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Front Cover: Cindy McIntyre

Marines, Soldiers, and children participate in a game designed to foster cooperation during the L.I.N.K.S. for Kids program aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., July 24. In addition to games, the children ran an obstacle course, studied military protocol, and learned how to cope during a parent's deployment.

Back Cover: Laurie Pearson

Lance Cpl. Cristina Zamora, postal clerk, carries Sgt. Jonathan Yager, services sergeant, the length of Sorenson Field as part of a High Intensity Tactical Training competition aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., July 30.



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Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Children of service members stationed aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. play a game of bean bag toss during the base library's summer reading program finale party, Aug. 5. The party featured games, crafts, and a parade.

On the web

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Website: <http://www.mclbbarstow.marines.mil>

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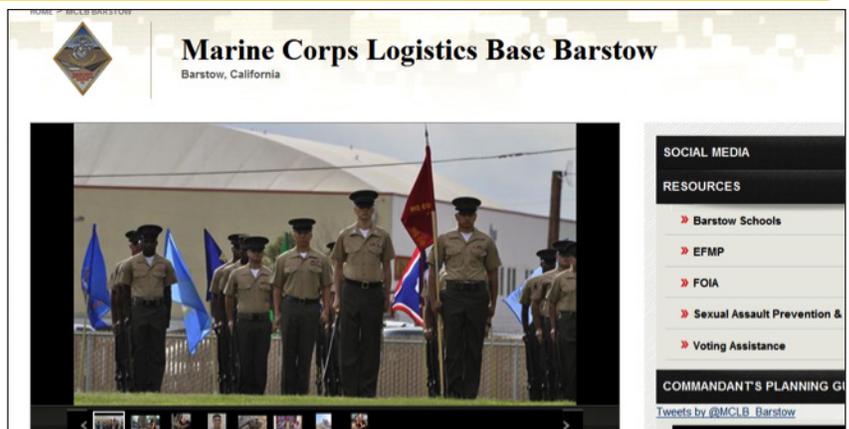




Photo by: Rob Jackson

Summit Leadership Academy - High Desert's dean of students, Gunnery Sgt. Ronald Wilkins, USMC retired, observes student training during the school's first day of Indoctrination Week, in Hesperia, Calif., Aug. 10. The

public charter school's training is designed to instill self-discipline and leadership skills, with emphasis in law, fire and the Armed Forces career academies organized within the school.

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Leave Share Program

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

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

MCPD Seeks Feedback

To address issues, concerns, comments, or suggestions regarding the level of public service provided by the Marine Corps Police Department or its employees on MCLB Barstow, you can use the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) website: <http://ice.disa.mil>, or you can contact the Chief of Police at 577-6678 or the Deputy Chief of Police at 577-6409. This will help department leadership take appropriate corrective or commendatory action.

Parent Advisory Board School Age Care Center Aug. 14

Meeting for those who have children enrolled at the CDC and SAC.

For information: 577-6287

Home Energy Tips:

- California is in a serious drought. Southern Californians need to reduce water use to maintain the region's water supply reserves.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving. This can save up to 10 gallons per day.

Chaplain's Workshop Desert View Community Center Aug. 18 - 6:30 p.m.

This potluck workshop is on Managing Change: Strategies for Staying Sane in an Ever-Changing Environment. Bring your favorite dish to share.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Chaplain's Bible Study Commanding Officer's Conference Room Bldg. 15 Aug. 19 - 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join the Chaplain in a short Bible Study and fellowship with others while learning to understand God through His Word.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Wellness Series Marine & Family Programs Conference Room Aug. 19 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Quit the habit: Learn about smoking cessation techniques. Register: wellnessaug2015.eventbrite.com

For information: 577-6533

Story Time & Craft with Play Morning Library Building 17 Aug. 21 - 9 a.m.

Read "I Want to Do It By Myself" and find out how the Little Princess gets through her camping trip and learns the importance of asking for help.

For information: 577-6395

Customer Appreciation Day Tees & Trees Golf Course Aug. 22

All military retirees will receive free green fees as a sign of appreciation for your service and dedication. The golf course will remain open to the public.

For information: 577-6431

Story Time & Craft Library Building 17 Aug. 26 - 10 a.m.

What would you do if you were really hungry? Would you eat your friends? No, you wouldn't! Go on a journey with Buddy the monster as he learns that friends aren't food while reading "Don't Play With Your Food."

For information: 577-6395

Play Morning Desert View Community Center Every Friday

All active duty personnel and dependents with children are invited to Play Morning every Friday at 9 a.m. Join in for singing, stories, crafts, and play time.

