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Military Appreciation Sidewalk Sale

We are grateful for all you do to protect and serve our country.

All families aboard MCLB Barstow are invited to take advantage of the sales at their local commissary!

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NORMAL SERVICE HOURS

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A message to Marine Team Barstow:

"Welcome to the Desert Rat family"

On March 24 a flag-draped casket arrived at Los Angeles International Airport - after 77 years, Private Jacob Cruz was finally returned home. At age 17, a junior in high school and the oldest of five in a single parent home, he convinced his mother to grant permission for him to enlist. The year was 1943, and on November 22, Jacob and his company found themselves under a heavy counterattack during the Battle of Tarawa. It was Jacob’s first day of combat, and he ran ammunition boxes to gunners on the front line until two bullets struck him down, killing him instantly. His mother and siblings would receive a telegram on Christmas Eve, which read, “DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU ...” A recipient of the Purple Heart and posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions, PVT Cruz’s sergeant would later recount, “The morning of his death, Jacob spent his down time under the shade of a coconut tree reading a Bible.” A Hero Remembered Never Dies. What a great reminder to cherish our freedom and live our lives in such a manner worthy of the sacrifice of those who have gone before us.

Welcome Aboard!

Checking aboard this month are Captain Spaulding, Sgt Stanson, and PFC Dutra ... welcome to the Desert Rat family.

Congratulations!

NCO of the Quarter: Cpl. Colten Kokes
Marine of the Quarter: Lance Cpl. Max Fesenmaier
Congrats to Lance Cpl. Jakob Belloni and Cpl. Paola Verdugo on your promotions!
Job well done to PFC Travis Dutra, Cpl. Dylan Echeverria, Cpl. Justin Sanders, Sgt Dylan Bickling, and Sgt Alex Pacheco who each received a Meritorious Mast for excellent work in rail operations.

Farewell to

Finally, a bid farewell to 1st FSB’s LtCol Tim Egan (Deputy) and MGySgt Barry Worster (Maint COSIS) as they depart and we welcomed Mr. James Maxwell as 1st FSB’s new Deputy.

Continued Service

Length of service awards this month go to Angel Arguelles (15 Years) and Adonis Barela (15 years) – thank you for your continued service through the years!
MCLB Barstow Spouse Appreciation Event

Spouses are invited to be honored at the MCLB Barstow 2021 Spouse Appreciation Event; to be held Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the MajGen James L. Day Conference Center.

We want to make sure we have enough food and giveaways for everyone, so please register for this free event at the following link. [Visit Eventbrite](https://spouse.eventbrite.com)

The event includes free instruction from a Paint Party sponsor who will travel here to lead us in a fun paint on canvas activity! (The paint design will be posted on the registration page soon)

Feel free to share this invitation with any spouses of active duty service members serving on or living aboard MCLB Barstow. We look forward to honoring the amazing spouses in our community! Brought to you by the L.I.N.K.S. Program! Please RSVP by April 23, 2021. For more info call 760-577-6675.
Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California has earned the Secretary of the Navy 2021 Cultural Resources Management Award for small installations, beating out all other Navy and Marine Corps installations in that category.

“To qualify for this award, the installation must be 10,000 acres or smaller and have taken significant steps to promote effective cultural resources management through proactive stewardship of heritage assets,” said Jason Thompson, Environmental director.

The achievement tracks cultural resources efforts from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020 (Fiscal Year 2019-2020).

“Since 1962, the Secretary of Defense has honored installations, teams, and individuals for outstanding achievements in Department of Defense environmental programs,” said Benjamin “Cody” Leslie, Natural Resources Specialist and Cultural Resources support. “The nominees are evaluated by a diverse panel of judges with relevant expertise from federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.”

“This a great award to receive as it recognizes MCLB Barstow’s hard work and dedication to the environment and its cultural resources,” Thompson said. Angelina Antonucci was the Cultural Resources Program Manager during this time period who really spearheaded the whole endeavor ensuring the program was a success. We received a lot of support for the Cultural Resources Program from Headquarters Marine Corps, Colonel Clemons, base commanding officer, and Jon Aunger, Facilities director. Installations also need to demonstrate progress in identifying and evaluating cultural resources including archaeological sites, cultural items, the historic built environment, and cultural landscapes,” Leslie said. “We can also demonstrate partnerships with installation stakeholders such as public works and range management, as well as partnerships with external stakeholders, such as Native American tribes and states. We also had to have an approved Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan in place and active for the entire achievement period.”

