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Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps visits MCLB Barstow

Barstow bids farewell

MCLB says goodbye to well known SNCO

Fiance scam

Scams attempt to take advantage of military families



Photo by Rob Jackson

Lieutenant Colonel Knut-Olav Vik (center), with the Norwegian Armed Forces, explains to Marine Lt. Col. Wayne O. Cox, Head, Prepositioning Programs, HQMC, the many uses and capabilities of the SUSV Snowcat, during a tour of the Marine Depot Maintenance Command aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, April 24. The tour, sponsored by Headquarters Marine Corps, was designed to give the Norwegian officers a better idea of how the Marine Corps operates.

On The Cover:

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett talks with retired Marine Master Sgt. Frank Marlowe, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic inspector aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, April 24. This was the first visit to MCLB Barstow for the 17th SMMC.

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Children from the Youth Activity Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow stretch out at the base gym during “Triple Play,” April 18. Triple play is set up by the Boys and Girls Club of America to encourage children like those at the YAC to be physically active, practice safety while they participate in physical activities and maintain a healthy diet.

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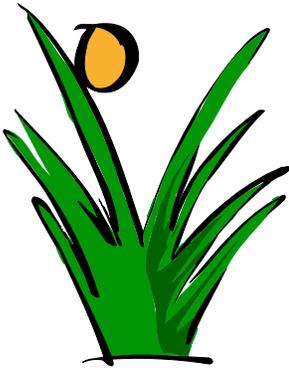
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Going Green

To make all-purpose spray cleaner, combine one teaspoon borax (a common household cleaner), two tablespoons white vinegar and 1/4 teaspoon liquid soap in a non-aerosol spray bottle using the funnel provided. Add two cups hot water and shake gently until the ingredients are dissolved. Spray onto surface and wipe with a damp sponge or cloth.



**Today in
U.S.M.C. history**

April 26, 1965: Staff Sgt. Josephine (Davis) Gebers became the first woman Marine awarded the Combat Action Ribbon after she served under enemy fire in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Burn Your Own Steak Night

All are invited "Burn Your Own Steak Night" and "Family Dining Nights" at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center and Sugar Loaf Hill Bar. Burn Your Own Steak and Family Dining Nights start at 4:30 and run until 8 p.m. The Sugar Loaf Hill Bar will be open as well but only on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For questions or comments, call 577-6296.

Lunch Time Special

Wednesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Desert Lanes Bowling Center, Bldg. 342. Bowl as many games as you can for only \$4.

TGIF! TGFY!

Thank goodness, it's Friday (on Wednesdays) Thank goodness for YOU! Wednesdays in May is "What's it Mean?" Come to the Desert View Housing Community Center from 1 to 2 p.m. May 2-To Solve Problems... May 9-To Think Rationally... May 16-To Make Decisions... May 30-To Set Goals. For more information, call 577-6533.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Texas Hold 'Em, Tuesday, May 15 in the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center, Bldg. 38. For more information, call 577-6269.

Day Conference Center, Bldg. 38. Check in begins at 5:30 p.m. Game play starts at 6 p.m. Sign up at any of these locations: Sugar Loaf Hill Bar, Bldg. 38, Family Restaurant, Bldg. 301, Oasis Temporary Lodging Facility, and Bldg. 185A. For more information, call 577-6269.

Toddler Story Time

It's story time every other Tuesday from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Come to the library in McTureous Hall Building 218 for our weekly story time the first and the third Tuesday each month. We have crafts, puppets, and great stories. For more information, call the library at 577-6395 or email at LibraryBarstow@usmc-mccs.org. Visit our website at www.mccsbarstow.com/library.

Family Restaurant

Pizza now available at the family restaurant!!! Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 to 8 p.m. also serving pizza daily for lunch, by the slice \$1.50 or all you can eat salad bar, 2 slices and a drink for \$6.75.

Career and Education Expo

Come talk with our exhibitors April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in

McCarver Hall, Bldg. 44. For more information, call Francis Villeme at 577-6118 or Patrick Rewerts at 577-6533.

