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Photo by Lance Cpl. Dominic A. Smarra

Lance Cpl. Andre Nelson, system administrator, handcuffs Cpl. Jorge Cazares, staff judge advocate clerk, during security augmentation force training conducted by Richard Holman, Military Police instructor, June 5. The training is to familiarize the Marines with the tools used by the police department so that they are more able to assist the police during times when the SAF may be activated.

On The Cover:

Photo by: Cpl. Thomas Bricker
Sergeant Anthony Villalobos, an infantryman with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow tries to lock in an armbar on Cpl. Sir Edward Daniels, an armorer aboard the installation, during the grand opening of the base's martial arts training facility June 6.

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Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Child Development Center's Pre-K class of 2025 prepare to graduate to the next level of education during ceremonies held at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day conference center, June 6.

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Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of your leave donations. Arvon Allen, Valerie Ashbrook, Patricia Benavidez, Lester Bonner, Marilyn Cochran, Helen Duty, Hayde Jones, and Sandra Perez.

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. Please ensure completed forms are turned into HRO as well. For more information, please contact Michelle Eichler at 760-577-6915.

**Today in
U.S.M.C. history**

June 14, 1898: Two companies of United States Marines defeated the Spanish near Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, at the battle Cuzco Well.

Father's Day Brunch

Join us at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center for a Prime rib and Champagne Father's Day Brunch. Brunch will be served on Sunday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 38. Prices are \$10.95 for active duty military and \$12.95 for civilians. Standard breakfast menu items will be served also. For more information, call the Family Restaurant at 577-6428.

**Texas Hold'Em Poker
Tournament Series**

Join us at the Major General James L. Day Conference Center for the next tournament series game. Registration, appetizers and finger foods will begin at 5:30 p.m. and game play begins at 6 p.m. There is an initial \$25 buy in per person, which includes \$2500 in chips but if you register and pay by Friday, June 15 you will receive and early bird bonus of \$500 in extra chips. Sign up 4 locations are the Sugar

Loaf Hill Bar, the Family Restaurant, and the Oasis Temporary Lodging Facility. A minimum of seven players is required to host the game or it will be canceled. Prizes will be awarded depending on participation. This is open to all MCLB patrons 18 years or older. For more information, call 577-6269.

Oasis Pool Now Open

Do not forget, the Oasis Pool is now open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Lap Swimming and from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. for Open Swim. Hours on Saturday and Sunday are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Open Swim. Contact recreation for more information at 577-6971/6543.

TGIF...TGIV !!

Thank goodness, it's Friday (on Wednesdays) Thank goodness for YOU! Wednesdays in June is "What's My Part In It?" June 20 - "As An Intimate Partner..." June

27 - "As A Winner..." Come to the Desert View Housing Community Center from 1 - 2 p.m. For more information contact 577-6533.

Victim Advocate Program

Domestic Violence and Abuse, Signs of Abuse and Abusive Relationships June 26 from 2 to 3 p.m. in McTureous Hall Classroom, Bldg. 218. Instruction will focus on understanding domestic violence, the different kinds of abuse, the signs of abuse, the cycle of violence, the warning signs and how to speak up. For more information, contact Michelle Lawing at 577-6599.

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Base opens new martial arts fighting pit for Marines

Story by Cpl. Thomas A. Bricker
Combat Correspondent

To storm the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944, thousands of United States service members had to be trained to assault the beaches without fear.

On the 68th anniversary of the monumental amphibious battle, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow opened a martial arts training facility for Marines so they can continue to be the nation's 'force in readiness.'

The facility contains numerous stations to work out; each element is designed to physically condition different areas of the body, and several fighting pits to allow sparring sessions during workout.

"I wanted to have a facility that focused on different areas of the Marines physical performance," said Shelley Hines, the Semper Fit division head. "We have stations that train them in athleticism, reaction speed and balance, push-pull drills, and kinesthetic awareness so it's not just ground fighting; the Marines are getting an all-around training session," she further explained.

The fighting pit was a thought, Hines had years ago and was always thinking of ways she could help train Marines of MCLB Barstow while helping them build camaraderie. Funding for the project was approved



Photo by Curt Lambert

Marines with Fleet Support Division demonstrate one of the many stations of the new martial arts training facility aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, June 6.

last year and the \$600,000 facility was completed just in time for summer.

"We wanted this to be a place Marines wanted to train at," said Hines. "We've installed lights for night training and misters and a new canopy for the daytime."

Present for the grand opening was the base commanding officer and sergeant major, who each spoke before the demonstrations.

