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On The Cover:

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Incoming base commander for Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Col. Sekou S. Karega, returns the base battle flag he just accepted from outgoing commander Col. Michael L. Scalise. The base sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Karl Simburger accepts the flag, which he returns to the Mounted Color Guard. This transfer of duties is considered one of the most solemn in the change-of-command ceremony

Back photo by: Cpl. Norman Eckles

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard presents the nation's colors during the Cody Stampede in Cody, Wyo., July 3. The MCG travels across the U.S. to present the American flag at various events. This is the seventh year for the MCG at the Cody Stampede.



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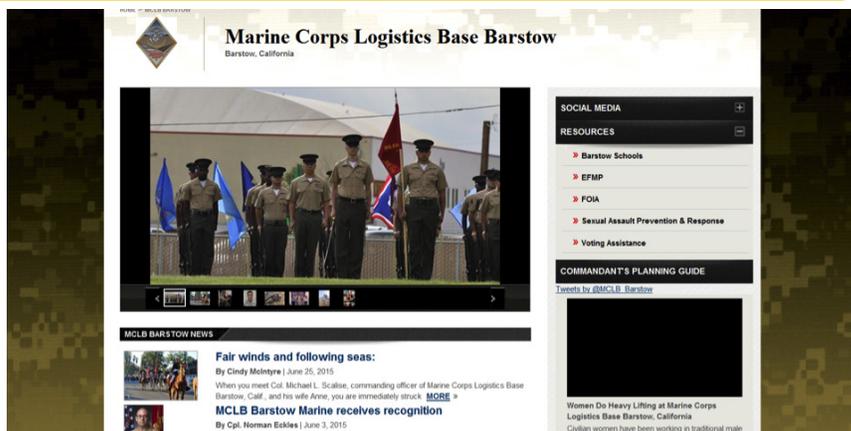




Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Caroline Johnson-Paopao, education technician for the School Age Care facility aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., cools off with family pool time during the All-American Barbecue, July 4. Children left to right: Desire Bryant-Paopao, 14; Inayalena Paopao, 14; Tulima Paopao, 12; Imahre Paopao, 13.

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Leave Share Program

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

William Anslow
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William Oppermann

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

Multi-Family Yard Sale July 11 - 7 a.m. - noon Sorensen Field

Base housing families will host a yard sale which will be open to the public. MCCS is coordinating the event, and food and drink will be available. Free yard sale space is available to all MCLB Barstow patrons. Reserve no later than July 9.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Spouse Social Oasis Pool and Water Park July 14 - 9 a.m.

Meet other spouses and learn about water safety. Don't forget your swim gear!

For information: 577-6675/6408

Identity Theft Webinar July 13 - 1 p.m.

Carol Kando-Pineda, counsel, Federal Trade Commission, will present the FTC's new site IdentityTheft.gov, which streamlines resources to combat this crime. The webinar will discuss protecting personal information on tax returns, medical files, and children's future credit history.

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7546923935511748609>

For information: 577-6149

Story Time & Craft Library Building 17 July 15 - 10 a.m.

Read, roar, flap your wings, and dance while reading "If You're Happy and You Know It - Jungle Edition."

For information: 577-6395

Chaplain's Bible Study Commanding Officer's Conference Room Building 15 July 15 - 11:30 a.m. - noon

Fellowship with others while learning to understand God through His Word in this short Bible Study.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Stork Club Desert View Housing July 16 - 10 a.m.

Join the New Parent Support group for moms-to-be and mothers of children 0 to 18. The topic will be the benefits of massage therapy, with brief massage sessions. Children are welcome.

For information: 577-6533

Story Time & Craft with Play Morning Library Building 17 July 17 - 9 a.m.

Read "I Pledge Allegiance" for a patriotic-themed morning.

For information: 577-6395

Story Time & Craft Library Building 17 July 22 - 10 a.m.

Dance to Farmer Snow's Band while reading "Dance by the Light of the Moon."

For information: 577-6395

L.I.N.K.S. for Kids July 23 - 9 a.m. - noon Hobby Shop Multi-purpose Room

Help children adapt to the military lifestyle and look forward to new beginnings while embracing farewells and learning to be resilient. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

For information: 577-6675/6408

School Transition Survey School Liaison Program

Participate in a brief survey about your PCS experiences with school-aged children. Your voice will have an impact on the future K-12 education support services offered at the base. Take the survey at surveymonkey.com/K12MarinesPCS.

For information: 577-5854

Wellness Series July 15 - 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Learn coping skills for anxiety at the Marine and Family Programs Conference Room. To register: wellnessjuly2015.eventbrite.com.

For information: 577-6533

VA Resources Workshop Goodwill of Southern California Victorville

July 22 - 10 a.m.