Children and Domestic Violence

This presentation focuses on mothers who are abused and the effect it has on their children. Various forms of abuse are covered, and the warning signs of troubled behavior from the child of an abusive home are reviewed. Information and resources are available at Marine & Family Programs Division, Bldg. 129. For more information, call Michelle Lawing, Victim Advocate at 577-6533.

Family Bingo Night

Family Bingo at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center Tuesday, May 8. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m., game play starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call 577-6269.

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'Con' artists target active duty military

By Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Married Marines and their spouses are the current targets in the latest scam to try and separate victims from their money.

"It's called the 'Fiancé' scam," said Linda Schmidt, a finance management program specialist aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

"(The Fiancé scam) offers to make you beneficiary of your soon-to-be spouse's life insurance automatically because you are the fiancée and you'll get all of the goodies the wife is supposed to get," Schmidt said.

The phony flier purportedly issued by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service charges \$350 to do the paperwork, and the fee is supposed to be refundable.

"The only thing (the spouse) might get, if (the Marine) fills out the proper paperwork, is they can be beneficiary to his life insurance," Schmidt pointed out.

"There is nothing in the military human resources office that costs you anything, and if they charge you for it, then you're getting scammed," the native of Scottsbluff, Neb., said.

Even more than the money they might get from a victim initially, Schmidt said the real prize is the information they obtain during what computer scammers call a phishing expedition.

"That's phishing with a 'p-h', where scammers try to get your Social Security number, birth date, or other personal information," Schmidt said.

"The information the scammers collect would set up their victims for a number of things and the information would also make a very nice list to sell to other criminals," she explained.

"The phony DFAS form with the fake logo on it requests

the date of next deployment of the Marine," Schmidt said. "That's so that the victim can be taken advantage of on deployment scams while the Marine is gone."

The Fiancé scam is just the latest in a series of criminal enterprises aimed at the active duty military, she said.

Recently, a message from Headquarters Marine Corps warned of the so-called "H&R Block" ruse where the scammers used text messages to try and pry personally identifiable information from a potential victim.

"Nobody in the professional world texts anybody about anything unless it's some form of advertisement," Schmidt said.

"Real organizations send you a paper letter in an envelope or if you contact them by email they may send you an email.

"Anybody who asks for this kind of information over the email or through texting is trying to scam you," she said.

Efforts to defraud active duty Marines and their families are being monitored closely by Headquarters Marine Corps in Quantico, Va., according to Alan A. Katzberg with HQMC Administration and Resource Management Division.

The recent email written by Katzberg warning against the "H&R Block" scam urges anyone who thinks they are being scammed to take a few simple steps to protect themselves.

Never respond to a scam email, never open any embedded links contained within what appears to be a scam email and then delete the email and empty your Deleted Items Folder in Outlook.

One of the biggest and longest lasting scams, according to Schmidt, is the Nigeria scam.

Once again, computers play a major role in moving the con along, Schmidt said.

"Somebody from far away

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FIANCE REQUEST FORM

The Fiancée is to complete the data below correctly and in capital letter in respective of the military officer:

SECTION A (FIANCEE):

NAME:
SEX:
ADDRESS:
ZIP CODE:
PHONE NUMBER:
CITY:
STATE:

NOTE: The registration fee (\$350.00)

SECTION B (MILITARY OFFICER):

NAME:
SEX:
RANK:
BRANCH:
STATE OF DEPLOYMENT:
DATE:

Once you provide us with the above information you are no longer anonymous to us, you will be registered in our data base as the fiancée and you will be entitled to his entire asset upon death or natural circumstance.

(We) protect your privacy. We do not insist you to provide extra personal information than necessary.

All information collected will not be used for any illegal activity
The information is what we are going to use to register you with our service.
Remember, the aforementioned fee is refundable

NB:
ONLY REGISTERED FIANCEE WILL QUALIFIED TO REQUEST FOR LEAVE ON BEHALF OF HER FIANCE.

