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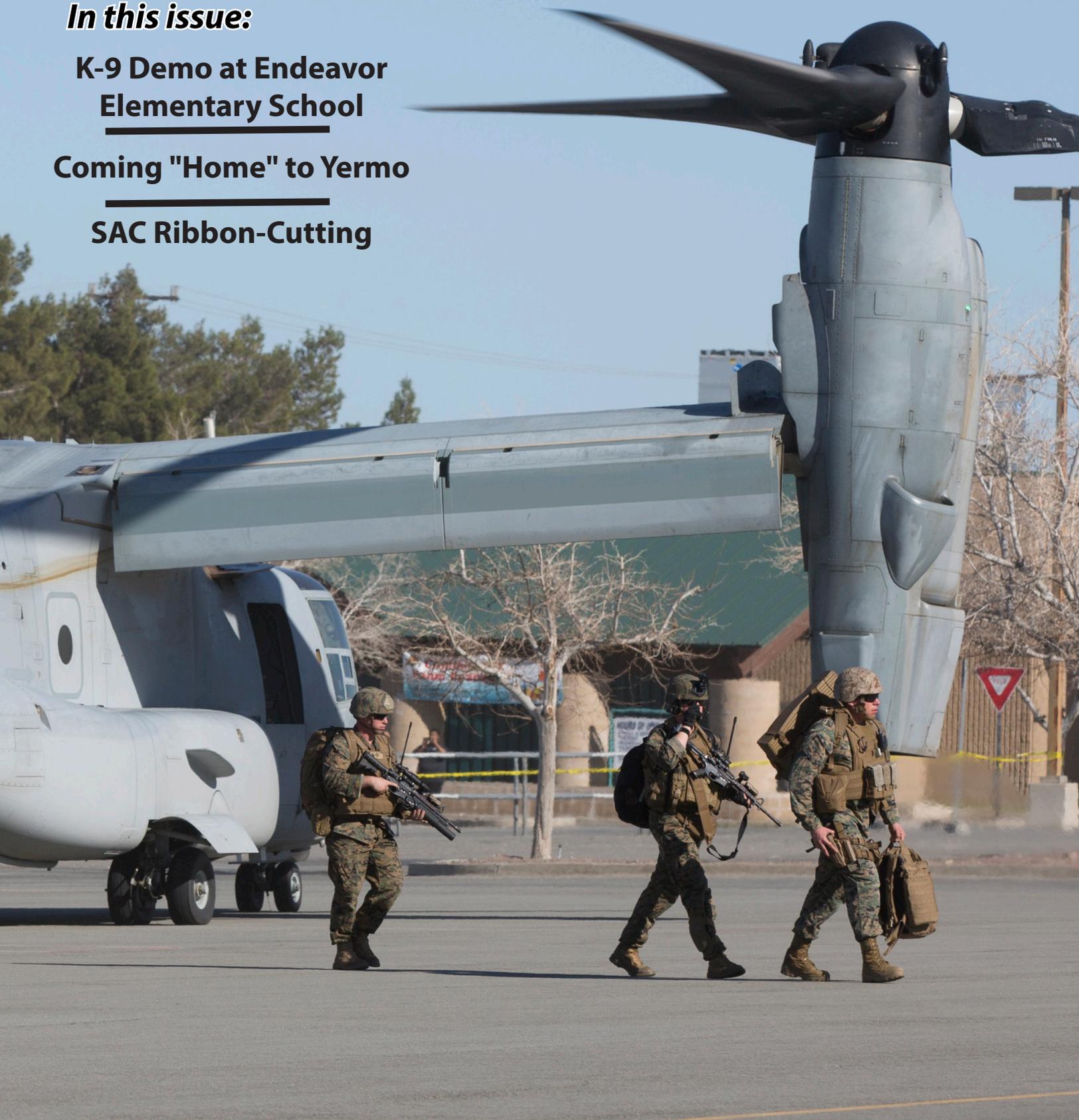
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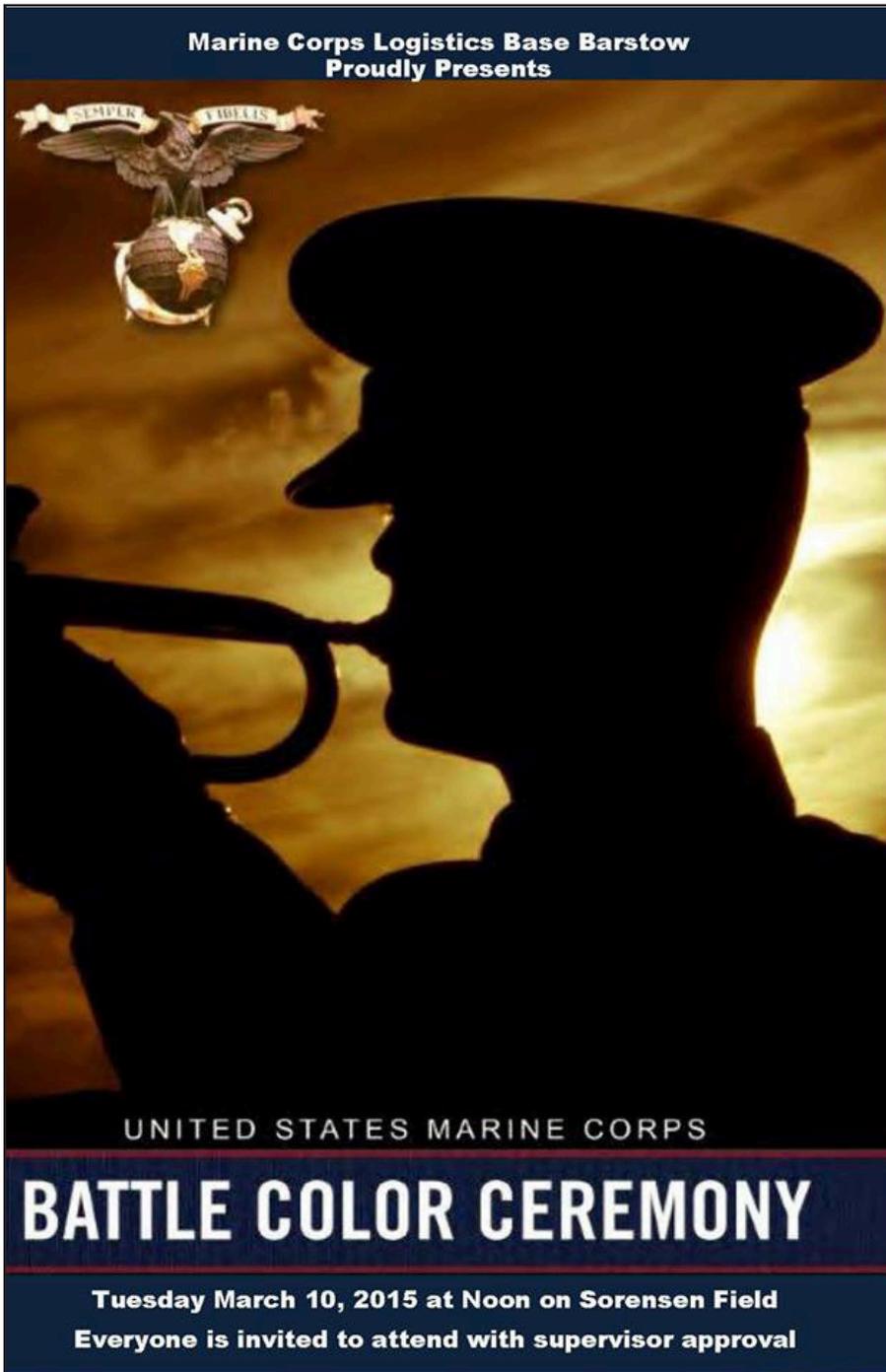
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Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Two V-22 Osprey aircraft brought reinforcements to MCLB Barstow, Calif. as part of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force Embassy Reinforcement Exercise, Feb. 10. The week-long exercise was held at a training barracks, and simulated a mass protest outside an embassy building. Marine and civilian actors, including Iraqi role-players, pretended to escalate the situation with "flash-bangs" and rifle fire, prompting an evacuation. More coverage will appear in the Feb. 26 edition.