"The facility we have here is state of the art and the quality of it is a testament to the hard work of the people responsible for getting it constructed," explained Col. Daniel P. Ermer, the base commander. "I've seen different facilities around the Marine Corps that were already standing and then tailored to train Marines in martial arts, but this is the first I've seen built strictly for that purpose," he added.

During the grand opening of the training facility, Marines stationed aboard MCLB Barstow demonstrated the uses for each of the stations and became familiar with the opportunities it offered.

"It's an awesome place for us to

train here on base," said Sgt. Anthony Villalobos, an infantryman and one of the first to utilize the Marine Corps Marital Arts Fight Pit. "It's great that the Marines on base have a place designated so they can further their training in MCMAP now," the Los Angeles native added.

The fighting pit offers Marines aboard the base many opportunities that weren't available before.

"It's great that we have all this stuff brought together into one. We have the opportunity to do so much more now," explained Sgt. Maj. Richard Charron, the base sergeant major. "What matters though, is what Marines do with these opportunities. I challenge every Marine here on base to utilize this place to its fullest," he added.

Along with training for combat, the new facility offers other advantages.

"Now that we have this fighting pit facility, it's going to be a lot easier for Marines to progress in their careers. The Marine Corps wants the best of the best," said Charron, a Lodi, N.J., native. "They want Marines to bring their A-game and this is going to help them do it," he concluded. **5**



Photo by Curt Lambert

Shelley Hines, the head of Semper Fit Division aboard MCLB Barstow, explains various stations of the new martial arts training facility.

Show-n-shine

Photos by Sgt. Shannon Yount
Press Chief



More than 40 classic vehicles were displayed for base employees and residents, June 6.



(Above) Car buffs of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow were in for a treat when the 'Round Nevada Classic Car Tour' visited the base, June 6. More than 40 vehicles were displayed.



(Right) MCLB Barstow employees and residents admire classic vehicles during the first classic car show held on base.



(Above) Custom interior was displayed during the classic car show.
(Left) Sgt. Seth Mallet, maintenance chief, Fleet Support Division aboard MCLB Barstow, admires one of many classic vehicles.

(Right) Kay Lundin, supply systems analyst, Defense Logistics Agency employee, admires the interior of a vehicle.

(Below) 1st Sgt. Arthur P. Hernandez, converses with car enthusiasts during the event.



Fire veterans say farewell to MCLB Barstow

Story and photos by
Sgt. Shannon Yount
Press Chief

Some hear the calling to fight for their country, while others answer the call to fight fires.

Firefighters across the nation volunteer to put their lives at risk every day while fighting against Mother Nature. Fire fighting can be considered one of the most challenging jobs because no fire is ever the same.

Two individuals in particular, answered the calling and honorably served their country for more than 60 years combined.

For Lt. John P. Lee, being a fire fighter has been a career of a lifetime. He began his career in fire unexpectedly, when he was looking for a class to fill his college schedule.

"After seeing a flyer, (my friend and I) went to the class," said Lee, an engineer with the fire department. "And since then, it's been the most rewarding job."

Shortly after leaving col-

lege with an associate degree in Fire Science, Lee honorably served for four years in the Air Force as a Fire Protection Specialist.

After he left the military, Lee moved back to Victorville and joined the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Fire Department, where he has been a valuable member of the team for more than 35 years.

Though it is a challenging job, it's worth every moment of hardship when it comes to helping people, said Lee.

"Lee cares a lot about people," said Capt. Steve Mathos, supervisor of the Yermo Fire Station. He loves his job and loves working here. Over the years, Lee has accumulated more than 4,000 hours of sick leave that he never used, he added.

As Lee gets ready to part ways with friends and an occupation that has largely defined him, a dear friend and fellow co-worker prepares himself for the same.

Lee and Leonard P. Bru-



Firefighter Leo Brumund retires after more than 32 years of service.

mund met each other on duty in 1983 and they have been fighting fires together ever since.

Brumund began the career that he became fond of, the same way as Lee, by chance.

His first opportunity to fight fires was when he was employed by the U.S. Forest Service as a seasonal firefighter, from then he has been helping and saving citizens and their property.

"The most rewarding part of my job is fighting with fire," said Leo Brumund, a firefighter also with the Yermo Fire Station. It's the adrenaline high during duty that makes it enjoyable. Ask any firefighter or cop and they will tell you the same thing, he added.

When Brumund joined the MCLB Barstow Fire Department 32 years ago, he had no idea he would leave with a lifetime worth of memories, accomplishments and a lifelong friend who has been there since the beginning of his Barstow

tour.

"Leo has been a firefighter forever and it was his choice to stay a firefighter," said Mathos. He was a valuable asset to the station because of his wealth of knowledge and the willingness to teach the younger generation, he added.

