

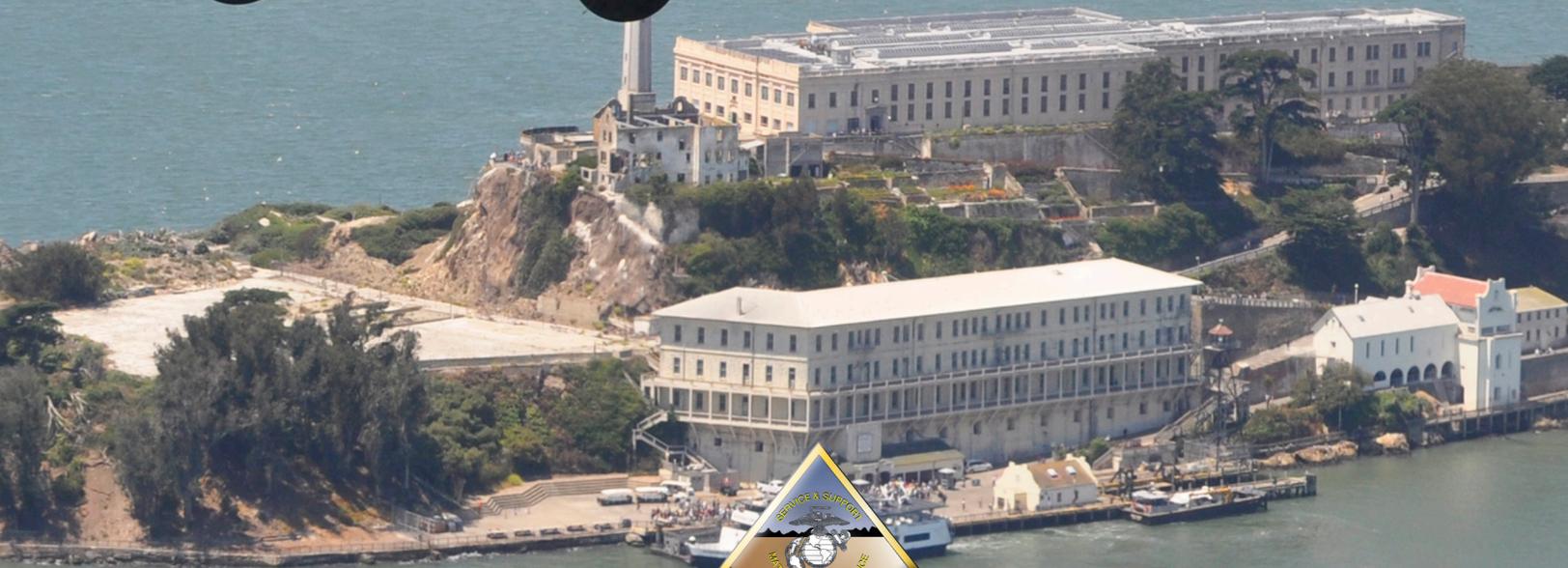
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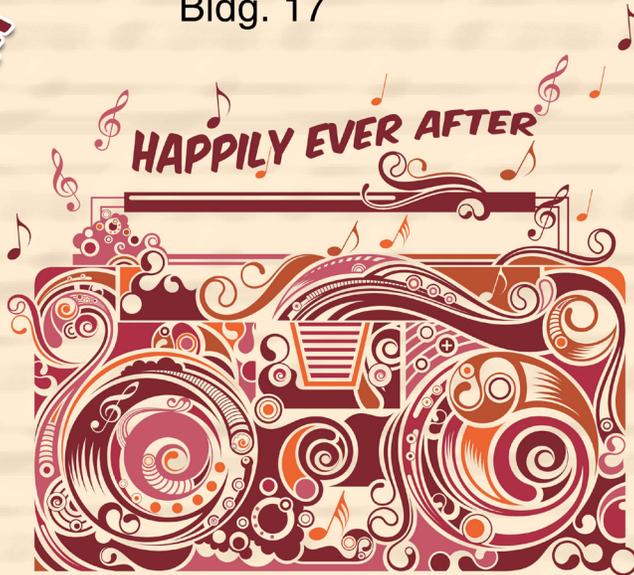
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FINALE PARTY

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 | 10am-12pm
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Join us for the Summer Reading Program Finale Party and enjoy games, crafts, and fun. Find out who our overall Read To The Rhythm Champion is and stay for our Read to the Rhythm parade.

