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Child Abuse Awareness Month

Easter Egg Hunt and Roll

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On The Cover:

Front Cover: Carlos Guerra

Sergeant Major Sergio MartinezRuiz accepts the Noncommissioned Officer sword from Base Commanding Officer, Col. Sekou S. Karega, designating him as the new base sergeant major, during a Relief and Appointment ceremony held on MCLB Barstow, March 3. Sgt. Maj. Martinez took over the position from Sgt. Maj. Karl D. Simburger who has been reassigned as the sergeant major for the Wounded Warrior Regiment, located in Quantico, Va.

Back Cover: Keith Hayes

(Left) Brigadier General Edward Banta, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations West, chats with Col. Sekou Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, as the pair exit McTureous Hall after viewing the library March 9. The library is expected to have a grand reopening in May.



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Barstow, California



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Photo by: Laurie Pearson

K-9 Wrinkle nails his would-be criminal, Cpl. Gilberto Navarrete, during controlled aggression training under the guidance of Sgt. Steven Goss, trainer and handler, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 2. Wrinkle is Goss' new partner and the pair have bonded quickly, ensuring a fierce loyalty for that team.

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Leave Share Program

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

Billie Butts

Stephen Martin

Jacqueline Griffin

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

NMCRS is

Seeking Volunteers

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Barstow is looking to fill volunteer positions for the following: Chairman of Volunteers (COV to manage volunteer operations in partnership with NMCRS Camp Pendleton; 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 definitely for you! We are seeking people with energy, passion and creativity to help sort, display and market the various forms of donations that come in. NMCRS offers mileage and childcare reimbursement, as well. Interested candidates, please email retna.shaw@nmcrs.org or hannah.hick@nmcrs.com.

Community Counseling Program Movie Night

March 11 5-7 p.m.

Desert Lanes Bowling Center

CCP movie nights are designed to increase family togetherness and awareness to what the program offers in a fun and relaxed environment. Bring your family and join us as we watch "Pan." Bowling lanes will be free and refreshments will be available for purchase. Be sure to stop by the information booth before the movie starts! For more information contact Marine and Family Programs at 577-6533.

Multi-cultural Celebration Volunteers Needed

MCLB Barstow is hosting a Multi-cultural Celebration event May 18. Volunteers are needed to set up, run and tear down tables. Additionally, anyone who may wish to perform a cultural demonstration (dance, music, art) will be asked to demonstrate their talents. For more information contact Gunnery Sgt. Hainer at 577-6751 james.hainer@usmc.mil; Solange Campos at 577-6599 solange.campos@usmc.mil; Arthur Champion at 577-6022 arthur.v.champion@usmc.mil; or volunteer coordinator Jill Crumpler at 577-6408 jill.crumpler@usmc.mil.

LINKS for Marines March 15 8 a.m. Hobby Shop

This one-day session is designed to give Marines and Sailors additional insight into their career, resources, family programs, pay and finances, moving, preparation for separations and deployment, and other topics. For more information call Marine Corps Family Team Building at 577-6675.

Story Time & Craft March 15 10 a.m. Bldg. 17

This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. Then, one day, something amazing happens. Join us as we read "What Do You Do With An Idea?" For more information contact Library Services at 577-6395.

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

Come join in the fun! All active duty service members and their dependents with children are invited to come to enjoy singing, stories, crafts and play time. Make new friends and learn something new each week. For more information contact New Parent Support at 577-6533.

Stork Club March 16 9 a.m.

Desert View Community Center

Join your friends and New Parent Support for the monthly 'Stork club' for moms-to-be and moms of children ages 0-18 months. We will have a special guest coming from Women, Infants and Children Program. Information will be provided on who qualifies for assistance and they will discuss proper nutrition for children. Children are welcome! For more information contact the New Parent Support Program at 577-6533.

Self Defense Class

March 16 6-8 p.m.