There was never a dull moment around Lee and Brumund, chuckled Mathos as he remembered past antics and renowned memories.

"To this day I don't know how they did it, but one time they hung Lee's bed from the ceiling," said Brumund.

They both will be greatly missed; it's going to take some time to fill the void, added Mathos.

As they end this chapter of their life, both look forward to a new chapter, where they plan on staying friends.

"He's like the neighbor who comes over to borrow your tools," Brumund jokingly said.

Marine Corps security manager achieves what no others in Corps have

By Keith Hayes
Public Affairs Specialist

The security manager of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow has achieved a level of professionalism in his field that no one else in the Marines has obtained.

Tony Rose was awarded the Security Asset Protection Professional Certification by the Defense Security Service in February 2012.

Rose said he took the test in August 2011 and was notified in February that he had passed.

"It's a certification of my knowledge and abilities to protect government properties and assets," Rose said. "It shows the base that I know what I'm talking about."

The former Army Command Ser-

geant Major is no stranger to achieving rare professional accolades.

Last year Rose became one of only four people in the Marine Corps to achieve tier one certification in the Security Professional Education Development Program, or SPeD.

The most recent certification required Rose to take an examination administered by the DSS during the DOD Security Professionals Conference in Orlando, Fla.

Pat Wolcott, Mission Assurance Department manager for MCLB Barstow, said Rose's recent tier two certification makes him a valuable asset for not only the base but for the DOD as well.

"Tony is also mentoring security personnel from other services in how to pass the certification test," Wolcott

said.

The test Rose took was the first time it had been administered by the DOD and was much more massive than the final version of the test will be, Wolcott explained.

"The beta test Tony took had about 20 different scenarios with over 300 questions," Wolcott said. "When the test becomes a requirement for security personnel, it will consist of 11 scenarios and one hundred questions."

Rose said the testing covered every aspect of security.

"You really have to know all of the requirements for personal and information security," the San Francisco native said. "It covers anti-terrorism, information security, personal security and physical security, it even had contract and purchasing and communication."

Rose said he plans to continue to higher levels of certification to make himself even more of an asset in his profession.

"There are two other levels, level three for mid-level security managers like those at Marine Corps Installations West and Marine Forces Pacific and level four for Headquarters Marine Corps" Rose said.

(The certification is) an enhancement to your resume and it shows dedication to your professional development," Rose said. "It's for anybody in the security field who wants to progress in their career field."



Photo by Keith Hayes

Tony Rose (center), security manager, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, receives his Security Asset Protection Professional Certification, from his supervisor Pat Wolcott (left), Mission Assurance Division director, and Jan Durham, deputy director, Physical Security Division of Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters Marine Corps during a presentation May 30, 2012. Rose is the only person in the Marine Corps to achieve this high a level of recognition for his professional talents in the security field.



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Marine Corps changes technology for communication, not ways of business

By Cpl. Thomas A. Bricker
Combat Correspondent

The Marine Corps doesn't have text messages, emails, or video conferences. When word is passed, it's done face-to-face or through a series of written messages in a book to be viewed by the public. Granted, this scenario is a bit outdated, but to some senior enlisted or commissioned Marines, the ways of communication in the 'Old Corps' are still fresh in their mind.

There has been an exponential amount of changes made in communications during the past three decades. Where Marines used to depend on 'snail mail,' the U.S. Postal Service, to communicate with friends and loved one while deployed, they can now utilize webcams and internet-based video programs to cut down the wait time from weeks to seconds.

Some senior Marines today can recall what life was like in the Corps before the means of communication we know today. The development of technology through the years makes the 1980s form of communication seem primitive to the Corps' newest generation.

"I can remember back when we had what were called 'runners' in the Marine Corps," said 1st Sgt. Arthur P. Hernandez, battalion first sergeant of Headquarters Battalion aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. "They were Marines

utilized in the delivery of messages between senior enlisted. This was before cell phone technology," he added.

The concept of the 'runner' yielded similar results as cell phones, Hernandez explained. The young Marines would take the messages they were instructed to carry to the recipient as fast as they could. The instant obedience to orders they practiced was the textbook definition of discipline as well, he added

Today, Marines can pass on information within seconds using email or cell phones. In the past, written or spoken word had to be done by other means.

"When I came into the Marine Corps, the most frequent piece of technology we had were typewriters," explained Sgt. Maj. Richard Charron, sergeant major of MCLB Barstow. "There were only two or three computers in the company and they were the size of a table top and with no connection to any kind of internet. To get word across the unit, we used a message board," the Lodi, N.J. native added.

