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MCLB Barstow top installation
Navy VIP at MCLB Barstow
MCPD top shooting honors

On The Cover:

Front Cover: Rob Jackson

(Left) Mr. Steven R. Iselin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment), arrives on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, accompanied by Col. Sekou Karega, May 25. The purpose of the his visit was to gain an understanding of MCLB's mission, familiarize himself with the installation and discuss any environmental issues, and any military construction projects or issues the base may be experiencing.

Back Cover: Laurie Pearson

Multicultural Celebration June 8, 2016 invites all base civilians and Marines to learn about the differences in our culture which make us stronger.



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Col. Sekou Karega, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, and Mr. William Ponder, president of Veterans of Foreign Wars post 12039 pose with Cpl. Natori Miller, supply clerk and Lance Cpl. Cristina Zamora, postal clerk during the base's Quarterly Awards ceremony, May 24. Miller earned Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter and Zamora earned Marine of the Quarter for their hard work and dedication to the Corps.

On the web

Links in this publication are interactive in the online version

Website: <http://www.mclbbarstow.marines.mil>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Marine-Corps-Logistics-Base-MCLB-Barstow/116845431679314>

http://www.twitter.com/#!/MCLB_Barstow





Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Military spouses learn about pregnancy and child massage techniques with Jasmine Young, a certified massage therapist with Fort Irwin National Training Center, during a New Parent Support Program "Baby Bootcamp," aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, May 18. Left to right: Jessica Roland,

wife of Army CW2 Justin Roland; Michele Henderson, wife of Navy HM2 Josh Henderson; Debra Wood victim advocate; Jennifer Lee wife of Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Grand Lee; Carlie Salisbury wife of Marine Corps Lt. Ryan Salisbury.

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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.

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 or hannah.hick@nmcrs.org.

Play Morning Every Fri 10 a.m.

Desert View Comm Ctr

Come join in the fun! All active duty service members and their dependents with children are invited to come 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 or visit

www.mccsbarstow.com/nps/.

Fifty-Fifth Interservice

Rifle Championship Match

On Nov. 18, 1960, the four service chiefs signed a memorandum of understanding, since modified, regarding interservice small arms competitions. The competitions are open to all regular and reserve members of the armed forces, the National Guard of the United States, and Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) units.

The 55th Interservice Rifle Championship will be held at the Calvin A. Lloyd Range Complex, Weapons Training Battalion (WTBN), Training Command, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia from 22 to 29 June 2016 in order to promote the Competition-In-Arms Program (CIAP). For more information see MARADMIN 264/16.

Oasis Pool

Open Memorial Day Weekend

Sat - Mon 11a.m. - 7p.m.

Come enjoy fun in the sun at the Oasis Pool and Splash Park over the holiday weekend! For more information visit www.mccsbarstow.com/pool/.

Volunteers Wanted Calico Early Man Site

Sat June 4 3p.m.

Join a team of archeologists and volunteers as they dig for artifacts at the Calico Early Man Site. Bring water, lunch, attire appropriate for digging in dirt and an adventurous spirit. For more information and to RSVP go to: www.meetup.com/friends-of-calico-early-man-site/

Wellness Series

Weds June 8 9a.m.

Hobby Shop

This month our topic will be Managing Summer Stress. We will introduce techniques that you can use to manage things such as summer childcare, exercise, and healthy summer eating.

Screens and Strikes

Family Movie Night

Desert Lanes Bowling Center

Fri June 10 5 p.m.

Bowling and a movie! What a bargain! We will be watching the movie "Max." For more information call 577-6264 or visit www.mccsbarstow.com/bowling/

Summer Camp

May 30 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. 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.

Energy Tips

If you use air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about four degrees fahrenheit with no reduction in comfort.

MCLB Barstow: Best installation

Story by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., has received the 2016 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence.

The award announced May 10 by U.S. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter's office named MCLB Barstow as the best in the entire Marine Corps.

Applying for the award required Sheri Smith, business manager, Business Performance Office, MCLBB, and her staff to prepare a four-page letter extolling the virtues of the base.

"I talked with each department head and asked them what their major accomplishments were so that I could get a good idea of how to proceed with the narrative," Smith said.