Workshop for veterans to learn how to apply for government jobs, resources for homeless vets, veterans' preference, federal resumes, and the work-study program. Held in Career Resource Center, 16934 Bear Valley Rd.

For information: 577-6265



COLONEL SEKOU S. KAREGA

Colonel Karega was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and received a Bachelor of Science in Biology in May 1988. Colonel Karega was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in December 1989 and later completed a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in August 1993. Additionally, he earned a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School in June 2002.

First Lieutenant Karega was assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif. for duty with 1st Landing Support Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group from December 1995 to April 1997. There, he served as platoon commander, Beach and Terminal Operations Company, Detachment Commander, Landing Support Detachment, and Assistant S-2/S-3 Officer.

In April 1997, Captain Karega was transferred to 1st Force Service Support Group (Fwd) where he was assigned as the Operations Officer and Training Officer. Following that assignment, Captain Karega was selected as Commanding Officer, Combat Service Support Detachment-14, El Toro, Calif. from May 1998 to June 1999. There, his responsibilities included the complete migration and deactivation of the unit. Capt. Karega was transferred to Marine Wing Support Group-47, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan where he was assigned as the Support Operations Officer and Intelligence Officer from July 1999 to May 2001.

From July 2001 to June 2004, Major Karega was assigned to Monterey, Calif. where he studied National Security Affairs (Middle East/North Africa concentration) at the Naval Post Graduate School and Modern Standard Arabic at the Defense Language Institute. Prior to the completion of his training at the Defense Language Institute, Maj. Karega was assigned to the G-2, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif., as the Foreign Area Officer in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II from July 2004 to June 2005. He served as the Commanding General's envoy to the Al Anbar provincial government, tribal, and religious leadership. He transferred to the 1st Marine Logistics Group in September 2005 and was assigned as the Executive Officer, Combat Logistics Battalion-7, 1st MLG (Fwd) in support of OIF 5-07 from October 2005 to September 2006. Upon redeployment, he was assigned as the Executive Officer, Combat Logistics Regiment-1 from September 2006 to August 2007.

In August 2007, Maj. Karega was transferred to the I Marine Expeditionary Force Command Element and was assigned as the Plans Officer and Deputy AC/S G-4, I Marine



Expeditionary Force (Fwd). In December 2007, Lt. Col Karega assumed command of CLB-7, CLR-1, 1st MLG, Twentynine Palms, Calif. He deployed with CLB-7 in support of OIF 09.2 from February to September 2009. Upon redeployment, he was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency and then assigned as the Marine Attaché to Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, The Gambia, and Cape Verde from January 2011 to February 2013. He also acted as the Senior Defense Official/Defense Attaché to Burkina Faso from March to August 2012. In this capacity, he served as advisor to the US Ambassador on military and defense issues and as liaison between the U.S. Embassy and the host nation military service.

He served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Marine Corps Installations Command, Installations and Logistics Department, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps prior to assuming command of MCLB Barstow.

Col. Karega's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two Gold Stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. 🇺🇸

MCLB Barstow welcomes new base

Compiled by
Public Affairs Staff

The 33rd commander of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Col. Sekou S. Karega, took command from Col. Michael L. Scalise on July 1 in a solemn change-of-command ceremony on Sorensen Field. Following the handing over of the base battle flag, Brig. Gen. Edward D. Banta, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, praised Col. Scalise for his achievements and presented Scalise with the Legion of Merit. Scalise also expressed awe at the military record of Col. Karega. Mrs. Anne Scalise received a presentation of books for the base library. The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band from Marine Corps Air Base, Miramar, Calif., provided the stirring military music. 🎖️



commander, Col. Sekou S. Karega



Mounted Color Guard celebrates the Fourth at Cody, Wyo. Stampede

Commentary and photos by:

Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

When the Mounted Color Guard aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. arrives in Cody, Wyo. for the Fourth of July Stampede and Rodeo, its Marines are treated to an experience that stands above the welcome they usually receive when they travel to events across the country.

First, they are greeted by the MCG's sponsor Gary Brown. He leads the Marine riders to their hotel and makes sure they have everything they need during their week-long stay. Then, as the horse trailer bearing the MCG logo passes through town, the Marines in the pickup truck are welcomed with ecstatic waves and hat tips from people of all ages. Pictures are taken by locals and tourists alike, and are undoubtedly shared on social media sites.

I have been lucky enough to witness this twice as I've traveled with our Mounted Color Guard to document its participation in the Stampede.

Gary Brown and his wife Leslie go above and beyond to ensure the members of the MCG have all they need to be comfortable. The Browns book the hotel, provide gift cards, and arrange billeting for the equine Marines - the mustangs that give the color guard its unique flair. So perfect for a Western town where many of the men wear cowboy hats.

