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Friday, July 4, 2014 | 11am - 1pm  
Oasis Pool & Water Park



Come enjoy a delicious Fourth of July lunch! Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Beans, Corn, and Watermelon all while you enjoy the beautiful Oasis Pool & Water Park!

## On The Cover:

### Front Cover:

Photo by Cpl. Samuel Ranney

Chad Hildebrandt, rail operations supervisor on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., teaches adolescents from the Barstow Community College Summer Youth Program about the rail yard and the various military vehicles it transports. The rail yard was the final destination for a tour members of the youth program were taking of the base.

### Back Cover:

Photo by Carlos Guerra

Gunnery Sergeant Russell Garcia, communications chief with Headquarters Battalion on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., poses with trophies he won during a men's physique competition, June 20. Garcia competed in the Muscle Contest's National Physique Competition Southern California and Western All Armed Forces 2014. He placed 1st in the Men's Physique Open Class A, 2nd in Men's Physique Novice Class B and 2nd in Mens Physique Military Class A.



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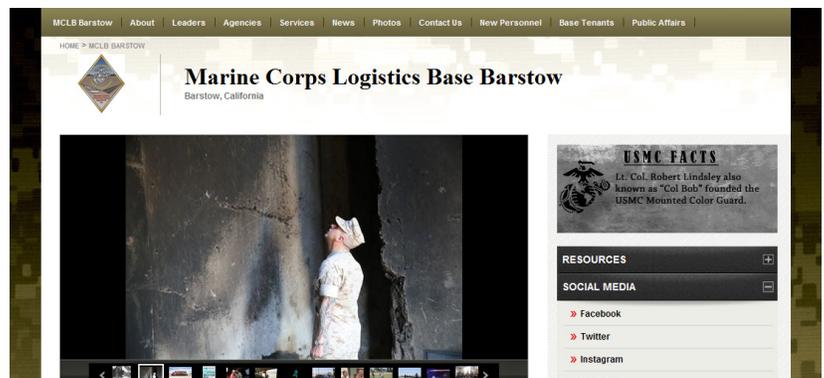
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Photo Courtesy of: MCCS

Children from the Child Development Center on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., enjoy a variety of activities for Father's Day, June, 13.

## 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, Isaiah Chavez, 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.

### Spouse's Social

The Spouse's 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:

Plant trees and shrubs on the south and west side of your residence. The vegetation acts as insulation and provides shading, reducing thermal gain in a building.

# High Desert adolescents get taste of MCLB Barstow

**Story and photos By:**  
**Cpl. Samuel Ranney**  
Press Chief

On June 19, more than 50 adolescents from Barstow Community College's Career Technical Education Summer Youth Program toured Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

The tour began with a demonstration from MCLB Barstow's Marine Corps Police Department's K-9 unit. Following the demonstration, they received a tour of the base gym, McCarver Hall, where they saw the equipment Marines here use and learned about different ways Marines stay physically fit and combat ready. The BCC Youth Program concluded the tour at MCLB Barstow's Rail Head where Chad Hildebrandt, rail operations supervisor, explained the overall

mission of the rail yard and its importance to the Department of Defense.

The reason behind the tour was to give the adolescents different experiences and information about various job fields out there, said James Lee, Career Technical Education secretary.

Lee further explained the trip went well and integrated different programs the college offers, such as criminal justice, mechanics, and fitness.

Bobby Myers, 13, explained how much he enjoyed the K-9 unit's demonstration.

Others, like Isaiah Garcia, 13, enjoyed touring the fitness center, learning about the rail operations here and looking at all the various military vehicles the rail cars transport.

Overall, the trip was a success, concluded Lee; the kids got a lot out of it.



*Adolescents from the Barstow Community College Summer Youth Program tour Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 19. During their tour, they visited with the Marine Corps Police Department's K-9 unit here, the base gym, and the rail yard where they learned about different military vehicles and equipment.*



*Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Marine Corps Police Department's K-9 unit puts on a demonstration for the Barstow Community College Summer Youth Program, June 19. The demonstration was given in part of their tour of the base.*

# FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

1. Check local laws. Make sure that fireworks are legal where you live.

2. If they are legal, know what types are legal and what kinds aren't.

3. Don't let small children play with fireworks or set them off. Adults should either ignite the fireworks, or supervise older children who are doing it.