For information: 577-6533

Ongoing:

Anger Management Group

Tuesdays 5 p.m.
Marine and Family Programs
Conference Room

For information: 577-6533

Marriage Enrichment Group

Thursdays 5 p.m.
Marine and Family Programs
Conference Room

For information: 577-6533

Oasis Pool and Water Park

CLOSED WEEKDAYS

Open weekends 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

For information: 577-6817

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

Marines HITT it hard

Story and photos by:
Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Marines hit it hard during a High Intensity Tactical Training competition held on Sorensen Field aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., July 28-30.

The competition was used to determine a top male and top female athlete to represent the base at the USMC HITT Ultimate Tactical Athlete Championship, to be held aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif. Sept. 15-17.

“Top athletes from USMC installations across the nation compete, then the fun begins in the culmination of three grueling days designed to separate those who can, from those who cannot,” said Shelley Lamey, director of Semper Fit Gym on base, and coordinator of the local competition. “The best of the Marine Corps battle it out to proudly wear the title ‘Ultimate Tactical Champion.’”

Sgt. Justin Mears, retail manager for Marine Corps Community Services, won the top male athlete position for MCLB Barstow.

“Competing against the best athletes Marine Corps-wide is humbling,” said Mears, “but I feel like I have a shot and we’ll put out a good product between me and Zamora.”

Lance Cpl. Cristina Zamora, postal clerk, earned the top female athlete spot for the base. When asked what motivates her to compete, she said it was pride in both herself and the Marine Corps. She pointed out the high standards inherent in the Corps, standards she intends to meet and exceed as she strives to lead by example.

Lance Cpl. Robert Taylor, communications technician, is the alternate male athlete who will compete should Sgt. Mears be unable to.

At the competition in September, participants will receive medals and additional prizes, said Lamey. For Marines such as Mears and Zamora, however, the ultimate reward is to claim the title of “winner.” 🏆



(Top) Lance Cpl. Robert Taylor, communications technician, flips a tractor tire as part of a HITT competition on Sorensen Field, July 29. (Bottom) Shelley Lamey, director of Semper Fit Gym, and Albert Jacobs, sports coordinator, are pictured with competitors Gunnery Sgt. Antonio Flores, Jr., base gunnery sergeant; Sgt. Justin Mears, retail manager for Marine Corps Community Services; Cpl. Michael Browne, supply technician; Lance Cpl. Cristina Zamora, postal clerk and Lance Cpl. Robert Taylor.



L.I.N.K.S. for Kids: Handling unique challenges



Story and photos by:
Cindy McIntyre
Editorial Assistant

The military lifestyle is often hard on families who move every two or three years, or who have to learn to live without a family member on deployment. More than 20 years ago, Marine spouses created a support network called L.I.N.K.S (Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills) to share tips and tricks for coping with these challenges. Now this concept has been used to help their children as well.

L.I.N.K.S. for Kids, held July 23 aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., combined fun games with military and flag protocol, chain of command, and coping mechanisms when a parent is on deployment. Soldiers from Fort Irwin stationed at Barstow-Daggett Airport who live in base housing, as well as MCLB's Marines, were on hand to help with the program.

Organized by Julie Wilbanks, Family Readiness Officer and director of Marine Corps Family Team Building, and Jill Crumpler, administrative assistant for MCFTB, the program kept the children engaged and enthusiastic all morning. Games such as Twister had Army and Marine installation locations glued to the floor cloth, demonstrating that sometimes the many moves a military child makes can be as confusing and hard to manage as the acrobatics needed to win at Twister.

Photographs of the Army and Marine chain of command, beginning with the Commander in Chief, inspired a "who is...?" game. Debbie McGough, School Liaison Officer, was the mystery guest in "What's my Line," where the younger children had to guess what her job was. They offered a variety of duties, from "garbage lady" to





"helicopter pilot" to "engineer." Adam Diaz, Exceptional Family Member case worker, led the group in "Simon Says," and even the Marines and Soldiers found themselves dropping out when they obeyed a command not issued by "Simon."

The younger children, led by the teens, shared their experiences with their parent's deployment. Some said they used Skype to keep in touch. One teen made a scrapbook for her dad. A young man advised, "Do something to distract yourself. Get a hobby."

Army Sgt. Bruce Adams said, "The best thing you can do is to send them a letter or care package. I still have some of my letters and postcards someone sent me. Send homemade cookies. It's like getting a Christmas package. But don't send Skittles. They come in our MREs, and after six months you never want to eat them again."

Crumpler explained the Marines' unofficial slogan "Semper Gumby," a reference to the bendable toy.

