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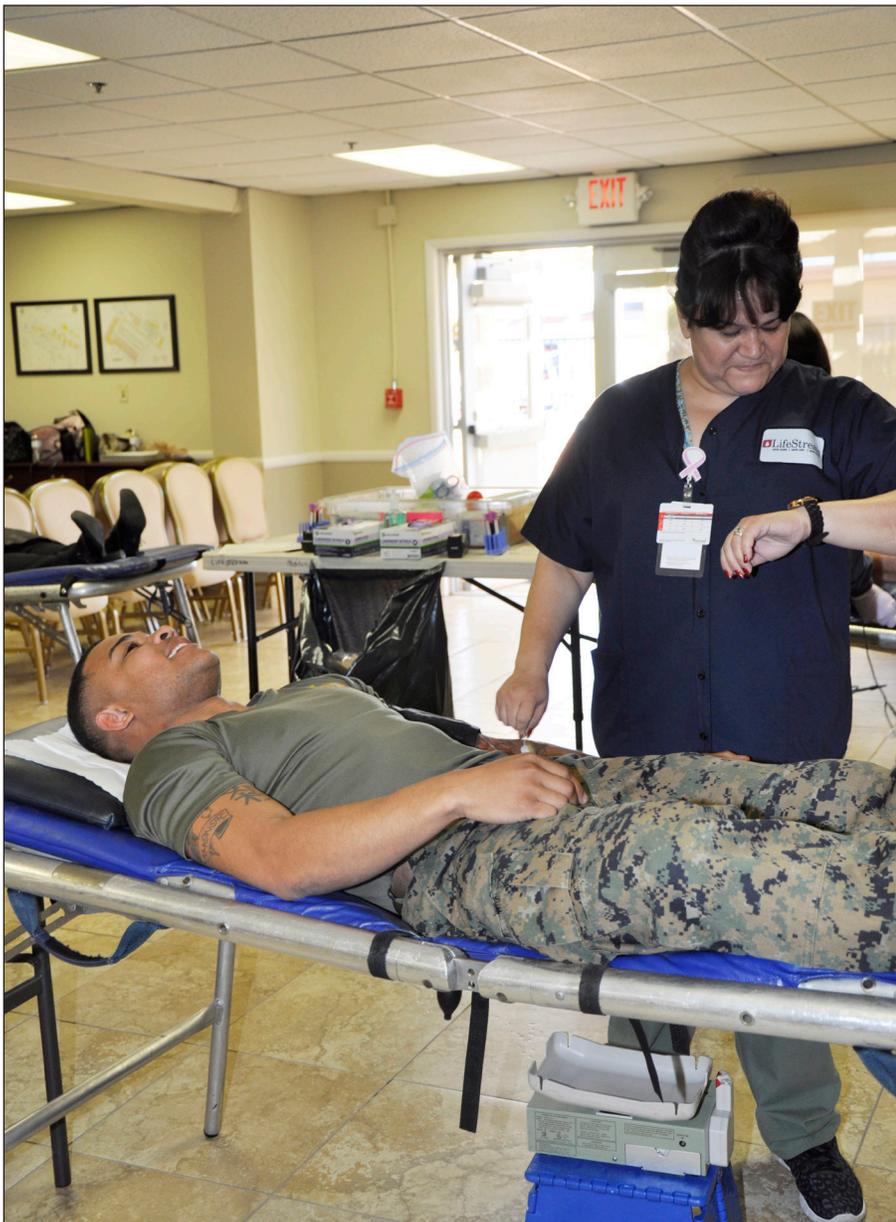


Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Sgt. Xzavier Wolef, career planner, donates blood during a LifeStream blood drive event at the James L. Day Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb 3. Giving blood is yet another way in which Marines selflessly serve their community and country.

On The Cover:

Front Cover: Carlos Guerra

Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 5, based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., practice spanning between rail cars during Railway Operations training aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex, Feb. 5. The 80 hour training is offered through Marine Corps Training Information Management System.

