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## On The Cover:

### Front Cover:

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The Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Fire Department visits with children from the Child Development Center here, Oct. 7, in support of Fire Prevention Week 2014. Marvin Torgeson, a firefighter here, acted as Sparky the Fire dog as he interacted with children and taught them about the importance of fire safety.

### Back Cover:

Photo courtesy of: Miriam Hemme

A participant of the 2014 Barstow Rodeo Stampede rides through Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's base stables, Sept. 26. Hundreds of spectators from across the High Desert community attended the annual event.



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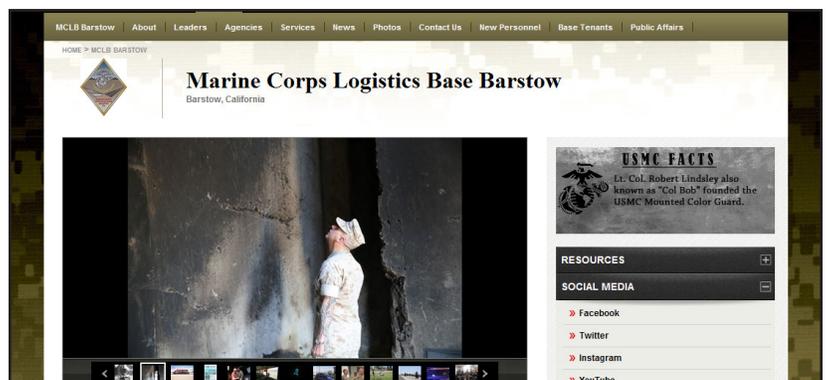




Photo By: Carlos Guerra

Gilberto Navarete, K-9 handler on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., utilizes a bite suit to allow the K-9s training on apprehending suspects, at Silverwood Lake, Oct. 1. The officers and their K-9 partners trained in apprehending suspects and searching for drugs.

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# News Briefs

## Happy Birthday, Navy

With great respect and admiration, congratulations to the U.S. Navy on the occasion of your 239th anniversary. The United States Navy has defended our great republic since 13 October 1775 and Marines have stood shoulder to shoulder with their naval brethren in times of war and peace; your unrelenting resolve and undaunted courage has served our nation well in times of national crisis. As in years past, the Marine Corps is proud to honor your dedication, professionalism, bravery and commitment. George Washington's 1781 words continue to ring true today, "It follows then as certain as night succeeds day, that without a decisive naval force we can do nothing definitive, and with it everything honorable and glorious." As you celebrate this day, remember those who gave their all in defense of freedom and know that Marines everywhere celebrate with you. Happy anniversary and Semper Fidelis!

James F. Amos

General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

## Jane Wayne Day

Jane Wayne Day lets Marine and Army spouses 'play Marine.' Open to active duty Marine and Army spouses who live on MCLB Barstow. Come out and have some fun, Friday, Oct. 17 starting at 8 a.m. in Bldg. 15. Call 577-6287 to register. For more information, contact Marine Corps Family Team Building at 577-6675.

## Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and are in need of leave donations:

**Lisa Bass, Christopher Garcia, Amy Loughridge, Clarisa Mattig-Smith, Konrad Miles, and Charmaine Runne.**

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.

## Ball Tickets

The 239th Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on Nov. 8, at the Mirage Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Tickets will be starting at \$25, and room rates are \$210 a night. Rooms must be reserved no later than Oct., 8. For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Worley at 577-5821, email [Jeffery.j.worley@usmc.mil](mailto:Jeffery.j.worley@usmc.mil) or stop by the S3 section of Bldg. 15.

## Anticipated Vacancies

The following is provided regarding anticipated permanent vacancies for MCLB Barstow.

**Security and Emergency Services:**  
Lead Firefighter, GS-0081-07/08.  
Fire Protection Inspector, GS-0081-06/07/08.

**S-4 Installation & Logistics Dept.:**  
Supply Technician (Office Automation), GS-2005-05

## USMC BALL 2014

### Limited Edition, Bottle Opener Coins For Sale

This year's USMC Ball committee is selling bottle opener coins to raise money for this year's Birthday Ball. Please get them while they last for ONLY \$10. For more information, contact Gunnery Sgt. Worley at 577-5821 or email [Jeffery.j.worley@usmc.mil](mailto:Jeffery.j.worley@usmc.mil) or stop by the S3 section of Bldg. 15.

