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On The Cover:

Front Cover:

Photo by Lance Cpl. Garrett White

More than 100 motorcyclists ride through Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., on their way to National Training Center Fort Irwin, during the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony, March 28.

Back Cover:

Photo by Lance Cpl. Garrett White

Officers with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Police Department participate in an active shooter training exercise in Warehouse 406 on the Yermo Annex of MCLB Barstow, April 2. The purpose of the exercise was to test the response time of emergency services aboard MCLB Barstow in the event of an actual active shooter incident.



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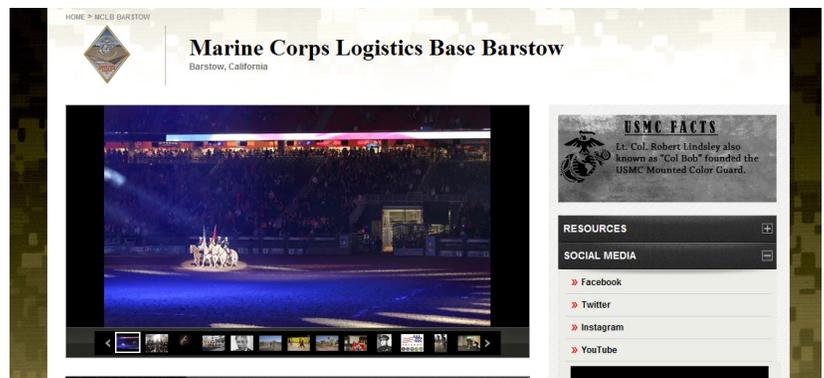
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Photos by: Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney

Lance Corporal Kristopher Ezell, president of the Single Marine Program on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., plays soccer with children from the Youth Activity Center, April 1. The SMP spent time keeping children busy with outdoor activities during their spring break.

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Ridin' Dirty

Story and Photo By:
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If someone is not legally able to drive in the state of California, they will not be able to get on a military installation.

"If you have a car in the state of California, then you must register the vehicle in California," said James White, California Highway Patrol officer. "It is essential for you to get the registration because officers of the law, whether on base or off, will pull you over and give you a (ticket)."

There are multiple things you need to legally drive a car in the state of California. These include: a valid driver's license, current insurance, and proper registration, explained White. However, there are exceptions to this law.

"The only people that are allowed to have non-California registration are active duty military and their spouses, reservists on active duty, and people that live within 50 miles of the state line," said White. "If you move here from another state and establish a residency, you must register your vehicle in this state."

A person has established residency if

they have been in The Golden State for more than six months, have a home of record in California or are registered to vote in the state, he further explained.

"If you have done any of these things, then you must register your vehicle in the state of California, even if you are a Department of Defense employee," said White.

To gain access to a military installation is no different, said Denise Gutierrez, pass and identification clerk on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

"If you try to come onto the installation without (a driver's license, proper registration and insurance) you will be denied access to the base," said Gutierrez. "If you are a DoD employee who works or lives on the base, then your vehicles must have



Corporal Lonnie Marney, police officer with the Marine Corps Police Department on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., checks for proper registration, insurance and identification from a driver trying to access the installation, April 3.

DoD stickers."

There are consequences for not having proper registration on or off base, explained White. The most common one is a citation, which requires a person to appear in court after fixing their registration. However, if a person never fixes the registration, their vehicle may be towed and impounded.

"If you live in California and (don't have up-to-date registration), you are susceptible to being pulled over and will be fined; so, save yourself the trouble and get proper registration," concluded White.

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 Wilford Holt, Ernest Langford, Amy Loughridge, Clairisa Mattig-Smith, 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.

Thrift Store

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

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.

Spouses Social

The Spouses Social is a monthly get together with other active duty spouses to build new friendships, offer support and learn new things. There will be a different topic of discussion each month.

Child Abuse Awareness Month

In observance of child abuse awareness month, the Family Advocacy Program on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow will be giving out goodie bags at the front gate, April 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On April 23, guest speaker Victor Rivas Rivers will speak at the Major Gen. James L. Day Conference Center, at 8 a.m. For more information, contact the FAP at 577-6533 or visit MCCSBarstow.com

Energy Tip:

Look for the Energy Star label on a wide-range of consumer products to save up to 30% on related electricity bills. Energy Star is the government symbol for energy efficiency.

Boards aboard MCLB

Story and photo By:
Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

Headquarters Battalion on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., is currently looking at more than paper when it comes to awarding Marines who go above and beyond the call of duty.

