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Honored**

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On The Cover:

Front Cover: Carlos Guerra

Theodore Helm, warranty coordinator with Marine Corps Systems Command observes as Marines from 7th Engineering Support Battalion from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton test an Improved Ribbon Bridge section at Production Plant Barstow's test pond aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Yermo Annex, Jan. 22. The Marines test the bridge sections prior to distribution to fleet Marine forces.

Back Cover:

Following the recent terrorist shootings in San Bernardino County the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Mission Assurance Division reminds base employees to "see something, say something" in order to help prevent future attacks.



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BAKER 2 VEGAS 2016

Please join us for a barbeque
to support
Baker 2 Vegas Team 240

WHEN: Thursday February 18, 2016

TIME: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

WHERE: City of Barstow Parking Lot
\$7.00 Donation

BPD - MCLB PD



PULLED PORK SANDWICHES,
TURKEY SANDWICHES
AND HOTS DOGS

On the web

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Marine-Corps-Logistics-Base-MCLB-Barstow/116845431679314>

http://www.twitter.com/#!/MCLB_Barstow



Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

Barstow, California



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Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Karl D. Simburger, base sergeant major, bid farewell to Deborah McGough-Fuller, Exceptional Family Member Program Manager and School Liaison Officer at a potluck luncheon attended by many families

and co-workers touched by her efforts, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Jan. 21. McGough-Fuller will continue advocating for families effected by special needs, teaching sewing classes and offering organizational assistance via her in-home business.

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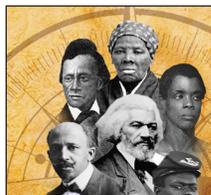
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Leave Share Program

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

Martin, Stephen
Mendez, Theodore

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

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Marines and their dependents who need help filing their federal and state income tax forms can get help through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. VITA is located at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., in building 1110R2. To schedule an appointment call VITA at (760) 830-4TAX (4829).

Birthday Parties Desert Lanes Bowling Center

Host your next party at Desert Lanes! Enjoy two hours of bowling plus popcorn, shoe rentals, decorations, and even fabulous games like Glo-Bowl and Lucky Train, all for just \$9 per person! Each person gets a certificate for a free game on their next visit. For more information contact 577-6264.

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

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>.

4 hhs.gov/ or call 1-844-366-2327.

Play Morning Desert View Housing Comm Ctr. Every Friday 9 a.m.

Come join in the fun! All active duty and their dependents with children are invited to come to Play Morning each week. They have 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.

Family Restaurant Closed

The Family Restaurant will be closed on Friday, January 29 due to renovations and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We appreciate your patience and look forward to serving you again soon. Call 577-6429 with any questions or concerns.

New Date for Town Hall MajGen James Day Center Feb. 1

The Town Hall Meeting has been RESCHEDULED to Monday, 1 February at 4:30 p.m. at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center, bldg. 38. Your attendance is highly encouraged.

4 Lenses: Coloring Your Children Hobby Shop Feb. 4 10 a.m.

This workshop is for any parent who wants to better understand their child's personality. Participants will learn how personality is apparent in young children, how to cultivate and nurture a child's natural talents and strengths, and how to effectively discipline misbehavior. For more information or to register, call Marine Corps Family Team Building at 577-6675.

Self Defense Class McCarver Hall Feb. 10 & 17, 6 - 8 p.m.

Self defense training can increase your options and help you prepare responses to slow down, deescalate or interrupt and attack. The best defense is a good offense! Pre-registration is recommended. Call 577-6533 for more information.

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 Conservation

Tips of the Week

1. Limit hourly usage of lighting.
2. Unplug seldom-used appliances such as an extra refrigerator in the basement or garage that contains just a few items. You could save around \$600 on your utility bill over a five year period.

K-9 officers receive award for responding to terrorist attack

Story By:

Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Sgt. 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 terrorist shooting which occurred in San Bernardino, during an Inland Empire Police K-9 Association dinner and meeting, Jan. 7.

