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Marines from the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune perform maintenance on a vehicle prior to transport back to Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 29 Palms Marine from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. as part of their training in use of SHOUT nano and RFID tracking devices, Jan. 27. The training allowed Marines and Soldiers to compare tracking capabilities between the standard RFID system and the more advanced SHOUT nano system which allows for better in-transit visibility.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FACTS

Black History Month, also known as National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role they have played in our nation's history.

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925.

In 1925, the event was first celebrated during a week in February that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1960, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration.

The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all color on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our nation's history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to, "Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

<http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov/about.html>

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Photo by: Rob Jackson

Colonel Sekou Karega, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, speaks with Charles Lubeshkoff, program manager with Marstel Day Consulting, about the benefits of community

partnerships during a meeting held at Los Domingos restaurant in Barstow, Calif., Jan 31. The meeting included local citizens, and representatives from local businesses, as well as the base.

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

Tax Preparation Assistance

Office of General Council

Bldg. 236

Feb. 24 & March 10

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free tax help for active duty, retirees and MCLB civilian employees. Active duty and dependents need military/dependent ID's. Civilians and retirees bring Social Security Card with proper ID. Bring all applicable tax forms. Form 1361-C is required for services; it is located at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs.-pdf/f13614c.pdf>. This form will also be available to fill out. To schedule an appointment call 760-830-4829. Walk in services will also be available.

Screens and Strikes

Family Movie Night

Desert Lanes Bowling Center

Friday Feb. 10

5 - 7 p.m.

We'll be watching the family friendly movie "Secret Life of Pets" For more information contact Desert Lanes Bowling Center at 577-6264 or visit www.mccsbarstow.com/bowling/.

Play Morning

Community Center

Friday Feb. 10

9 a.m.

Come join in the fun! All active duty service members and their dependents with children are invited to come enjoy singing, stories, crafts and play-time. Make new friends and learn something new each week. For more information contact New Parent Support at 577-6533.

Self-Defense Class

Semper Fit Gym

Wed. Feb. 22

6 - 8 p.m.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month! One and three teens experience some form of abuse from a dating partner. This month our self-defense classes will focus on helping teens be more self-aware. All ages and skill levels are still welcome. For more information call 577-6533.

YOGA Classes

Semper Fit Gym

Tues. & Thurs.

11:30 - 12 p.m.

YOGA is a system of breathing practices, postures and meditation intended to integrate the body and mind to restore flexibility and promote calmness. Classes are \$3 drop-in or you may purchase a monthly pass for \$25.00. For more information call 577-6898.

Infant Massage Class

Desert Housing

Community Center

Wed. Feb. 15

10 - 12 p.m.

Massage Therapy tips and techniques for parents of infants and toddlers. Expectant parents also welcome to attend. For more information contact New Parent Support at 577-6533.

Baby Boot Camp

Desert Housing

Community Center

Wed. March 15

9 - 11 a.m.

Join the New Parent Support Program for expecting moms and moms of children ages 0-18 months for information on diapering, bathing, health and safety, soothing a crying baby, infant growth and development, infant care, and infant oral health. Children are welcome! For more information call 577-6533.

Energy Tip

Keep damper shut on fireplaces when not in use; heated air can be pulled out of the home and up the chimney.

Let the sunshine in. Open drapes and let the sun heat your home for free! Be sure to close them again at sundown so they can help insulate.

Marines receive Awards

Photos by: Rob Jackson
Public Affairs Officer



Sergeant Jacob Cummins, stableman with the Mounted Color Guard, and Lance Cpl. Jacob Brown, administrative clerk, Manpower Department, MCLB Barstow are congratulated by Jessica Sims,

branch manager with Alaska Federal Credit Union and the Barstow Military Affairs Committee as MCLB Barstow's newest Marine and Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, Jan. 31.