Such awards include Marine of the Quarter, Noncommissioned officer of the Quarter and meritorious promotions, explained Staff Sgt. Jeffery Worley, company gunnery sergeant.

Previously, Marines here went on paper boards to determine who was the most qualified, he said. On paper boards, senior enlisted advisors determine Marines' qualifications by how they look on paper.

They look at how high the Marines' physical fitness and combat fitness test scores are, their on and off-duty education on record, how high their rifle and pistol range scores are, what Marine Corps Martial Arts Program belt they are and any volunteer work they have done, Worley added.

As important as those things are, superiors don't truly know who is most qualified for awards and promotions until those Marines are standing in front of them for an actual board, he explained.

For a board, not only do the Marines need to look good on paper, they need to look good in uniform, they need to have the right attitude, bearing, confidence and knowledge of the Marine Corps.

Marines need to prepare as far in advance as they can for boards, said Sgt. Julio Acevedo, winner of the NCO of the Quarter board for 1st quarter, calendar year 2014.

"Most of the junior Marines here have never been on a board before," explained Acevedo.

"They need to be ready ... even if they are not

Marines need to prepare for the following:

- *Bearing* – Act like a Marine: be confident in everything you say, know how to enter the room, report in, how to sit or stand at attention, how to make proper eye contact, and how to dismiss properly. Practice this in the mirror and with fellow Marines until you have full confidence
- *Uniform inspection ready* – Use your peers and chain of command to look you over thoroughly before ever going on a board
- *Study hundreds of questions* – Marines need to study Marine Corps history, first-aid measures, drill, leadership questions, uniform regulations, current events and more
- *Have a fresh haircut/tight bun* and a clean shave. Ensure you exceed minimum grooming standards

on one yet; they should prepare for when they will be," he added.

"Go into the room knowing you already won," Acevedo said. "The most challenging part is overcoming your nerves."

Having confidence and bearing are the most important, he further explained.

"The battalion decided to go with traditional boards to give the Marines here more experience and to encourage them to get more involved with the Marine Corps by studying knowledge and preparing for it (the board)," said Worley. "... It truly does show (the command) who is most qualified for the award."

The battalion encourages more Marines to strive for self-improvement and to try and get on a board. Talk to your chain of command, identify and correct any deficiencies you may have and get yourself mentally and physically prepared to get on one.



Sergeant Julio Acevedo (right), non-commissioned officer of the quarter on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., passes on his experience of winning a board to a junior Marine, April 4. Having a squared away uniform, knowledge of the Marine Corps and bearing are imperative to being successful on any board.

"Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault"

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

April 2014

Over the last year, our installation has made great strides in taking a stand against sexual assault through prevention and education. Marines, Sailors and civilians have worked together to address the issue through meaningful discussions and training opportunities to hone in on the impact sexual assault has on the victims, the organization and its mission as well as all civilians and Marines across the Marine Corps.

For a topic that was once taboo to talk about; we are now pushing the envelope to bridge the gap across the Marine Corps to create an environment of no tolerance. Our efforts are not only changing to hold offenders accountable, but to create an environment that is sensitive to those that fall victim or to those who have been impacted by someone else's victimization.

As we remain committed to our values of Honor, Courage and Commitment; the misconceptions and beliefs about sexual assault are changing. Through more engagement about what sexual assault looks like, we are becoming more comfortable in being able to empathize with those who have been victimized.

I will continue to challenge members of this organization to live our Marine Corps values by stepping up and stopping sexual assault. We must continue to remain a band of brothers and sisters committed to one another as we work together to prevent such crimes that tear at the fabric that binds us.

To "Live our Values and Step up to Sexual Assault", requires everyone's fullest commitment. We must continue to stay engaged in creating a climate that will prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault from occurring in the work place, within our homes and in our community.

The reality that we must face is that sexual assault can occur anywhere, any time and to anyone. Living our values and stepping up to sexual assault requires us to remain committed to preventing it even after we leave the installation front gate.

As we observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month, I encourage you to take advantage of the resources and information that are available. Please share the information with your fellow Marines, and with those that are beyond the gate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as Installation Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow; I, Colonel Michael L. Scalise of the United States Marine Corps, do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"



Michael L. Scalise
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HOW CHILDREN ASK FOR HELP

Presented by the Victim Advocacy Program

Adults can usually describe how violence at home is affecting them. They can say things like, “I’m afraid,” “I’m angry” or “I feel guilty.” It is much harder for children to describe their feelings in words. They often act out their feelings instead of saying them. Many behaviors that anger or worry adults are really children’s way of asking for help with something that is bothering them.

