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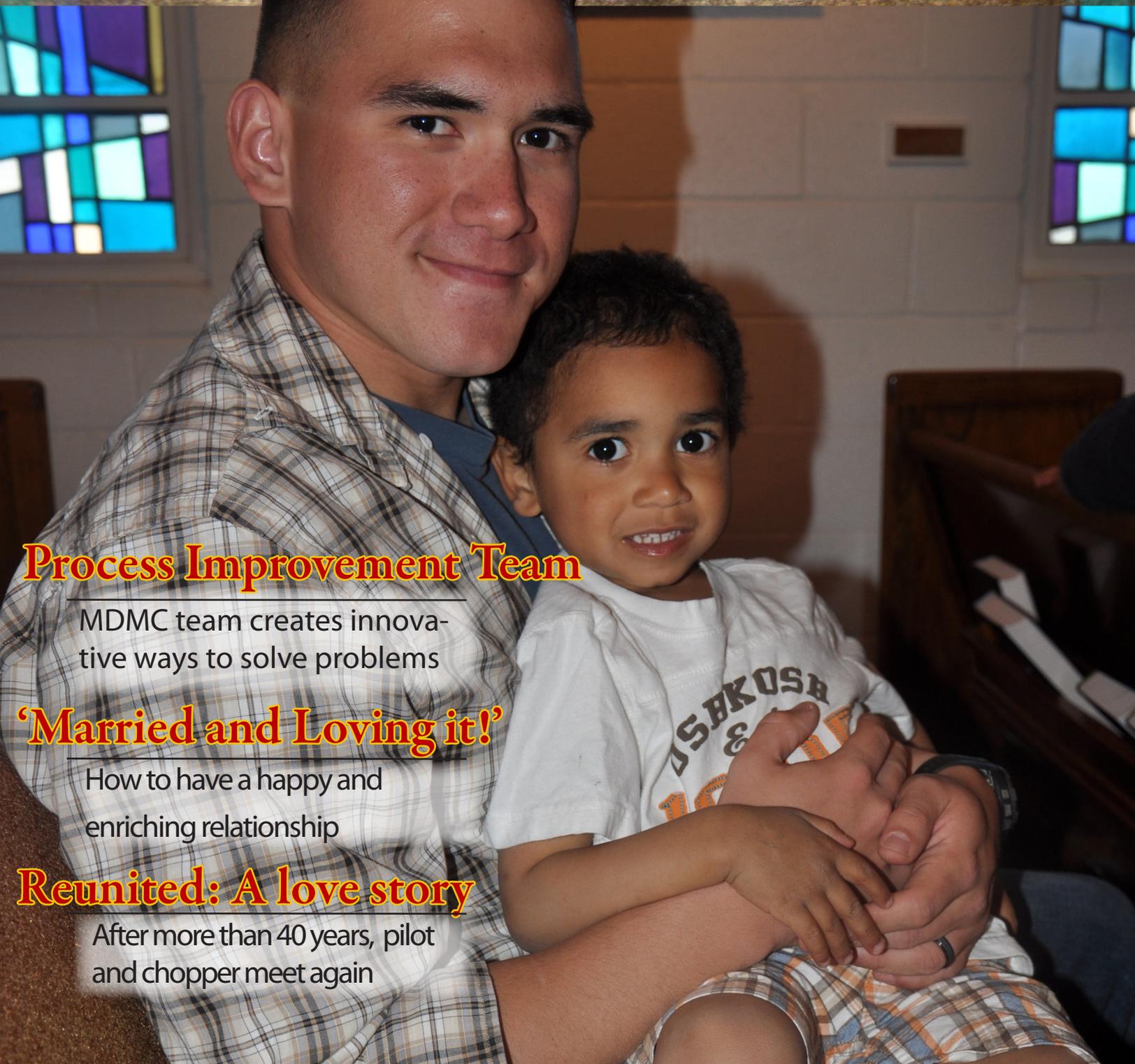


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Photo by Pfc. Victoria Fairchild

Colton Sheehy-Perry, the 3-year-old son of Sgt. Benjamin Perry, collects Easter eggs on the base chapel's lawn on March 31, 2012. More than 40 children took part in the chapel's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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Dylan Metts, 3, sits with his father, Cpl. Julian Metts, in the base chapel after finding eggs during the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the chapel, March 31, 2012.

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Photo by Cpl. Aaron Hostutler

ARLINGTON, Va.- Col. Daniel P. Ermer, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, accepts the Marine Corps Warrior Preservation Award and a handshake from Sgt.Maj. Michael P. Barrett, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, as Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., applauds March 28, during the Executive Force Preservation Board at the Sheraton Inn in Arlington. The Warrior Preservation Award is presented to an installation that has established the most comprehensive safety program.