Charron explained that message boards contained vital information to the unit's everyday operations. Each day, Marines from every office within the unit would check the board for updates of what was happening around the base or Marine Corps in general. This would be done multiple times to ensure the different offices were up to date, he added.

Though technology has improved ways for Marines to

communicate and ways to do it faster, few are still partial to some of the characteristics of the 'Old Corps.'

"I'll be the first to say that technology has come a long way since I came into the Marine Corps but with that, I think the Marine Corps has lost a lot of face time with one another," Hernandez, a Gilroy, Calif., native said. "With e-mails and text messages, you don't get that tone or body language you would in a face-to-face conversation. I think those play a huge part in effectively communicating with one another," he added.

While some think face-to-face conversations are dwindling away, others feel technology is bringing it back slowly.

"Technology has a funny way of working. Although we've gotten away from communicating with one another face-to-face, I think [communication] is still improving and we'll be seeing a lot more of face-to-face communication because of the improvement of technology," Charron said.

"We're now able to have teleconferences and use video programs to see people who aren't right next to us. In this way, we're utilizing this new technology and still reaping the benefits of those personal conversations we used to have face-to-face. It's making a full circle," he concluded.

Chaplain's Corner

What do we want from leaders?

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
Base Chaplain

In the past week, I have read numerous articles about the current NBA playoffs and the legacy of one LeBron James. In case you don't know the back story to these particular playoffs and why they matter so much for one man's legacy, I'll give you the quick, opinionated, run-down. LeBron James was originally drafted by his hometown team—he appeared to be the greatest basketball talent of a generation. He led his hometown team for seven years, but could never bring a championship to a sports-beleaguered city. His own stated goal was to become a "global icon." At this point in his career, he made an ill-advised "Decision" to sign with a new team. Many people assumed he was soft because of this decision—that he had to get help to win. This was depressing for those hometown fans, who wanted him to bring home a championship. With the new team, he made the promise of multiple championships. Now, he is back in the NBA Finals, with a chance to win—for the first time. Like I said, that's a little opinionated, but I think it gets to the heart of the issue for the casual spectator.

Now, you may ask yourself, why is this

such a big deal? Why are so many people writing articles about LeBron James' career, asking questions about why the world is so all-or-nothing with regard to LeBron winning a championship? I'm going to give you what I *think* is the answer to this question. I say I only think it's the answer, because we're talking about the inner workings of people, something I can never assume for someone else with absolute certainty. But, in my years of professional ministry, I think I've gotten to a point where I understand people a little better than I used to, so I'll venture some thoughts. This is about leadership. We want leaders, and we want our leaders to be significant people—whether it's through big accomplishments or big stature, we want to see something inspiring from those who stand in front of us. Just look at the first time the ancient Israelites asked for a king (1 Samuel 8:1-9:2). All they wanted was someone to go before them, and it seems as if the selection criteria were merely being tall and handsome.

That's not to say that *all* we want out of a leader is height and good looks (though it still seems as if those carry undue weight). Yet, we do want someone to represent us, someone who can elevate the best of our desires. Not

only this, but if the stories of heroes (from ancient until now) are to be believed, we want someone who is willing to face down all that is wrong with the world—even if they stand alone. Obviously, basketball does not stand against all that is wrong with the world. Though I would suggest that someone playing for their hometown team and leading a maligned sports city to a championship does buck the trend of current professional athletics. Nevertheless, take this discussion away from basketball altogether. We expect a lot from leaders—we expect them to be superhuman with zero defects.

We need to lower our expectations—not that we give permission to our leaders to become sub-standard. Leaders are leaders for a reason—they need to rise above the rest. But can we also let them be human? I think of the words the Apostle Paul wrote: *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ* (1 Corinthians 11:1). It's okay to have a leader that sets the example; that stands out. Don't forget, though, that it's also okay to have a leader who is entirely human, with all the imperfections that entails.



Prohibition of motorcycle lane-splitting aboard Marine Corps Installations West bases and stations



Marine Corps Installations West-
Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Today, Brig. Gen. Vincent A. Coglianese, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West – Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, published a policy letter prohibiting motorcycle lane-splitting aboard all MCI West bases and stations.

The policy states that motorcycles and motorized scooters traveling in the unused space between two lines of moving or

stationary vehicles is commonly referred to as lane-splitting, lane-sharing, white-lining or filtering. MCI West – MCB CamPen will refer to it as "lane-splitting." Lane-splitting is prohibited aboard MCI West – MCB CamPen installations. Passing on the right, riding on the shoulder, riding in a designated emergency lane or crossing over the fog line (except when permitted by law) is also prohibited.