Goss and Navarrete, along with K-9 Officer Bady, provided explosives detection capabilities to support resources, which were stretched thin on that day, explained Goss. The team was sent to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, Calif., to help provide a safe location for victims of attack to be taken after being

evacuated from the Inland Regional Center where the shootings took place.

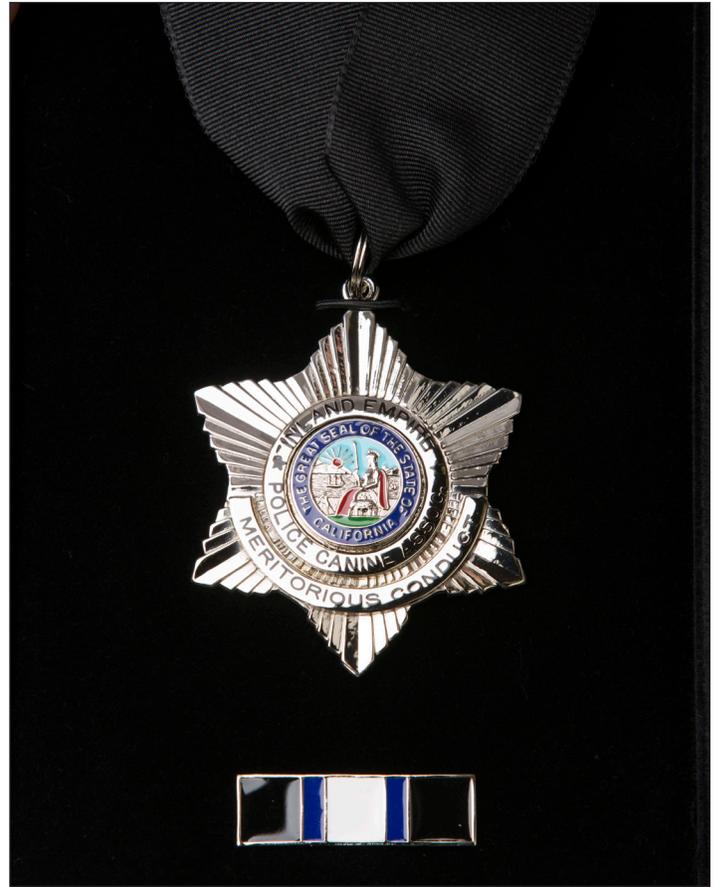
“As a SWAT team secured the ambulance bay and entrance to the emergency room at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, patrol officers were securing the hospital perimeter and helicopter landing pads,” said Goss. Their K-9 team searched for explosive devices and found none.

“This is one of those situations you train for, but hope that you will never have to respond to,” said Goss.

Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, killed 14 people and wounded 22 others that day, most of them San Bernardino County employees. The two were killed in a shoot-out with authorities shortly after the attack.



Photos by: Carlos Guerra



7th ESB Marines test Improved Ribbon Bridge

Story and Photos By:
Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Marines with 7th Engineer Support Battalion from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. test Improved Ribbon Bridge components with representatives from Marine Corps Systems Command and Marine Corps Engineer School, at Production Plant Barstow's test pond aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex, Calif., Jan. 25.

Function checks are performed on the IRB before it is sent to the Operating Forces to ensure that they receive properly working equipment, said Gunnery Sgt. Quinton Shearer, Bridging Project Officer with MARCORSSYSCOM, Quantico, Va.

"We can build rafts or continuous span bridges to cross rivers or lakes," said GySgt Shearer. "They support up to an M1 Abrams tank with 100 feet spacing under normal conditions."

If used as a raft, for instance if the distance to span is too great for the components on hand, or environmental conditions deem necessary, then MK III Bridge Erection Boats are used to propel the raft in the water, explained Joshua Junge, training instructor at the Marine Corps Engineer School located at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

One of the other benefits of engaging in hands-on testing of equipment is that it gives Marines with 7th ESB an opportunity to practice their skills. It also allows them to meet the individuals who help take care of the war fighters.

