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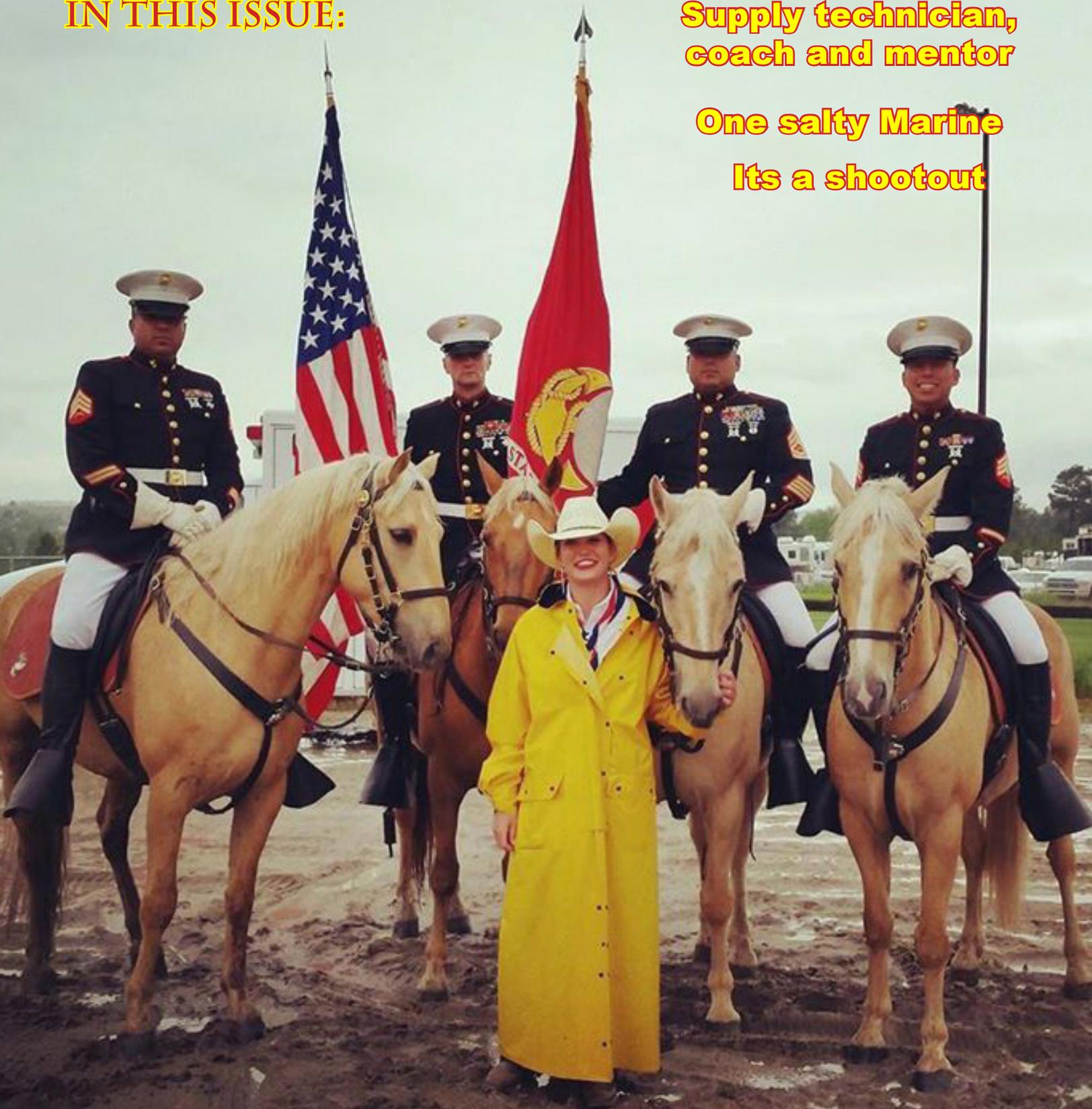
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Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

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Its a shootout**



Blood Drive & Marrow Screening

Barstow Marine Corps Logistics Base - Nebo

Building 375, hobby shop
Thursday, June 12, 2014
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
in the bloodmobile.

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On The Cover:

Front Cover:

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The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, stationed on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., pose for a picture with Mauri Stoebeo, who sang the National Anthem during the Elizabeth Stampede Rodeo, in Elizabeth, Colo., June 8. The MCG took the trip to Colorado to present colors during the rodeo and interact with the Elizabeth community.