Back Cover:

Flyer courtesy United States Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment, "The Commandant's Own," The United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps and the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon to perform Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 1p.m. on Sorensen Field, MCLB Barstow.



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Master Sgt. Roydrick Jackson, supply chief aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, and Capt. Ryan Fuller, commanding officer of Headquarters Battalion, pin 1st sergeant rank insignia on the uniform of Chad Webb, senior noncommissioned officer S-1, Feb. 1. 1st

Sgt. Webb, who has served aboard MCLB Barstow since 2013, will soon be leaving to serve as the company 1st Sgt. with the 7th Engineer Support Battalion aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

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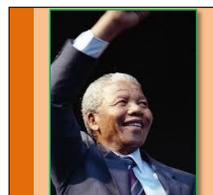
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Leave Share Program

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

Amy Malinowski

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

Tax Time Help

Specialists from Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms will be at MCLB Barstow Feb. 26 and March 11 to help Marines prepare and file Federal Income Tax and state income tax forms. Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling 760-830-4829.

5 Love Languages

Feb. 18 9 a.m.

Hobby Shop

Based on the work of Dr. Gary Chapman, this class helps participants to identify their "Language of love" as well as their partner's "Love Language." By generating this understanding of one's self and each other, couples learn to appreciate the differences within each other and ways to most effectively express love to their partner and ask for love from their partner. For more information contact Marine Corps Family Team Building at 577-6675.

Federal Occupational Health

The Department of the Navy values its employees and has partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services Federal Occupational Health (FOH) to provide a new centralized employee assistance and work/life program for employees and their families. The Department of the Navy Civilian Employee Assistance Program (DONCEAP) provides a wide range of services to employees and their families. Go online at <http://donceap.foh.hhs.gov/> or call 1-844-366-2327.

Multi-cultural Celebration Volunteers Needed

MCLB Barstow is hosting a Multicultural Celebration event May 18. Volunteers are needed to set up, run and tear down tables. Additionally, anyone who may wish to perform a cultural demonstration (dance, music, art) will be asked to demonstrate their talents. For more information contact Gunnery Sgt. Hainer at 577-6751 james.hainer@usmc.mil; Solange Campos at 577-6599 solange.campos@usmc.mil; Arthur Champion at 577-6022 arthur.v.champion@usmc.mil; or volunteer coordinator Jill Crumpler at 577-6408 jill.crumpler@usmc.mil.

Positive Psychology On the Go

Feb. 3 - March 2 2-3:30 p.m.
Conference Room Bldg. 129

Be your own superhero! Learn techniques at this five-week workshop of positive psychology to reduce stress and develop a healthier lifestyle. All participants must register at positivepsychology2016.eventbrite.com. Note: Must register for each week to complete the series and receive full credit. For more information contact Marine & Family Programs at 577-6533.

Story Time & Craft

Feb. 19 9 a.m.

Bldg. 17

It's time for Stella to go to bed, but how can she sleep when Cherry Pig, Thunderboth the puppet mouse, and Beanbag Frog are wide awake? Join us as we read *The World Champion of Staying Awake!* For more information contact Library Services at 577-6395.

Play Morning

Every Friday 9 a.m.

Desert View Housing Comm Ctr

Come join in the fun! All active duty service members and their dependents with children are invited to come to enjoy singing, stories, crafts and play time. Make new friends and learn something new each week. For more information contact New Parent Support at 577-6533.

Request Union Representation

The following information is provided to all bargaining unit employees regarding the right to request union representation.

a. The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 gives employees in units represented by an exclusive labor organization the right to request union representation at an examination by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation, if the employee believes the examination may result in disciplinary action.

b. Section 7114(a) states that:

“(2) An exclusive representative of an appropriate unit in an agency shall be given the opportunity to be represented at--

Any examination of an employee in the unit by a representative of the agency in connection with an investigation if-

(i) The employee reasonably believes that the examination may result in disciplinary action against the employee; and

(ii) The employee requests representation.”

c. Therefore, as required by Section 7114(a)(3), you are hereby given annual notice of the right set forth in this provision.