"It's a good opportunity for us to get to know Systems Command and develop more personal relationships with the individuals who help support the operating forces" said 1st Lt. Thomas Bengé, officer-in-charge with 7th ESB. 



MCLB Barstow prepares for El Nino

Story and Photos Submitted By:
Installation and Logistics
Facilities Maintenance Branch
Public Works Division

During the last two weeks, the Facilities Maintenance Branch of the Public Works Division has been taking measures to prepare Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow for El Nino storms.

The Engineer Equipment Unit has been using heavy equipment to move soil, ensuring that storm water is directed into drainage ditches. Doing so will help avoid water and debris from

interfering with roadways and infrastructure. Moreover, the EEU has been clearing debris around drainage ditch gates and from the insides of culverts. The Grounds Maintenance crew has filled 1,000 sandbags and has been clearing debris from drainage ditches and areas where heavy equipment cannot operate. The Facilities Maintenance Branch's efforts have ensured that MCLB Barstow is prepared for El Nino.



The Grounds Maintenance Crew filled 1,000 sandbags in preparation of possible flooding as forecasts predict a record El Nino season. El Nino, or "The Little Boy" is the

name attached to a climactic event occurring every two to seven years caused by warmer than usual ocean water which has severe effects on the weather.



Debris was originally collected behind this drainage ditch gate. In the past, this debris has damaged gates and accounted for

damming the flow of water. The Facilities Maintenance Branch has cleared the debris and continues to monitor these gates. 7

NCO of the Quarter for MCLB Barstow a familiar face

Story and Photo By:
Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Sgt. Justin Mears is the 2015 Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter for Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

He was recently honored for his achievement by the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce at the group's Military Recognition Breakfast Jan. 19.

The title is a familiar one for the native of Wilmington, Del., because he was the NCO of the quarter three out of four times in 2015.

Mears is the Marine Corps Community Services manager of the Marine Corps Exchange stores at both the Nebo and Yermo sides of the base.

The sergeant said his incentive to join the military came from a long and proud family tradition.

"My step-dad was in the Marines, my uncle was in the Marines, my grandfather was an Army sergeant major, my sister was in the Air Force and her husband, my brother-in-law, is still in the Air Force as a captain," Mears said.

He decided to get some college under his belt before joining the Corps.

"I was always looking at joining the Marines for a career but I did two years of college first at the University of Delaware while I had the chance" he said "I was 22 years old in 2009 when I stepped on the yellow footprints April 13 at Parris Island," Mears said.

As with most members of the military, Mears has seen action in a combat zone.

"My first duty station was Camp Pendleton. From there I deployed for nine months with Combat Logistics Battalion 13 where I served as a bulk fuel specialist," Mears said.

"I was with a Marine Expeditionary unit conducting counter pirate tactics as well as humanitarian aid and noncombatant evacuations," he explained.

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Mears reenlisted and made the

move to MCCS. Being stationed at MCLB Barstow has been a good experience for him.

"I really enjoyed Camp Pendleton, it was awesome, but as far as my growth as a Marine, Barstow has been outstanding," he continued

"Coming up to Barstow gave me a chance to learn and excel in my (military occupational specialty)," he said. "Barstow has really helped me grow by teaching me how to manage the two stores as well as the food service and hospitality planning with all the special events we do."

Mears has earned the instructor title as a black belt with a red tip in the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

"One of my goals is to be a special drill instructor," Mears explained. "Being a MCMAP instructor gives me the chance to teach and be a leader while watching the Marines grow from what they were when they got here to where they're at now.

"I also want to go in to the warrant officer program," he said. "It's not really being a mustang because I wouldn't be a field grade officer but I would stay in my MOS as a warrant officer in MCCS," Mears said.

Mears also represented the base as a participant in the first High Intensity Tactical Training Ultimate Tactical Athlete Championship at Marine Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., in September 2015.

"That was really fun. I came in fourth place overall out of 16 male competitors," Mears said. "After the second event I tore my calf muscle. I still competed for the next two days on a messed up calf. I found this out



after I came back. I want to do the HITT event his year too."