Back Cover:

Photo by Cpl. Samuel Ranney

Participants of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's 'No More' 5K fun run/walk stand at the starting line of the course, May 30. The 5K was held to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault. Myriad signs with domestic violence and sexual assault statistics were posted along the course for participants to read during the run/walk.



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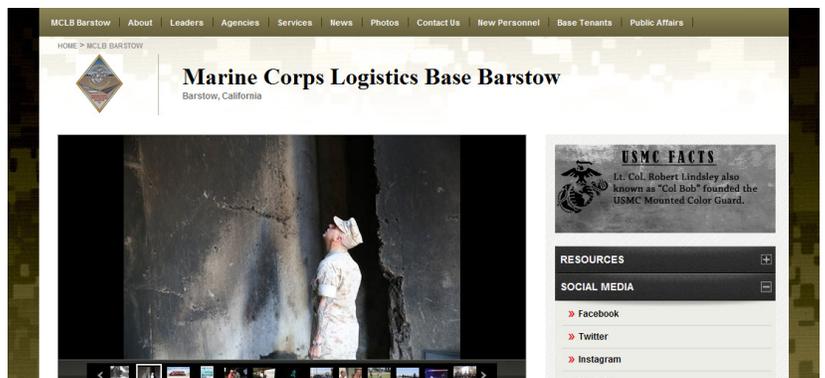
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Blue 95 gallon Bins - Curbside Recycling Guidelines for MCLB Barstow's Yermo and Nebo Annex

- Put all recyclables mixed together in your blue recycling container.
- Do not bag items – with the exception of shredded paper
- Put the container out in the street, by 6 a.m. on Wednesdays or the evening

Here's what the MCLB recycling program will accept in the recycling bins:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clean, Mixed Paper - Newspapers, magazines - Junk mail, envelopes - Advertising inserts, catalogs, telephone books - Corrugated cardboard, computer paper, notebook paper - Paper tubes, paper bags, wrapping paper, packing paper - Old calendars, file folders, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, etc. - *Shredded paper (must be placed in a clear bag and secured* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottles & Cans: (Please empty and rinse all cans and bottles.) - Glass bottles and jars - Tin and aluminum cans - Metal lids from jars and cans - Aluminum foil and food trays - Plastic bottles, jars, tubs, or trays labeled #1 through #7 - Beverage Containers (CRV): - Glass bottles - Aluminum cans - Any plastic bottles (#1-#7) with CRV symbol |
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DO NOT RECYCLE

Absolutely NO FOOD Items or products: left overs from BBQ, parties, picnics, to include aluminum chaffing trays
Any paper that is soiled or wet.

No paper towels, tissues, napkins, diapers, paper plates, paper cups, waxed paper, and no photographs

Other "glass" items--light bulbs, dishes, window glass, Pyrex, etc.

No aerosol containers.

No plastic toys, flower pots, tires, carpets.

No gas cans or tanks.

No scrap metal.

No Plastic bags.

No Styrofoam - even with #6 on it.

*Any questions can be answered by simply calling the QRP manager located in Base Environmental B-196.
(C) 760-559-5435 or (D) 760-577-6811 or E-mail --- donald.morgan@usmc.mil*