Hearing, seeing or knowing about family violence affects children in the home and the following list gives some examples of how children of different ages ask for help with what is bothering them. Please be aware that there might be other things that children do to seek help which are not listed here and the ages at which certain behaviors occur might be different as well.

INFANTS: Sleep disturbances, like sleeping so much the child has to be awakened to eat, or not sleeping restfully most of the time; feeding disturbances, like always wanting to eat or hardly ever wanting to eat; continual fussing and crying; inability to be comforted; easily startled.

TODDLERS AND PRE-SCHOOLERS: Chronic stomach aches and headaches; nausea, asthma; night terrors (children from violent homes); difficulty going to bed; inability to be comforted; general sadness; not knowing how to play; meanness. (Be mindful of clusters of these problems.)

ELEMENTARY AGE: School problems such as difficulty concentrating, school phobia, problems with peers, inability to share; frequent injuries and reckless behavior; constant talking about fear; difficulty leaving a parent or having a parent leave; reverting to younger behaviors such as bed wetting and thumb sucking; aggressive or intimidating behaviors, such as cruelty to animals or smaller children. (It would not be abnormal to be absent from school—not wanting to go to school or avoid going to school.)

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL: (Violence kicks in at this point) Destruction of property; truancy; aggressive or violent behavior; running away; substance abuse; suicide talk, threats, or attempts; nightmares, stashing a weapon; depression (i.e. having no friends and not participating in any outside activities).

ANY AGE: Physical complaints such as headaches, stomach aches, sleep problems; eating problems; constant sadness or nervousness; withdrawal and isolation.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

To Whom to Report to:

- At M&FP Building 129
- Family Advocacy Program Manager: Betty Murphy (577-6533)
- M&FP General Counselor: Jim Maher (577-6533)
- Victim Advocate: Michelle Lawing (577-6533)
- 24/7 Helpline for Domestic Violence (577-6484)

OR

- Marine Corps Police Department (577-6666)
- San Bernardino County CPS Hotline:
1-800-827-8724
- Department of Defense (DoD) Child Abuse
Safety and Violation Hotline: 800-336-4592



Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Story By:

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Combat Correspondent

Approximately 88,000 people in the U.S. die each year from something very preventable ... alcohol abuse.

The Government has recognized April as Alcohol Awareness Month to help people of the U.S. understand the seriousness of alcohol abuse.

"This month was created to bring up the bad things people can experience while drinking alcohol," said Manuel Llanura, substance abuse counselor with Marine and Family Services on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. "We want people to know how alcohol can affect their lives."

This year's theme for Alcohol Awareness Month is Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow, Llanura explained. It is targeted to the underage drinkers but can affect people over the age of 21 as well. The big event during this month is to go one weekend without alcohol. It was scheduled for the first weekend in April.

"The point of this weekend is to see if you can go without drinking," said Llanura. "If you can, that's great, but if you can't we encourage you to seek help from a counselor."

"I think this is a great way for people to find out about the dangers of alcohol," said Staff Sgt. Jeffery Worley, substance abuse control officer with Headquarters Battalion on MCLB Barstow. "It helps us as a unit help out those who need it the most."

As the SACO, Worley goes around randomly to each shop to give Marines a breathalyz-

er test to ensure everyone is staying sober on duty.

Approximately 7,000 people under the age of 21 die each year due to alcohol related car accidents, Llanura further explained. This is why we are targeting them this year, to help prevent this from happening. Alcohol is the number one choice for younger people over any drug and kills more people than all the other drugs combined.

For Marines, alcohol can affect more than their personal lives ... it can kill their career, relationships with others and, if you are married, your marriage, Llanura added.

The way the Marine Corps looks at alcohol is much different than 15 years ago, he said. Today, if you drink more than five alcoholic beverages in one sitting, you are considered a binge drinker.

"The Marine Corps has put out the 0,1,2,3 scale," said Llanura. "This helps Marines know what is appropriate and not appropriate when it comes

to drinking. It's a scale that analyzes the risk related to the quantity and frequency (of drinking alcohol)."

- 0 per day – no alcohol-related problems and likely to live longer than those drinking 3 or more
- 1-2 per day – does not increase risk for most people, live longer than abstainers and those drinking 3 or more
- More than 2 per day – health problems are common, shorter life on average, the higher the quantity and frequency above 2 drinks per day, the greater the risk
- More than 3 on any day – have higher rates of health and impairment problems

"We encourage people (who have a problem) to use this month as motivation to talk to someone about their addiction ... there are people that can and will help you," concluded Llanura.