All of this must also be accomplished while still maintaining the military readiness mission.

“We submitted an extensive package to include an Installation Narrative which is the actual write-up for the award submission and includes achievements and accomplishments, captioned compliance reports, and various release forms,” Leslie explained. “This is written by the Program Manager and submitted to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for review and acceptance.”

The base and the Environmental Division will receive a trophy, a United States flag flown over the Capitol on Earth Day and over the Pentagon on Memorial Day, a meritorious achievement certificate signed by the Secretary of Defense, and a letter of congratulations. In addition, they’ll receive recognition on a Secretary of the Navy Environmental Story by: Laurie Pearson

COMMSTRAT Chief

Modern graffiti “Karen” before removal...
Awards display in the Pentagon and on the website (www.denix.osd.mil/awards).

“During the reporting period, MCLB Barstow undertook several tasks to help restore cultural sites and to improve and organize the Cultural Resources program on base, to include: Graffiti Removal at Rattlesnake Rock Petroglyph, Native American Consultation and Outreach project, Integrated Cultural Resources Management Programs revisions, and Data Management and Analysis,” Leslie said.

“What really made MCLB Barstow stand out for this award was the removal of graffiti from our cultural resources site ‘Rattlesnake Rock’, which contains several petroglyphs,” Thompson said. “This was a site for Native American Tribes to come visit. Throughout the decades, when the site was unprotected, people vandalized the site by spray painting names and dates. This never should have happened and it only destroys the environment. We wanted to correct past mistakes of others and show the Native American Tribes and the community that we are preserving and respecting the site and restoring it to its natural state with the petroglyphs undisturbed.”

All of these efforts have helped to improve upon the Cultural Resources Program while providing support to the mission. “If there’s one thing Marines prize, it’s our history,” said Col. Craig C. Clemans, commanding officer. “The effort to preserve the history of cultures and times gone by aboard MCLB Barstow, across the very sod we walk daily, is something we should all be proud of and prioritize. Jason Thompson and Cody Benjamin and others on their team, have demonstrated tremendous initiative in linking present day MCLB to its past. I’m incredibly grateful for their work.”

This award is a reflection of the work performed by the Environmental Division as well as the Plans and Conservation Branch staff and the commitment of command staff to move forward with protecting historical and cultural assets.

“Marines need a variety of landscapes and facilities to conduct training,” Leslie said. “However, training can impact cultural resources on public lands. The American people place intrinsic value on certain resources; failure to protect those resources under the stewardship of the Marine Corps may lead to legislative, executive, or judicial directives limiting Marine Corps access to lands necessary to maintain military readiness. Conducting the programs that have earned MCLB Barstow the Secretary of the Navy Award for Cultural Resources-Small Installation, shows that this base is committed to protecting and preserving the cultural resources that are part of American history all while ensuring mission requirements.”
MCLB Barstow volunteers recognized for service

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Story by: Laurie Pearson
COMMSTRAT Chief

The nominations are in and the tallies are done! This year’s winners of the Volunteer Service Awards have been announced and the ceremony will soon be underway aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

During the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, the Command will honor volunteers for their service by presenting them with a certificate of appreciation.

“Volunteers who were reported by their organization volunteer coordinators to have performed voluntary service between 1 January to 31 December, 2020, and any registered volunteers who logged their service hours with the Marine Corps Volunteer Program will be honored,” said Beth Simpson, Marine Corps Family Team Building and Volunteer Coordinator for the base.

Recipients for the 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award have been announced and are as follows:

- Single Marine Program Volunteer of the Year - Corporal Noah Avilan, Data Systems administrator
- Civilian Volunteer – Beth Graham
- Organization of the Year – Navy Marine Corps Relief Society’s Thrift Store

“This celebration will be a joint event with the Semper Fit Fun Run,” Simpson added. “All nominations were reviewed by a committee of volunteers with each representative from the MCLB Barstow community including a staff noncommissioned officer, noncommissioned officer, Marine & Family Programs staff member, spouse of an active duty service member, and a volunteer, who collectively determined the final awards.”