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MARADMIN UPDATES

FY 15 MARINE CORPS ENLISTED VOLUNTARY SEPARATION PAY PROGRAM

MARADMIN 250/14 - THE MARINE CORPS IS AUTHORIZED TO OFFER VSP TO ACTIVE COMPONENT MARINES WITH BETWEEN 6 AND 20 YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE BEFORE 31 AUGUST 2015. THE VSP PROGRAM SUPPORTS SERVICE-WIDE FORCE SHAPING EFFORTS, IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL ENTITLEMENT, AND EACH REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE MARINE CORPS. MARINES SEPARATED UNDER VSP ARE NOT ENTITLED TO INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION PAY (ISP), SPECIAL SEPARATION BENEFITS (SSB), VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE (VSI), OR TEMPORARY EARLY RETIREMENT AUTHORITY (TERA). 2. ELIGIBILITY. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC CRITERIA IS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT: A. ALL ACTIVE COMPONENT MARINE STAFF SERGEANTS (E6), GUNNERY SERGEANTS (E7), AND MASTER SERGEANTS (E8) IN ALL PRIMARY MOS'S (PMOS) ARE ELIGIBLE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES: 0211, 0231, 0241, 0261, 0321, 0372, 0431, 0491, 0511, 0659, 0681, 0689, 0699, 0861, 1169, 2161, 2181, 2336, 2621, 2631, 2651, 2671, 2673, 2676, 2691, 2874, 3044, 3451, 4133, 4421, 4691, 4821, 5821, 5948, 5951, 5952, 5953, 6112, 6116, 6132, 6152, 6156, 6172, 6176, 6213, 6217, 6218, 6253, 6257, 6258, 6283, 6287, 6288, 6313, 6317, 6322, 6326, 6333, 6337, 6338, 6386, 6499, 7011, 7051, 7236, 7257, 7291, 7314, 8412. ALL ACTIVE COMPONENT MARINE FIRST SERGEANTS (E8) ARE ELIGIBLE. ADDITIONALLY, ALL MARINE STAFF SERGEANTS (E6), GUNNERY SERGEANTS (E7), AND MASTER SERGEANTS (E8) IN ANY PMOS WHO HAVE FAILED SELECTION FOR PROMOTION TO THE NEXT HIGHER GRADE AT LEAST ONE TIME ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. MARINES WHO REQUESTED NON-CONSIDERATION FOR PROMOTION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR VSP. B. REQUESTS FROM MARINES OF A GRADE, CATEGORY, OR MOS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2.A ABOVE WILL NOT RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION (UNLESS ALREADY HAVING FAILED SELECTION FOR PROMOTION).

FY15 MARINE CORPS ENLISTED TEMPORARY EARLY RETIREMENT AUTHORITY (TERA) PROGRAM

MARADMIN 251/14 - THE MARINE CORPS IS AUTHORIZED TO OFFER VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT AT A REDUCED MONTHLY RETAINER PAY RATE TO ACTIVE COMPONENT MARINES WITH MORE THAN 15 AND LESS THAN 20 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015. THE TERA PROGRAM SUPPORTS THE STRATEGIC FORCE MANAGEMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN INDIVIDUAL ENTITLEMENT. THE TERA PROGRAM WILL BE USED TO RETIRE MARINES WHO, ABSENT THE AVAILABILITY OF TERA, WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO QUALIFY FOR A 20-YEAR RETIREMENT. MARINES TRANSFERRED TO THE FLEET MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TERA ARE NOT ENTITLED TO INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS PAY (ISP), SPECIAL SEPARATION BENEFITS (SSB), VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE(VSI), OR VOLUNTARY SEPARATION PAY (VSP).

Eligibility for TERA is the same as the VSP above. Refer to the individual MARADMINS for more information, or talk to your career planner.

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 Wilfred Holt, Amy Loughridge, Cheryle Magorno, Clarisa Mattig-Smith, and 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.

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.

Thrift Store

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

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 its new location, building 126. For more information, contact the School Liaison Program at 760 - 577 - 5854.

Pool Opening

The Oasis Pool & Water Park is open! The hours for lap swim will be Tuesday - Friday from 11 a.m. - 1p.m. The hours for open swim will be Tuesday - Friday from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Stay tuned for more information on Water Aerobics and Swim Lessons! For more information contact Semper Fit at 577-6898.

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. There will be a Story Time & Craft every week starting June 18 - July 30, plus a great Finale Party on August 6. For more information contact Library Services at 577-6395.

Energy Tip:

Use microwaves and toaster ovens to cook or warm leftovers. You will use less energy than cooking with a conventional oven. When using the oven, keep the door closed. The temperature can drop as much as 25 degrees each time you open the door.

Supply tech. leads cheerleaders to victory



Story By:

Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

Give me an S-U-P-E-R-S-T-A-R-S, what's that spell ... Superstars. The Barstow Superstars cheerleading team won regionals and nationals in their division, with dedication, perseverance, and a devoted coach.

Their head coach, Britney Gray, supply technician on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., has volunteered her time to coach and mentor the Superstars all the way to nationals.

"I have coached cheerleading since 2012; this is my first year winning nationals," said Gray. "I love every bit of it. When I first start with a new squad, I start off by teaching them the basic moves of cheerleading."

