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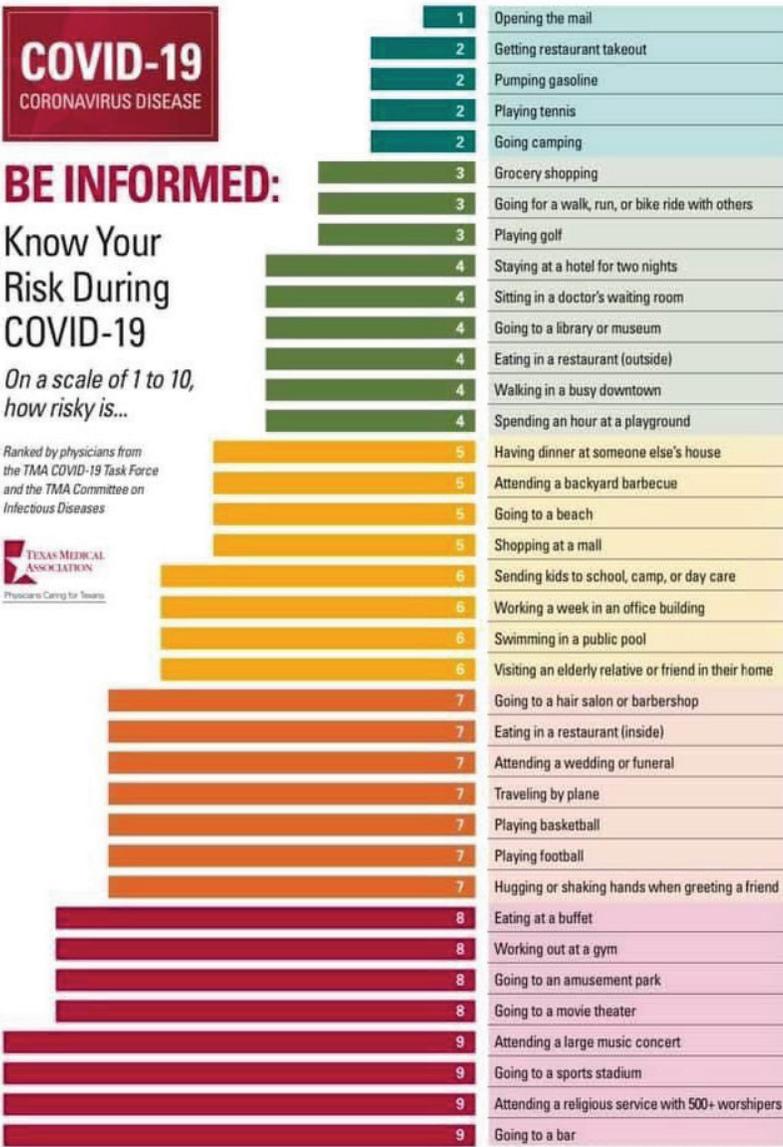


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Sergeant Kersey Haynes, administration chief, Cpl. Colten Kokes, administrative specialist, Lance Cpl. Christopher Garcia, network transport technician, and Lance Cpl. Elena AlvilvarCamarillo, administrative clerk, enjoy some pancakes, bacon and sausage at the Single Marines Program's Pancake Breakfast event held at the Active Duty Recreation Center aboard Marine Corps

Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 31. The program builds camaraderie amongst the Marines stationed on base without families. The pancake breakfast fills their bellies with another warm meal that they can enjoy with one another before heading to their respective jobs.

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Commissary's curbside service returning

Submitted by: Rick Brink
DeCA public affairs specialist



FORT LEE, Va. – CLICK2GO, the Defense Commissary Agency's online ordering/curbside pickup grocery service, returned Aug. 4 to the Fort Lee Commissary in Virginia following a yearlong absence.

"We're pleased to be back to provide this service that's become especially popular as we all cope with the COVID-19 pandemic," said Willie Watkins, DeCA's eBusiness chief. "More and more people like being able to shop online and pick up their groceries without having to go inside a store."

In September 2013, the Fort Lee Commissary became the first store to offer curbside pickup under a pilot program that included two other commissaries. DeCA discontinued that program in June 2019 to make way for a new CLICK2GO, as the agency rolled out its new Enterprise Business System to stores. Fort Lee is now the sixth store to offer the new service, and five more commissaries are slated to get it later this year.

