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Photos by Sgt. Shannon E. Yount

Front cover:

Captain Mark P. Lubke, the staff judge advocate for Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and Lt. Benjamin Warner, the base chaplain, ride with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard during the 55th annual Swallow's Day Parade in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., March 23.

Back cover:

Members of the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, stationed on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., participate in the 55th annual Swallow's Day Parade in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., March 23.



Photo by Pfc. Samuel Ranney

Staff Sergeant Kelly Sypraseuth, the administrative chief on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, gets his blood drawn by Katherine Nunez, a registered nurse, for Life Stream's blood drive, March 21 on base. Life Stream visits MCLB Barstow four times a year, giving Marines and civilian employees the opportunity to donate blood. Life Stream is slated to return in June with a setup on both the Nebo and Yermo Annex of the base.

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(Far right) Brigadier General Vincent Coglianes, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif., and Sgt. Maj. Derrick Christovale, sergeant major of MCI West and Camp Pendleton, pose for a photo with the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, March 14. During the visit, Coglianes and Christovale toured several areas on base and spoke with Marines here.

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Anthony Seirafi, a dog handler with the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Police Department, leads his four-legged partner, Ricsi, a K-9 police officer, during a training exercise on base, March 25. Various narcotics were sealed in canisters and planted throughout Building 204 for Ricsi to sniff out. Dog handlers on base train routinely with their K-9 counterparts to ensure they are ready for any scenario that may occur on base.

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Make Every Day EARTH DAY!

MCLB BARSTOW EARTH DAY EVENT 2013

“GLOBAL REACH - LOCAL ACTION”

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013 | 3PM-7PM

MCTUREOUS HALL, BUILDING 218

We're "Going Green." Let's celebrate Earth Day! Come and spend the day with desert critters and birds of prey that help create a better environment for us all! Be on your way to becoming an environmental steward with information and education by the MCLB Fire and Police Departments, MCLB Environmental Division and local exhibitors from the High Desert. Support your Marines to raise funds for their Marine Corps Ball by purchasing refreshments.

Take care of the EARTH, and it will take care of YOU!

Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations:

Johnny Davis Jr., Roger Dull, Eileen Garcia, Cindy Hernandez, Tulu Niusulu, Requella Gonzales and Lisa Wood.

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 Josie Marquez at 760-577-6915.

Nutrition Month

Eating right and being physically active are key components to living a healthy life. With healthy eating patterns, it's possible to reduce your risk of many chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and osteoporosis. Come to Semper Fit throughout the month and receive information to help make health-conscious choices to improve your quality of life!

New Library Hours

Effective immediately, the base library hours will change. It will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Fridays it will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The

library will be closed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For any questions, comments or concerns regarding Personal & Professional Development Programs, call 760-577-6118.

New Gym Hours

The hours of the base gym have changed. It will be open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturdays the gym will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be closed on Sundays.

TSP iPhone App

A free iPhone App, TSP funds, currently being offered through the Apple App store asks TSP participants for their account login information. This app is not being offered through the TSP and the TSP does not recommend using this application to access your TSP account. Providing this information could result in a security risk to your account. For more information, visit the TSP web site at:

<https://www.tsp.gov/index.shtml>

Distracted Driving

The National Safety Council has declared April 2013 Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Thousands die needlessly each year because people continue to use their cell phones while driving, handheld or hands-free. Below is a link to a totally anonymous survey. Please take the time to answer the

questions truthfully in order for the MCLB's Drive Safe Working Group to develop a campaign to fight distracted driving on base http://www.research.net/s/distract_driver.

Anticipated Vacancies

Installation & Logistics- Utility Systems Operator, WG-4742-09.

Installation & Logistics- Mobile Equipment Servicer, WG-5806-06.

S-6 Communications- IT Specialist, GS-221012

SES Department- Firefighter, GS-0081-04/05/07

SES Department- Firefighter (Paramedic), GS-0081-05/07/09

SES Department- Supervisory Firefighter, GS-0081-11

Please look for announcements under the new link, <http://usajobs.gov>

Energy Tip:

Did you know a dripping faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day and a leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day?