## Career Resource

If you are looking for employment, check out the weekly employment listing provided by the Career Resource Center at [www.mccsbarstow.com/careerresource.html](http://www.mccsbarstow.com/careerresource.html). For employment job search, or resume writing assistance, call the Career Resource Program at 577-6533.

## Today in Naval History

1837 - Meeting at the U.S. Naval Academy establishes the U.S. Naval Institute. The naval Institute disseminates scientific knowledge throughout the navy.

1945 - A parade held in New York City honors Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and 13 other Navy and Marine Corps Medal of Honor awardees.

### Energy Tip:

**Did you know that the incandescent light is the most common lighting source in U.S. homes? It also wastes the most energy. Ninety percent of the energy consumed by an incandescent light is given off as heat rather than visible light.**

# RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD BE SAFE ...

Whether or not you recognize the signs, it's likely that someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse. The person may be someone you serve with, someone from your community, a family member or friend. Relationships should be safe. Abuse is never okay.

Despite ongoing recognition of the negative effects of domestic abuse and the ongoing efforts to bring enlightenment, education and training to our Marines and their families, domestic violence remains a reality in our military community. Maintaining a healthy, safe and fulfilling relationship requires motivation, commitment and an ongoing effort by both partners.

The foundations of a fulfilling and safe relationship are trust, mutual respect and open communication. Healthy relationships don't just happen. They take time, effort and sometimes the outside assistance and support of a professional and/or a concerned friend. We all face relationship challenges at some point. Working through these challenges in a healthy way can strengthen our relationships. Individual and family stress can escalate conflict and sometimes leads to domestic abuse. I encourage you to take notice and get help early to prevent domestic abuse. All members of our community can help prevent, recognize and report abuse.

Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, genders, incomes and ranks. The costs involved in this tragedy are not only huge financially, but emotionally as well. As a military community, we need to commit ourselves to ending domestic violence by supporting the system that holds offenders accountable, provides victims with help and support and continues to educate and train our Marines and family members on positive, nurturing relationships and wholesome family values.

Domestic violence hurts children emotionally, and may cause long term harm. Modeling healthy relationships at home and showing children that communicating in a positive way builds trust and respect is one way we can break the cycle of abuse. The effects of domestic violence leave physical and emotional scars and creates a destructive cycle of violence where oftentimes those who were abused or witnessed abuse, become abusers themselves.

With heightened awareness and strengthened prevention, we, as a Marine Community, uniting for this cause, can also help break the cycle of violence and ensure that our Marine Corps Community is one of safety for everyone. Domestic violence has no place in a safe, healthy relationship. In an effort to battle and eradicate domestic violence, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year's OSD's theme of "Relationships should be safe" fits in well with our efforts to live up to the highest standards of our Corps and to protect those who most need our assistance.

Therefore, as Commanding Officer, I hereby proclaim October 2014 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, California. I call upon all Marines, family members and Civilian Marines to put forth an effort to speak out against domestic violence, to support efforts to assist victims and to develop the personal skills necessary to eliminate domestic violence in our relationships and in turn, in our community, and create a safer environment for all.



M.L. SCALISE  
COLONEL, U.S. MARINE CORPS  
COMMANDING

# 'WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES'

Story by:  
**Cpl. Samuel Ranney**  
Editor

In 1871, a fire broke out during a dry October evening in Chicago ... the fire went on for two days, killing more than 250 people, destroying more than 2,000 acres of the city and leaving thousands without homes.

The exact cause of the fire is up to debate; however, the tragedy sparked a nationally recognized week of safety and fire prevention awareness.

The fire occurred Oct. 8 – Oct. 10. Today, more than a century later, the awareness week is recognized on the Sunday through Saturday in October of which the eighth and ninth fall.

This year's theme is 'Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month,' said Michelle Bledsoe, fire inspector on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

"The importance of the theme is to bring awareness and encourage people to test their smoke detectors and ensure their families are safe," she added.

This year for Fire Prevention Week, MCLB Barstow's Fire Department visited the Child Development Center and Youth Activity Center to share information and safety tips. The firemen brought a fire engine, ambulance, Sparky the Fire Dog and various activities and games to keep children interested while giving them the information they need, explained Bledsoe.