An excerpt from the application submitted by BPO addresses some of the 35 quality of life services offered by Marine Corps Community Services to all base personnel:

"... including child care, health promotions, fitness programs, recreational golf and bowling programs, counseling and family advocacy, transition assistance, family member employment assistance, library and education services, school liaison program, Marine Corps Exchange retail operations, restaurant and special event catering, family readiness, financial and retirement planning, social gatherings for spouses and deployment support."

In addition, MCLBB is home to the largest railhead in the region and with the leadership provided by Chad Hildebrandt, supervisor of railway operations, now provides extensive training to Marines and Soldiers in the use of railcars to transport military equipment. In doing so, MCLBB saves the military millions of dollars each year.

The Department of Defense letter announcing the award summed up why MCLBB and the other award-winning installations from the other military branches were chosen:

"Excellent installations enable

better mission performance and enhance the quality of life for military men and women and their families. Each winning installation succeeded in providing excellent working, housing, and recreational conditions."

Colonel Sekou Karega, commanding officer, MCLBB, gave credit for the award to the Marines and Civilian Marines aboard base.

"It's a great honor. I'm extremely proud of it, and of our employees. I can't wait to accept it on behalf of this installation," Karega said. "This command always does a great job, but this is the first time they've actually been recognized with this specific award."

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Col. Sekou Karega

Ted Devlin is the director of Manpower Department for Marine Corps Installations West, who submitted the applications from the bases under MCI West's control.

"We had four bases apply for this award under MCI West," Devlin said. Devlin explained the award comes with bragging rights, a flag from the Department of Defense, a letter from the President of the United States and monetary consideration. 🇺🇸



Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Chad Hildebrandt, supervisor of Railway Operations, educates Marines on the use of railcars to transport military equipment, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo Annex, August 18, 2014. Railway Operations training is now officially offered in Marine Corps Training Information Management Systems. 5

MCLB Barstow police top team in

Story and photos by:
Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

The Marine Corps Police Department aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow shooting team took top honors in the 2016 Law Enforcement Team Shooting Competition, May 20.

The fourth annual competition, held at the Barstow Police Department shooting range, saw five-member shooting teams from nine law enforcement agencies compete for a plaque and bragging rights as best in the High Desert.

The MCLB Barstow Police Department, City of Barstow Police Department, California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, Bureau of Land Management, San Bernardino County Probation Department, Union Pacific Railroad Police Department, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Police Department fielded teams of their best marksmen.

The teams ran through obstacle shooting courses requiring them to fire from different positions and locations while quickly



Police Officer Tom Lewis Jr., with the City of Barstow Police Department sights in on a target on his way to becoming the best individual marksman, also known as Top Gun, at the fourth annual Law Enforcement Team Shooting Competition held at the City of Barstow Police Department shooting range May 10.



Charles MacNeil, services officer with Marine Corps Police Department aboard MCLB Barstow, displays his best form while taking part in the Law Enforcement Team Shooting Competition at the City of Barstow Police Department shooting range May 20. MacNeil and four other MCPD officers had the fastest times and most accurate shooting score of the nine law enforcement agencies taking part in the fourth annual competition.



(Left) Flags from the United States Marine Corps and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department are displayed at the 4th annual Law Enforcement Team Shooting Competition at the City of Barstow Police Department shooting range.

shooting competition

reloading rifles, shotguns, and pistols.

All of this was against the clock and each other. In the end, when the last ejected shell casing hit the ground at the Barstow PD shooting range, the MCPD from MCLBB had the lowest time and most accurate shooters, earning them the title of 2016 Law Enforcement Team Shooting Competition winners.

City of Barstow Police Officer Tom Lewis Jr. took the title of "Top Gun" for his flawless performance in the one-person shooting competition.

MCLB Barstow Police Lieutenant Charles MacNeil headed up this year's team.

"I think we have a great team this year," MacNeil said just before his team took the range.

"We worked hard over a limited amount of time with a limited range. We plan on having a good time, but we also plan on winning."

That plan paid off in a big way as the MCLB Barstow Police Department dethroned the Barstow office of the California Highway Patrol, which had taken first in the last two shooting competitions.



(Left) Danny Strand, director, Security and Emergency Services Department, and police officers Tim Kenworthy, Michael Routson, lieutenants Charles MacNeil and Chris Smith, and officers Mario Reyes and Mark Lopez from the Marine Corps Police Department aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow display their pride in taking first place in the Law Enforcement Team Shooting Competition May 20.