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Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations, Valerie Ashbrook, Patricia Benavidez, Marilyn Cochran, Paula Hazelett, Lester Bonner, and Clairisa Proctor. Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Sharing Program may do so by obtaining a leave donor application form from the Human Resources Office. Ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well. For more information, contact Michelle Eichler at 760-577-6915.

Blood Drive

A blood drive is being held aboard MCLB Barstow

(Nebo), Thursday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Building 204. For more information, contact Milisa Beckley at 760-577-6252

Tax Tip

If you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces Reserve, you can deduct unreimbursed travel expenses for traveling more than 100 miles away from home to perform your reserve duties. Military personnel serving aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow who need help preparing their tax returns can contact the Staff Judge Avocate Office at 577-6874.

Going Green

The website practicallygreen.com notes that 40 billion single use plastic water bottles will be sold this year in the United

States alone. Choose the greener solution instead by using a reusable bottle and filling it with filtered tap water. Typically, a tap water filtration system is good for about 40 gallons and the filtration system itself is recyclable.

Today in U.S.M.C. history

April 12, 1975: Marines evacuated nearly 300 American and foreign nationals by air from Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to U.S. Navy ships in the Gulf of Thailand during Operation Eagle Pull.

Customer Appreciation – Tax Day BBQ

Come enjoy lunch on us and let us say “thank you” for supporting your exchange and community store! We’ll be having hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and sodas on Friday, April 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the exchange parking lot. Hope to see you there!

Burn Your Own Steak and Family Dining Nights

Everyone is invited to “Burn Your Own Steak Night” and “Family Dining Night.” These events are normally held at the Major General James L. Day Center but have been moved to the Family Restaurant until at least the end of April along with Saturday A la Carte and Sunday Brunch. Burn Your Own Steak and Family Dining Nights start at 4:30 p.m. and run until 8 p.m. Burn Your Own Steak Night on Tuesdays—Pricing: Active Duty \$10.95 Civilian \$12.95. Family Dining on Thursdays—Pricing: Military \$6.50, Children ages 5-12 \$6.50, Civilian \$7.25, (children under five are free). For questions or comments, call 577-6269.

Toddler Story Time

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

TGIF...TGIFY !!

Thank goodness, it’s Friday (on Wednesdays) Thank goodness for YOU! Wednesdays in April is “What’s It All About?” Come to the Desert View Housing Community Center from 1 to 2 p.m. April 18 “Experience Grief and Loss,” April 25 -- “Obtain Self Acceptance.” For more information, call 577-6533.

Texas Hold’ Em Poker Tournament

Texas Hold’ em, Tuesday, April 17 at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center, Bldg. 38. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. Game play starts at 6. Sign up at any of these locations: Family Restaurant, Bldg. 301 or the Oasis Temporary Lodging Facility, and Bldg. 185A. Early bird sign ups held until

Friday, April 13. Sign up early and receive an additional \$500 in chips. For more information, call 577-6269.

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, contact Francis Villeme at 577-6118 or Patrick Rewerts at 577-6533.

Moving with Children

The Relocation Assistance Program can provide helpful moving tips and resources for parents with children of all ages. Come join us and learn how to make your relocation experience a pleasant one for you and your children. Class is on Tuesday, April 17, at 2:30 p.m. at McTureous Hall, in the base library classroom. Contact Alma Rodriguez for more information at 577-6533.

STAY IN THE LOOP!

Visit www.mccsbarstow.com or pick up a Quarterly Connection Magazine at any of your MCCS facilities.

Look twice, save a life

Submitted by **Brian Korves**
Safety Specialist
Base Safety Office

My name is Brian Korves and I teach the motorcycle safety and defensive driving courses here on base. Those who have sat in any of my classes know that I am passionate about drivers being alert and watching out for other motorist/motorcyclist while driving. I have taught classes on driving statistics and close calls that I have had while riding.

A few weekends ago I got some bad news that hit very close to home. A friend of mine was riding his motorcycle on his way home, when a motorist made a left turn in front of him, violating his right-of-way. He collided with the vehicle and died at the scene.

In most states the motorcycle riding season officially starts in May with the coming of the warm weather. Here in Southern California, it is already here. Recently, I've seen a lot of motorcycles on the road. In just a couple weeks there will be thousands

of motorcyclists riding through the high desert heading to Laughlin, Nev., for the annual "River Run."