Today, to conclude Fire Prevention Week here, there will be a safety stand down barbecue at 11 a.m., outside of the base fire department. There will be food, raffles and display tables with fire prevention, crime prevention, and general safety information set up, Bledsoe said.

Those who survived the Chicago fire and other devastating fires during that time never forgot what they saw. The tragic fires in the past changed the way firefighters and public officials treat fire prevention today. It has been a nationally recognized week since 1925, said Bledsoe.

"The MCLB Barstow Fire Prevention Office is very aggressive and promotes fire safety all year round. We are in every building at least twice a year and are talking with employees and the community about fire safety regularly," concluded Bledsoe.



# 'YES' ... FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2014

Photos by Carlos Guerra





# MCLB Barstow prepares Marines for higher education

**Story by:**  
**Cpl. Samuel Ranney**  
Editor

As of this year, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow is a pilot base for the Leadership Scholar Program.

The Leadership Scholar Program assists eligible Marines in applying as a freshman or transfer student to more than 200 schools. Now that MCLB Barstow is a pilot in the program, the base will be able to better assist Marines interested in applying for the program, explained Debra Wood, personal and professional development technician here.

“It’s a program only available to honorably discharged Marines,” said Wood. “It’s here to help your college application stand above the rest.”

Woods further explained that applying to Ivy League schools isn’t easy ... especially when the person is not applying directly out of high school. However, the LSP submits your application on your behalf, and includes your military education and experiences that will make you stick out.

“Marines should be a step ahead for their service, not behind,” said Woods.

The LSP works as a liaison between the Marine and the school. So, by the time the application is submitted, the admissions department will have already heard of the

Marine applying, she added.

Woods encourages Marines to apply for the program and apply to the more prestigious schools.

“Many of the prestigious schools actually have slots reserved for service members,” she explained. “The LSP can help the Marine find those schools and assist them in meeting the deadlines and application requirements.”

The following is required to apply for the LSP: unofficial high school and college transcripts, Joint Service Transcript, copies of NAVMC 118 (3); (11); and (12), basic individual record, basic training record, record of service, awards and education, a letter of recommendation from a commanding officer or officer-in-charge, an honorable discharge, an AFQT score of at least 70 and a GT score of at least 115.

Waivers are possible and are a case-by-case basis, Woods said.

The education office here encourages all Marines interested in higher learning to apply for the program and take advantage of the knowledge MCLB Barstow now has of it.

“We will be there every step of the way; from helping Marines apply to the program to editing their college application essays,” Woods concluded.

For more information on the LSP, stop by the base library or call 760-577-6582.

# Some Sacrifices come with a price

Story by:

**Keith Hayes**

Public Affairs Specialist

Grove Athletic Field, now decommissioned, was located aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and was originally named to honor Gunnery Sergeant Robert W. Grove, who gave his life inspiring his troops to victory.

Gunnery Sergeant Grove was born March 1, 1917, in Casper, Wyoming.

During World War II Grove enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve.

On December 17, 1943, while serving as a machine gunner with the 1st Marine Division at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Cpl Grove inspired his team to attack and defeat a light and heavy machine gun nest, destroying it and killing or capturing the crews and taking command of their weapons.

His actions earned him a Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism.

After also seeing service in the Korean conflict, Grove was stationed here from June 1960 to June 1963. He served as the athletic NCO in Special Services, the forerunner of Marine Corps Community Services, and as NCOIC of the Base stables.

He was transferred to Camp Pendleton and left there to join the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa on March 1, 1964. In 1965 Grove was sent to Vietnam where he served as a Light Weapons Infantry Advisor with the United States Military Assistance command, Republic of Vietnam.

On February 16, 1965, while accompanying three com-

panies of Vietnamese trainees, his troops were attacked by a numerically superior enemy force, which opened fire near the village Tu Than, in Quang Ngai Province.

Grove put himself in harm's way by taking a position and drawing heavy enemy fire while firing upon the enemy without regard for his own safety. He urged his young troops on to action, leading them to victory over the en-



trenched enemy and winning the battle. Grove was mortally wounded during the conflict, giving his life for his country in the highest tradition of the United States Marine Corps.