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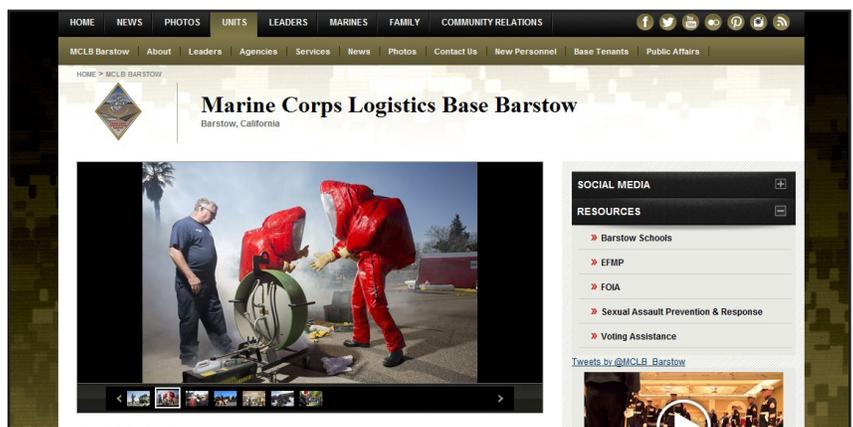




Photo by: Cpl. Samuel Ranney

Marines stationed on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., hone their Marine Corps Martial Arts Program moves. The Marines are getting sustainment hours while working toward their brown belts. MCMAP builds on combat readiness, physical fitness and the warrior ethos.

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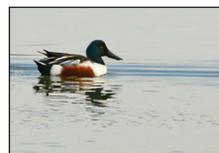
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Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and are in need of leave donations:

Cheryle Magorno

Wanetta Blackwell

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

Anger Management

Join Marine and Family Programs for eight anger control tools to learn before it's too late, Tuesdays at 1 p.m., through Feb. 24. For more information, contact Marine and Family Programs at 760-577-6533. To register, visit angermanagement2015.eventbrite.com.

Play Morning

New Parent Support in conjunction with Marine Corps Family Team Building and Victor Community Support Services invites all active duty personnel and their dependents with children to attend Play Morning every Friday, 9 a.m., at the Desert View Housing Community Center. There will be singing, stories, crafts, and play-time. For more information, contact New Parent Support at 760-577-6533.

Daddy 'n Me

Join the dads and kids in your neighborhood for a Pre-Valentine's Day event, today, 5:30 p.m. at the Desert View Housing Community Center. There will be a picnic dinner, crafts for mom, and photo creations. To register for this event, visit daddyandme2015.eventbrite.com. For more information, call 760-577-6533.

Bear Mountain/Snow Summit Tickets

Bear Mountain and Snow Summit tickets are available now through March 15 at Information, Tours and Tickets. For information contact ITT at 577-6541.

Married, Loving It

Married and Loving It is a series of five classes designed to teach participants how to enjoy sharing their lives together by enhancing their marriage relationship. It will be held every Wednesday of February, 11 a.m. at the Family Services Conference Room. For more information contact Marine & Family Programs, 577-6533

Wellness Series - Feb. 18

The Wellness Series emphasizes the importance of knowledge, attitudes, and practices relating to personal health and wellness. A new topic will be covered each month and will help provide resilience, emotional stability, clear thinking, and a continued sense of self-improvement and growth to maintain a balanced and fulfilled lifestyle. Held in the James L. Day Conference Center at 9 a.m., the February topic is Communication. To register, visit wellnessfeb2015.eventbrite.com, or contact Marine & Family Programs at 577-6533.

Story Time & Craft with Play Morning - Feb. 20

Join parents and children in the Library, Building 17 at 9 a.m. for great stories of "I Can Be Anything" and "Giant Steps to Change the World." For more information contact Library Services at 577-6395.

Story Time and Craft Feb. 25

Join us in the Library, Building 17 at 10 a.m. for great stories of "I Can Be Anything" and "Giant Steps to Change the World."

