2016: Year In Review
Military spouses get a taste of the military life during Jane Wayne Day held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 14. The event included a modified fitness test, tour of base facilities and a shooting competition.

On The Cover:

Front Cover: Carlos Guerra
Colonel Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, presents Congressman Paul Cook, Colonel USMC retired, with a gift of appreciation as guest of honor at the Marine Corps’s 241st Birthday Ball, held in Laughlin Nev., Dec. 3.

Back Cover: Carlos Guerra
Corporal Patrick Burt, calibration technician with Fleet Support Division, prepares items for the Trees for Troops event held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Dec. 7.

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Corporal Michael Browne, supply clerk, dresses as the Cat in the Hat and high fives children during the Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash held at the Hobby Shop aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Mar. 2. Caretakers read to the children while Marines engaged the children in interactive play.

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News Briefs

Leave Share Program
Individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations:
Michael Bradley
Yvette Costilla
Noah Glaza
Miguel Reyes
Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Share Program should contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6915.

Basic Stress Management for Military Spouses
Hobby Shop
Thur. Jan 12
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Take some time to focus on your happiness and improve your personal relationships. Learn what your natural responses are to stress and discuss successful skills to help navigate the stresses of a military lifestyle.
For more information or to register call 577-6675.

New Parent Support-WIC Presentation
Desert View Housing Community Center
Wed. Jan. 18
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
WIC is a federally-funded health and nutrition program for women, infants, and children. WIC helps families by providing nutrition education, and other community services. Come and get more information on who qualifies and how to apply. For more information call 760-577-6533.

Play Morning
Desert View Housing Community Center
Friday Jan. 13
9 a.m.
Come sing songs, make crafts, and enjoy structured play time with toys and interactive time learning how to socialize babies and toddlers. For more information contact New Parent Support at 760-577-6533.

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.

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

Hutches Inge, Tuskegee Airman, poses for a portrait with Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, during the Multicultural Day Celebration held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 8.
Awards and honors

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow was honored to receive the 2016 Commander in Chief’s Installation Excellence Award for their programs aboard base to support the mission of the Marine Corps and maintain high quality of life for Marines and families on base.

Hildebrandt: Logistician of Year

The Marine Corps honored Chad Hildebrandt, supervisor of Railway Operations aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, as its 2015 Civilian Logistician of the Year at an award ceremony held in the District of Columbia, March 24. (Left to right) Major General Edward Usher, USMC (Ret) President and CEO MCA&F; General Robert B. Neller, Commandant of the Marine Corps; Chad Hildebrandt, supervisor of Railway Operations at MCLB Barstow and Civilian Logistician of the Year; Lieutenant General Michael G. Dana deputy commandant, Installations and Logistics, HQMC; David Clark, senior consultant and technical lead with Claxton Logistics which sponsored the event and award. Hildebrandt and his wife were flown to the District of Columbia and treated to a hotel, meals and tours in addition to the award ceremony.

Secretary of Navy Safety Award

Ray Aguilar, base safety officer, receives General James L. Jones Safety Individual Award, from Navy League representatives, Skip Witunski, national president, Honorable Sean J. Stackley, assistant secretary of the Navy, held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Md., May 18.

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow was honored to receive the 2016 Commander in Chief’s Installation Excellence Award. Ray Aguilar, base safety officer, receives General James L. Jones Safety Individual Award. Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, receives the 2015 Secretary of the Navy Safety Excellence Award.

Graphic by: Cheri Magorno

Photo courtesy: MCLBB Safety Office

Photo courtesy: Ron Lunn, MCA&F

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Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, receives the 2015 Secretary of the Navy Safety Excellence Award from the Honorable Janine A. Davidson, Under Secretary of the Navy, during a ceremony held at the Pentagon, District of Columbia, Aug. 1. Representing MCLB Barstow is Ruby Adams, Region 9 Voluntary Protection Program Special Government Employee of the Year, Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, Sgt. Maj. Sergio MartinezRuiz, base sergeant major, and David Romero, lead safety technician.
Production Plant Barstow events

Colonel Jeffrey Q. Hooks, transferred the colors to Colonel Eric S. Livingston during a Transition Ceremony in front of Marine Depot Maintenance Command’s Production Plant Barstow located on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Aug. 18.