Remember to turn in your booklets to the Library by August 3rd, so we can tally your points.



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On The Cover:

Front and Back Cover: Laurie Pearson

Members of Alpha Company, 2916th Aviation Battalion with the U.S. Army National Training Center, Fort Irwin, stationed at Barstow-Daggett Airport, fly a Black Hawk aircraft over San Francisco while escorting a Lakota aircraft on its final voyage with the crew from Daggett to Woodland, Calif., July 13.

The Lakota's final destination will be the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Ala. In the background are the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz Island, home of the historic federal penitentiary and now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.



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Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Patrons and sellers alike enjoyed a sunny day at the Multi-Family Yard Sale held at Sorensen Field aboard MCLB Barstow, July 11. Pictured are Julie Wilbanks, director of Marine Corps Family Team Building for Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., and her husband Fred (right), a civilian information technology specialist on Edwards Air Force Base, as well as Chief Warrant Officer 3 Josh Gray, pilot for Bravo Company, 2916th Aviation Battalion, U.S. Army, assigned to National Training Center, Fort Irwin and stationed at the Barstow-Daggett Airport. The yard sale allowed military families and local community residents to come together to sell their goods and build relationships.

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Leave Share Program

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

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

MCPD Seeks Feedback

To address issues, concerns, comments, or suggestions regarding the level of public service provided by the Marine Corps Police Department or its employees on MCLB Barstow, you can use the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) website: <http://ice.disa.mil>, or you can contact the Chief of Police at 577-6678 or the Deputy Chief of Police at 577-6409. This will help department leadership take appropriate corrective or commendatory action.

Home Energy Tips:

- Repair leaky faucets, fixtures and pipes both inside and outside the home. Saves 150 gallons of water per leak.
- Doing laundry with full loads can save more than 3,400 gallons of water a year. If you must wash a partial load, reduce water level.
- Buy an energy-efficient clothes washer if you are due for a replacement.
- Watering vegetation early in the morning or late in the evening saves 25 gallons each time.

Customer Appreciation Day Tees & Trees Golf Course July 25

Active duty personnel will golf for free as a sign of appreciation for their service and dedication. Tees & Trees will remain open for the public.

For information: 577-6431

Story Time & Craft Library Building 17 July 29 - 10 a.m.

What makes you have a good day or a bad day? Read "A Good Day" to find out.

For information: 577-6395

Back to School Brigade School Liaison Program Building 126 July 29 - 9 a.m.

Start the new school year off right with the Back to School Brigade. Active duty only. Register:

<http://backtoschoolbrigade2015.eventbrite.com>.

For information: 577-5854

Common Core Brief Building 126 - 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. July 29

Barstow Unified School District will answer questions on the changes to your child's education with the new Common Core education system. Open to all MCLB Barstow patrons.

www.commoncorebrief.eventbrite.com to register.

For information: 577-5854

Family Advocacy Program Information Table MCX Aug. 5 - 9:30 a.m.

For information: 577-5854

Summer Reading Program Finale Party - Building 17 Aug. 5 - 10 a.m.

Enjoy games, crafts and fun. Join the parade and congratulate the Read to the Rhythm Champion. Turn in booklets by Aug. 3 to have your points tallied.

For information: 577-6395

Movie Night at the Oasis Pool and Water Park Aug. 7 - 8 p.m.

Stay cool in the pool and watch "Strange Magic" at sundown. Free snack and drink.

For information: 577-6898

Caring for Aging Parents Hobby Shop Aug. 10 - 9 a.m.

This workshop will help military families make informed decisions on elder care, and teach strategies for coping with day-to-day challenges.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Spouse Social Hobby Shop Aug. 11 - 9 a.m.

