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On The Cover:

Front Cover: Keith Hayes

(Left) Bryan H. Wood, assistant deputy commandant, Installations and Logistics, has Doug Van Dyke, supervisor of the 777 light mortar project at Production Plant Barstow, explain the pullback test they are about to perform on the artillery piece while William Beckley, production trades manager at PPB and Capt. Kyle Shull, staff secretary, stand by. The pullback is a way to test the recoil on the 777 without actually firing a shot. Wood visited the Marine Depot Maintenance Command facility aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 5.



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Photo courtesy: Ruby Adams

MCLB Barstow was fortunate to send five employees Johanna Reyes, Ruby Adams, Raul Reyes, Reah Andrews, and Sara Montez-Diaz to the Region IX VPPPA All-Star Safety Summit held in San Francisco, California Apr. 4-6, 2017. The VPPPA Region IX Conference offered numerous workshops and countless networking opportunities in occupational safety and health.

Got news? Call us! (760) 577-6430

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Leave Share Program

Individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations:

Bradley, Michael

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

Yoga Classes Semper Fit Gym Tues. & Thurs. 11:30 - 12 p.m.

Yoga is a system of breathing practices, postures and meditation intended to integrate the body and mind to restore flexibility and promote calmness. Classes are \$3 drop-in or you may purchase a monthly pass for \$25. For more information call 577-6898.

Play Morning Community Center Friday April 14 9 a.m.

Come join in the fun! All active duty service members and their dependents are invited to come enjoy singing, stories, crafts and play-time. Make new friends and learn something new each week. For more information contact New Parent Support at 577-6533.

Energy Tip

Turn off lights in rooms that aren't in use. Consider a summer tradition of candlelit dinners or dimly lit game nights. During the day, rely on natural light alone. If possible, enjoy an afternoon at the pool, park, or local library.

DONCEAP Free Benefits Available 24/7

The Department of Navy values its civilian employees and their families. The Department of Navy Civilian Employee Assistance Program provides a comprehensive support package to include work and life benefits such as childcare, finances, elder care, identity theft and legal services, substance abuse treatment and more, at no charge. These services are confidential, within the limits of the law. Call or visit us online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Help is available whenever you need it at 1-844-DONCEAP/1-844-366-2327, TY: 1-888-262-7848/International: 1-866-829-0270 or via the internet at www.DONCEAP.foh.hhs.gov. For more information contact HRO at 577-6915.

Auto Skills Center Bldg. 375 1st & 3rd weekend of each month Friday 10 - 6 p.m. Saturday 8 - 5 p.m.

Whether you're looking to repair, restore or customize your auto, the Auto Skills Center offers everything you could possibly need. On-site services include: vehicle on-board diagnostic testing/scanning available, waste antifreeze, oil and batteries accepted for recycling, bay rentals, tire mounting and balancing, and hand tools. Owners assume all risk associated with any work requested. Auto Skills Center Personnel are not liable for damage to vehicles or vehicle parts. Children under 13 years of age are not permitted in the work area.

Screens and Strikes Family Movie Night Desert Lanes Bowling Center Friday April 14 5 - 7 p.m.

We'll be watching the family friendly movie "Finding Dory" For more information contact Desert Lanes Bowling Center at 577-6264 or visit www.mccsbarstow.com/bowling/.

Baby Boot Camp Desert Housing Community Center Wed. April 19 9 - 11 a.m.

Join the New Parent Support Program for expecting moms and moms of children ages 0-18 months for information on diapering, bathing, health and safety, soothing a crying baby, infant growth and development, infant care, and infant oral health. Children are welcome! For more information call 577-6533.

Self-Defense Class Semper Fit Gym Wed. April 19 6 - 8 p.m.

All ages and skill levels are welcome to attend this free class. Even if you don't want to participate you can watch and learn how to be your own personal safety advocate. For more information call 577-6533.

COMMANDER'S FORUM



Col. Sekou S. Karega
Base Commander

Col. Karega,

Sir,

I come to work every morning using the Yermo gate into Yermo base every day. At 0530 it is pretty dark. The only lights that are turned on are on the MP shack.

