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A gentleman places his hand over the names engraved in the Beirut Memorial wall at the Lejeune Memorial Gardens in Jacksonville, N.C. This year marks the 29th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, Oct. 23, 1983. We will not forget.

On The Cover:

Photo by Sgt. Shannon E. Yount

Kids enjoy various bounce houses while attending the annual Employee Appreciation Day at Marine Depot Maintenance Command at building 573, Oct. 23. Attendees spent a fun-filled afternoon playing games, enjoying catered food and socializing with family and friends.

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Senator Jean Fuller, California state senator for the 18th district, meets with military leaders in the High Desert, Oct. 16 at DiNapoli's Firehouse restaurant for lunch during a meet and greet with Brig. Gen. Terry Ferrell, the commanding general of National Training Center, Fort Irwin and Col. Michael Scalise, the commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

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Leave Share Program

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and in need of leave donations: **Lawrence Agins, Brandi Dew, Paul K. Flores, Eileen Garcia, Kendra Huyck and Cindy Khelfaoui, and Gerald Smartwood.**

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 Eichler at 760-577-6915.

AWARDS FOR LOGISTICS EXCELLENCE 2013

According to MARADMIN 605/12, the submission deadline for the Marine Corps awards for logistics excellence has been extended. Nomination packages must be received by HQMC (IL-LPC-3) on or before 30 November 2012. Commands with personnel and/or organizations that meet the criteria contained in MCO 1650.45B, are encouraged to submit nomination packages through their chain of command.

HONORARY CIVILIAN AWARDS SOLICITATION

MARADMIN 571/12 asks for nomination packages for numerous Department of Defense Honorary Civilian Awards for this fiscal year. The Civilian Workforce Management Branch Labor and Employee Relations Section (MPC-40) conduct boards to select the recipients. The awards recognize Marine Corps Civilian Employees and private citizens who distinguished themselves through their professional achievements, contributions to their community, and a high degree of personal integrity and ethical conduct.

Awards criteria are posted on: www.manpower.usmc.mil, select 'civilian Marine' and 'awards.' Nomination packages are due to CMC (MPC-40) no later than:

Arthur S. Flemming Award, 19 December 2012

Service to America Medals (SAMMIES), 19 December 2012

Roger W. Jones Award for Executive leadership, 6 March 2013

Eugene G. Fubini Award, 20 March 2013

Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award, 1 May 2013

DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award, 22 May 2013

DoD David O. Cooke Excellence in Public Administration Award, 22 May 2013

RV Park-Spots Available

The RV Park has new pads with full hook-ups. Long term monthly space rentals are available now and the cost is \$400, includes water, electricity, septic and space rent. Perfect for the winter months for active duty, DoD personnel and civilians working at MCLB, MDMC, or Ft. Irwin. Close to laundry facilities, CDC, Commissary, MCX Community Store, gym/fitness center and family restaurant. Overnight full hook up camping is available at \$23 a night. Reservations can be made by calling the TLF/RV Park office at 577-6418

Semper Fit Revised Gym Hours

Effective immediately the Semper Fit operating hours will change. The

new hours are Monday – Friday 6-8. Saturday hours remain in effect at 8 a.m.-noon. Sunday and holidays the Gym is Closed. For more information, please call Semper Fit at 577-6898

Uniform Change

As the winter months approach, Marines in garrison across the world will officially change from desert to green woodland utility uniforms Nov. 5.

According to All Marine Message 035/07, during the summer season, when the Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform is the designated uniform of the day, the desert utilities will be worn and in the winter season the woodland utilities will be worn.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

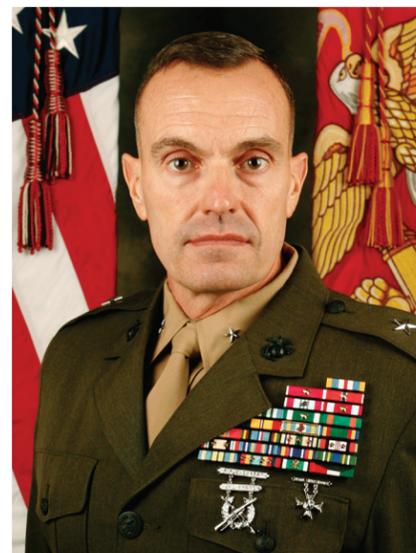
Don't forget to turn all your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4.