Using curbside pickup is a straight-forward process. Authorized commissary shoppers access the system via the agency's customer portal, MyCommissary. An initial sign-up is required the first time patrons access MyCommissary. Patrons can also learn more about CLICK2GO on Commissaries.com.

Once in CLICK2GO, patrons select from commissary products offered online based on the store's stock assortment. After products are selected, the patron selects a pickup time and completes the checkout process. The only thing left to do is arrive at curbside at the appointed time, and pay. Commissary workers will load the groceries in the shopper's car and they will be on their way.

Fort Lee's CLICK2GO customers won't be charged a service fee through August and into the first week of September as part of an introductory offer. Beginning Sept. 8, a \$4.95 service fee will be applied for each order, as it is at all curbside pickup locations.

"Our customers are keenly interested in CLICK2GO since it all started here," said store director Margaret Camacho. "Now we're ready to once again let them enjoy shopping online and picking up their orders without having to go inside the store, which is something that really appeals to families with young children."

4 The curbside program is also offered in Virginia at Fort Eustis, Naval Air Station



Tiara Edwards loads groceries in the vehicle of one of the first customers to use the Fort Lee Commissary CLICK2GO online ordering/curbside delivery service Aug. 4. (DeCA photo: Rick Brink)

Oceana, Marine Corps Base Quantico and Fort Belvoir. It's also available at the McGuire Air Force Base Commissary New Jersey, part of the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst community.

In the other five stores where it's offered, CLICK2GO has seen a huge increase in customers during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the startup at the Fort Lee Commissary is just the latest part of an ongoing expansion of the service, Watkins said.

Barring any unforeseen issues, the agency plans to roll out the service to five more commissaries this year, and there are plans to expand it to considerably more stores over the next two years, said Watkins.

The five stores scheduled to receive the service later this year are: Fort Polk, Louisiana; Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida; Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska; Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota; and Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina. The number of stores and locations to get the service in 2021 haven't been announced.

DeCA operates 236 commissaries worldwide. Not all stores will receive the service. A variety of factors, including sales and transactions, existing infrastructure and demographics are considered to determine if a commissary is suitable for CLICK2GO.

"Our agency is responding to customer shopping trends, and we're pleased to be able to expand this service," Watkins said.

For more on commissary produce and supply chain visit www.facebook.com/YourCommissary,

New XO talks intel, logistics, family & golf

Story by: Laurie Pearson
COMMSTRAT Chief

Lieutenant Colonel John Bilas, switches gears and assumes the role of executive officer aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

“My last duty station was Stuttgart, Germany,” said the lieutenant colonel, noting how the operational tempo is different between Europe and Barstow. In Stuttgart, he served as the assistant chief of staff G-2, Intelligence for Marine Forces Europe and Africa. In their downtime, he and his wife, Kim, took the opportunity to visit myriad other countries on the European continent, such as France, Spain, Norway, and Austria, to name a few.

“It was amazing,” he said. “It will always be a special place to us.”

Their two children are adults and off on their own adventures.

“Our daughter is married and she lives in Florida,” he said, like the proud father he clearly is. “Our son is a Marine and currently serving at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.”

Having a son now in the Marine Corps has had a dramatic impact on his leadership style, he explained.

“My wife and I absolutely love Marines,” he said. “We love all of them. Now that my son is a Marine though, we see all of these young Marines and see them through the eyes of Marine-parents. For each young Marine, there is a parent somewhere thinking of them, and maybe even worrying about them. So, we like to reach out and support the Marines in whatever ways that we can.”

In Germany, Kim became known as “Momma B” to those in the Single Marine Program.

“They loved her!” Bilas said with a smile. “She really embraced them and it meant a lot to her to be able to do that for them.” Christmas time was real special for those Marines who could not travel home. Momma B cooked them a

hearty Italian meal.

Having entered the Marine Corps in 1987, these empty nesters have served the Marine Corps together for over 30 years.

“I’ve served at Camp Pendleton, 29 Palms, Camp Lejeune, and have done some time in D.C., too,” he said. “I’ve been on every continent, and had some amazing experiences.”

In Barstow, one of the things he’s already appreciating is the climate.