You have solar powered street lights along the fence line next to the road at that gate. Would it be possible to have the two lights next to the entrance of the base turned on to make it easier to locate the turn?

Your question allows me to highlight a solar lighting replacement project at MCLB Barstow that will be implemented over the next several months. The materials are expected to arrive and construction to start before the end of April, and the lights at the gate to Yermo will be among the first to be replaced. Overall, 200 solar lights will be repaired on the Yermo Annex, to include new batteries, controls, and lighting ballasts, by the end of May. The Yermo front gate, warehouse parking areas, and perimeter fence are among the areas that will see a marked improvement

in lighting.

The solar light replacement project extends to Nebo as well, and will take place between the end of April and mid-June. Solar lights in the Desert View Housing area and around the Child Development Center, building 15, and the barracks will be repaired, improving safety and security for both employees and residents.

Thank you for your question. I encourage you and all employees, Marines, Sailors, and residents of MCLB Barstow to bring forward your concerns.

**Send your responses to
BSTW_PAO@usmc.mil**

Just doing my job



Photo by: Keith Hayes

Corey Sierra, a firefighter with the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Fire Department, positions a ladder on a firetruck as he prepares to climb on to the roof of building 573 at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, aboard the Yermo Annex of MCLB Barstow. Sierra was participating in a "stand off drill" to carefully position the truck and ladder far enough away from a burning structure so it will not get damaged in the event of the structure collapsing.

Month of the Military Child Celebrated

Story and photo by: Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Children receive special honors throughout the month of April in support of Month of the Military Child, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 6.

Month of the Military Child offers recognition of the important role that children have within the military. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, events throughout the month of April offer opportunities to applaud military families and their children for the many sacrifices and unique challenges they must overcome.

"We have a responsibility to ensure every child has access to a quality education, especially those children whose parents dedicate their lives to the service of our country," said Betsy DeVos, U.S. Secretary of Education. "I am grateful for the men and women who admirably serve our nation, and for their families and children who often bear tremendous burdens on their behalf. Let us honor the service of these courageous men and women through our commitment to their children."

In 1986, then Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger established April as the Month of the Military Child wanting to stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.

"Month of the Military Child is important because

it highlights the military children who are born into this lifestyle," said Kristi Baker, assistant director for the Child Development Center on base. "Our job is to support the military and their families by taking care of their children so that they can focus on what they need to do, such as prepare for deployment, work, or even go on a deployment. The service member needs to know that their children are well cared for so that they can focus on what they need to do in serving our country."

On April 19 the CDC is hosting a parade for the children on the parade deck.

"The children will walk around," said Baker. "Police and Fire will be there as well as most of the Marine Corps Community Services departments with booths. There'll be crafts and a banner contest between the various MCCS departments, to be judged by the commanding officer of the base."

MCLB Barstow, Behavioral Health, Family Team Building, FOCUS Project, School Age Care and the CDC offers several events which assist families in meeting others and developing a network of people to lean on in times of need and to provide ongoing support. Some of these events include LINKS training, Play Mornings, Self Defense classes and FOCUS training.

Join in the celebration this month by celebrating the Month of the Military Child and doing something special for these, the youngest members of the military families. 🍌



Children enjoy a family related craft at the Child Development Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 6. The staff assists the children with strips of paper, markers and stickers to make representations of each child's family for a paper chain craft to be finished the next day. Military children face unique challenges and the CDC staff strive to make each child feel special.

NO MORE 5K to focus on awareness

Story and photo by: Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Together we can end domestic violence and sexual assault” is the resounding sentiment behind the NO MORE 5K taking place aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., April 21.

“For the past three years, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow has partnered with the NO MORE organization to host a NO MORE 5 Kilometer Run/Walk in an effort to bring awareness to the issues surrounding sexual assault,” explained Michelle Lawing, installation sexual assault coordinator, in her command brief for the event.