4. Read the warnings, rules and instructions. Then, after you read them, follow them to the letter.

5. Wear eye protection and keep all parts of your body out of the line of fire.

6. Make sure the audience is out of range of misfired or misdirected rockets and roman candles.

7. Set off the fireworks on a hard, flat surface away from anything flammable.

8. Wait several minutes before walking up to a firework that didn't go off. Don't try to relight duds or misfires. Soak them in water.

9. Have a bucket of water or a garden hose handy.

10. Buy fireworks from reliable retailers.

11. Never experiment with fireworks or try to make homemade ones.

12. Avoid storing fireworks for extended periods. If you must store them, keep them in a cool, dry place.

13. When the show is over, soak

the expended fireworks and dispose of them in a trash container.

14. M-80s and "blockbusters" are not legal fireworks; they are dangerous, banned explosives. They are extremely dangerous. Avoid anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the product, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use.

15. If you attend a professional display:

- You don't need to get close. The best view is from several hundreds yards away.
- If debris falls nearby, don't touch it.
- Leave pets at home. Dogs, in particular, can have their hearing damaged by the explosions.

For more information on local laws [http://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/sbcfire/content/fire\\_marshall/pdf/fireworks\\_safety.pdf](http://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/sbcfire/content/fire_marshall/pdf/fireworks_safety.pdf)

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**DO NOT  
EXIST**

**WEAR**



Are  
**SPARKLERS**  
Really Safe?



1,800°F Sparklers Burn at  
1,200°F Aluminum Melts at  
900°F Glass Melts at  
575°F Wood Burns at  
350°F Cakes Bake at  
325°F Matches Burn at

# CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY ACROSS THE HIGH DESERT

Parties, parades, barbecues, music and fireworks are just a few of the festive events everyone looks forward to celebrating on Independence Day. Fourth of July celebrations are some of the most festive events of the year and we want to give you the scoop on all the fun activities going on across the High Desert.

## • **Adelanto** ~ July 4

Mavericks Stadium  
12000 Stadium Way  
Adelanto, Calif. 92301  
Firework Show following the 7 p.m. baseball game.  
For more information, call: 760-246-6287

## • **Apple Valley** ~ July 4

Lenny Brewster Sports Center  
21024 Otoe Road  
Apple Valley, Calif. 9230  
Festivities include live entertainment, games, food booths, a beer garden and fireworks.  
2 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
9 p.m. - Fireworks  
Parking and admission are free  
For more information, call: 760-240-7000 x 7071  
Or visit <http://www.applevalley.org/>

## • **Barstow** ~ July 4

Robert A. Sessions Memorial Sports Park  
2800 Mayor Katy Parkway  
Barstow, Calif. 92311  
Festivities include live entertainment, food, bounce houses, water slides and much more.  
City buses offering free transportation.  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
9 p.m. - Fireworks  
Parking and admission are free

For more information, call: 760-256-3531

## • **MCLB Barstow** ~ July 4

All American Barbecue  
At Base Pool  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Open to everyone who has access to the base.  
Free admission  
Bring your swimsuits  
Food provided  
For more information, call: 760-577-6269

## • **National Training Center Fort Irwin** ~ July 2

**Pitch and Putt golf course**  
Test your ability to run, climb, jump, crawl, and muscle your way through a military style obstacle course at the first ever Fort Irwin Mud and Gut Run!  
6:30 a.m.- Registration (Pre-register at Memorial Fitness Center)  
8 a.m.- Mud and Guts Run  
**At Army Field**  
Come and celebrate our independence with us, there will be live music, games, bounce houses, water slides and much more.  
4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
9:30 p.m. - Fireworks  
Open post that day  
Parking and admission are free  
For more information, call: 760-380-4313  
Or visit <http://fortirwinfmwr.com>

## • **Helendale** ~ July 4 through 6

Independence Day With Reggae Legends  
Friday, July 4, 2014 at 11 a.m. to Sunday, July 6, 2014 at 1 p.m.  
Zion Ranch  
20298 Hodge Rd  
Helendale, Calif. 92342  
There will be a water park for chil-

dren, games, prizes, food and craft vendors and more!!  
Featuring Reggae Legends.

