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Photo by Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney

The Excelsior High Desert Young Marines hike up 'Iron Mike,' a hill outside the gates of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 12. The Young Marines spent the weekend here to have fun, receive military education and learn leadership and teamwork traits.

Back Cover:

Photo by Lance Cpl. Garrett White

Officers with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Marine Corps Police Department practice room entry and clearing during an active shooter exercise here, April 9. The purpose of the training was to hone and develop MCPD officer's skills on responding to active shooter incidents.



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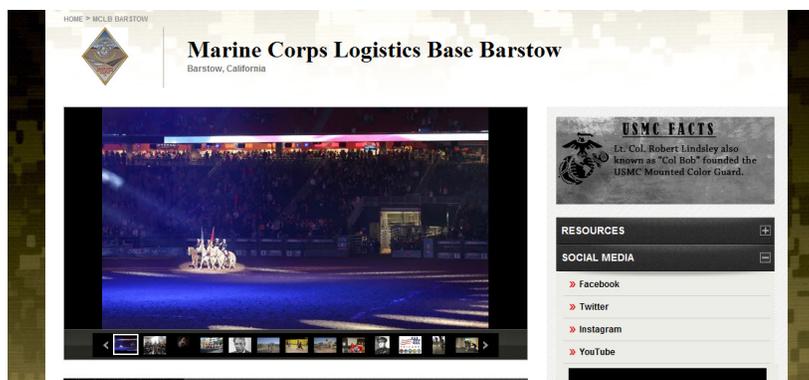




Photo by: Cpl. Henry J. Antenor

USS BONHOMME RICHARD, Yellow Sea - Staff Sgt. Cameron H. Depue, a crew chief with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and a native of Locustgrowth, Va., sits on the back of an MV-22 Osprey as it departs from the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) during search and rescue operations in response to the sunken ferry Sewol off the coast of the Republic of Korea, April 21. The 31st MEU and Amphibious Squadron 11 (PHIBRON) had just completed participation in exercise Ssang Yong '14 and were roughly 100 nautical miles away when they were tasked to respond to the incident April 16. The 31st MEU and PHIBRON 11 provide a forward deployed maritime contingency response force capable of conducting a wide range of amphibious operations in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Marine VS Army Softball Game

Saturday, May 3, 2014 | 11am
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Sexual Assault Prevention & Response has teamed up with Ft. Irwin Sexual Harassment Assault Response Program to bring you an exciting softball game between MCLB Barstow Marines and Ft. Irwin Soldiers

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MCPD STAYS ON POINT

**Story and photos By:
Lance Cpl. Garrett White**
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps Police Department on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., conducted active shooter training at the base emergency services' training facility, April 9.

The purpose of the training was to develop and hone MCPD officers' ability to properly respond to an active shooter incident.

An active shooter incident is where one or more shooters are looking to harm as many people as possible, explained Tom Streeter, lead training instructor for MCLB Barstow's MCPD. The 2009 and recent shootings at Fort Hood are examples of an active shooter incident.

Due to the variables that can be involved in an active shooter incident, the training ran two different scenarios, said Streeter. As a force-on-force exercise, officers rotated between being the good guys, bad guys, and innocent bystanders if the scenario called for them.

The first scenario simulated a disgruntled war veteran opening fire on a medical clinic for not having his medication and the second simulated

four trained gunmen attempting to ambush and kill law enforcement officers, explained Streeter.

The officers have to apply their tactical knowledge in room entry and clearing, threat identification and neutralization, and communication skills with each other and dispatch over the radio, Streeter added. For added realism, the training used simulation rounds, non-lethal training rounds that work similarly to paintballs that allow the officers in training to know if they have been hit and evaluators if the hit would have been lethal.

"A lot of tactical units like SWAT or SEAL teams train like this on a daily basis with each other," explained Streeter. "These officers (here) don't get this opportunity. A lot of them individually know how to clear a room, make entry, and be tactical, but it's the working together and coordinating that we are constantly trying to hone and develop ..."

Evaluators were looking for basic fundamentals of tactics such as clearing angles properly, communicating with each other and identifying threats, Streeter further explained. Most importantly, they were making

sure the officers were communicating all this information to dispatch.

