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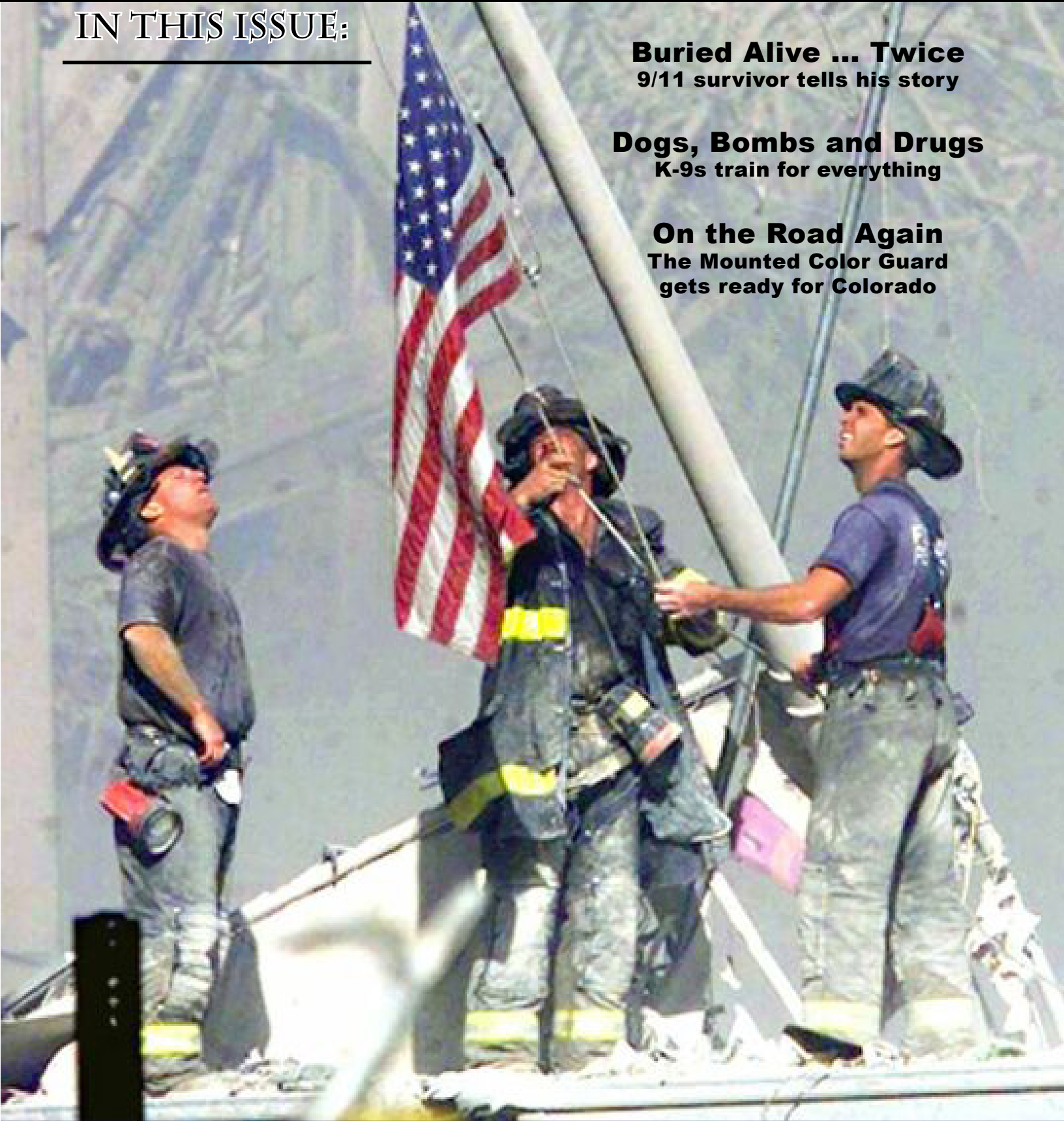
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Courtesy Photo

New York City firefighters raise an American flag on top of Ground Zero, after the World Trade Center was attacked, September 11, 2001. More than 300 firefighters gave their lives helping others that day; today marks the 13th anniversary.