Regards,
DFAS.
Feel free to our service (dfasmilitary@aol.com)
Information and data collection server
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THIS IS A SCAM

Courtesy Photo

The fraudulent document purporting to be from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service contains some errors that speak of possible foreign origin. The only thing sending the requested fee to the address on the document will do, said DFAS officials, is to cause the loss of \$350.

sends you an email saying they're going to get \$2 million in an inheritance but can't collect the money directly because of legal difficulties in their native country of Nigeria.

"So they'll deposit the money to the victim's account and share the interest with them for one year if the victim sends them \$20 thousand as a show of good faith," Schmidt said.

Although the con seems obvious, Schmidt pointed out that there are currently victims of this scam aboard MCLB Barstow.

The cons work, Schmidt continued, because the victims believe they are too smart to be fooled.

"A lot of people believe that if the scam comes on a computer

in an official looking email, then it has more veracity than if somebody walked up to them," Schmidt said.

"The scams are possibly a little bit dishonest looking," she said, "so that you feel you would be getting away with something.

"To sum it all up, somebody wants to make money off of your ignorance, and they are surprisingly successful with surprising people, people whom you think would know better," Schmidt said.

"A basic rule of thumb is that nobody ever wins a lottery that they didn't buy a ticket to.

"And never give anybody your personal information that you didn't call," Schmidt said.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and Cpl. Michael Pressler, an artillery mechanic at Fleet Support Division, talk about the M777 155 mm howitzer aboard the Yermo annex of the base, April 24.



Photo by Cpl. Thomas A. Bricker

Sgt. Jacey Marks, an infantryman and clerk with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's S-3 shop stands with Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett, 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps after Marks' reenlistment ceremony held April 24 at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center aboard the base.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Mike Bogdahn, deputy commander of Marine Depot Maintenance Command, Barstow, shows Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett a small-scale version of MDMC.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Workers with Marine Depot Maintenance Command, Barstow, explain to Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett, the functions and parts associated with the various pieces of equipment they use on a daily basis. This was the first visit to MCLB Barstow for the sergeant major.



Work
mand
duties
geant



Photo by Sgt. Alvin Williams Jr.

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett and MCLB Barstow's commanding officer, Col. Daniel P. Ermer, talk before breakfast at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center, April 24.



Photo by Curt Lambert

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s to Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett, 17th Ser-
Major of the Marine Corps, April 24.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett shares a few laughs with Marines from the Mounted Color Guard during his visit to the base stables, April 24. This marked the first visit to MCLB Barstow for the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.



Martin Durette, the head of support branch with Fleet Support Division aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, answers his phone, April 5, 2012. Durette, a retired Master Sgt. has continued his work as a civil worker aboard MCLB Barstow since 2006.

Retired Marine *promotes healthy work environment*

By Pfc. Victoria Fairchild
Combat Correspondent

Many retired Marines find comfort in knowing they've completed their time on active duty successfully and look forward to living the simple life of a retiree; but one retired Marine still serves Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and the Marine Corps by setting the example for civilian Marines and uniformed Marines to work together successfully.

Martin Durette, the head of support branch at the Fleet Support Division, aboard the Yermo annex of the base, teaches the Civilian Career Leadership Development program, a comprehensive program offered quarterly to civilians. Durette is familiar with both the civilian and military side of the house, as a Marine veteran of 22 years of service and a civil service worker. CCLD offers civilians a chance to understand the daily duties, expectations, and high standards of a Marine and how to work more efficiently alongside them.

Durette, a native of Akron, Ohio, was the youngest of six children in his family, raised by a single mother. He joined the Marine Corps when he was 21 after quickly realizing that the military was something he truly needed in his life. It was indeed perfect timing.

8 "I wasn't going in the right direction," said Durette. "As I was walking down the

street, I first walked into the Army recruiting office and no one looked up. I felt like I was wasting their time, so I walked into the office right next door, and the Marines practically jumped over their desks to help me. I thought to myself, "This is what I need."

In February 1984, Durette became a United States Marine, graduating from Parris Island, S.C., and found his calling.

"It was good to have that kind of direction in my life," he said. "Failure was not an option anymore."

During the retired master sergeant's military career, one mentor remained close from his early years as a junior Marine until he was promoted to sergeant. Gunnery Sgt. Donald Freeman, his staff non-commissioned officer at the time, taught Durette how to lead from the front and how to be fair in making decisions. Freeman was the father figure Durette desperately needed to have while he was still a young Marine.

"I can still hear his voice today," said Durette. "Before I make a big decision, I can think back to him saying certain things to me and stopping, knowing that it wouldn't be right."

Choosing the right path and making the right decisions allowed Durette in his military career, to hold his position as a leader. It's also been key to helping him lead and educate others even today.

There is no doubt that Marines and civilians working together as a team, produce positive

results at FSD. According to Durette, there are many advantages to having Marines working in the warehouses, alongside the civilian workforce.

"Marines are highly trained in their specified job field," he said. "They have special duties that they have to keep up with because of the Marine Corps, but they take instructions very well and they don't quit until the job is finished."

When Durette retired in 2005, he decided that working with FSD as a civilian would be a great choice for him. The position was already waiting to be filled and he didn't want to move his family again so he decided to stay in Barstow.

"I've never really stopped working alongside Marines," Durette commented. "It's interesting now as a civilian to take a step back and realize I need to let the Marine leaders take charge."

This doesn't mean however, that the retired master sergeant sits idly by. With only a handful of Marines working in warehouse 406, he still makes it a point to talk with Marines inside and outside of the warehouse, to see how their lives are going, and checks on their welfare.

"Caring about the Marines and the working environment that they're in is always going to be important to me," said Durette.

While working with both civilians and Marines, Durette thinks it's important for civilians to understand the military lifestyle by teaching the CCLD class for the civilian workforce.

"I teach them that it's not just a job to the Marines, that they do have lives outside of work that involve the military," he said. "They are often surprised to find out that the Marine they're working next to on a vehicle has so many other duties to take care of while wearing the uniform."

Marines have annual training requirements, formations, and standards they have to meet that aren't even directly related to their occupation, additional duty hours and so much more.

CCLD incorporates Marine Corps history, traditions, and the professional mindset that all Marines should have at all times.

"I could bring a young Marine into the class and if I needed them to, they could teach the class," he said. "My goal is to have the civilian workers understand that Marine Corps knowledge is taught and used all throughout the ranks. To have everyone understand what they're doing at work is vital to the lives of the Marines overseas, is very important to me. I would die for a Marine; the Corps still means that much to me."

FSD produces high quality machines that have been fixed after coming back from being overseas, he said. I want everyone that I work with to know that what we do saves Marines lives. "We refuse to accept failure."

Infantryman makes Mounted Color Guard nationally recognized image of Marine Corps

By Cpl. Thomas Bricker
Combat Correspondent

Coming from an urban background and having never dealt with horses before, one Marine accepted the daily responsibilities of training, caring for, and showcasing steeds while stationed aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, and raised the bar while doing so.

Gunnery Sgt. Mike Bate, the staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Mounted Color Guard, will soon be leaving the equestrian unit to continue his duties as a leader elsewhere; but not before taking his small unit of five Marines from a small-city color guard to a nationally recognized image of the Corps.

Bate came to the MCG after he deployed to Iraq three times as an infantry unit leader with 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division.

Following his last deployment with the unit, Bate received orders to MCLB Barstow's MCG as a cool-down tour.

The orders caught Bate by surprise. The first, being sent to a nondeployable unit, and the second, working with horses?

But the Marine gunnery sergeant didn't look back or think twice.

"I was really surprised when I found out I was going to Barstow to be with the Mounted Color Guard. I grew up in a city and never rode horses before; it was kind of shocking," said Bate, a native of Philadelphia. "I honestly didn't even know the Marine Corps had a mounted color guard," he added.

