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Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Reina Barnett

Marines with the Silent Drill Platoon from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., perform precise and deliberate movements with M1 rifles, as part of the Battle Color Detachment's visit to MCLB Barstow, March 11, 2013.

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Front Cover:

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Colonel Michael L. Scalise (left), commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., and Sgt. Maj. Karl D. Simburger, base sergeant major for MCLB Barstow, marches with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard in the 125th Tournament of Roses Rose Parade, Jan. 1. This year marks the 28th year the Mounted Color Guard has led the parade.

Back Cover:

Photo by Carlos Guerra

Members of Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, assemble for a group portrait, Oct. 17. PPB Barstow repairs and maintains military equipment and vehicles such as assault amphibious vehicles, Humvees, and M777 howitzers.

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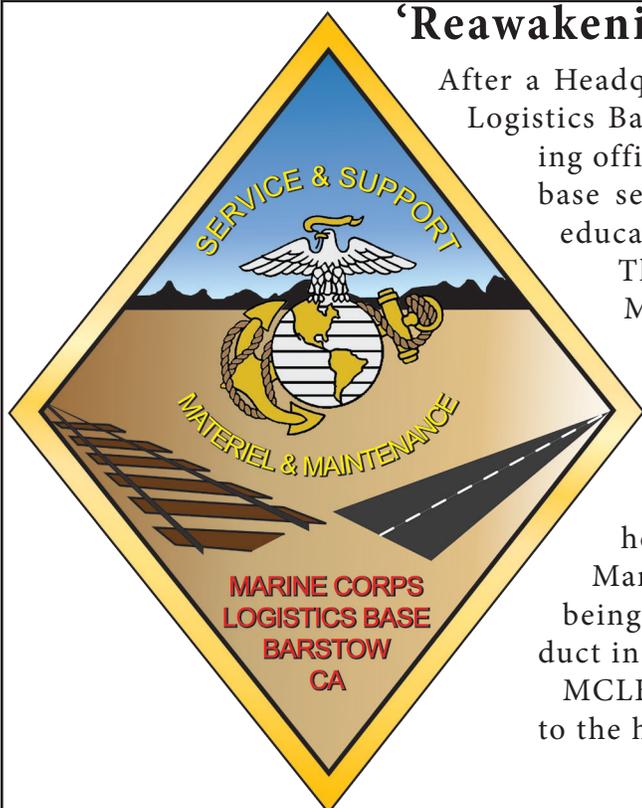


BARSTOW LOCAL, MARINE PIONEER PASSES AWAY, JANUARY 12, 2013



Master Gunnery Sergeant James A. Brewer, United States Marine Corps retired, passed away at the age of 84, Jan. 12, 2013. A memorial service was held at MCLB Barstow's Marine Memorial Chapel on Jan. 19, where Marines executed a 21-gun salute in his honor. Brewer was one of the first of approximately 20,000 African Americans to enlist in the Marine Corps and train at Montford Point, N.C., a segregated recruit training facility from 1943 to 1949. Brewer was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2012. He served 26 years in the Marine Corps, after retiring he worked as a civilian employee on MCLB Barstow until 1995.

'Reawakening' in Barstow



After a Headquarters Battalion run and breakfast on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Col. Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow, and Sgt. Maj. Karl D. Simburger, base sergeant major, gave the Marines professional military education on upcoming changes in the Marine Corps.

The changes, coming down from the commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, are known as the 'reawakening.' Scalise and Simburger spent the morning explaining the commandant's intent, and how the changes will affect the Marines on MCLB Barstow.

Most of the changes center on small, but not insignificant behavioral problems in the Marine Corps and how to correct them, said Scalise. For the past decade Marines have gone above and beyond in combat, however; being 'combat hardened' is no excuse for substandard conduct in a garrison environment.

MCLB Barstow may be a smaller base, but it will still be held to the highest Marine Corps standards, said Scalise.



