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About

- Stay informed about your family’s benefits, entitlements, health care, insurance, VA benefits and more!
- Receive resources to assist you in making plans for your future.

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Brian Wellinger, facilities maintenance, Installation and Logistics, takes time to donate blood in the LifeStream mobile donation center, throughout the day during their blood drive held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 8. Donating blood through LifeStream is yet another way that employees and their families aboard base give back to the High Desert community.

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Leave Share Program

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

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

Infant Massage Class
Desert Housing Community Center
Wed. Aug. 16
11 - 12 p.m.
Massage Therapy tips and techniques for parents of infants and toddlers. Expectant parents are also welcome to attend. For more information contact New Parent Support 577-6533.

Summer Reading Program
Barstow Library
June 6 - July 17
Children, teens, and adults can register online or in person for the Summer Reading Program 2017 Reading By Design. Earn prizes by simply logging the number of minutes read between June 6 and July 17, then visit your local library to pick up prizes and attend the exciting programs including interactive science experiments, magic shows, reader's theater, and more! Register online go to camppendleton.beanstack.org or visit your local library to sign up and receive a registration prize!

Summer Nights
Oasis Pool
Thur. June 22
7 - 9:30 p.m.
Come swim under the stars and float the night away while watching a movie. For more information call 577-6284.

Play Morning Community Center
Fri. June 23
9 a.m.
Come join in the fun! All active duty service members and their dependents are invited to come enjoy singing, stories, crafts and playtime. Make new friends and learn something new each week. For more information contact New Parent Support at 577-6533.

Summer Pool Oasis Hours
The Oasis Pool and Water Park is now open full-time Tue. - Friday LAP SWIM/Unit Trng/ Learn-to-Swim 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and REC SWIM 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Learn-to-Swim Tue. - Friday 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. REC SWIM. Closed Monday for maintenance and cleaning. For more information call 577-6898 or visit www.mccsbarstow.com/pool/.

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Energy Tip
Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your cooling bill will be.
First Sergeant Neil Roselli, base first sergeant and Col. Sekou Karega, commanding officer, present 17 military spouses with certificates of appreciation for their numerous volunteer activities and accomplishments throughout the year at the Military Spouse Appreciation Ceremony held at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 19. The event was organized by Jessica Grow, resilience trainer with Families Overcoming Under Stress. FOCUS is an organization contracted by the Department of Defense to provide a range of resilience enhancing services to military members and their families by helping military families develop coping mechanisms to deal with issues such as deployment of a spouse. The spouse appreciation event acknowledges the spousal efforts to keep home fires burning while their military spouse remains ready to serve.
Summer is in full swing for children enrolled in Summer Camp through School Age Care aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. as they enjoy splashing down at the Oasis Pool and Water Park on base as well as a series of classes and events through the Boys and Girls Club.

The camp allows children to engage in myriad activities such as crafts, music, pool time and even building special solar ovens in which to bake S’mores.

“We’ve just become part of the Boys and Girls Club under Camp Pendleton again,” said Rebecca Lessard, children and youth program leader for SAC. “We’ll be using their curriculum which includes cooking, gardening, sports and art.”

The children demonstrated one of their recent crafts, the “solar oven” which they excitedly took turns using to bake s’mores via solar radiation. The ovens were cake boxes donated to the program, which the children then covered with aluminum foil and construction paper so that they could direct the sun’s heat into the box, melting the chocolate and marshmallows onto graham crackers.

Tuesdays and Thursdays the children and staff spend the day at the James L. Day Conference.
Camp gets soaked

Center engaging in activities such as crafts, puppet shows, yoga and music before enjoying an afternoon of swimming and pool related activities.

The children have to pass certain criteria to determine whether they are allowed to swim in the deeper water and jump off the diving board, or instead swim in the shallow end and enjoy the frog slide, explained Ms. Genesis Delgado, child and youth provider for SAC.

“There will also be a dance, on July 26th as part of Disney week,” Lessard said. “Then, in August, we’ll have an art show too where we may be able to auction off some of the art, with proceeds going back into the program.”

“It’s fun,” said Safari Harris, one of the children enrolled in the camp.

When asked what they like best, most of the children agreed that swimming at the pool was their favorite part of camp.

“I like knowing that my daughter Chloe is going to be doing lots of fun stuff and staying active,” said Michelle Bledsoe, fire inspector for Fire and Emergency Services on base.

For more information about the program, contact SAC at 577-6499.

Chloe Bledsoe takes a plunge off the diving board at the Oasis Pool and Water Park during the School Age Care Summer Camp held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 15. The program offers children of military and civilian employees on base an opportunity to enjoy activities throughout the summer.

Genesis Delgado, child youth provider for School Age Care, shows children how to make S’mores using a solar oven they made during an arts and crafts session earlier in the week, during their Summer Camp festivities, held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 14.