Meet other spouses and learn about this month's topic: Desert critters.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Photography Class Hobby Shop Aug. 11 & 12 - 9 a.m.

Learn how to take great photos. All cameras (and their owners) welcome but cameras with manual mode and tripods are recommended.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

The last Marine in Public Affairs

Story and photos by:
Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Cpl. Norman Eckles is getting out of the Marine Corps after serving three years with the Public Affairs Office at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

When he drives out the gate, MCLB Barstow will say goodbye to the last active duty Marine to hold the PAO slot here. Headquarters Marine Corps has mandated a reorganization of the PA field to place more public affairs Marines with the Fleet in the very near future.

Eckles believes taking away the Marines from the PAO shop is going to be expensive. "I think this base does need Marine PAOs (to cover) the Mounted Color Guard and for weekend events that would cost the government a lot of money (in temporarily assigned duty costs) for civilians."

As with many who chose to enlist, Eckles was at a crossroads in his life that demanded a change. "I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to do something better with my life," he said. "When I checked with the military recruiters, the Marine Corps had the best to offer of what I needed from being in the military."

When he first joined he wanted to be an aviation mechanic, but that wasn't available at the time so the recruiter offered him a choice of two jobs, one of which was public affairs.

Eckles said he made a contact in Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Md., who put him on the short list for an opening at the MCLB Barstow PAO.

Being a native of Covina, Calif., Eckles jumped at the chance to get back to his home state. "I used to go dirt bike riding out here all the time," he said, "and I never even knew there was a Marine Corps base out here."

Having spent three years at MCLB Barstow, Eckles said he's enjoyed his stay.

"This base is slow-paced and pretty easygoing. The PAO job is demanding but it's not like we're writing four or five stories a week. Overall, I liked being here."

Like many getting out of the Corps, Eckles intends to further his education. "I plan on getting a job, going to school and collecting on the GI Bill in the hopes of one day owning my own business," he said. "And if that doesn't work out, then I'll become a police officer."

Eckles credits the Marine Corps with shaping his life for the better. "The Marine Corps has definitely helped me with discipline and watching my mouth when I need to. It's helped me to transform from being a teenager into a man with all of the Corps values of honor, courage and commitment."

Originally Eckles joined the military to play his part in the war effort. "One of the reasons I joined the Corps was because of the possibility of being deployed, but I never got my chance," he said. "Dedicating yourself to something that you know could possibly kill you is a pretty big step in life."



Cpl. Norman Eckles displays his honorary Desert Rat certificate during a luncheon to celebrate his separation from the Marine Corps. Eckles is a Covina, Calif. native who envisioned deployment to the Middle East as part of his enlistment. Though that didn't happen, Eckles credits the Marine Corps and the people he's met during his time in service with taking a heading-for-trouble teenager and molding him into a man. Eckles plans to pursue his education under the GI Bill and to open his own business.

Eckles said he doesn't regret not seeing action. "When I talk to combat veterans they tell me it's a good thing I wasn't deployed because they saw things that no human should ever see."

The 21-year-old combat correspondent said he's going to have some good memories of his time in service. "I'm going to miss this shop and the people here. We're more of a team and family than just co-workers," Eckles said. "I'm going to miss all of the people who I've worked with and that I would never have met if I hadn't joined the Corps."

Eckles has praise for the people he's worked with. "I wanted to thank the PAO staff for the last three years helping me out in the job and making me more proficient at it. I want to thank all of the Marines that I've served with for making me a better Marine, for teaching me things in my command and for being there when I needed them."



Profile: Millie Sanchez

If you go into the base gym and see a dark-haired woman in boxing gloves whamming on a punching bag and plugged into an iPod, you might think she's keeping up a rhythm to a hard-rock beat. Well, the beat might be lively, but the lyrics are something else entirely.

"I listen mostly to Christian music," said Millie Sanchez, human resources specialist at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., laughing at the irony.

While boxing releases tension from her job, music transports her spirit. As a matter of fact, she's a music worship leader at Lenwood Community Church.

