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Marine Corps 240th
Birthday Ball

Veterans Day

Goldstone

Trees for Troops

Thursday, December 3, 2015 | 9am
Desert View Housing Community Center

Active Duty Only

One tree per family.
First come, first served.



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On The Cover:

Front Cover: Carlos Guerra

Major General Vincent A. Coglianesse, assistant deputy commandant for Installations and Logistics, and Colonel Sekou S. Karega, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., participate in the 240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball in Las Vegas, Nov. 21. Maj. Gen. Coglianesse was the guest of honor and was presented with an award in recognition of his support for MCLBB.

Back Cover: Keith Hayes

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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Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Lance Cpl. Daija Watt, postal clerk aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and Major David Ebel, chaplain with the Salvation Army enjoy a historical display at the

MCLBB Wellness Fair, Nov. 20. Various local businesses and on-base agencies participated in the event, promoting healthy lifestyles.

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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.

Play Morning

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

Come join in the fun! Marine Corps Family Team Building and Victor Community Support Services invite all active duty and their dependents with children to come each week. Enjoy singing, stories, crafts, and play time. For more information contact New Parent Support at 577-6264.

Birthday Parties

Desert Lanes Bowling Center

Host your next party at Desert Lanes! Enjoy two hours of bowling plus popcorn, shoe rentals, decorations, and even fabulous games like Glo-Bowl and Lucky Train. all for just \$9 per person! We'll even give back: Each person gets a certificate for a free game on their next visit. For more information contact 577-6264.

Story Time & Craft

Bldg. 17 Library Dec. 11 9 a.m.

Follow along as they playfully romp through the freshly-fallen snow: sledding, shoveling, making snow angels and throwing snowballs. Even the woodland animals are taking part in winter fun. Join them as they read Snow Happy and make a snow picture.

For more information call 577-4 6395.

Story Time & Craft

Bldg. 17 Library Dec. 2 10 a.m.

When three baby owls awake one night to find their mother gone, they can't help but wonder where she is. Stunning illustrations from unique and striking perspectives capture the owls as they worry about their mother. Join them as they read "Owl Babies" and make an owl Christmas craft. For information call 577-6395.

Information Table

Marine Corps Exchange

Dec. 9 9:30 a.m.

Stop by the Family Advocacy Program information table at the MCX to learn what the FAP can do for you. For more information contact Marine and Family Programs at 577-6533.

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Wellness Series

Hobby Shop

Dec. 9 9-11:30 a.m.

The Wellness Series will emphasize the importance of knowledge, attitudes and practices relating to personal health and wellness. The December topic will be healthy holiday cooking. To register for this class please visit wellnessdec2015.eventbrite.com. For more information call 577-6533.

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Seeking New Chair of Volunteer

NMCRS Barstow is looking to fill a volunteer position for the following: Chairman of Volunteers (COV) to manage volunteer operations in partnership with the NMCRS Camp Pendleton, Director and Thrift Store contributors. 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 a person with energy, passion and creativity to help sort, display, market the various forms of donations that come in. NMCRS offers mileage and childcare reimbursement. Interested candidates, please email retna.shaw@nmcrs.org or hannah.hick@nmcrs.com and they will be in contact with you shortly. For more information call (760) 725-5337.

Spouse Social Hobby Shop

Dec. 15 9 a.m.

The Annual Cookie & Ornament Exchange has arrived! Bring three - four dozen of your favorite homemade holiday treats and one wrapped ornament for a White Elephant gift exchange. For more information contact Marine Corps Family Team Building at 577-6675/6408.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town NEBO helicopter pad

Dec. 16 2 p.m.

Army's A Company 2916th is hosting Santa Claus is Coming to Town! Come out and have your child take their picture with Santa on a Black Hawk. For information call 577-76533

Eleventh hour of the eleventh day

Veterans Day 2015

Story and Photos by:

Keith Hayes

Public Affairs Specialist

Hundreds of citizens, from the oldest warrior to the newest recruit, to those who held down the home front during America's times of war and conflict, turned out at Mtn. View Memorial Park in Barstow, Calif., Nov., 11 to remember those who served.

MajGen Joseph A. Martin, commanding general, National Training Center, Fort Irwin, and Col. Sekeou S. Karega, commanding officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., reminded the crowd of the sacrifice of those who fought or those who only sat and waited.

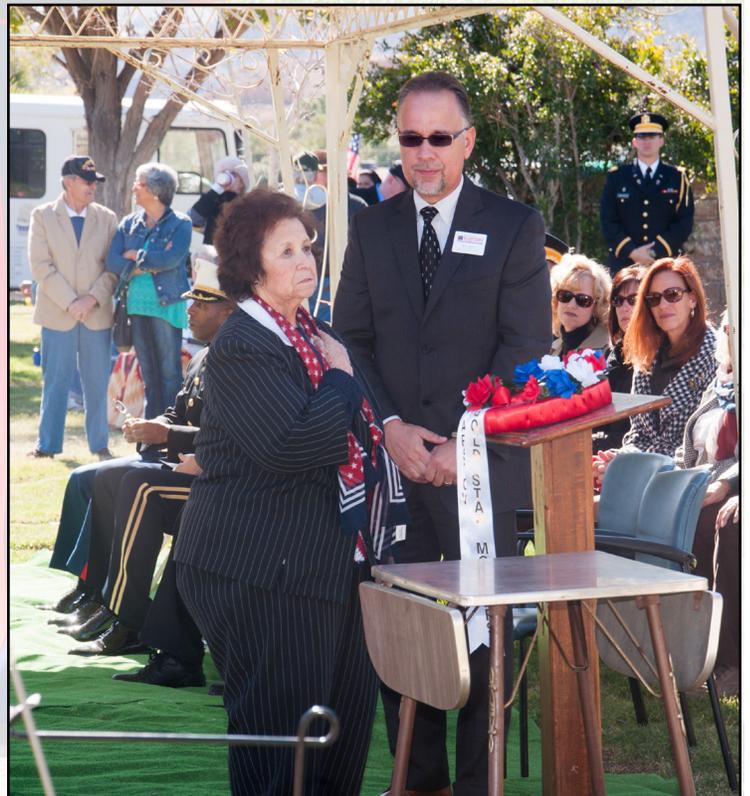
More than a dozen veterans groups and civic organizations paid homage to the fallen by presenting wreaths and floral arrangements.



An Army rifle squad from Fort Irwin, Calif., pays tribute with a traditional 21-gun salute to those who have fallen to protect America's freedom.



Charles Collings, 95, originally from Provo, Utah, was a corporal and bugler with the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division stationed in Alaska. He participated in the Battle of Attu in 1942 against Japanese attempts to seize the island. The conflict is the only one fought on American soil during World War II. He was one of several veterans recognized at the California Veterans Home - Barstow.



Gold Star Mother Ramona Griego from Barstow, Calif., accompanied by Barstow City Councilman Tim Silva, presents a wreath during Veterans Day observances at Mtn. View Memorial Park Nov., 11.

240 MARINE BIRTHDAY

Photos by: Robert L. Jacob



10TH MARINE CORPS DANCE BALL

by Jackson and Carlos Guerra





Happy Thanksgiving



Compiled by Prospector Staff

What are you thankful for?



Carol Marquez
Operations Associate

Marine Corps Community Services

...Jesus!



Grant Jaramillo

Fire Fighter/Paramedic
Security and Emergency Services

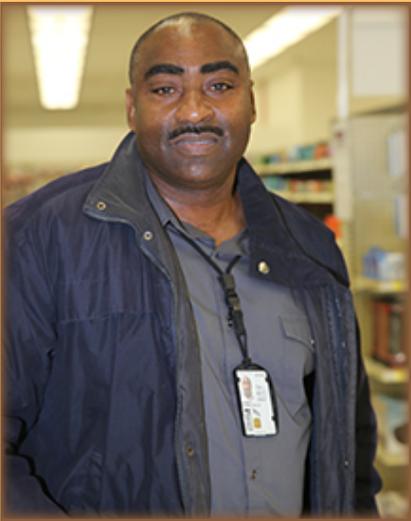
*...my family! If it wasn't
for my family
I wouldn't be here.*



Cpl. Robert Taylor

Communications Technician
Communications Division

*...my family and friends,
the people that I
joined the Corps for.*



Earnest Garrett
Material Representative
Warehouse 8

*...to be alive and
for the family I have.*



John Utley
Equipment Specialist
Warehouse 8

...for God.



Sgt. Justin Mears
Store Manager

Marine Corps Community Services

*...my family, my health
and my family's health.*

Thanksgiving Day 2015

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

Rooted in a story of generosity and partnership, Thanksgiving offers an opportunity for us to express our gratitude for the gifts we have and to show our appreciation for all we hold dear. Today, as we give of ourselves in service to others and spend cherished time with family and friends, we give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us. We also honor the men and women in uniform who fight to safeguard our country and our freedoms so we can share occasions like this with loved ones, and we thank our selfless military families who stand beside and support them each and every day.