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Photo by Carlos Guerra

Officer Christopher Dixon and K-9 partner, Hoky, search for simulated narcotics and explosives during a training exercise aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Sept. 2. Dixon led the K-9 though a large warehouse on MCLB in order to find the simulated materials.



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Thursday, September 18, 2014 | 3pm
Major General James L. Day Street

Come Enjoy

- * Inflatable Obstacles
- * Rockwall * Zorb Ball
- * Body Art * Tie Dye Station * Jenga
- * Twister * Free Food (3:30-6:30pm)

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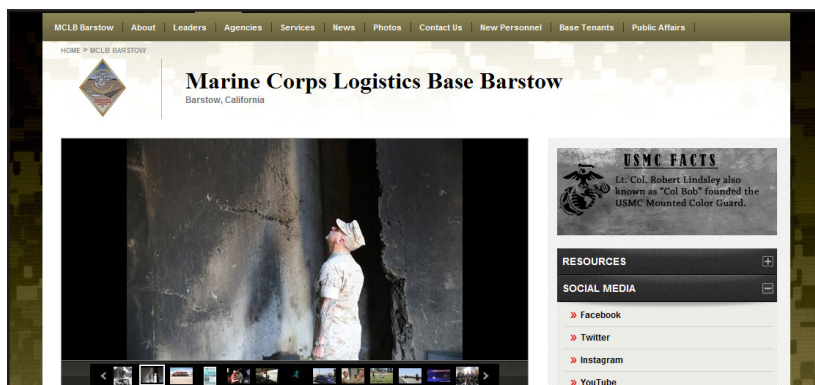




Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Captain Robin Lee assumes command of Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, from Captain Stafford Buchanan, Aug. 29. Buchanan relinquished his duties as commanding officer to Lee after a battalion physical training event.

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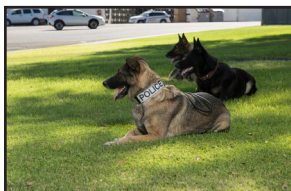
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Rodeo

The Barstow Rodeo Stampede will be Sept. 26 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's base stables. Tickets will be available for purchase on base at the Information, Tickets and Tours office (ITT). For more information, call 760-252-3093.

Jane Wayne Day

Jane Wayne Day lets Marine and Army spouses 'play Marine.' Open to active duty Marine and Army spouses who live on MCLB Barstow. Come out and have some fun, Friday, Oct. 17 starting at 8 a.m. at Bldg. 15. Please call 577-6287 to register. For more information, contact Marine Corps Family Team Building at 577-6675.

Leave Share Program

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

Christopher Garcia, Amy Loughridge, Marilyn McKay, Clarisa Mattig-Smith, and Konrad Miles

Anyone desiring to donate annual leave under the Leave Sharing Program may do so by obtaining a leave donor application form from the Human Resources Office. Ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well. For more information, contact Michelle Cunningham at 760-577-6915.

Thank you to all who donated leave to Cheryle Magorno after her car accident. She appreciates everyone's good wishes and is now
4 back at work at PAO.

Fall Festival

Bring the family out for an afternoon of 70s fun at the upcoming Fall Festival, Sept. 18, from 3 to 7 p.m., on Maj. Gen. James L. Day Street. Enjoy inflatables, food and more. Feel free to bring your own shirt for tie-dyeing. For more information, contact marketing at 577-6968.

Married and Loving It

Married and loving it is a series of five classes designed to teach participants how to enjoy sharing their lives with each other by enhancing their marriage. Married and loving it will be held every Thursday in October in the Multipurpose room at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Marine and Family Programs at 577-6533.

ITT Specials

The Information, Tickets and Tours office has tons of great offers to make your summer sensational! These include:

Knott's Soak City, Hurricane Harbor, Raging Waters and hotel discounts.