I love to exercise but playing music is my biggest passion because I love to do it for the Lord. I just wanted to play one day and wanted to use a gift for Him, so that's what He gave me. I wouldn't say I'm the best but I can carry a rhythm. I'm also a youth leader at the church, so I stay pretty busy.

Her immediate family is a 9-year-old yellow lab named Aslan.

He's a sweetheart. We go hiking, and he goes on trips with me. He's like my son.

Sanchez is also a native "true blue" Barstowian.

All my brothers and sisters are here. There are eight of us, and our family's just branched out - tons of nieces and nephews. I lack for nothing in terms of meaning.

So why the boxing gloves?

I've found it to be the best stress reliever. I'm a person who prefers to work out by myself. Some people like to go to a bar to unwind. This is my bar.

She shows a boxing counter that measures the number of punches based on the sound, and counts the number of rounds she does.

I usually do eight to 10 rounds, sometimes 12 if I have a lot of time. It takes about 45 minutes.



Does she do other workouts besides boxing?

"I do elliptical and running. Tuesdays and Thursdays are my boxing days because there is less activity in the gym with basketball games. Or else I'm getting clobbered with the ball or Marines are running into me."

Instead of wrapping her hands like professional boxers do, she uses baseball batting gloves under the kickboxing gloves to protect her knuckles from getting cut.

I picked up shortcuts from my dad (Ralph Sanchez). He was always "Whatever you can do to get it done."

What are her other interests?

I love NBA basketball. I am pretty versed in the game and have been a Los Angeles Lakers fan since I was a kid. I'm one of those crazy-screaming fans. Also, I do enjoy photography and find it very relaxing to take landscape portraits. In fact, one my photos (a desert sunset picture) was even featured in the Desert Dispatch last year.

What type of work does she do as human resources specialist in field of Labor-Employee Relations?

A plethora of things, from discipline to union activities to helping supervisors - guiding them on policies and procedures for civilian employees.

Sanchez began work in HRO as clerk in 1986, then worked in MCCA for a time, did a long stint as administrative officer for Defense Logistics Agency, and has been in her current position for 15 years. Her father Ralph Sanchez was a production planner for MCLB Barstow for 36 years and died last year at age 80. Other family members currently work on base.

She and co-worker Rose Vickers were presented with a Meritorious Civilian Service award by Brig. Gen. Edward D. Banta, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, in December 2014. The award was for the reduction of lost man-hours, and for cost-cutting initiatives in worker compensation, saving around a half million dollars.

It's a team effort if you want to look at our labor-employee relations section. We just have a lot of good ladies that work in our office.

We were able to do good case management to return people to work. One, it helps our costs, and two, it gives employees an added value. You don't want employees to sit at home and think people forgot about them. We want to see them come back to the workforce.

One of the workers was on the compensation rolls for 12 years; another was gone for eight years. These men were in an industrial field and we put them in clerical positions. Those are the success stories we like to see. There's a sense of accomplishment for us.

What would she most like people to know about her?

This is kind of corny to some people, but I first value my relationship with the Lord. It speaks volumes to anybody if you can exude that without saying it, to be that Light, to be a good employee, a model employee. Everything else is secondary to that. If I'm doing that then I'm doing what I'm supposed to do. 🙏

Local Army battalion bids farewell to Lakota helicopter

Story and photos by:
Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Members of Alpha Company, 2916th Aviation Battalion with the U.S. Army's National Training Center, Fort Irwin, stationed at Barstow-Daggett Airport, handed over a Lakota helicopter (LUH-72A) to contractors in Woodland, Calif., July 13. Several Alpha Company soldiers live aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

The handoff was part of an ongoing push to eventually move Lakotas to the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Ala.

“(They will) be the new primary training aircraft for flight school students while they are first learning how to fly helicopters,” said Capt. Adam Kennedy, Alpha Company’s commanding officer.

The Lakotas will be worked on by a series of contractors to make necessary modifications for their new role as training helicopters.