"When you're a military kid you need to be flexible because things change a lot," she said. "Be brave. Help your younger brothers and sisters to be brave, too."

The children also ran an obstacle course wearing full-sized uniforms, which provided laughs and challenges as they negotiated a tunnel, ran through hoops, crawled on their bellies, did jumping jacks and push-ups, all while dragging duffle bags behind them and holding up their droopy pants.

And what did they have for lunch? Meals, ready to eat, of course! 🍽️



MCLB Barstow bus schedules

Barstow Unified School District bus schedule for MCLB Barstow 2015			
Barstow High & Barstow Jr High schools			
Location	Pick-up Mon - Fri	Return Mon-Tues and Thurs-Fri	Return Early Out Wednesday
Kwajalein & Inchon avenues (bus stop bench)	6:32 AM	3:01 PM	1:10 PM
James Day (school bus sign)	6:37 AM	3:05 PM	1:14 PM
Montara & Crestline schools			
McKinny Youth Center (new building)	7:57 AM	3:46 PM	2:00 PM
Kwajalein & Inchon avenues (bus stop bench)	8:00 AM	3:48 PM	2:02 PM
James Day (school bus sign)	8:04 AM	3:52 PM	2:06 AM

Silver Valley Unified School District bus schedule for MCLB Barstow 2015			
	ROUTE 18 (SVHS)	to school	Mon-Fri
Depart	Kwajalein & Inchon avenues (bus stop bench)	6:40 AM	
Depart	James Day (school bus sign)	6:45 AM	
Arrive	Silver Valley High	7:00 AM	
	ROUTE 7 (SVHS)	to home	Mon Tues & Thurs Early Out Wed
Depart	Silver Valley High	2:30 PM	12:15 PM
Arrive	Kwajalein & Inchon avenues (bus stop bench)	2:42 PM	12:27 PM
Arrive	James Day (school bus sign)	2:45 PM	12:30 PM
	ROUTE 18 (YERMO ELEMENTARY)	to school	Mon-Fri
Depart	McKinny Youth Center (new building)	7:30 AM	
Depart	Kwajalein & Inchon avenues (bus stop bench)	7:35 AM	
Depart	James Day (school bus sign)	7:40 AM	
Arrive	Yermo Elementry	8:00 AM	
	ROUTE 18 (YERMO ELEMENTARY)	to home	Mon Tues & Thurs Early Out Wed
Depart	Yermo Elementry	3:15 PM	1:15 PM
Arrive	McKinny Youth Center (new building)	4:05 PM	1:50 PM
Arrive	Kwajalein & Inchon avenues (bus stop bench)	4:07 PM	1:52 PM
Arrive	James Day (school bus sign)	4:10 PM	1:55 PM
	ROUTE 8 (SVHS) LATE ACTIVITY UNTIL 4:30 PM	to home	Mon-Fri
Depart	Silver Valley High	4:35 PM	
Arrive	McKinny Youth Center (new building)	4:48 PM	
	ROUTE 7 (SVS) LATE ACTIVITY UNTIL 6:00PM	to home	Mon-Fri
Depart	Silver Valley High	6:00 PM	
Arrive	McKinny Youth Center (new building)	6:13 PM	
	ROUTE 6 (YERMO) LATE ACTIVITY UNTIL 5:00 PM	to home	Mon-Fri tentative
Depart	Yermo Elementry	5:05 PM	
Arrive	McKinny Youth Center (new building))	5:35 PM	

Back to School Brigade

Story and photo by:
Cindy McIntyre
Editorial Assistant

School starts soon, and military and civilian families were busy getting ready at the Back to School Brigade held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., July 29.

Active duty families were able to register their children for Barstow Unified and Silver Valley Unified School Districts, obtain loads of free school supplies, and get information on the Exceptional Family Member Program. A play area was set up to keep younger children occupied.

All MCLB Barstow patrons were also able to attend a Common Core presentation by Scott Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services, BUSD. Common Core standards are being implemented in most states to replace the traditional way of teaching individual subjects. A more holistic approach means that many classes will involve multiple disciplines, allowing students to make connections across the learning spectrum. Even math classes will be bundled. For instance, the traditional courses of geometry, algebra, trigonometry and calculus will be presented as Integrated Math levels one through four.

There is also an emphasis on problem-solving as a team, which is how many workplaces are structured. "When they complete 12th grade we want them to be prepared for college, the workplace, or the military - whatever they want to do," said Godfrey.

There is a strong emphasis on digital media in the Common Core. "Parents can log into their child's web account to see what they've been doing," Godfrey explained. It's part of the "developing 21st century learners" credo, combining technology with creativity and collaborative projects. The teachers as well won't be teaching only in their own curriculum space, but will be part of a teaching team.