April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

683,000 forcible rapes
occur every year, which
equals 56,916 per month,
1,871 per day, 78 per hour,
and 1.3 per minute.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

Preventing sexual assault and other types of sexual violence requires sustained vigilance and a steadfast team effort. Unprecedented senior leader and civilian commitment must be matched throughout the base to ensure all individuals treat each other with dignity and respect. We must collectively instill a climate that does not tolerate, condone, or ignore sexist behavior, sexual harassment, or sexual assault.

Engaged leadership at every

level is critical. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an excellent opportunity for every Marine, Sailor, and Civilian Leader to engage their unit and personnel to underscore their personal commitment, discuss the importance of supporting victims, and reinforce the importance of bystander intervention to help stop unsafe behavior.

With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing all types of sexual violence in the Marine Corps and within our community through increased education, awareness and community involvement.

It's time for all of us to start conversations with each other at

work and at home; and to begin taking the appropriate actions to support one another in order to create a safer environment for all.

I encourage all Marines and Civilians to take the steps needed to become familiar with sexual violence prevention and work to help prevent such violence from occurring. Additional information and resources can be found at www.mclbbarstow.marines.mil/services/SexualAssaultPreventionandResponseProgram.aspx

Thank you for your personal commitment in addressing this issue which profoundly impacts mission readiness, and those that are affected by sexual violence.



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Barstow, California

Marines make Corps-wide effort to prevent cases with Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Story by

Cpl. T. Allen Bricker

Combat Correspondent

For several years now, President Barack Obama has declared April 'Sexual Assault Awareness Month.'

The month has been a staple in the campaign against rape and sexual violence, and is used to create awareness throughout the country and educate American citizens on the importance of sexual assault prevention.

The Department of Defense is doing their part to help make sure service members stay educated in the matter. Each year, a different theme is chosen to encourage critical thinking and discussions on the matter between service members.

According to Marine Administrative Message 130/13, this year's DoD theme is, "We'll own it ... We'll solve it ... Together." According to the Maradmin, the theme reasserts that the responsibility of preventing sexual assault belongs to all Marines.

To help combat sexual assault, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is using several measures, such as banners, information kiosks, and the use of social media posts to ensure the employees of its community are armed with the knowledge to fight rape, sexual violence and other related matters.

"We've recently become a full-time job. Before, it was basic coverage and ad-

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Dr. Seuss: man of few words

Story by Cpl. T. Allen Bricker

Combat Correspondent

In the history of Western Civilization, many have faced challenges that have garnered prominence; after the Industrial Revolution, American folk hero John Henry beat a steam-driven hammer while constructing the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway to prove man could still compete against machine. The 1980 United States Olympic hockey team, consisting of a group of college players, overcame their adversity to beat the professional

Russian team during the famed 'Miracle on Ice.'

One challenge many students in America learn about was much more mental than it was physical. In 1960, Theodore Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss, published a book that revolutionized the children's literature industry.

Seuss, already an acclaimed children's book author at the time, was known for works such as "And to Think That I saw it on Mulberry Street" and "The Cat in the Hat." The latter story used 225 words and rhyming sequences that changed the way children learned to read. This was a feat in itself.

Bennett Cerf, Seuss's editor at the time, was a prominent figure in the literature industry as well. He issued Seuss a challenge students still learn about to this day; Seuss was to write a book using 50 words or less.

The result in this challenge became one of the world's most iconic children's books of all time. Using exactly 50 words, Dr. Seuss conceived "Green Eggs and Ham."



Since then, approximately 200 million copies of the book have been sold. The title of the book is a household name.

Dr. Seuss's birthday has become a celebration in itself. Schools across the country participate in 'Read Across America,' a day set aside to specifically promote reading. Although March 2 fell on a Saturday this year, many celebrated it early or afterward.

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., celebrated Dr. Seuss's legacy in several ways. Closer to the zany author's birthday, the base library had several games and a story time for kids attending the base child development center.

