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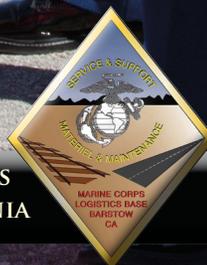


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BASE BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA**



**SERVING THE MARINE
CORPS SINCE 1947**

On The Cover:

Front Cover: Robert L. Jackson

Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., wields his "mameluke" sword to slice the cake celebrating the 240th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, Nov. 5.

Back Cover:

Military ceremonies and moving stories about sacrifice and valor are the order of the day when America recognizes those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as those who have fallen in the service of their country.



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Marine Corps Community Services

Wellness Fair

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 | 2 - 5pm
McCarver Hall, Semper Fit Gym

Join Marine Corps Community Services as the host a fantastic Wellness Fair featuring information from MCCS programs and facilities as well as resources from our local community!



Crafts for Kids *Cholesterol Checks* *Raffle Prizes* *Live Demos*
VA Resources *Safe Assure ID Kits* *Blood Pressure Checks* *MCX &
Family Restaurant Specials* *And Much, Much More!*



For more information contact
Marine & Family Programs at
577-6533 or visit MCCSBarstow.com



On the web

Links in this publication are interactive in the online version

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

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





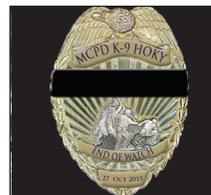
Photo by Robert L. Jackson

Dr. Seuss's "Cat in the Hat" inspired Vanessa Garcia (Thing 1) and Jennifer Courtney (Thing 2) in their costume selection. They helped kick-start the fun during the 2015 Halloween Haunt, held at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center aboard MCLB Barstow, Oct. 29.

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News Briefs

Leave Share Program

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

Kenneth Breckenridge
Kristal Ford
Bernadette Andrews
Wanetta Blackwell
Julie Felix

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

Story Time & Craft with Play Morning Library Building 17

Nov. 13 9 a.m.

Weaving, fishing and storytelling are part of this spirited book that celebrates Native American traditions as it teaches children to count from one to 10. "Ten Little Rabbits" is sure to leave children counting rabbits instead of sheep.

For information: 577-6395

Community Counseling Program's Movie Night Desert Lanes Bowling Center

Nov. 13 5 - 7 p.m.

Bring the family to watch "Home." Refreshments are available for purchase.

For information: 577-6533

C.R.E.D.O. Workshop Desert View Community Center Nov. 18 6:30 p.m.

The Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation helps improve personal relationships. Couples are encouraged to attend together, but it is not necessary.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Dealing with Grief and Loss During the Holidays Desert View Community Center

**Mondays Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7
4:30 - 6 p.m.**

This series is for anyone suffering family loss during the holiday season. It may be loss due to deployed or absent loved ones, or people going through divorce or separation. Refreshments provided.

For information: 577-6533

Blood Drive Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center Nov. 16 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BLEAD by Example. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments recommended.

Those who have tattoos may be allowed to donate blood, provided certain conditions are met. Read more: www.lstream.org

For information: 577-6252

STARS Hobby Shop Nov. 17 9:30 a.m.

Transitioning from military to civilian life can be confusing and stressful. This seminar and spouse social is designed for active duty spouses to navigate the transition process. Panelists will provide information on VA benefits, relocation, career and education services, budgeting, TRICARE and more.

For information: 577-6395/6582



Chaplain's Bible Study CO's Conference Room Bldg. 15 Nov. 18 11:30 a.m. - noon

Join the Chaplain in a short Bible Study and fellowship with others.

For information: 577-6675/6408

Story Time & Craft Library Building 17 Nov. 18 10 a.m.

Percy Isaac Gifford's official Thanksgiving decree: Eat everything you see! Percy knows just what to do to get the most out of this delicious holiday, and so will you if you follow his ten simple rules. Read "Thanksgiving Rules" and make a turkey craft.

For information: 577-6395

PTSD Therapy Hobby Shop Nov. 19 9:30 a.m.

Presentation on Prolonged Exposure and Cognitive Processing Therapy in the Treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Register:

ptsdforum2015.eventbrite.com

For information: 577-6533

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

Ongoing:

Play Morning

Fridays 9 a.m.

Desert View Community Center

For information: 577-6533

Birthday Parties

Desert Lanes Bowling Center

For information: 577-6264

For activity updates visit

MCCSBarstow.com or join

[Facebook.com/MCCSBarstow](https://www.facebook.com/MCCSBarstow)

INSIDE MCLB BARSTOW



Photo by: Keith Hayes

Sir, do you know how fast you were going?

The pilot of a Las Vegas-bound plane made an emergency landing of his Piper Commanche on Joseph Boll Avenue aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Nov. 2. The pilot told Marine Corps police officers he suddenly lost power and had to set his craft down on the nearest available "runway." There were no injuries and no damage to the plane.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

U.S. Army Col. Matthew H. Ruedi, commander of the 916th Support Brigade at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., arrives at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Yermo annex by helicopter to oversee railway operations, Nov. 3. During each rotation, the Army moves approximately 1,800 pieces of equipment, to include containers, wheeled and tracked vehicles through the railway system at the Yermo annex.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Students of the latest Railway Operations Class aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow take time out to pose for a class portrait, Nov. 3. During the course the students trained on 690 railcars and moved 2,388 pieces of equipment, supporting 500 Soldiers. (Left to right): USMC Sgt. Daniela Carrizales, training management officer for Railway Operations aboard MCLB Barstow; Army Spc. Aaron Ramos, air operations with 171st Movement and Control Company, Fort Irwin, Calif.; Army Pfc. John Justice, railway operations with 171st MCC, Fort Irwin, Calif.; USMC Sgt. Corey Huynh, embark chief with 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.



Photos by: Robert L. Jackson

Marines from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., march in formation down Main Street during the annual Barstow Mardi Gras Parade, Oct. 24. Base executive officer Lt. Col. Thomas P. Favor greets the crowd along with Sgt. Maj. Karl D. Simburger, base sergeant major.

Marine Corps 240th Birthday Celebrations

The Commanding Officer's Birthday Message

From our inception at Tun Tavern to the battles of two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, countless insurrections and operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Marines have distinguished themselves and our great nation with pride, professionalism, and valor.

For 240 years our nation has looked to its Marine Corps with pride, knowing those who serve consider it more than duty; rather, it is an honor and privilege to serve our country. Our Corps is a special class of warriors whose credo of "Once a Marine, Always a Marine" rings true in word and action. It is a fraternity of professionals who exude indescribable pride when called "Marine."

But as proud as we are, we remember that our successes and history were achieved with the love and support of

our families and friends, our Navy brothers and sisters, the Civilian Marine workforce, and the public we serve. This extended Marine Corps family embraces the diversity of our nation and embodies the core values of honor, courage, and commitment that make our Corps and America strong.

Marines, as we celebrate our 240th birthday, take pride in knowing you are continuing a cherished legacy of service. The country we serve expects much of us. The Marine Corps family is there to support us. Together, let us continue to honor those who preceded us by our actions and challenge those of the future to meet our high standards.

Happy Birthday and Semper Fidelis.

SEKOU S. KAREGA
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer
Marine Corps Logistics Base
Barstow, California



The crowd invited to the 240th Marine Corps birthday cake-cutting ceremony looks on as Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., prepares to receive the ceremonial birthday cake. It was escorted onto the parade deck to celebrate the 240th birthday of the United States Marine Corps in November 1775.



(Left) Sgt. Maj. Karl Simburger, base sergeant major, joins Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, MCLB Barstow, at the Family Restaurant aboard the base to

Photos by:
Robert L. Jackson and Keith Hayes
Prospector Staff



(Above) Col. Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., stands with retired Master Sgt. William "Bill" Ponder, the oldest Marine present, and Pfc. Javier Castellon, the youngest. Both ate the ceremonial first pieces of cake, during the cake-

cutting ceremony observing the Marine Corps 240th Birthday aboard MCLB Barstow, Nov. 5. Ponder, 75, enlisted in the Corps in 1958 and retired in 1978. Castellon, 19, enlisted in October 2014.



share a post cake-cutting ceremony of steak and shrimp with retired Marine Master Sgt. William "Bill" Ponder.



Cpl. Zachery J. Mehrer, 21, youngest Marine present, accepts a ceremonial piece of cake from the oldest Marine present, 95-year-old Guy "Dean" Smith, during a cake-cutting ceremony observing the Marine Corps' 240th birthday held at the Veterans Home of California-Barstow, Nov. 4. Mehrer, adjutant clerk for MCLB Barstow, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2012. Smith enlisted in 1939 and stayed until 1948, then enlisted in the Air Force and completed his military career in 1960.

Remembering victims of domestic violence

Photos by:
Robert L. Jackson
Public Affairs Officer



(Above left): Sgt. Steward Tauch and Cpl. Miguel Felix, stablemen, show off the t-shirts they received for participating in the 2nd annual Survivor Walk and Candlelight Vigil, sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program, Oct. 28.

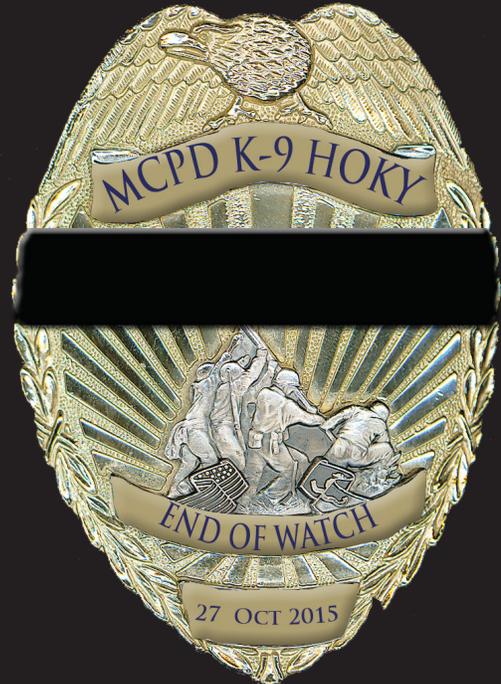


(Above) Seventeen-month-old Quinn Crumpler happily clutches a glow stick during the Survivor Walk and Candlelight Vigil Against Domestic Violence, Oct. 28, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.



(Below): Employees with Marine and Family Services and their families honor victims of domestic violence during the Survivor Walk held aboard MCLB Barstow, Oct. 28.

A HERO REMEMBERED NEVER DIES



"I am the Police, and I am here to arrest you. You have broken the law. I did not write the law, I may even disagree with the law, but I will enforce it. Nothing will stop me from placing you in a steel cage with bars. Behind my badge is a heart like yours. I bleed, I think, I love, and yes, I can be killed. And although I am but one man, I have thousands of brothers and sisters who would die for me and I for them. We stand watch together. I am fate with a badge and a gun. The Thin-Blue-Line, protecting the prey from the predators, the good from the bad. We are the Police."

-End of Watch

Hoky arrived at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow in November 2009 and was assigned to Sgt. Steven Goss, K-9 handler and trainer in September 2010. They were the first K-9 team aboard MCLB Barstow to be certified through the California Police Officers Standardized Training (POST) in the areas of Patrol and Detection.

In addition to work on base, Officers Hoky and Goss supported the U.S. Secret Service with Presidential and Vice Presidential details in Las Vegas, Palm Springs and Los Angeles. They covered the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla. and the United Nations Global Assembly in New York, N.Y. They also supported the Bureau of Prisons in Victorville, Calif.; the U.S. Army at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.; and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office at multiple locations.





10 November 2015

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

When the Continental Congress raised up two battalions of Marines in 1775, it launched the greatest fighting force the world has ever known – a force revered globally for its uncommon valor, unparalleled adaptability, and ferocious tenacity. Over the past 240 years, the battlefields and equipment have changed, but the spirit of the United States Marine Corps has prevailed in every clime and place.

One hundred years ago, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island opened its doors as the first base dedicated solely to making Marines. Since then, hundreds of thousands of men and women have been forged into elite warriors at Parris Island, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and The Basic School in Quantico. Each recruit had a different reason for stepping onto the yellow footprints, but all are unified by the intangible traits that characterize United States Marines and the remarkable legacy that has carried on across generations.

Whether you served on the hallowed grounds of Belleau Wood, fought on the iconic island battlefields of World War II, navigated the harsh terrain and climate of the Chosin Reservoir or Vietnam, conducted assaults during Desert Storm, marched on Baghdad, fought in close combat in Fallujah, or conducted combat operations in Afghanistan, everyone who wears the Eagle, Globe and Anchor is a member of that storied legacy.

As we celebrate the 240th birthday of our Corps, we pay tribute to all who have served and we remember our fallen heroes. We take great pride in our legacy and in the fine men and women who carry our colors into the future. And we extend heartfelt thanks to our families for their steadfast support.

Our 26th Commandant, General Louis Wilson, once said, “In the last analysis, what the Marine Corps becomes is what we make of it during our respective watches. And that watch of each Marine is not confined to the time he spends on active duty. It lasts as long as he is ‘proud to bear the title of United States Marine.’” Thank you all for guarding the legacy of our Corps during your watch.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Neller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert B. Neller

General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball

November 21st 2015



Please join us at the
Monte Carlo Resort and Casino on the Strip in Las Vegas, Nevada
as we celebrate the 240th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

Tickets are on sale now!

\$25.00 (NCO/GS-7/WG-9 and below)
\$35 (SNCO/Officers/GS-8/WG-10/Civilians)

Tickets can be purchased at HqBn, bldg 17D.
(760)577-6700 Cell: (910) 330-4557

Sequence of Events

1800-1920	Cocktails
1930-2000	Ceremony
2000-2100	Dinner
2100-0100	Dancing

Lodging

We have secured a block of rooms at the venue for the night of the event.

Reservations can be made by either calling the reservation line at
(800) 311-8999 or (702) 730-7003 and mention the group name
MCLB-Barstow or register online at the link below.

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/13900756/owner/4941/home>

*If you experience any issues with booking your room, please contact
SgtMaj Simburger or the reservation desk.*

Childcare will be available at the venue! Price per child is \$15 for the duration of the event.

Please commit and pay for the childcare 30 days prior to the event.

Dinner will be provided for the children. For infants or children with special dietary needs, please provide for them. We recommend that you bring something for your child to sleep on as the event goes beyond normal bed times. This service is event specific and is not associated with the base Child Development Center

If you have questions concerning childcare, please contact SgtMaj Simburger at (760) 577-6238 or karl.simburger@usmc.mil with the subject line of BALL CHILDCARE.



VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2015



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
IN TIMES OF WAR - IN TIMES OF PEACE



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