Energy Tip

Print documents only when necessary. This will not only reduce paper waste, but also reduces the electricity required to run the printer which in turn reduces your energy costs and extends your printer life. When you do print, print double-sided to save paper, as well.

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

Need another Humvee? Call ECS 171

Story and Photos By:
Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Civilians and contractors with Equipment Concentration Site 171, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex provide supplemental equipment to Army units in the area, Feb 5.

"ECS 171 is attached to 63rd RSC (Regional Support Command) which is in Mountain View," said Hector Perez, site manager. "It's all under the United States Army Reserve Command."

"Units sent to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., typically get most of their equipment from NTC and ECS 171 provides as much as we are able," explained Perez. "The rest is transported in from their home unit."

"It's like a rental," said Perez. "Units pick up what they need then return it in 'as good or

better condition' when they're finished."

One such unit is Tomahawk Troop, Regimental Engineer Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Division, U.S. Army out of Fort Hood, Texas. They arrived Friday to pick up High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles and Hemet Wreckers.

"It makes it convenient," said Sgt. Roy Balambao, recovery specialist with 3rd Cav's Tomahawk Troop. "We bring what we can and NTC provides some (equipment), but we can just stop here to get whatever else we need on the way."

The facility has been operational at the Yermo Annex since 2006. The staff consists of 41 contractors and eight civilians who maintain and store a variety of equipment, offering a local solution to logistical needs. In

doing so, ETC 171 saves the Army both, money and time.

The civilian positions fall under the Military Technician program with the Army. MILTECHs are federal civilian employees who, as a condition of employment, continue to serve as Soldiers in the Army Reserve or other reserve component. For example, Perez, who served in the Army on active duty from 2003 to 2006, and deployed to Iraq during that time, continues to serve as a staff sergeant with the 63rd Brigade Support Battalion out of Sloan, Nevada, in the Army Reserve.

"Right now, we support the Army, but in the near future we expect to serve other branches of service as well," said Perez.



Javier Lopez, heavy mobile equipment repairman with ECS 171, makes fine adjustments to the wheel base of a Hemet Wrecker at ECS 171 aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex, Feb. 4. ECS 171 employees maintain and store various types of equipment for use by Army units rotating to Fort Irwin for training.



Sgt. Roy Balambao and Sgt. Franco Banda, recovery specialists with Tomahawk Troop, Regimental Engineer Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Division, U.S. Army out of Fort Hood Texas test a crane on a Hemet Wrecker they are transporting from ECS 171 on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin for training, Feb. 5. Once done with the equipment, 3rd Cav Soldiers will clean the equipment and ensure that they return it in even better condition than when they received it. Among the types of equipment they borrowed that day were Hemet Wreckers, Up-Armored HMMWVs and a Load Handling system with a Forward Repair System.

Recycling at MCLB Barstow

Submitted By:
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Deputy Director
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Recycling helps protect the environment by saving energy and reducing waste. Marine Corps Order 5090.2A Change 3, Chapter 17 and DoD Policy, requires all installations and commands to establish recycling programs and procedures. MCLB Barstow has a Qualified Recycling Program (QRP). The QRP tracks materials and ensures that at least 50 percent of all solid waste is diverted from the landfill; this is required by the state of California. In fact MCLB Barstow diverts about 75 percent of its solid waste away from the landfill to be recycled.

MCLB Barstow recycles a wide variety of materials from your typical plastic, paper, and

aluminum to other materials such as batteries, scrap metal/wood, and used oil and lubricants. The proceeds from the recycling are used to help support not only the QRP but MCCS and other

MCLB activities as well such as the Marine Corps Ball, Halloween Haunt, and Base Christmas Party.

You can help by recycling everything you can to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. If you see debris around your work area pick it up and place it in the correct trash or recycle bin. Keep our base clean and free of environmental

pollution. Blue recycling containers and cardboard dumpsters are located throughout the base. Ensure the blue recycling containers are placed outside at the designated location on the day of pickup. Shredded paper should be bagged prior to placing in the blue bins.