Photo by: Carlos Guerra

The M88A2 Armored Recovery Vehicle, aka HERCULES, is being repaired and refurbished at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command. The heavy lifting vehicle is capable of pulling an M1 Abrams Main Battle Tank out of almost any situation.

Photo by: Keith Hayes

(Left) David Lewis, MCCS Camp Pendleton, Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, MCLBB, Trent Blalock, deputy commander, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, and Keith Varney, MCCS MCLBB, joined in the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the MCX on PPB grounds, Nov. 2.

Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Jacob Zeman, artillery repairman, makes adjustments to the B.O.L.T.S. test bench he designed and built at Marine Depot Maintenance Command’s Production Plant Barstow, aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 25.

Photo by: Laurie Pearson

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.

Photo by: Laurie Pearson
Sergeant Daniella Carrizales, railway operations noncommissioned officer, chains a tank from the United Arab Emirates to a railcar in preparation for transport, July 12. Soldiers from the UAE were using tanks during joint forces training after which they are being transported back to their home base.

Lance Corporal Josue Delmas of Combat Logistics Battalion 7 guides a vehicle onto rail cars aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 7. Delmas and other CLB-7 Marines practiced preparing vehicles for rail transport while wearing full combat gear in the harsh Mojave Desert heat in preparation for future operations.

Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 453 from San Jose, Calif., tour a Light Armored Vehicle as part of their training in Railway Operations aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Feb. 22. The Marines gained hands-on experience in Railway Operations, as well as demonstrations and a tour of Marine Depot Maintenance Command’s Production Plant Barstow.

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.

Marines aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. paid an entrance fee to take part in a Dodgeball Tournament to benefit the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society at the Semper Fit Gym on base, April 8.

The Fall Festival aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow featured fun, food and games on the lawn of McTureous Hall, Nov. 4.
Corporals Steven Rodriguez, barracks manager, and Natori Miller, base supply with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, rate a student’s project during the Barstow Unified School District Science Fair held at Barstow High School, March 8.


Marines and civilians kick off the No More 5K Walk/Run aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 15. The 5K is intended to draw awareness to domestic violence and sexual assault prevention.
Colonel Sekou S. Karega, base commander, takes time to talk to a Vietnam Veteran and learn of his military exploits during the Vietnam War, during the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War event held at National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., March 22.

Colonel Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and Glenn Pearl of the Bruce Patterson Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans; assists Elena Griego, Gold Star mother, in laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at Mountain View Memorial Park, Barstow, Calif., as part of the Veterans Day ceremonies, Nov. 11. Griego’s son was killed during the Vietnam War.

A Walking Color Guard from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow posts the colors during Veterans Day recognition ceremonies held at the California Veterans Home - Barstow, Nov. 11. The event honored veterans living at the facility and visiting veterans and active duty military personnel.

Corporal Daija Watt, postal clerk with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, sounds Taps to signal the end of Veterans Day Recognition ceremonies at Mountain View Memorial Park, Barstow, Calif., Nov. 11.
Sergeant Justin Mears, retail manager at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, competes in the military press during the High Intensity Tactical Training championship aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., during the three-day competition, Aug. 11.

The Combat Fitness Test was administered to Marines aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Oct. 7. The Marines engaged in several tasks designed to simulate maneuvers they would have to perform in combat conditions. Among those tests were an 880 yard run officially called movement to contact. That was followed by the ammunition carry (bottom right), the sprint, the high crawl, the diagonal run, the (buddy) drag (top right), modified high crawl, the fireman’s carry, modified high crawl, the ammo lift, and the grenade throw.