For more information about these and other offers, contact ITT at 577-6541.

Ball Tickets

The 239th Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on Nov. 8, at the Mirage Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Tickets will be starting at \$25, and room rates are \$210 a night. Rooms must be reserved no later than Oct., 8. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Worley at 577-5821, email Jeffery.j.worley@usmc.mil or stop by the S3 section of Bldg. 15.

Career Resource

If you are looking for employment, check out the weekly employment listing provided by the Career Resource Center at www.mccsbarstow.com/careerresource.html. For employment job search, or resume writing assistance, call the Career Resource Program at 577-6533.

Blood Drive

On Thursday, Sept. 18, there will be a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at building 375 on the Nebo Annex. For every life saving donation, participants receive coupons for a free milkshake and two tacos at a local restaurant, while supplies last. Participants can also receive a free marrow and cholesterol screening.

USMC BALL 2014 Limited Edition, Bottle Opener Coins For Sale

This year's USMC Ball committee is selling bottle opener coins to raise money for this year's Birthday Ball. Please get them while they last for ONLY \$10. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Worley at 577-5821 or email Jeffery.j.worley@usmc.mil or stop by the S3 section of Bldg. 15.

Energy Tip:

Save money with electronics. Unplug battery chargers when they are not in use. Many chargers draw power continuously, even when not in use. When computer shopping, consider a laptop; they use less power than desktop computers. Instead of using a screen saver, set the computer to hibernate or sleep when it's not in use to save more energy.

13 YEARS AGO, NEVER FORGOTTEN ...

Story By:
Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

On September 11, 2001, a firefighter, who was working an administrative position due to an injury, was on his way to a press conference for the release of a new action figure he helped design.

Joe Torrillo, a now retired New York City Firefighter, chose the date for the release of the firefighting action figure - - September 11 (9/11), to represent the emergency call number.

What the Brooklyn native didn't know when he picked this date, was that it was almost his last and a day of terror America will never forget.

"I was on my way to the press conference when I saw the first plane fly right over my head," Torrillo recalled. "When I saw it fly into the South Tower ... I knew it was going to collapse and the people at the top were going to die."

Torrillo, dressed for a press conference, quickly diverted from the event, borrowed another fireman's gear and rushed into the building.

"As I was trying to help people escape, the tower collapsed and I was buried alive," explained Torrillo. "They found me later ... I had a fractured skull, broken ribs, and a

broken arm."

Torrillo was placed on a boat which was supposed to take him to safety; however, shortly after, the North Tower fell. The debris from the North tower landed on the boat ... burying him alive for a second time.

Rescued once again, Torrillo was finally taken to the hospital but was misidentified because of the name on his borrowed gear. "I was declared missing for three days while I was at the hospital," he explained.

Torrillo, 25 at the time, survived and retired with life-long injuries.

"I was buried alive twice," recalled September 11 survivor, Joe Torrillo.



Courtesy Photo

FDNY Ladder Truck 152, photographed at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin. The truck was donated to their base for their September 11 memorial, slated to open September 11, 2015. The assigned crew of this truck gave their lives helping others, September 11, 2001.

"It's important to remember it for the families of victims," he added. "Although it was 13 years ago, we will continue to remember it and show the families of victims their grief is shared with all of America."

For residents of the High Desert, Fort Irwin is having a wreath laying ceremony, explained Ray Smith, fire chief on Fort Irwin.

"There will be a presentation of FDNY Ladder Truck 152, for a memorial to be built for the 343 firefighters and EMS personnel, 60 law enforcement officers, 55 military members, 2,753 innocent civilians, and 6,829 troops who perished on September 11, 2001, and in the years since," added Smith.

The donated truck responded to ground zero, he explained. The assigned firefighters were all killed.

The free and open to the public ceremony will be held today, on the corner of Langford Lake Road and Barstow Road, Fort Irwin, at 10:28 a.m. (time the World Trade Center North Tower fell). There will be a remembrance service and barbecue following the wreath laying and fire truck presentation.