Here are a few tips to help car drivers interact safely with motorcycles on the road to avoid becoming part of the grim statistics.

First and foremost, always "Look Twice." More than half of fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Just as with my friend, 75 percent of those accidents happen when a motorist makes a left turn in front of the biker and violates his or her right-of-way. At an intersection, take your time before entering traffic. Ensure it is safe. It only takes about three to four seconds to look left, look right and then look left one more time. This amount of time will not delay you but can possibly SAVE a life.

Additionally, when on the highway before changing lanes, look over your shoulder and clear your blind spots just after checking your mirrors and always use your signals. Motorcycles are much smaller and they can easily be lost in a vehicle's blind spot. Again, "Look Twice," SAVE a life.

Motorcycle riders need to look twice, too. Use the S.E.E. (Search, Evaluate and Execute) acronym. Always Search for the hazardous conditions such as the motorist who isn't coming to a complete stop at



Photo courtesy of www.MarineTimes.com

an intersection; Evaluate what could happen and what you need to do, and then Execute your plan. Remember you will never win in a collision. The life you save may be your own.

These tips are nothing new. All motorists/motorcyclists have learned them at one time or another. These are basic rules of the road for all vehicle operators. The problem is that we all get complacent while driving and nothing else exists outside our own vehicles. We all MUST be ALERT while driving and make those responsible choices that will keep you and the other motorists/motorcyclists safe on the road.

Child safety checklist

Submitted by
Marine and Family
Programs Division

Many children are injured or killed each year at home and in car accidents. Parents can prevent injuries by making their home a safer place, carefully supervising children, and using a car seat every time a young child rides in a vehicle.

In observance of Child Abuse Awareness month, Marine & Family Programs is passing on the following safety tips provided by the California Children & Family Partnership:

Home Safety:

- Keep emergency numbers by the telephone
- Know CPR and how to handle choking
- Put household products, beauty supplies, and medicine out of your children's reach
- Use safety locks on all of your drawers and cabinets
- Put outlet covers on sockets
- Set water heater temperatures at 120 degrees
- Watch your children in the bath or pool at all times

Crib Safety:

- Do not cover your baby's face or head when he or she is asleep

Lead Paint:

- Check to make sure your house does not have lead paint
- Get your child tested for lead

Fire Safety:

- Put smoke alarms in your home. Check batteries once a year
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen
- Have a fire escape ladder in each second story room
- Put carbon monoxide (CO) detectors near bedrooms

Gun Safety:

- Lock away guns and make sure they are unloaded
- The trigger locks should be on
- Keep bullets in a separate location from firearms

Car Safety:

- Use a car seat for your baby's first car ride. Then use it every time afterward
- Babies should ride in a backward facing car seat. It should be in the back seat
- Use a booster seat for your children ages 4 - 6
- The back seat is the safest place for your children to ride
- Set a good example for your children by wearing your seat belt

For more information on keeping your children safe, call Michelle Lawing, Victim Advocate at 577-6533 or come to Bldg 129. Additional information can be found at <http://safestate.org> and <http://chp.ca.gov>.



Marriage classes held for Marines to make a successful union last



Marines aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and their significant others attended the Marine and Family Services class 'Married and Loving it!' The class was held to help teach couples how to make tough times easier, deal with minor differences more smoothly and how to have a happy and enriching relationship.

Story and photo by Pfc. Victoria Fairchild Combat Correspondent

Having trouble being a newlywed? Looking for tips on how to keep your marriage strong? Marine and Family Services offers a class for Marines and their significant others, aptly named 'Married and Loving it!' to teach men and women how to get the most of out their relationship.

'Married and Loving it!' is held once a week for a duration of five weeks, teaching married couples and couples in long-term relationships how to have a healthy and happy bond.

"We're providing you with tools so you can be prepared for certain challenges," said Manny Llanura, the substance abuse counselor at Marine and Family Services aboard MCLB Barstow. "We teach you how to handle situations in a healthier way."

It is offered for couples in various circumstances and in different phases of their relationship. The class is tailored for those who are planning to tie the knot and are willing to learn new ways of problem solving before the union, couples who have been married for a few years and recognize the ever-evolving aspect of love, those who have been wedded before but

want better tools in their current marriage, and couples who feel they are at

a crossroad in their marriage.

"I couldn't participate as much without my husband here," said Lance Cpl. Lana Wilbur, a supply clerk for the Fleet Support Division. "The class really makes you think about how to deal with any type of relationship, whether it's your spouse or another family member."

One of the topics discussed quite thoroughly during the five-week program is communication, which is a strong characteristic in any working relationship.