These basic cheer moves are jumping,



Photo by: Rob L. Jackson
Britney Gray, supply technician on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., and coach of the Barstow Superstars cheerleading team, inspects her team before competition, March 24. Gray led the girls to win regionals and nationals for their division.

kicking, and chants, she further explained.

"When the girls first start they (usually) get frustrated with themselves and as a coach, I have to help them calm down," said Gray. "What I normally say to them when they are frustrated is, 'stop, think about what you're doing, take a deep breath and try again' and they get it right."

The best part is when they finally get that move down and their faces light up with excitement and joy, she further explained.

While Gray is coaching, she likes to push the girls outside of their comfort zone and encourage them to do moves outside of their age group as well.

"I like to challenge the girls a lot," said Gray. "That's how we won nationals; our routine wasn't in our age group. It was a 13-15 age group routine and my girls are 6-12."

She gives her all to the girls she coaches and tries to not only make them become better cheerleaders but people as well.

"I look at each one of those girls as if they were my own daughters," said Gray. "I have never had a daughter ... so I feel like I have 55 daughters and I love each one of them the same way."

Britney is really good with the girls, said Danielle Escalante, assistant coach of the Barstow Superstars. She not only teaches them about cheer but about life as well.

"She dedicates all of the time she can to them," said Escalante. "She also has put things in her life aside for the girls on the squad. On average, she gave the girls two to three hours of her time at each practice."

She not only impacts the girls but she impacts others as well, added Escalante.

"Since coaching with her, she has helped me a lot as well," said Escalante. "Britney is



Photo by: Rob L. Jackson
Members of the Barstow Superstars cheerleading team celebrate with their trophy after winning regionals, March 23. The team, coached by Britney Gray, supply technician on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., went on to win nationals for their division.

a great person and I look up to her just like all the other girls on the squad do. She is an excellent and responsible role model."

However, Gray doesn't take all the credit for herself.

"I wouldn't have been able to achieve my goal if it wasn't for the girls putting in all the hard work and the parents who helped out a lot," said Gray. "If it wasn't for them bringing them to each practice and every event, we wouldn't have gone so far. This just gives me a bigger drive to keep doing what I am and win another."

ISLAND MARINES GET HIGH DESERT

Story and Photos By:
Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

From May 22 to May 30, six Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 3, Combat Logistics Regiment, 3d Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, stationed in Hawaii, worked hands-on with mechanics from Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

The Marines, comprised of three light armored vehicle mechanics and three tank mechanics, were earning certifications for filling, discharging and testing automatic fire suppression systems (AFSS). Mechanics with the hydraulics shop here ensured they were getting the training they needed to successfully and safely take the newly acquired skills and knowledge back to Hawaii.

The AFSS senses fire in vehicles such as LAVs, then sends a signal and the AFSS goes off wherever the fire is located, taking the oxygen from the fire and putting it out, explained Arthur Gutierrez, hydraulics system mechanic here who helped instruct the Marines with Luke Wirick, heavy-mobile equipment mechanic. Vehicles often have multiple systems set up; whichever is closest to the fire will activate.

“We take a lot of pride in what we do,” Gutierrez added. “When Marines are out fighting for our freedom, and their vehicles catch fire ... lives depend on these systems to work properly.”

Staff Sergeant Kevin Jones, LAV mechanic, Corporals Samuel Harney, tank mechanic, Zach Carnegie, tank mechanic, Jonathan Mancini, LAV mechanic, and Lance Cpls. Michael Solis, LAV mechanic, and Chandler Bird, tank mechanic, are the first CLB-3 Marines to receive this type of certification,

said Jones.

“Its great knowledge (to take in),” explained Jones. “We have learned the proper PSI to fill the bottles, technical manuals, different regulations and most importantly ... safety precautions. We learned how to safely handle the bottles and how to set up the shop (in Hawaii) to ensure Marines are as safe as possible.

Filling fire tanks can be hazardous, added Gutierrez. They are mixed with a potentially dangerous chemical, such as halon, and nitrogen under hundreds of pounds of pressure ... it’s like a rocket if it discharges unsafely, he further explained.

“We want to start doing this on our own,” explained Jones. “These guys (mechanics here) are setting the bedrock to bring something new to CLB-3 ... (the mechanics here) work with a variety of military equipment day-in-and-day-out, we have a lot of knowledge we can gain from them.”

The Marines all agreed the training was beneficial and explained why.