**The one, the only ...
the last remaining Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard**

During the year of 2013, the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard has traveled thousands of miles, shaken thousands of hands and presented the nation's and the Marine Corps' colors in front of millions of spectators. The Marines spent the year training on their horsemanship, taking care of their horses and preparing their uniforms in preparation for events seen by the nation. They have made appearances in various rodeos, local schools, and many parades. To include: events in Cody, Wyo., opening for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team, and leading the Rose Parade. They have no plans to slow down during 2014.

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND IN 2013



For superior performance in the execution of duties while serving in their respective job fields, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., recognized Lance Cpls. Adrian Velasco, Luis Castro, Suzie

Lockwood, and Jeffrey Rieck, Sgt. Anthony Tovar, and Cpls. Jonathon Norita and Bryanna Kessler as Marines or Noncommissioned officers of the Quarter throughout 2013. The Marines were selected by a board comprised of senior enlisted Marines in a highly competitive evaluation process to be given the distinction of Marine or NCO of the quarter.

On Feb. 22, three Marines on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Yermo Annex, with Fleet Support Division, were presented the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, outside of a local restaurant.

Sergeants Seth Mallet, Christopher Vega, and Cpl. Miguel Verdin were presented this unique medal in front of their peers and family members.

The Marines have been continuously and selflessly volunteering at veteran's homes, soup kitchens, elementary schools, and many youth outreach programs, explained Capt. Dustin Rowland, the operations officer with the unit.

There is no hour count for the medal, explained Vega. It takes continuous service and a significant impact made on the community for



at least three years.

The Marines encourage fellow Marines to volunteer their free time to supporting communities. There is no better reward than bringing a smile to another person's face, the Marines concluded.

Marine captain scales the ranks of both enlisted, warrant officer side

Marines across the Corps are known for their drive to reach the next rank and to better themselves.

Captain Justin Gibson, maintenance operations officer with Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, was promoted to his current rank in March.

Gibson knew from the moment he joined the Marine Corps, he wanted to climb to the highest rank. After serving 14 years in the Corps and reaching the rank of staff sergeant, he decided to take the warrant officer route. Gibson then reached the rank of chief warrant officer two and was selected for chief



warrant officer three; however, he decided to go the commissioned route for ranking options.

Most Marines do not understand how much harder it is to get promoted, said the Marlton, N.J., native. Especially, when someone starts to get high in the rank structure, getting promoted gets tough. Although Gibson is no longer here, the once enlisted, once warrant officer, and now commissioned officer of the Marine Corps, will lead Marines at his new duty station, Fort Lee, Va., at a Marine Detachment.

MCLB Barstow to open Historical Display

During the past year, Miriam Hemme, volunteer curator on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., has been working on MCLB's Historical Display, tentatively slated to open February 2014, in Building 204.

Hemme's goal is to have every section on base represented through their history. She encourages all base personnel to visit the display when it's finished and to see the roots of MCLB Barstow.

The display already contains hundreds of photos, various artifacts, and news articles dating back decades ago.

Base personnel who have seen the work in progress were impressed and are looking forward to the finished product.

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'Feds Feed Families'

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's commissary kicked-off its third annual 'Feds Feed Families' food drive early July.

Barstow collected more than 850 pounds of non-perishable foods during their drive and encouraged DoD personnel to continue donating every year.

"Children and families across the United States continue to be in great need of donated food ...," said Michael Dowing, deputy director for the Defense Commissary Agency, based in Fort Lee, Va. "Food bank stocks have been depleted due to the economic downturn and natural disasters which continue to occur."

This event helped the city of Barstow's food bank restock their shelves for the under privileged families in its community. The event made a big impact on the community and is slated to repeat this year.

Production Plant Barstow moves toward green future

“As the largest consumer of energy in the U.S. economy, the federal government can and should lead by example when it comes to creating innovative ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increasing energy efficiency, conserving water, reducing waste, and using environmentally-responsible products and technologies,” wrote President Barack Obama in Executive Order 13423, which calls for federal agencies to set goals on improving environmental energy and economic performance.

With 75 percent of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow’s energy consumption coming from Production Plant Barstow alone, several projects were put in place last year to increase PPB’s energy efficiency. These projects included replacing PPB’s high temperature hot water system, air conditioning and heating systems, and installing a solar photovoltaic and solar thermal preheat system.