Godfrey also revealed plans to develop a K-6 Fine Arts Academy in the old Barstow Intermediate School. The renovation is planned to be complete for the 2017-18 school year.

The Barstow STEM Academy for grades 5-8 allows academically advanced students to collaborate on "project-based learning opportunities," said Godfrey. Students pursue interests in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Cursive writing is no longer part of the required curriculum, but Godfrey assured parents that children will be taught how to sign their names. 🍌



Back 2 schOOL: Safety Tips

Story by:
Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Students beginning a new school year can keep safe by respecting school district rules and regulations and using common sense.

Wael Elatar, chief business officer for Barstow Unified School District, said a majority of the children attending the district's 10 schools will be taking the bus.

"Watch for traffic when walking to the school bus stop and stay in the area of the stop until the bus arrives," he said. Parents of younger students should stay with them until they are safely on the bus.

He points out that when students are on the bus, the driver is in charge. "Most of our buses don't have seat belts so it's of critical importance for the students to stay seated while the bus is

moving. Wait for the instructions from the driver before standing up or getting off the bus."

Elatar reminds parents to check in with the school main office if they take their children to school. "We ask parents to identify themselves and others who will have permission to pick up and drop off the students on campus."

Students must adhere to the BUSD or Silver Valley Unified School District dress codes, which are found online:

<http://barstow.k12.ca.us/BHS/3816-Dress-Code.html>

<http://silvervalley.k12.ca.us/view/958.pdf>

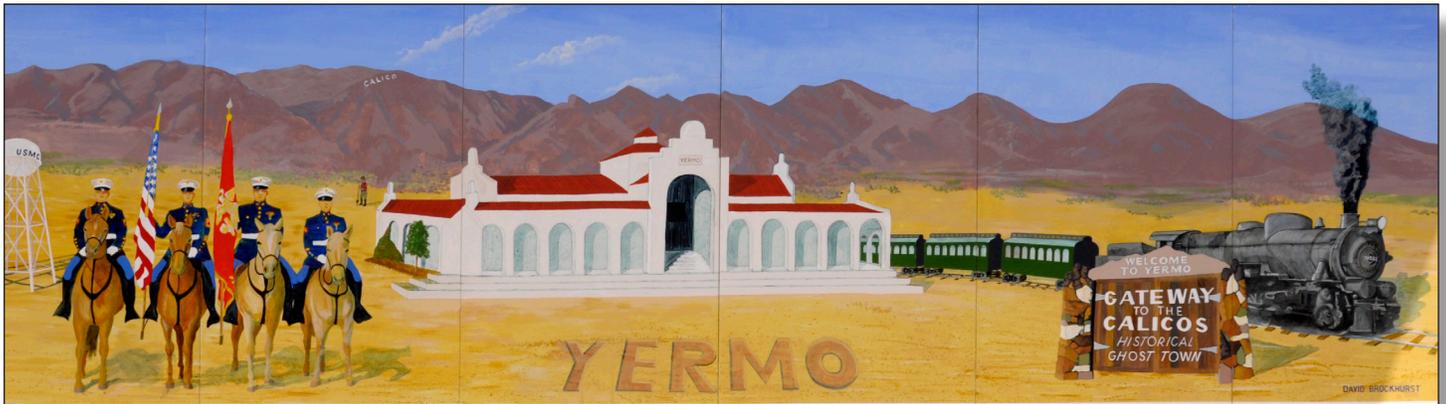
Both districts ban the wearing of gang-related apparel, which could be used to conceal dangerous objects or drugs, and could make students a target for violence.

Elatar concludes in the end, safety comes down to staying alert and using good judgement. "The rules and policies are here for one reason - to protect the students." 🍌



On (and Off) the Beaten Path

Barstow Mural Hunt



Story and photos by:
Cindy McIntyre
Editorial Assistant

Many towns across America are decorated with murals painted on the sides of buildings or on walls. Some tell the story of the town itself with historical paintings and descriptions. Others, such as the Living Wall project in Atlanta, Ga., attract credentialed mural artists from around the world to paint fanciful creatures or fine art abstracts. A few cities also have areas for graffiti artists to ply their trade without risking arrest.

Barstow began its mural project in 1998, and visitors can be seen photographing the murals and learning about the town's history. One of the most fun things about the mural hunt is finding the jackrabbit that lurks in most of the paintings. Some are easy to spot; others require a little searching.