"Being able to understand what your spouse is truly saying is a big help," said Llanura. "There are many times when you will say something and they might step back and think, 'you said this, but did you really mean this?'"

Another area of discussion during the class is working through conflict. Many couples face conflicts ranging from when to do the laundry to deciding when to have children. Class attendees learn how to be more assertive in their relationship, instead of the common overly aggressive or passive.

The distance is challenging, said Wilbur, speaking of her long-distance relationship. It would be easier to have her husband in the class

so they could discuss things in person and participate together. Her husband is an active-duty Marine stationed in Hawaii.

During the course, hands-on activities were encouraged to help involve everyone in the class. Participants filled out cards with wishes for their partner, an exercise known as part of the love languages, and wrote on small dry-erase boards about gender specific roles and who should be doing certain chores around the house.

Llanura said they are hoping to have a six-month reunion with everyone that was in the class. He explained it would be nice to see how the couples used their newfound knowledge and what tools were most helpful in the relationships.

Marriage counseling classes are also offered at Marine and Family Services. For more information on the 'Married and Loving It!' program, call (760) 577-6533.

MARRIED AND *Loving It!*

Environmental and sustainability management

Col. Daniel P. Ermer

Commanding Officer,

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow (MCLB) is committed to environmental excellence, sustainable use of our resources, and ethical and safe operations to enhance mission readiness.

MCLB shall advance an environmental and sustainability ethos by preventing pollution through best management practices; encouraging the purchase and use of environmentally friendly products (through sustainable acquisition); reducing electricity, fuel, and water consumption; pursuing alternative renewable energy production; reducing or eliminating hazardous waste streams; conserving and protecting our natural and cultural resources; cleaning up and restoring contaminated



sites; and by complying with our nation's laws, including Marine Corps Orders and Directives.

We will further maintain strong community relations by partnering with our neighbors and regulatory agencies to create goodwill, build trust, and demonstrate our commitment to environmental compliance and protection.

I ask that each MCLB Marine, Sailor, family member, and civilian employee, take responsibility to preserve our resources and accomplish our mission.



Col. Daniel P. Ermer
Commanding Officer,
MCLB Barstow

MCLB Barstow recertified by OSHA, maintains VPP star status

By Pfc. Victoria Fairchild
Combat Correspondent

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration awarded Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow its Voluntary Protection Program Star Status award for being recertified after two years of outstanding safety practice, made possible by the installation's entire work force.

MCLB Barstow was audited in October 2011 for recertification. The installation is one-of-a-kind in the Marine Corps, being the only Marine Corps installation certified by OSHA's VPP.

VPP started out as a program for privately-owned industries and later moved in to the realm of federal agencies, such as our military bases.

"There is only one first," said Col. Daniel P. Ermer, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow. "We are the only installation that has been

VPP certified and the only one that has been recertified."

MCLB Barstow was first VPP certified on April 19, 2008. Before a base is officially awarded the title, a hard year's work of preparation must come first.

"The kick-off for being certified was [held] in March of 2006 and after the requirements were met, we needed to uphold those for an entire year to prove that we could keep the inspections going and pass everything with flying colors," said Ray Aguilar, base safety manager. "Then we were inspected by VPP officials in September 2007 and received the news the following spring."

The base's relentless hard work and dedication to safety made the recertification possible. Marines and civilians alike must keep up with their knowledge of safety and always be on the lookout for any safety hazards.

"It was a group effort," said Cliff Acles, a VPP steering committee co-chair member aboard MCLB Barstow. "Everyone had to work together to get this. Of course all eyes are going to be on us now; we're the only base that has this safety program running effectively."

Employees aboard MCLB Barstow can expect to be inspected often and periodically quizzed on

their knowledge of VPP. Supervisors are asked to pass information down the line to be sure that everyone is prepared.

"My job is to help enforce the policy and help the supervisors understand what guidelines need to be followed with this program," said Ermer. "The staff here has done a tremendous job of working together and caring about safety."

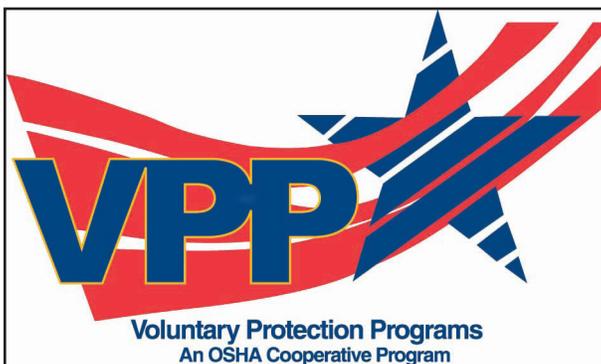
With the base's recertification complete, other companies and installations look toward MCLB Barstow for guidance in becoming certified themselves.

