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Gabe Lane, five years old and Sergeant Steven Goss, K-9 trainer for Marine Corps Police Department on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., takes part in the tye dye station at Fall Festival held here, Sept. 18. The festival included stations for arts and crafts, bounce houses, a rock wall and live music.

Back Cover:

Photo by Laurie Pearson

Fire fighters with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Fire Department on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., and San Bernardino City Fire Department conduct proficiency training on truck company operations here, Sept. 10. The training ensures fire fighters respond to incidents safely and efficiently.



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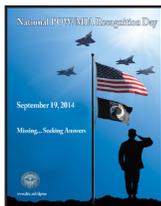




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The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., presents the nations colors at the Pro Rodeo Finals in Grand Junction, Colo., Sept., 13.

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Married and loving it is a series of five classes designed to teach participants how to enjoy sharing their lives with each other by enhancing their marriage. Married and loving it will be held every Thursday in October in the Multipurpose room on base at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Marine and Family Programs at 577-6533.

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. at Bldg. 15. Call 577-6287 to register. For more information, contact Marine Corps Family Team Building at 577-6675.

New Number

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

Leave Share Program

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

Christopher Garcia, Amy Loughridge, Marilyn McKay, 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.

Rodeo

The Barstow Rodeo Stampede will be held Sept. 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's base stables. Tickets are available for purchase on base at the Information, Tickets and Tours office (ITT). For more information, call 760-252-3093.

ITT Specials

The Information, Tickets and Tours office has tons of great offers to make your summer sensational! These include:

Knott's Soak City, Hurricane Harbor, Raging Waters and hotel discounts.

For more information about these and other offers, contact ITT at 577-6541.

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 Staff Sgt. Worley at 577-5821 or email Jeffery.j.worley@usmc.mil or stop by the S3 section of Bldg. 15.

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 Staff Sgt. Worley at 577-5821, email 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. For employment job search, or resume writing assistance, call the Career Resource Program at 577-6533.

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 Automa-

Barstow Fire District Open House

Join Barstow Fire District for a fun-filled day of activities, food and prizes Oct. 4 at 8 a.m. at Cora Harper Community Center. Sign-ups for the 5K Fun Run and 1 mile Kid Run start at 7:30 a.m. All proceeds go to CERT and the Fire Explorers. For more information contact Barstow Fire Protection District at 760-256-2254

Energy Tip:

Did you know that it is estimated that 50 to 80 percent of the tires rolling on U.S. roads are under-inflated? Driving with tires that are under-inflated increases 'rolling resistance,' wasting up to 5 percent of a car's fuel. We could save up to two billion gallons of gasoline annually simply by properly inflating our tires.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY: YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Story by:

Laurie Pearson

Public Affairs Specialist

Americans throughout the United States paused to recognize prisoners of war (POWs) and those missing in action (MIA), during National POW/MIA Day, Sept. 19.

Service members persist in an ongoing effort to protect the rights and freedoms of the citizens of this great nation, and of those in need of protection abroad. The day serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by those service members and their families.

Kevin Irwin, commander of American Legion Post 324 in Barstow, explained that he hopes a national day of recognition for POW/MIA would help educate the general public regarding the importance of offering respect to those who have served or currently serve in the armed forces.

“People know what it’s about, but not what it really means,” said Irwin.

“People here in the United States seem to forget

sometimes ... grow complacent about their freedom,” said Staff Sgt. Nicholas Beberniss, staff noncommissioned officer in charge for the pistol and rifle ranges on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. “We put lives on the line to preserve the rights of others. Nothing is free.”

Beberniss, injured in Iraq when an improvised explosive device exploded below the vehicle he was in, is one of the few Marine to reenlist as an amputee on permanent limited duty and remain on active duty, paving. Over the course of his recovery Beberniss would encourage his daughter to deliver cards to other patients in the hospital in order to demonstrate compassion and respect for those who serve. He continues to demonstrate this respect by seeking opportunities to personally thank others for their service, especially those who were POWs.

“If I see a POW license plate, I make time to go thank them for their service,” said Beberniss. “I have the utmost respect for someone who not only was in combat, but then caught by the enemy and forced to live in the lifestyle they have to live in.”

“Since World War I, more than 200,000 Americans have been listed as being (POW) or (MIA),” said Toni Sanchez, activity coordinator at Veterans Home of California, Barstow, during a service held at the veterans facility to honor National POW/MIA Day, Sept. 19.

“Specifically during the Vietnam War, more than 2,500 Americans were captured and listed as (MIA),” Sanchez continued.

Shortly after the Vietnam War ended that the National League of Families was formed.

“Their goal was to remind the nation of their loved ones’ plight,” said Beth Wendlandt, activity coordinator at Veterans Home of California, Barstow.

“In 1971 Mrs. Michael Hoff, the wife of a (MIA) soldier and member of the National League of Families, felt that there should be a symbol to remind the nation of these soldiers and the cause to bring them home,” continued Wendlandt.

Hoff spearheaded a project to develop a flag that would

represent POWs and those MIA, with the assistance of an employee at the Annin Flag Company. The flag is a black and white silhouette of a man with barbed wire and a tower in the background and is underscored by the words ‘You Are Not Forgotten.’

“This flag is the only flag, other than the American flag, that has ever flown over the White House,” explained Wendlandt. “The POW/MIA flag has flown there on every POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday of every September, since 1982.”

The flag now waves as a representation of all missing men and women from any war.

“It represents our everlasting concern for our men and women who serve,” said Glen A. Pearl, Sr., adjutant of the Barstow chapter of Disabled American Veterans and retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day and the flag serve to honor those whose sacrifices secure the rights Americans hold dear.