Along with large scale system overhauls, other smaller projects were put in place, such as replacing PPB’s current lighting fixtures with high efficiency light-emitting diode blubs and recycling as many resources as possible.

Striving for energy efficiency is an ever evolving process; with new technology and energy saving methods being better than the last, PPB strives to lead by example in the energy saving world.



Law Enforcement conference

In April of last year, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., held a Law Enforcement Meet and Greet.

The event was held for law enforcement agencies to come together and speak about what is going on in their respected jurisdictions and discuss events that will need support from other agencies.

This event helps the other agencies from getting tunnel vision, explained Chief Darwin O’Neal with Marine Corps Police Department on MCLB Barstow. When an agency is taking care of their jurisdiction, they tend to forget what’s happening around them and other agencies. This event prevents that.

MCPD GETS HELP FROM EQUIPMENT

The Marine Corps Police Department on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., not only relies on their training in the academy, but the equipment they use on a day-to-day basis.

The MCPD depends on the cutting edge technology that their vehicles are equipped with to help them catch speeders, suspects who are fleeing, and suspects who are hiding.

The MCPD has several emergency response vehicles at their disposal. Many of those vehicles are modified beyond what the Corps requires. The MCPD has fully loaded sedans that are equipped with dual capable RADAR; which allows the police officers to target speeding vehicles. They also have sport utility vehicles that are equipped with the same RADAR and can handle the rough terrain of the High Desert. Lastly, they have an all-wheel drive car equipped with a thermal sensor camera to help them seek out suspects hiding out in the dark.

2013 FLASH



Marines with 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Corps Special Operations Command from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., take off in an HH-60H Black Hawk helicopter after completing a training mission here.



More than 100 motorcyclists rode through MCLB Barstow for the Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony, April 10.



Juan Valdivia, firefighter here, and Gary Cruz, paramedic firefighter, practice cutting a flat roof at the burn house on base, Aug. 22.



Tacyjo Adams, a child from the CDC here, pets Sparky the Fire Dog during Fire Prevention Week 2013.



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(Left) Michelle Lawing, civilian victim advocate here, participates in a self-defense class held for military spouses, April 24. Juan Rivera, information technology officer here and co-owner of a mixed martial arts dojo, held the class.



Sergeant Major Karl D. Simburger takes over as base sergeant major here for Sgt. Maj. Richard M. Charron, during a relief and appointment ceremony, June 28.



Vietnam

(Right) Meri Walker, volunteer organizer and quilter with the Quilts of Valor, gives Master Sgt. Frank Omarah a hug during MCLB Barstow's Welcome Home Heroes ceremony, Sept. 10.



Chad Webb, personnel chief here, gives his platoon the command 'column right' while practicing for the drill commanding general's inspection, Sept. 4. The CGI assess several areas within a Marine unit, ranging from inspection to close order drill.

A LOOK AT WHAT MCLB BARSTOW HAS TO OFFER ...

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., provides an essential service to the Marine Corps, as well as the Department of Defense as a whole. As a logistics base, MCLB Barstow receives, repairs, maintains and ships many different types of military vehicles and equipment. It is also home to the only remaining Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard. That being said, MCLB Barstow has a lot to showcase.

Throughout the year, MCLB Barstow has given tours to members of the local community as well as several high ranking military officers

and their families. During these tours, VIPs can see how the base operates and the services and functions it provides the DoD. Featured heavily in most tours is Production Plant Barstow, where several types of military vehicles and equipment are disassembled, repaired and reassembled to either be stored on MCLB Barstow, or sent back into service; whether for training purposes or to a forward deployed environment.