"Once you've been VPP certified, you set the example for everyone else on how to do things correctly and efficiently," said Acles. "At certain events, we'll be out showing people how to complete certain tasks involved with being certified. There is a long list of things to tackle and sometimes they just aren't up to it."

Ten other installations are working on becoming certified, said Aguilar. There are a few that are getting really close, just needing to fix a few minor issues, he said.

MCLB Barstow received word from OSHA representatives on March 9, 2012 that it was recertified for another two years, after successfully passing the October 2011 audit team inspection.

For more information about VPP and any other safety awards received by MCLB Barstow, contact Ray Aguilar at (760) 577-6001.



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Whereas, sexual assault is a serious crime that affects our military community, service members, civilian employees and family members regardless of gender, rank or age.

Whereas, an outstanding Marine upholds the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment both at home and in the Corps and knows sexual assault is contrary to those values.

Whereas, the crime of sexual assault is deplorable as it violates an individual's security, confidence, dignity and humanity.

Whereas, no one person, organization or community can eliminate sexual assault on its own but must work together to educate the entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims/survivors and their families and, when possible, intervene to assist victim/survivors in accessing available programs and services.

Whereas, the military services will not tolerate sexual assault; will hold offenders accountable; and victims will be afforded protection and support.

Whereas, only a coordinated community response and cooperation among military and civilian agencies and individuals will put a stop to this hideous crime.

Now, and Therefore, in recognition of the valuable work done through the coordinated efforts of the Marine Corps Community Services, Base Police Department, Staff Judge Advocate Office, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Office, and this Command, I, Colonel D. P. Ermer, hereby proclaim April 2012 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. P. Ermer".

D. P. Ermer
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

Whereas, children are the future and protecting them must be one of our highest priorities; and

Whereas, there are nearly 700,000 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in this nation each year; and

Whereas, children have a right to be safe, to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow; and

Whereas, all governmental and DoD branches, agencies, departments and members of this Command and community – are part of the solution and must work diligently to ensure that children are kept safe and healthy; and

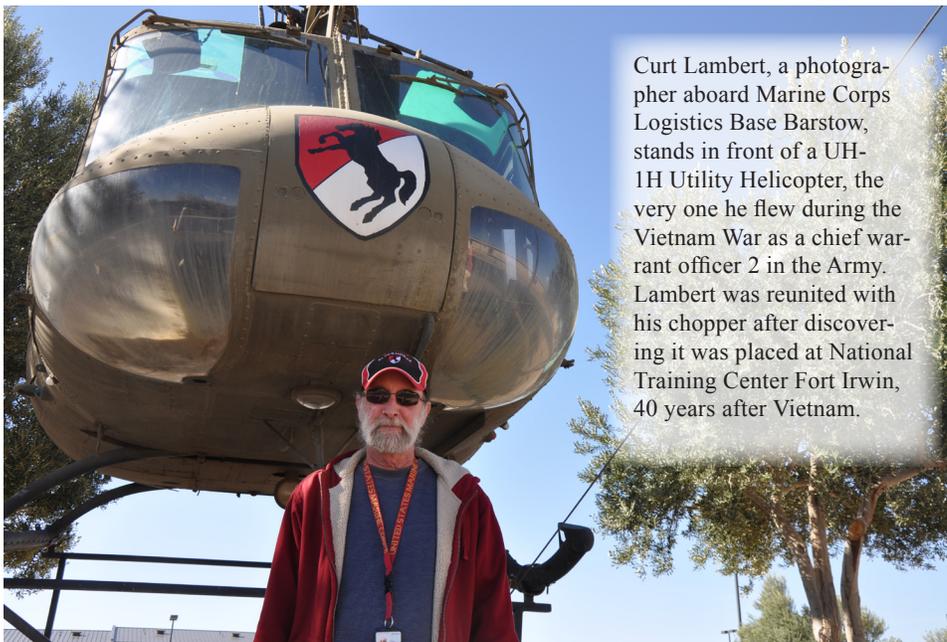
Whereas, by providing an environment for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that children in our community will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders who will secure the future of this nation;

Now, and Therefore, I, Colonel D. P. Ermer, hereby proclaim April 2012 as "Child Abuse Awareness Month" aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow. I encourage and invite all to participate in the educational activities being offered this month by Marine and Family Services Division.

