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MCLB Barstow hosts Big Marine, Little Marine



Marines race down the gym court of McCa-rver Hall aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow with balloons in a relay race during the annual Big Marine Little Marine event held Dec. 2. During the night, Marines stationed at MCLB were partnered with children of those working aboard the installation to compete in several races throughout the night.



Photo by Theresa Odom

Barstow veterans remember Pearl Harbor

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"Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered that speech Dec. 8, 1941, the armed forces of America had lost 2,403 souls the previous day, including 68 civilians, and 1,178 injured; eight Navy battleships were damaged or sunk and 188 aircraft destroyed in the Sunday morning attack as most of the Pacific fleet laid moored in the idyllic Hawaiian port.

Most of America knew by then where the innocuous sounding Pearl Harbor was located.

Of three World War II veterans, now residents of the California Veterans Home Barstow, Calif., one of them, George Warren, had no idea where Pearl Harbor was when he heard on his car radio of the surprise Japanese attack.

"I thought 'Who do these guys think they are?'" the 89-year-old Warren said.

But the native of Prince Edward Island, Canada, who immigrated to Waltham, Mass., did know that he, along with thousands of other shocked and grim Americans, was ready to fight for the country he loved. The next day, Warren left his job working for the Raytheon Corporation in Massachusetts and signed up for the Army.

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Marguerite Gene Arenesen (left) a member of the Coast Guard in World War II, George Warren, a Canadian-born immigrant who became a naturalized American citizen at age 17 and joined the Army Air Corps shortly after the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor and Thomas M. Sugg, a Navy veteran, share a moment in front of a Christmas trees at the California Veterans Home, in Barstow, Dec. 7, 2011.

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The leadership aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow appreciates your comments, suggestions, questions and concerns.

Chaplain's Corner

Responding to the cause, not the symptom

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
Base Chaplain



In the past week I've heard two news stories that, despite involving crime, have brought some joy into my life. In the first instance, a young man mugged another young man in New York City. The victim proceeded to invite his assailant to have dinner with him. He asked why the kid was perpetrating crimes of this nature and found out how much the kid was in need. At the end of the meal, the victim offered to pay, but only if the attacker returned his wallet and money. He did, and his victim sent him away well fed and with resources to turn to (instead of feeling like crime was his only resource). In the other story, a person stole the Christmas decorations from some guy's front yard. A few days later, a trash bag was left on the victim's doorstep with a note of apology, all of the decorations, and a hundred bucks! The home owner says he accepts the apology. At the same time, he used the extra money to buy more decorations so that when the criminal sees the decorations, he'll feel like he was a part of it.

Why do I like these stories? After all, they show criminals operating outside of the justice system. I'm a big believer in the rule of law—without it, society turns into a place without meaning. On the other hand, I'm also a big believer in what Jesus says: *Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison* (Matthew 5:25). Let me put my disclaimer in right here—I am not advocating justice outside of the law. We don't

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News Briefs

Aspiring Leadership Program

The Lejeune Leadership Institute (LLI) is soliciting Civilian Marine nominations for the Aspiring Leadership Program (ALP) 2012-1. Full time permanent status GS-4 through GS-6 grade level non-appropriated employees can prepare for positions of greater responsibility and career development.

The ALP is a two-month program structured around classroom learning and self-study assignments which allow participants to tailor the program to specifically fit their developmental needs.

Contact Chad Trusty, Employee Development Officer at 577-6298 or chad.trusty@usmc.mil for applications or any questions.

Executive Leadership Program

The Lejeune Leadership Institute (LLI) is soliciting Civilian Marine nominations for participa-

tion in the Executive Leadership Program (ELP) 2013-1. This program is open to full time permanent status GS-11 through GS-13 grade level or equivalents to include non-appropriated employees.

The ELP seminars are tailored to the federal work environment and focus on leadership skills and experience to help participants move to higher levels of leadership responsibilities.

Contact Chad Trusty, Employee Development Officer, at chad.trusty@usmc.mil for applications or 577-6298 for any questions.

Leave share requests

The following is a comprehensive list of individuals currently affected by medical emergencies and who are in need of your leave donations: Patricia Benavidez, Katrina Sanchez, Anthony Santillanes, Amanda Zamora, Barbara Holt, David Nieman, Daisy Morales, and Alma Rodriguez.