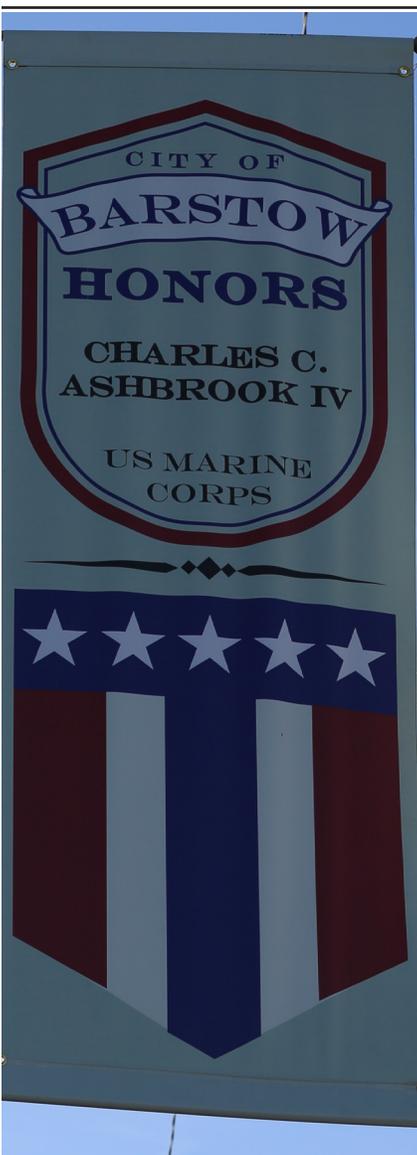
These tours let MCLB Barstow show that it is always putting the mission first, and that it is providing an essential service to the U.S. warfighter.



MCLB BARSTOW'S SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM

The Single Marine Program here, ran by A.J. Jacobs, is a program that aims to increase single Marine and geographic bachelors' quality of life. One way the SMP does this is through planned events, activities and community services.

In 2013, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's SMP went on several trips across Southern Calif, to include a tour of the Los Angeles Film School, hiking in Red Rock Canyon, and deep sea fishing in the Pacific Ocean. These trips provided opportunities for Marines to learn new things, visit new places, and build camaraderie between one another during their off time.



Barstow heroes recognized on local streets

In November of last year, the city of Barstow, Calif., began its 2013 Military Banner Program, unveiling more than 180 banners across the city.

The purpose of the program was to recognize active duty service members native to the city of Barstow. Upon request, Barstow residents can have their name and respective branch of service posted on banners throughout the community.

With Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow in town, and National Training Center Fort Irwin nearby, the city of Barstow wanted a way to honor and thank U.S. service members for the sacrifices they make, said Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre, mayor of Barstow.

The banners, which are free, will stay posted year-round for as long as that Barstow resident is on active duty.

LARGEST RAIL HEAD IN THE DOD WORKS TO COMPLETE THE MISSION

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., is home to the largest rail head in the Department of Defense.

Several different types of military equipment are received by the rail head; they are either left with Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command for maintenance, or routed to appropriate military installations. The rail head provides service to nearby bases such as Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, National Training Center Fort Irwin, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

With more than 30 miles of track to be maintained by its small crew of nine people, the rail head moves more than 30 million pounds of freight per month. Despite the danger inherent with moving so much heavy equipment, the rail head crew has been accident and incident free for five years.

2013 Festivities Boosts Base Morale

With the help of MCLB Barstow's Marine Corps Community Services, base morale stays high with its seasonal events and parties. Despite being a Marine Corps base, MCLB Barstow is home to all branches of service, which allows for a unique opportunity for families to build inter-service camaraderie. During 2013, events and celebrations included quarterly awards breakfasts to recognize service members and base employees who have excelled in their job fields, an Easter egg hunt for little ones, puppet shows, cook outs, a Fall Family Festival with a western theme, an Earth Day recognition barbeque, a Halloween Haunt, and a base Christmas Party.



TOYS FOR TOTS

The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is a national toy charity event with a goal to bring a merry Christmas to the underprivileged children of America. In 1947 Major Bill Hendricks founded Toys for Tots, and over its 67 year history the Toys for Tots program has collected more than 500 million toys across the country.

While typically toy drives are supported by a communities local Marine reserve unit, Barstow doesn't have a local reserve unit ... so MCLB Barstow took on the responsibility. With the aid of several High Desert community organizations, Marines from MCLB Barstow collected more than 5,000 toys during events in October, November, and December.