Bate's lack of experience with horses didn't hinder his plans and intentions with the MCG. After spending some time with the base's Headquarters Battalion as the company gunnery sergeant, Bate went to work, training with his predecessor. What he lacked in experience, Bate made up for with enthusiasm.

"Gunny Bate came in with a lot of plans for the Mounted Color Guard. He's a people person and was looking to use that to his advantage," explained Pete McConnell, a retired Marine gunnery sergeant and the former SNCOIC of the MCG. "He wanted to take the Mounted



Photo by Cpl. Sean Palmer

Gunnery Sgt. Mike Bate, staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Mounted Color Guard carries the National Colors during a parade in Cody, Wyo. July 4.

Color Guard to 'the next level'," he added.

The next level is exactly where Bate took the MCG. With approval from the base commander, Bate utilized this unique opportunity to showcase his Marines and horses to the public. To do this, Bate took the MCG on the road for more than half the year he was in charge of them, promoting the unit and the Marine Corps as a whole, by participating in dozens of equestrian-based events throughout the country.

"I told Gunny Bate he had free reign to do what he felt was needed to get the Marine Corps' image out there to the public as long as he was on the road," explained Col. Daniel P. Ermer, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow. If Bate wasn't on the road, he was getting the horses and Marines ready to be on the road again, Ermer added.

Using his natural community relations skills and an uncanny silver tongue, Bate made the MCG known throughout the nation by coordinating events from coast to coast. See **COLOR GUARD** page 10



Photo by Cpl. Sean Palmer

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard marches under a fireworks presentation during a rodeo event in Houtson. Gunnery Sgt. Mike Bate (left rear) has led the Marines of the MCG in dozens of parades, rodeos and events.

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to coast, exhibiting his Marines and their horses during national anthems at rodeos, acting as official color guards, and being special guests in towns that have become supporters of the MCG.

Bate explained that visiting with the community they're performing for before and after the event helps create lasting ties between the MCG and the town.

Not only has Bate traveled the country to exhibit his Marines-on-horseback but he's also helped diversify the unit itself.

"When I came here, the Mounted Color Guard was for infantrymen who were to go on cool down tours after their deployments," he explained. "I wanted to bring Marines from a broader spectrum. Right now we have Marines who've worked in corrections, communications, and music, along with an infantryman."

Bate's work to supplement the MCG didn't stop with new faces though. He also urged outstanding Marines sta-

tioned at MCLB Barstow to take up reins as well.

"I've been working to get Marines at base who are enthusiastic about riding with us to join in for a few events," he explained. "I think it works well as an incentive program; it's a good way to reward Marines who have done well," he added.

His work with the MCG has been noticed by many, both on and off the base. The commanding officer of the base continues to be impressed by Bate's work ethic as he continues to promote the Marine Corps' only mounted color guard.

"It's incredible how he's handled the job since he's come on board as the SNCOIC of the Mounted Color Guard," said Ermer. "He's planned so many trips, traveled across the country numerous times, and all with horses and never had any problems."

Not only has the MCG been making friends on the road, but their supporters are increasing by the minute, as witnessed by their growing fan base on their Facebook page. Bate believes

social media is a strong way to gain new followers and keep in contact with the MCG enthusiasts the team's already met. On the unit's Facebook page, more than 1,500 fans track the activities of the MCG and many want to continue following the unit on their travels across the nation.

"I follow them [on Facebook] because it was some of the best times I had in the Marine Corps," explained McConnell. "It's incredible to see how well of a job Bate has done with them. He certainly took them and made them a nationally recognized military unit. I'm proud of him for what he's been able to do," added McConnell.

Bate leaves the MCG in May, returning to Camp Pendleton's 1st Marine Division but not before leaving some words of wisdom to the Marines he's worked with aboard the base and on the road.

"Remember, your image to the public is important at all times," Bate stressed. "You're always representing the Corps."