The participants from nine different law enforcement agencies serving the High Desert take time for a group shot. Participating teams include the MCLB Barstow Police Department, City of Barstow Police Department, California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, Bureau of Land Management, San Bernardino County Probation Department, Union Pacific Railroad Police Department, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Police Department. 7



...ne Corps, the California Highway Patrol Department fly in support of the Stars and ...t Teams Shooting Competition at the City ...ge May 10.

Calling all Marines: Digging into history

Calico Early Man Site

Story and photos by:
Laurie Pearson

Members of the Friends of Calico Early Man Site, to include archeologists and anthropologists are inviting local Marines to join them on an archeological dig at the site, June 4.

The site is located approximately 10 miles away from the Calico Ghost Town, and 20 miles northeast of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, off of Highway 15 and Minneola Road, explained Dan Eliseuson, a group member, and military veteran.

Calico Early Man Site is an archeological dig site that was formally established in the 1960s when the world-famous Dr. Louis S. B. Leaky confirmed that some of the findings in the area were likely Paleolithic artifacts, said Michelle Nagy, assistant archaeologist and vice president on the board for Friends of Calico.

“(The site) is considered one of the longest running, continuous archaeological excavations in the U.S.,” said Nagy.

So far various artifacts have been located, and some sent for proper dating.

“A great deal of beautiful stone tools, bifaces, hammer stones, cores and flakes (have been found),” said Nagy.

“So far, the safe current consensus is that the area was inhabited by prehistoric Native Americans from 10,000 to 20,000 (Before Current Era). The Pechanga and Morongo

Native American tribes are interested since these



Volunteers with Friends of Calico Early Man Site assist with searching for artifacts at the site, ten miles northeast of Calico Ghost Town, May 7. Sections of soil are sifted through screens of various sizes to find items which may have been left by humans living in the area over 10,000 years ago.

inhabitants could possibly be their ancestors.”

“Two heat treated artifacts were sent out for dating, which will hopefully give us a more concrete idea of what the date range would be for the site,” explained Nagy.

Since the era in which these artifacts may have been derived much has changed in the area.

“Lake Manix used to be in this area, plus an active volcano and an earthquake fault,” said Nagy. “None of which are around/active anymore.”

Because of Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, the digs will only go approximately six feet deep, said Nagy, though the dig-sites from the 1960s are considerably deeper.

Given the physical nature of the excavating, the

Friends of Calico Early Man Site organization welcome volunteers, especially military personnel, said Eliseuson.

“(Bring) a positive attitude, willingness to get really dirty, an open mind and lots of water,” Nagy said, “and a lunch.”

The gatherings to continue excavations are conducted monthly throughout the cooler months but wane during the summer due to heat. The next dig will be on June 4, and may include night digging. To sign-up as a volunteer, go to <http://www.meetup.com/Friends-of-Calico-Early-Man-Site/>. Sign up to the site, and respond using the link provided. Membership, which is free, allows members to dig for free; otherwise, there is a \$5 fee to help cover expenses.