Photo by Carlos Guerra

Driver Scott Figueroa working with laborer Clayton Clark pick up recycling bins Feb. 10 in front of building 204 aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

MCLB Barstow

Comingled Recyclables (Blue Bins)

Wednesdays After 7:30 A.m.

Cardboard Dumpsters

Tuesdays/Fridays

Desert View Housing

Comingled Recyclables (Blue Bins)

Tuesdays per distributed schedule

Bulky Items

Contact Housing Maintenance

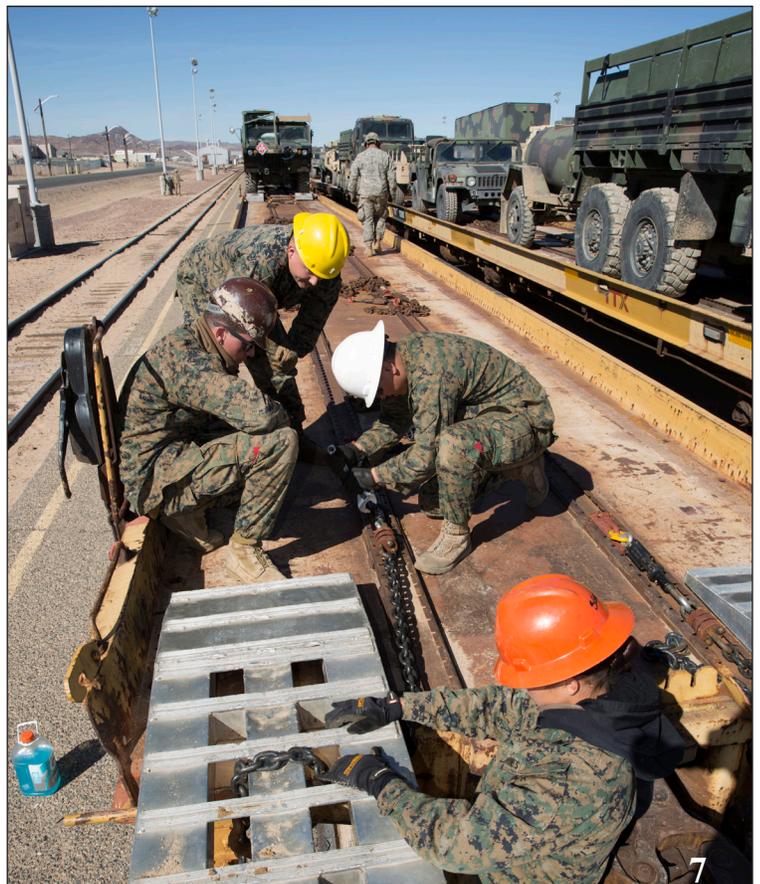
Marines guide Soldiers in railway operations

Photos and Story By:
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Combat Camera Chief

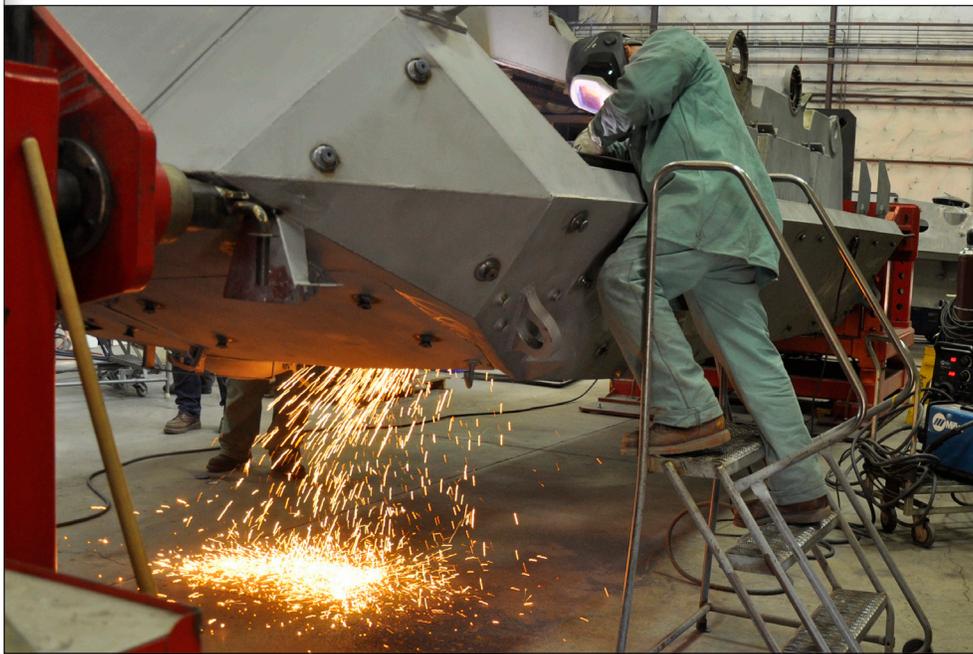
Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 5, based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., participated in advanced railway operations training at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Rail Operations School led