'Friends of MCLB' tour promotes community relations



Photo by Cpl. Thomas Bricker

Brigadier General Vincent Coglianese, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations-West, talks with guests during Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's "Friends of MCLB" tour April 12 at the base's Yermo annex.

Chaplain's Corner

Faith, sports and priorities

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
Base Chaplain

If you read this article regularly, you know that I try to keep up with most of the major sports (I only care about hockey when the Blues make the playoffs, otherwise, I couldn't name more than five pro hockey players). Because of this, people often ask me about various happenings in the sports world, particularly when matters of faith are involved (anyone hear of this guy Tim Tebow? or Jeremy Lin?). Yesterday I saw a man take a pretty hard elbow in the head, and I'm not really sure whether it was intentional—actually, I'm pretty sure it was intentional, but I'm not sure the aiming was intentional. After seeing said elbow, I looked up the player who threw the elbow and found out that, like most people who are vilified, his career is more complex than “bad guy” or “good guy.” This caused me to reflect further—why do we care? Not “why do we care if someone gets concussed during a sporting event,” because that actually seems important. No, I was asking myself why is it that sports have become so consuming for us that we analyze them to death. Why do we invest so much into a team of men playing a game (albeit professionally) that we allow our emotions to rise

to a level where we are probably able to throw our own elbows around?

Before I answer that, I'll tell you about something else I read a couple of weeks ago. It's a letter Mike Matheny wrote. He's the current manager of my hometown St. Louis Cardinals. He wrote this letter when he was coaching his own children's little league baseball team. He begins by saying this: “I always said that the only team that I would coach would be a team of orphans, and now here we are. The reason for me saying this is that I have found the biggest problem with youth sports has been the parents.” This encompasses everything that I think is wrong with sports. To boil it down to a simple form, sports cause us to worry about glory; be it glory for our town, for ourselves, or for our nation. Some of this glory seeking can be a healthy form of pride: you'll never find someone who thinks it's shameful to root for your country in the Olympics. Other times the glory seeking is obviously detrimental—like vicariously expecting your children to become stellar athletes to make up for your own shortcomings.

In this way, sports become a mirror for us. It allows us to reflect on what we actually find important in life—what our priorities have be-

come. And, sometimes, we don't like what we see. Here's where sports bleed over into “real” life. When we don't like what we see, what are our options? One is to cover our eyes and pretend we don't actually see it. Or, to take it up a notch, to pretend we see something that is not actually there. Thus, we go from seeing dissatisfaction with how our lives have turned out into a superficial belief that we are the greatest person in the world! To avoid this kind of delusion, we need to decide what our priorities are. Only then can we look in the mirror and decide to change what we don't like. When I consider my priorities, I think of what Jesus said in Matthew 6:33: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Keeping that in mind, I can look at the rest of my life through the lens of different priorities. I don't have to measure myself based on an artificial measure—like did my team win the game. My teams, my sports abilities, can fall to their appropriate level of priority. Then I'm free to focus on the things that matter to me. Discover your own priorities and let the rest of life fall into place.