Two crews flew that day in separate helicopters, so that upon dropping off the Lakota everyone had a ride back home. In the Lakota, Capt. Kennedy and Chief

Warrant Officer 2 Greg Spalding were pilots and Sgt. James Bailey was crew chief. The “chase bird,” a Black Hawk helicopter (UH-60A+) flew in formation with the Lakota, piloted by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Nathaniel Knutson and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Ryan Skopek, with Spc. Kevin Bowers as the crew chief.

Originally, Alpha Company had 10 Lakota aircraft assigned to them and are now down to four.

“We will fully divest the remaining Lakotas over the coming months and will turn in our last LUH-72 in November,” explained Kennedy.

In their place, the company now has seven of the Black Hawks, which is good news for the pilots trained to fly them. Perhaps not such good news to the pilots trained to fly the Lakota aircraft. The Lakota is a newer aircraft, with high-tech digital instruments and gauges, bigger windows for pilot visibility, and more comfortable seating for passengers. Sgt. Bailey compared them to a newer model BMW car, while he compared the Black Hawk to a 1978 Chevy Suburban.

There was good-natured teasing among the pilots about which aircraft is superior. 🍌



Spc Kevin Bowers, crew chief with Alpha Company, 2916th Aviation Battalion with the U.S. Army National Training Center, Fort Irwin, stationed at Barstow-Daggett Airport, watches out the window of a Black Hawk helicopter at the Lakota aircraft being escorted over central California. The Lakota helicopter's final destination will be the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Rucker, Ala.



Clockwise from top left: A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter is being prepared for escort duty. Sgt. James Bailey, crew chief with Alpha Company, 2916th Aviation Battalion takes cell phone pictures from the Lakota helicopter. A Black Hawk helicopter is backdropped by San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.



On (and Off) the Beaten Path

Color and fossils at Rainbow Basin

Story and photos by:
Cindy McIntyre
Editorial Assistant

Summer getaways in the High Desert generally entail traveling to the coast or the mountains if you want to leave behind 100 degree-plus temperatures. But, if you want to take a short jaunt to someplace nearby, then try the Rainbow Basin Natural Area.

Only a dozen miles north of downtown Barstow, this area, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, offers a drive through multi-hued rock formations as well as hiking opportunities. In hot weather, getting out before sunrise, or the last two hours before sunset, will provide both cooler temps and magically beautiful lighting. The golden glow and textured shadows from the low-angled sun emphasize the stark and rugged beauty of the landscape. Critters such as the desert tortoise, birds, and rabbits are also more active then; they generally don't like the hottest part of the day either.

Once known as the Barstow Fossil Beds, Rainbow Basin has one of the largest concentration of land mammal fossils in North America. It is so well known by paleontologists and others that the geologic time period represented by these exposed, fossil-laden rocks is called the Barstovian North American Land Mammal Age, according to the San Bernardino County Museum website. That museum, among many others, houses mammal fossils excavated here. A caution to "Jurassic World" fans: There are no dinosaur bones here. Dinosaurs died 45 million years earlier than did the mammals of the Miocene Epoch. These formations span a time period of 13 to 19 million years ago.

Collecting any vertebrate fossils is against the law without a permit, and those are generally available only to museums and academic institutions. However, invertebrate and plant fossils are generally allowed for personal collections.

You can read about the animals that once roamed this lush and temperate land on an interpretive display at the Owls Canyon

Campground. It is mind-boggling to know that the area was once teeming with prehistoric elephants, camels, three-toed horses, and saber-toothed cats. The rock formations, mostly barren of vegetation, represent layers of ancient lakes and riverbeds that were uplifted and tilted into the intriguing formations of today.

You can hike the wash through the canyon, taking care to avoid it and other washes if thunderstorms threaten. Even storms miles away can create flash floods in areas that see nary a drop. You don't have to go too far down the trail to collect rocks of many colors and textures. Photos can't quite capture the color variations that the eye responds to, but the green layers seem particularly other-worldly contrasted with the whitish volcanic ash rock (known as tuff) and the red sandstones.



Drive the one-way Fossil Canyon Loop Road to get a close-up view of the colorful layers, but don't take an RV or trailer. The road becomes quite narrow as it squeezes through rock passages. Even though the BLM website recommends high-clearance or four-wheel drive for the road, most passenger vehicles can do it with few problems as long as the road is dry.