by Chad Hildebrandt, Feb. 5. With Hildebrandt's support and leadership, the Marines went on to supervise and assist visiting soldiers loading hundreds of vehicles onto rail cars prior to departing MCLB Barstow. The MCLB Barstow Rail Operations

School, the only one of its kind in the Department of Defense, provides hands-on intermediate and advanced rail training to military personnel that equips them to better support their unit transportation needs and those of the DoD as a whole. 



Welder uses LAV Trunion for full access



Alcario Castaneda, journeyman welder, uses a plasma cutter and Light Armored Vehicle Trunion to remove a panel from a LAV, in the weld shop at Production Plant Barstow, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex, Feb 3. Castaneda has been with the department for approximately six years and uses various types of equipment to assist in the repair of equipment damaged in the field. The LAV Trunion holds the LAV on both ends keeping it off the ground and allowing for full rotation. This gives the welders the ability to work on all angles, edges and curves without impediment.

Photo By: Laurie Pearson

Volunteer time, get rewarded

Compiled and Edited by
Keith Hayes

The Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal was established by the President of the United States in 1993 to recognize members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces or their Reservist components who contributes significant time and effort to serving a civilian or military family community.

The Department of Defense regulations governing the awarding of the MOVSM intentionally leaves the definition of volunteer service vague to allow for a wide variety of activities and volunteer duties. Typical volunteer work includes Volunteer Emergency Services such as the Civil Air Patrol, Habitat for Humanity, soup kitchen work, etc.

Manning a community crisis action telephone line for a sustained period of time would be considered as worthy of consideration for the MOVSM, but attending membership meetings or social events of a community service group is not considered qualifying service.

8 For volunteer service

conducted aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow or off base in a civilian community, the hours would be kept track of by the organization for which the service member is working.



There is no time limit required for the MOVSM however most awarding authorities require that the volunteer service must exceed three years in length and/or 500 hours of service. Since the

award is classified as a service medal, there is no citation which accompanies the award however some commanders will present a personal letter to those who receive the MOVSM. Multiple awards of the MOVSM are denoted by service stars.

To elaborate, a Military member's volunteer service must be significant in nature and produce tangible results; reflect favorably on the service member's Military Department and the DoD and be of a sustained, direct and voluntary nature, not detailed or tasked, nor performed as part of a military mission (for example, a unit project).

Multiple awards of the MOVSM during a single tour of duty are not authorized. However, a sustained record of significant community service performed during successive tours may be considered by approval authorities.

For more information and procedures for nominating a Service Member for the MOVSM see DoD Manual 1348.33, Vol. 2 and MARADMIN 461/00. 🏆

VA Home gets helping hand from Marines

Story and Photos by:
Rob L. Jackson
Public Affairs Officer

It was a mission that only a few volunteered to take on. The objective: Go in, in stealth mode, remove equipment from one area and reassemble it in another, and go out as quietly as they came in.