The sergeant credits a supportive leadership at MCLB for helping him achieve his goals.

"I really owe a lot to GySgt (Eddy) Trochet and Mr. (Keith) Varney who pushed me and really helped me to excel. Without them I wouldn't have been able to do it."

He also plans to continue his education.

"I'd like to get my degree in kinesiology with a minor in sports medicine."

Mears said he plans to retire out of the Marine Corps.

"What I like about the Marine Corps is the culture. I love having junior Marines that I can look after and see them grow professionally," he said. "I love the Marine Corps, there's no other place I'd rather be. It's awesome."



Veteran human resource pro moves on

Story and Photos By:
Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Lucianna Wais has held the position of Supervisory Human Resources Specialist at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, for the past 16 years, but all good things must come to an end.

She is transferring to the Human Resources Department at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., 25 miles northeast of Las Vegas, Feb. 7.

Wais has extensive experience with her job, particularly in the areas of staffing classification and recruitment. She has held human resource positions in many branches of the military and in many places, among them the US Army, the Veterans Administration in Bath, N.Y., and a stint as the human resources officer at Parris Island, N.C.

“I transferred to MCLB Barstow in July of 1997. Before that I was at Camp Pendleton,” Wais explained.

The native of Humatak (now Umatac), Guam, said she was a military dependent.

“My father was a federal civil servant after he separated from the Navy. We were at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and transferred around quite a bit. I started my career in federal service as a student intern,” Wais said.



(Right) MCLB Barstow commanding officer Col. Sekou Karega extols the many accomplishments of Lucianna Wais, Supervisory Human Resource Specialist as her coworkers look on during a going away luncheon at the base Jan. 20.

One of the milestones of her career here was described in detail by base commander Col. Sekou Karega.

“In 2009 she played a critical role in the 300 emergency hires at the Maintenance Center,” Karega said as he awarded Wais her “Honorary Desert Rat” certificate during a party in her honor, Jan. 20.

The veteran of nearly 33 years with the Department of Defense spoke of another major accomplishment of transforming the Marine Corps Military Police Department into the civilian Marine Corps Police Department in 2005.

“I helped stand up the department. I wrote all of the position descriptions,” Wais said. “It was a constant adrenaline rush. There was always a new challenge in the transitioning process.”

Wais said she is going to miss the people here.

“Some of them have worked closely with me and understand how I work; what motivates me,” she said. “I’m going to miss the interaction with them but I’m sure they’ll know where to find me.”

Wais said she is moving on to broaden her horizons and give her family more opportunities.

“I’ve enjoyed my stay here and I’m looking forward to a new adventure and challenge at Nellis Air Force Base,” she said.



(Right) Chief Darwin O'Neil with Marine Corps Police Department aboard MCLB Barstow shares a laugh with Wais while presenting her an honorary Mojave Bobcat certificate Jan. 20.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Fort Leavenworth
Leavenworth, KS

Frederick Douglass Home
Washington, DC

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House
Washington, DC

U.S. Supreme Court
Washington, DC

National Mall
Washington, DC

Tanners Alley
Harrisburg, PA

Mulberry Row at Monticello
Charlottesville, VA

Kingsley Plantation
Fort George Island
Jacksonville, FL

Tuskegee Airfield
Tuskegee, AL

Little Rock Central High School
Little Rock, AR

Freedom Riders Bus Museum
Montgomery, AL

Edmund Pettus Bridge
Selma, AL

HALLOWED GROUNDS: Sites of African American Memories



Designed by James Ladner for the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute



Help prevent terrorism

Submitted By:
James Jones
Anti-Terrorism Officer
Mission Assurance Division

Eagle Eyes

WATCH. REPORT. PROTECT.



As employees and residents of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, we all have one responsibility in common: Protecting our installation and the surrounding community.

