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MCLB to welcome new base sergeant major



Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow will receive a new base sergeant major during a public Relief and Appointment ceremony scheduled for 9 a.m., March 3, in front of the Headquarters Building 15.

Sgt. Maj. Sergio MartinezRuiz will replace Sgt. Maj. Karl D. Simburger, who has been reassigned as the sergeant major for the Wounded Warrior Regiment¹, Quantico, Va.

Prior to reporting MCLB Barstow Sgt. Maj. MartinezRuiz was the group sergeant major for Marine Aircraft Group 12, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan.

Sgt. Maj. MartinezRuiz holds an Associate of Arts Degree and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Homeland Security.

His personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, with one Gold Star in lieu of second award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one Gold Star in lieu of a second award.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the James L. Day Conference Center, Bldg. 38, located at Iwo Jima and James A. Brewer Streets.

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On The Cover:

Front Cover: Carlos Guerra

Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 453 from San Jose, Calif., watch as the rear hatch of an amphibious assault vehicle is lowered during their visit to Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow Calif. Feb 19. The Marines were provided with test track demonstrations, a period of military education on Marine Rail Operations, and a tour of Production Plant Barstow.

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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35th Annual Barstow Community Recognition Awards

FEBRUARY 27, 2016



\$25 pre-sale tickets
 \$35 per ticket after 2/12/2016
 Social Mixer 5:30 p.m.
 Program 7:00 p.m.

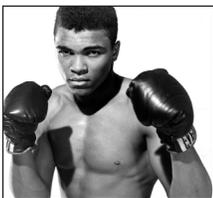


Seating Is Limited and Reserved
 Event will be held at Barstow Community College's
 Performing Arts Center
 Tickets available at the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce
 For more information, call the chamber office at (760) 256-8617



Got news? Call us! (760) 577-6430

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Leave Share Program

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

Billie Butts

Stephen Martin

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

NMCRS is

Seeking Volunteers

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Barstow is looking to fill volunteer positions for the following: Chairman of Volunteers (COV to manage volunteer operations in partnership with NMCRS Camp Pendleton; Director and Thrift Store Contributors/Volunteers. The COV position is highly regarded within the Society and will contribute greatly towards job training and experience. If you have a passion for retail, the NMCRS Thrift Store is definitely for you! We are seeking people with energy, passion and creativity to help sort, display and market the various forms of donations that come in. NMCRS offers mileage and childcare reimbursement, as well. Interested candidates, please email retna.shaw@nmcrs.org or hannah.hick@nmcrs.com.

Community Counseling Program Movie Night

March 11 5-7 p.m.

Desert Lanes Bowling Center

CCCP movie nights are designed to increase family togetherness and awareness to what the program offers in a fun and relaxed environment. Bring your family and join us as we watch "Pan." Bowling lanes will be free and refreshments will be available for purchase. Be sure to stop by the information booth before the movie starts! For more information contact Marine and Family Programs at 577-6533.

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.

Story Time & Craft

March 1 10 a.m.

Bldg. 17

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with us as we read *There's a Wocket in My Pocket*; a rhyming story about a little boy who has many different creatures living in his house. Tell us what kind of interesting creatures live in your house and make a fun craft. For more information contact Library Services at 577-6395.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash

Weds. March 2

10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Hobby Shop

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with us as we read stories, play games, take pictures, color and sing Happy Birthday to one of the most famous childrens authors of all time! 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.

LINKS Team Meeting Getting Along

Tues. March 8 9:30 a.m.

Hobby Shop

Formerly known as the Spouse Social - we are tackling another common theme among military spouses: Getting Along. In an environment of constant change, it's not hard to believe that at some point as a military spouse you will have a communication glitch with someone and how will you deal with it? Come learn some positive communication tips on how to get along with other military spouses. Please feel free to share your stories so others may learn from your experiences. For more information contact Marine Corps Family Team Building at 577-6675.

Wellness Series

Weds. March 9 9-11 a.m.

Hobby Shop

The Wellness Series emphasizes the importance of knowledge, attitudes and practices relating to personal health and wellness. March's Topic: Growing a Garden! Join us in welcoming a special guest who will help us learn what types of plants and vegetables grow well in this climate as well as how to grow an herb garden and more. All participants must register at wellnessmar2016.eventbrite.com. For more information contact Marine and Family Programs at 577-6533.

Energy Tips

Heat your home with the sun's help. Leave window shades or blinds open during the day time. Consider using solar heat to supplement your normal heating source. Also, changing the filter in your heating system every month keeps your system working at maximum efficiency and reduces electricity costs.