Tickets can be purchased at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reggae-on-the-fourth-tickets-11407984589>

## • **Newberry Springs** ~ July 3 and 4

Newberry Springs Park/ American Legion  
30916 Newberry Rd.  
Newberry Springs, Calif. 92365  
July 3, 9 p.m. - Fireworks  
July 4, 9 a.m. - Parade  
Parade free to enter (per-register or enter on that day)  
Line up for parade and registration starts at 7:30 a.m. at THE BARN  
Parking and admission to fireworks and parade are free†  
For more information, call: 760-257-3173

## • **Victorville** ~ July 4

San Bernardino County Fairgrounds  
14800 Seventh St.  
Victorville, Calif. 92395  
Enjoy a police and fire rodeo, MMA fights, live music, bounce houses, water slides and much more.  
2 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Fireworks at dark.  
Entry is free  
For more information, call: 760-951-2200  
Or visit <http://www.sbcbfair.com/>

With fireworks not permitted in most of the desert areas, there are plenty of holiday events available throughout the High Desert. We hope you make the most out of your Independence Day and be safe.

# MCLB BARSTOW WELCOMES STUDENT SUMMER HIRES

**Story Compiled By:  
Krista Cacace and Nate Lopez  
Correspondents**

On June 11, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., welcomed 11 new summer hires to the base.

Seven are in clerk positions; the remaining four have been hired on as laborers in facilities maintenance.

The command directors and special staff here were given authorization to hire students for 89 days. This benefits the departments by adding extra personnel.

It provides job experience that the students can use on their resumes as well, explained Esther Gonzales, manager with the Human Resource Office.

The new student hires have been placed all over MCLB Barstow, from HRO to facilities maintenance. Each student has a different reason that brought him or her to the summer program.

"I applied to be able to save money for school," said Ian Manness, laborer working in facilities

maintenance.

Andrea Kolwyck, facilities maintenance, said, "I needed money to support my son."

The student hires all explained job experience was their main reason for applying for the positions.

Having the first week under their belts, the students were asked what they thought about the program so far.

"I love it, it has encouraged me to seek a federal job," said Patty Rangel, student clerk in the Marine Corps Police Department.

Taneshi Noel, student clerk in HRO, is happy to get away from retail jobs.

"I really like it, I catch myself smiling, and I'm really excited to be here," said Noel.

While gaining new knowledge to add to their resumes, these student interns are enjoying the summer program.

"I like it, there are many different areas that (the operations section) deals with . . . it is challenging," said Steven Roesch, student clerk.

The students were selected and placed in

departments based on their resumes, said Lucy Wais, head of recruitment placement and operations in HRO.

The students explained they like the hands-on experience they are gaining through the program.

"I like always having something to do," said Noel. "I find myself paying close attention every time I'm given a task . . . given the opportunity, I would love to get hired here permanently."

The student laborers, working through facilities maintenance here, really like it explained, Danielle Wilson, student hire.

"I really enjoy how everyone helps each other, the teamwork is great," she explained.

"Hiring students is always a great opportunity for federal agencies. This opportunity affords MCLB Barstow an opportunity to promote working for the federal government and it's a great learning experience for the students. They get to understand how MCLB works and what it does to support our military personnel," said Wais.



*Taneshi Noel, student clerk at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Human Resource Office, files documents, June 23. New summer hires here are gaining on the job experience for future careers.*

# Base Library named to honor Medal of Honor recipient

Story By:  
**Keith Hayes**  
Public Affairs Specialist

The building here that houses the base library/education center and base education office is named for Marine Corps Medal of Honor recipient Private Robert Miller McTureous Jr.