Corporal. Luis Gomez, a military policeman assigned to the MCLB Barstow Command Inspector General's Office, is pinned by MSgt. Donald Lumpkins, command inspector chief, and Sgt. Monica Hilpisch stableman with Mounted Color Guard, upon being meritoriously promoted to sergeant, Feb 2. This is the Long Beach, Calif. native's second meritorious promotion in the last 18 months.

Marines and Soldiers train with RFID

Story and photos by: Laurie Pearson
Public Affairs Specialist

Marines from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton joined forces with Marines from Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, and soldiers from the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., to test in-transit visibility of equipment being transported from west coast to east coast bases using Radio Frequency Identification and SHOUT Nano devices aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Jan 27.

This was a multi-faceted training exercise beginning the first week and ending the last week of January. During this activity, the 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Supply Battalion, Supply Company Marine Air Ground Task Force, MAGTF Marine Materiel Distribution Center conducted the field exercise in support of the Rail Head Operations Group.

“(They did this) by providing in-transit visibility of 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion movement from MCLB Barstow’s Yermo Annex and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 29 Palms to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin,” explained Staff Sgt. Lydia Lindsey, MMDC operations chief. “(This allowed the units) to perform integrated Rail Operational training and achieve required Mission Essential Tasks.”

One task was to test the in-transit visibility of the equipment using RFID as well as the SHOUT Nano technology and compare the differences in tracking capabilities.

“One of the devices we were using to track the convoys was the SHOUT Nano,” said Chief Warrant Officer Jennifer Lewis, MMDC operations officer. “Roughly the size of a cell phone, it is a two-way satellite GPS (Global Positioning System) tracking device. It can even support text messaging and can also work as an emergency beacon. The Nano is very useful for us when it comes to tracking convoys because it provides near real-time tracking data



and SHOUT Nano in tracking Railops

that feeds to the National RF-ITV (Radio Frequency-In-Transit Visibility) Server. The individual tracking the Nano's position can follow the convoy as it moves from origin to destination and can even determine when the device has stopped moving for some reason.”

Tracking can be done from various locations and reported to appropriate personnel to ensure safety of the equipment.

“For this exercise, we had personnel at Camp Pendleton tracking the movement of the Nano via the RF-ITV server who were able to see the convoy moving from the Yermo Annex to 29 Palms,” Lewis said. “They were able to see the convoy making several stops en route.”

Marines with MMDC and soldiers with 916th Sustainment Brigade Movement Control Center created RFID tags and Military Shipping Label (MSL) for 2nd LAR vehicles utilizing Automated Manifest System Tactical (AMS-TAC), explained Lindsey. Then MMDC provided in-transit visibility of multiple convoys.

“We track cargo using RFID tags, which are more cost-effective, but not quite as precise as the Nano,” Lewis said. “The tags do not show real-time data, but rather “ping” interrogators located at various places such as gates to military installations and along major roads. When tracking an RFID tag, the individual will see the last known location that the tag has passed.”

The end game is to ensure that Marines and soldiers alike are able to use different assets to improve visibility with intermodal transportation, said Lindsey.

“The Marines very much enjoyed the opportunity to learn about rail operations while providing in-transit visibility for the rolling stock coming out of the field,” Lewis said. “It was also beneficial for the Marines and Soldiers to have a chance to meet face-to-face and see firsthand how other services conduct their operations. We look forward to future training opportunities in Barstow.” 🤝



Defense Logistics Agency through

Story and photos by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

United States Air Force Lt. Gen. Andrew E. Busch, who heads the organization supplying every branch of America's military, visited Defense Logistics Agency facilities aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Jan. 26.

Busch met with DLA personnel on both the Nebo and Yermo sides of the base to get a firsthand look at what MCLB Barstow has to offer and what he can do for the base.

"The reason I'm here is because Marine Corps Logistics Base is a great customer of ours," Busch said, "and I'm here to see how I can better support them."

He said he last visited MCLB Barstow 20 years ago and wanted to update his knowledge on the base's activities.

"I talk to (Lt. Gen. Michael G. Dana) quite often, who is your deputy commandant for Installations and Logistics, and he talks about the work you've done out here," Busch said. "So, when I was on the West Coast I wanted to stop and refresh my sense of what you do out here."