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

This Day in

BLACK HISTORY

February 25th

Martin Luther King Jr – 1948

Ordained as Baptist minister

- **1956** - MLK emerges as national civil right leader after U.S. Supreme Court rules bus segregation laws unconstitutional following the Montgomery bus boycott led by King
- **1963** - King delivers "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial attended by more than 250,000 people
- **1968** - King is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, by James Earl Ray
- **2011** - The Martin Luther King, Jr National Memorial in Washington, D.C. is dedicated



Albany State University – 1903

Founded in Albany Georgia

- Albany State University established to educate African American youth in southwestern Georgia in 1903
- Originally founded by Joseph Winthrop Holley, son of former slaves, as a Bible and agricultural school
- ASU students among the more than 1,000 black protestors arrested in 1961 during protests over two black Americans being arrested for refusing to leave white waiting room at Albany bus station



Ali defeats Liston – 1964

First heavyweight boxer to win championship 3 times

- Underdog Cassius Clay, age 22, defeats champion Sonny Liston in to win his first world heavyweight boxing crown
- In a rematch, now Muhammad Ali defeats Liston in controversial first round knockout in Lewiston, Maine
- Ali's career record includes 56 wins, 5 losses and 37 knockouts



Marine Reserve Unit, CLB

Story by:
Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Marine Reservists with Combat Logistics Battalion 453, out of San Jose, Calif., served a long weekend aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., touring the facility and building relationships, starting Thursday, Feb. 18.

To ensure that their Marines maintain Military Occupational Specialty credibility, Major Elizabeth Perez, commanding officer and others in their chain-of-command, decided that visiting a base such as MCLB Barstow would provide a great opportunity to get hands-on experience with what their warfighters would do on a daily basis if activated, said Chief Warrant Officer Victor Jensen, company operations officer and distribution management officer.

“Marines can build relationships and see what you’ve got here,” said Jensen.

Gunnery Sgt. Michael Voorhees, operations chief for MCLB Barstow, set up tour rotations, separating the Marines into groups. The tours included visits to Production Plant Barstow’s maintenance facilities,

railway operations, warehouses, barracks and general operations.

“The Rail Operations Training Course provides MOS specific training to the DMO (Distribution Management Office) Reservists of CLB 453,” said Chad Hildebrandt, supervisor of Railway Operations for Marine Corps Installations West aboard MCLB Barstow. “This is important not only as it fulfills their T&R (Training and Readiness) training requirements, but in addition it provides the ability for this unit to support their hierarchy command of active duty units in the event they need to mobilize and support. Marines are Marines, whether they are active duty or reservists, and by training all Marines to the same standard, it increases and solidifies the Marine Corps’ ability to efficiently and effectively conduct Logistics Operations and Support.”

“If we get activated to augment active duty forces, it will be to work in cargo and freight mostly,” said Jensen. “The more training, the better.”

In addition, the reservists may find opportunities to assist with future rotations and exercises, thereby

gaining additional experience, explained Jensen.

“The Marines of CLB 453 approached this training with true professionalism and zeal as you would expect any Marine Corps unit to do,” said Hildebrandt. “They were a true pleasure to have aboard MCLB Barstow and I hope to see them return for more training in the future.”