“My bones feel better so even this morning, Kim and I took a walk, I ran and noticed that things don’t hurt like they do in colder climates,” he said. “Plus allergies aren’t an issue like they have been in other areas. It has led to an overall increased stamina for things such as running.”

He’s also looking forward to a change of pace.

“I’ve been operational my whole career,” Bilas said. “I’ve been tasked with characterizing, identifying threats to U.S. forces, and engaged in operations. I’ve collected intelligence on adversaries, while leading and mentoring intelligence Marines. Now I’m the XO of a logistics base and it’s just a whole different ballgame.”

The mission may be different, but he made two things very clear. He’s looking forward to the challenge; and he loves being with his fellow Marines.

This XO is not a complete stranger to Barstow. In 1993, he was serving as a platoon commander in the Commandant’s Own Silent Drill Platoon.

“We passed through and performed here as part of our west coast tour,” Bilas said.

The platoon trained in Yuma, Arizona then performed for audiences at several locations in the southwest region.

“That’s the number one recruiting tool in the Marine Corps and it was an honor to be a part of it,” he said. “Whether we were performing at



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events, talking to kids or veterans, it was all really special.”

So far, that’s one of the things that he has noticed about the people here aboard MCLB Barstow, a pride in what they do here.

“I think the people here, everybody I’ve met, is passionate about what they do,” Bilas said. “They care about what they do and they’re proud of what they do and that’s impressive.”

At work, and at play, this executive officer takes pride in doing things to the best of his ability. That includes his appreciation for a good round of golf. If you’re looking for him on a day off, try the golf course.



1st Force Storage Battalion slotted to move

Story and photos by: Laurie Pearson
COMMSTRAT Chief

In addition to the usual ebb and flow

of equipment making its way through 1st Force Storage Battalion, the unit has also been tasked with processing divested equipment aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

In March 2020, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. David H. Berger, released a 15-page summary of the future trajectory of the United States Marine Corps, "Force Design 2030." In the document, he outlines the Strategic Guidance, and National Defense Strategy and plans for impactful and necessary changes.

"THE ARGUMENT FOR CHANGE - Our current force design, optimized for large-scale amphibious forcible entry and sustained operations ashore, has persisted unchanged in its essential inspiration since the 1950s... In light of unrelenting increases in the range, accuracy, and lethality of modern weapons; the rise of revisionist powers with the technical acumen and economic heft to integrate those weapons and other technologies for direct or indirect confrontation with the U.S.; and the persistence of rogue regimes possessing enough of those attributes to threaten United States interests, I am convinced that the defining attributes of our current force design are no longer what the nation requires of the Marine Corps."

- Gen. David H. Berger

The broad sweeping changes mean that the Marine Corps is transitioning from large, heavy equipment, such as the M1A1 Abrams Tanks, and moving toward equipment that will be smaller, lighter, more mobile, with low-signature sensors and weapons. As such, the divested equipment must be moved and stored.

"1st FSB, along with sister battalion 2nd FSB, are the only two tactical facilitators within Logistics Command and, as such, carry out all ground level logistics initiatives," said Lee

Hubble, 1st FSBs Material Management Operation Group, also known as M2OG, lead. "With that very ambiguous description the reality is our mission remains the same; receipt, store, and issue Military Equipment. M2OG is simply a new mission set added to our existing Operational Tempo."

In this role, Hubble is tasked with monitoring and managing the asset flow of various supply chains from each Equipment Collection Point (ECP) servicing the Marine Expeditionary Forces.

"Once equipment is successfully turned into the ECP it is then transported to its respective M2OG home (1st or 2nd FSB)," he explained. "After arrival at its destination, our team is then tasked to divest, maintain, or bring the assets received from deactivated units for future use up to serviceable condition."

The local M2OG team is comprised of 10 defense contractors with Hubble as the only current government representative.

"We plan on hiring 11 more defense contractors and one more government representative to bring the Barstow team to a total of 23 personnel," he said. "We are also in the review and hiring process for 17 government positions that will be remotely located within the ECPs in Hawaii and Japan that fall under our organizational structure."

The intent is to station LOGCOM government personnel in ECPs geographically spread across the I



Joseph Ledbetter, heavy mobile equipment operator lead, uses a Caterpillar to move a divested M1A1 Abrams Tank into position for loading and shipping via railway operations on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Aug. 12. In line with the new Force Design 2030 released by Marine Corps, Gen. David H. Berger, thousands of tanks will be divested while the USMC realigns focus on smaller, lighter, more mobile equipment.