The basin is a mix of public and private lands, so consulting a detailed map and the BLM website is recommended if you plan to explore beyond these listed areas.

Directions: From Barstow's Main Street, go north on First Avenue, then go left on Irwin Road. In six miles take a left onto a dirt road at the sign. In three miles the road branches right to Owl Canyon, and becomes a one-way loop road if you continue ahead. The main road is often washboarded, which could jangle loose a few dental fillings or hubcaps, but it provides great views of the rock formations and the Joshua trees that frame them nicely. 🐾



For more information: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/basin.html> or Barstow Field Office (760) 252-6000

Fossil Collecting on BLM Lands: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/CRM/paleontology/fossil_collecting.

SPOTLIGHT:

CANVAS SHOP

Photos by:
Nate Lopez
Public Affairs Intern



Tony Lente, upholstery worker with Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command sews canvas for military vehicles aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Yermo Annex, July 21. The upholstery division fabricates and fixes cushions, seat covers, installation kits and other fabric-related items for military equipment such as Light Armored Vehicles.

Donna Reckner, contract upholsterer (top left) and upholstery worker Debbie Mendez (bottom) are hard at work.



Feds Feed Families Annual Campaign

Compiled from the Secretary of the Navy press release, USDA "Feds Feed Families," and the Society of St. Andrews websites

On July 15, 2015, the U.S. Department of Agriculture kicked off the seventh annual "Feds Feed Families" food drive, asking federal employees to donate non-perishable food items to those in need.

The Secretary of the Navy is urging all Navy and Marine Corps organizations to take this opportunity to partner with local area food banks and installation family service centers to participate in this important and worthwhile initiative.

The Department of the Navy was by far the largest Department of Defense contributor in 2014, donating more than 1.5 million pounds of food. The campaign runs through Oct. 2.

Launched in 2009 as part of President Obama's United We Serve campaign, Feds Feed Families was designed to help food banks and pantries stay stocked during summer months when they traditionally see a decrease in donations and an increase in need. Through the generosity of federal employees, since 2009 the food drive has collected nearly 39 million pounds of food. Last year alone, more than 14.8 million pounds were donated and provided to food banks and pantries. Even as the economy grows stronger, there are still too many people struggling to put food on the table.

As in every year, employees are asked to bring non-perishable food items and place them into a designated collection box located in the federal workplace or take them directly to a local food bank.

Visit www.feedingamerica.org for a list of regional food banks (non-perishable food only) or www.ampleharvest.org/ or a list of local food pantries (fresh produce as well as non-perishable food) in your area to partner with and to send donations. They assist with arranging pick-up and weighing of your donations.



The USDA estimates more than 25 percent of the food grown in the U.S. is never made available for people to eat. Much of this food is left in the fields after harvest; much more is deemed excess or unmarketable and is simply dumped in landfills to rot.

The Society of St. Andrew mobilizes more than 30,000 volunteers each year to glean in farmers' fields - picking, digging, or gathering nourishing fruits and vegetables remaining after harvest, sharing them freely with feeding agencies nearby. Additionally, Society of St. Andrew sends hundreds of tractor-trailer loads of fresh, but unmarketable produce to food banks nationwide. It's good food that because of cosmetic, marketing, or transportation factors simply would not be sold in the grocery store. Contact the Society of St. Andrew for gleaning opportunities in their area. <http://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/>



Local food pantries that will also accept perishable produce from your garden, from <http://www.ampleharvest.org/find-pantry.php>

Desert Manna

209 North First Avenue, Barstow
760-256-7797

Donations taken daily between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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21938 Thunderbird Road, Apple Valley
760-515-6089

Donation Days/Times: Thursday @ 10 a.m.