For more information contact Library Services at 577-6395.

Marriage Enrichment Feb. 18

Build stronger bonds with your spouse in this two-hour Chaplain's Workshop, held 6:30 p.m. at Desert View Housing Community Center.

Call 577-6675 or 577-6408.

Bowling Center Ribbon-Cutting Feb. 26

Join the Commanding Officer's first roll in the remodeled Desert Lanes Bowling Center at 1:30 p.m. for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Single Marine Program will offer a delicious BBQ lunch that includes a hot dog, hamburger, chips, soda, and a free game including shoes for just \$6.00.

Lunch tickets are available at Desert Lanes, 577-6264, or through the Single Marine Program at 577-5889.

Bowling Center Grand Re-Opening - Feb. 27

Enjoy the Grand Re-Opening Glo-Bowl at 4:30 p.m. Bowl in a club-like atmosphere with new bowling machines, balls, seating, shoes and pins. All ages are welcome. Bowlers will receive a "Glowing Giveaway" with the purchase of their first game. One per person while supplies last. For more information, contact Desert Lanes, 577-6264.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

Return to the beloved Dr. Seuss tale of mischief and celebrate the joy of reading across the nation. Photos with the Cat in the Hat, games, crafts and more. For information contact Library Services, 577-6395.

Triple P Parenting Class

Raise happy, confident kids! Set family rules and routines that everyone respects and follows, argue less, balance work and family without constant stress and worry. Triple P is the Positive Parenting Program shown to help families in all types of situations. For children 0-12, join "Raising Resilient Children" at 9:30 a.m. For teens, join the "Getting Teens Connected" class at 1:30 p.m. Register at triplep2015.eventbrite.com. For information: 577-6533.

Mammoth Mountain Tickets

Pre-order tickets now through April 20; blackout dates apply. For information contact ITT at 577-6541.

PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD MCLB BARSTOW?

PASS THE TEST AND YOU ARE IN

Story by:

Keith Hayes

Public Affairs Specialist

Everyone who wants to get in to Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow must pass a background check, no exceptions.

Pedro Ruiz is the services officer for the Security and Emergency Services Department at this installation and is in charge of the pass and identification system which checks all people either visiting the base or applying for long-term contractor work here.

Ruiz said all short-term visitors to the base must get a clean bill of health through a driver's license check and a "wants and active arrest warrant" review conducted on the spot when they apply for access at the Pass and ID building 101.

There are times, said Ruiz, when a person trying to get onto MCLB Barstow has an existing arrest warrant.

"If you come in and you have outstanding warrants, you will be detained on the spot, plain and simple. Then we notify the agency that issued the warrant that we have that person in custody."

Ruiz said the civilian agency will then decide if the person is to be arrested or let go on their own recognizance. "But regardless of whether the person is arrested or released we will not let them on base, no matter what," Ruiz said.

Marine Corps Police Department Deputy Chief William Atkinson said contractors who want to work aboard base for a longer term must first submit a vetting form through their government sponsor.

"The vetting form consists of the government sponsor's information and the

"Be honest when preparing your vetting form because we will find out if anything is misrepresented."
-- Police Chief Darwin O'Neal

personal data from the person we are going to vet," the deputy chief explained.

Those undergoing the vetting process face a deep scan of their criminal backgrounds, if any, in addition to the driver's license and "wants and active arrest warrant" review.

"We deny access to about seven percent

access through the vetting process," he said.

The background check process is ongoing. "Personnel who have been granted access to the installation are vetted on a continuous basis through the RapidGate system and the current installation's vetting process. Changes to a criminal history check can result in a person being denied access even if that person has previously passed the background check and has

obtained clearance to enter MCLB," Atkinson said.

Police Chief Darwin O'Neal emphasized that the continuous vetting process is critical to ensure no one is on base who could present a danger to others. He has some very straight forward advice to personnel who want to maintain their entry privileges.

"Be honest when preparing your vetting form because we will find out if anything is misrepresented, and keep your background history updated," O'Neal said.

