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MARINE CORPS PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AND CONDUCT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY

This is a coordinated Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) Installations and Logistics (IL) and Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) message. The intent of this message is to provide amplifying guidance related to the implementation of Additive Manufacturing (AM) across the Marine Corps following the release of reference (a). As of this message, reference (a) is still in effect, and units should continue to follow all procedural guidance set forth within it. Specific topics addressed in this message include: (a) Current Marine Corps AM Status (b) Establishment of the Advanced Manufacturing Operating Cell (AMOC) at MCSC (c) Information Exchange Portal (IEP) (d) Plan of Action and Milestones (POA and M) for future policy and implementation plans.

Women’s Bible Study

Starting a new six-week series at the Marine Memorial Chapel. This series covers Jim Cymbala’s “When God’s People Pray.” Transforming life of prayer. Fellowship and breaking bread begins at 5:30p.m. then prayer and DVD begin at 6p.m. For more information contact Laurie Pearson at laurie.pearson@usmc.mil.

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Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Share Program should contact the Human Resources Office at 577-6915.

MCLBB Family

Please join me in Welcoming Aboard Sgt. Maj. Kretschmer and his wife Julia – or perhaps more appropriately Welcoming Back! The sergeant major was stationed here from 2014-2016 as 1st Sgt. If you haven’t already, check out the article on the Sgt. Maj. in the Prospector (13 Feb.).

This month, we as Marines take special pride in remembering the battle for a small volcanic island in the South Pacific named Iwo Jima. Only two miles wide and four miles long, approximately 70,000 Marines attacked 18,000 Japanese defenders on 19 Feb., 1945. After 36 days of fighting, nearly 7,000 Marines were dead with another 20,000 wounded - only 216 Japanese soldiers were captured. The Joe Rosenthal picture of the flag raising was taken on day five of the fighting. In the end, 27 Medals of Honor were awarded for action on Iwo Jima - more than any other battle in U.S. history. Securing Iwo Jima was strategic in that it prepared the way for the last and largest battle in the Pacific: The invasion of Okinawa. Reflecting after the war, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz stated, “Among the men who fought on Okinawa, reflecting after the war, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz stated, “Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue.” Semper fidelis! I hope you had a fantastic Presidents Day weekend as we get set for the long haul between now and our next federal holiday, Memorial Day. This is an extremely productive time of year as we execute our annual goals and objectives. Our creativity, initiative, and resourcefulness will continue to win the day and remain key trademarks of our distinguished Base. Congrats to CWO4 Derek L. Summerlin on his recent promotion at the Production Plant. Staff Sergeant Curtis (Base S1) was also promoted. Two well deserved promotions to senior ranks! This month we’ve had two special deliveries! Cpl. Jose A. Corpus and his spouse Priscilla welcomed into the world baby Amelia, and Leon was born to Sgt. Maxim I. Krymov and his spouse Alencia. Both babies and moms are doing wonderfully. Shoving off is Master Sgt Patrick J. Grabowski who retired on 21 Feb., from the S3 (Rail Operations). He has been invaluable in working untold selfless hours to make it all happen at the railyard. Also departing is Cpl. Jessica A. Hernandez who is PCSing. Both Marines were awarded medals for their intelligent, and effective efforts which led to significant achievement while stationed here, Fair winds! ‘Next man up’ brings us Lance Cpl. Anthony J. Cortez-Castaneda – welcome to the High Desert! We’re all in this together!

Semper fidelis!
Col Craig C. Clemans, USMC Commanding Officer MCLB Barstow, CA
A Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Services investigation of the blaze identified the cause as a malfunction in the cooling system of a refrigerator in the vehicle’s kitchen area.

The charred carcass of a 34-foot motorhome gutted by an early morning fire at the recreational vehicle park aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, destroys one vehicle but a quick response by MCLB Barstow Fire and Emergency Services saves surrounding RVs, Feb. 15.

Jeffrey Hinton said his 34-foot camper caught fire Saturday around 7:30 p.m. A Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Services firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician Gabriel Hammett, MCLB Barstow Fire and Emergency Services Department, point out the location of the refrigerator whose malfunctioning cooling system overheated and sparked the destructive blaze, Feb. 15.

“The RV was pre-owned when I bought it and I received no recall notice,” Hinton said. “I bought the camper from a large out-of-state RV reseller in 2016. They would have been responsible for making sure the recalled refrigerator was repaired before the camper was resold. I’m not sure if they did that or not.”

He said he credits the quick response by the fire crews with keeping the blaze from spreading to his neighbors on either side of him.

“My neighbor was awakened by the heat and flames. He had to drive to the front gate to tell them about the fire and the police officer called dispatch and they contacted the fire department. They got here in less than five minutes from the time they were notified,” Hinton explained.