Today in history

Oct. 25 1966: Operation "Kern," Quang Nam, RVN begins.

Oct. 25 1983: BLT 2/8 of the 22nd MAU landed at Grenada at 0500 to rescue 800 college students on the eastern Caribbean island.

CG encourages Marines new energy policy



Marine Administrative Message 438/09 establishes policy and provides direction and procedures to correctly power off Marine Corps Enterprise Network workstations, laptops, monitors, and local printers. Reference (b) affirms my commitment to reduce energy use across all units and organizations assigned to Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton (MCIWEST MCB CAMPEN), and to encourage similar efforts by our tenant commands.

By way of example, here at MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN, there are currently approximately 13,600 laptop/desktop computers in use by the Operating Forces and the Installation. While some of these devices are required to operate extended hours, both during the normal work week and over the weekends, many others are not. This is particularly true on the weekends.

Industry data suggests that power-

ing down a desktop/laptop computer for 10 hours per day and 48 hours per weekend represents a potential savings of approximately \$80.00 per computer per year. In our case, the savings would approach \$1,088,000/year. The Environmental Protection Agency calculates that powering down our computers, as suggested herein, would result in a savings of 8,160,000 kilowatt hours of electricity and reduce the attendant green house gas emissions by approximately 5,627 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

Under the current Navy Marine Corps Intranet contract, and an expected continuance of same once the Marine Corps implements Next Generation Enterprise Network, the vast majority of laptop/desktop computers can be turned off without risk of damage to the machine, and more importantly, preserving the capability of the machine to accept instructions (patches, et al) while in a powered down mode.

To establish and enforce, locally, desktop/laptop computer energy use policy and procedure already set forth in reference?? Accomplishment of this mission will result in a material reduction in operating expenses, enhance our energy reduction efforts, and reduce the impact of our operations on the environment.

Where possible, it is my intent to direct users of all desktop/laptop computers that are not required for use during nonworking hours, holidays, and weekends, to be powered down when not in use, but to do so without negative impact on the needs of the Operating Forces and/or organizational readiness.

VINCENT A. COGLIANSE
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding General
Marine Corps Installations West

All leaders are enjoined to remind those in their care to power down their desktop/laptop computers at the end of each work period, and to explain the benefits of doing so. While every effort should be made to reduce operating hours for assigned personal computers, an equal effort must also be made to ensure that those computers that are required for mission accomplishment are on and up, even if 24/7 operations are required.

In those cases, where it is discovered/reported that a desktop/laptop computer is not capable of "waking up" to accept patches, et al, during non-working hours, contact should be made with appropriate authorities (G/S-6; Knowledge Management Officer; Information Systems Management Officer) to determine if an appropriate fix/workaround is available for use.

Consistent with the requirements set forth in reference, similar efforts to power down monitors, stand alone copiers, and local printers should be considered.

Mission requirements will take precedence over conservation, as required. Commanders and leaders, at every level, are directed to assess the current desktop/laptop computer energy use posture within your respective organizations, and implement those amplifying instructions that may be required to ensure the strictest compliance with the content of reference and this Policy Letter.

This Policy Letter is applicable to all commands, organizations, units, and activities under the command of MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN.

MDMC HOSTS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY



(Above) Classic automobiles were on display during the annual Employee Appreciation Day at Marine Depot Maintenance Command at building 573, Oct. 19.



(Above) Logan, left, and Megan Houlemand, right, race to the finish line during the annual Employee Appreciation Day at Marine Depot Maintenance Command at building 573, Oct. 19. (Left) Amanda Dennis and her daughters, Heather and Alyson, look into a vehicle during the event.