Paul Swick Family Center

21351 Yucca Loma Rd., Apple Valley
Phone: 760-240-5606

Donation Days/Times: All school days

Inland Agency Community Tool Box

11744 Bartlett Ave, Adelanto
Phone: 760-246-7874

Donation Days/Times: Food distribution every Friday at 1:30 p.m., but donations are accepted any time during the weekdays during business hours

The Salvation Army - Victor Valley

14585 La Paz Dr., Victorville
Phone: (760) 245-2545

Donation Days/Times: Tues. and Thurs. 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

High Desert Transitional Living Connection/Gateway Food Pantry, 11783 Amethyst Road, Victorville

Phone: 760-949-8282

Donation Days/Times: Sundays noon to 1:30 p.m., Mondays 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays 6 - 8pm

More information: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=feds-feed-families>

OPM data breach Frequently Asked Questions - part 3

The following information was taken from the Office of Personnel Management website <https://www.opm.gov/cybersecurity/> and gives updates and insight into the massive security breach discovered by the OPM earlier this year which compromised personally identifiable information from nearly 26 million current, former and prospective federal government employees and contractors.

The website also offers guidance on how to protect those who have had their PII stolen.

What you can do

At this time, there is no information to suggest misuse of the information that was stolen from OPM's systems. We are continuing to investigate and monitor the situation. We will begin to notify people affected by the background investigation incident in the coming weeks. At that time, you will be auto-enrolled in some services and will need to take action to enroll in others.

In the meantime, here are steps you can take to protect your identity:

Spot the warning signs of identity theft

Visit IdentityTheft.gov to learn how to set up protections:

- Get a free credit report
- Set up fraud alerts on your accounts
- Protect your children/minors from identity theft

Be aware of phishing scams

Phishing is when a fraudster impersonates a business or someone you trust in order to get your private information. Never click on links you don't trust and don't give out your personal information. Legitimate organizations never ask for your information through texts, pop-up messages, or email. Scammers may call and pretend to be from the government or a business to try to get you to give them sensitive information. If a caller asks for your information, call back using a number you know to be legitimate.

Update your passwords

If the information in your background investigation forms could be used to guess your passwords or if you are using the same password that you did when you filled out your background investigation form, change them.

Use complex passwords of 10-12 characters, combining letters, numbers, and special characters. Don't use something that is easily guessable for someone who knows you or has information about you. Don't repeat passwords for several accounts.

Get up to speed on computer security

Review and check up on your practices for safe, secure and responsible online activity. OnguardOnline.gov lists helpful steps you can take to make sure your computer is as safe as possible.

If you think your identity has been stolen

If you believe your information has been misused, there are several steps you should take.

If you are concerned that you are experiencing identity theft, visit IdentityTheft.gov. This site explains steps you can take to recover your identity.

If you are concerned about your child's identity being stolen, the Federal Trade Commission has information and resources to know what to look for and how to get help.

Learn how to keep your information safe from exploitation

You can find information about the measures you can take to ensure the safety of your personal information at the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC) at <http://www.ncsc.gov>.

Supporting people affected

We are offering free identity theft monitoring and restoration services. If you were affected by this incident, you have been sent a notice that includes information about the free services available to you for 18 months. As part of this service, you are automatically enrolled in:

- Full service identity restoration, which helps to repair your identity following fraudulent activity
- Identity theft insurance, which can help to reimburse you for certain expenses incurred if your identity is stolen

Instructions on how to enroll in other services are included in your notification.

For those affected by the background investigation incident

We will be providing you with a suite of comprehensive services in the coming weeks. You will receive a notice in the mail providing details on the incident and the services available to you at no cost for at least three years such as:

- Full service identity restoration support and victim recovery assistance
- Identity theft insurance
- Identity monitoring for minor children
- Continuous credit monitoring
- Fraud monitoring services beyond credit files

For those who have questions

In the coming weeks, a call center will be opened to respond to questions. If you are affected, you will not be able to receive personalized information until notifications begin and the call center is opened. OPM recognizes that it is important to be able to provide individual assistance to those that have questions, and will work with its partners to establish this call center as quickly as possible.

In the coming months, the Administration will work with federal employee representatives and other stakeholders to develop a proposal for the types of credit and identity theft monitoring services that should be provided to all federal employees in the future – regardless of whether they have been affected by this incident – to ensure their personal information is always protected. 🍌



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