Services officer Ruiz acknowledged that the pass and identification system may be inconvenient at times and slow down the workday for some people trying to get on to MCLB Barstow, but there is a very real need for the process.

"When people come aboard the installation they have to understand that we have a certain standard and that they are required to meet that standard. If they don't, then they can't get in. It's nothing personal, but it's our mission to try and keep the base safe."

MCLB PASS & ID - Building 101

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Contractor Badges - Rapid Gate Badges

Weapons Registration - Pet Registration

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of the people who submit a vetting form," Atkinson said.

Rapid Gate is a relatively new computer-aided system now being used at MCLB Barstow and many other installations.

Atkinson said the handheld RapidGate scanners used by the police officers at the gates of MCLB Barstow store the names of those not allowed to enter the base.

"The debarment list (on the RapidGate scanners) contain the names of those barred from entering the base because of misconduct and those whom we have denied

K-9 Endeavor

Officers demonstrate skills for elementary students

Story and photos by:
Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist



Officers with the Marine Corps Police Department aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow conducted K-9 demonstrations for kindergartners, first-graders and staff at Endeavor Elementary School, Feb. 4.

The demonstration was a follow-up to a Haiku Deck digital presentation about K-9 officer teams, created by seven-year-old Logan Witcher, a student at the school and the son of MCPD Lt. Justin Witcher, accident

investigations chief at MCLB Barstow. Haiku Deck is a new website and software which EES uses to help children create presentations similar to PowerPoint.

As part of the demonstration, Witcher role-played as a suspect, donned a 35-pound bite suit and hid in a shed in order for Sgt. Steven Goss, K-9 trainer at MCLB Barstow and K-9 Hokey to find and apprehend him in front of the children.

Later, Logan and his five-year-old sister Ryley, also a student at EES, were able to try on portions of the training suit to get a feel for what it might be like to take part in the training. Lt. Robert R. Ortiz, MCLB Barstow's kennel master and K-9 Ricsi demonstrated how K-9 teams detect things and explained that the teams specialize in types of detection, such as explosives or narcotics. The officers further demonstrated why the canine prey drive is so crucial in the training and reward process by presenting Ricsi with a red kong toy after successfully finding hidden narcotics.

Ricsi, shaking with excitement, pounced on the kong, only reluctantly returning it to Ortiz at the end of the event.



Ryley Witcher, 5, and her brother Logan, 7, try on the bite suit worn by their father. The full suit weighs approximately 35 pounds and protects officers from K-9 bites during training.



Top and right: Sgt. Steven Goss, K-9 trainer at MCLBB, and K-9 Hokey engage in a search and apprehension of Lt. Justin Witcher, accident investigations chief at MCLB Barstow, during a demonstration at Endeavor Elementary School, Feb. 4.

SAC Grand Opening

MCLB school-age children in for a treat

Story and photos by:
Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

After more than a year of construction, a new and improved School-Age Care Center on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., officially opened Feb. 5, during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Children gave attendees a tour of their new facility and cut the celebratory cake with Col. Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow.

Denise Niblack, Family Care branch manager here who helped design the facility, explained how excited parents are to have their children enrolled here. It has a training room; an art room; space for karate classes; a studio for dance, ballet, and Zumba®; and a quiet study room for children to do homework.

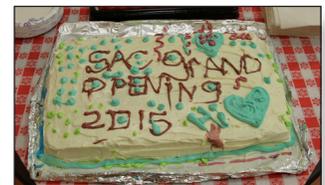
“The other facility was getting too old,” said Niblack. “It wasn’t meeting requirements ... this new facility will allow the staff to better accomplish the curriculum. The children will be in a better environment to (enhance) their learning.”

The SAC offers before and after school care and all-day care during the summer, she said. The programs are available to all children on base, not just the ones enrolled in the school-age care.

“It’s very well done,” said Scalise. “We will enjoy this building for many years to come.”



(From left to right) Colonel Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Isaac Thurston, 11, and Thomas Perez Jr., 5, children who attend School-Age Care here, and Carey Carr, the SAC and Child Development Center director, cut the ribbon to officially open the new SAC center, Feb. 5.