Thousands of divested rolling stock

MEF, II MEF, III MEF and Marine Forces Reserves' areas of operations, allowing them to have a direct hand in executing retrograde activities in Hawaii and Japan. 1st FSB's focus is on I and III MEF and MarForRes.

"From this position, we can affect all LOGCOM initiatives from cradle to grave with the team here at Barstow as the nerve center monitoring and managing operations," Hubble said.

1st FSB, as a whole, has active duty, contracted, and civilian Marines on staff. M2OG is one of the sections within the larger mission-set for the battalion.

"We expect to receive more than 3,000 pieces of rolling stock with around 60 percent of the assets scheduled for retention here," he said. "The remaining 40 percent will be divested using various strategies with one example being the recent Tank unit deactivation. Once the unit deactivated and turned in all of their M1A1 combat tank and M88 recovery vehicle platforms we executed the divestment strategy. The particular strategy for those assets was a minimal redistribution of the remaining across the fleet and the lion's share returning to the Primary Inventory Control Activity (PICA) demilitarization and divestment."

"We are responsible for both, with 100 percent auditability and accountability of asset divestment and long-term asset storage; the latter is executed using a meticulous Care of Supply in Storage (COSIS) program," Hubble said.

The assets specific to Force Design are designated to be divested and retired from the Marine Corps system by various means, to include selling some to other branches of the military.

"Assets which are selected for retention will remain with FSB, under our care," said Hubble. "They are kept in serviceable condition until slated for issue to a unit activated in the future. In short, assets are selected for retrograde from a command and are then turned into the servicing ECP. Once at the ECP, inspections and paperwork occur for the assets being transferred to the next step in the supply chain, which will be one of the ECPs," Hubble explained. "Once received at the respective FSB, Central Receipt and Issue (CRI) begins the receipt process which consists of the same thing



Staff Sergeant Ruben Garcia, senior enlisted advisor for 1st Force Storage Battalion, and Donnie Nez, heavy mobile equipment operator, ensure that the Caterpillar 988 Tractor, is properly detached from a divested M1A1 Abrams tank on the Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Aug. 12. The tank is one of thousands being divested by the United States Marine Corps and shipped to Anniston Army Depot, in line with Force Design 2030 released by Commandant of the Marine Corps, General David Berger last Spring.

at the ECPs but at the higher echelon. After CRI conducts initial receipt procedures the respective section/company is notified via Global Combat Support System- Marine Corps (GCSS-MC). Supply Technicians from the respective section/command sign for the asset and begin life cycle management procedures while in FSB custody."

With MCLB Barstow's vast amount of open real estate, 1st FSB staff expect to receive the larger "rolling stock" which is the military equipment on wheels or tracks.

Some of the equipment will be divested using various strategies to be carried out across the next three fiscal years. Some assets will be stored with on MCLB Barstow's Yermo Annex on a long-term basis.



New OpsO: Marine and fitness guru

Story by: Laurie Pearson
COMMSTRAT Chief

Coming from his role as Executive Officer with 2nd Supply Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Maj. Labarron L. McBride is looking forward to his new role as Operations Officer aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.



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“MCLB Barstow seems to offer a plethora of opportunities for all ranks,” McBride said. “From the illustrious Mounted Color Guard to completing off duty education, the possibilities are endless!”

The major joined the Marine Corps in 2003, serving now for 17 1/2 years, with various units.

“They were all notable duty stations, and played a huge role in my overall growth and development,” he said. “The few that may warrant attention are Basic School (2008-2011), 3rd Marine Raider Battalion (2012-2015) and 2nd Supply Battalion (2018-2020).”

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Something he’s looking forward to, as COVID-19 eventually wanes, is seeing MCLB Barstow continue to expand opportunities. He reported for duty aboard MCLB Barstow July 21 and already has an appreciation for the base’s potential.

“I expect to see growth and an increased desire for units to train aboard MCLB Barstow, within the next two years,” McBride said. “As COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift, MCLB Barstow will become a highly sought venue for training and we will gladly support incoming units.”

When he’s not hard at work for “The Green Machine” he still maintains a busy and active pace.