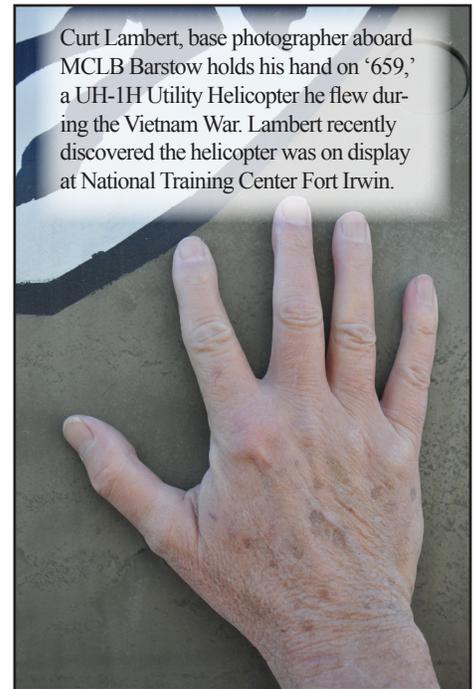


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Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
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Curt Lambert, a photographer aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, stands in front of a UH-1H Utility Helicopter, the very one he flew during the Vietnam War as a chief warrant officer 2 in the Army. Lambert was reunited with his chopper after discovering it was placed at National Training Center Fort Irwin, 40 years after Vietnam.



Curt Lambert, base photographer aboard MCLB Barstow holds his hand on '659,' a UH-1H Utility Helicopter he flew during the Vietnam War. Lambert recently discovered the helicopter was on display at National Training Center Fort Irwin.

After more than 40 years, 8,000 miles, Vietnam pilot, chopper reunite

Story and photos by
Cpl. Thomas A. Bricker
Combat Correspondent

Have you ever had “the one that got away” only to get him or her back later in life? For one man, a love that was once lost, has now resurfaced in his life after more than 40 years.

Curt Lambert, a photographer aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, recently discovered an aircraft he once flew in Vietnam, is now on display at National Training Center Fort Irwin, Calif.

Lambert, a former Army chief warrant officer two aircraft pilot with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, flew the UH-1H Utility Helicopter ‘659 Huey’ during his time in Vietnam.

“I was in Vietnam from August 1970-71 and most of my missions were flown with 659 after I received my aircraft commander orders,” Lambert recollected.

Lambert joined the Army right out of high school to fly helicopters. He went to a recruiter’s office with a friend to join a different service but was distracted along the way.

“A friend of mine wanted to join the Navy or Air Force, something that was safe. While we were walking to their offices at the recruiter’s station, I saw a mannequin with a flight suit and a sign that read ‘Join the Army. Fly helicopters right out of high school.’ Something in me just gave way. I did a right face and walked in to sign up. I still don’t know what possessed me to do it. I think it was because it was the most exciting thing I could have done after school,” he said.

During his time in Vietnam, Lambert flew many

different missions in 659, ranging from support of his unit’s infantrymen to missions with the Army of the Republic of Vietnam over Cambodia. Although there were medevac units in Vietnam while he was there, much of Lambert’s work consisted of running these missions for his own unit’s men.

The bond formed between Lambert and his helicopter while in Vietnam was unrivaled. Countless hours of Lambert’s time in Vietnam were spent flying 659.

“I loved that piece of machinery; I absolutely loved it,” he explained. “I mean, cars can be run into the ground but this thing just kept going.”

After a safe return to the states and his contract completed with the Army, Lambert went on to pursue a career in photography and raise a family, but not without wondering what became of the bird he flew during his time in Vietnam. He has several photos of the chopper in Vietnam but never knew what happened to it afterward, he explained.

Lambert uses a forum-like website to keep in touch with other soldiers who served with him and in the 11th ACR. It was through one of his buddies online, Lambert learned what had become of his lost love.

“I was contacted by someone who was a crew chief for 659 after I was with it, who asked if I had seen my helicopter after it was moved to [NTC] Fort Irwin,” Lambert said. “He told me he had been out to see it several times. When he told me, I was amazed. It was hardly believable.”

Lambert has lived in the High Desert area for more than 30 years, and was a mere 40 miles away from the bird that kept him safe more than four decades ago.

Lambert contacted Fort Irwin’s museum to con-

firm whether a helicopter out there was, in fact, the same he flew in Vietnam. The answer had the same impact for Lambert. Indeed, it was his aircraft.