(Above) Cameron McClain, 10, tests his strength during the annual Employee Appreciation Day at Marine Depot Maintenance Command at building 573, Oct. 19.

A local band plays during the annual Employee Appreciation Day at Marine Depot Maintenance Command at building 573, Oct. 19. Attendees spent a fun-filled afternoon playing games, eating catered food and socializing with family and friends.

Employees and family members wait in line for food during the annual Employee Appreciation Day at Marine Depot Maintenance Command at building 573, Oct. 19. Attendees spent a fun-filled afternoon playing games, enjoying catered food and socializing with family and friends.

Another energy accomplishment for MCLB Barstow

Story by Gunnery Sgt.
Reina Barnett
Public Affairs Chief

Officials with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, SunDurance Energy, LLC, and residents of the High Desert attended a ribbon cutting ceremony here Oct. 18, for two solar photovoltaic farms aboard MCLB Barstow.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installation and Environment) Roger Natsuhara, also attended the ceremony that marked the completion of construction to the solar photovoltaic array power purchase agreement project, which began in January.

There are currently two sites aboard the installation, one on the Nebo side which encompasses 2.73 acres, and on the Yermo annex of the base, 4.82 acres has been allocated for the newest renewable energy project. The estimated savings these solar farms will produce is approximately \$3.9 million

in electricity costs over the next two decades.

SunDurance Energy, LLC, the system owner of the solar farm project aboard MCLB Barstow was awarded the contract in December 2011.

“We’re all on board with embracing what is green not only so we can be good stewards to taxpayers and gain efficiency on energy consumption, but also for our planet,” said Col. Michael Scalise, MCLB Barstow’s commanding officer.

This event marked the very first solar project at a Marine Corps installation that adheres to the Department of Defense’s move toward more sustainable practices and also contributes to DoD’s energy goals to procure half the power at shore installations from alternative energy sources by 2020. The solar farms are expected to provide approximately 8 percent of the total energy load aboard the base and will provide electricity to the base at a lower cost than it currently pays.



Photo by Robert Jackson

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Commanding Officer, Col. Michael L. Scalise, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, (Energy, Installation and Environment), Roger Natsuhara, cut the red ribbon, officially opening one of two solar farms aboard the base, Oct. 18. The two sites aboard the base include 2.73 acres on Nebo and 4.82 acres on the Yermo annex of the base.

THINGS TO DO IN LONG BEACH...

Shoreline Pedestrian Bike-path: Take a walk, jog or bike the well-known biking trail for miles and miles.

Catalina Express: For a fast and passenger-friendly trip, this ferry/boat service provides up to 30 departures daily to Catalina Island.

Aquarium of the Pacific: Take a journey of discovery through the world’s largest ocean at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach.

Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden: For a relaxing, free and soothing attraction, visit this Japanese gardens. A great place for

photographers!

Long Beach Waterfront: Take a break along the Pacific with walking, jogging and biking paths.

Rancho Los Alamitos : This historic site was part of a massive Spanish land grant in 1784 and today serves as a living history museum comprised of six agricultural buildings, a working blacksmith shop, magnificent gardens and a rambling adobe ranch built in 1800.

Scorpion Submarine: This decommissioned 1970s-era Soviet submarine makes for a great learning experience and

is a must-see as far as military museums is concerned.

Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach: If you love racing...this race track might be for you.

Shoreline Village: A nice place to walk around on the waterfront, the village offers wharfs, piers, a boardwalk, game and entertainment centers, marinas, restaurants, specialty shops, live entertainment and a carousel.

Long Beach Museum of Art: Located high on a cliff overlooking the Pacific, this



museum complex features the historic Elizabeth Milbank Anderson summer home and carriage house, both built in 1912, plus magnificent gardens, a permanent collection of European and California art and a two-story gallery with changing exhibitions.