Although this may sound like a frag order from a higher command, or the opening to a new movie, it was actually a call for assistance from the Veterans Home of California-Barstow to Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

The Vet Home asked for volunteers to help them remove exercise equipment from two areas of the facility and reassemble it in an area which would become the main workout room for the residents.

When the volunteers showed up Teresa Rochester, public information officer for the facility, was quite surprised.

"I was hoping for only about five or six people," she said. Instead 14

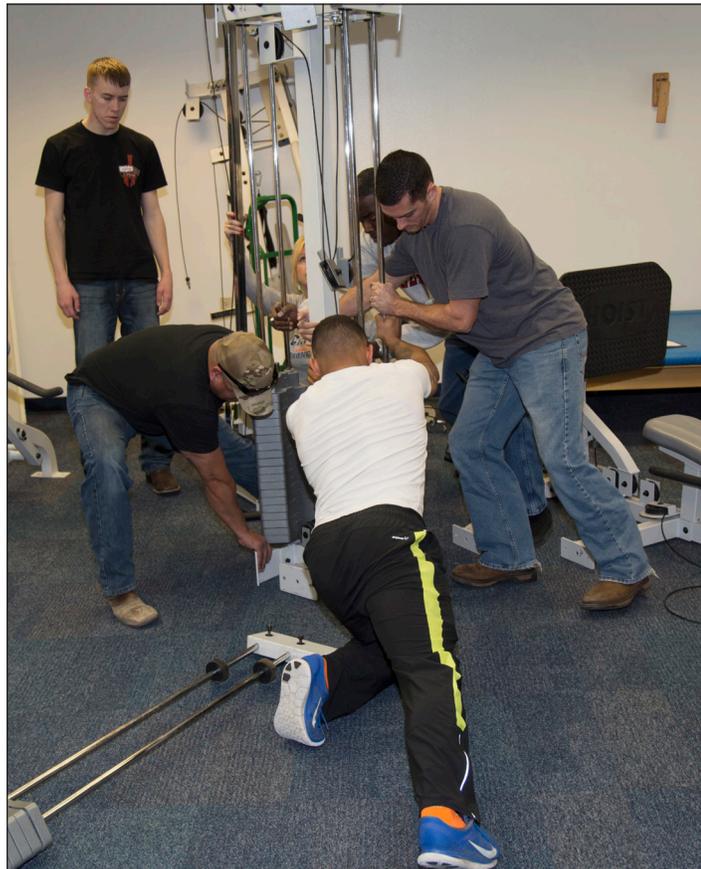
people – Marines, a Sailor and a few dependents – volunteered to give up a Saturday morning to provide the help she requested.

Once the group was shown which equipment was to be moved and where, led by Master Sgt. Abram Milton and Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Garcia, the volunteers wasted no time getting their hands dirty and moving the gear.

While they were moving gear into its new location a few spectators decided to come out and see what was going on.



Fourteen volunteers, to include MCLB Barstow Marines, a Sailor, and a few dependents gave their time Feb. 6 to assist the Veterans Home with setting up a work out room for the residents.



Part of the group of MCLB Barstow volunteers team up to readjust the placement of a universal gym, although in pieces, to make sure it is placed in its proper spot in the Veterans Home of California work out room.

One such spectator was 93-year-old Don Gantenbien, a Coast Guard veteran of World War II.

After observing the group for a few minutes and figuring out what they were doing Gantenbien said, "We're going to love this."

Another couple standing by watching the activity was David and Mary Doolittle. Initially, 68-year-old David had many questions about where some of the equipment was and will the group of volunteers finish the task at hand.

For the Doolittles the workout room is a very important part of their daily routine, especially for Mary. At age 70, Mary said working out every day is important to keeping her diabetes under control. She is very health conscious and has been that way since she was involved in a car accident which nearly took her life.

"We've been waiting for this for a very long time," she said referring to the in-house gym. "I use the workout room every day and because of that, my doctors are very surprised when they see my diabetes levels lower than what they expected to see."

"We just want to thank you guys so much for doing this for us, it really means a lot," said Mary.