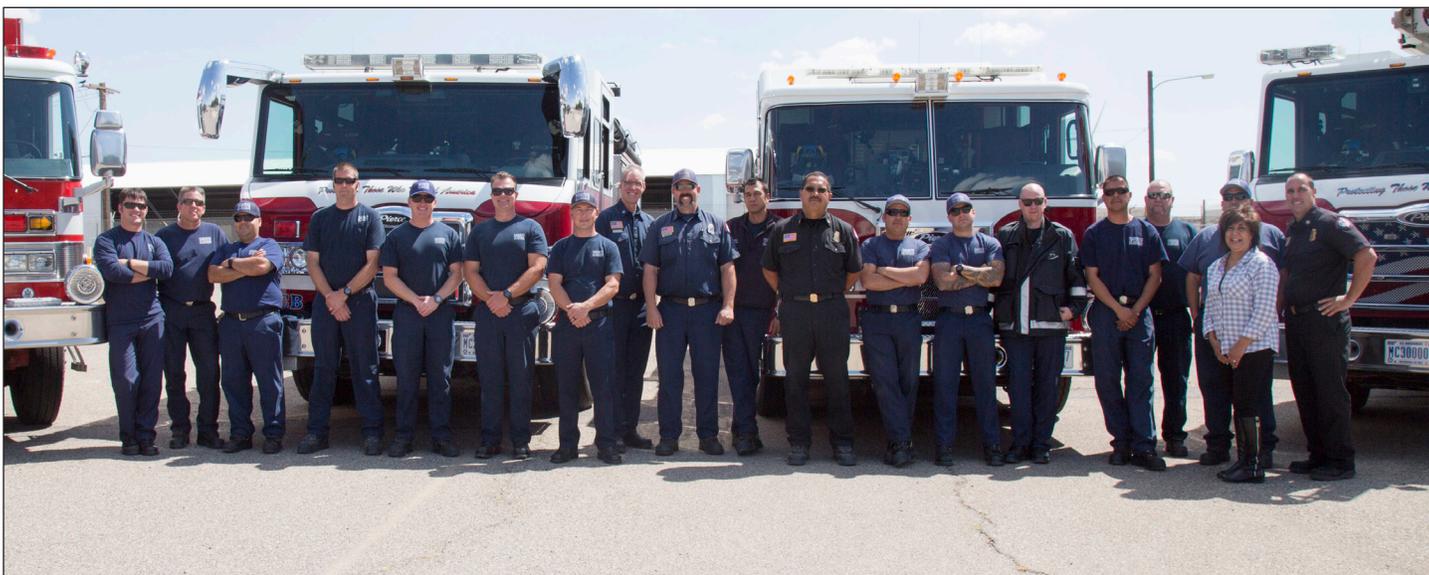
Firefighters train for Hazmat

Story and photos by:
Laurie Pearson



Firefighters with Fire and Emergency Services Department respond to a simulated call-out for a person contaminated with gasoline aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, May 24. The training exercise offers firefighters and medical personnel the opportunity to practice decontamination techniques to ensure efficient responses on potential incidents.

Brian Hickox and David Pacileo, firefighters with Fire and Emergency Services Department, train in hazardous material recognition using the Hazmat ID360 during Hazardous Material Technician Refresher Course held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, May 24. The device includes a library in which they can store data on substances for future recognition.



Firefighters and medical personnel with Fire and Emergency Services Department, pause for a portrait in front of their rigs during training aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, May 24.

MCPD Deputy Chief honored

Story and Photos by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

(Right) Deputy Chief William Atkinson, with Marine Corps Police Department aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and native of Kingston, N.Y., receives the Interagency Cooperation Award from Carmen Cortinez, security manager with NASA's Goldstone Deep Space Array Facility and Jet Propulsion Laboratory, May 25.

Atkinson retired from the Marine Corps as a master sergeant after 25 years, started working for the Department of Defense in December 2003 and at MCLBase Barstow's MCPD in November 2008. Cortinez explained the yearly award given to an agency or individual recognizes how cooperation between first responders can help the entire community.

"I come out (to MCLB Barstow) sometimes to do some investigations and finish reports," Cortinez said. "We work together with schedules ensuring that when we are qualifying we can use the facilities or exchange information about new training opportunities such as dealing with active shooters.

MCPD Chief Darwin O'Neal said Atkinson "... more than deserves this award. He is all about commitment and getting the job done. He is an easy person to nominate for the award."



(Left) Deputy Chief William Atkinson listens as Danny Strand, director, Security and Emergency Services, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, congratulates Atkinson on a job well done in receiving the Interagency Support Award from Carmen Cortinez, security manager, NASA Goldstone Deep Space Array Facility and the Jet Propulsion Lab May 25.

"I was very surprised and humbled by this award," Atkinson said. "What have I done to earn this? I've done my job by working cooperatively with a fellow agency."

Ready... set... read! McTureous Hall Library now reopened

Captions and photos by:
Rob Jackson
Public Affairs Officer

(Center) Colonel Sekou S. Karega, commander, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, cuts the ribbon signaling the official grand opening of McTureous Hall (Base Library), May 26. Joining him are (left to right) Francis Villeme, MCLB Marine and Family Programs Manager, Trish Spencer, Director of Marine and Family Programs, Marine Corps Community Services Camp Pendleton and Barbara Giberson, Library Programs Manager, also with MCCS Camp Pendleton.



Base XO congratulates JROTC graduates



(Center) Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Favor, executive officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, with the 2016 recipients of the High Desert Chapter of Military Officers Association scholarships awarded during the annual

MOAA JROTC Scholarship Awards dinner, held May 18 in Victorville, Calif. The base XO was the keynote speaker for the evening and spoke about setting and achieving goals.

Multicultural Celebration 2016

June 8

2 - 4:30 p.m.

at the

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Cultural Displays
Food and Entertainment

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