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 577-6915.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop aboard base is open weekly, Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The shop is located in Warehouse #3 aboard the Yermo annex. The Thrift Shop offers active duty and retired servicemembers, their families and Civillian Marines with DOD ID cards a place to purchase clothing, small household items, toys and books at nominal prices.

For more information, including information on volunteering, contact Mrs Miriam White, Chair of Volunteers and Manager of the Thrift Shop at 760-256-0444.

Toys for Tots Tuesdays

Every Tuesday morning from 5:45 to 7:30, running through Dec. 20, Marine Corps Logistics Base Fire Department personnel will be collecting toys at the front gates of the Nebo facility and the Yermo Annex. Bring a new, UNWRAPPED toy and help more than ever in the High Desert! Many children face the prospect of finding nothing under the tree this year. Your donation of a new toy can bring a joyful Christmas to an underprivileged child.

**Going Green**

Instead of heading to the recycling center or to the store, www.sierraclub.org suggests heading to your local "freecycle" community, where members give items to other members or find cool new things - for free! To find a group near you, go to www.freecycle.org and enter your location.

Energy Tip

The U.S. Department of Energy offers rebates and tax incentives for many kinds of home upgrades, including the purchase of biomass stoves, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning units, insulation, roofing, non-solar water heaters, windows and skylights as well as many other items that could save a homeowner money on taxes or make them eligible for a rebate, according to www.energysavers.gov.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament of Champions

The tournament will take place Dec. 20 in the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center, bldg 38. The \$25 buy-in includes \$5,000 in chips. Check-in begins at 5:30 and game play begins at 6 p.m. Sign up at the Family Restaurant, Oasis Temporary Lodging, or the Marine Corps Exchange Community Store. This is open for all Marine Corps Logistics Base patrons 18 years and older and their sponsored guests. For more information, call 577-6428.

Trees for Troops

Come pick up your Christmas tree Friday, Dec. 9 at Desert View Housing Community Center beginning at 9 a.m. This is for military members only, one tree per military family. For more information, call MCCA Marketing at 577-5893/6968.

TGIF! TGFY!

Every Wednesday in December is TGIF! TGFY! Thank Goodness It's Friday (on Wednesdays) - Thank Goodness for You! The theme for December is "Handling the Holidays" and classes include: Dec. 14 -- Holiday Stress, Dec. 21 -- Where do I fit in and Dec. 28 -- Goal setting for The New Year. Classes are held at Desert View Housing Community Center from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Betty Murphy, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, General Counseling, Marine and Family Programs Division at 577-6533.

Base Christmas Party

The MCLB Barstow Christmas Party takes place Thursday, Dec. 15, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center, bldg. 38. Christmas crafts and puppet show for the kids held in Santa's Candy land! (Tennis court area). Make sure your little ones bundle up. There will be live music, dinner, Santa Claus and crafts. For more information, contact MCCA Marketing at 577-6968.

Burn Your Own Steak and Family Dining Nights

Burn Your Own Steak Night and Family Dining Nights return to the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center and Sugar Loaf Hill Bar. Burn You Own Steak and Family Dining Nights start at 4:30 and lasts until 8 p.m. The Sugar Loaf Hill Bar will be open as well but only on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Burn Your Own Steak Night on Tuesdays- Pricing: Active Duty \$10.95 and civilians \$12.95. Family Dining Night on Thursdays-Pricing: Military \$6.50, Children ages 5-12 \$6.50, civilians \$7.25, (children under five are free). For questions or comments, call 577-6296.

MCC

The month of December features Early Bird Gas Days at your Marine Corps Exchange. Get a discount on gas Thursday Dec. 15 from 7 to 9 a.m. and Saturday Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to noon. Cold weather is upon us, let it snow in your exchange. Come by and pick up a snowflake, then take it home and decorate it using your imagination, glitter, colors, pom-poms,

noodles etc., bring it back to the exchange for free goodies. We will hang your snowflake in the store to make it snow.

SMP Poinsettia fundraiser

Support the Single Marine Program, be a secret Santa and purchase a beautiful Christmas Poinsettia for co-workers, family or friends, through Friday, Dec. 9 while supplies last. For more information, contact SMP coordinator A.J. Jacobs at 577-5889.