On March 18, the base's Single Marine Program hosted the 4th annual Green Eggs and Ham breakfast for base employees. During the event, patrons could choose between different styles of green eggs. Proceeds benefited the base SMP.

A.J. Jacobs, MCLB Barstow's SMP coordinator, explained that the event was good to compliment the recently passed Read Across America Day and the green coordinated with St. Patrick's Day as well.

Because of a never-back-down attitude and a few rhymes here and there ... and everywhere... events like the Green Eggs and Ham breakfast can continue to happen.



Photo by Cpl. T. Allen Bricker

Lance Cpls. Jonathon Norita and Blong Yang, Marines of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, serve food during the 4th annual Green Eggs and Ham breakfast held March 18 at the base's Family Restaurant.



Photo by Pfc. Samuel Ranney

Children from the Child Development Center and Play Morning on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., construct Dr. Seuss hats, March 1 at the base library, McTureous Hall.

TODAY'S TEUFELHUNDEN TRAIN ON TRANSMISSIONS

Story and photos by Gunnery Sgt.

Reina Barnett

Public Affairs Chief

Seven Marines with 1st Maintenance Battalion, Reparable Management Company, or RMC, based out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., recently spent two weeks at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command.

Back at their home base, the Marines perform intermediate-level maintenance support, to include wheeled and tracked vehicle recovery. For these mechanics, they specialize in light armored vehicles, the LAV-25, to be specific.

The Marines spent some of their time learning how to operate a dynamometer, a device used for measuring the torque or power produced by an engine, motor or transmission.

Sgt. Paul J. Weeks, an Ellensburg, Wash., native who's been an LAV mechanic for seven years, said the training he and his Marines received was invaluable.

Working on the dynamometer helps the Marines calibrate the transmission and ensures it works before being placed back in the vehicle, said Weeks.

Chris Denmark, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic in the transmissions shop said it's always a pleasure having Marines come up and train with them. Denmark, no stranger to mentoring and sharing his wealth of knowledge, said he trained a handful of Marines from

Camp Lejeune, N.C., a few years back.

"They're always professional and so eager to learn," Denmark added.

Cpl. Michael Valdes, a Miami, Fla., native, and Cpl. James M. Hurst, a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, both light armored vehicle mechanics, also trained with Denmark and other mechanics in the transmissions shop.

The training here afforded the Marines a lot of hands-on opportunities not available to them before.

"At the schoolhouse, the ratio is one instructor to 26 students, but here, we've had two guys instructing seven Marines," said Weeks. "We were never trained on how to tear down transmissions ... until now. This has been an awesome opportunity to verify our procedures and if we're not doing it correctly, learn how to correct our deficiencies," added Weeks.

Sgt. Joseph O. Sanchez, from Hollister, Calif., said not only did he learn hands-on, but he received additional, very practical information he didn't previously have.

"We didn't have the specialized tools they had; but now we have the NSNs, so we can be more effective when we put our gear together," said Sanchez, referring to a manual of specific parts.

The Marines said the two week training opportunity cemented their confidence in their abilities to execute fourth echelon maintenance back at their own shop.

"I was most impressed with their proficiency



Corporal Michael Valdes and Lance Cpl. Grant Donovan, both Marines with Reparable Management Company, 1st Maintenance Bn, out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., clean the transmission of an LAV-25, after they've completed testing the part on a dynamometer in the transmissions shop at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, March 14. Seven Marines from RMC spent two weeks working alongside the mechanics at PPB and rebuilt two transmissions after completely breaking them down.

and professionalism," said Sanchez, of the men in the transmission shop. "They were outstanding and were so willing to help us in learning."

Similar to his co-workers, Hurst spoke of learning the basics at school, but here, he learned how to actually tear down and build back up, a transmission. Something he hadn't done before, and said was the hardest part. Of the two weeks spent in the High Desert, Hurst said, "We've rebuilt two [transmissions]." Not a bad feat!

Hurst said he really likes the intricacy of his job. "I like learning about the components, and what they do and where they go," he said.