Starting off the Fall

Photo essay by:
Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent



with a little Festival



FREIGHT FOR THE MILITARY

Story By:

Sgt. David N Beckstrom

The sound of a locomotive horn blaring across the rail yard is a common occurrence at the Marine Corps Logistics Base here.

MCLB Barstow is the largest military railhead in the continental United States. More than 35 million pounds of equipment and vehicle freight transfer through MCLB every month in support of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. An additional 10 to 15 million pounds of freight that comes through MCLB Barstow is moved for other branches of the service.

“Our main mission in support of NTC is to facilitate the rotational training units that come here each month,” said Master Sgt. Logan M. McKenzie, the Brigade S-3 Sgt. Maj. for the 916th Sustainment Brigade. “All their equipment rolls in to the Yermo Annex of MCLB to get transferred on to commercial trucks and then brought up to Fort Irwin and back again at the end of the rotation.”

The equipment arrives at the MCLB Barstow Yermo Annex via civilian train systems operated by Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway and Union Pacific Railroad.

“After the freight arrives here, we use the four trains, which are owned by the United States Army, to push them around the railhead in preparations for download,” said Sgt. Michael A. Davis, the rail operations noncommissioned officer assigned to the 171st Movement Control Company. There are 136 trains (locomotives) active in the US Army system in the CONUS and they are all operable and being utilized.

The military utilizes civilian transportation infrastructures which are already in place to ensure equipment is moved in a timely manner.



Photo By: Carlos Guerra

A Soldier assigned to the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division guides a Humvee across freight cars at the Yermo Annex of the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Yermo, Calif., Sept. 11.

“We load and unload freight from the Marines, Navy, Army, Air Force, and even the Coast Guard,” said Chad C. Hildebrandt, the rail operations supervisor at MCLB. “We service all of the branches of the DOD because of all the access routes into and out of MCLB Barstow.”

As the Military downsizes and changes its focus to force sustainment, the Yermo Annex will continue to see an increase of use.

“A year ago we moved about 35 million pounds of freight in any given month, but this last month alone we moved more than 95 million pounds in support of NTC and other military bases around the west coast,” said Hildebrandt.

The 171st MCC, MCLB Barstow Rail Operations, Ft. Irwin ITO personnel, and contractors have a meticulous system in place to track freight and will work up to 18-hour days to ensure the freight gets to its destination.

“The freight companies that are ran by civilians use programs to calculate how much freight and how many cars can be pulled at a time, but since we use paper calculations and are out there with the cars we can see that there are still spaces available to load more equipment,” said Davis. “On average we save the RTU and the Army several thousands of dollars each rotation because we do not use as many cars. After the 14-09 rotation we saved them a whole train compared to what they used when they came here.”

With the capabilities they have shown in the past, the 171st MCC sets an example for other movement operations centers to follow.

MCLB Barstow Rail Operations has started a training class for Soldiers and Marines here to ensure other railhead operators understand how to properly accomplish their missions, because we move the same amount of freight that the training units do in about one-third the time,” said Hildebrandt.



Photo By: Sgt. David N. Beckstrom

James Mitchell, a locomotive engineer, backs up an Army locomotive into the maintenance bay on the Yermo Annex of the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Yermo, Calif., Sept. 11.



Safety Standown and BBQ

VPP & Safety Information

Thursday, October 9, 2014

1100 to 1230

Nebo Fire Station - Building 18

BBQ

Tickets

**Hamburger, Hot
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Joann or Adam - 577-6093
Gabe or Michelle - 577-7039
SSgt Worley - 577-6494
Apryl Sanchez-Stevens - 577-6529
Chad Hildebrandt - 577-7781
Daisy Morales - 577-6618

Everyone is invited to attend.

AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



Photo By: Cpl. Jericho Crutcher

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. - Private Alfonso A. Medina-Arellano, Platoon 3223, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, low crawls during the Bayonet Assault Course as part of the Crucible at Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. Sept 11. Over the past three months, recruits learned different bayonet techniques during Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training. Sept. 19, 2014.



Photo By: Lance Cpl. Brittney Vella

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII - Cpl. Lacine Camara, a crew chief assigned to Combat Assault Company, and Bronx, N.Y. native, signals to the other Marines operating amphibious assault vehicles during a simulated mission at Fort Hase Beach, Sept. 16, 2014. CAC, a non-deployable unit, supports the infantry in their predeployment training, Exercise Island Viper.



Photo By: Lance Cpl. Isaac Ibarra

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Japan - Cpl. Derek Sampson, a Blue Ridge, Georgia, native, demonstrates how to properly execute a skid rappel Aug. 13 at Camp Hansen during a Helicopter Rope Suspension Techniques Course. Participating students rappelled down the tower in preparation for helicopter rappels later on in the course. Sampson is a HRST instructor with Special Operations Training Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, III MEF. Sept 18, 2014.

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Additional Items to Consider Adding to an Emergency Supply Kit:

- Prescription medications and glasses
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from www.ready.gov
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.
- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe or bleaches with added cleaners.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children



Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

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Emergency Supply List



FEMA

www.ready.gov

Through its **Ready Campaign**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency educates and empowers Americans to take some simple steps to prepare for and respond to potential emergencies, including natural disasters and terrorist attacks. **Ready** asks individuals to do three key things: get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

All Americans should have some basic supplies on hand in order to survive for at least three days if an emergency occurs. Following is a listing of some basic items that every emergency supply kit should include. However, it is important that individuals review this list and consider where they live and the unique needs of their family in order to create an emergency supply kit that will meet these needs. Individuals should also consider having at least two emergency supply kits, one full kit at home and smaller portable kits in their workplace, vehicle or other places they spend time.



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