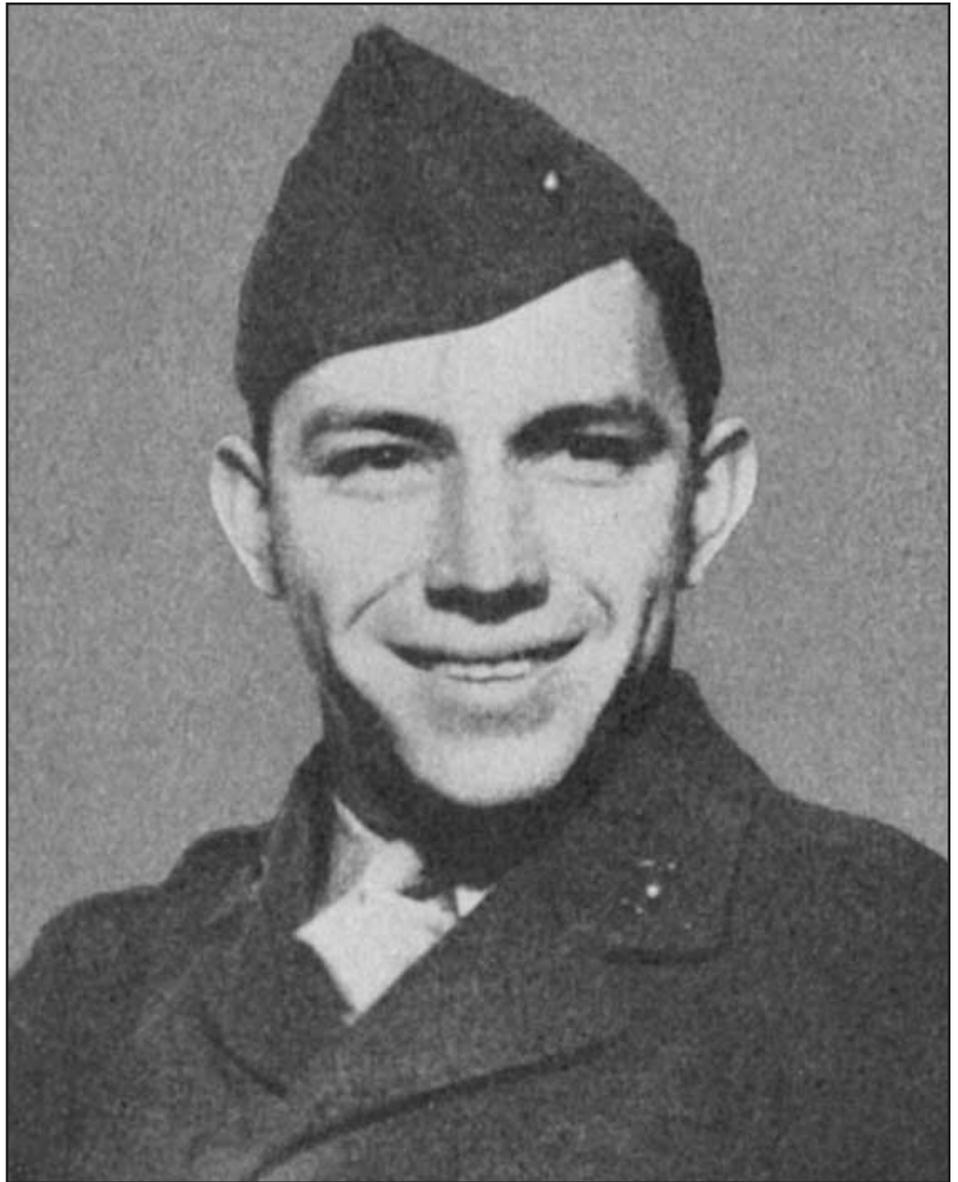
A museum honoring Altoona, Fla., native Robert M. McTureous contains details about the early life of McTureous and how he was at first declared medically unfit to serve in World War II by his local Draft Board. Not giving up on his mission to become part of America's war effort, he took on several jobs to pay for two surgical operations to correct physical defects. He was eventually declared fit for duty to serve in the Marine Corps, August 31, 1944.

The citation awarding McTureous the Medal of Honor explains why the 5 foot eight inch tall 138 pound former football player received the Nation's highest award for bravery:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Company H, Third Battalion, Twenty-Ninth Marines, Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Okinawa in the Ryukyu Chain, 7 June 1945."