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT COMMANDER IN CHIEF ... YOU DECIDE

Story and photo by
Pfc. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

On Nov. 6 voting polls across the United States will open to registered voters, affording them the opportunity to decide who will become the next commander in chief, as well as their city, state and district representatives.

As uniformed service members, voting for the commander in chief has a direct impact on the military, as he or she is directly in our chain of command and has a great deal of influence in changing how the government and the military operate.

Service members are directly affected by elected leaders we choose to put into office, whether it’s Congress, the Senate, or the White House. It’s his or her views that play a part in deciding on budget issues, equipping of forces, humanitarian assistance missions and future deployments for our military. It is for this reason alone that we cast our vote.

To give service members a say in who represents them and their concerns, the government provides specific help to those who are stationed out of state. The absentee ballot was created for the men and women serving their country for the right of all American citizens to vote.

Being in the military, service members are often sta-

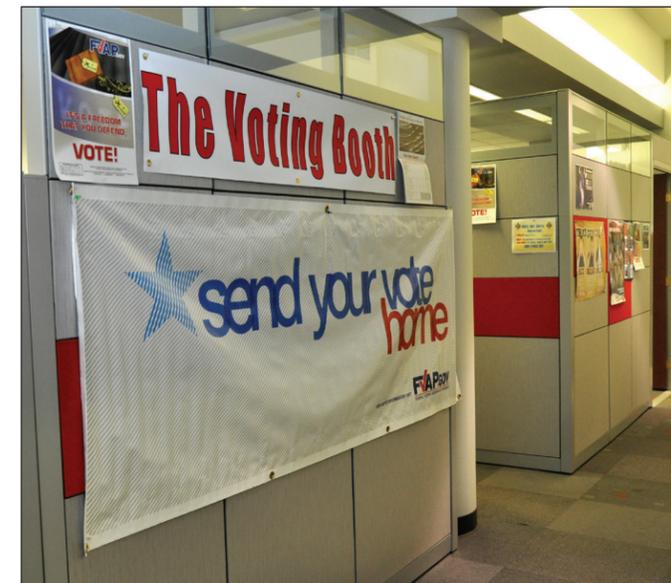
tioned out of their home state and sometimes, even out of the country. However, military installations, no matter where they are, encourage service members to vote by guiding them through the voting process.

“The program that we run is for uniformed service members, their families and overseas citizens,” said Maj. Duncan Miller, Voting Assistance Officer with Headquarters Battalion aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow. “We have the information here on base however; you will get more information by going to FVAP.gov.”

FVAP.gov is a website that gives military members a walk-through of the voting process. The website recommends service members register to vote or request an absentee ballot in January of each year, or at least 90 days before Election Day.

“It may be too late to register to vote, but every state has different rules,” said Miller. “However, for uniformed service members and their families there is a process called the federal write-in ballot, which allows service members and their families to cast their vote last minute.”

Every base worldwide has a Voting Assistance Officer who aids service members through the voting process. There are also a number of websites and resources online, such as: eac-



The voting booth aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow Calif., is located in the wing of Bldg. 15.

gov, The U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and rock-thevote.com.

The duties of a VAO include informing voters about the absentee voting process and the resources available to them. The main job of the VAO is to guide service members through the voting process and make sure they have all the required material. However, the VAO is not allowed to give information about the candidates or their political views.

“We don’t try and steer the voter into voting for a certain individual. We just give them the information and tools needed so they can vote and be sure that’s who they want to be the next president,” said Miller.

There are approximately 6 million uniformed and overseas citizens who vote out of state, so embassies and consul-

ates overseas must also have voting assistance officers on hand.

The VAO is in charge of ordering all materials needed for their unit to be able to vote. The assistance brought to the service members is at an all-time high according to Pam Mitchell, the acting director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, which oversees the effort.

The military’s goal, said Miller, is to contact 100 percent of the eligible voting population and provide pertinent information to them.

“How many other jobs aside from the military can you have the opportunity to get to choose your boss?” said Miller. “If you want a say in your chain of command, then vote.”