One of the children enrolled in the Summer Camp program opts for some time to himself to rest and recharge in a one-person tent, ensuring the sign says “occupied” so no one tries to join him, at the School Age Care facility held aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., June 14. After some rest and relaxation all of the children went outside for fresh air, and to use their solar ovens to make an afternoon snack.
The first two Light Armored Vehicle Anti-Tank Modernization A2 models outfitted with a state of the art rocket launcher have rolled off the line at Production Plant Barstow.

The new Modified Target Acquisition System turret vastly upgrades the tank killing capabilities of the LAV-ATM for the Marine Corps said Chuck Zuhlke, a logistician with the Light Armored Vehicle line headquartered at the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command in Warren, Mich.

He and technicians with Raytheon, the manufacturer of the LAV-ATM, are training artisans from the Marine Depot Maintenance Command’s production plants in Barstow and Albany, Ga., in how to install the MTAS weapons system, aboard the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

The improvement of the LAV-ATM rocket launcher is substantial. “The Marines are excited about getting the new capabilities of the MTAS turret,” Zuhlke said. “One of the advantages of the MTAS is that it is always in the up position. They can scan on the move, they can track on the move, and when they stop they’re instantly ready to fire.

“The previous weapons system Emerson 901 (aka Hammerhead) turret would have to be stowed when the LAV was on the move. When they stopped they would have to raise the turret and then they could scan and engage the target,” Zuhlke continued.

He explained that the Emerson 901 turret has been on the LAV-AT line since the vehicle was first introduced to the Marine Corps in 1983. The Corps saw a need for a more up to date launcher to replace the nearly 30-year-old Emerson, so the MTAS system began development in 2012 with a target of 2017 for getting them out to the Marines in the field.

“These are the first two vehicles to come off the line at Production Plant Barstow with the MTAS turret,” Zuhlke said. “Production Plant Albany will also start inducting these vehicles and incorporating the turrets.”

The Tube-launched Optically-tracked Wire-guided missile, or TOW, fired by the LAV-ATM has a nearly two-mile range and can penetrate almost three feet of armor, according to information available on the Raytheon website.

“The old Emerson turret had too many mechanical parts that could fail,” said Mack Brown, one of the LAV-ATM mechanics from Production Plant Albany training at PPB. “The new MTAS is mostly electronic in nature and more reliable.”

“Getting the best equipment to the warfighter is what matters the most to me,” added Patrick Jackett, a colleague of Brown’s training alongside him at PPB.

Zuhlke said the final testing of the MTAS turret is nearly complete and the upgraded system will be issued to Marine units for deployment very soon.
Twenty-eight students from Summit Leadership Academy High Desert based in Hesperia, Calif., spent two weeks in June living in a Marine Corps barracks and learning about career opportunities and military discipline at a unique summer camp at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif.

“Summit Leadership Academy is a charter school that provides academies having to do with law enforcement, fire sciences and the military,” said Chris Jones, dean of students at SLAHD. “We teach them about what a career might be like in those fields, and we also teach them leadership skills that will help them not only in those careers but in life as well.”

As part of that experience, cadets engaged in several activities and classes during Vanguard summer training from June 1st through the 15th, including close-order drill, land navigation with maps, donning personal protective equipment (PPE) from the fire department, how to clear a building as police officers would do, how to subdue a subject and apply handcuffs, and other skills and tactics routinely used by police, fire, and military personnel.

“Summit Leadership Academy High Desert has a small student body of about 240 students, which Jones said allows the staff to devote much more one-on-one instructional time with the students. “We know the names of every student in the school,” Jones said.

One of the more gratifying aspects of teaching at SLAHD is watching students develop and experience those “aha” moments,” Jones added.

“I’ve seen that look on the students’ faces, especially when they got here and started working with all of the fire equipment. We had a lot less people interested in fire department work until this group came here and now several of them really have an interest that career field.”

“All three instructors here, retired law enforcement, retired military, we’re all out here because we want to be here,” Jones said. “We love teaching these kids.”

The Law Academy portion of Summit Academy teaches students several skills vital to a career in law enforcement, such as how to properly handcuff a subject, June 13.

The Land Navigation class has students poring over a map to find a landmark designated by their instructor, June 13. SLAHD cadets also go on several cross country hikes using compasses and maps to find their way.
The Single Marine Program, the new Active Duty Recreation Center, and the Semper Fit Gym have activities lined up to engage and entertain Marines and their families aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., all summer long.

The activities have multiple benefits to include developing camaraderie amongst Marines, behavioral and emotional benefits, socializing children with others their age, and simply entertaining military personnel and their families.

“Semper Fit is involved in the Wellness Series with Behavioral Health,” said Shelley Lamey, director of Semper Fit on base. “We just did a session for family members on Summer Stresses. We do healthy cooking classes and also I teach yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30-12:30 which is a tremendous immune system booster and stress reduction class.”

