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**Deputy commandant  
congratulates base**

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**Goodbye to MCG alum**

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**Summit Leadership Academy**



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Colonel S. Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, gives opening remarks to start the 3rd Annual High Desert Marines' Car and Motorcycle Show, June 18.

## On The Cover:

### Front Cover: Carlos Guerra

(Left) "Chip" Schwartz, plant manager, Production Plant Barstow, points out the features of some of the items manufactured at the plant to Lt. Gen. Michael Dana, deputy commandant, Installations and Logistics. Dana toured the base to congratulate various departments on their contributions to winning the Commander In Chief's Installation Excellence Award for 2016.

### Back Cover: Keith Hayes

(Left) Colonel S. Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Barstow, enters the Family Restaurant aboard the base with Brig. Gen. David Ottignon, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Ottignon was overseeing Marine reservist training at Rail Operations on the Yermo Annex side of MCLB Barstow.



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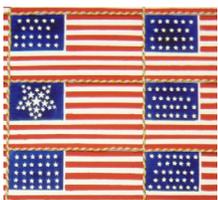
Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Staff with the Child Development Center's Summer Camp Program play with children at the Oasis Pool and Water Park, June 14. The program continues through August 8 and allows children to enjoy

activities such as trips to the library, pool, bowling center and planned field trips. For information about enrolling your children into the program call 577-6287.

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## Leave Share Program

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

Jacqueline Griffin

Stephan Martin

Paul Aguilar

Jessica Tafoya

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

## Screens and Strikes

### Family Movie Night

#### Desert Lanes Bowling Center

Fri. July 8, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Bowling and a movie! What a bargain! We will be watching the movie Kung Fu Panda 3. For more information call 577-6264 or visit [www.mccsbarstow.com/bowling/](http://www.mccsbarstow.com/bowling/).

## NMCRS is

### Seeking Volunteers

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Barstow is seeking volunteers for the following: Chairman of Volunteers to manage volunteer operations; Director and Thrift Store Contributors/Volunteers. The COV position is highly regarded within the society and will contribute greatly towards job training and experience. If you have a passion for retail, the NMCRS Thrift Store is for you! We are seeking people with energy, passion and creativity to help sort, display and market various donations. NMCRS offers mileage and childcare reimbursement. Interested candidates, please email [retna.shaw@nmcrs.org](mailto:retna.shaw@nmcrs.org) or [hannah.hick@nmcrs.org](mailto:hannah.hick@nmcrs.org).

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**RUN THE NUMBERS: Never leave a child or pet in a car on a warm day!**

## Vehicle Temperature

Outside	Inside	Time to reach
75	100	10 minutes
75	120	30 minutes
85	90	5 minutes
85	100	7-10 minutes
85	120	30 minutes
100	140	15 minutes

Prevent Child Abuse Indiana [pcain.org](http://pcain.org)

## Summer Camp now through Aug. 8 SAC bldg. 64

Some camp activities include trips to the library, pool, bowling center, and planned field trips. To request care first visit [militarychildcare.com](http://militarychildcare.com). Once your request is completed online then see Stacey Korves for the rest of the registration packet which consists of emergency contact information, medical records to include vaccination details, and so forth. For more information call 577-6287.

## Self Defense Class

July 13, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.  
Semper Fit Gym, bldg. 44

All ages and skill levels are welcome to attend this free class. Even if you don't want to participate you can watch and learn how to be your own personal safety advocate. Registration is recommended at [selfdefensejuly2016.eventbrite.com](http://selfdefensejuly2016.eventbrite.com). For more information call 760-577-6533 or visit [www.mccsbarstow.com/prevention-education/](http://www.mccsbarstow.com/prevention-education/).

## All American BBQ July 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oasis Pool & Water Park, bldg. 38

All MCLB authorized patrons are invited to come and celebrate Independence Day at the annual All American BBQ. Join us for food, pool fun, and contests. For more information call 577-6968 or visit [www.mccsbarstow.com](http://www.mccsbarstow.com).