Next year, the September 11 Fort Irwin Memorial is scheduled to be completed, Smith said. There will be different artifacts from the World Trade Center to include Ladder Truck 152. During the expected opening on September 11, 2015, Joe Torrillo is slated to speak.



Courtesy Photo

Joe Torrillo, retired New York City firefighter, and September 11 survivor, speaks to crowds about his stories. Torrillo, who was buried alive twice while rescuing others, travels the country to speak and motivate others.

The action figure was still released and is dedicated to the 343 firefighters who lost their lives that day.

Today, Torrillo travels the U.S. speaking to fellow Americans and inspiring them.

"It was a tragic day but also a reawakening," he said. "No one ever thought we would be attacked in America ... it made Americans realize the importance of our service members fighting overseas. It's my mission to honor every man and woman who has served and every first responder out there protecting their communities."

Torrillo encourages Americans to remember September 11 and to attend the various memorials and ceremonies dedicated to the victims and their families.

MCG's Preparation for Grand Junction

Photo essay by:
Cpl. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., prepared their trucks and trailers to travel hundreds of miles to present the nation's colors for the Colorado Pro Rodeo Association State Finals, in Grand Junction, Colo., Sept. 12-14. The MCG prepared their trailers by putting in new wood chips and hay so the horses have a comfortable ride. They also vacuumed the tack rooms, inspected gear to include combs, first-aid kits, horseshoe kits, and other tools to groom the horses. Finally, they ensured their bridles were clean and presentable. The MCG then cared for the horses staying back to make sure they were set during their six-day trip to the colorful state of Colorado.



Dogs, Bombs and Drugs

K-9 teams train to detect

Story By:

Laurie Pearson

Public Affairs Specialist

Law enforcement K-9s and their handlers from the Marine Corps Police Department K-9 Section on MCLB Barstow engaged in training to detect explosives and narcotics, Sept., 2.

The training included simulations of real world scenarios, encountered locally and internationally, in which K-9 teams have been called out for detection of various types of narcotics and explosives.

“The teams are not in real world situations all the time,” said Sgt. Steven Goss, K-9 trainer on MCLB Barstow. “We take a call out and simulate it as closely as possible... in the event of a real world incident the dog and handler are prepared.”

“The more repetition and training you do, the better you are as a team,” explained Cpl. Christopher Dixon, K-9 handler on MCLB Barstow.

“(In the world of law enforcement) a K-9 team is one dog and one handler,” said Goss.

When asked about the most important

aspect of the team and their ability to respond together on incidents, the trainer and all of the handlers responded the same, ‘it’s the bond.’

“If it’s not a good bond, you’re not a good team,” said Cpl. Tony Seirafi K-9 handler on MCLB Barstow.

This bond is apparent in the communication observed between handlers and K-9s. The K-9 teams undergo extensive training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas where they learn various types of signal indicators.

“(The K-9 teams are trained to use a full range of) voice, hand, eye and full body commands,” explained Goss.

Those commands impart myriad instructions within the team.

The K-9 teams engage in patrol, as well as respond to call outs on base.

“They also provide support to other agencies both locally and overseas,” said Goss.



Photos by Carlos Guerra
Officer Seirafi and K9 partner, Tina, pause for a portrait before taking part in a detection exercise aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Sept. 2. Officer Seirafi, who has served as a Marine Corps Police Officer at MCLBB for seven years, led Tina throughout a warehouse containing simulated hidden narcotics and explosives.

“Last year, we sent one team to India (in support of another federal agency).”

The ‘prey drive,’ a natural instinct in most dogs, is the primary drive for training K-9s. “If you think of a coyote, they see a rabbit, they chase, they bite,” explained Goss.

It is a natural instinct which trainers and handlers exploit to ensure desired results. For detection, the dog is trained so if they find particular odors, their handlers will throw their favorite toy and then they will get to bite it and receive praise.