McCarver Hall, Semper Fit Gym

Join us for the monthly self-defense class! Training can increase your options and help you prepare responses to slow down, de-escalate or interrupt an attack. The best defense is a good offense! Free t-shirt for first-time participants! Quantities are limited. Pre-registration is recommended at selfdefensemar2016.eventbrite.com. For more information contact the Prevention & Education Program at 577-6533.

NO MORE Pledge Table

March 23 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

NEBO MCX

NO MORE is a groundbreaking symbol designed to galvanize change and radically increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault. Come to MCX and sign your pledge card saying "I SAY NO MORE BECAUSE" and register for the 5K to be held on April 15th. For more information contact Marine & Family Programs at 577-6533.

Energy Tips

Recycle your old newspapers. Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water. This represents a 64 percent energy savings, a 58 percent water savings, and keeps 60 pounds of pollutants out of the air.

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

Major Colon addresses women veterans

Major Stacey Colon, director of environmental services within the Installation and Logistics Division aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, chats with women veterans at a Women In The Military luncheon at the Veterans Home of California-Barstow, March 8. Some of the women present at the luncheon served in the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps during World War II and the Vietnam War. The event, sponsored by the Victorville Elks Lodge, serves to honor those women who served as military members themselves, or who were married to military personnel. Major Colon was the keynote speaker for the event, discussing her career as a Marine Corps helicopter pilot, turned environmental director, military spouse, and mother of two sons.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Military Spouse of the Year for MCLB: Sandra Murray



Sandra Murray, wife of Sgt. Horace Carryl the U.S. Army food inspector aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., won Military Spouse of the Year for the second consecutive year, Feb. 1. The competition is a multi-level event, with nominations and voting from installations first, then branches, then a final winner culminating in a celebration in Washington D.C. in May each year. The nominations and votes are made by peers, honoring Murray's volunteer efforts and dedication to assisting military families, as well as the homeless population in the Barstow area. Murray founded Blessings in January 2015, recruiting dozens of volunteers to receive and distribute donated food, clothing, toiletries and more to people in need. Their five-year-old daughter, Zaina, often accompanies Murray on Blessings adventures, making it a family affair. The award was founded by Military Spouse magazine in 2008 in order to honor spouses from all branches of service, and their contributions and commitment to the military and their country, as stated on their website.

To learn more visit:

<http://www.msoy.militaryspouse.com>

Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Sergeants Major Relief and Appointment



Photo by: Rob Jackson

(Right) Sergeant Major Sergio Martinez stands ready to accept his appointment as the new base sergeant major, from Col. Sekou S. Karega during a Relief and Appointment ceremony held on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 3. Martinez joined the Marine Corps in 1993 and joins MCLBB most recently from Marine Aircraft Group 12 where he served as the unit sergeant major. He has also served three combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Staff Sergeant Nicholas Beberniss, range safety officer, hands a welcome-aboard bouquet of flowers to Alma R. Martinez, wife of Sgt. Maj. Sergio A. Martinez, during a Relief and Appointment ceremony aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, March 3. Sgt. Maj. Martinez is the newly appointed base sergeant major, taking over from Sgt. Maj. Karl D. Simburger who is now reassigned to Wounded Warrior Regiment in Quantico, Va.

Sgt. Maj. Simburger's Hail and Farewell

Photos by: Rob Jackson



Sergeant Major Karl D. Simburger receives gifts from 1st. Sgt. Edward Kretschmer, headquarters battalion first sergeant and Staff Sgt. Frank Kovach, substance abuse control officer, on behalf

of Marines on base, extending appreciation for Simburger's efforts as base sergeant major at a Hail and Farewell dinner aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 2.

Brig. General E. Banta visits MCLB



Photo by: Keith Hayes



Photo by: Carlos Guerra

(Left) Gunnery Sergeant James Hainer, Cyber Networks Security Chief, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, asks Brig. Gen. Edward D. Banta about the possibility of increasing the active-duty Marine presence at the base. The staff noncommissioned officers met with the commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West in McTureous Hall at the under-renovation library, March 9.