Not long after the small group of spectators left, the group of volunteers completed their mission. The gear had been moved, setup and was waiting for the first customers to come through the door.

Rochester thought that it would take the MCLB group a few days to get it all done; instead they completed the task in just less than three hours.

"I can't thank you guys enough for coming out and giving us a hand with this. I know the residents will enjoy it very much," she said. She then invited the hard-working volunteers to join the residents for lunch.



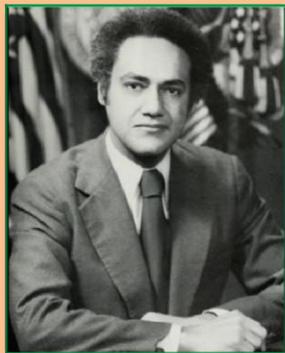
This Day in **BLACK HISTORY**
February 11th



Nelson Mandela – 2009

Released after 27 years in prison

- Led armed resistance against the South African policy of apartheid
- Imprisoned in 1964 and became a worldwide symbol of resistance to oppression
- Awarded Nobel Peace Prize in 1993, three years after release from prison
- Elected as the first black president of South Africa in 1994 and during that time apartheid was abolished.



Clifford Alexander Jr – 1977

Appointed first black Secretary of the Army

- Appointed by President Jimmy Carter
- Served as Secretary for four years and helped implement all-volunteer military
- Emphasized the awarding of military contracts to minority businesses



Josh White – 1914

Born Greenville, North Carolina

- American singer, guitarist, songwriter, actor, and civil rights activist
- First black singer-guitarist to star in Hollywood films and Broadway
- First black performer to give a White House command performance
- First black entertainer to perform in previously segregated hotels
- First black musician to get a million-selling record, "One Meatball"

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

Submitted By:

LT Heath Taylor

Staff Chaplain

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton

As we began this new year many of us probably went through the process of writing down our New Year's Resolutions. We made lists of goals that we have every intention, at least at the time, of accomplishing throughout the year. In years past, I have used the dawning of a new year to make a fresh start and think hard about what I wanted to accomplish or change in my life over the next 12 months only to revisit the list a few short weeks or months later and become discouraged at my progress or lack thereof.

I remember reading an article years ago that explained the difference between aspirational and realized goals. The article explained that aspirational goals are ones that simply hope or desire to accomplish an intention such as 'lose 20 pounds this year,' 'begin to eat healthier' or 'serve and become more involved in my community.' There is nothing wrong with aspirational goals except that they lack a strategic vision and plan associated with them and as a result of a general lack of focus, they're often never fully followed through and achieved. Realized goals, on the other hand, are ones that begin in the aspirational sphere but then are clearly and strategically thought through until a plan with a laser focus for accomplishment accompanies them. These goals have attached to them a clear plan that serves as a road map with milestones and checkpoints along the way to help guide you along until they are fully accomplished.

As we make physical, professional and organizational goals for the year, we may also look to set some goals that will help us rekindle and pursue our spiritual interests as well. Perhaps your aspirational goal is to get more involved serving in your community. Rather than allowing the goal to remain in the 'good intention' category, be proactive and schedule a meeting with a leader at your church, synagogue, mosque or local charitable organization and find how you can best volunteer your time and unique talents to serve others. You might also visit your local library or bookstore and join a book club focusing on spiritual interests or self-improvement. Just as failing to feed your body good nutritional sustenance will eventually result in poor physical health, ignoring and neglecting your spiritual interests and desires will lead to poor spiritual well-being. By being focused and intentional, we can incorporate habits into our recurring routines that feed our spirits and in turn, give us the mental and emotional energy we need

to accomplish realized goals in other categories of our lives. So as you go about making and revisiting your New Year resolutions a little over a month into 2016, be sure to think through the planning and execution phases and include the checkpoints along the way that allow you to turn your 'aspirational' goals into 'realized' goals. Good luck, and may God enable you to accomplish all that you set out to do in 2016. 🦁





UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Battle Color Ceremony



MARCH 6TH, 2016, 1 P.M.

SORENSEN FIELD

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW