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MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS  
BASE BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA



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Photo by: Keith Hayes

Fleet Support Division workers enjoy the Employee Appreciation Day luncheon aboard the Yermo annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Sept. 24. The annual affair featured a catered meal, volleyball, horseshoes, ping-pong and other activities to celebrate the people who maintain and store military equipment for the Marine Corps.

## On The Cover:

### Front Cover: Nate Lopez

Joe Haresky, fire lieutenant aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., demonstrates the proper method of using a fire hose to children from the base's Child Development Center, Oct. 6. There were several activities with firefighters and paramedics during the annual Fire Prevention Week events.

### Back Cover: Rob Jackson

Cpl. Miguel Felix leads the riderless horse into the arena during opening ceremonies of the 2015 Barstow Rodeo Stampede, Sept. 25. The rodeo was held on the grounds of the Mounted Color Guard stables at the Yermo annex, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. The riderless horse symbolizes a high honor given to fallen warriors.



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[http://www.twitter.com/#!/MCLB\\_Barstow](http://www.twitter.com/#!/MCLB_Barstow)





Photo by: Nate Lopez

Brig. Gen. Edward D. Banta, commanding general, Marine Corps Installations West - Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, presents Col. Sekou Karega, MCLB Barstow commanding officer, with the 2014 Warrior

Preservation Award on behalf of the safety staff at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Sept 29. The safety staff is recognized for its contributions in safety, mishap prevention, and force preservation during fiscal year 2014.

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# News Briefs

## Leave Share Program

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

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.

## MCPD Seeks Feedback

To address issues, concerns, comments, or suggestions regarding the level of public service provided by the Marine Corps Police Department or its employees on MCLB Barstow, you can use the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) website: <http://ice.disa.mil>, or you can contact the Chief of Police at 577-6678 or the Deputy Chief of Police at 577-6409. This will help department leadership take appropriate corrective or commendatory action.

## Needle and a Thread Workshop Hobby Shop Multipurpose Room Mondays Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2 9 - 11 a.m.

Learn two great sewing projects: cross stitch and a quillow.

For information: 577-6675/6408

## Self Defense Class Semper Fit Gym

Oct. 14 and 21 6 - 8 p.m.

Increase your options and prepare your responses to slow down, de-escalate, or interrupt an attack. Free t-shirt for attending this two-part class. Register:

[dvamselfdefense2015.eventbrite.com](http://dvamselfdefense2015.eventbrite.com)

For information: 577-6533

## Stork Club Desert View Housing Community Center

Oct. 14 10 a.m..

Join the New Parent Support Group for moms-to-be and mothers of children ages 0 - 18 months. The October topic: "Is Your House Ready for a Baby?" Children are welcome.

For information: 577-6533

## Story Time & Craft Library Building 17

Oct. 14 10 a.m.

Color comes alive in this whimsical book. Blue dances on summer lakes, green drips from spring leaves, black wafts mysteriously through autumn evenings. An award-winning poet and a brilliant painter inspire us to look closer at the thrilling colors of the seasons. What colors can you feel, hear, taste or smell? Join us for a reading of "Red Sings from Treetops."

For information: 577-6395

## Jane Wayne Day Beer Gardens

Oct. 16 7:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

This event is designed to let military spouses who live aboard MCLB Barstow 'play Marine.' Run the obstacle course, watch demonstrations, have an MRE for lunch, tour Marine Depot Maintenance Command and much more. This day will leave you exhausted and with a better understanding of why there is a Marine base in Barstow. Register online today at <http://www.janewayneday2015.eventbrite.com>.

For information: 577-6675/6408



## Story Time & Craft with Play Morning Library Building 17

Oct. 16 9 a.m.

On the farm where Otis the tractor lives, the farmer has introduced someone new - a scarecrow. But when Otis and the animals greet the scarecrow with friendly smiles, the scarecrow's frown never leaves his face. Join us while we read "Otis and the Scarecrow." We will also make our very own scarecrow.

For information: 577-6395

## Chaplain's Bible Study CO's Conference Room Bldg. 15

Oct. 21 - 11:30 a.m. - noon

Join the Chaplain in a short Bible Study and fellowship.

For information: 577-6675/6408

## Tees & Trees Golf Course Oct. 24

Play golf in your Halloween costume and receive free green fees. The course will remain open to the public.

For information: 577-6431

## Ongoing:

### Marriage Enrichment Group

Thursdays 5 p.m.

Marine and Family Programs  
Conference Room

For information: 577-6533

### Play Morning

Fridays 9 a.m.

Desert View Community Center

For information: 577-6533

### For activity updates visit

[MCCSBarstow.com](http://MCCSBarstow.com) or join

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

Nurse Advice Line: 1-800-TRICARE

# Lt. Col. Timothy Silkowski new director at Fleet Support Division

Story and photo by:  
Keith Hayes  
Public Affairs Specialist

**Lt.** Col. Timothy A. Silkowski took command last month of Fleet Support Division aboard the Yermo annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. The Newport Beach, Calif., native became a Marine Corps officer after originally intending to enlist. He joined the Marines in 1988 and was commissioned through the Platoon Leaders Course. His wife is a Navy officer assigned to U. S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan.

Silkowski's last position was the director of the Exercise Support Division at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

"ESD had the largest footprint on Twentynine Palms for resources and personnel," said Silkowski, "and we got to use what was produced here at FSD before the equipment was sent to other bases for possible deployment to a war zone."

Silkowski said he was eager to go from using Marine Corps weaponry during his four deployments to the Middle East, to preparing the same equipment for long-term storage or deployment. Silkowski calls it "the cradle-to-grave aspect of logistics."

"We are the beginning and end stage for Marine Corps equipment maintenance and preservation."

In building 406 aboard the Yermo annex, there is a sign prominently posted bearing the words "What you do here today could save a Marine's life."

Silkowski said he takes that mission seriously. "If a piece of equipment (from FSD) is deployed to Afghanistan and doesn't arrive in good functioning condition then it could cause a lot of undue frustration out on the battlefield."

He wants to achieve certain benchmarks during his tenure at FSD. "One of my goals is to get the (18) Marines assigned here more engaged in their (Military Occupational Specialty)."

He added, "MCLBB is the premier site for storing equipment, and being located near a large rail line allows us to put something on the train and get it to, say, Camp Lejeune in two days if needed. No rainfall and a dry climate allow equipment coming out of Barstow to historically weather much better than the stuff coming from other logistics depots," he noted.

"My orders assigning me to FSD said 'take charge of all military personnel and property in view.' Well, there's a lot of property in my command," Silkowski said. "The Marines have always succeeded in whatever mission they're assigned, and FSD will not fail on my watch to do what is necessary to prepare quality Marine Corps equipment."



Marine Corps history is a hobby for Lt. Col. Timothy A. Silkowski, director, Fleet Support Division, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. He stands amid a display of Marine uniforms

and equipment from World War I through the Vietnam War. The collectible historic items come from Silkowski's personal collection.

# Barstow Rodeo Stampede at MCLBB



Photos by:  
Rob Jackson, Public Affairs Officer  
Miriam Hemme, PAO volunteer

The Barstow Rodeo Stampede was held at the Mounted Color Guard Stables arena on the Yermo annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Sept 25-26. The annual event offered an opportunity for base personnel to connect with residents from the local High Desert.

Above: A bronc rider holds on for the ride of his life as he tries to beat the clock.

Opposite page, clockwise from upper left:

- Competitive barrel racer rounds the first turn in the clover leaf shape of the barrel race.
- A competitor in the calf roping contest has to rope, throw and tie a calf in the allotted time.
- The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., enters the arena for the opening ceremony of the 2015 Barstow Rodeo Stampede. Left to right: Sgt. Terry Barker, Gunnery Sgt. Antonio Flores, Sgt. Yuki Buday, Sgt. Steward Tauch.
- A young boy holds on for as long as he can during the mutton busting competition.
- A competitive bull rider tries to hang on for a full eight seconds while the bull twists, turns, and eventually bucks him off.





## OPM data theft victims being notified

Notification letters are being sent to the nearly 22 million individuals whose personally identifiable information was stolen in a malicious cyber intrusion carried out against the federal government and the Office of Personnel Management. The theft of PII occurred prior to June 2015. The acting director of OPM, Beth F. Cobert, wants federal employees to know:

- Impacted individuals will be notified by OPM via U. S. Postal Service mail. Email will not be used.
- A comprehensive suite of identity theft protection and credit monitoring services will be provided free of charge for at least three years to impacted individuals
- The notices will contain a personalized identification number (PIN) needed to enroll in the covered services.
- Approximately 5.6 million of the impacted individuals had their fingerprints stolen. If this occurred, it will be noted in the letter.
- Neither OPM, nor anyone acting on OPM's behalf, will contact you to confirm any personal information. If someone calls asking for your personal information, do not provide it.
- The data breach not only affects the PII for a large number of people, but also has national security implications as well.
- For updates, more information about the notification process and a list of frequently asked questions, check OPM's online cybersecurity resource center:
- <https://www.opm.gov/cybersecurity>

## Identity theft support from DONCEAP

If you feel that someone has used your name, social security number or other aspects of your identity to commit fraud, you must act quickly.

The Department of the Navy Civilian Employee Assistance Program has experts who can help you navigate the complicated process of recovering from fraud.

[DONCEAP.fohhhs.gov](http://DONCEAP.fohhhs.gov)

1-844-DONCEAP (366-2327)

Services include:

- Assistance notifying creditors
- Case file preparation
- Notice and letter preparation
- Assistance with affidavits and fraudulent account summaries
- Legal document preparation assistance 



### Home Energy Tips:

- In 2012, President Barack Obama issued a presidential proclamation declaring October as National Energy Action Month. In the proclamation, Obama called upon Americans to work together “to achieve greater energy security, a more robust economy, and a healthier environment for our children.” Formerly known as Energy Awareness Month, October is a time to not just be aware but to act. Here are some tips for how you can make a difference today and during the rest of the year.
- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120 degrees Fahrenheit). You’ll not only save energy, you’ll avoid scalding your hands.
- Buy a water-heater blanket, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and compact fluorescents. CFLs and LEDs are now sold at most drug stores and grocery stores.
- Adjust your thermostat to save heating energy in the winter and cooling energy in the summer at night and whenever you leave your home. Some people find it easier to install a programmable thermostat.
- Upgrade leaky windows. It may be time to replace them with energy-efficient models or to boost their efficiency with weather-stripping and storm windows.
- For more ways to save energy visit [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)

*Tips provided by Anthony Mesa, base energy manager*

## Focus: Workplace Bullying

Story compiled from [WorkplaceBullying.org](http://WorkplaceBullying.org) by:

Cindy McIntyre  
Editorial Assistant

**B**ullies have been a fact of life for many, and it doesn't help that many bullies are considered popular or likeable, even by supervisors who look the other way and blame the abusive behavior on "personality differences," according to the Workplace Bullying Institute at [WorkplaceBullying.org](http://WorkplaceBullying.org).

Often, bullies are liked by their bosses and are rewarded for their behavior instead of being punished. "Bullies must experience negative consequences for harming others. Punishment must replace promotions."



Ultimately, it is the boss who is responsible for workplace bullying. "They put people in harm's way and they can provide safety by undoing the culture which may have inadvertently allowed bullying to flourish," states the WBI. To add insult to injury, complaints can result in retaliation or reprisal, such as taking away rights or status.

Unfortunately, bullying is only illegal if it can be defined as harassment: Unwelcome conduct that is based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. <http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/types/harassment.cfm> 🐾

**\*Help for active duty and retired military and their families:**

**\*Clinical Counseling Program, Building 129, 577-6533.**

**\*If violence is involved, contact Family Advocacy at 577-6533.**

**\*Active duty: EOA Gunnery Sgt. James Hainer, 577-6751**

**\*Civilians: EEO: 577-6599/6022**

### Characteristics of Workplace Bullies:

**They are threatened by the potential success of others, and don't want their target to outshine them or reveal their shortcomings.**

**They may downplay or deny the target's accomplishments, take credit for the work of others, and intimidate with insults and verbal put downs.**

**They may engage in direct harmful action or covert sabotage, such as withholding resources necessary to do one's job. Bullying may also escalate to involve others who side with the bully, and they may be encouraged to stop working, talking, or socializing with the target.**

### Who is the bully's target?

- **Generally it's someone who poses a threat to the perpetrator, whether real or imagined.**
- **The WBI study "confirmed that targets appear to be the veteran and most skilled person in the workgroup."**
- **Targets are independent and refuse to be subservient. When targets take steps to preserve their right to be treated with respect, bullies escalate their campaigns of intimidation.**
- **Targets are often those who have "a desire to help, heal, teach, develop and nurture others."**

### Consequences of Bullying

- **Many targets seek counseling for the emotional damage they suffer. "Abuse fosters anxiety, clinical depression and often posttraumatic stress," states the WBI. "Belief in one's competency has been shattered. The lies told about targets can lead to undeserved self-blame.**
- **While 61 percent of the targets of bullying lost their jobs, only 15 percent of the bullies did. A WBI survey also found that three-quarters of employers "deny, discount, encourage, rationalize, or defend" bullying.**
- **The mission is jeopardized when bullies' personal agendas take precedence over work itself.**

### Coping

- **Do your best work. The bully's behavior will seem more justified if you aren't putting in your best effort. Stay calm and rational.**
- **Seek help through the Department of the Navy Civilian Employee Assistance Program. DONCEAP will pay for a private counselor who will keep confidentiality.**
- **Document everything but don't leave it at work. Educate yourself about workplace law.**
- **You may need to seek employment elsewhere, or be prepared for a difficult fight with the bully and your employer.**

## FBI warns college students of targeted scam

The FBI in a media release warns consumers to be on alert for a phone scam that primarily targets college students while displaying the FBI's telephone number on the recipient's caller ID.

FBI Special Agent Darrell Foxworth states the Bureau has received multiple calls from college students at various universities complaining of a phone scam involving someone claiming to represent the U.S. government or even claiming to be FBI agents. Foxworth explains that the caller advised the students of delinquent student loans or dues, delinquent taxes, or even overdue parking tickets. On occasion, the caller threatened the students with arrest and failure to graduate from school if these fees were not immediately satisfied via MoneyGram.

Foxworth states during each attempt to gain personally identifiable information from the students, the caller claims to have specific student information. In addition, the originating telephone number used by the scammer is displayed or "spoofed" as being a legitimate telephone number of an FBI field office.

Foxworth reminds the public that the FBI does not call private citizens requesting money, and warns people to never give out personal information to callers they don't know.

Individuals receiving such calls can file a complaint through the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov). 

### *Join us for the 240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball November 21, 2015*

Monte Carlo Resort and Casino  
On the Las Vegas Strip  
6:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.



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Call: (760) - 577- 6238/6700  
Childcare is available - please call for info



Group rate available for Monte Carlo  
Reservations: 800-311-8999 or 702-730-7003  
Mention group name: MCLB Barstow  
Or register online:

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

# INSIDE M★C★L★B BARSTOW



Photo by: Nate Lopez

Alexander Abee, firefighter aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. shows children the inside of a fire truck during Fire Prevention Week,

Oct. 6. Youngsters from the base's Child Development Center were treated to a variety of activities with firefighters and paramedics

## AROUND THE CORPS

*A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow*



Photo by: Cpl. William Perkins

Lance Cpl. John Whitlock, an intelligence analyst assigned to Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, gives a thumbs-up after regaining his footing while rappelling during phase two of

Mountain Warfare Training Exercise 5-15 aboard Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center Bridgeport, Calif., Sept 10. The training covered maneuvering and surviving in mountainous terrain.