Coming "home" to Yermo

Story and photos by:
Cindy McIntyre
Editorial Assistant

At some point in a person's life, there may be a desire to rekindle memories by visiting a childhood home. After living in nearby Riverside, Calif. for nearly five decades, attorney Christopher Carpenter decided it was time to come "home" to Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Yermo Annex.

Although he was only four years old when his father, Navy Lt. William E. Carpenter, was stationed there during World War II, he wanted to see if there were any physical memories left. He also wanted to donate his family photos from those years to the historical gallery in the Public Affairs building 204.

"It was an Army installation then," said Carpenter. "It was called Yermo H&R Point (Holding and Reconsignment Point, under the Office of the Chief of Transportation)." His father handled transportation logistics, coordinating with ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach to move equipment to the Pacific theatre of operations.

"We lived on base from summer of 1944 to May 1945," said Carpenter. Then the family, which included his younger sister Carol and mother Margaret, moved off-post before his brother was born. He showed a photograph of his family next to the Yermo swimming pool, which no longer exists. Taking black-and-white photographs from his album's pages, he left several of them with the public affairs office.

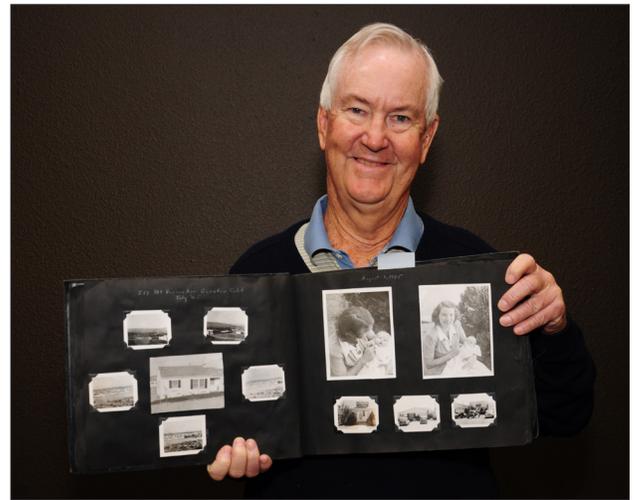
"My kids wouldn't know what to do with them," he said, thinking of posterity. "They'll have more meaning here."

Carpenter took a driving tour of Yermo Annex, now the Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, and Fleet Support Division. Leaving from the Nebo back gate down old U.S. Route 66, Carpenter toured the storage yards and buildings, but said he did not recognize anything from his childhood. It was all gone.

"I was surprised there was nothing left from World War II," he said.



A photograph of Navy Lt. William E. Carpenter taken during World War II, at the Yermo Holding & Reconsignment Point.



Christopher Carpenter with album of photos from his childhood. Below: Carpenter, age 4, at Yermo H&R.

However, he was impressed with the extent of the rail operations at the base, and promised to bring his brother, a railroad buff, on his next visit.

Yermo H&R Point was activated by the War Department on July 22, 1942 to regulate the flow of supplies into West Coast ports. Units stationed there were 359th and 362nd Quartermaster Service Companies, and the 7907th Service Command Unit. Italian POW units were also housed there during the war.

Carpenter remembers the POWs well. "They were quite visible, picking up trash and filling oil drums," he said. "They patted us on the head and called us 'bambinos' and made a fuss over us."

According to the National Archives, eight acres of the Yermo land was sold to the Los Angeles Railroad Company on March 16, 1944 for \$128.50. The H&R activities were discontinued on Sept. 30, 1945 and the property, facilities, and supplies transferred to the jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General as the Yermo Quartermaster Subdepot. In Oct. 1946 the facility was annexed to Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, and renamed Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow in Nov. 1978.



Now encompassing 1,859 acres, Yermo Annex is primarily a storage and industrial complex.

BIRDING – HOBBY OR OBSESSION?

Commentary and photos by:
Cindy McIntyre
Editorial Assistant



Explaining why you watch birds is like explaining why you like football. Or hunting. Or cake decorating. Some people will never get it. Never. Others will be mildly interested. And the chosen few will become converts.