Brigadier General Edward D. Banta fills out and signs a "NO MORE" pledge card, highlighting the importance of ending domestic violence and sexual assault, after a brief from Michelle Lawing, installation sexual assault prevention coordinator, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 9. Lawing is coordinating a NO MORE 5k run/walk to take place April 15 in an ongoing effort by the Marine Corps to draw awareness to the cause.



Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Brigadier General Edward D. Banta, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations-West, answers questions from employees of Marine Corps Community Services while visiting Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 9. Banta discussed recent transitions, projects, and future plans for MCCS during the meeting.



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Marines, Dr. Seuss's birthday and The Cat in the Hat

Photos by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist



(Left) Corporal Michael Browne, base supply, is transformed into the iconic Cat In The Hat with makeup carefully applied by Cpl. Natori Miller in preparation for the Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash at the hobby shop aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., March 2.



(Left) Three-year-old Ariela Singleton chucks a stuffed turtle at a board to try for a hole in one as Thing 2, Jennifer Courtney, base gym, and Suzy Fermeric, Child Development Center, look on at the Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash March 2 at the MCLB Barstow hobby shop.



(Left) Lance Corporal Cristina Zamora, base post office and native of Los Angeles, is helped by the Cat in the Hat, Cpl. Michael Browne, supply, from Jacksonville, Fla., to read the

Dr. Seuss book "Ten Apples Up On Top" to children at the Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash held at the hobby shop on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, March 2.

Marines judge Barstow USD Science Fair

Story and photo
by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Gymnasium tested such hypothesis as whether it was possible to determine if a person's voice, eye movements or hesitation indicated they were lying; if smiling was

Steve Rodriguez, barracks manager; Lance Cpl. Matthew Gardner and Lance Cpl. Carlos Collier, both with Fleet Support Division; Sgt. Mario Yanis, headquarters battalion.

Six Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow answered the call for volunteers to judge the annual Barstow Unified School District Science Fair, March 3.

Assistant BUSD Superintendent Scott Godfrey said the Marines have been invited to be judges in the annual science fair for years as part of BUSD's inclusiveness policy.

"We also have Masons, business people, personnel from the fire department as well as faith-based organizations taking part in the judging," Godfrey said. "It's our way of including the community in what we're doing in our schools and it gives the kids an opportunity to see the folks who live in our city."

Godfrey explained that the students who win at the BUSD Science Fair can go on to compete at the San Bernardino County level, then state level and even make it to the national level science fair to compete with budding scientists from all over the country.

The science fair staged in Barstow High School's Don Bilsborough Memorial

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Gunnery Sergeant Luis Fernandez, base provost sergeant, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., reads the notes about the project he's judging "The 5 Second Rule: To Eat or Not to Eat?" at the Barstow Unified School District Science Fair March 3. Fernandez was among the six Marines who volunteered to take part in the judging. The Science Fair was held in the Don Bilsborough Memorial Gymnasium and included 250 exhibits, the most ever for the annual event.

contagious or if the so-called "five second rule" for eating food that had fallen on the ground was a myth.

The outcome of the latter experiment was: Don't eat food off the ground.

The Marines on the judging team included Gunnery Sgt. Luis Fernandez, base provost sergeant; Cpl. Natori Miller, base supply; Cpl.

exercise their minds by using the scientific method of reaching a conclusion, and that's significant. There is one other point to the undertaking.

"The important thing the students should come away with from their participation in the science fair is that they learn as they explore, and that they have fun," Pace said. 

Fernandez said he volunteered to be a judge because he wanted to see how education has changed since he was in school.

"I thought it would be interesting to see what the kids were learning; what they were teaching them these days," he said. "They're definitely doing projects that are more advanced than what I did when I was in fourth of fifth grade."

Godfrey said the science fair has grown substantially since he began his tenure with BUSD.

"There are 250 entries this year. That's the most I've seen in my 22 years with the district," Godfrey explained.

Twenty year veteran teacher Stacia Pace has organized the science fair for the past ten years. She said the event encourages students to

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