Story Time

It's story time each Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come to the Base Library at McTureous Hall (Bldg. 218) for our weekly story time. We will have crafts, puppets and great stories. For more information, contact the library staff at 577-6395, or email at LibraryBarstow@usmc-mcca.org. Visit our website at www.mcca-barstow.com/library.

Spouses Social-Meet and Greet

Bake 3 dozen of your favorite cookies to share and exchange at the Christmas Cookie Exchange Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center, bldg. 38 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call MCCTB at 577-6675.

STAY IN THE LOOP!

Visit www.mcca-barstow.com or pick up a Quarterly Connection Magazine at any of your MCCA facilities.

XP Academy offers opportunity to younger generation

Story and photo by

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Public Affairs Specialist

The Mojave Express Logistics Academy from Barstow High School toured the Nebo side of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow recently to discover what potential career opportunities the base has to offer, once the students graduate.

Doug Kruse, a school counselor and member of the XP Academy staff, said the organization introduces Barstow High School students to careers in international trade, transportation and logistics. The XP Academy brings local business people and educators together to prepare students for the job market available to them after they graduate and educate the students on the training required to do those jobs.

Similar academies are sponsored in high schools across the country by Glendale, California-based International Trade Education Programs, Inc., Kruse noted.

During the students' visit to the Environmental Division aboard the Nebo side of the base Nov. 28, they learned that they would need a background heavy in science including anthropology, chemistry and even accounting to apply for a

position in that office.

Base Supply in Warehouse 8 introduced the Academy to the on-base office supply store and pointed out the math and computer skills needed to function in that environment.

Fire Inspector Gabrielle Hammett with the Marine Corps Fire Department explained the wide range of educational disciplines and practical skills that would be needed to become a fireman, Emergency Medical Technician or a fire inspector.

The most popular stop for the tour group was at the Military Police Station, Building 168, where a demonstration involving a police dog was staged. A heavily padded "assailant" was used to demonstrate chase, capture and holding techniques used by a dog and its handler to subdue and detain a suspect.

The speakers presenting at all jobs, disciplines and departments, without fail, stressed that the students needed a minimum of a high school diploma or a General Education Development certificate to even get a foot in the door. Add to that an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree from a two year educational institution or a bachelor's degree from a four year university would help propel students forward in their



Members of the Mojave Express Logistics Academy from Barstow High School are greeted by Richard Green (left), supply officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, as they filed into Warehouse 8, Nov. 28. The XP Academy offered the opportunity to the tenth grade students to learn what educational experience, skill sets and training they would need to get a high paying, local job after graduating from high school. Seniors with the XP Academy will get an opportunity to tour the Yermo Annex of MCLB Barstow at a later date.

chosen fields, giving them rank, authority and higher pay.

Tour participant David Norzagaray of Barstow said he learned that education is essential to get a good job.

"I enjoyed learning about how many jobs are at the Marine Corps Logistics Base and that they all can be obtained by doing (well) in school and going to college."

Student Martina Martinez

was surprised by the variety of employment opportunities at MCLB literally down the street from where she was born and raised.

"I really liked having the opportunities to visit many jobs in the Marine Corps. It opened my eyes more to see how many jobs and decisions we have in life."

Kruse said the XP Academy, concentrating as it does on the

vocational aspects of the job world, is more helpful to the students in the Barstow area.

"(The XP Academy) is exposing them to job opportunities right out of high school that are local. There's a higher percentage of students staying in town, so if they can get a job locally, that's what makes the XP Academy more relevant," Kruse said.

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"I was in the Army Air Corps," Warren said. "I became a gunner on a Boeing B-24 "Liberator" heavy bomber."

Marguerite Gene Arenesen, Gene to her friends, was working as an engineer for Johnson and Johnson, designing conveyor belts in New Brunswick, N.J., when she learned of the tragedy.

"I went down to a big hotel to enlist," the 89-year-old said.

"All of the services had desks set up and were taking people as fast as they could sign up," she said.

"When I got to the head of the line I asked for the Marines, and they sent me to one desk where I signed up, then I found out I was in the Coast Guard."

Thomas Sugg, born in Texarkana, Ark., was working as a machinist for the railroad in Sedalia, Mo., when Pearl Harbor changed the path of the United States forever.

Sugg joined the Navy and soon found himself landing on beachheads throughout the Mediterranean.