Our modern celebration of Thanksgiving can be traced back to the early 17th century. Upon arriving in Plymouth, at the culmination of months of testing travel that resulted in death and disease, the Pilgrims continued to face great challenges. An indigenous people, the Wampanoag, helped them adjust to their new home, teaching them critical survival techniques and important crop cultivation methods. After securing a bountiful harvest, the settlers and Wampanoag joined in fellowship for a shared dinner to celebrate powerful traditions that are still observed at Thanksgiving today: lifting one another up, enjoying time with those around us, and appreciating all that we have.

Carrying us through trial and triumph, this sense of decency and compassion has defined our Nation. President George Washington proclaimed the first Thanksgiving in our country's nascence, calling on the citizens of our fledgling democracy to place their faith in "the providence of Almighty God," and to be thankful for what is bequeathed to us. In the midst of bitter division at a critical juncture for America, President Abraham Lincoln acknowledged the plight of the most vulnerable, declaring a "day of thanksgiving," on which all citizens would "commend to [God's] tender care" those most affected by the violence of the time -- widows, orphans, mourners, and sufferers of the Civil War. A tradition of giving continues to inspire this holiday, and at shelters and food centers, on battlefields and city streets, and through generous donations and silent prayers, the inherent selflessness and common goodness of the American people endures.

In the same spirit of togetherness and thanksgiving that inspired the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag, we pay tribute to people of every background and belief who contribute in their own unique ways to our country's story. Each of us brings our own traditions, cultures, and recipes to this quintessential American holiday -- whether around dinner tables, in soup kitchens, or at home cheering on our favorite sports teams -- but we are all united in appreciation of the bounty of our Nation. Let us express our gratitude by welcoming others to our celebrations and recognize those who volunteer today to ensure a dinner is possible for those who might have gone without. Together, we can secure our founding ideals as the birthright of all future generations of Americans.



NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2015, as a National Day of Thanksgiving. I encourage the people of the United States to join together -- whether in our homes, places of worship, community centers, or any place of fellowship for friends and neighbors -- and give thanks for all we have received in the past year, express appreciation to those whose lives enrich our own, and share our bounty with others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.

BARACK OBAMA

Yes, Santa's Real!

Kids will truly believe when Santa writes back!

Yes, there is a Santa Claus. And the Postal Service™ can help you prove it when Santa replies to your child's letter to Santa — complete with the North Pole Postmark!

Here's the 10 easy steps:

1. Have your child write a letter to Santa and have them seal it in an envelope they address to: Santa Claus, North Pole.
2. Tell the child that you'll place a stamp on it and mail it to St. Nick for them.
3. *Later, when alone, open the envelope, read the letter and write Santa's response on the back of the child's letter. Have Santa mention it's important to be green and that's why he is writing on the back.
4. When responding, be sure to reference your child's notable accomplishments not included in their letter, *i.e.*, *Santa is so proud that you volunteered to help _____, or Santa is really impressed with the great job you're doing in school — especially with math, etc.* Sign it Santa Claus with a P.S. to get to bed early Christmas Eve.
5. Place the letter into a new envelope addressed to the child at his or her home address. Be sure to include: Santa Claus, North Pole, as the return address on the envelope. And don't forget to apply a First-Class Mail® stamp.
6. Place the stamped envelope into a larger envelope with adequate postage addressed to:

**NORTH POLE POSTMARK POSTMASTER
4141 POSTMARK DR
ANCHORAGE AK 99530-9998**

7. Letters from Santa must be received by the Anchorage, AK, Postmaster no later than Dec 15th.
8. The Anchorage Postmaster will open the envelope, remove Santa's letter addressed to your child, apply the North Pole postmark and mail it back home.
9. When Santa's letter arrives, have your camera ready when you ask your child to open the letter and read it out loud.
10. Tweet the photos using the #SantaLetters and post them on Facebook. Keep the letters in a scrapbook as a great family keepsake along with the photos.



Marines visit Goldstone Deep Space Network Center

Photos by:
Carlos Guerra
Combat Camera Chief



Marines from Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., spent the day touring the Goldstone Deep Space Network Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., Nov. 19. Carmen Cortina, security manager of the Goldstone DSN, provided an in-depth presentation of the facility museum that included original space suits, communications hardware, and various space exploration displays. Highlighting the tour was the control room of the facility where NASA technicians manage the various antennas of the Goldstone DSN. These antennas, some large enough to cover most of a football field, are used to communicate to satellites as far as Pluto and beyond.