“The 659, now known to those here at Fort Irwin, as the ‘McKnight’ has been here at this base since 1998,” explained Neil Morrison, museum director at NTC Fort Irwin. “It’s known as this in commemoration for Col. Matt McKnight, a soldier who also flew it in Vietnam as a lieutenant and on its last mission, a humanitarian mission. It was on its way to Fort Irwin when it was called on to help rescue civilians whose aircraft collided over a lake along the way,” he added.

When Morrison was contacted by Lambert in regards to 659, he found it just as surprising as Lambert did, but for other reasons.

“I was astonished that a former pilot of this helicopter lived so close,” he said. “I had no idea that could happen.”

After a few weeks of preparation, Lambert made a trip to Fort Irwin to see his former helicopter, the first time he would see it in more than 40 years. When he saw it for the first time, emotions ran high and nostalgia ran through him as expected.

“It was an incredible moment,” Lambert said. “I didn’t think the odds of this happening could even exist.”

There isn’t much more to be done now that Lambert and 659 have reunited. It’s time now to introduce her to the family and catch her up with what she’s missed over the years.

“I’m planning to bring my grandkids down to show them 659,” Lambert explained. “They’ve always been interested in military stuff and I think it would be cool to show them something so closely related to the family,” he concluded.

MDMC TEAM CREATING INNOVATIVE WAYS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

**Story and photo by
Lance Cpl. Dominic A. Smarra
Combat Correspondent**

If you work on the production line or up in the offices of Marine Depot Maintenance Command, chances are you have seen or interacted with the Base Process Improvement team or a project they have been involved with. The team consists of five people that develop new methods to cut time and save money from current processes.

"We guide and facilitate with projects," explained Melissa Taft, process improvement specialist. "We incorporate the employee's ideas into new processes within their shops. [The artisans] have the knowledge and understand what will make their job easier, but they don't always have the means to do so, and that is where we come in," she explained.

The full-time BPI team has only been in place since August 2010 and, has completed more than 20 process improvement initiatives and several process maps that give a snapshot of the overview of what the specific job tasks are which aide the shops to run more efficiently.

"As the organization evolves we have to adapt to accommodate any challenges that arise," explained Isaac Luna, process improvement specialist. "We also have to promote change and growth as the organization progresses."

When developing new processes, the process improvement specialists first look at the original procedure, explained Taft. The team communicates with the

shop artisans to figure out what ideas they have that could make the process more efficient. The ideas are then taken and incorporated using Lean Six Sigma and Theory of Constraint (TOC) tools. The team develops new items that can be used to cut down production times.

"One of the items we have worked on is a visual toolbox," explained Luna. "It is basically a peg board that has the items shadowed onto the background so that you know where things are supposed to be placed. It is amazing how such a simple object can help a shop run smoothly. This not only assists artisans currently working in the shop, but also aides the new employee joining a shop. With the point of use tool box the employees have a visual of where everything is located making it simpler to find the tool needed for each task. This allows for greater tool accountability, saving time and money."

The team deals with everyone in various departments and divisions located all throughout MDMC, explained Luna. BPI gets to take ideas from all over and bring them together. The team is also able to promote communications within shops, which not only helps them, but also helps the workers.



Implementing the BPI team within MDMC has also encouraged greater lines of communication to open between neighboring shops. It allows different shops, which may not have had much previous interaction, but are now working on relatively the same project, to be able to talk about and work on, different issues that may cause problems or challenges the employees face. The team's goal is, said Taft, to attempt to make this large organization feel as small as possible. Together, the shops find solutions faster and share their ideas more frequently.

"As we are growing as a team, so are our projects," explained Taft. "We are able to get bigger and better ideas from the more people we work with. We hope to make a larger impact on the MDMC and possibly expand beyond that."

Preventing child maltreatment and promoting well-being : A network for action

**Submitted by Marine and Family
Programs Division**

Nearly five children die every day in America from abuse and neglect. In 2010, an estimated 1,560 children died from abuse and neglect in the United States. In the same year, Children's Advocacy Centers around the country served more than 266,000 child victims of abuse by providing victim advocacy and support to these children and their families. In 2011, this number grew to more than 279,000.

While it is important to take note of these statistics, it is more important to prevent abuse and neglect from happening in the first place. Working toward that goal, the Marine Corps has joined the nation in observance of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Marine Corps' theme for this year's campaign is "Preventing Child Maltreatment and Promoting Well-Being: A Network for Action." In this spirit, our leadership has set the example by being proactive and reaching out to Marines, Sailors, and family members who are under stress. Helping families access services and resources to address problems is the best prevention strategy. It is

10 our collective obligation as neighbors and community

members to speak out when families are in need. There is no greater patriotic duty than to play a role in providing children a nurturing and secure environment in which they can grow into solid, responsible citizens. It is in the best interest of our great nation to do so.