The Volunteer Program also supports volunteers with over 100 verified hours of service to apply for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

“The Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society’s greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world,” said Miguel Juarez, Volunteer Program coordinator, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. “Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, skills, and voice to make a difference in their communities.”

“Volunteers really make a positive impact on the quality of services and programs here on base. Anything that benefits service members and their families is a good thing,” Simpson said. “I’m really happy when organizations call looking for volunteer support, too. Having opportunities for personal and professional growth and development, career support, even networking, all provide great value to our volunteers.”

MCLB Barstow

2020 Reported Volunteers 98
2020 Reported Volunteer Service Hours 1660.75
Value estimated at $45,172.40

“Details of the Marine Corps Volunteer Program can be found in Marine Corps Order 5380.2, and in the new base order 5311.1A, which provides additional opportunities to award volunteers to receive a Letter of Appreciation, Meritorious Mast, Certificate of Commendation, and Volunteer Service Medal,” Simpson said.

Volunteers are encouraged to register with the Volunteer Program at MCCSBarstow.com/Volunteer or contact the volunteer coordinator for more information at 760-577-6675 beth.simpson@usmc-mccs.org.
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For information, call (760) 577-6748
Firefighters and paramedics with Fire and Emergency Services conduct Technical Rope Rescue training aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, the week of April 12. Dangling 230’ in the air, from the side of a massive wind turbine, Grant Jaramillo, firefighter-paramedic, let out a “whoop!” and down he came, slow and steady. Ropes were attached to the interior of the turbine’s anchor points, and then 300 feet of half inch life safety rope was extended to the bottom, where it was attached to the base. As Jaramillo descended down the main line, he used a self-tracking boule device as he maintained his steady balance in the harness attached around his torso and limbs. Once he reached the bottom, other firefighters assisted him with regaining his footing, removing the carabiners from his harness and the main line; and you could hear the excitement in their voices and they discussed the descent.

“Once I was out of the hatch, I just looked out and realized what a nice view I had!” Jaramillo could be heard telling his fellow firefighters. Fortunately for firefighters doing their training on April 15, the weather was cooperating and it was a clear, sunny day with little wind. For those who had conducted the training two days prior, the wind was brutal.

“We were being blown around up there like ragdolls,” said Jason Shipe, firefighter. “You can actually see the hand prints on the side of the turbine up there! That’s from us trying to steady ourselves as the wind blew us around.” He pointed up and sure enough, there were several smudges along the turbine where firefighters had pushed themselves off of the turbine as the wind tried to push them into the sides of it. This training, conducted by Tech Rescue Trainers, Inc. provides first responders with critical, technical knowledge and skills to be able to successfully respond to a variety of “Firefighters have to be trained, and there has to be some pre-planning, so that they can effectively respond to whatever emergency they’re called to,” said Jim Pearson, director of training and executive vice president of Tech Rescue Trainers, Inc. “Getting firefighters exposed to these sorts of target hazards and performing training is necessary to prepare for real life emergencies.” Pearson said they provide a variety of specialized training nearly every single month, depending on what their clients’ training needs are. “We are very responsive to our clients’ needs,” Pearson said. “We provide training tailored to our clients, and we do that training on-site. So, it is definitely not a one-size-fits-all approach.” Employees may be required to enter elevated spaces on base, to clean and maintain equipment, or conduct repairs. The wind turbine is one such example. “Once up there, workers could get into trouble with medical emergencies, injuries, or equipment failures and they may require assistance and rescue,” Pearson said. He’s been conducting training on this base for approximately 10 years, and they vary the locations and types of training, depending on the current personnel and needs. “We conduct training in Rope Rescue, Trench Rescue, Structural Collapse Rescue, Emergency Building and Shoring Rescue, Swift Water Shore Based Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Structural Collapse Search and Rescue, Safety Training for Work at Height, and Safety Training for Water and Sanitation,” he said. With more than 25 years of experience as a firefighter himself with San Bernardino County Fire, Pearson understands the needs of the training, the circumstances in which it might be used, and types of terrain and environmental conditions that these firefighters and paramedics may face when responding to incidents on base or in the surrounding community.