In the end, the Marines with RMC left with a much broader understanding of the parts they work on every day, and can now use that knowledge to perform maintenance on their own --- possibly avoiding sending the part away, not only saving time, but money.

"What is most impressive is the pride these men take in their jobs. Every day, they are making quality gear, they don't cut corners, their standards are high and they're more than willing to help," echoed Weeks.



Marines with Reparable Management Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., spent two weeks at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., learning detailed maintenance procedures and working side-by-side with mechanics in the transmissions shop. From left to right are: Sgt. Paul Weeks, Cpl. Michael Valdes, Lance Cpl. David Isidorperalta, Sgt. Joseph Sanchez, Cpl. James Hurst, Lance Cpl. Grant Donovan, and Lance Cpl. Devin Thompson. (March 14, 2013)

Story and photos by
Sgt. Shannon E. Yount
Press Chief

MODIFICATIONS FOR BARSTOW

When seconds count and the stakes are high, police officers with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, depend on horsepower and technology to get the job done.

Emergency response vehicles are one of the tools police officers use with duties such as patrolling areas, responding to incidents and transporting criminal suspects.

Over the years, police departments exchange and modify emergency vehicles to ensure safety and mission accomplishment.

The police department on MCLB has recently modified the vehicles in their inventory to comply with Marine Corps standards and meet federal and state regulations, said Pedro Ruiz, services officer with Security and Emergency services, MCLB Barstow Military Police Department.

According to Marine Corps Order 5580.2B section 5500, depending on the mission, emergency response vehicles should be outfitted with exterior emergency lights, logos visible to the public, a mobile radio transceiver, a siren and public address system, first aid supplies, safety vests and equipment deemed necessary by the military police of the installation.

The Marine Corps sets these guidelines for every law enforcement department to follow, but left it up to the installation to make modifications on the emergency vehicles, explained Ruiz. Each instal-

lation has different vehicles used for different purposes. The police department on base has vehicles used for patrolling, transporting and first response, Ruiz added.

“When the police department receives vehicles from Southwest Region Fleet Transportation, they are the basic models. The first thing we do is identify the vehicle and what modifications (need to be made). Then we start outsourcing to purchase equipment and have professionals install the equipment,” he said. “We went the extra mile and installed the vehicles with the best equipment possible.”

Currently the installation has 11 emergency response vehicles and all of them meet the requirements of the Marine Corps. Four of the 11 were modified beyond what was required.

The fully loaded vehicles include two sedans, a utility vehicle and a hybrid vehicle.

The sedans, for the most part, are used to enforce traffic laws and respond to emergencies. The sport utility vehicles are also used to enforce traffic laws and respond to emergencies, but they have the capability to drive through the rugged terrain of the desert, explained Ruiz.



The base police department has recently modified emergency response vehicles in their inventory to comply with Marine Corps standards and meet federal and state regulations. The police officers use the vehicles to assist them with duties such as patrolling areas, responding to incidents and transporting criminal suspects.

IMPROVE SAFETY COMMUNITY



Police officers with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Police Department stand in front of a fully modified emergency response vehicle on base, March 18. The base police department has recently modified the vehicles in their inventory to comply with Marine Corps standards and meet federal and state regulations. The vehicles assist police officers with duties such as patrolling areas, responding to incidents and transporting criminal suspects.

The hybrid is the first all-wheel-drive vehicle to be modified as an emergency response vehicle in Barstow, stated Ruiz.

“It’s good on the terrain and great on gas,” he added.

The sedans and the utility vehicle are equipped with an emergency light bar. The light bar consists of a light-emitting diode system with each LED capable of beaming red, blue, white and amber colors. The light bar is programmable for different light sequences to include a 360 degree white flood light, solid red forward-facing takedown light and a programmable rear-facing yellow, directional, warning light.

“The unit operates with both the white flood light and red light. The white flood light can be used during traffic stops to illuminate the subject vehicle,” explained Ruiz. “Blue signifies enforcement authority, red signifies stop, yellow is used to direct and warn traffic of a hazard.”