"Every nine seconds in the US a woman is assaulted... an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute...."
www.ncadv.org

The goal of the event is to promote awareness for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and also to promote dialogue about the topics of domestic violence and sexual assault which are often treated as taboo subjects.

On its website, NO MORE explains the following: NO MORE is the first unifying symbol to express universal support for ending domestic violence and sexual assault in our society. NO MORE was conceived to amplify the power of the domestic violence and sexual assault movement using a unifying symbol to drive awareness and break down the barriers of stigma, silence and shame that keep people from talking about these issues and taking action to prevent them. Co-founded as a public/private

"Leaving an abusive relationship can be the most dangerous time... women are 70 times more likely to be killed in the two weeks after leaving than any other time during the relationship...." National Domestic Violence Hotline

partnership, NO MORE was created as a platform for those working to end domestic violence and sexual assault, in the belief that greater dialogue will fuel enhanced funding for direct service, advocacy and prevention.

The NO MORE 5K, coordinated by the Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program, will begin and end at the Major James L. Day Conference Center on base. Registration/Check-ins will begin at 1 p.m. Opening remarks will be presented at 1:50 and the 5K will begin at 2 p.m.

Upon completion of the 5K participants can recover in the JLD Conference Center with light snacks while visiting with Community Partners:

- Desert Sanctuary/Haley House
- Fort Irwin Sharp Program
- Fort Irwin Family Advocacy Program
- Greater Hope Foundation
- Salvation Army
- Semper Fit
- DF Taco Food truck will be on site serving food during the event

For more information about the event, contact Michelle Lawing at the Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program at 577-6533, or via email at Michelle.lawing@usmc.mil.



Marines, sailors, civilians and their families participate in the annual NO MORE 5K Run/Walk held aboard MCLB Barstow, Calif., April 15, 2016.

"Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part, Do Your Part"
Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month
April 2017

April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month across the country by both civilian and military communities. The month is an opportunity to highlight robust efforts to care for victims and innovative ways we are working to infuse prevention practices into our daily mission. This April marks the thirteenth annual Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. This year's theme, "*Protecting Our People Protects Our Mission*," offers numerous opportunities to deliver messages which relate to how we care for each other while ensuring we are ready to accomplish our mission. Each of us has a role in ensuring the men and women around us can live and work free from the threat of sexual assault.

Protecting Our People...

Each Service member, regardless of rank, must know, understand and adhere to service values and standards of behavior in order to eliminate sexual assault and other inappropriate behavior.

Each Service member needs to address sexual harassment in a unit as it is an important step to preventing sexual assaults, since many victims of sexual harassment, especially men, later experience a sexual assault. For each Service member, understanding how to recognize opportunities for intervention is vital to stopping unsafe behavior, to include any form of retaliation.

Protects Our Mission...

In addition to the devastating impact on individuals, sexual assault can severely impact a unit's readiness to perform its mission. We must encourage positive behaviors by recognizing acts that contribute to a supportive command climate.

We can protect our mission by ensuring everyone aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow is committed to advancing an environment where sexist behaviors, sexual harassment, hazing, bullying, and sexual assault are not tolerated, condoned, or ignored.

Consider participating in activities planned during April to generate public awareness for sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) efforts. I encourage each of you to stop by the SAPR information/NO MORE Pledge table at the Marine Corps Exchange on April 5th and 19th from 9:30-11:30 to sign up for the 4th annual NO MORE 5k run/walk event (April 21st from 1330-1530) and fill out a pledge card, or register through the NO MORE 5k Eventbrite site. Registration is open March 20th 2017. Lastly, on April 26th participate in National "Denim Day" by wearing jeans to work as a visible means of protest against misconceptions that surround sexual assault.

Sexual assault can occur anywhere, any time and to anyone. Living up to our values to protect our fellow Marines and accomplishing our mission requires us to remain committed to preventing it. By sustaining the right command climate, ensuring leadership support and empowering Service members to safely intervene, we can create the environment to eliminate sexual assault.