"Not only do they have to coordinate amongst themselves, they have to coordinate with responding units, dispatch, outside agencies like California Highway Patrol and San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, higher echelon commands, public works, and the fire department," He added. "We try and incorporate all that (in the training) so they are thinking outside their own little tactical world. They have to neutralize the threat, but they also have to direct the traffic of everything else coming in as well."

Overall, the training was very beneficial to the officers, said Lonnie Marney, MCPD officer and range safety officer during the exercise.

"It (the training) shows our weaknesses and strengths," Marney said. "With recent active shooters this is one area of training we can't lack on. It's important to us and the department that the community can put their full trust in us."

"There is no such thing as too little training, and sustainment training like this the is biggest part of being prepared (for any situation)," Marney concluded.



APRIL: MONTH OF THE

Photos compiled by The Prospector Staff

Since 1986, the month of April has been an awareness month for their sacrifices. Because of their sacrifices, the month is aimed at taking care of their needs, frequent moves, and isolation. Children are encouraged to wear purple this month in honor of the country. During the month in Barstow, Calif., held myriad events including crafts, and a parade.



THE MILITARY CHILD

and Marine Corps Community Services

has been dedicated to military children, their sacrifices and resilience. Aside from awareness, we focus on reducing the stress of separation from loved ones and providing support for military children. People are encouraged to get involved in support activities throughout the month, in recognition of their sacrifices. Activities include: story tellings, arts and crafts, and more.



Young Marines take a little trip

Story By:
Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

More than 40 military trained adolescents brought their drill to Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 11 - 13.

These children are part of the Excelsior High Desert Young Marines, a youth education and service program for boys and girls ages 8 through 18. It is the focal point for the Marine Corps' Youth Drug Demand Reduction Efforts, explained Mark Rhoades, volunteer with the Young Marines. The program allows children to earn rank, wear the Young Marines' uniforms and earn ribbons for different achievements.

Rhoades, who has a son in the program, explained the trip to Barstow was a lot of fun for the kids. The Young Marines have been around since 1958; however, this is a new unit within the Young Marines and was their first encampment together.

During the trip to MCLB, the Young Marines stayed in Marine barracks, went on a hike, shot weapons on an Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer (ISMT), conducted physical training, received a demonstration from the

Marine Corps Police Department's K-9 unit here, performed drill, received professional military education, and interacted with active-duty Marines stationed here.

"The hike was a good experience," said Young Marine Lance Cpl. Brooklyn Hendrickson, 16. "We worked as a unit and learned teamwork and leadership."

Young Marine Pfc. Jennifer Becerra, 8, also said she enjoyed the hike and the ISMT.

"My favorite part was the (physical training) we did together . . . I like push-ups," added Becerra, who wants to join the Marine Corps when she's older.

Overall, the goal is to instill Corps values into these children, explained Rick Brahier, commanding officer of the High Desert Young Marines, retired gunnery sergeant and former drill instructor.

"The program isn't geared for the children to grow up and become Marines . . . it's for them to grow up and become productive members of society," he added. "The Marine Corps has high standards . . . if they (the children) learn the Corps values today, they will be better adults tomorrow."

However, if the children do decide to join the military, they will be a step-ahead of everyone else, he further explained.

"We meet two Saturdays each month," Brahier said. "During each session, we focus on military education, drug prevention, and having fun."

The retired Marine further added that leadership is a big part of the program.

"We (volunteers) are here for guidance . . . we let Young Marines lead Young Marines. Not only does this instill leadership qualities into each of them . . . but it uses peer pressure to keep them off of drugs. A child's peers telling them to stay off drugs is more effective than me, as an adult, telling them the same thing," he said.

Brahier concluded that the biggest thing is to be a positive influence for the kids and get them off the streets. After a weekend of fun and PME, the Young Marines were picked up by their parents with a little more honor, courage, commitment and taste of the military lifestyle from MCLB Barstow.



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Samuel Ranney

Gunnery Sergeant Eddy Trochet, food and hospitality chief on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., teaches children with the Excelsior High Desert Young Marine program how to shoot weapons on an Indoor Simulated Military Marksmanship Trainer on MCLB Barstow, April 12.