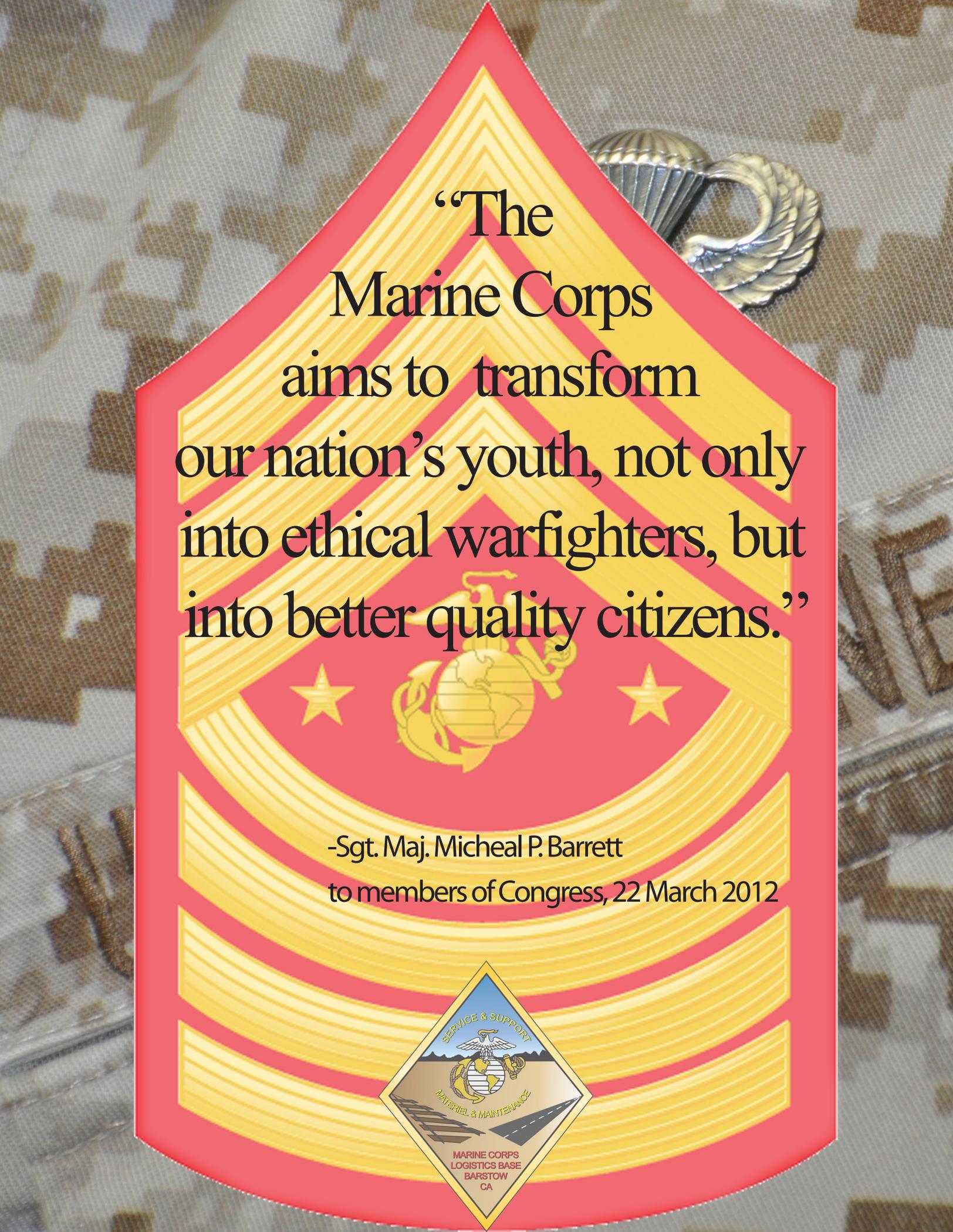


Turning troubled youth into strong character

Photo by Pfc. Victoria Fairchild



Students in the Self-discipline, Honor, Obedience, Character, and Knowledge (SHOCK) program stand at attention before going on a tour of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, April 14. Participants of the program are students from the Apple Valley school district who were given a second chance to correct their juvenile ways. The intense 10-week program, teaches the students about combating bullying in school, the consequences of using drugs, the importance of good grades and what the harsh realities of life can be as a result of making the wrong choices.

The background of the image is a close-up of a Marine Corps uniform sleeve, showing several gold rank stripes and a silver winged pilot's emblem. A large, semi-transparent red shield with a yellow border is overlaid on the center. Inside the shield is a yellow Marine Corps emblem featuring a globe, a globe, and two stars.

“The
Marine Corps
aims to transform
our nation’s youth, not only
into ethical warfighters, but
into better quality citizens.”

-Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett

to members of Congress, 22 March 2012