The veteran Marine Reservist was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his actions. The medal was presented to his wife Vera during a parade and ceremony here on Sorenson Field January 14, 1966. The Memorial Athletic Field aboard the Yermo Annex was renamed Grove Field in his honor. The field was later decommissioned because of environmental issues. The Grove Field sign naming the

site was given to his widow and is currently on display at the family farm in Tennessee.

Grove is a direct descendant of famed English explorer Sir Francis Drake and is interred in Drake Cemetery in Pikeville, Tennessee, where the Grove family farm is located.

Gunnery Sergeant Grove is also remembered on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall on panel 1E, line 92, name number five.

# AROUND THE CORPS

*A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow*



*Photo By: Cpl. Owen Kimbrel*

*Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. - Flames explode behind the U.S. Navy Blue Angels' F/A-18 Hornets during the night portion of the 2014 Miramar Air Show aboard Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., Oct. 4. The wall of fire is the last event of the night air show.*



*Photo By: Lance Cpl. Brittney Vella*

*Zambales, Luzon, Philippines - Philippine and U.S. Marines aboard a U.S. Marine Amphibious Assault Vehicle take part in a mechanized assault during Amphibious Landing Exercise 15 at Naval Education and Training Command, Zambales, Luzon, Philippines, Oct. 5. PHIBLEX is an annual, bilateral training exercise conducted by members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines alongside U.S. Marine and Navy forces focused on strengthening the partnership and relationships between the two nations across a range of military operations including disaster relief and complex expeditionary operations. The U.S. Marines are with Company I, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade. The Philippine Marines are with 4th Marine*  
**10** *Company, Battalion Landing Team - 9.*



*Photo By: Cpl. Tyler Viglione*

*San Diego, California - Lance Cpl. London M. Caldwell, Platoon 1041, Charlie Company, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, provides security for his fellow recruits during the 12 Stalls event at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Sept. 24. Caldwell suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament and spent nearly a year in recruit training rehabilitating to prove he had what it took to become a Marine.*

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

## NEVER DISAPPOINT THE GRACIOUS GIVER

REFLECTING ON ISAIAH 5:1-7, PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

AND MATTHEW 21:33-43

### Submitted By:

Gerry Kasule,

Camp Pendleton Catholic Priest

With all things considered, this is a favorable time for each one of us to humbly accept the invitation to reflect upon our relationship with the 'Gracious Giver – GOD. This is the parent who works hard to make sure that the sons and daughters in his Creation become successful not only in this life, but also in the life after. Given all the efforts to make sure all the children are doing well, the "Gracious Giver" ends up disappointed by the children. Isaiah is inviting each one of us to renew our Faith via reflecting on the "Song of the vineyard".

The Prophet uses this poetic language with a lot of humor; Isaiah calls God his friend, who has an affectionate relationship with his vineyard (humanity). How do we understand our responsibilities and duties in the World today? Are we good stewards? For God has offered each one of us the gift of life, security, sustenance, hope for a better tomorrow and above all salvation through His only Begotten Son Jesus Christ.

To understand better what God is always doing for humanity, refer to the images of the vineyard; "cleared of stones, with a wall around it, a watch tower, a wine press etc." God brings us into existence, provides for us via the family, community, nation and world. He has given us the precepts to walk humbly on the right path as His chosen ones, having Jesus Christ as our guide. Just like

the bad tenants, we have also disappointed God on several occasions due to our ego, pride and wrong choices, without any consideration of God and the neighbor. Like that good parent somewhere, God walks the journey with us, whether we are happy or sorrowful. God encourages us to courageously make a positive response and change, adhering to His commands, and listening to His voice every time. God expects us to bear fruits, "good fruits" of; love, peace, kindness, faithfulness, joy, patience, goodness, gentleness and self-control; these are also known as the fruits of the Holy Spirit. In His infinite love

and wisdom, God has bestowed His riches upon us; just like a parent (amongst us) who has great expectations from his/her children. We can recall that right away from the Creation story in the Book of Genesis; God gives us this wonderful opportunity to be His co-workers / stewards.

How can we live up to the standards that can help to bear good fruits in the vineyard? Again it is through applying the given precepts in our daily lives. We need to understand that Christianity is not about avoiding sin, but striving to be good and doing the good we have come to know and embraced through Jesus Christ.

This is what St. Paul is reminding us in Philippians 4:8 "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." We humble ourselves today and pray with the Psalmist in Psalm 80, that the Lord, God of hosts restores us in his love.