Seven days after joining the unit, McTureous took part in the capture of an important hill on Oroky Peninsula. His company suffered several casualties during the assault and heavy enemy fire prevented the wounded Marines from being evacuated. Realizing that the injured must be removed to the rear and the high ground must be taken, McTureous, acting on his own initiative, filled his pants pockets and jacket with grenades and charged up the hill into the face of withering enemy rifle and machine gun fire.

Running from cave to cave, McTureous tossed grenades into the Japanese positions and distracted enemy fire so that Marine stretcher-bearers could come forward to remove the wounded. His supply of hand grenades exhausted,



he returned to his own lines, took on another load and returned to the caves, smashing once again into the enemy positions. During his furious second assault, McTureous was badly wounded in the stomach. Instead of calling for help and risking other men being hit in attempts to rescue him, he stoically crawled 200 yards to a sheltered place within the Marine lines before asking for aid. The actions of McTureous had completely silenced the Japanese, killing six of them and so badly disorganizing the remainder of the enemy forces that his fellow Marines were able to occupy the hill and complete their mission. The wounded earlier removed from the battlefield because of his heroic self-sac-

rifice were also evacuated to safety. McTureous was transported to the hospital ship USS Relief and given large quantities of whole blood and plasma in an attempt to save his life, but all efforts failed and on the morning of June 11, he died at sea.

McTureous, 21, had been a Marine for only nine months and seven days when he proved that neither age nor length of service are criterion of a hero.

For those interested in learning more about the life and military exploits of Private McTureous, visit the McTureous Homestead and Museum in Altoona, Fla., or read the book "Battle History of the United States Marine Corps 1775-1945" by George B. Clark. **9**

# SPOT LIGHT

Photos By:  
Cpl. Samuel Ranney  
Press Chief



*Thomas Allen, weld shop planner on Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, operates the water jet machine, June 18. The water jet uses water and a grit mixture to cut through various metals.*



*Brian Fuzie, welder on Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, works on the turret of a light armored vehicle, June 18. Welders here work on hundreds of different parts to various mission essential military equipment and vehicles.*



*Carroll William, autoworker on Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, operates a crane to lift a jail cell door from the water jet machine, June 18. The machine was being used to cut holes in the door so it can be hung up in MCLB Barstow's up and coming historical gallery.*

# AROUND THE CORPS

*A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow*



*Photo illustration By: Lance Cpl. Drew Tech*

POHANG, South Korea - A Republic of Korea Marine, left, is instructed by Lance Cpl. Axel E. Hogberg June 7, 2014 at the 1st Republic of Korea Marine Division base in Pohang, South Korea. The Marines executed weapons familiarization training in preparation for Korean Marine Exchange Program 14-8, which is slated to take place June 9-21. KMEP is a regularly-scheduled, combined, small-unit training exercise, which enhances the combat readiness and interoperability of ROK-U.S. Marine Corps forces. Hogberg is a military policeman with Company A, 3rd Law Enforcement Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF.



*Photo by: Sgt. Frances Johnson*

CAMP BASTION, Afghanistan - Marines with the Cannons Platoon of Tango Battery, 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, fire their M777A2 howitzer during a fire mission aboard Camp Bastion, Afghanistan, June 13, 2014. The Marines of Tango Battery aboard Camp Bastion and Leatherneck have a unique makeup for an artillery battery, with one platoon of M777A2 howitzer cannons and one platoon of HIMARS launchers.



*Photo courtesy of Associated Press*

Cpl. William "Kyle" Carpenter receives the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor, from President Barack Obama at the White House June 19, 2014. Carpenter received the medal for his actions while deployed to Marjah, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in 2010. He became the third Marine and the 15th overall recipient of the medal for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan.



*Photo by: Gunnery Sgt. Rome M. Thorn*

USS SAN DIEGO, At Sea - A Marine with the Force Reconnaissance Detachment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, climbs up the USS San Diego on a caving ladder as part of an approach, hook and climb exercise conducted during Certification Exercise off the coast of Southern California, June 13, 2014. The 11th MEU and Amphibious Squadron 5 team conduct CERTX to hone mission-essential tasks, execute specified MEU and Amphibious Ready Group operations and certify the foundation of a cohesive warfighting team for exercises and operations they may encounter in their upcoming deployment.