“In my free time, I enjoy taking the time to be a father and husband,” he said.

In his free time away from work he enjoys going on walks and hikes with his wife and two daughters. The family also enjoys watching high youngest child compete in volleyball games when conditions allow.

“Additionally, I enjoy sharing as much knowledge as I can as a firearms instructor,” McBride said.

He is also a certified personal trainer and nutrition coach, certified through International Sports Sciences Association.

“There is no greater joy than helping someone achieve their personal or professional goals,” the major said.



Photo courtesy of Maj. LaBarron McBride

Major LaBarron McBride, operations officer and family man, takes a moment to pose for a portrait with his wife and daughter during a visit with friends in Temecula, California, over the summer, 2020. In his free time, McBride takes pride in being a husband and father, spending time together as a family.

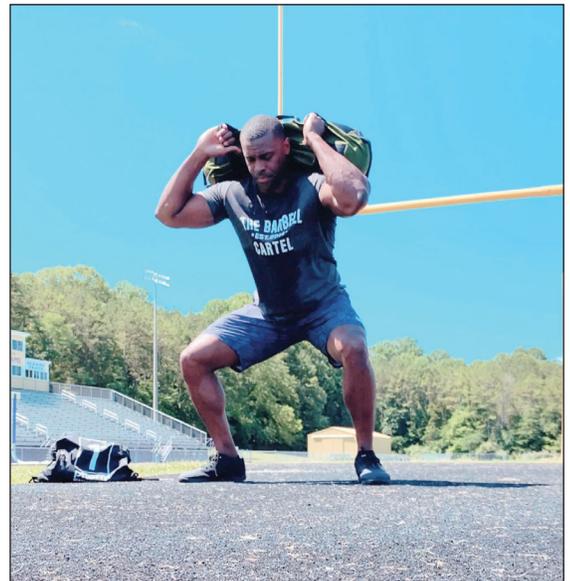


Photo courtesy of Maj. LaBarron McBride

Major LaBarron McBride, operations officer and certified personal trainer and nutrition coach does squats with a weighted sandbag as part of his fitness routine, even during their Permanent Change of Duty travels from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, through Indiana, July 11. As is always the case with Marines, the mission never stops.

New Comm deputy director is multi-talented

Story and photo by: Keith Hayes
COMMSTRAT Planner

First Lieutenant Adam B. Medford is the new Deputy Director of Communications aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, as of August 4.

“After my graduation from Officer Candidate School and The Basic School for officers at (Marine Corps Base) Quantico Virginia, I attended the Communications School Officers Course at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms in 2016,” Medford explained.

“After graduating from Twentynine Palms, I was deployed to Okinawa, Japan, for two and a half years,” Medford said. He was billeted at Camp Gonsalves and at Camp Courtney.

“I know that service in Japan was much faster paced operationally-wise than Barstow,” Medford said.

Unlike most who arrive at MCLB Barstow, he was not intimidated by the imposing, seemingly endless stretches of barren, sun-scorched earth. “After spending time at Twentynine Palms, I was used to the Mojave Desert landscape,” Medford stated.

However, he was surprised, as are many Marines, to find that there was a Marine Corps base in Barstow.

“When my colleagues found out where I was going I was told that I needed to buy a pickup truck, which I already had, and a dirt bike,” he said. “That way I could just take off in any direction and I’d be at work.”

“I’m happy to be here. Communications is definitely an interesting beast but it is definitely needed,” Medford said.

The lieutenant sees the biggest challenge he faces right now as the new deputy CommO is to fill the shoes of the previous officer in charge.

“He did a lot great work here and was well liked by his Marines and colleagues,” Medford said.

Since the recent standup of the 1st Network Battalion dedicated to providing all things computer related to the Marine Corps, the mission of S-6 aboard the base has focused in on keeping phone service

operational and radio communications in tip-top shape. “We are also the go-to office for any electronic problems,” he noted.

The 27 year-old native of Bethpage, New York, entered the Marine Corps out of college to fulfill a lifetime goal of joining the military.

“When I told my father that I was joining the Marines, he asked how strong my desire was to be Marine. I told him it was nine out of ten,” Medford said. “He said that’s good, because if it had been anything less than an eight, he would have tried to persuade me not to join.”

Medford’s personal leadership style is pretty straight forward.



