for the homeless in this area because homelessness is a sad part of Barstow. Homelessness is seen everywhere.”

Each volunteer’s unique gifts are appreciated by the group. If you do not like to cook, there are plenty of other things to do, according to Murray. Some people collect donations of food, hygiene bags, clothing, blankets and even tents. Sometimes it is a matter of simply taking the time to listen.

“While I’m there (at Lillian Park),” said Kovach, “(we) serve the food and talk to those who come to eat.”

Knowing they have someone there who cares can make all the difference explained Murray.

For more information on Blessings, the closed group can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/909083615771032/> or call Murray at (757) 774-1150.

## Local homeless population numbers:

**Barstow: 33**

**Apple Valley: 15**

**Adelanto: 3**

**Hesperia: 5**

**Victorville: 120**

As reported during a Point-In-Time (Homeless) Count, January 2015

MCLB BARSTOW

# NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

# 5K RUN 2015 5K WALK

Friday, April 17, 2015

Beer Gardens



Arrival: 1-1:30pm

Warm-Up: 1:45pm

Run/Walk: 2-2:30pm

Recovery Tent: 2 - 3:30pm

Spectators Welcome!

Registration is free! Register today at [nomorerun2015.eventbrite.com](http://nomorerun2015.eventbrite.com)



For more information contact  
Sexual Assault Prevention & Response at  
577-6533 or visit [MCCSBarstow.com](http://MCCSBarstow.com)



# AROUND THE CORPS

*A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow*



*Photo by: Lance Cpl. Brian Bekkala*

*April 3, 2015. POHANG, South Korea - U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Gary Johnston provides security during a beach landing exercise with Republic of Korea Marines in the vicinity of Pohang, South Korea, March 29. The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit participated in Korean Marine Exchange Program 15. The overall objective of KMEP 15 is to enhance amphibious operations between ROK and U.S. forces that contributes to security and stability on the Korean Peninsula as well as the entire Asia-Pacific region. Johnston is with Company G, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 31st MEU.*



*Photo by: Lance Cpl. Travis Jordan*

*April 7, 2015. Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona - U.S. Marine Corps artillerymen assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, fire 155mm rounds using an M777 howitzer weapons system during an artillery raid exercise. The exercise was in support of the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., April 4. WTI is a seven-week training event hosted by Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) cadre. MAWTS-1 provides standardized tactical training and certification of unit instructor qualifications to support Marine Aviation Training and Readiness and assists in developing and employing aviation weapons and tactics.*



*Photo by: Cpl. Drew Tech*

*April 7, 2015. Susungri Range, Pohang, South Korea - A U.S. Marine AH-1W Cobra provides close air support March 24 at Susungri Range in Pohang, South Korea. U.S. Marines with 5th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF, completed a week of fire support coordination training*

*with Republic of Korea Marines, coordinating close air support with both ROK and U.S. aircraft for the training. The training is part of Korean Marine Exchange Program 15-14.2, a small-unit training exercise, which enhances the combat readiness and interoperability of ROK-U.S. forces.*

# Little Known Marine: Sgt. Adam L. Cann

Story by:  
Keith Hayes  
Public Affairs Specialist

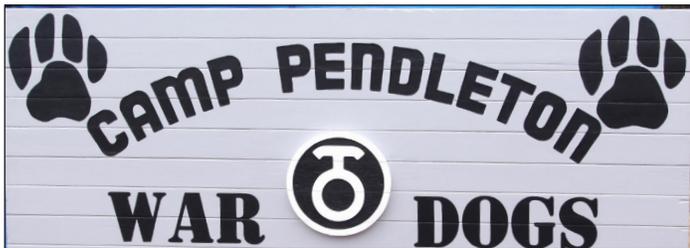
The Adam Leigh Cann Canine Facility aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., is named for a Marine who was never stationed here.

In an unusual move to honor the first Military Police K-9 handler killed in war since the Vietnam conflict more than 40 years ago, the Canine Facility here was dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Cann in March of 2008,

Born January 25, 1982 in Chattanooga, Tenn., Cann enlisted in the Marine Corps immediately following graduation from South Plantation High School in Davie, Fla. Cann attended Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., from November 2000 to February 2001. Private Cann began basic military police training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and was selected to attend the Military Working Dog Handler's Course, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas where he graduated with the honor of Top Dog Award.

The memory of Cann and his service is not just limited to MCLB Barstow. Joseph Parker is a contributing writer for the Dothan Marine Corps Examiner at examiner.com. The following are portions of an article Parker wrote about the July 30, 2013 opening of the Camp Pendleton War Dogs exhibit:

*The sign for the exhibit says: Camp Pendleton War Dogs, and has paw prints on it. The sign is special because it was made by Cann before he was killed in action on Jan. 5, 2006, at age 23.*



*Sergeant Cann was a military police officer with the Security Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force on his second tour of duty in Iraq. He and his bomb-sniffing German Shepherd, Bruno, were on patrol in Ar Ramadi.*

*Cann and Bruno were in front of the Ramadi Glass and Ceramics Works. Over 1,000 Iraqis were lined up for a police recruiting event. While the event was going on a car overran a security check-point causing panic to spread through the crowd.*

*Minutes later, Cann spotted a suspicious-looking man and approached him. Seconds later the suspect detonated a vest he was wearing that contained 40 pounds of explosives.*

*The vest was filled with (steel bearings) which mortally wounded Cann. Bruno, his military working dog, was also wounded on his left side from the blast. As Adam lay there, Bruno laid next to him putting his head on Adam's chest to further shield him from additional harm. Bruno was medevac'd to Al Asad Airbase in Al Anbar province.*



*Cann was so close to the insurgent that his body absorbed the blast; he died shielding two other Marines and his dog Bruno.*

Cann's personal decorations include: Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Purple Heart (posthumously), Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Unit Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation and Navy Unit Commendation. 