To assist our community in staying informed on the programs and services available aboard this installation, we invite all to participate in the educational activities being offered this month by Marine and Family Programs. Remember prevention of abuse is the best defense for our children. Reach out to others and take an active role in helping those at risk get the support and tools they need. Join us in any of the following activities:

1-30 April: Child Abuse Awareness static displays are located at McTureous Hall, Bldg. 218 and Marine and Family Programs, Bldg. 129. Informational pamphlets, brochures, magnets and other educational materials will be available.

If you would like additional information or consultation, visit us at M&FSDiv, Bldg. 129 or contact us at 577-6533.

Chaplain's Corner

When a pattern destroys lives

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
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You may know that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. What you may not know are some of the horrific stories of sexual assault that take place in the Bible. Just reading the last few chapters in the book of Judges is enough for any father of daughter(s) (of which I am one) to want to never let her out of the house. Granted, sexual assault is not only against women, but the vast majority is, particularly in the stories found in Scripture. One such story, or really group of stories, points out the problem when sexual violence is not challenged, discussed, or addressed between the generations.

In 2 Samuel, chapters 11 and 12, we find the infamous story of David and Bathsheba. If you're not familiar, it goes like this: David, the king, sends everyone off to war (but doesn't go himself). While they're gone, he spots Bathsheba and wants her for himself. He uses his power as king to have sex with her. He finds out she is pregnant, so he tries to get her husband back to cover up the affair. When the husband, a man of integrity, refuses to have sex with his wife while others face the dangers of war, David eventually has him killed. That's an extreme set of actions covering a

whole range from sexual power games all the way through murder. Thankfully, David is confronted by someone who tells him of his wrongs. He cannot make restitution, but he does come to grips with the level of his own sin. One would hope that recognizing this tendency in himself would cause David to consider teaching his sons about the horrors of sexual violence.

Nope. In 2 Samuel chapter 13, we find one of David's sons has fallen in lust (I say in lust instead of "in love" because of the way the story plays out) with his sister (a half-sister). He uses his own deceitful games in order to lure her into his bedroom. There, he takes sexual advantage of her despite her protests—she even offers to actually be married to him (marrying your half sister could be done in those days). Instead, David's oldest son abuses his half-sister, then his "love" turns to "hate." He is disgusted with her and casts her off to be considered unsalvageable by her culture.

Now, why are stories like this in the Bible? I'd prefer it if there were only nice stories with pleasant endings. I read things like this and can't fathom how or why God would let such a thing happen. Yet, in this we see a pattern that does not have to be repeated in our own lives. David sets an example with his sons: an example of sex as power, an example of women as property. I

believe this story is here to show us that while it's not always true; the sins of the father (or mother) do indeed visit the next generation. Children learn what is modeled for them.

I also believe that the overarching message of Scripture is that this does not have to be the case. Redemption and change are available, but it requires us to do something different than the actions we see in David.

What message did you learn from your parents about sex? Even without them sitting you down, you learned something implicitly. Is sex a commodity, a power to hold over others, does it happen in the context of a relationship? When you examine what it is you actually believe about sex, you will understand why you treat people of the opposite sex in the way you do—positive or negative. More importantly, this examination provides an opportunity to break cycles of sexual violence. Maybe you saw sexual violence in your own home. Chances are, that has impacted the way you view love, marriage, and the purpose of sex.



CALLING ALL 5-YEAR-OLDS; KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

NOTE: Your child must be 5 years of age on or before Nov. 1, 2012 to enroll in kindergarten. You must have the following documents for your child in order to register him/her.

1. Official Birth Certificate
2. Immunization/Shot Records
3. Physical Examination
4. Mandated Oral Health Assessment
5. Proof of Residency (i.e., utility bill). *A phone bill is not acceptable



Please call the school office or Barstow Unified School District Educational Services at 760-255-6021 for additional information.

School	Date (s)	Time (s)	
CAMERON	760-255-6260	Tuesday, May 15	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
CRESTLINE	760-252-5121	Wednesday, April 18	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
HENDERSON	760-255-6250	Wednesday, May 23	10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
HINKLEY	760-253-5514	Wednesday, April 25	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
LENWOOD	760-253-7713	Thursday, May 3	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
MONTARA	760-252-5150	Tues., Wed., Thurs. May 15, 16, 17	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
SKYLINE NORTH	760-255-6090	Friday, May 18	8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
THOMSON	760-255-6150	Wednesday, May 9	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

