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**Whats that flag mean?**

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**Medal of Honor recipient  
stationed on Barstow**

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**How can one horse hold  
that many rockers?**



# MARADMIN 176/14, INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS POLICY

On September 16, 2013, a lone gunman shot and killed 12 people and injured three during a mass shooting at the headquarters building of the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington D.C.

Due to incidents like this, the Marine Corps has reviewed its policies relating to handling, storage, and accountability of privately owned weapons and ammunition on Marine Corps installations, according to Marine Administrative Message 176/14, Interim Guidance for Privately Owned Firearms Policy Aboard Marine Corps Installations.

## Rules and regulations are as follows:

- Privately owned firearms are prohibited in all federal facilities and government vehicles
- It is prohibited to carry privately owned firearms as concealed weapons on base
- All privately owned firearms stored on base must be registered with the Marine Corps Police Department
- Storage of privately owned weapons or ammunition is prohibited in the bachelor enlisted quarters (BEQ for noncommissioned officers and below) Storage of weapons and ammunition within the bachelor officer quarters (BOQ for staff noncommissioned officers and officers) is at the discretion of the commander
- Commanders are authorized to allow Marines to store personally owned firearms at the base armory
- All privately owned firearms must be stored in a fully encased container capable of completely enclosing the firearms and being locked with a key or combination lock. All firearms will be fitted with a trigger lock
- Privately owned firearms are not allowed to be stored in personally owned vehicles (POVs) on Marine Corps installations
- All personnel will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws for the purchase, registration, transportation and storage of firearms and ammunition
- Transporting privately owned firearms in POVs is authorized to and from an authorized storage area or to an off-base location. They may also be transported to areas where firearms are authorized (hunting and recreational shooting areas)

According to Col. Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., military personnel who violate these regulations will be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ).

For MCLB Barstow, military personnel who live on base housing or the BOQs are authorized to store privately owned firearms in appropriate containers, stated Scalise.

All personnel on MCLB Barstow who store firearms on base must immediately register each firearm with Pass and ID, he added.

## On The Cover:

### Front Cover:

#### Photo by Carlos Guerra

*A Marine with the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, stationed on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., stands guard during Exercise Desert Scimitar (DS-14), May 13. DS-14 is a large-scale, combined-arms, live-fire exercise integrating ground troops from 1st MARDIV, aviation and logistical support from 3rd MAW and 1st Marine Logistics Group to ensure that our nation is fully prepared for employment as a maneuver force across the range of military operations.*

### Back Cover:

#### Photo by Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney

*Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., visit the Grand Canyon during a Single Marine Program trip, May 17. The Marines were given the opportunity to take pictures and learn about the area and history of the canyon.*

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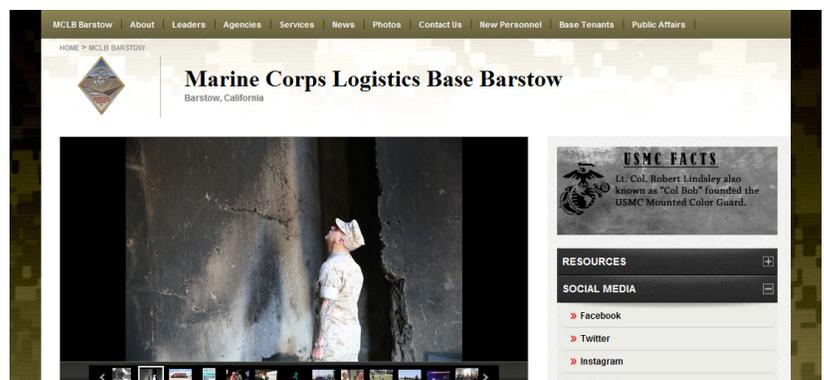
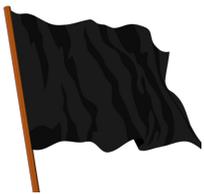




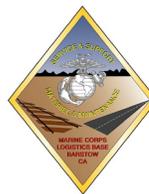
Photo By: Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, stationed on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., present the nation's colors at the Veterans Home in Redding, Calif., during their visit, May 15. The MCG also had a sit-down-luncheon with veterans and spoke to each other about their time in service.

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## News Briefs

### Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and are in need of leave donations:

**Tyrone Wilfred Holt, Amy Loughridge, Cheryle Magorno, Clarisa Mattig-Smith, and Konrad Miles**

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Sharing Program may do so by obtaining a leave donor application form from the Human Resources Office. Ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well. For more information, contact Michelle Cunningham at 760-577-6915.

### Library Services

Due to remodeling, the base library has moved to Bldg. 17, on the corner of Day Street and Wake Ave. Story Time and Craft is to be held every other Wednesday of the month, at 10 a.m.

### Thrift Store

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Thrift Store here has a new number. They can now be reached at 760-577-5880.

### Tutoring

Would you like to be a tutor? Do you need a tutor for your child? The School Liaison Program is offering a K-12 tutoring center in their new location, building 126. For more information, contact the School Liaison Program at 760-577-5854.

### Pool Opening

The Oasis Pool & Water Park will be opening on Saturday, May 24! The hours for lap swim will be Tuesday - Friday from 11am - 1pm. The hours for open swim will be Tuesday - Friday from 1pm - 7pm, and Saturday - Sunday from 11am - 7pm. Stay tuned for more information on Water Aerobics and Swim Lessons! For more information contact Semper Fit at 577-6898.

### Paws To Read

Get ready to read! The Library is gearing up for our Summer Reading Program called "Paws to Read." Join them for their Kick-Off Party on Wednesday, June 11 at 11a.m. at Bldg. 17! There will be a Story Time & Craft every week starting June 18 - July 30, plus a great Finale Party on August 6. For more information contact Library Services at 577-6395.

### Energy Tip:

Look for the blue and white Energy Star® label on compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) or light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs. They use up to 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs.

MCLB BARSTOW

# NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

# 5K RUN 2014 5K WALK

Friday, May 30, 2014

Beer Gardens



Arrival: 10-10:30am

Warm-Up: 10:45am

Run/Walk: 11am-12pm

Recovery Tent: 11:30am-1pm

**Spectators Welcome!**

Register today at <http://nomorerunwalk.eventbrite.com>

Civilian Employees must sign-up through the Employee Development Office at 577-6298

# High Desert ... hot summer

Story By:

Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney  
Press Chief

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., the second largest employer in Barstow, has myriad moving parts on any given day ... that much activity coupled with High Desert summer temperatures can be problematic to those not taking the proper safety precautions.

“Hot work environments can affect the body’s natural ability to handle heat which can lead to heat illness,” stated Claudio Espinoza, safety specialist and heat safety manager here. “Heat illness may appear in many different forms depending on its severity. When the body is unable to cool itself through perspiration, serious heat illnesses can occur.”

Heat related problems can include fatigue, heat rash, fainting, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke, added Espinoza.

Fatigue occurs more rapidly during hot temperatures. Because of the way the body cools itself, people have less blood available to provide muscles, the brain, and other internal organs with energy needed to perform, he explained. When the brain isn’t re-

ceiving enough blood flow, fainting is likely to occur.

“The most extreme heat-induced illnesses are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If not treated, severe heat-related illnesses can lead to mental confusion, seizures, or even death,” Espinoza said.

Heat exhaustion can result when a person loses a large amount of fluid through sweating. Heat stroke occurs when the body’s temperature regulating system fails and sweating becomes inadequate to cool the body, he stated.

While aboard military installations, a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Index (WBGI) flag system is used to determine the amount of activity acceptable for a specific day’s weather. The WBGI is an estimated temperature of heat stress based on actual temperature, humidity, wind chill, and visible sunlight. On MCLB Barstow, the flags are displayed at the main gates and at the front of the headquarter building.

**The flag system is as follows:**

**GREEN FLAG** (WBGT of 80 o F to 84.9 o F) Heavy exercise for un-acclimatized personnel will be conducted with caution and under constant supervision.

**YELLOW FLAG** (WBGT of 85 o F to 87.9 o F) Strenuous exercise, such as marching at standard cadence, will be suspended for un-acclimatized personnel in their first two or three weeks. Outdoor classes in the sun are to be avoided.

**RED FLAG** (WBGT of 88 o F to 89.9 o F) All physical training will be halted for those personnel who have not become thoroughly acclimatized by at least 12 weeks of living and working in the area. Personnel who are thoroughly acclimatized may carry on limited activities not to exceed six hours per day.

**BLACK FLAG** (WBGT of 90 o F and above). All strenuous outdoor activity will be halted for all personnel.

Espinoza added that although the actual temperature outside may be more than 90 degrees, the weather may not be black flag conditions by WBGI. However, regardless of what flag is displayed, use caution when performing activities in any heat.

Espinoza and the MCLB Barstow safety office encourages the many civilian employees and service members here to take care of themselves, drink plenty of water and to pass this essential information along to their work sections, family and friends.



# A diamond in the rough

**Story and Photo By:**  
**Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles**  
Combat Correspondent

If you take a look at the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, you will see a gunnery sergeant, two or three sergeants and maybe a corporal; however, if you look at the MCG as of late you will see a new and rare addition to their ensemble.

First Sergeant Edward Kretschmer, Headquarters Battalion first sergeant, on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., is the newest edition to the MCG and has done two events as a rider with them.

“Since Kretschmer has been with us, he has broadened our horizons,” said Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Garcia, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the MCG. “Kretschmer has helped us physically by being our fourth rider and by helping us around the stables, he explained. Mentally, he gives us advice and lets us know our concerns and voices are being heard.”

“First Sergeant takes the time to listen to what we have to say and takes the time to get to know the Marines he works with,” said Sgt. Moises Machuca, stableman with the MCG. “He also answers any questions he can about the Corps.”

Kretschmer has been the fourth rider for two reasons, explained Garcia. Those reasons are love and passion for the Corps. He is putting his best foot forward and is learning everything he needs to become a great stableman.

With his ability to adapt and overcome any situation, he has been able to come to the stables and learn everything we do, said Garcia.

“First sergeant has shown us

that it doesn't matter what rank, billet, or position you are in, in the Marine Corps you can always learn something new and get outside of your comfort zone to complete a mission,” said Garcia. “Which is a good trait to have being in the Marine Corps.”

It's a great thing to know that some-

one that high up on the rank structure would work alongside lower ranking people, explained Machuca. He does everything from mucking the stalls to bathing the horses right alongside the other stableman.

“Another trait we learned about him is how humble he is,” said Garcia.

“Not that he can't be (a) hard and stern Marine, but he is willing to learn and become better at something he is still working at.”

Kretschmer explained, he didn't care about what rank he is or what rank his mentor is as long as he learns from a good teacher is what really mattered.

“If I had a question, and there was a lance cpl. that knew the answer I would listen to that Marine because he knows how to teach me, which will make me a better person and leader,” said Kretschmer.

With all of the time he has dedicated at the stables to reach the point he is at today, he further explained. Other Marines the MCG has asked to come out have given the excuse ‘I don't have the time for that’. However, he didn't give the same excuse; he comes at least once a day for about an hour or two.

“Since being on the MCG, I have learned a lot about myself,” said Kretschmer. “I have learned a lot about being a better leader because of the horses. You can't force a horse to do what you want it to do. You have to guide them into what you want them to do.”

It's a big honor to be on the MCG because of how big of a scale you represent the Corps, he added. Everywhere the MCG goes they touch the hearts of everybody in the community. Kretschmer is privileged to have the opportunity.



*First Sergeant Edward Kretschmer, Headquarters Battalion 1st Sgt. and stableman on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., stands and directs people during the Pancake Breakfast in Redding Calif., May 16. Kretschmer also presented the Nation's Colors during every rodeo and parade while in Redding.*

# SPOTLIGHT ON MCLB: YERMO ANNEX

*Compiled by The Prospector staff*



*Richard Ristow (above) and Hayde Jones (right), machinists at Production Plant Barstow, machine parts for various military vehicles and equipment, May 12. Machinists get dozens of requests each day, from M777 Howitzers to mine-resistant ambush protected vehicles.*



*Jose Manalo (left & below), metal inspector in the non-destructive testing shop at Production Plant Barstow, inspects vehicle and weapons system parts using a metal particle and liquid solution and magnets to search for damage, May 12. When a gun tube or other part is cracked, the solution sticks to the crack and glows. This shop ensures gun tubes and other parts of vehicles are in good condition before they are attached for service members to use in forward deployed environments.*



# ONE OF A KIND

Story By:

**Lance Cpl. Garrett white**  
Combat Correspondent

The warrior ethos that all Marines strive to live by means that any Marine can do great things for his or her Corps.

Regardless of job, billet or rank, all Marines must be ready to drop the tools of their respective trade, and grab a rifle. For William T. Perkins Jr., this meant putting aside his camera.

Perkins was born August 10, 1947 in Rochester, New York. While in elementary school, he and his family moved to California and in 1965, he graduated from James Monroe High School, Sepulveda, Calif.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on April 27, 1966, but was discharged on July 6, to enlist in the active duty Marine Corps.

Perkins completed recruit training with 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., and was promoted to private first class, Sept. 22. After recruit training, he underwent individual combat training with 3rd battalion, 2nd Infantry Training Regiment on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

From October 1966 - January 1967, he served as a photographer with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. On January 1, Perkins was promoted to lance corporal, and spent the next four months as a student at the Motion Picture Photography, U.S. Army Signal Center and School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. In May of that same year, Perkins transferred back to Headquarters Battalion, MCLB Barstow.

In July, 1967, Perkins was assigned as a photographer with Service Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. On August 1, 1967, Perkins was promoted to corporal.

Perkins gave up his own life to save the lives of three other Marines, while serving as a combat photographer with Company C, 1st Bn, 1st Marine Regiment.

He was a part of a major reconnaissance force operating southwest of Quang Tri which came under heavy enemy fire from numerically superior North Vietnamese Army



forces.

The epicenter of the fighting was a helicopter landing zone which also served as the command post of Company C. A NVA grenade landed near Perkins and three fellow Marines, during a strong enemy attack.

Despite the danger, Perkins threw his body over the grenade, absorbing the full force of the explosion. The valiant act of heroism and self-sacrifice cost him his life, while saving the lives of his three brothers in arms.

For his exceptional bravery, Perkins was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. He has the additional distinction of being the only combat photographer to be so recognized.

Perkins is buried in San Fernando Mission Cemetery, San Fernando, Calif., and his name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Panel 27E, Row 097, in Washington D.C.

# AROUND THE CORPS

*A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow*



*Photo By: Lance Cpl. Krista James*

*FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Marines with Golf Battery, 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, work together to dig a fighting hole to provide security during a Top Gun competition held at Fort Bragg, N.C., May 7, 2014. Top Gun is an internal competition within the regiment that showcases the capabilities of each battery through superior firepower and grades them on emplacement and knowledge of the weapons system, communications and the organization of the convoy out of the firing position.*



*Photo By: Lance Cpl. Erasmo Cortez III*

*CAMP PENDLETON, Calif - U. S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. Christopher D. Kilmer, crewmaster of VMGR-352, refuels aircraft aboard Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 16, 2014. Marines with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352 set up an Air Delivery Ground Refueling Site to aid in the effort against the San Diego county fire outbreak.*



*Photo By: Gunnery Sgt. Donald Bohanner*

*CAMP PENDLETON, Calif - U.S. Marines with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 364, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing from Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, assist California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and local firefighting agencies containing the Fires in Camp Pendleton, Calif. May 16, 2014.*



*Photo By: Sgt. Isaac Lamberth*

*Aircraft with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing assist CALFIRE and local firefighting agencies with Camp Pendleton wildfires May 15, 2014.*

# Spiders, tortoises, scorpions ... oh my!

Story By:

**Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles**  
Combat Correspondent

Encountering different animals and creatures in the High Desert isn't uncommon, especially as the weather gets warmer, but knowing the difference between what will harm an individual and what will not ... could save a life.

According to californiadesert.gov, High Desert residents are encouraged to take the time to learn about the desert wildlife who share the environment in order to co-exist safely.

Some of the wildlife that call the Mojave Desert home are desert tortoises, roadrunners, scorpions, black widows, sidewinder rattlesnakes, and Mojave green rattlesnakes.

Out of the many unique creatures found in the High Desert habitat, one must be especially watchful for scorpions, venomous snakes and the black widow spider.

Most scorpion stings are not fatal to humans: their stingers are made simply to paralyze their prey.

There is however one kind of scorpion, albeit rare, with venom potent enough to kill a human. This is the bark scorpion, the smallest and most venomous of its kind.

The scorpion is a nocturnal creature, so any exploring done at night, should be done cautiously.

During the day, snakes tend to linger in shaded areas. They can be found under rocks, brush and trees where people sometimes rest. They are also most active at sunrise and sunset because the sun isn't at its peak, said Dr. Mike Glassey, the post entomologist on National Training Center Fort Irwin.

"The animals to be worried about the most are rattle-

snakes," said Glassey.

Glassey explained any snake

can bite if disturbed or scared, but among the snakes in the High Desert the sidewinder and Mojave green rattlesnake are the most venomous.

The sidewinder can be identified by its horn-like scales above its eyes. Also, it is very hard to spot in sand if a person is running by because of its light tan scales and dark patches.

The Mojave green rattlesnake has a green tint to its scales and can grow more than three feet in length and is very aggressive.

Even though snakes are known for biting people, they are just as scared of humans as humans are of them, said Glassey.

However, snakes are not the only critters people have to worry about, Glassey added. There are small critters that live inside houses that people have to be aware of, as well.

"Black widows are a real problem for domestic places," Glassey said. "They like to hide in dark, cool places such as sheds, closets, and sometimes in children's toys."

The best way to prevent an injury from a black widow is to observe entrances and inspect toys before they are used, said Glassey.

"Medical treatment for someone who has been bitten by a critter out in the desert is crucial," said Eric Henderson, a firefighter and paramedic with Marine Corps Emergency Services on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. "It could



*Crotalus scutulatus*, commonly known as the Mojave rattlesnake or Mojave green, is a type of rattlesnake in the deserts of the southwestern United States and found locally in and around Barstow, Calif. The venom of a Mojave rattlesnake is one of the most debilitating and potentially deadly of any snake in North America, so medical attention should be sought immediately if bitten.

be life or death for them."

Using the buddy system when exploring the High Desert is paramount, added Henderson.

The chances of someone surviving a potentially fatal injury or bite increases with the use of the buddy system and proper planning.

People should also do some route reconnaissance before traveling, explained Henderson.

That way if something were to happen, familiarization with the route and terrain would help emergency services personnel find the exact location.

High Desert critters are everywhere in the Mojave, expressed Glassey. So the chances of coming across one aren't unheard of, however, preparing for a potential encounter will decrease the chance of being seriously injured.

Now, not all of the critters that inhabit the desert are fatal, most have unique characteristics that help them survive in the Mojave.

One of the creatures indige-

nous to the High Desert is the desert tortoise.

The desert tortoise can live in temperatures that exceed 140 degrees F, because of its innate ability to dig underground and escape the blazing heat.

The federal government lists the desert tortoise as an endangered species, mostly due to humans interfering with their habitat. According to [www.desertusa.com/deserttortoise](http://www.desertusa.com/deserttortoise), it is unlawful to touch, harm, harass or collect a wild desert tortoise.

Like the tortoise, the population of roadrunners is diminishing due to development in the High Desert.

Roadrunners normally build nests with large sticks in the trees found in the desert. However, more recently, they have been nesting in the eaves and garages of man-made structures as stated on the [californiadesert.gov](http://californiadesert.gov) website.

Visitors and residents of the High Desert are encouraged to avoid contact with any animals to prevent the change in animal instincts or habits.