## Desert Lanes Summer Camps Fri. June 24, July 8 and 22 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

Join the fun with trips to Desert Lanes this summer. Open to school age children ages 5-18. Cost is \$8 per child and includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental and popcorn. A final bowling tournament will be held on July 22 with prizes, giveaways, and pizza. For more information call 577-6264 or visit [www.mccsbarstow.com/bowling](http://www.mccsbarstow.com/bowling).

## Oasis Pool Summer Hours Tue. - Sun.

The Oasis pool and water park is now open full-time Tuesday through Friday LAP SWIM 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and OPEN SWIM 1 p.m. -7p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11a.m.-7p.m. OPEN SWIM. For more information please call 577-6898 or visit [www.mccsbarstow.com/pool/](http://www.mccsbarstow.com/pool/).

## Energy Tips

Wait until cooler times of the day to do tasks that make your home warmer, like laundry and cooking.

Hang laundry outside. Take advantage of late sunset and warm evenings to bypass your dryer and let your clothes air dry.

# The history of National Flag Day

Story compiled by: Lt. Col. Timothy Silkowski, Fleet Support Division  
and Laurie Pearson, Public Affairs Office

**Editor's Note:** June 14 is National Flag Day every year, commemorating the day the first flag resolution was passed in Congress. In honor of the day history aficionado, Lt. Col. Timothy Silkowski, director of Fleet Support Division aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex, offers insight into the history of the American flag and National Flag Day.

## Q: What drew you to study history so thoroughly?

Our founding fathers fervently studied their history, and they considered all its historical significance while designing this new, experimental nation. They were all well aware of the pitfalls of unchecked power along with the tyranny that resulted - as happened with the Roman Empire. They understood the pros and cons of democracy; therefore, they created a Republic - basically a democracy with checks and balances which guaranteed the rights and freedom for all people. With the French Revolution in their rear view mirror, they understood the horrors that the masses could inflict on the minorities in the name of democracy. By studying their history, they designed a nation that would adapt and survive far into the future.

## Q: What compels you to study military/Marine Corps history?

First, if you don't know from where you came, it's doubtful you will know where you're going. Second, Marine Corps history is a long legacy of tough-as-nails Americans who didn't know how to give up a fight. Basically, current Marines fall into a long legacy of winners, and this should motivate every current and future Marine to live up to that legacy of champions.

## Q: What is the history of the American flag creation and colors?

There are a lot of myths and folklore concerning our flag's creation - some based in fact, some not, and a whole lot in between. For example, we're all taught that the thirteen original horizontal bars (stripes) were designed to signify the thirteen original British colonies - true, but not always the case. Interestingly, the flag flown over Fort McHenry, which inspired Francis Scott Key, had 15 stars and 15 bars - two extra bars for America's two newest states - Kentucky and Vermont. For a while, the number of stars and bars stagnated as new states were added to the Union until (the joining of the 20th state). At that time, Congress reduced the number of bars back to 13 and increased the number of stars to 20.

The five pointed star, set in a field of blue, was originally

designed to signify a new constellation in the sky. (But) it wasn't until two decades following the Civil War that we finally see consistent constellation patterns in the field of blue.

Why red, white, and blue? All folklore aside, the simplest answer is to look at the flag of the Empire we fought to secede from - the Union Jack. We started as a British colony, and many of the earliest "Continental Color" designs incorporated the Union Jack in lieu of the constellation of stars we're used to seeing today.

## Q: Where did the nickname "Old Glory" come from?

The term "Old Glory" is credited to Captain William Driver. As a man of the sea, he was presented with a very large 24-star flag as a gift in 1831 for his assistance in rescuing the remaining mutineers/survivors of the HMS Bounty. Upon first unfurling his flag to the ocean breeze, Capt Driver loudly exclaimed "Old Glory!" Upon retirement, Captain Driver moved inland to Nashville Tennessee taking his treasured flag with him. It remained securely hidden until February 25, 1862 when Union forces captured Nashville and raised a rather puny version of the National Ensign over the capital building. Feeling liberated, the 60-year-old Driver raced home to retrieve his beloved flag and returned to the flag tower where he proceeded to replace the small National Ensign with his own. Upon

seeing his magnificent "Old Glory" unfurled in the breeze, the Sixth Ohio Regiment commenced with cheering and salutes to Capt Driver's "Old Glory."

## Q: What is the significance of National Flag Day?

June 14th was officially enacted as National Flag Day in 1949 by an act of Congress and signed by President Harry S. Truman, but the celebrations started long before. The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated with patriotic displays of the red, white, and blue; but the movement to celebrate the "Flag's" birthday seems to have originated in the 1880's New England public school systems. After all, the Second Continental Congress, on June 14, 1777, passed the Flag Resolution stating that the flag of the 13 United States would consist of 13 alternate stripes of red and white and that the union would consist of 13 stars in a field of blue representing a new constellation. What started as an educational celebration in the public school system soon spread to several States and municipalities. After three decades of growing popularity, President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed "Flag Day" in 1916; and today, "Flag Day" is celebrated across 50 United States and its multiple territories. 🇺🇸

### Proper etiquette for displaying the flag

- Your flag should be lit at all times (sunlight by day, artificial light by night).
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform (except for a few official-use exceptions), it shouldn't be used as draperies, nor should it be altered in any way.
- The American Flag should only be displayed with the Stars in the upper left-hand corner, flying a flag upside down means you are in distress.
- The flag should be cleaned or mended as needed, and once the flag is past its service life, it should be destroyed by burning it in an honorable method (you can usually contact your local VFW for assistance).
- When lowering the American Flag, at no time should it come into contact with the ground.
- When it is displayed from the staff with another flag, the flag of the United States must always be at the top.

# Stars come out during the

## Logistics Group commanding general tours MCLBB

**Story by: Keith Hayes**  
Public Affairs Specialist

The commanding general of the 1st Marine Logistics Group took time during a recent training mission at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow to tour the facility.

Brigadier General David A. Ottignon arrived via helicopter from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton at the Barstow-



Photo by: Keith Hayes

Brigadier General David Ottignon, commanding general, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, passes on words of wisdom to Marines reservists from Combat Logistics Battalion 25, Detachment 1, Transportation Company, from Stone Bay, N.C., during lunch at the Family Restaurant aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, June 15.

Daggett Army Airfield and was met by Col. Sekou Karega, commanding officer, MCLB Barstow, June 15.

The purpose of Ottignon's visit was to oversee training of a reserve Marine component and "... to get a better understanding of how (the Logistics Group and MCLBB) interoperate and how we can enhance our maintenance and supply capabilities, as well as do some training."

Reserve Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 25, Detachment 1, Transportation Company, from Stone Bay, North Carolina, were at

MCLB with Ottignon to train on rail operations, specifically how to load and unload equipment from flatbed rail cars.

The general met with Defense Logistics Agency director Brent Cox and toured warehouses 5 and 7. Material and equipment is shipped to Department of Defense facilities, including deployed units, around the world from Warehouse 5, while

Warehouse 7 receives both new and used equipment from the same sources to be stored aboard base.

From the Yermo side of MCLBB, Ottignon met with Lt. Col. Timothy Silkowski, director, Fleet Support Division, and took a brief windshield tour of FSD facilities.

Ottignon then took a break to eat lunch at the Family Restaurant back aboard the Nebo side of MCLBB. The reserve Marines from CLB 25 Det 1 dined with the general.

He praised the reservists who took time from their jobs and families to travel across the country for training.

"These young Marines are here doing some rail operations and to take advantage of the facilities you have here.

"The way we do our reserve training, and the way we integrate between active and reserve is very special and

unique in the Department of Defense," Ottignon said. "These Marines come out here to experience some great training so that they can develop that skill-set to do everything that we need them to do."

After touring the Rail Operations Center back at the Yermo Annex, Ottignon met with "Chip" Schwartz, manager, Production Plant Barstow, for a walking tour of the craneway at building 573 and its outlying shops. Ottignon described his visit as informative and useful.



Photo by: Carlos Guerra

(Left) Chad Hildebrandt, supervisor, Rail Operations, talks with B. Gen David Ottignon as Col Sekou Karega, commanding officer, MCLB Barstow looks on. The general was overseeing the training of reserve troops from North Carolina at Rail Ops., June 15.

"(MCLBB) absolutely is a strategic facility for the Marine Corps," Ottignon said. "These depots create the kind of readiness and ability the Marine Corps needs.

"It's a pleasure to be here and see some hard working Americans and some great Marines doing great things in Barstow," Ottignon concluded.



# day at MCLB Barstow

## Deputy Commandant lauds MCLB Barstow for Commander In Chief's award

Story by: Keith Hayes  
Public Affairs Specialist

Lieutenant General Michael Dana, deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics, visited Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 14, to personally congratulate MCLB for being awarded the prestigious Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence.



Photo by: Carlos Guerra

(Left) The kitting process, or the way packages are prepared for shipping, is explained to Lt. Gen. Dana by Edward Varnado as the deputy commandant tours Warehouse 5 during his visit to MCLB Barstow June 14.

combat boots and computer mainframes to cold weather gear and computerized copy machines. He praised the work the employees of the Defense Logistics Agency performed at MCLBB.

"I'm very impressed. DLA runs a world-class organization," Dana said. "The DLA is very helpful to the Marine Corps. I like their best practices, and we're going to adopt same."

The tour also included a stop at neighboring Warehouse 7 where equipment is received at MCLBB before being sent on to nearby

Dana first met with Col. Sekou Karega, commanding officer, MCLBB, for a quick briefing at command headquarters, before going on a tour of the base.

The deputy commandant and Karega then took a walking tour of Warehouse 5 where goods and materiel are prepared to be shipped out to Department of Defense concerns around the world.

Dana walked among the aisles of racks which are loaded with everything from

storage facilities.

"I've been to (MCLB) Barstow three times, but I wanted to visit the DLA facility personally because of the great work they do," Dana said.

From there, the lieutenant general and his entourage took a windshield tour of the foreign military sales (FMS) lots near the rear gate of the Nebo facility before heading out to the Yermo Annex of MCLBB.

Dana was met by Lt. Col. Timothy A. Silkowski, director, Fleet Support Division, and took part in a rolling tour of FSD facilities.

A special stop at the Security Warehouse drew

comments of wonder and amazement about the variety of materials stored in that secure facility, some dating back decades to much earlier conflicts.

Dana then headed to Production Plant Barstow where he had an up close look at Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and Light Armored Vehicles typically repaired and tested at the facility.

During each stop of his tour, Dana took time to praise the various departments and areas for their contributions to winning the Installation Excellence award.



Photo by: Keith Hayes

One of the most secure locations aboard MCLBB, the Security Warehouse, was visited by Dana during his congratulatory tour of the base June 14.



Photo by: Keith Hayes

The deputy commandant of I&L examines a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle setting on the test track of Production Plant Barstow as the driver Daniel Contreras points out certain features of the huge vehicle.



# Sgt. Tauch: Rifleman, stableman, family man

Story by: Laurie Pearson  
Public Affairs Specialist

Originally from Long Beach, California, Sgt. Steward Tauch, had no experience in riding horses before being assigned as a stableman with the Marine Corps' last Mounted Color Guard, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

In 2008, Tauch entered the United States Marine Corps as a rifleman. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, also known as Joker Company where he served as a squad leader for 2nd Platoon, 2nd Squad. His service with the Corps has taken him all over the world, he said, and to such places as Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Japan and Australia, as well as a combat tour in Afghanistan.

His long list of awards include Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary, National Defense Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism, NATO Medal - International Security Assistance Force, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal with one star, Sea Service Deployment with 2 stars, Meritorious Mast, Letter of Appreciation and Certificate of Appreciation.

With regard to his service, the part Tauch likes best is the fleet life.

"I love fleet life," he said. "(and) having to deploy with a unit you have been doing a workup with. It brings the cohesion from the bottom up and gives you a sense of understanding of the brotherhood."

Although Marine Corps

Base Camp Pendleton was his favorite duty station, he also enjoyed being sent to Australia, training with the "Aussies" and getting to visit the popular vacation town of Cairns. There are also definite perks to serving with the MCG, as well.

"Being a part of the MCG is a lot different from what I was use to in



Photo courtesy: Sgt. Steward Tauch

Sergeant Steward Tauch sharing some quality time with his 7-year-old son, Logan.



Photo by: Rob Jackson

Tauch sits at the far right of the only remaining Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard at the opening of the Barstow Rodeo held at the MCG arena aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

the Marines," Tauch said. "(It's a) different workload and getting to work with horses for the first time (is a huge change). I've never worked with horses before until I got here

and it's an experience I will never forget. (Especially) getting to travel around the U.S. and see different cities that appreciate the military."

One example is Elizabeth, Colorado, explained Tauch.

"Due to the people and the way they treat military servicemen," he said, "this is one city (in which) I would retire."

In his off-time, this Marine is a big family man.

"As I have five brothers and five sisters," said Tauch, "we always have birthday (parties) one time out of the month. We are basically a family who likes to have fun and enjoy the beach when it's warm, and barbecue if we can fit the whole family into one house."

The highlight of his family is, of course, his seven-year-old son, Logan. With a background in dance lessons, Tauch is passing the torch to his son, teaching him his dance floor moves.

Aside from teaching his son dance moves Tauch said, "Logan is a good swimmer, so we go to the pool and work on his form and stuff"

Tauch is also teaching Logan to be a car enthusiast.

"He knows the basics," he explained. "He understands that a turbo car is faster than a non-turbo car."

To new Marines entering the Corps, Tauch offers words of wisdom.

"Be willing to change at any moment," he said. "The Marine Corps is a different type of breed. If they need a wolf, become

a leader. If they need a pit bull, be vicious. If they need a herd of sheep, working party up, then work."

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One important lesson Tauch has learned along the way is how to lead.

“I’ve trained with many leaders, from the best ones to the worst ones,” explained Tauch. “Good leaders talk less and listen more. (They’re) willing to lead from the front, rather than sit back and watch it unfold. Throughout the years, I got to understand (myself) and have (gained) a sense of purpose in the Corps. I have developed a bigger understanding of why we are here and how to contribute to the whole.”

“I am a Marine fulfilling a duty to my country,” he continued. “I am the first out of eleven kids in the family to have enlisted into the Armed Service. I bring honesty, hard work, and dedication. I am the

first Cambodian to have been on the Mounted Color Guard. Never in my life would I have thought that I would be in this position as a rider with the MCG. All I have known is sleeping in the field, training in ‘29 Stumps’ and deploying. From an infantry battalion

that is known to have its history throughout different wars, I am glad to call myself a Bastard, coming from Bastard Battalion full of grunts to a stable full of horses and well-groomed Marines.”

Through and through, Sgt. Tauch makes clear that he is honored to be Marine. His next command, School of Infantry-West at Camp Pendleton, he will

be challenged with teaching incoming Marines not just the ability to survive in the Corps, but to thrive.



Photo courtesy: Sgt. Steward Tauch

The 2nd Squad, also known as the Joker Company, of the 2nd Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and their squad leader Sgt. Tauch (far right) after a day of training.



## High Desert Marine's 3rd annual Car & Motorcycle Show

Photos by: **Rob Jackson**  
Public Affairs Officer



(Left) U.S. Congressional Representative Paul Cook and Col. Sekou Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, deliver opening remarks at the 3rd annual High Desert Marines' Car & Motorcycle Show in Victorville, Calif., June 18.



A 1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle restored by U.S. Army SFC Clarence Love (retired).



A restored classic 1955 Buick Roadmaster shines in the afternoon sun at the 3rd annual High Desert Marines' Car & Motorcycle show.



Juan Rivera, Information Technology officer, MCLB Barstow, entered his Harley Davidson Heritage Special motorcycle into the bike portion of the show, and won.

# Summit Leadership cadets train aboard MCLB Barstow

Photos courtesy of: Ron Wilkins  
Dean of Students, Summit Leadership Academy



Cadets from Summit Leadership Academy - High Desert, Hesperia, Calif., practice military etiquette at Marine Corps Logistics Barstow, Calif., June 11. Grass drills, calisthenics, posture and other life lessons prepare the students for a career in the military or whatever path they may choose.

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



A "march in full pack" on the roads throughout Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow keeps the Summit Academy cadets busy and in shape June 11. The students are taught military skills and trained in, among other

disciplines, military style fitness and courtesy. The mission statement of the academy is "dedicated to instilling high standards of integrity, ethics and behavior while pursuing high academic standards"



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