“(Children from the) Child Development Center come to the fitness center once a week to do recreational activities in the basketball court and they go to the pool three times per week for two to three hours for fun in the splash park and swimming,” Lamey said. “There are swimming lessons now available for registration at the pool and they will be conducted from 11:15-11:45 a.m. and 6:15-7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. There are three sessions: June 20-30; July 5-14 and July 18-28.”

The pool is also available for physical training throughout the summer months either for work centers and units, or for lap swim from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Units can use the pool for PT which is a great way to cross train for injury prevention and get out of the gym,” Lamey said. “Eventually we are going to try to do Water Aerobics Classes for end of July through August.”

The Active Duty Recreation Center on base and the Single Marine Program are offering a variety of activities such as Dinner & Movie Night, Volleyball Night, as well as opportunities to engage in community service by helping to feed the homeless.

“The Single Marine Program helps unite individual Marines who might be looking for things to do, with other Marines who have similar interests,” said Albert “AJ” Jacobs, the SMP coordinator. “The Active Duty Recreation Center also gives active duty Marines a chance to hang out, maybe play video games with other Marines, or a game of pool, and not have to worry about the rest of their day. It’s a fun place to hang out and relax. We are even planning some other fun stuff like cooking classes and maybe gaming tournaments.”

Some of the July activities will include a pancake breakfast, and Texas Hold-em Poker Night & Chow, as well as additional movie nights. There may even be trips to San Diego’s ComicCon, and a trampoline venue.

For more information on group or semi-private lessons and patron costs, call 577-6284.

For more info. about SMP or the Active Duty Recreation Center call 577-5889.

In addition to all of the above events and activities, Marine Corps Family Team Building is hosting “5 Love Languages for Children” and Family Readiness Council later this month.

“Marine Corps Family Team Building offers trainings that aim to provide service members and their families the tools and resources needed to thrive in the military lifestyle,” said Ashley Ignatz, the MCFTB trainer.

For a schedule of MCFTB events, to include dates, times and locations call 577-6675.

Summer is definitely in full swing aboard MCLB Barstow and there is no shortage of things to do, so reach out and join in growing list of events and activities available to you and your families.
2016 Consumer Confidence Report available online

Drinking water at MCLB Barstow is tested continually throughout the year, and the results are reported to the State Water Resources Control Board on a monthly basis. Information on drinking water is available on request at any time, and once a year the Environmental Division prepares a Consumer Confidence Report which summarizes the properties of your drinking water for the previous calendar year. The 2016 Consumer Confidence Report shows that drinking water at Nebo and Yermo has met all Federal and State water quality guidelines, and is available on the MCLB Barstow public website.

Nebo at URL:

Yermo at URL:

The point of contact for questions or comments is the water quality program manager, Mr. Mark Ulibarri, at 760-577-6811.

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MARADMIN 312/17 Survey

Female Dress Blue Coat Survey

Request widest female participation in the on-line female dress blue coat survey. Feedback from the FDBC survey will be used to formulate recommendations to CMC.

The CMC-directed effort to review the FDBC began in FY14. Ref B para 6a addresses on-site surveys and focus groups conducted to date. CMC desires a final survey on level of acceptance of proposed changes to FDBC.

An on-line FDBC survey will be open from 16 June 2017 through 22 Sept 2017. All Marines may view the survey, but only female Marines will be allowed to submit user feedback in the on-line survey. Survey responses are limited to one per female marine.

a. The survey will include photos of the current uniforms, and photos and video of marine personnel wearing the prototype uniforms to enable viewing of current and potential FDBC.

b. A CAC is required to complete the on-line survey and viewing of the video will be required before the survey can be taken.

c. The URL is located at https://usmcsurveys.natick.army.mil.

Direct all questions to Louis Curcio, 703-432-5672, email: louis.curcio@usmc.mil, or Jennifer Fernald 508-233-5449, email: jennifer.l.fernald.civ@mail.mil.

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MARADMIN 291/17 20th anniversary logo voting

Lifestyle Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills (L.I.N.K.S.) 20th anniversary logo voting

This MARADMIN serves as the announcement for the L.I.N.K.S. 20th Anniversary logo voting.

In preparation of the L.I.N.K.S. 20th Anniversary, logos were created to reinvigorate the “brand” of the program. This logo is to be used across the Marine Corps, at installations as a branding concept, for all L.I.N.K.S. events and activities, to include the Recreation Centers, during the 20th Year celebration (1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018).

Marines and their families are encouraged to vote for the logo that they feel best represents L.I.N.K.S. The voting period is opened 12 June 2017 to 23 June 2017 via www.usmc-mccs.org. We encourage installations to share this link for voting via all social media and digital platforms for widest dissemination.

Results from this voting will be unveiled on www.usmc-mccs.org, and throughout installation L.I.N.K.S. 20th Anniversary celebrations. Installations are not required to recreate printed materials with the L.I.N.K.S. 20th Anniversary logo.

Point of contact is Maureen Denyszyn who can be reached at 703-784-9540 or by email:maureen.denyszyn@usmc.mil.