Within the detection training, the K-9 teams engage in scan and presentation drills to enhance their abilities to respond to incidents involving a wide range of devices and substances. The handlers watch for changes in the K-9’s demeanor. For their safety, especially as relates to explosives, the K-9s are trained to respond with a ‘passive response,’ explained Goss. The dog will sit, indicating that they have found odors they are trained to detect. The K-9s then eagerly await their reward.

Overall the training went well to benefit the unit and the safety of the base as a whole.



Officer Joe Nino and K-9 partner, Ricsi, search for simulated narcotics and explosives during a training exercise on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Sept. 2. Nino led the K-9 through a large warehouse on base to find the materials.

HIGH DESERT COMMUNITY MIXES WITH MILITARY NEIGHBORS

Story and Photos By:
Cpl. Samuel Ranney
Press Chief

The 25th Annual Community Military Mixer was held at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center, on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Sept. 4.

The event allowed the High Desert community to network and mingle with representatives from the neighboring military bases, MCLB Barstow, the National Training Center, Fort Irwin and the Veterans Home of California, Barstow. The night opened with introductions, drinks, and strengthening ties between familiar faces.

The base commander, Col. Michael L. Scalise, greeted everyone and welcomed them to the base. He went on to explain the importance of MCLB Barstow's mission and his focus on its tenant commands, Fleet Support Division and the railhead - - the largest and most capable within the Department of Defense.

While maintaining focus on FSD, the railhead, and the

Nebo Annex of the base, Scalise further explained the training capabilities MCLB now has for other units.

"I'm talking about small weapons fire," said Scalise. "(The base range) can be used to hone in on basic military training."

Following Scalise's remarks, Col. Jonathan P. Braga, Fort Irwin garrison commander, thanked everyone for coming and compared the community to a close knit family.

"The community has always been very welcoming," Braga explained.

After the commanders explained their missions, thanked the community of Barstow and exchanged a few Marine and Army rivalry jokes, Barstow Mayor Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre gave closing remarks before the attendees enjoyed dinner together.

"With the Marine base here in Barstow, and Fort Irwin so close by ... the military is who we are as a community," explained Hackbarth-McIntyre. "I am proud to say we are a military town."



MCLB BARSTOW AT A GLANCE

Photos compiled by MCCS and Prospector Staff



Colonel Michael L. Scalise, base commander on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, hammers the punching bag during battalion physical training, Aug. 29. The training promoted combat readiness and physical fitness.



First Sergeant Edward Kretschmer, Headquarters Battalion first sergeant on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, reenlists for another term, Sept., 4, at the base stables. Along with being battalion first sergeant, Kretschmer is a member of the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard here.



The hydraulics shop on Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command, poses for a group photo after receiving zero discrepancies on their most recent safety inspection, Aug., 27.



Sergeant Elton Rogers, supply administrative chief on MCLB Barstow, sits with his daughters, Raimi and Sophia Rogers, 3-years old, during story time at the Teddy Bear Fair, Sept. 5.



Marines with 7th Engineer Support Battalion, from Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and contractors with Wolverine and Akima Logistical Services install a 30 foot rope obstacle on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Aug., 29. Marine Corps O-courses are used for combat conditioning.

AROUND THE CORPS

A look at the Marine Corps outside of Barstow



Photo By: Lance Cpl. Anna Albrecht

Corporal Rene Gonzalez engages his target during a table three shoot aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 4, 2014. Table three is part of the Combat Marksmanship Program, which is designed to keep Marines in a combat mindset and ready for what the mission might demand. Gonzalez is a data network specialist with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.



Photo By: Sgt. Christopher Duncan

Gunnery Sgt. Jhimelle Sepulveda, training chief with a fire fighting unit on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, dons a flame resistant suit and oxygen tank in preparation for an exercise conducted by the Camp Pendleton Fire Department and the Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton's Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting unit on a controlled burn training facility at the 25 Area here. "This is good training because we don't normally get to experience this type of situation when dealing with burning aircraft," said Sepulveda.