When the MCG arrives at the rodeo arena to present the colors, the crowd roars in applause. The spectators stand as if one body, and as the National Anthem plays, they cover their hearts with their hands or their hats and sing along. The color guard receives the same enthusiastic response as it exits. The

Marines who proudly sit astride their palomino steeds have told me this patriotic reception is like nothing they've experienced before.

The MCG also participates in several parades at the Stampede. In the Kiddies' Parade, the riders walk down the main street and pass out plush toys to children. As the smartly-dressed Marines in their riding boots pass by, children yell out, saying "thank you" and "thank you for your service." Some youngsters even salute. They also have a chance to pet the gentle horses, too.

"They (the MCG) really do mean a lot to the community," said Cody native Leslie Brown, sponsor of the MCG. "When they come, it's almost as if they need to be in Cody during this time. They really tie everything together."

I have been impressed that this small town has given the MCG the utmost respect and valor. As the mounted Marines ride down the street, you hear shouts of "oorahh" and "yut" from Marine veterans. And there is also silence in respect for the nation's colors.

After events or when they are having dinner in town, people walk up to the Marines and thank them for their service. Some offer to buy them dinner, as happened last year. The MCG had no choice but to turn down the thoughtful offer; it is not allowed to accept any gift valued greater than \$20.

However, such gestures really make the experience in Cody different from the rest. Marines who have been there say they want to return the next year because of the hospitality and genuine love the people have for them. Cody, Wyoming - it's a place like no other for the Mounted Color Guard of MCLB Barstow. 🇺🇸



The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., presents the nation's colors before the Extreme Bulls Night in Cody, Wyo. June 30. The MCG has presented the colors in Cody for the past seven years. Left to right: Sgt. Stewart Tauch; Sgt. Yuki Buday; Cpl. Monica Hilpisch; Cpl. Miguel Felix.



The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. poses for a photo during the Cody Stamped Parade in Cody, Wyo., July 3. The mcg has participated in this event for seven years. Left to right: Sgt. Terry Barker; Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Garcia; Sgt. Yuki Buday; Cpl. Monica Hilpisch.

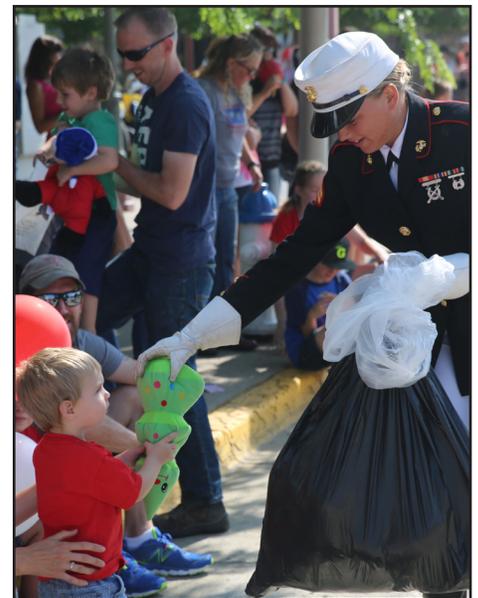


Above: Cpl. Monica Hilpisch strikes the "We Can Do It!" pose next to a WWII recruiting poster on a parade float.

Below: Local men prepare the flag to be hoisted on a crane during the Cody Stamped.



Sgt. Stewart Tauch, stableman with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, lets children pet his horse, Ochoco, during the Kiddies Parade in Cody, Wyo., July 2.



Cpl. Monica Hilpisch, stableman, hands a child a plush toy during the Kiddies Parade in Cody Wyo., July 2. During the parade, the members of the color guard walk alongside their horses to interact with children and hand out the donated toys.



Tips for surviving the drought

Submitted by: Anthony Mesa
MCLB Barstow Energy Manager



Anyone who listens to the news knows that California is suffering from a serious drought. Southern Californians need to reduce water use to maintain the region's water supply reserves. One of the most effective ways to conserve is by limiting landscape irrigation. Up to 70 percent of residential water use is applied outdoors.

Many communities have mandatory watering restrictions that limit the days, times and duration that customers can water their landscapes. These regulations vary across Southern California.

Check with your local water provider to find out the watering days and times allowed in your area.

The following tips will make your lawn and shrub watering more efficient:

- Enable plants and trees to grow deep roots that help them withstand drought and longer periods between irrigation:
- Water less frequently and at a slower rate to allow the water to percolate deeper into the soil.
- Apply water more slowly by installing multi-stream rotating nozzles on your sprinklers, or convert to drip or hand watering.
- Eliminate run-off. If needed, use multiple start times with shorter durations ("cycle and soak") during the allowable watering period to avoid water waste.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. This saves 12 to 15 gallons each time you water.
- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios instead of water. This saves 8 to 18 gallons per minute.

AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



July 1, 2015. Arlington, Va. - The U.S. Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon performs during the sunset parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial, Arlington, Va., June 30, 2015. The Honorable Mr. Ashton B. Carter, Secretary of Defense, was the guest of honor for the parade, and **10** Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps,

Photo by: Lance Cpl. Alex A. Quiles
was the hosting official. Since September 1956, marching and musical units from Marine Barracks Washington, D.C., have been paying tribute to those whose "uncommon valor was a common virtue" by presenting sunset parades in the shadow of the 32-foot high figures of the United States Marine Corps War Memorial.

OPM data breach Frequently Asked Questions

The Office of Personnel Management has suffered what is considered to be the largest data hack of personally identifiable information in history.

The following is part of an online article from FederalTimes.com published July 7 which indicates the breach may be much larger than originally estimated.

OPM is preparing to inform millions of current, former and potential federal employees that their information might have been exposed in the breach of background investigation data unveiled on June 8, commonly referred to as the second OPM hack.

Officials confirmed the agency is planning to send out notices to all those potentially affected by the breach on a rolling basis scheduled to begin this week.

The agency will likely put a figure on the number of those affected, projected to be as high as 18 million by some accounts. Information on more than 4 million federal employees was exposed in the initial breach of personnel data; however this second intrusion covers a much larger pool, potentially affecting anyone who ever applied for security clearance, including some military personnel.

OPM issued a Frequently Asked Questions list detailing how affected personnel can handle the possible leak of their information.

When did this happen?

Incident #1 – OPM believes that the intrusion occurred in December 2014. OPM became aware of the intrusion into its systems in April 2015 after implementing tough new measures to deter and detect cyberattacks.

Incident #2 – During its investigation, OPM became aware of intrusions in May (affecting background investigations data). On June 8, OPM alerted agencies that there was a high degree of confidence that OPM systems containing information related to the background investigations of current, former and prospective federal government employees and those for whom a federal background investigation was conducted, may have been compromised.

What personal information was compromised?

Incident #1 – The kind of data that may have been compromised in this incident could include name, Social Security number, date and place of birth, and current and former addresses. It is the type of information you would typically find in a personnel file, such as job assignments, training records, and benefit selection decisions. OPM has indicated that it does not appear that names of family members, beneficiaries or information contained in actual policies were compromised. DoD and DON employees and retirees may have had their information included in the human resources information that was compromised. The OPM notification will indicate what information may have been compromised.

Incident #2 – In the course of the ongoing investigation into the cyber intrusion that compromised personnel records of current and former federal employees (announced June 4), it was discovered that additional OPM systems were compromised. These systems contain information related to background investigations. OPM, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are working as part of an ongoing investigation to determine the number of people affected by this separate intrusion. OPM will notify those individuals whose information may have been compromised as soon as practicable.

Why didn't OPM tell affected individuals about the loss of the data sooner?

Incident #1 – OPM became aware of an intrusion in April 2015. OPM worked with the DHS Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) as quickly as possible to assess the extent of the malicious activity and to identify the records of individuals who may have been compromised. During the investigation, OPM became aware of potentially compromised data in May 2015. With any such event, it takes time to conduct a thorough investigation and identify the affected individuals.

How will I be notified if I am an affected individual?

Incident #1 – OPM began conducting notifications to affected individuals using email and/or USPS First Class mail on June 8. Recognizing the inherent security concerns in this methodology, DoD, with OPM and CSID support, suspended notifications between June 11-15, until an improved, more secure notification and response process was in place. Late June 15, email notification resumed.

Incident #2 – The investigation is ongoing. OPM will notify affected individuals as soon as practicable – keeping in mind that the investigation into the second breach continues.

What do I need to do when I get the email?

Incident #1 – The email text now advises employees to paste or type a link to an https site. CSID also has changed the form on their initial page and only requires an employee to enter the unique PIN#. Additionally, employees will be asked to solve a CAPTCHA to help CSID block automated cyberattack programs. Once the PIN# and CAPTCHA are accepted, employees can proceed to the credit monitoring sign-up page. This is where personal information must be entered.

Those employees who have received a notification via email from the email account OPMcio@csid.com (or via letter from U.S. Postal Service) and entered their assigned PIN, are registered for credit monitoring

Affected employees who deleted or disregarded that email, or affected employees who have not yet received the email will automatically be enrolled in the identity theft insurance. These employees will be re-notified by email with a PIN#.

More FAQ about the OPM data breach will be published in future editions of The Prospector.

<https://www.opm.gov/news/latest-news/announcements/frequently-asked-questions/>





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