The website for the Department of Defense's largest logistics combat support agency (<http://www.dla.mil/>) describes the mission of DLA.

"(Defense Logistics Agency) sources and provides nearly all of the consumable items America's military forces need to operate – from food, fuel and energy to uniforms, medical supplies and construction material. (DLA also) manages the reutilization of military equipment ... and supplies several civilian agencies and foreign governments."

The Agency has a presence aboard MCLB Barstow including offices, warehouses and storage lots.

"We have nine supply chains plus our Distribution and Disposition Services mission and in some form or fashion all of those areas touch on (MCLB Barstow)



(Left) Nuhu Kashalla, property disposal specialist, DLA Disposition Services, MCLBB; greets U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Andrew E. Busch, director, Defense Logistics Agency, during the general's visit to West Coast DLA facilities that fall under his command from DLA headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Va., Jan. 26.

and the mission you have here," Busch said.

The director of DLA met with and Brent Cox, Director, DLA Distribution, MCLBB; Christopher Camacho, Area Manager, DLA Disposition Services; and Luis Guzman, the site manager for DLA Disposition Services, MCLBB; before taking a walking tour of several warehouses aboard the Nebo side of the base.

Busch then toured several lots on the Yermo Annex of MCLB Barstow where vehicles being repaired are kept. He also visited Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, and took a windshield tour of their building, which is the largest building on any Marine base, before visiting Fleet Support Division facilities.

DLA employs more than 27,000 people worldwide and is headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va. 🇺🇸



Among the many places visited by Lt. Gen. Busch was the lot containing the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicles, or M-ATV, currently being repaired, refurbished

and up-armored at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, for both the Marine Corps and Air Force.

Three star visits MCLB Barstow



Lieutenant General Andrew E. Busch congratulates John Sweet for his outstanding work as an environmental protection specialist with the Defense Logistics Agency aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and at the same time presents him with a DLA director's coin for his 15 years of service with the Department of Defense, Jan. 26.



Christopher Camacho, area manager, DLA Disposition Services; and U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Andrew E. Busch, director, Defense Logistics Agency; look at damaged doors taken from High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles, aka Humvees, as Busch tours a DLA warehouse with Joseph Hayward, supply management specialist, DLA Distribution and Brent Cox, director, DLA Distribution aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Jan. 26.



Lieutenant General Andrew E. Busch, U.S. Air Force, director, Defense Logistics Agency; talks with Brent Cox, director, DLA Distribution, MCLBB; as Elizabeth Carroll, environmental protection specialist supervisor, DLA Disposition Services, MCLBB;

Christopher Camacho, area manager, DLA Disposition Services, MCLBB; Kevin Lindsey, operations manager, DLA Distribution, MCLBB, and Luis Guzman, site manager, DLA Disposition Services, MCLBB tour Warehouse 11 with Busch, Jan. 26.

Twentynine Palms Marines tra

Story and photos by: Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

Troops from Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., are currently training at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, on the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. Sergeant Jose Garciacerda is in charge of the 11 Marines from Combat Logistics Company 13, Combat Logistics Regiment 15, 1st Marine Logistics Group, while they are getting advanced training at the PPB facility.

Garciacerda's military occupational specialty is an amphibious assault vehicle mechanic, so the native of Milwaukee appreciates the help he and his Marines are getting from the artisans at the plant.

"We're hoping to gain some knowledge here and apply it to our shop," he said. "We're trying to become more efficient."

Lance Corporals Bailey Hursh and John Rin are working on AAV transmissions under the tutelage of heavy equipment mechanic Walter Easterling, who hails from Laurinburg, N.C.

Hursh, a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., said the training gives them an opportunity to expand their skills.

"We're learning how to work on AAV transmissions because we don't have them at our shop very often," he said. "I've learned something from the artisans and I believe the civilians have learned from us as well."

Seattle born Rin said he welcomes the training.