For more information on alcohol awareness, contact your local substance abuse counselor.



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Garrett White

Staff Sgt. Jeffery Worley, substance abuse control officer on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., administers a breathalyzer test to Sgt. Darren Cole, October 24, 2013. The Marine Corps administers random breathalyzer tests in addition to urinalysis tests to help prevent substance abuse within the Corps.

A ONE MAN ASSAULT TEAM

Story By:
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Combat Correspondent

The Medal of Honor is awarded to Marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their life above and beyond the call of duty.

As the highest military honor awarded for personal acts of valor, it is no surprise that since World War II, more than half of all recipients have been awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

It takes a person with great integrity and constitution to earn a Medal of Honor.

Dale M. Hansen is one such individual.

Born in Wisner, Neb., December 13, 1922, Hansen spent most of his childhood and young adult life attending school and working his family's farm.

In May 1944, Hansen enlisted in the Marine Corps and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Upon completion of recruit training, Hansen received additional infantry and automatic weapons training at the Infantry Training Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

By November 1944, Hansen relocated to the Pacific Theater and joined E Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division. At Pavuvu, Russell Islands. Hansen received additional weapons and operational maneuvers training with his unit at Banika Islands and Guadalcanal.

On April 1, 1945, Hansen and his unit landed on Okinawa Shima, in the Ryukyu Island Chain. The Battle of Okinawa, codenamed Operation Iceberg, was the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific Theater, and the last major battle of World War II.

On May 7, 1945, after more than a month of fighting, Hansen performed the action that would earn him the Medal of Honor.

During an assault on Hill 60, on the southern part of the island, Hansen and his unit were facing fierce enemy opposition. Hansen took it upon himself to attack a strategically placed enemy bunker. He crawled to an exposed position, and destroyed the enemy position with a rocket launcher.

Hansen's weapon was subsequently destroyed by enemy fire so he seized a rifle and continued his assault on the Japanese position. Once he reached the crest of the ridge,

Hansen fired upon six Japanese soldiers, killing four before his weapon jammed.

Hansen then used his rifle as a club to fight off the remaining two, and then returned to cover.

Hansen rearmed himself with another weapon and grenades, and then pressed forward against the enemy once again. He single handedly destroyed a strong mortar position and killed eight more of the enemy.

His courageous actions and determination, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, were essential to the success of his unit's mission, and directly led to the capture of the heavily defended Japanese outpost.

Despite Hansen's extraordinary actions, there was still a battle to fight and a war to win. Three days later, during fighting at Dakeshi Ridge, Hansen was mor-

tally wounded by enemy sniper fire.

However, his heroic actions on May 7, were not forgotten. On May 30, 1946, the Medal of Honor was presented to Hansen's parents as a part of his hometown's Memorial Day observance.

Initially buried in the 1st Marine Division Cemetery on Okinawa, Hansen's remains were returned to the United States and were re-interred in Wisner Cemetery.

Hansen's name still lives on in the Marine Corps today, with Camp Hansen on Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan, named in his honor.



SPOTLIGHT ON MCLB: YERMO ANNEX

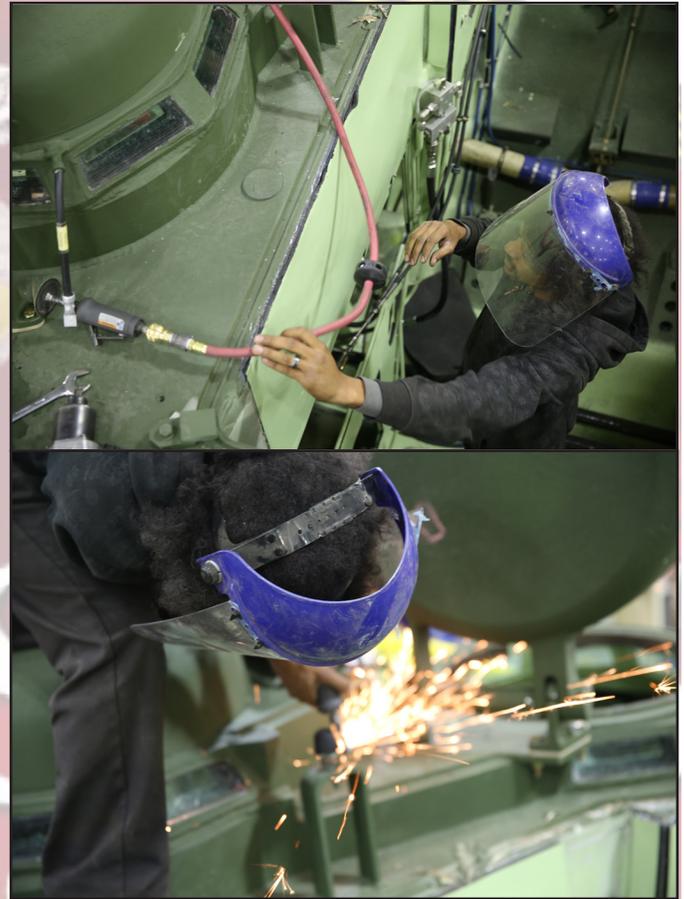
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Lance Corporal Alfonso Centeno, preservation mechanic with Fleet Support Division on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., uses a grease gun to lubricate the joints on a dump bucket, April 1. The preservation shop here is responsible for the preservation of the majority of military equipment in the U.S.