One of his neighbors’ RV did suffer minor damage when the heat caused one of its windows to blow out, but no one was injured.

“I was not home at the time. I was in Las Vegas visiting my son,” Hinton said. “If I had been here and asleep when the fire started, my smoke alarms would have alerted me. But, since the insulation on these campers gives off toxic fumes when burned, I’m not at all sure that I could have gotten out in time.”

Gabriel Hammett, firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician, MCLB Barstow F&ES, said this particular refrigerator found in Hinton’s camper is designed especially for RV use, and depends on using a chemical process using propane to draw heat away from the refrigerator. A malfunction in the unit caused the chemicals to get too hot and expand the copper tubing used to contain them. After the refrigerator shuts off temporarily, the expanded metal contracts back to normal size. After several of these expansions and contractions the metal eventually breaks, releasing hydrogen and propane gas into the atmosphere of the RV. Those highly flammable gases are then ignited by electrical sources.

“Our fire crews getting on scene as quickly as they did prevented the camper from becoming fully engulfed which would have spread to the RVs on either side very quickly,” Hammett explained.

Do not take anything for granted when it comes to fire safety, he emphasized.

“Do your due diligence research on not only refrigerators but on the hot water heaters, furnaces, ovens and stoves, the converter boxes, or anything like that; just go to the manufacturer’s sites and see if there are any recalls issued,” Hammett said.

Hinton described the RV and his belongings as being a total loss.

“This model of RV is worth $45,000, plus I lost all of my property in the fire,” he said. “I have five pairs of pants, four shirts and a jacket left.”

Hinton is employed as a police officer and the chief of security at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command aboard the Yermo Annex of MCLB Barstow.

“I’ve lived in RVs full time since 2006,” he said. “I’m sad that I lost all of my belongings, but grateful that no one was hurt. You can only go up from here. I’m already shopping for a new RV.”

Meanwhile, Hinton said he has a place to stay for now until he can get another RV.

“(Colonel Craig Clemans, commanding officer) and (Marine Corps Community Services) have been very kind to me and they’ve given me room over in the officers’ quarters by the (Maj. Gen. James L.) Day Conference Center for as long as I need it,” Hinton said.

Owner Jeffrey Hinton lost all of his belongings in the fire that gutted his recreational vehicle and full-time residence parked at the RV Park aboard MCLB Barstow the evening of Feb. 15. Hinton was not home at the time and was grateful nobody was injured.
7th ESB supports MCLB Barstow mission

Story and photo by: Keith Hayes
CommStrat Planner

The 7th Engineer Support Battalion, stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., is getting a hearty thank you and a plaque recognizing a job well done for their work aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

Captain Christian Lara, deputy Public Works director, S-F Facilities Department, said the 7th ESB’s work on many projects aboard MCLBB has demonstrated that cooperation and subject matter expertise matter.

"Their work has helped prepare the base as a training platform with enormous potential for the Marine Corps and other branches of the military," said Lara. "They know what they are doing and their work is top quality."

During different temporary assignments to MCLB Barstow, Marines with the 7th ESB created a 20-acre bivouac area on the Yermo Annex as well as helping install fiber optic communications cable for that site. They constructed a heavy duty ramp for livestock for use during the Marine Corps Rodeo at the Yermo Annex, Robert A. Lindsey Base Stables, home of the Mounted Color Guard. The 7th also demolished a dilapidated storage shed, reinforced target elements and built some tables for use at the base weapons range, and converted Ohren Park aboard the Yermo Annex of MCLBB, and other projects.

“All of this work helped make the base capable of hosting groups from regimental down to battalion size for training purposes,” Lara said.

“This helps MCLB to continue its mission to provide for the warfighter.”

The bivouac area outside the gate line by the stables was constructed to host Marine Corps units (coming from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina), to participate in an Integrated Training Exercise at (Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center) Twenty nine Palms,” Lara explained. “This new resource can fit almost any training scenario needed in support of the Marine Corps’ mission.”

The helping hand from the 7th ESB consisted of about ten Marines and their construction vehicles and equipment.

“IT took just under a month for the 7th ESB to level the huge area, but they also did a lot of work by hand with shovels and picks,” he said. “They also cut down several dead trees on the Nebo side of the base.

The 7th ESB support of the Marine Corps mission began when it was stood up first as the 7th Engineer Battalion in September 1950, aboard Camp Pendleton to rapidly build up equipment and troops for visiting Marine Corps units engaged in training.