First Lieutenant Adam Medford, communications deputy director, discusses upcoming activities with Sgt. Brendan McDowell, data systems analyst, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Aug. 10.

“I like to lead by example,” he said. “I strive to hold myself to a high standard so that my Marines can learn by example and follow me”

Something he takes great pride in ... his very large Belgian Malinois dog.

“His name is Pacer,” Medford said. “Pacer’s an owner surrender and I picked him up from a no kill shelter that rescued him from a kill shelter. He’s a very, very, expensive dog that I got very, very cheap.”

Besides spending time with his girlfriend and dog, and powerlifting in the gym, Medford said he’s a singer-songwriter in what he describes as the alternative music style and fairly good with the guitar.

“I recorded one song professionally for myself while I was in college, and I hope to improve and develop those skills into something more substantial,” he said.

Medford concludes with his personal philosophy about how he and his Marines should conduct themselves.

“When I first got here, I sat the Marines down and told them if you do the right thing for the right reasons, I’ve got your back; if you do the wrong thing for the right reasons, I’ve got your back; and if you do the right thing for the wrong reason, I’ve got your back. But, if you do the wrong thing for the wrong reason, you can crash and burn and I’ll clear the way for you,” he said.



EOQ excels during COVID challenges

Story by: Keith Hayes
COMMSTRAT Planner

AJill of many trades is the newest AGS-9 and above Employee of the Quarter aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

Laurie Pearson, Communication Strategy and Operations chief, was named EOQ for the third quarter aboard MCLB Barstow recently amid a time when most base employees are teleworking compared to pre-COVID restrictions.

“I was not aware that I had been submitted for consideration for Employee of the Quarter,” Pearson said. “It came as a surprise to me and I’m honored.”

Pearson and her supervisor held down the fort at COMMSTRAT when COVID-19 quarantine protocols went in to effect, forcing strategic changes on the base such as telework or shift rotations to encourage social distancing. In addition, within COMMSTRAT, two employees needed to stay home with an ill family members for two weeks each, then one had National Guard obligations.

“Because our graphic artist had recently retired as well, that lowered our personnel roster from six to two,” Pearson explained. “So supervisor and I had to really buckle down and triple our efforts to generate the same output that the other departments aboard base have come to expect. Whereas the Community Relations and Media Relations aspects of what I do had slowed down significantly with events being canceled, other areas of our office picked up pace, such as graphics. Plus, we still had the twice monthly base publication, The Prospector, to fill with relevant information, articles, and such, then print on schedule.”

During critical incidents, the CommStrat office plays a critical role in ensuring that information is gathered and released in concise and efficient manner, making the office

essential. Cross training is always encouraged, but during this pandemic, it became crucial.

“I now know how to run almost every piece of equipment and software in CommStrat to produce training manuals, advertising for base events, magnets, giant stickers, brochures, flyers, signs and other projects that fall under our purview,” Pearson said.

“Laurie really stepped up to the task, even though her workload doubled, and in some cases quadrupled, with the demands placed on the office by other entities aboard base,” Rob Jackson, CommStrat officer, said. “She is well deserving of the recognition because of her can-do attitude regardless of the immensity of the task facing her.”

Pearson said the CommStrat office gets a lot of short-fuse projects, ones that have to be fulfilled within a few days, and CommStrat always rises to and exceeds the challenges.

“Though it is challenging to meet people’s expectations, I also like the fact that each day is a different adventure. One day I’ll be doing photography, the next day producing some printed pamphlet, or binding manuals for Railway Operations,” Pearson said. “Another day I’ll be doing community relations and handling requests for Mounted or Walking Color Guard appearances. I usually engage in various community events, as well, processing requests for keynote speakers, or various other participants in community events.”

Pre-COVID, tours of base facilities were a routine occurrence, with Pearson handling all of the requests as part of her duties.

“I process those requests through the various departments aboard base and conduct the tours myself for civic groups, visiting dignitaries or VIPs,” she said.

The most gratifying part of Pearson’s job at CommStrat is getting to know those who and live work on base.