Staff Sergeant Pedro Villa, S-1 administrative chief, MCLB Barstow, with the Security Augmentation Force aboard MCLB Barstow, squints against the burning effects of the OC spray as he reaches for his sidearm in an effort to hold off an attacker, portrayed by Gunnery Sgt. James Hainer, S-6 Cyber Network Systems chief.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Joshua “Doc” Henderson, hoses down MCPD Officer Nivath Sourn, at the conclusion of Sourn’s OC spray training, Aug. 5.
Marine Corps Fire Department

Greg Kunkel, assistant chief, Fire and Emergency Medical Services aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., assists Col. Sekou S. Kurena, commanding officer, in donning fire turn-out gear with the assistance of Domingo Duran, assistant chief of fire operations, March 22.

Students from the Child Development Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., cluster around Firefighter Shaun Longlee, as he shows off the personal protective equipment firefighters wear. The students were participating in Fire Prevention Week aboard MCLB Barstow, Oct. 11.

(Left) Firefighter Shaun Longlee, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow fire department, assists a student from the Child Development Center in operating a real fire hose as Fire Prevention Officer Michelle Bledsoe enjoys the moment during the CDC visit to the Fire Department, Oct. 11. The visit was part of the Fire Prevention Week activities designed to promote and educate base employees and their dependents about the role they play in preventing fires.
Law enforcement officers with the Marine Corps Police Department, fire fighters with Fire and Emergency Services, Marines, civilians and civilian authorities participated in a base wide active shooter and explosives training exercise aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., July 26. The exercise included an active shooter and an implemented explosive device and role-players pretending to be injured or dead victims of the attacks.

Danny Strand, director Security and Emergency Services Department, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, displays the department’s number one status as the top law enforcement team of shooters during the Law Enforcement Team Shooting Competition held at the Barstow Police Department shooting range, May 4. The MCPD dethroned the long-reigning California Highway Patrol team during the competition.

Sergeant Steven Goss, K-9 trainer and handler, and Cpl. Gilberto Navarrete, K-9 handler for Marine Corps Police Department on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, were awarded Meritorious Conduct Medals for their assistance during the Dec. 2, 2015, terrorist shooting which occurred in San Bernardino, during an Inland Empire Police K-9 Association dinner and meeting, Jan. 7. They were also honored at the Red Cross Hero Awards event held at the Angel’s Stadium in Los Angeles, Calif. May, 13 where they were treated to a luncheon and ceremony honoring first responders for their response during the attacks.
Generals visit MCLB Barstow

Chad Hildebrandt, supervisor of Railway Operations aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow provides Brig. Gen. David A. Ottignon, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group, an informational brief regarding the crucial role the largest rail yard in the Department of Defense plays in providing support for the warfighter, as Col. Sekou S. Karega, base commander looks on, June 15.

“Chip” Schwartz, director, Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, points out the finer points of vehicle parts fabrication to Lt. Gen. Michael Dana, deputy commandant, Installations and Logistics, Headquarter Marine Corps, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 14. The general visited the facility in order to personally congratulate the employees for being awarded the prestigious Commander-in-Chief Award for Installation Excellence.

Brigadier General Edward D. Banta fills out and signs a "NO MORE" pledge card, highlighting the importance of ending domestic violence and sexual assault, after a brief from Michelle Lawing, installation sexual assault prevention coordinator, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 9.

Brigadier General Kevin Killea, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations West, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and Col. Karega, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, pose at the start of the golf tournament following the opening of the Marine Memorial Golf Course aboard MCLB Barstow, Nov. 2.
Members of the United States House of Representatives Armed Services Committee landed via Osprey M-22 on the parade deck aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Aug. 5. They were provided a basic overview of MCLB Barstow and its crucial support for Marine Expeditionary Force operations, Large Scale Exercise support, and Off-Installation Training coordination during a week-long overview of military installations in Southern California.

The members of the recreational motor home touring group the Vegas Rollers stand in front of a Light Armored Vehicle on the test track at Production Plant Barstow, March 16. The Vegas Rollers RV Group boasts members from all over Nevada and Arizona who gather several times a year to pick interesting and unique places to visit.

Water survival training aboard MCLB Barstow, June 11. Summit Leadership Academy cadets learn how to use their military shirts and trousers as flotation devices to assist in staying afloat.

Robert Alvarez and Eseta Tupai, members of the Career Institute Leadership Connection, explore a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle at Fleet Support Division during a base tour held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 1.