Sgt. Maj. Kretschmer addresses Marines expectations

Story by: Laurie Pearson
CommStrat Chief

Now that Sgt. Maj. Edward Kretschmer, base sergeant major, has hit the ground running, literally, and he expects his Marines to be doing the same, among other expectations aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

“Our primary areas of focus are on mission accomplishment and the welfare of our Marines,” said Sgt. Maj. Edward Kretschmer, base sergeant major. “That said, there are a number of steps we will be taking to ensure that we meet those intentions. One step is to maintain fitness standards and a dedication to not just meeting expectations, but exceeding them. Other skills I expect the Marines to hone are regarding leadership, mentoring, accountability, and exercising sound judgment.”

“I want to see all Marines demand that other Marines do the same,” he said. “They should be firm, but fair, as well as consistent, in the way that they guide others. All leaders should take care of their Marines, set them up for success, push them to a higher level of excellence, and hold each and every one of them accountable.”

In their daily routines, Kretschmer expects to see all Marines provide loyal, genuine, concerned and dedicated leadership to one another. All leaders set the example and are the ones to maintain high expectations for themselves and others.

“Marines need to demonstrate maturity and sound judgment,” Kretschmer said. “I also want to see them engage, inspire, teach, train, supervise, mentor, counsel, coach, influence, influence, challenge, empower, direct, guide, inspect, and correct each other.”

In an effort to ensure that each Marine understands that they are valued, he said they should be treated with dignity and respect.

“It’s our job as Marines to develop and maintain our character, to develop trust, inspire loyalty, and to maintain our bearing,” he said. “In doing so we will instill in others a sense of confidence, mental and physical toughness, a feeling of cohesion, and team work... that camaraderie. The goal is to mold proficiency, build self-discipline and morale, to motivate themselves and others to build esprit de corps.”

He has a sincere interest in all Marines and intends to play a key role knowing in their overall performance, development and welfare. His expectation is that his leadership will do the same.

“Marines must remain combat ready and be an effective unit of Marines and Sailors in pursuit of excellence.”

He’s motivated, passionate, and plans to ensure that all Marines are the same fire for what they do here on MCLB Barstow, but also for the institution as a whole.

“I want them to be professional, maintain good order, uphold the Marines Corps’ core values, high standards, including physical fitness and uniform regulations, the traditions, customs and courtesies,” he said. “I also want them to grasp and maintain that warrior spirit!”

The staff NCs are true professionals, he points out, and they are not amateurs. As such he will be looking to them to provide the Marines and Sailors with leadership, training and counsel.

“Teach your replacements,” he said. “Inspect what they do, and hold them accountable each and every day. In doing so, give your Marines and Sailors your best, every single day.”

For all of the Marines on base, he reminds them that everything they do and say, or fail to do and say, is being watched.

“It’s not just being watched by me, or other leaders,” he said. “Your fellow Marines are watching everything you do, and learning by your example. Your families are watching you. Members of the community are watching you. Be sure that your example is one others can respect, imitate and aspire to achieve. You must dig deeper, find your moral compass and refuse to jump on bandwagons or cave to social pressures. Sometimes being a leader means making people do what, deep down, they know they should be doing anyway. So, guide them and be a leader they can follow down that right path, proudly.”

“Marines also need to embrace expectations for unit activities,” Kretschmer said. “I expect for all Marines and Sailors to fully participate in unit activities even if they are not directly related to the unit’s mission. As Marines, we get paid to demonstrate maturity and sound judgment. Sometimes being a leader means doing the right thing to do, not necessarily the easiest thing.

Attending unit functions is the right thing to do. ‘He asks the Marines to ask themselves the hard questions, in order to ensure that they are being their absolute best, and leading other Marines to do the same. ‘What are you doing to contribute to the proficiency, discipline, motivation, morale, esprit de corps of your sections, platoon, company and the overall accomplishment of the mission?’ he asks. ‘Semper Fi.”
Susan B. Anthony and Women's Suffrage

Compiled by: Laurie Pearson
CommStrat Chief

Susan B. Anthony, born on February 15, 1820 in Adams, Massachusetts, was an American writer, lecturer, and abolitionist who went on to become a champion of temperance, labor rights, equal pay for equal work, and a leading figure in the women's voting rights movement in America.

Working alongside Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Anthony traveled around the country delivering speeches in favor of women's suffrage, becoming one of the most visible leaders of the movement. Her father, Daniel, was a farmer and later a cotton mill owner and manager. He was raised as a Quaker, Anthony's mother, Lucy, came from a family that fought in the American Revolution and served in the Massachusetts state government.

From an early age, Anthony was inspired by the Quaker belief that everyone was equal under God. That notion inspired and guided her throughout her life. Many of her seven brothers and sisters also became activists for justice and the emancipation of slaves.