Barstow Marines' 2013 training

As the saying goes, 'every Marine is a rifleman,' this is why Marines on MCLB Barstow train to maintain mission readiness and combat fitness. Marines set the standard in the armed forces of America, and train hard to keep up to that standard. Whether it's on the shooting range, through hikes, battalion runs or Security Augmentation Force training, Marines are training year round.

EXERCISE EXERCISE EXERCISE



If a gunman can shoot and kill 12 people, and injure three during a shooting at the headquarters of the Naval Sea Systems Command, inside the Washington Navy Yard, then it can happen anywhere, to include Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

To prepare for emergency situations like the Navy Yard, MCLB Barstow put on a full-scale active shooter training exercise, Dec. 18, at the headquarters building of the base.

“We went through and designed an (exercise) based on a potential scenario that could happen in Barstow. There’s a large

civilian population working here; with furloughs and other lay-offs, the possibility of a disgruntled employee is very possible,” said Mikel Alford, team leader for Regional Exercise Team West. “We incorporated that (possibility) into the scenario. An individual lost his right to work . . . was no longer able to support his family, then came into (the headquarters building) with a gun, looking for the (executive officer) who fired him.”

The mission of the exercise team is to create full-scale emergency scenarios, from terrorist attacks to cyber warfare, and evaluate how Marine Corps base personnel

handle the situation, explained Alford.

The exercise was full-scale, said Patrick Wolcott, security officer on MCLB Barstow and exercise director for the scenario. We had role players covered in fake blood and wounds, pretending to be either dead or injured and a bad guy, using a theatrical gun.

In the month of December alone, there have been eight actual active shootings across the nation, Wolcott explained. It could happen anywhere, anytime, and to anyone. The more mentally prepared and aware everyone on base as a whole is, the safer MCLB Barstow will be.

MCLB Barstow’s safety specialists visit Goldstone, share expertise

On March 26, MCLB Barstow, the only Marine Corps base to receive star certification by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s Voluntary Protection Program, shared its safety expertise with NASA.

The safety office here shared safety precautions with NASA and various California agencies in support of Partners in Safety, an organization promoting new ideas in safety, during a tour of the Goldstone Deep Space Communications Complex on the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

“The areas of safety differ significantly between agencies,” said Charles Keegan, safety and occupational health specialist here. “A lot of the things they do weren’t applicable to us, and a lot of safety aspects we focus on weren’t applicable to them. The most important thing was the learning experience and broadening our views as a safety office. Just because something doesn’t apply to us today, doesn’t mean we won’t use it in the future.”

HAPPY 238TH BIRTHDAY, MARINES



“On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date, many thousand men have borne the name ‘Marine.’ In memory of them, it is fitting that we who are Marines should commemorate the birthday of our Corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history,” said 13th commandant of the Marine Corps, Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, on November 1, 1921, in his birthday message to the Marines.

Since that day, Marines around the world have celebrated the birth of their Corps on or around Nov. 10, and hold different ceremonies leading up to

their birthday ball. Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., held several celebrations to include cake cutting ceremonies on both the Annex and Nebo Annex, and one at the Veteran’s Home of California in Barstow.

On Nov. 9, Marines and Civilian employees from MCLB Barstow celebrated the 238th Marine Corps Birthday aboard the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach, Calif. Celebrations included the traditions of reading Gen. John A. Lejeune’s birthday message, watching the current commandant’s birthday message, and the cake cutting ceremony.

To finish out the formal celebrations, Sgt. Maj. Lonnie Long, a retired Marine and guest of honor for the evening, motivated the crowd with his speech. After the end of the formal celebrations, guests moved to the dance floor to celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday together.

MESS NIGHT



Marines and sailors with MCLB Barstow enjoyed a night of traditions and camaraderie at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day conference Center, April 18. Mess Night is a tradition that dates back to the great Viking feasts in which Norsemen celebrated significant battles. The British Navy later modeled the custom similar to what takes place today.

From private first-class to colonel, and all ranks in between, Marines here were afforded the opportunity to enjoy the festivities and celebrate with their fellow Marines and sailors. The evening included a traditional Mess Night meal, time-honored toasts, and practical jokes. The revelry included the passing on of traditions and sharing knowledge between ranks.



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