Actually, birding is a lot like hunting, except that you let your quarry live to sing another day. For both sports, it's the "thrill of the hunt" that gives the adrenaline rush. I was explaining this to two novice birders at the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Tees & Trees Golf Course on Jan. 10.

Natural and cultural resources specialist Stephanie White organized this outing in hopes of getting military families interested in birds as a hobby. Julie Wilbanks, director of Marine Corps Family Team Building and Family Readiness Officer of MCLB Barstow, showed up with her husband Fred and a new pair of binoculars. I pounced with evangelical zeal.

"Some birders keep a life list," I said. "It's all the bird species we've seen throughout our entire lives. As for me, I don't feel a sighting really counts until I get a decent photograph of it. Then I



want to hang out with the bird, getting to know its habits, to 'experience' it rather than just see it." (My life list is 441 species and counting.)

Devotees of any hobby are understandably passionate about the thing that lifts their spirits. And so it is with birders. "Vermilion flycatcher!" said White excitedly. Binoculars were immediately trained in the general area. "In the second pine tree, by the fence."

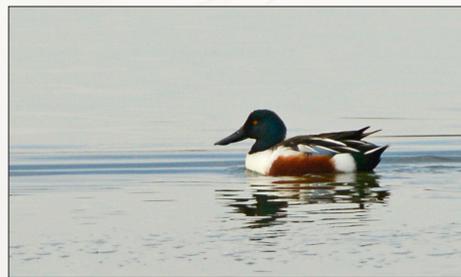
Finally a cherry red dot dropped to the ground, ingested a bug, and returned to his perch. We knew it was a male because females lack the vivid coloration. We moved in, but the bird kept his distance. However, with binoculars, we saw his black mask and wings, giving a dapper contrast to this very lovely little gem. Sweet, sweet, sweet.

We were joined by a member of the San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society, Bill Deppe, who wants to help White establish an official Christmas Bird Count circle in and near the base next year. Deppe, an environmental consultant from Apple Valley and organizer of a recent Christmas Bird Count in Victorville, is very familiar with the bird species typically found here in winter, and where to find them. He brought a scope to help identify birds that were too far away for binoculars identification.

After exploring the base wastewater treatment ponds (where we found northern shoveler ducks and a pair of mating coyotes) we headed down old U.S. Route 66 to Newberry Springs, then to Barstow Community College and the agricultural fields off Lenwood Road.

Deppe was most excited about the rarities - a handful of orange-and-black varied thrushes. We were in awe of the hundreds of neon mountain bluebirds in the fallow farm fields, and admired the prairie falcon that posed for us on a utility pole. But my favorite, my target bird, was the ferruginous hawk. When I enlarged my photographs, I found it had a metal leg band, meaning it was likely banded as a chick. If I could have read the numbers, I could find out where and when.

Whether or not we were successful in wooing new converts to the (ahem!) flock, it was a very good day for us. A very good birding day in Barstow.



The Audubon Society's 18th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count will be held Feb. 13 - 16. It's a chance to record your yard birds for citizen science. For more information: <http://birds.audubon.org/great-backyard-bird-count>.

Michelle Howard is promoted to Rear Admiral. She goes on to become the first African-American woman to achieve three- and four-star rank and the first to be named Vice Chief of Naval Operations.



The 2000s

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Black History Month

Did You Know...?

Courtesy Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute



Jazz trumpeter and vocalist Louis Armstrong forms his band, the Hot Five. He will become a jazz legend and a cultural icon.

Langston Hughes publishes *The Weary Blues*, his first book of poetry. A pivotal force in the Harlem Renaissance, Hughes will go on to become one of the 20th century's most recognized American writers.



The 1920s

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Track and field athlete Jesse Owens wins four gold medals in the Berlin Olympics, thwarting Adolf Hitler's plan to use the games to demonstrate "Aryan supremacy."



Joe Louis, the iconic "Brown Bomber," becomes the heavyweight boxing champion of the world by defeating James J. Braddock. He will hold the belt for nearly 12 years, a boxing record.

The 1930s

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The first pilot training program for African Americans is established at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. The Tuskegee Airmen serve heroically during World War II.