Sekou S. Karega
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Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

Material Handling Equipment keeps PPB on the move

Story and photos by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist



Eddie Batista, tractor operator, tows a Light Armored Vehicle to an area to begin the disassembly process on the versatile vehicles April 4. Batista is one of 45 people in the Materials Handling section at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

One department touches virtually every piece of equipment, vehicle and part used at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, located aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

The Material Handling Equipment section at PPB uses forklifts, portable cranes, tractors, trucks and the 75 ton crane in building 573, to move vehicles being worked to the crane way in building 573 and to the various facility back shops as well as bringing parts and other materials needed to complete almost any project.

Larry Graves, supervisor of the MHE section, said this is one department that interacts with every other department at the Plant. “We assist in the disassembly process (of vehicles) with our portable cranes. We also move vehicles to the back shops if steaming or blasting is needed,” he said. “We pretty much touch every piece of equipment used in vehicle production at the Plant.”

“An M88 (tank retriever) weighs in at about 75 tons when fully combat loaded,” he explained, “and it has to be moved either by another M88, the CAT 988 or the main crane in the Plant.”

Preparing a vehicle for operation also involves MHE bringing the artisans the material they need to get the vehicle moving. “If someone needs fuel or antifreeze, we take the portable tanks out to them,” Graves said.

The people working under Graves’ supervision include forklift operators, tractor operators, riggers, crane operators, motor vehicle operators, and laborers, all with the mindset of getting what is needed to where it should be within the Plant to accomplish the job.

“The job is not difficult most of the time,” said Carl Padilla, a portable crane operator, “except when it’s windy, or hot, or the equipment you’re picking up is

very heavy. You can burn yourself climbing up on the vehicles when the temperature is 110 degrees.”

One office within MHE organizes what appears to be chaos into a smooth functioning system of getting the vehicle and material to the artisans.

“I get between 100 and 200 requests a day to send out equipment to move a vehicle or other materials,” said Artie Rodriguez, the dispatcher for MHE. “All requests for service come in and out through this place. It’s a huge responsibility.”

Rodriguez said he works well under pressure while trying to coordinate several different pieces of equipment to work on one job. “Trying to figure out how to coordinate a request for a lowboy (trailer), a mule (tractor) and a forklift and get them all to the place so the crane operator can finish doing the job is challenging.”

One common mission which is shared by everyone in MHE is safety said Graves.

“Safety is our number one priority,” he said. “We hold safety briefings every morning. The job we do is dangerous. We’re in an industrial area and we have to have safe equipment and safe ways of doing things; safety either through engineering when the equipment is built or through the procedure we use to move equipment or through PPE (personal protective equipment).”

“Safety is always important,” agreed Padilla, as he prepared to lift an engine from an amphibious assault vehicle with a portable crane. “You never know when a cable will break or something may fall off. You have to be observant.”

Graves said the MHE section is vital to the operation of PPB, like blood moving oxygen to all parts of the body.

“We pretty much touch every piece of equipment, from a frame or a hull to a cab to the pallets, the trains, the parts, we touch every piece of it,” Graves said. “The Material Handling Equipment department is the backbone of Production Plant Barstow.”



Daniel Espinoza and Fred Steens, riggers for Material Handling Equipment section, signal directions to the crane operator during the removal of an engine from an Amphibious Assault Vehicle April 4. Riggers are responsible for safely attaching anything to be lifted to the crane so that it is not overbalanced.

Charity supplies food for military and Barstow residents

Story and photos by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Hundreds of families from the city of Barstow as well as Marine Corps Logistics Base and the Army's Fort Irwin get food from the charitable groups Blessings and Military Blessings.

"We serve about 300 families, some have been waiting here since 5:30 this morning, some from Fort Irwin and the Marine base," said Sandra Murray, who established and volunteers her time for Blessings and Military Blessings. Her husband is active duty Army working at MCLBB.

Murray said their 6-year-old daughter Zaina is also very active in Blessings and Military Blessings.