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

creating recognition, supporting those affected

Story and Photo by
Cpl. T. Allen Bricker
Combat Correspondent

While October brings thoughts of autumn, Halloween, and other seasonal events to mind, the past 27 years have brought an issue to light and made the tenth month of the year about something completely different for many.

October 2012 marks the 27th year of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the United States. In estimations by breastcancer.org, more than 230,480 women were expected to be diagnosed in 2011. During the same year, approximately 39,520 women were expected to die from the disease.

Thousands of people have lost loved ones to breast cancer. With its frequency today, one in eight women will develop the disease.

“My grandmother had breast cancer for as long as I can remember,” said Kayleigh Sheehy, wife of Sgt. Benjamin Perry, services noncommissioned officer with Marine Corps Police Department aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif. Sheehy’s grandmother fought a rough battle with cancer for at least 15 years, she explained as she sat in

a park aboard the base playing with her three children.

Since its inception in 1983, people throughout the world have been using National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to bring the cause to the forefront of societal health issues.

Many events take place to create awareness for breast cancer, including the nationally recognized Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, a sequence of 5k races held in cities across the U.S. to raise money for breast cancer research.

One of the more familiar and recognized associations with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is the color pink. People throughout the U.S. buy pink clothing to show their support for the cause and survivors of the disease, as well as remembering those who’ve lost their battle with breast cancer. The proceeds from many of these products that display the pink ribbon are donated to research programs, hoping to find a cure for breast cancer.

While some people don pink clothing or accessories as a way to spread awareness for the issue, some people have other ways of showing their support.

“I decided to get a tattoo for my grandmother in honor of her,” said Sheehy, whose pink ribbon tattoo

commemorates the role model she lost to the disease in 2007. “She played such a huge role in my life. She was married to a Marine at one point in her life so she was able to talk to me often and help me out with being married to someone in the military,” she added.

Sheehy explained that her tattoo is on her wrist, for most people to see, so that it can be brought up in conversation often. This way, she can bring up breast cancer awareness in daily conversations, a topic that’s obviously close to her heart.

During October, many organizations including the American Cancer Society and the National Medical Association stress the importance of mammograms, an X-ray designed to show tumors in breasts before they develop in size large enough to feel with the hand. Mammography has played a large role in the reduction of breast cancer cases, catching them at the earliest stages of their development.

Many methods are used for treatment of those already affected by breast cancer.

“My grandmother’s fight with breast cancer was always changing. She would start to recover and then have to go through more treatments because it



Colton Sheehy-Perry, son of Kayleigh Sheehy and Sgt. Benjamin Perry holds his mother’s hand while at the park aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., Oct. 22.

would come back again,” Sheehy explained. Chemotherapy and radiation, along with herbal or spiritual methods were different ways her grandmother tried to fight the disease, Sheehy said.

As this year’s National Breast Cancer Awareness Month comes to an end, let’s not forget those who are impacted by this disease. For more information on breast cancer research, visit www.cancer.org.

Chaplain’s Corner

The way in which we view the world

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
Base Chaplain

Twitter is a mystifying phenomenon to me. I don’t understand how we’ve come to such a de-evolution of human communication that we throw out “fire and forget” communication 140 characters (or whatever it is) at a time. Not only that, but we line up in order to hear this truncated wisdom from celebrities, athletes, and people who are solely famous for being famous. It seems we’ve lost the ability to have discussion, disagreement, and debate. Instead, we opt for pithy sayings thrown at one another without opportunity for logic or reasonably thought-out responses. I’m really digressing at this point, because I don’t want to go on a rant about Twitter. I’m pretty sure it could have some sort of redeeming function. I actually want to point out one particular “tweet” from a comedian that read: “Dear Religion, This week I safely dropped a man from space while you shot a child in the head

for wanting to go to school. Yours, Science.”