“The most important part was learning the proper safety precautions, there is a lot more to filling (fire tanks) then I previously thought,” Mancini added. “I’m much more confident in filling the bottles now and being able to complete our mission.”

Anthony Sanchez, hydraulics shop supervisor, explained this was the first time he and his mechanics have trained Marines and was happy about how much they learned.

“It’s extremely important for Marines who handle these systems to know the proper safety precautions,” Sanchez added. “Also, knowing how to discharge and fill the bottles themselves is important if they are ever unable to send it out.”

“It was a great experience,” Sanchez concluded. “I hope we get more Marines out here to train and take knowledge back (to their units).”



Photo courtesy of Lotetta Becknall

Marines from Combat Logistics Battalion 3, Combat Logistics Regiment, 3d Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, pose for a group shot with Arthur Gutierrez, hydraulics system mechanic on Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Luke Wirick, heavy mobile equipment mechanic, Anthony Sanchez, hydraulics shop supervisor, and Ed Shimko, plant manager at PPB, after receiving certifications for filling, discharging and testing automatic fire suppression systems (AFSS). Mechanics with the hydraulics shop here ensured they were getting the training they needed to successfully and safely take the newly acquired skills and knowledge back to Hawaii.

TRAINING

“An important aspect is paying attention to detail while handling the bottles, learning how they work and knowing where they are located in vehicles.”

- Cpl. Samuel Harney

“The most important part is having the knowledge and ability to bring new capabilities to our shop. We can now safely get equipment up and running and fill the bottles ourselves. Previously, we sent them out when they needed to be filled. If we can do it on our own, it will save money.”

- Cpl. Zack Carnegie

“Having the knowledge of the records we need to take and keep maintaining an AFSS (was beneficial).”

- Lance Cpl. Michael Solis



MCPD SHOOTING COMPETITION

Photos By:
Lance Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent



Members From the Marine Corps Police Department on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., competed in the Local Law Enforcement Shooting Competition, May 30, at the Barstow Police Department Shooting Range in Barstow. The MCPD placed third in the completion for team shooting and Rigoverto Felix, police officer here, placed second in the top gun challenge. The competition was comprised of a course in which shooters used multiple weapon systems they use in the line of duty. The shooters were scored on how fast they completed the course and how many hits they had on target. After the completion, the 8 participants were given lunch and were able to talk to other local agencies about future training opportunities.

MR. LEATHERNECK

Story By:
Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

Mr. Marine, Mr. Leatherneck, The Honker, the Marine who lived 200 years, and the master mortarman of the Marine Corps are names Master Gunnery Sergeant Leland "Lou" Diamond was all too familiar with; however, a spit-polished Marine he was not.

Diamond was born on May 30, 1890 in Bedford Ohio. He enlisted in the Marine Corps out of Detroit in 1917 at age 27, serving in the "the old Corps" between World War I and World War II.

At 5'11 and 200 pounds, Diamond had a voice to match his frame, dubbing him "The Honker." Although highly respected, Diamond lived informally; he often defied well known military regulations. He was often times found outdoors with no cover, he wore his dungarees (WWII utility uniform) anywhere, he rarely (if ever) saluted less than field-grade officers and he had a goatee. He was known for his self-confidence, and at times cockiness. It has been said that he considered anyone with less than ten years in the Corps 'a boot.'

As a corporal, Diamond fought in WWI, picked up sergeant and was honorably discharged upon his return to the U.S. in 1919. However, Mr. Leatherneck soon learned civilian life wasn't for him and reenlisted in 1921.

Constantly looking for action, Master Gunnery Sergeant Diamond, 52, shipped out to Guadalcanal following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1942. During his time in WWII, Diamond proved himself to be an expert with 60 and 81-mm mortars. Among many tales of Diamond's actions during WWII, one states he lobbed a mortar shell down the smoke stack of an off-shore Japanese cruiser. True or not however, he drove the cruiser from the bay with his 'near-misses.'

Because of his actions during WWII, General A.A. Vandegrift, commander of 1st Marine Division (later commandant of the Marine Corps), wrote Diamond a letter of commendation.