Benjamin O. Davis Sr. becomes the Army's first African-American general. His son, Benjamin O. Davis Jr., commander of the Tuskegee Airmen, later becomes the Air Force's first African-American general.



The 1940s

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Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun* is the first Broadway play by an African American playwright. The title comes from the poem "Harlem" by Langston Hughes.



Berry Gordy Jr., with an \$800 loan from his family, establishes Motown Records in Detroit, Michigan. Motown's distinctive music will play an important role in the racial integration of popular music.

The 1950s

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Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African-American Supreme Court justice. His distinctive tenure of service will last 24 years.

Shirley Chisholm becomes the first African-American woman to be elected to Congress. She will serve for seven terms.



The 1960s

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Barbara Jordan of Texas becomes the first African-American woman from the South to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. She will serve three terms.



Addie Wyatt becomes the first African-American woman elected International Vice President of a major labor union. In 1975, she and Barbara Jordan become the first African-American women named Person of the Year by *Time* magazine.

The 1970s

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Astronaut Guion "Guy" S. Bluford Jr. becomes the first African American to travel in space, as a mission specialist aboard the space shuttle *Challenger*. He will ultimately complete four shuttle missions.



Earvin "Magic" Johnson leads his team to five National Basketball Association championships. He is named the NBA's Most Valuable Player.

The 1980s

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W. Lincoln Hawkins, Ph.D., wins the National Medal of Technology. During his lifetime, he will secure over 140 patents and help make universal telephone service available through his work as the first African-American scientist at Bell Labs.



Rita Dove is appointed as Poet Laureate and Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress. She becomes the youngest person—and first African American—to receive this highest official honor in American letters.

The 1990s

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Commanding officer's town hall meeting

Submitted by:

By Julie Wilbanks

Director, Marine Corps Family Team Building and Family Readiness Officer

The Colonel's annual town hall meeting held on Jan. 27 for base staff and families drew nearly three dozen people interested in topics such as TRICARE, the emergency notification system, and base housing projects. Held at the Major General James L Day Conference Center, guest speakers covered various inquiries such as guest gate access and Family Readiness.

Shirlene Griffis, United Healthcare Beneficiary Services and Education Representative, addressed TRICARE changes updates. Recently recipients have had a hard time moving to the Prime Remote plan via the webpage, and even after calling TRICARE the issue wasn't resolved. Now, a letter must be faxed with the enrollment form which will alleviate this issue.

Griffis also mentioned the importance of keeping track of medical statements so errors can be corrected before they become large issues. "One E.R. visit can produce as many as six different bills," she said.

Darwin O'Neal, chief of Marine Corps Police Department, spoke about the AtHoc notification system and encouraged base families to register with Physical Security Section of Security

and Emergency Services to receive these emergency warnings. Messages can be sent across all digital devices and cover incidents that affect the installation, such as inclement weather, road closures, or more serious problems.

David Madrid, MCLB housing manager, reported multiple housing projects in the works. Sun shades will soon be installed over the dog park and basketball court, with the possibility of having them at other playgrounds as well. Installing water manifolds at every residence will make the process of obtaining soft water much easier and less expensive.

One of the hottest topics concerned the Child Development Center. Many concerns were raised about the availability of childcare, specifically drop-in care, and the possibility of a Parents Night Out. Drop-in care is available to registered families on a space-available basis and must meet a strict caregiver-to-child ratio for each age group. There were too many questions to answer in the time allotted, so a joint council was formed to address specific concerns and find resolution.

For minutes of the town hall meeting send a request to Julie.Wilbanks@usmc.mil.

AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



Surviving Montford Point Marines attended a ceremony for Sgt. Hiram L. Knowles, who was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his honorable service during the Era of World War II on Feb. 7, 2015 at the Mary Woodard Lasker Biomedical Research Building, New York City. Knowles was one of more than 400 Montford Point Marines to be awarded since 2012. The first African-Americans in the Marine Corps were at Montford Point Camp, New River, North Carolina, from 1942 to 1949. (Photo by Cpl. Elizabeth Thurston)