“I enjoy the variety of people



Photo courtesy of Laurie Pearson

Laurie Pearson, Communication Strategy and Operations chief, takes a moment to pose with one of her favorite tools of her trade, a Canon EOS 5D Mark III digital camera, during a golf tournament held at the Marine Memorial Golf Course aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, April 12, 2019. One thing is clear, whether she’s taking photographs, writing articles, or engaging in community relations, Pearson says she is blessed because she truly loves what she does for a living. “I get paid to do this!” she often says with a smile. “How cool is that?!”

we have on base and getting to know them well enough to tell their stories,” she said. “I take a lot of pride, when I write a story about someone or some office aboard base, and I ask the person to review it before we publish it. I like their feedback and we want to make sure it is accurate and still sounds like them.”

“If they get back to me with a response like ‘that’s me in a nutshell,’ it makes me happy,” she said. “I like knowing that somebody appreciates the way that I’ve told their story.”

Pearson was born in Walnut Creek, California and raised in Pittsburg, Calif., but has lived all over the United States during her public service-related career.

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“I was a police officer in Norfolk, Virginia,” she explained. “I also worked with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. I’ve been the Public Information Officer for the Forest Service during some of the most destructive fire seasons in memory in California. While with them, I was also attached to an Interagency Incident Management Team for a while as a Public Information Officer.”

Volunteerism is a rudder in Pearson’s life, inspiring her to help out and do what she can whenever she can, even though it may come at a personal cost for her.

“That runs in the immediate family. My parents and brothers, even my sister-in-law, all lead by examples of service to others, volunteering in many ways. I like digging deep and pushing my limits, whether it’s for work or play,” Pearson said. “My down time is often spent hiking or camping with my dogs, but I’ve enjoyed all sorts of adventures, like SCUBA diving, abalone

diving, ocean kayaking, zip lining, and even sky diving.”

Though all work and no play can make Jack a dull boy, this Jill of all trades is anything but bored with life. She’s even been known to hop into Army helicopters to take pictures of Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge, or document some military training endeavors.

“If I get bored, sometimes I train my dogs (or their cats) to do goofy stuff,” she said. “I trained one cat to turn a light switch on and off as a cue to refill their water fountain, or to bang a bell when they want outside, for instance. It amuses me.”

A woman of varied interests, Pearson enjoys sharing her joy with others. She also has some words of advice during these COVID times.

“Be kind,” she said. “We are in unprecedented times of extreme stress. Make an extra effort to treat others with kindness. Just be nice.”



Summer Reading Program Awards

Photos by: Jack Adamyk



Colonel Craig Clemans, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Edward Kretschmer, base sergeant major, pose with the families of the children involved in the Summer Reading Program held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Aug. 11. The children were given awards for their participation, as well as gift bags loaded with goodies during a recognition ceremony for their reading accomplishments over the summer.

Colonel Craig Clemans, base commander, awards bags of prizes to the winners of the Summer Reading Program, praising their reading accomplishments during the Summer Reading Recognition Ceremony held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, Aug. 11.





Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

To preserve the health and welfare of base employees
and to help limit the spread of COVID-19

the following are changes to base activities and areas of function.

Postponed or Closed

- Self-Defense Classes
- Spin Classes
- Wellness Series
- Pass & ID Nebo 101, Yermo
- Swim Lessons
- Play Mornings
- ITT

MFP Virtual Events

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

Modified Hours and Services

Leatherneck Lanes Bowling Alley open w/modifications (kitchen closed):

- Call for details and hours which vary by the day - 760-577-6264

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

Semper Fit Gym:

- Unmanned hours for AD and their dependents on base, fire and police 7 p.m. Sun to 5 a.m. Sat.
- Combat room CLOSED.

SMP/Rec Center:

- Single Marines only, no guests
- Mon - Fri 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Oasis Pool:

- Tues - Fri 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lap swim/Unit PT; 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Recreational swim
- Sat & Sun 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Recreational swim

Route 66 Cafe: Open for dine-in service. Can also orders in ahead at 760-577-6428.

Entrance Gates:

- Gate guards will not handle your CAC when entering base, but should still scan it

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

Commissary:

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

Base Library:

- Open Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Personal & Professional Development

- Open Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Behavioral Health

- Open Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- To set an appointment call 760-577-6533.

Auto Skills

- Open every other weekend, Sat 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Aug 8 & 9, 22 & 23; Sept 5 & 6, 19 & 20.
- Call Bruce for further information: 760-577-6260, or cell at 760-267-1075

For additional information about the base go to: <https://www.mclbbarstow.marines.mil>

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