The vehicles are also equipped with a thermal imaging [infrared] camera. The camera gives officers a tactical advantage by allowing them to track, locate and close with, a subject in complete darkness. In daylight mode, the camera has a zoom feature that can be used to identify suspicious personnel or objects from a distance, he explained.

With the modifications done on the vehicles, police officers have the opportunity to increase awareness and means to serve and protect the MCLB community.

Awareness is increased through the ample lighting from the light bar and the use of the camera, which allows the officer to observe the surrounding area, stated Ruiz.

Sedans are mostly used to transport suspects; they are equipped with a single prisoner transport partition with a roll cage. The partition securely separates the prisoner transport area from the front of the vehicle.

“The better the equipment, the safer everyone is,” explained Ruiz. “Not only is the police officer safe in case the vehicle rolls over but so are the occupants, to include someone in the partition.”

Additional features include, but are not limited to, a dual radar unit that is capable of sensing speed from the front and rear of the vehicle. They are equipped with police suspension, the heavy duty shocks and springs are designed for increased weight and performance. The vehicles are equipped with a police-calibrated power train, which has a feature to allow the onboard computer to communicate with the radar unit to provide accurate and defensible speed readout during mobile traffic enforcement operations.

“The modifications provide everything possible to the police officers,” said Ruiz. “It gives them the tactical advantage to be ready for anything and everything.”

WOULD YOU SPEND \$15,700 FOR A DRINK?

Story submitted by **Manny Llanura**
Substance Abuse Counselor,
Barstow, Calif.

Every day, almost 30 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. This amounts to one death every 48 minutes. The annual cost of alcohol-related crashes totals more than \$51 billion. These are staggering statistics reported by the Centers for Disease Control, which also reports that in 2010, more than 1.4 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or a narcotic. That's one percent of the 112 million self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving among U.S. adults each year. If you want to interpret those odds, it means approximately one out of every 100 drunk drivers get caught. Looking at it from another angle, one

would have to drink and drive 100 times before getting caught. Odds too high? Let's figure out what the wager is when you throw the dice and you lose? Here's the cost monetarily:

Expenses included in the average first-offense misdemeanor DUI cost calculation include: (see graphic below)

What happens for the second and third convictions? The costs skyrocket, a standard cost of \$15,000-\$30,000 is expected for a third-offense DUI.

Besides the obvious financial effect on people, it has the potential of harming someone or killing someone and if that happens, it is a burden one has to live with the rest of their lives.

Thankfully, there are effective measures that can prevent alcohol-impaired driving.

- Choose not to drink and drive and

help others do the same.

- Before drinking, designate a non-drinking driver when with a group.

- If out drinking, get a ride home or call a taxi.

- Don't let friends drink and drive.

- Choose not to binge drink and help others not to do it. (Binge drinking is roughly defined as 5 drinks)

- Talk with a doctor or your Command Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) about drinking and driving and request counseling if drinking is causing health, work, or social problems.

How much does your drink cost? Your next one might be too expensive.

(If you want to know more about impaired driving or other consequences of binge drinking, contact Manny Llanura, SACC at 760-577-6533.)

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU...
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A FIRST DUI*

Towing Fee.....\$100-1,200	Jail Fee.....\$10-50
Impound (per day).....\$75-150	DUI Treatment Program.....\$150-2,000
Court Cost.....\$75-200	Ignition Interlock Rental.....\$700-1,700
Defense Attorney.....\$1,000-5,000	Auto Insurance Increase.....\$500-1,500
Bail Fee.....\$150-2,500	License Reinstatement.....\$100-200
First Conviction Fine.....\$250-1,200	

TOTAL \$ 15,700



ALSO, BEYOND YOUR WALLET:
LOSS OF FREEDOM, PROPERTY DAMAGE, POTENTIAL JOB LOSS, BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS, SERIOUS INJURY, LIVES LOST, CRIMINAL RECORD

Cost Of A DUI: EXPENSIVE

*This is a general tally, not an accurate portrayal of a specific case. All costs, however, are actual amounts from states.