The tragedy that occurred in San Bernardino on Dec. 2 is a stark reminder that as a community and as a nation, we move swiftly and are prepared to respond to tragedy, but we also have a duty to try and prevent such horrors from taking place as well. It is events like these that keep the threat of terrorism and unwarranted domestic violence in the minds of everyone.

Since 2006, Eagle Eyes, a Headquarters Marine Corps initiative, has enlisted the eyes and ears of uniformed members, civilian employees, and families and friends to keep an eye out for suspicious activity, in an effort to thwart threats or attacks against installations, personnel and the surrounding community.

“Simply put, Eagle Eyes is a reporting tool for the community,” said James Jones, the anti-terrorism officer with the Mission Assurance Division on the base.

In fact, one of the pillars of readiness is to prevent incidents from happening, Jones pointed out.

The watch program asks people to report suspicious activity by calling 1-877-356-3937 or by going online and filling out some basic information such as location and description of activity and persons involved. The website is www.usmceagleeyes.org.

“Mission Assurance needs to be aware of incidents. We collect and compile information, that fit together like pieces of a puzzle, and put it all together,” Jones said.

With the aggregate of information, Mission Assurance begins processing and assessing the facts and other data in an effort to improve security on the base.

“It provides us a full picture of what could potentially happen,” Jones said

He highlighted various agencies role in the anti-terrorism training vignettes that take place frequently.

“Communications has a part because of cyber-attacks while I&L has input because they are responsible for the infrastructures on base,” Jones said.

Protecting our community and being vigilant is not just for people with a security background.

“People have an unprecedented level of comfort and safety in this country,” Jones said. “After 9/11, our

sense of awareness was heightened. We can look at the Middle East, but it wasn't until (terrorism), touched us domestically, that our perspective changed.”

Jones urges the use of the Eagle Eyes program when something seems unsettling or out of place.

“If you see a package unattended, someone loitering around the installation or anything that makes you think ‘hmmm ...’ call the number or visit the website.

“People who mean to do harm do case and research their targets. They are looking to exploit the vulnerabilities within an organization,” he said. “If something seems out of place, report it.”

If 99 percent of calls turn out to be nothing, that one percent could save a life. Both detecting and reporting suspicious activities are important. With a well-informed community, terrorist or criminal acts can be deterred, detected, or defeated.

“If you saw someone loitering around your curb or driveway at home, you would call someone to check it out, or check it out yourself ... you wouldn't ignore it,” Jones said. “That same attitude needs to be instituted and fostered on the base.”



Eagle Eyes

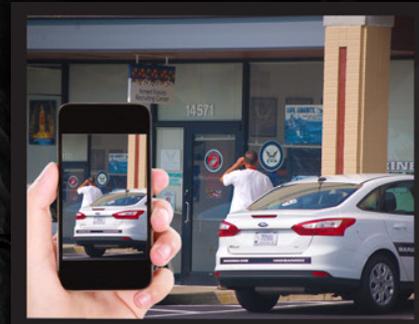
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WATCH. REPORT. PROTECT.



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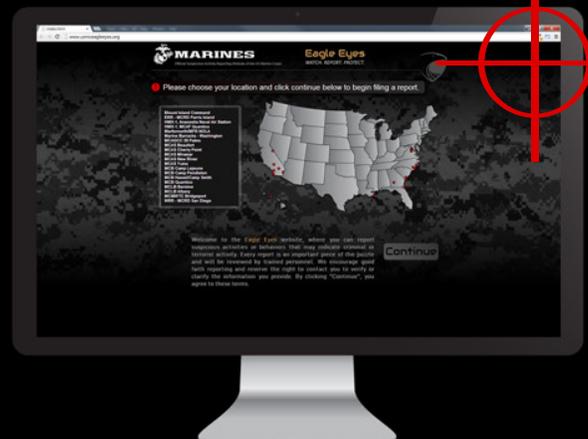
You could help PREVENT
a terrorist or criminal attack



www.USMCEagleEyes.org

Log on to report suspicious activity

Stay Alert Stay Alive



To report by phone, call 877-356-3937