"I was (landing craft infantry) and the first guy off the boat with a grappling hook attached to a rope to anchor the ladders used by the

130 men aboard to get on to the beach," the 92-year-old Sugg said.

"Grappling hook guys were usually the first ones killed on an LC," he added.

Nationwide, Pearl Harbor Day is remembered as one of the most destructive attacks to American lives and property during peacetime until the assault on the World Trade Center Sept. 11, 2001, eclipsed the death toll with 2,996 killed and 6,000 wounded.

Some words of advice from some original American heroes when tragedy strikes.

"Step up and do your duty when called on," Sugg urges.

"Do something to help, even if it's volunteering to answer phones," Arenesen said.

"The reason America is a great country is because we're not afraid to stand up for ourselves or our allies. I may not like the U.S. being used as the world's policeman, but you can't back down when threatened by a tyrant," Warren concluded.

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want anyone to end up with a Batman complex. What I am advocating is the idea of addressing problems between people (of which crime is one) at their cause, rather than at their symptom.

When it comes to a crime being committed, the rule of law requires that the judge be impartial (even if that doesn't always happen). However, when people get involved in each other's lives, they get to the bottom of the problem (hunger, remorse, etc.). This reveals that our needs are often deeper than the presenting cause. I'm not one of these who believe that every criminal is a victim. But I do

believe that every criminal is a person—and people have relationship needs. When those needs are not being met or have any outlet for expression (i.e. I'm hungry and don't have anyone to talk to about it), then those needs will find other ways to get met.

Jesus' words communicate that problems can be solved between reasonable people—provided they are willing to actually *talk* to each other. I'm trying to imagine Jesus' words in our litigious society. Maybe something like, "On your way to court, have your lawyer call the other person's lawyer and everyone get on speaker phone. Then, find terms that are offensive to no one *and* that ensure everyone looks

good in the press." The point is this: when we look at our problems, be it a legal problem, family problem, school problem, or work problem—the solutions will always be easier if we are talking with the other people who are involved in the problem. Then we can look past a symptom, a problem, or an incident. We can find solutions.

**Security tip of the week**

TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

The holidays are a busy time for travelers. If traveling by vehicle, know where you are going and how to get there and back. Obtain a map or download the latest available GPS data. Check for construction detours; for longer trips, get a weather forecast.

If traveling out-of-state, most states and/or state law enforcement agencies provide road-and-highway information either on-line or at a

1-800 number; check to see what conditions they report before leaving.

Inform a family member where you will be and when to expect you back; give them your route if they don't know it.

To the extent practical, select well-traveled and lighted thoroughfares. Bear in mind that routes which are congested during rush hour may be very lightly traveled at other hours. Use freeways and arterial streets and avoid less-traveled roads as much as possible, especially when driving at night or in unfamiliar locations.

When driving, keep your doors locked and windows rolled up at all times. Maintain at least half a tank of fuel, and keep your vehicle in good repair.

If planning a "road trip" over the holidays, have your vehicle serviced and checked out sufficiently far ahead to allow for repairs if needed. Don't forget to have the mechanic check your spare tire and all fluid levels along with the other preventive maintenance procedures.

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

Dec. 8, 1941: At the beginning of World War II, Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines from the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for more than two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

Top's Picks

Ever have those Sundays where you just don't want to watch pro football because you already know the outcomes? Well, the Top feels one of those days coming on and as a fan you can look at this weekend's lineup and know right away who the winners are going to be. For example, New England will have a laugh against Washington; Baltimore against Indianapolis is no contest and although Oakland is much improved, their chances against beating Green Bay are slim to none. Here is the rest of the schedule for the weekend.

Sunday

*Tampa Bay @ Jacksonville
Kansas City @ NY Jets*
*Houston @ Cincinnati
*New England @ Washington
*Atlanta @ Carolina
Philadelphia @ Miami*
*New Orleans @ Tennessee
Indianapolis @ Baltimore*
Minnesota @ Detroit*

*Chicago @ Denver
*San Francisco @ Arizona
Buffalo @ San Diego*
Oakland @ Green Bay*
*NY Giants @ Dallas

Monday Night

St. Louis @ Seattle*



Remember to drop your selections off at the Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 204 on Nebo, or submit by e-mail to BSTW_PAO@usmc.mil, by close of business Friday. Good luck!