“I was a captain and senior training and safety officer and performed the roles of technical rescue training coordinator and tech rescue program manager for San Bernardino County Fire Department. I retired in 2014,” he said. Seeing the need for this technical training throughout the state of California, they founded the company in 2009, and garnered necessary certifications from California State Fire Training, which is a division of the California Fire Marshall’s Office.

“All of our personnel are professional firefighters, and are registered instructors with California State Fire Training,” Pearson said. “We’ve worked with four of the five branches of the U.S. military, except the Coast Guard, as well as law enforcement, and industrial clients throughout the state of California. We trained DEA special agents out of Los Angeles in rescue techniques to include Urban Search and Rescue.”

The team has even trained NASA’s Goldstone personnel to conduct Technical Rescue on the Deep Space Communication Complex’s satellite antennae which can be as large as 230 feet in diameter.

“Of course, the goal is always to prevent mishaps, but sometimes they happen and firefighters need this education and training to be able to respond effectively,” Pearson said. “We train for safety. We provide training to keep emergency responders safe and enable them to provide timely rescue for those who need it.”
Around the Corps in photos

Photo by Lance Cpl. Benjamin Aulick
U.S. Marines breach a door during a demolition range in Jordan, March 6.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Jacqueline Parsons
U.S. Marines fire an M240B machine gun during a night live-fire attack on Range G-29, Camp Lejeune, N.C., March 5.

Photo by Cpl. Patrick Crosley
A U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II takes off from the flight deck of amphibious assault ship USS Makin Island (LHD 8), March 1.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Josue Marquez
A U.S. Marine sets security at a patrol base during Castaway 21.1 on Ie Shima, Japan, March 10.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Brittenham
U.S. Marine Corps joint light tactical vehicles maneuver to a vehicle staging area in Tabuk, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, March 7.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Joshua Brittenham
U.S. Marines conduct experimentation in littoral defense operations around Okinawa, Japan, March 18.
MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW

To preserve the health and welfare of base employees and to help limit the spread of COVID-19, the following are changes to base activities and areas of

**Postponed or closed**
- Self defense
- Spin
- Pass & ID Nebo 101
- Pass & ID Yermo 406
- Swim lessons
- Play mornings
- Wellness series

**MFP Virtual Events**
For a list of MFP virtual events, dates, times and links, contact Beth Simpson, MFP coordinator, 760-577-6675, or visit https://www.facebook.com/MCFTBBarstow/

**Modified hours and services**

**Leatherneck Lanes Bowling Center & kitchen open w/modifications:**
- Call 760-577-6264 for hours, reservations (recommended) and to place a food order.

**Marine Memorial Golf Course open w/modifications:**
- Call for details 760-577-6431

**Semper Fit Gym:**
- Unmanned hours for all permanently assigned DOD employees on base begin Sept. 16. Call 760-577-6812 to make an appointment to register your CAC ahead of time.
- Combat room CLOSED.

**SMP/Rec. Center:**
- Single Marines only, no guests - Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Closed Thursday nights, as well as Sat. & Sun. during COVID restrictions.

**Oasis Pool and Water Park:** CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

**Route 66 Cafe:**
- Open for dine-in and take out. Can also call orders in ahead at 760-577-6428.

**Commissary:**
- Open every Tues. 9 - 9:30 a.m. for active duty and spouses only.
- Open Tues. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- NOTE: IDs are mandatory and will be verified.

**Base Library:**
- Open Mon. - Fri. 8 - 11 a.m. Starting Feb. 16, hours will change to Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Personal & Professional Development:**
- Available via Telework

**Behavioral Health:**
- Telehealth services available
- To set an appointment, call 760-577-6533

**Auto Skills Shop:**
- Open every other weekend, Sat. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Call Bruce for further information, 760-577-6260, 760-267-1075

**ITT:**
- Open Mon. and Thurs. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Pass & ID 236:**
- Appointment only, 760-577-6969

**Thrift Store:**
- Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month 1 - 4 p.m.
- Closed November 24 and 26 for Thanksgiving holiday.

For additional information about the base, go to https://mclbbarstow.marines.mil
For a complete list of MCCS hours and services impacted by COVID-19, go to http://mccsbarstow.com/impact/