8 The Young Marines came to MCLB Barstow to participate in various activities with active duty Marines stationed here.



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Garrett White

Lance Corporal Diomar Guano, range coach on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., teaches children with the Excelsior High Desert Young Marine program how to shoot weapons on an Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer here, April 12. Active-duty Marines here gave the Young Marines professional military education during their time on MCLB Barstow.

EWS students tour Barstow

Story By:
Lance Cpl. Garrett White
Combat Correspondent

Supply and logistics students and instructors with the Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, Va., toured Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., as a part of a military occupation specialty specific portion of their training, April 10 and 11.

Preceding their spring field exercise in Marine Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, students with the EWS break up into their MOS groups for specialty training and learning, said Lt. Col. Gregory Field, director of Fleet Support Division Barstow. The group made 22 students, 18 of which were Marine Corps captains, two Navy lieutenants, and two international officers, one captain from the Philippines, and one captain from Columbia, and two Marine majors who were the group's faculty advisors.

"What we are trying to do is broaden their horizons on operational level logistics," explained Maj. Joseph Garaux, faculty advisor with the EWS. "Most captains have a very good understanding of tactical level logistics, which is what we largely focused on during the academic year. This is an opportunity for us to get out of Quantico and see the Logistics command (Log Com) enterprise."

The tour started its first day with an

overview brief of Marine Corps Log Com from Maj. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow, commanding general of Marine Corps Logistics Command, and Col. Cook, Log Com operations officer, said Field. This gave the students an idea behind the bigger picture of logistics in the Corps, and how Log Com fits into that.

Following the brief, Col. Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow, and Karen Grey, strategic planner here, gave them a brief on what MCLB Barstow does to support the Logistics Mission in the Marine Corps, Field further explained. From there they toured Production Plant Barstow and learned about depot level maintenance. This gave the students the opportunity to see the highest echelon of maintenance, which few logistics Marines, even officers, get to see.

The next day started with a brief and tour of Fleet Support Division, a storage operation for the Marine Corps, said Field. Following the FSD tour, the last stop was a tour of rail operations, the training MCLB can provide for it, and the possible financial savings railway transportation can offer.

By the end of the tour, the hope was the EWS students learned of the resources MCLB Barstow offered to Marine Corps logistics, and a broader picture of how Marine Corps Logistics worked as a whole, said Garaux.

"I could tell the students got a lot out of it," Garaux added. "They asked a lot



Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Captain Allison Smyczynski, student with the Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, Va., attempts to hammer in a railroad spike while on a tour of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's rail yard, April 11.

of engaging questions. Even when no instructors were around, I could hear them discussing the events of the day, and everything that they learned. That tells me, as an instructor, that they enjoyed their time here."

Ideally the tour was designed to let the students learn an aspect of Marine Corps logistics that few get to see in their careers, said Field.

"I told the students I was in the Marine Corps for 17 years before I stepped foot on one of these logistics bases," Field said. "The idea that we can bring these guys in at an earlier stage in their career and let them see what goes on so they know how to use it to their advantage ... is great."



Photo by: Carlos Guerra

Students and instructors with the Expeditionary Warfare School, Quantico, Va., pose for a picture on a locomotive on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's rail yard, April 11. Supply and logistics students from the EWS came to tour MCLB Barstow as a part of the military occupation specialty specific training prior to their spring field exercise at Marine Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms.



S-6 Communications Spotlight

Computer Maintenance Tips

Keep Your Computer Clean and Running Smoothly

With the recent Windows 7 tech refreshes, this is a great time to remind everyone to keep your computer as 'clean' as possible.

Each computer user has a 700 MB "H" drive assigned to them for storage of their 'personal' work files. Many users tend to fill this storage up fairly quickly.

How to manage your data efficiently:

- Retain your current working files on your H drive
- Delete duplicate or unnecessary files on your H drive
- Place the remaining archive data on a CD or DVD for reference at a later date if needed. Storing your files on CDs or DVDs will help ensure that you have adequate storage on your H drive available when necessary. Placing your files on CDs or DVDs will also keep your computer 'cleaner' by reducing the risk of your files being corrupted due to large file sizes and amount of data.
- Do not store large amount of files on your computer Desktop. If your computer fails, you may lose those files as they are NOT backed up. A better solution is to create a shortcut on your Desktop and store the working file on your H drive. In the case of hardware failure, you are then less likely to lose your most important files.