Photo By: Lance Cpl. Richard Currier

U.S. Marines with Company I, Battalion Landing Team 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, offload a Humvee from a Landing Craft, Utility belonging to Navy Beach Unit 7, as part of Amphibious Integration Training at Kin Blue, Okinawa, Japan, Sept 4, 2014. The Marines, partnered with Amphibious Squadron-11, are conducting AIT aboard the USS Peleliu in support of the regularly scheduled Fall Patrol '14.



Photo By: Sgt. Melissa Wenger

(Above) An amphibious assault vehicle with Echo Company, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, leaves the well deck of the USS Comstock during Malaysia-United States Amphibious Exercise 2014 Aug. 30. MALUS AMPHEX 14 is a bilateral exercise between the 11th MEU and Malaysian Armed Forces designed to foster and sustain cooperative and international relationships with emphasis on amphibious and humanitarian operations within the context of a stability and security operation.

(Right) Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron 501 (VMFAT-501), the Marine Corps' only F-35B Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter training squadron, completed their first F-35B Lightning II takeoff supported entirely by Marine maintainers aboard Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., Sept. 4.



Photo By: Cpl. Sarah Cherry

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

Submitted By:

Rabbi Aaron Kleinman,
LT, CHC, USN

The Jewish calendar flows with the seasons. Channukah, the Festival of Lights, comes to illuminate the darkness of winter. Pesach, the Festival of Passover, celebrates the birth of the Jewish people as a nation and aligns with the birth and rebirth of the spring. Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, comes in the late spring and corresponds with the grain harvest. Then comes the fall. During this harvest season, we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, and Sukkot, the Festival of Booths. What connection do these Holy Days have with the fall, and what lessons may we tease from them that apply to all people?

Rosh Hashanah, besides being the First (literally, "Head") of the Year, is also the Day of Judgment. As the anniversary of God's completion of Creation, each year He uses it for an annual "performance appraisal" (or Pros and Cons, or FITREP, or EVAL) of His Creation. The Talmud teaches that all people are judged that day, like a flock passing under the staff of the shepherd. The very language used indicates a desire on the part of the Judge to come to a positive verdict. But it is not just a Judgment Day for individuals, but also for each nation. Literally, the fate of every human and country, whether health, wealth, and success or (Heaven Forbid) illness, poverty, and destruction is decided on Rosh Hashannah. So, in addition to a celebration, it is a very serious day.

On the 10th of the month is Yom Kippur - the Day of

Atonement. Starting one month before Rosh Hashannah, Jews spend increasing amounts of time reflecting on wrongs committed in the past year and, where possible, making amends. Tied in with this process is a sincere resolution to avoid similar mistakes in the future. Culminating on Yom Kippur, this process along with prayer, fasting, and charity, leads to atonement for most sins.

Lastly, on Sukkot we celebrate both the fall harvest and God's miraculous protection of the Jewish people during our 40 years wandering the desert between Egypt

and the Land of Israel. We leave the comforts of our homes and "dwell" in temporary structures with very limited roofs. When

the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, the Service was performed on behalf of each and every nation in the world. These days, prayer has to take the part of the Service.

What is the connection between these three Holy Days and the season? On Rosh Hashannah, we reap what we sowed the previous year. On Yom Kippur, we take the first step toward next year's successful harvest by uprooting those negative influences and tendencies that hold us back. And on Sukkot we enjoy the benefit of our labors while recognizing that, ultimately, only the effort is in our hands – the results are in God's hands. These particular forms may be Jewish, but the themes are universal.

This year Rosh Hashannah begins the evening of Wednesday, 24 September and runs through sunset on the 26th. Yom Kippur begins on Friday, 03 October and concludes at nightfall on the 4th. Sukkot begins at sunset the evening of Wednesday, 08 October and concludes (with Simchas Torah), the evening of the 17th.





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