"The Commanding General takes the greatest pleasure in commending you for the outstanding performance of duty on Tulagi and Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, during the

during those periods when the going was toughest. You brought the benefit of your long service experience and mature judgment to the younger less-experienced men of your unit and helped them in every way possible. To every man in your company, you were a counselor, an arbiter of disputes, and an ideal Marine. 4. Your matchless loyalty and love of the Marine Corps and

all it stands for are known to hundreds of officers and men of this Division and will serve as an inspiration to them on all the battlefields on which this Division may on the future be engaged," as stated in the letter.

The master mortarman wore his dungarees to receive the letter from the general.

Diamond explained, looking the general in the eye, "I made my landing in dungarees-guess they're good enough to get my commendation in."

Against his wishes, Diamond was evacuated from Guadalcanal after two months due to physical disabilities.

Eager to find his old unit and more combat, Diamond acquired orders to board a ship to New Caledonia where a friend ordered him back to Guadalcanal. However, 1st Marine Division had already shipped to Australia ... more than 1,500 miles away. So,

Diamond made the trip without orders by hitching rides on planes, ships and trains.

However, Mr. Marine did not see any further combat; he was later made in instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island.

On November 23, 1945, Master Gunnery Sgt. Diamond retired and returned to Ohio. In 1951, Diamond passed away as the Great Lakes, Illinois Naval Training Center Hospital. However, his legacy lived on. Diamond was portrayed in a 1955 television series titled, "The Marine who lived 200 years." Also, actor Lou Diamond Phillips was named after him. The actor's father was an officer in the Navy.



occupation of those Islands by the first Marine Division, (Reinforced). 2. As Master Gunnery Sergeant of Company "H", Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, you performed your duties in an outstanding manner throughout the above period. On several occasions, the well-directed and well-timed fire of the Mortar Platoon under your charge was a deciding factor in halting an enemy attack and enabling friendly troops to advance against enemy positions. 3. You deserve the highest credit in connection with maintaining the morale of the men of the Second Battalion, Fifth Marines. You were at all times cheerful, energetic and encouraging, and never more so than

AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



Photo illustration By: Sgt. Frances Johnson

Corporal David Smith, a UH-1Y Huey crew chief with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, and a Harrisburg, Pa., native, writes down coordinates while in flight over Helmand province, Afghanistan, Feb. 15, 2014. The mission of HMLA-369 varies from offensive air support, utility support and armed escorts, all day or night.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Aaron S. Patterson

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Tylon L. Williams Jr., a squad leader assigned to India Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, rescues a simulated hostage during a search and rescue mission at the Boondocker Training Area aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, May 29, 2014. The Marines from 3rd Bn., 3rd Marines conducted Amphibious, Offensive, and Stability Operations which developed small unit level leadership and increased their lethality and ability to fight whenever the battalion is called upon.



Photo by: Cpl. Joseph Scanlan

Lance Cpl. Jonathan Hollis, a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, prepares to fire an anti-tank missile during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, California. Hollis, an anti-tank missileman with Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, is currently deployed to Helmand province, Afghanistan. He earned a combat meritorious promotion to corporal, June 2, 2014.



Photo by: Lance Cpl. Michael Thorn

Reconnaissance Marines from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., disembark a CH-53E Super Stallion with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH) 465 during a troop lift exercise aboard MCB Camp Pendleton, June 3. A parachute operation was also involved with the troop lift during the collaborative training between the reconnaissance Marines and HMH-465.

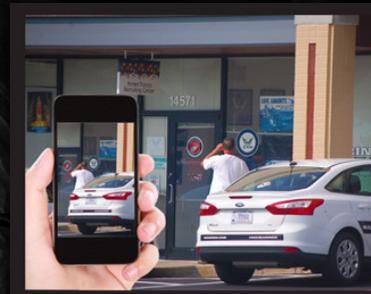
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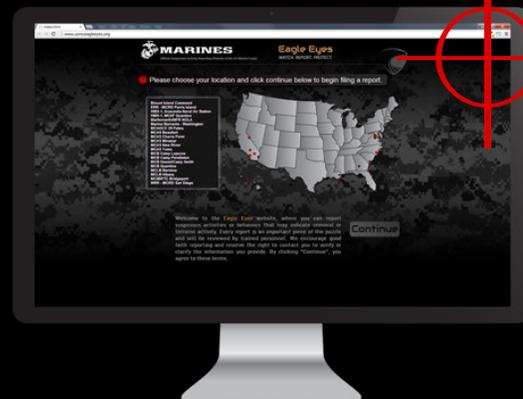
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