Photos by: Carlos Guerra



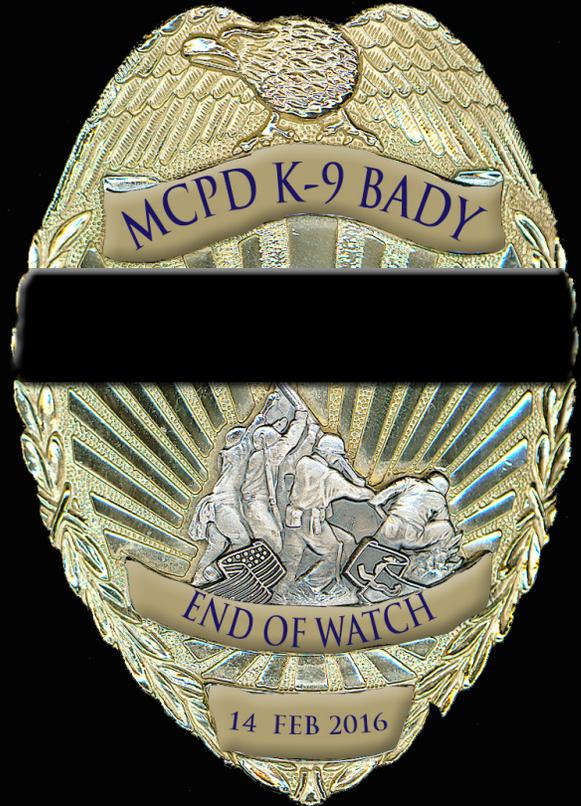
453, tours MCLB Barstow



A HERO REMEMBERED... NEVER DIES

Story and graphic by:
Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

K-9 Officer Bady began his tour of duty aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow in May 2015 at which time he was partnered with Cpl. Gilberto Navarrete. The team was certified within 57 days as an explosives detection team, nearly three weeks ahead of schedule. In addition to providing patrol and detection services for the base, Cpl. Navarrete and K-9 Bady also provided detection support for the United States Secret Service and State Department for Pope Frances during his visit to New York City, to include his address to the U.N. General Assembly in Sept. 2015; President of the United States during a visit to San Jose, Calif., February, 2016; as well as a joint law enforcement mutual aid call during the terrorist attacks in San Bernardino, Calif., in December, 2015. They received a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of the Secret Service and then a Meritorious Conduct Medal for their assistance during the Dec. 2 San Bernardino terrorist attack. Bady succumbed to illness on Feb. 14, 2016. He will be deeply missed. Rest in peace War-Dog. 



Running for the glory: Baker to Vegas run

Story by:
Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

There will be a team from the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Police Department participating when the Los Angeles Police Department Revolver and Athletic Club's 32nd annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay 2016 kicks off March 19.

Also known variously as the Baker to Vegas Law Enforcement Run, Baker to Vegas or simply B2V, Chuck Foote has coordinated the race for its entire 32 year history.

Foote is a Los Angeles Police Department officer who founded the race in 1985. The event is for active law enforcement officers. He says the relay this year has 268 teams signed up, composed of 20 runners each. That works out to more than 5,300 runners, not including the support personnel with each team.

Foote said the teams are from diverse areas.

"The farthest away would be a team from Belize (in Central America), a team from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a team from the New York City Police Department," Foote said. "Fifty percent of the 268 teams will earn a one liter race mug; that's what they're running for. The overall first place team also wins a belt buckle and bragging rights," Foote concluded.

Barstow Officer Jose Barrientos is the captain of this year's team, as he has been for the four of the five past races in which Barstow law enforcement has participated. The Barstow team being fielded is made up of 11 members of the MCLB Barstow Police Department and 13 officers from the Barstow City Police Department.

At a recent fund-raising barbecue to help pay the \$2,100 entrance fee per team, Barrientos described the reason for the team's participation.

Service and even the Department of Defense investigations," Barrientos said.

The race consists of 20 "legs" ranging from the shortest of around four miles to the longest at nearly 11 miles he explained.

Officer Liz Warren heads up the Marine Corps Police Department's contingent of the combined team.

"Our part of the team includes ten runners and one alternate runner," Warren said.

She explained the race starts off just outside Baker and ends 120 miles away at the finish line inside the Westgate Las Vegas Resort.

Barrientos said with such a large group of runners the teams start off at different times.

"The teams take off with staggered start times, but our team sets out at 9 a.m.," he said.

"I feel good about completing the race this year in 18 hours. We have a lot of strong runners within my department and from the MCPD," Barrientos said.

"Police officers are known for riding around for long periods of time

in a patrol car then suddenly having to erupt into activity to chase someone down on foot," Barrientos said, "That's why I support this race because I believe in maintaining a healthy body to sustain you in the law enforcement field."



Photo by: Sgt. Moises Machuca

(Left) Anna Jones, Marine Corps Logistics Base Fire Department, Cheri Magorno, Public Affairs Office and Charles Ayers, MCLB Police Department, line up at Barstow City Fire Department Headquarters to chow down at a fund-raising barbecue to pay for the \$2,100 entrance fee for each team in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Feb. 18.

"I believe in promoting physical fitness for law enforcement," he said, "and that's why I take the lead in forming a team every year," Barrientos said.

The law enforcement community is not only the local cop on the beat, but national agencies as well.

"The FBI has a team, the CIA has a team, as does the Secret



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MARCH 11 - 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

29 Palms Tax Center Marines are coming to MCLB Barstow on Feb.26 and March 11 to provide FREE tax services. If you have filed for an extension, we can help you. If you have not filed for an extension, we can still help you. If you have just returned from deployment, we can help you. If you have made an error on your prior year taxes, we can help you. If you have not filed up to 3 years worth of taxes, we can also help you.

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