"She gives out flowers at the nursing homes to the residents and the workers there, and also at the hospital to the patients, the doctors and nurses and to the support staff there, as well as to the Marine wives on base," Murray said. "She also makes up goodie bags and gives them out once a week to children living in motels and she makes up care packages and hands them out to the homeless."

The morning of March 24, Sandra and Zaina and a score of volunteers were at Bethany Christian Fellowship Church on Armory Road. A crowd had gathered in the church parking lot to fill all manner of containers with food donated by several businesses from across San Bernardino and Riverside counties as well as from the nationwide food pantry Feeding America. Established in 1979, Feeding America supplies food to more than 46 million people nationwide through events such as the one at Bethany



(Right) Shelley Townsend, a Daggett resident, wheels a walker stacked with food donated to the charitable groups Blessings and Military Blessings, as a long line of people wait their turn, March 24. The monthly food hand out on the grounds of Bethany Christian Fellowship Church on Armory Road provides help to more than 300 families in Barstow and the surrounding area. It is open to anyone who has a need.

Christian as well as soup kitchens, shelters, and other community-based agencies.

Blessings serves mostly residents of Barstow and the surrounding communities, but also some active duty military families.

"They don't get a lot of money in the military," said Harvey Smith, assistant pastor at the church for three years. "Sometimes they have to have more food because they have big families."

"I volunteer here to help out the community," said Andrew Hecker, an employee of Silver Valley Propane. He operated the forklift to unload a truck holding the donated food before stacking it in the parking lot.

"Silver Valley Propane lets me bring the forklift to help out," he said. "I'll definitely be getting some food, too. I have a son and another one on the way so every little bit helps."

"We come here and pick up food, then we pack it up and go out and give it away to members of our church," said Lupe Flores, a member of Connection Community Church on Main Street in Barstow. "We've been helping people out in our church because a lot of people are hurting."

"The food helps, it really does," said Shelley Townsend of Daggett, "and I have a sister that I take care of so it really helps out."

There is no "means testing" to qualify for the food donation program with Blessings and Military Blessings.

"We're not an audit agency where you have to prove your income," Murray explained. "All they have to do is just sign up and then just stand in line and wait. If you need it you get it." 🍌



(Left) Sandra Murray takes pictures of the food donated to the charitable groups Blessings and Military Blessings in the parking lot of Bethany Christian Fellowship Church on Armory Road as volunteers prepare to hand out the foodstuffs to the crowd gathered along the fence, March 24. Murray founded the charities and is the wife of an active duty Army Soldier stationed at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.



MCLB BARSTOW RAILROAD BULLETIN

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Every year hundreds of people in the United States are injured or killed while trespassing on railroad property. Last year alone, there were more than 800 railroad trespassing accidents. The majority of these accidents did not involve a motor vehicle; they were related to pedestrian traffic doing every day activities (walking, jogging, taking photographs, bird watching, riding bicycles and etc.). Unlike the clinking and clanking of trains of yesteryear, today's trains and locomotives are surprisingly quiet.

Some Railroad Safety Rules to Live By:

- Stop at the highway Stop Bar before crossing a railroad track to Look and Listen before proceeding.
 - Never try to out run a crossing signal or a train.
 - If at an active railroad crossing, turn on your 4 way flashers and place your vehicle in park to notify others and to prevent the vehicle from easing into the train.
 - When close up, moving trains can cause an optical illusion that makes it difficult to tell the speed and distance from a train.
- If you see a railroad track expect to see a train, don't assume the track is not in use.
- Do Not expect to hear the train if it is coming around a bend or from behind buildings or trees.
- Do Not Stop or Park on or near railroad tracks.
- Do Not allow children play on or near railroad tracks.
- Do Not use Railroad Right of Ways (Tracks, Bridges, and Tunnels) as shortcuts.
- Do Not place objects on the tracks (coins, rocks, etc.), they can become shrapnel and it's illegal.
- Do Not underestimate the law of gross tonnage. Trains don't have fender benders, they have collisions.
 - The force of a train hitting an automobile is the equivalent of an automobile hitting a soda can.

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