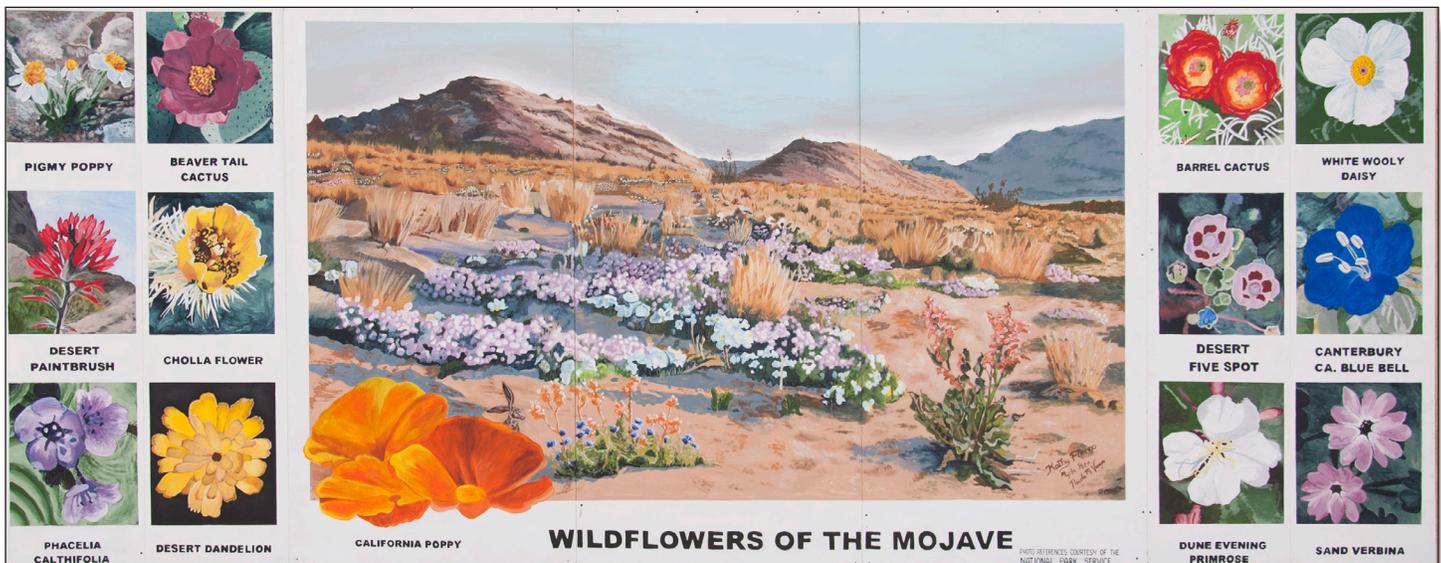
The first mural was of the National Old Trails Road that became U.S. Route 66 in 1926. The "Mother Road," as it is called, runs right down Main Street, which features most of the murals. It signifies the westward migration of people prior to and during the Great Depression, many of whom made Barstow their home.

One fascinating episode in the area's history was the U. S. Army's experimental use of camels for transportation and beasts of burden. The project was abandoned for several reasons after the outbreak of the Civil War, but the camel road later became U. S. Route 66.

Some of the murals are part of the Mural in a Day project where community artists, including schoolchildren, manage to complete a wall painting in one day.

Others depict the Mormon Trail, early explorers, the Old Spanish Trail, Native Americans, the Twenty-Mule Team borax transport, the Mojave Desert, and the mining industry. For a map to the murals visit www.mainstreetmurals.com.

Of course, we are fond of the one at Yermo's Norman Smith Park (at the corner of Yermo Rd. and McCormick St.) which features the Mounted Color Guard, whose horses are stabled just outside the front gate at the Yermo Annex. 🐰



AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



Photo by: Cpl. Ian Ferro

GALVESTON, Texas - Marines with Company C., 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, drive an amphibious assault vehicle from land into the water during a basic operations exercise at the Galveston Marine Corps Reserve Home Training Center, Galveston, Texas, Aug. 8, 2015. The exercise

served as a refresher for the Marines on how to perform basic AAV operations. During the exercise, the Marines drove the AAVs from land to water and performed basic water operations such as left and right turns, forward and reverse, circles and tactic formations.



Photo by: Sgt. Chris Stone

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, North Carolina - A veteran of 4th Marine Division shakes hands with Francis Hooper Jr., a Montford Point Marine, at the Montford Point Marine Museum at Camp Johnson, North Carolina, Aug. 4, 2015. Veterans of 4th

MARDIV and their families visited the Camp Lejeune area for a final muster, which included visits to the Lejeune Memorial Gardens, new equipment demonstrations, tours in the local community and concluded with the deactivation ceremony for the unit.