LIVES ARE AT STAKE
In 2008, 11,773 people were killed by drunk drivers, accounting for nearly one-third (32%) of all traffic-related deaths in the United States

Chaplain's Corner

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
Base Chaplain

Why Easter still matters

It's the Easter season, so you're certainly going to find any number of news stories regarding Jesus. There was a story regarding the dating of the Last Supper which somehow unravels the historical conundrum that "disproves" the authenticity of the Gospels. Producer of the documentary regarding the "Tomb of Jesus," Simon Jacobvichi now claims to have found the nails that held Jesus of Nazareth to the cross. Every year we are treated to new and different stories regarding Jesus, and it seems as if their publicity is inversely proportional to their belief in the accounts of the Gospels. Thus, if you have a theory regarding Jesus that denies the traditional story, regardless of how unsupported it is by the evidence; you can get the headline on any Internet news site for a few hours.

This phenomenon made me think back a few years to an account I read where the author asked a journalist why it is that the traditional story of Easter — that of Jesus' death and resurrection — is highly disregarded in mainstream news. The journalist's response was something like, "Man rises from dead—that's old news." We, as a society, are entirely consumed with finding something new. We are also consumed with conspiracy theories and being suspicious of any authority figure. So, as long as we can continue

to question authority and find something novel to entertain us, we will always be happy to question the Gospel story of Jesus' resurrection.

My normal 600 words is definitely not enough space to establish a credible defense of the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus. Others have done that more ably than I could. Not to mention that if you do enjoy questioning authority and swimming in muddy conspiracy theories, nothing I could write here is likely to convince you of the historical validity of the resurrection of Jesus. What I would like to suggest is that the resurrection is definitely old news — but it is news that still matters today.

More than our daily stock quotes, more than the weather, the news of Jesus' return from the grave has an impact on how we carry ourselves. I'll offer two ways that the resurrection affects me every day, and let you draw the implications for your own life. First, the resurrection tells me that God's creation is indeed good. Death is the eventual end of every living thing we encounter. Plants, animals, humans, we all meet the same fate. But this was not the design by which we were created. Genesis tells us that God's creation is indeed good, yet needs redemption because of sin (disobedience and disruption of God's intent). Death is the result of anything contrary



to God's design and desire, but the resurrection shows that death is not the final state. Jesus' bodily resurrection (instead of some mystical ascension in spirit only) shows that God's creation still has purpose and value. So, we cannot embrace any sort of escapism with regard to this world. We have a responsibility to treat God's good creation as faithful stewards. This is a reality that challenges how I respond to the people I meet, the lawn I mow, and the cat I feed.

The second way the resurrection impacts me is that Jesus' resurrection promises my resurrection. Again, I can't live into any sort of escapism—the old criticism that religion makes us so heavenly minded that we're no earthly good falls flat. Since the resurrection does still matter, it matters how I respond to the evils and challenges of this world. How will I respond in relationship to poverty, to injustice, and to the evils which affect all my relationships? The answers for those questions will fill libraries — but it is the reality of Easter that causes them to matter for me today.

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vertisement," explained Christina Chavez, the sexual assault response coordinator on MCLB Barstow. "Now that we have more time and resources available, we are going to be able to use a lot of different ways to get the word out to everyone," she added.

Chavez explained that the SAPR program plans to set up kiosks around the installation with information on sexual assault prevention. Chavez hopes to use other means as well, including a more unconventional one.

"I want to take teal-colored flags and put them in the grass outside the building of Marine and Family Services," said Chavez. "The amount of flags used will reflect the number of sexual assault cases within the Marine Corps in fiscal year 2011. We didn't have any cases on MCLB Barstow and that's good."

There were 333 cases reported in the Marine Corps, so getting the word out to people shows it's still a prevalent threat, Chavez explained.

"I'd be naïve to think nothing ever happens here on base," she said. "Something may have happened, but it was never reported. We want people to be comfortable and confident enough to come to us if anything were to happen," she added.

As April approaches, watch for information kiosks throughout Barstow along with posts on the base's social media pages and help prevent any possible sexual assault cases. Together as a community, MCLB Barstow can help.