When her father's business failed in 1830s, Anthony returned home and found work as a teacher to help make ends meet. She then moved to a farm in the Rochester, New York area in the mid-1840s. By 1848, Anthony had been a teacher for many years, and had moved to the state of New York. Her desire to fight for equal rights deepened. Her mother and sister joined a group of women and held a convention at Seneca Falls, New York. It was the first Women's Rights Convention in the United States and was the beginning of the Woman's Suffrage Movement. In 1851, Anthony met Stanton. The two became close friends and worked together for more than 50 years fighting for women's rights.

The two traveled the country and Anthony gave speeches demanding that women be given the right to vote. At times, she risked being arrested for sharing her ideas in public. Anthony had a strategy. Her discipline, energy, and ability to organize made her a strong and successful leader. Anthony and Stanton co-founded the American Equal Rights Association. In 1868 they became editors of the Association's newspaper, The Revolution, which helped to spread the ideas of equality and rights for women. Anthony began to lecture to raise money for publishing the newspaper and to support the suffrage movement, becoming famous throughout the country. While many people admired her, others hated her ideas.

When Congress passed the 14th and 15th Amendments, giving voting rights to African American men, Anthony and Stanton were angry and opposed the legislation because it did not include the women's right to vote. Their beliefs led them to split from other suffragists.

Anthony and Stanton formed the National Woman's Suffrage Association, to push for Constitutional Amendment giving women the right to vote. In 1872, Anthony was arrested for voting. She was tried and fined $100 for her crime. This made many people angry and brought national attention to the suffrage movement.

In 1876, she led a protest at the 1876 Centennial celebration of American Independence. She gave a speech, "Declaration of Rights," written by Stanton and another suffragist, Matilda Joslyn Gage. In that speech she said, "Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less!"

In 1888, she helped to merge the two largest suffrage associations into one, the National American Women's Suffrage Association, leading the group until 1900. She was able to gather thousands of signatures on petitions, and lobbied Congress every year on behalf of women. Anthony died in 1906, 14 years before women were given the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Anthony died on March 13, 1906, at the age of 86 at her home in Rochester, New York. According to her obituary in The New York Times, shortly before her death, Anthony told friend Anna Shaw, "To think I have had more than 60 years of hard struggle for a little liberty, and then to die without it seems so cruel."

In recognition of her dedication and hard work, the U.S. Treasury Department put Anthony's portrait on dollar coins in 1979, making her the first woman to be so honored.

For more information about Susan Brownell Anthony, visit the following sites: https://www.womenhistory.org/education-resources/biographies/susan-b-anthony and https://www.biography.com/activist/susan-b-anthony.

Women's History Month

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for deployment to the Korean War. The official Marine Corps history profile of the 7th ESB indicates it was among the first units to deploy to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm in 1990, then continue their mission with support for Operation Desert Shield in 1991. Operation Iraqi Freedom took the 7th to the State of Kuwait, then to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, then to Marjah, Afghanistan, to support Operation Moshtarak, and Mogadishu, Somalia, to provide humanitarian support for Operation Restore Hope.

Colonel Craig C. Clemans, commanding officer, MCLB Barstow, reinforced Lara's assessment of the support the 7th ESB has given to the base. "This is a story of Marines helping Marines - one unit helping another. 7th ESB demonstrated tremendous competency and esprit de corps. It is a pleasure to travel to their headquarters and present them with a plaque from the Base as a token of thanks for their hard work. We hope to continue our partnership with them moving into the future," Clemans said.
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**March 2020**

- **Art For Everyone**, 9-11 am and 3-5 pm, 126 James L Day St., 760-577-6675, Dr. Seuss Party, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Base Library, 760-577-6533
- **Infant Massage**, March 3-31, 9 am, Desert View Comm. Ctr, 760-577-6533
- **Behavioral Health Info Table**, 10 am to Noon, NEBO MCX
- **Teen Snack Chat**, 4:30-6 pm, Desert View Ctr.
- **Baby Boot Camp**, 9 to 4 pm, Desert View Housing, 760 577-6533
- **Self-Defense Class**, 6 to 8 pm, Semper Fit Gym, 760 577-6817
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- **Play Morning**, 9 am to 4 pm, Desert View Ctr., 760 577-6533
- **L.I.N.K.S. Coffee Chat - Make a Connection!**, 9-11 am, Desert View Ctr., 760 577-6675
- **Game Night**, 5-6 pm, Desert View Ctr., 760 577-6533
- **Self-Defense Class**, 6-8 pm, Semper Fit Gym, 760 577-6817
- **Wellness Series - Pot O' Gold Financial Aid 101**, 9-10 am, McTureous Hall, 760 577-6533
- **Play Morning**, 9-11 am, Desert View Ctr., 760 577-6533
- **Private & Semi Private Swim Lessons**, 7 am-3 pm, Oasis Pool, Building 38
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