Anyone who watched that jump from space realizes it was pretty awesome. Anyone who read about what happened to Malala Yousufzai, a little girl who was shot for vocally opposing the Taliban, realizes that this was a tragedy that should never be allowed to happen. But I object to the proposition that one of these is based on a worldview of science and the other based on a world view of religion. We’ve come to a point in American culture where we view science as the world of “facts,” but religion as the world of “values.” One is provable, the other is relative. There is an underlying assumption to this world view. It says we can stand back from both of these things, science and religion, and evaluate them without any biases to determine which one is knowable and which one is opinion. This is

fundamentally flawed. It presumes the knowing that it seeks to prove. This is not a new event, though. Over a century ago the philosopher Bertrand Russell said similar things about religion in his 1902 essay, “A Free Man’s Worship.” One of my favorite responses to Russell was a critic who said he’d like to see Russell get hospitals built without the religious people.

Now, this is not meant to be a diatribe against science. I like science—it’s one of my favorite things to study. I had no greater awareness of God’s magnificent creation than watching over the shoulder of that amazing skydiver last week. My frustration is more about our assumptions about what we can and can’t know—and how we go about determining those things. Take whether or not hospitals get built out of the equation for a moment (even though it is important). How do we decide

what we can know about our world?

To suggest we can step outside our world and evaluate as knowable one way of gaining knowledge over another is entirely presumptuous.

Maybe our problem with knowing is related to our problem with communicating—we lack humility. That humility would caution us when we seek to promote one way of knowing above another. That humility would give a moment of pause before we hit “send” on that inflammatory comment, e-mail, or other communication vehicle. When we have humility, we don’t despair our ability to know, but we do recognize that knowledge doesn’t always come from where we think it does. Nor do we assume we have a market on getting knowledge.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

It is that time of year again! Halloween is a very fun and exciting time for children and adults alike. However as parents, our number one concern should be how to keep our children safe and out of harms way. Statistics from the National Traffic Safety Administration show that nearly 100 deaths among young pedestrians occur on October 31st between the hours of 4pm and 10pm. This is four times higher than any other evening during the year!

There are a number of factors that attribute to these fatal incidents, including, most children cross the street at midblock as opposed to the corner or cross walk,

The wearing of black costumes makes it difficult to be seen by

drivers, wearing certain mask impedes their ability to see on coming vehicles, their lack of awareness of their surroundings, due to the excitement of trick or treating

There is also the potential of being attacked or poisoned by potential predators. This is why it is imperative that your child visit the homes of the people you know personally.

Below is a safety checklist to help ensure your child’s safety during Halloween, younger children are accompanied by an adult at all times.

If the child is old enough to go on his own, be sure he or she goes with responsible friends, stays away from homes he’s not familiar with, doesn’t get in a car of a stranger, stays away from

dark areas, such as alleys, fields, and wooded areas, do not allow them to eat any candy until it is been inspected by you. Wear light colors and or reflective tape for increased visibility, carry a flashlight with fresh batteries, avoid cutting across yards and avoid backyards altogether, cross the street at the corner or crosswalk.

Also, follow traffic signals and avoid jaywalking, Never accept rides from strangers, be polite and say “Thank you.” Avoid banging on doors, use the door bell. If no one answers, leave the property immediately. Don’t walk on anyone’s flower beds or front yard... use the drive way. Make sure children have proper identification, including their name, address and phone number. Don’t carry fake guns, knives or swords that look

real. Be sure the swords are flexible and harmless. Consider using face paint over mask to eliminate visual and hearing obstructions. Be sure to go to well lit houses and stay on the porch when receiving candy. Avoid candy that is unwrapped, half wrapped, or has holes in the wrapping. Avoid wearing long or baggy costumes to reduce the chances of tripping or falling. Establish a curfew for older children. Consider having a home party instead of trick or treating.

By following these guidelines, your child should have a safe and exciting experience this Halloween. For more information contact, Michelle Lawing, Victim Advocate at the Marine & Family Programs Division office in Bldg. 129 at 577-6533.