Above photos by: Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Corporal Kevin Baquet, preservation mechanic with Fleet Support Division on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., takes off a stencil after spray-painting the preservation date on the dump bucket, April 1. The majority of the military's equipment goes through preservation here.



Photos by: Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Mark Allen, heavy mobile equipment mechanic on Production Plant Barstow, begins to cut a bump stock on an assault amphibious vehicle, April 4. Heavy mobile equipment mechanics here focus on accuracy and perfection when working on military equipment. Allen was helping build this AAV from the ground up before it goes into the Fleet Marine Force.



Schyler Yacono, radiation detection, indications and computation (radiac) technician with the radiac lab, test measurement and diagnostic equipment (TMDE) division on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., calibrates an/pdr-77 radiac sets, April 1. The mission of the TMDE is to ensure the qualitative and quantitative accuracy of Marine Corps testing equipment. As part of TMDE, the radiac lab ensures the accuracy of all radiation measurement devices used in the Marine Corps.



Photos by: Lance Cpl. Garrett White

AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



Photo by: Master Sgt. Chad McMeen

TIFNIT, Morocco - Two Marine Corps V-22 Ospreys approach the landing zone in Tifnit, Morocco during a capabilities demonstration for distinguished visitors and participating multinational observers April 4, 2014 during Exercise African Lion 14. Exercise African Lion 14 is a multi-lateral and combined-joint exercise between the Kingdom of Morocco, the U.S. and other partner nations designed to strengthen relationships with participating countries by increasing understanding of each nation's military capabilities. The military-to-military portion of the exercise includes: command-post exercises with humanitarian aid and disaster relief themes; stability operations, such as nonlethal weapons training and respond-to-crisis drills; and an intelligence capability-building workshop.



Photo by: Cpl. David Gonzalez

Pohang, South Korea, South Korea - A U.S. Marine assigned to 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit controls the door gun on a UH-1Y Huey while conducting flight operations during Ssang Yong 14 in Pohang, South Korea, April 1, 2014. Exercise Ssang Yong is conducted annually in the Republic of Korea to enhance the interoperability of U.S. and ROK forces by performing a full spectrum of amphibious operations while showcasing sea-based power projection in the Pacific.



Photo by: Staff Sgt. Tanner M. Iskra

Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania - Lance Cpl. Travis Paskiewicz, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear defense specialist, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division assigned to Black Sea Rotational Force 14, runs through a mechanical advantage-control holds course after being exposed to oleoresin capsicum spray on Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, April 3, 2014. Marines and soldiers were directly exposed to the OC spray, then instructed to complete a course with stations which required them to execute different take down techniques on a simulated enemy combatant. Black Sea Rotational Force 14 is a contingent of Marines to maintain positive relations with partner nations, regional stability and increase interoperability while providing the capability for contingency response, as directed by U.S. European Command, in the Black Sea, Balkan and Caucasus regions of Eastern Europe.



Photo by: Master Sgt. Chad McMeen

MOROCCO - Two Marines with Special-Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Crisis Response secure the perimeter of the landing zone during a capabilities demonstration for African Lion 2014 in the Tifnit training area of Morocco Apr 4, 2014. Exercise African Lion 14 is a multi-lateral and combined-joint exercise between the Kingdom of Morocco, the U.S. and other partner nations designed to strengthen relationships with participating countries by increasing understanding of each nation's military capabilities. The military-to-military portion of the exercise includes: command-post exercises with humanitarian aid and disaster relief themes; stability operations, such as nonlethal weapons training and respond-to-crisis drills; and an intelligence capability-building workshop.