Back up all of your data:

Whether you take steps to protect yourself or not, there is always a possibility that something will happen to destroy your data. You may have already experienced this before, losing one or more files due to an accident, a virus or worm, a natural event, or a problem with your equipment. Regularly backing up your data on a CD/DVD or network reduces the stress and other negative consequences that result from losing important information. Determining how often to back up your data is a decision based on how frequently you add or change your data. If frequent, you may find weekly back-ups suitable and for less frequent changes, monthly back-ups may be a better alternative. Only back up what is necessary, not extraneous system and program files. Software can be reinstalled from original media if needed.

Once a cybercriminal have access to your computer, they can do the following:

- Trick you into installing malicious software that could capture information to include sensitive government data, online banking user names and passwords. They might also then charge you to remove this software.
- Take control of your computer remotely and adjust settings to leave your computer vulnerable.
- Request credit card information so they can bill you for phony services.
- Direct you to fraudulent websites and ask you to enter credit card and other personal or financial information there.

How to protect yourself against tech support scams:

- Do not trust unsolicited calls.
- Do not provide any personal, credit card, or financial information.
- Report phone scams.
- Do not purchase any software or services.
- Never give control of your computer to a third party unless you can confirm that it is a legitimate representative of a computer support team with whom you are already a customer.
- Take the caller's information down and immediately report it to your local authorities.

What to do if you have already given information to a cyber-criminal:

- Change your computer password(s), change the passwords on your email accounts and financial accounts, especially your bank and credit card(s).
- Scan your computer for malware installed to remove it.

To report an incident occurring at MCLB Barstow, please contact the Cyber Security Division at bstwiaworkrequests@usmc.mil.

Chaplain's Corner: Healthy Relationships

Submitted By: Chaplain Leticia Rouser

Healthy relationships are a vital part of meeting mission readiness. Most relationships are effortless and exciting in the beginning, but as time goes on relationships involve effort and compromise by all parties engaged. Building healthy patterns early in your personal and professional life can establish a firm foundation for your future. You must build relationship upon respect and appreciation for those you work with as well as those you have committed to spend the rest of your life with. Successful long-term relationships require investing time and effort.

For a moment I would like to focus on personal relationships, what kind of deposit are you making into your relationship to make it better? Relationships are just like bank accounts, if you never deposit anything into the bank you cannot withdraw anything out, nothing from nothing leaves nothing. Cars need oil changes and tires need rotated, relationships need to be maintained also. Notice those little things that your partner do, and make a point to say "thank You" or "I love you". Rather than focusing

on your partner's mistakes, let your partner know what's great about them. Establish a time when you can sit down and talk about ways to improve your relationship without hurting your partner's feeling. CREDO, PREP, and your Unit Chaplain have wonderful tools to assist couple with communicating their concerns and wishes without being offensive. Maybe it times to get a tune up in your personal relationship, why not call CREDO and sign up for a Marriage Enrichment Retreat or attend a PREP Class in your area. The military has many resources for couples to service their relationships, I encourage you to invest in your marriage, and it will pay off.

In conclusion, occasionally set aside time to talking about changing expectations and goals. Since change is inevitable, welcome it as an opportunity to enhance your relationship. Always remember, couples that play together stay together. You can make the difference in any relationship you are involved in by always respecting and considering the needs of others.



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.

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.

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.

NMRS

For the next five weeks, Security and Emergency Services here will be collecting donations at the front gates of Yermo and Nebo in support of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Donations will be collected on April 29, May 6 and 13. The HRO and EEO offices will be hosting a carne asada plate fund-raiser, May 5. Plates include: carne asada, rice, beans, tortillas and a piece of cake for \$7. On May 6, there will be a bake sale at base supply, warehouse 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beverages, nachos, chili and cheese will also be available.

Thrift Store

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

Energy Tip:

Reduce your carbon footprint! Leaving your car at home twice a week can cut greenhouse gas emissions by 1,600 pounds per year. Save up errands and shopping trips so you need to drive fewer times. If you commute to work, ask if you can work from home at least some days, and you'll reduce air pollution and traffic congestion - and save money.