"I'm hoping to learn a little bit of everything including how to run the dynamometer," he said. The "dyno" for short, is a device that measures force, torque and power of an engine.

"The plant has plenty of tools and equipment we don't have at Twentynine Palms," Rin added. "I think we should definitely come back here more than once a year. The mechanics are awesome."

Corporals Michael Eldridge, Brandon Fairbank and Ross Jablonski are tank mechanics working under the direction of journeyman mechanic Adam Herrera of Barstow.

Eldridge, from Framingham, Mass., said the group is currently working on part of the fuel pump assembly for the M88A2 HERCULES armored recovery vehicle which is capable of towing the massive M1 Abrams tanks. The HERCULES acronym stands for heavy equipment recovery combat utility lift and evacuation system.

"It's good training and a good way to learn stuff I'd never learn anywhere else," Eldridge said.

Fairbank said the training has been valuable for him.

"We're getting more in-depth training on the engines and making our jobs a little easier," the



(Left) Lance Corporals Charles Matte and Tyler Crook are being trained on the computer controlled milling machine behind them by Computer Numeric Controlled Machinist Tobin Anderson at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command. The two Marines are from Combat Logistics Company 13 stationed at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., Feb 1.

native of Crockett, Va., said. "You learn little tips and tricks to help you out."

Corporal Jablonski, from Enfield, Conn., feels the training is very interesting.

"I feel I'm contributing something to the warfighter," he said.

Tobin Anderson is a Computer Numeric Controlled Machinist teaching two Marines at his shop. He thinks the training should be a regular event.

"I think they should come here on a regular basis and stay longer," the retired Air Force tech sergeant from Aberdeen, Wash., said. "They're quite well trained already. I try and teach them new techniques and setups."

Lance Corporal Tyler Crook is enthusiastic about his training experience.

"I've definitely learned a lot since I've been here," said the Harwinton, Conn., native. "Bolt extractions, for example, are a hundred times easier now with what I've learned."

Crook's partner in training is LCpl. Charles Matte, from Jennings, La.

"I've learned a lot of different techniques for extracting bolts, proper methods for bolting fixtures on and taking them off properly," Matte said.

"Being around people with a lot more experience at

in at Production Plant Barstow

machining teaches you tricks of the trade.”

Over at the Electro-Optics Shop Lance Cpl. Bryant Paez-Rodriguez is honing his skills as an electro-optics ordinance technician by adjusting and repairing the targeting system for the M777 Lightweight 155mm Howitzer.

“I’ve learned quite a bit here,” said the Las Vegas native. “I can use all of this when I get back to my company.”

Private First Class Christian Morales, from Houston, is a towed artillery technician working on other aspects of the M777.

“I take it apart completely and put it back together with new and refurbished parts,” Morales said

His final comments seem to reflect the opinions of the other Marines training at Production Plant Barstow.

“There’s a lot I’ve learned here that I can bring back to my unit,” Morales said. “We have a lot of equipment. Everything you put on has to be right the first time because other peoples’ lives depend on it.” 🇺🇸



Corporal Michael Eldridge from CLC-13, CLR-15, 1st MLG, Marine Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palm, Calif., makes adjustments on part of the fuel pump assembly for an M88A2 HERCULES tank retriever. Eldridge and ten other Marines from MCAGCC are training at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, Feb.1.



Lance Corporal Bryant Paez-Rodriguez, from Las Vegas, attaches part of the targeting system for the M777 Lightweight 155mm Howitzer to a machine to adjust it. Paez-Rodriguez from Combat Logistics Company 13 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., is training in the Electro-Optics Shop at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, with several other Marines from his company Feb. 1.



Private First Class Christian Morales, from Houston, works on the M777 Lightweight 155mm Howitzer, as part of his training at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command. Morales is from Combat Logistics Company 13, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif. This is the first visit for Morales and ten other members of CLC-13 to the plant for advanced training in their military occupational specialties, Feb. 1.



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BURN YOUR OWN STEAK

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