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May 25

Authority changes hands

Col. Don Davis takes command

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany welcomed its new commanding officer May 25, 2012 in a change of command ceremony held at Schmid Field in front of Building 3500.

Col. Donald J. Davis assumed command as MCLB Albany's commanding officer from Col. Terry V. Williams in front of family, friends, Civilian-Marines, fellow Marines, and local and state dignitaries. Williams has been in command of MCLB Albany since June 26, 2009.

During the ceremony, Williams transferred the unit colors to Davis symbolizing the relinquishing of responsibility, authority and accountability for the command. Davis' acceptance of the colors confirms his total commitment to the Marines he now serves.

Davis comes to MCLB Albany with a distinguished Marine Corps career that began in 1990 as a ground supply officer with 1st Battalion, 2d Marines, 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

His previous assignment was the operations director, Marine Corps Logistics Command.

Williams is now working for the deputy commandant of Installations and Logistics Division at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.



Nathan L. Hanks Jr.

Feb. 23

Marine Depot Maintenance Command activates



Marines, Civilian-Marines, families, friends and contractors gathered at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's Schmid Field Feb. 23, 2012, to witness a milestone event for Marine Corps Logistics Command, here.

Casing the colors of both Maintenance Center Albany and Maintenance Center Barstow, located at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., signified the consolidation of these units into a new, unified command.

Immediately afterward, the colors of this new command, the Marine Depot Maintenance Command, were unfurled.

Both maintenance centers also received new designations due to this change. MCA and MCB will now be referred to as Production Plant Albany, Ga., and Production Plant Barstow, Calif., respectively. This restructuring places both production plants under a single leader, Col. Stephen Medeiros.



Photos by Nathan L. Hanks Jr.

MCLB Albany will observe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a ceremony Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Base Chapel. The base community is invited to attend.

MCLB Albany Weather

Friday Saturday Sunday



Partly Cloudy
Hi 78, Lo 59



Partly Cloudy
Hi 77, Lo 56



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Hi 77, Lo 56

Headquarters Manpower Management Enlisted Assignment Branch will visit MCLB Albany today. Marines may meet with their monitors beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Conference Center.

MCLB Albany Updates

Daniels Family Fitness Center to host bench press competition

Daniels Family Fitness Center will host a bench press competition Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Building 7960.

The competition, divided into male and female categories, will be a pound for pound challenge and the person who lifts the most over his or her body weight will win.

For more information, call 299-639-6234.

Bosma Skeet Range, Pistol Range opens

Bosma Skeet Range will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon and the Pistol Range open from noon - 2 p.m.

For more information, call 229-639-5246.

Pre-deployment brief provides information

A pre-deployment brief will be held Wednesday at 9-11 a.m. at Building 7200.

For more information, call 229-639-6171.

Marine Corps Exchange open during MLK holiday

The Marine Corps Exchange will be open Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For more information, call 229-888-6801.

Marine Corps Exchange and Information, Tickets and Tours closes for inventory

The Marine Corps Exchange and Information, Tickets and Tours will close Jan. 28 for inventory.

For more information, call 229-888-6801.

Deer strikes rise during hunting season

Base officials urge everyone to use caution during the morning and evening commutes and to be on the lookout for animals crossing the road.

If a deer is struck aboard the base, motorists are required to report it to the Marine Corps Police Department at 229-639-5181.

Commissary offers Rewards Card

The free Commissary Rewards Card is available at

the Commissary. It is designed to reduce the number of paper coupons patrons clip and carry - saving them time and money.

Adding digital coupons is done online after registering through www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm.

New digital coupons typically become available every two to three weeks.

For more information, visit the website or ask in the Commissary.

PAO takes photos on Friday mornings

Command and promotion photos are taken by the Public Affairs Office staff every Friday morning. Marines should arrive on time and in the proper uniform.

Service members should also ensure their ribbons are in the proper order and their uniforms fit according to Marine Corps uniform regulations.

All ranks must have a staff noncommissioned officer or above present during the photo session.

For more information, call 229-639-5216/7313.

Safety training DVDs available

Available for all employees, visit the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany Risk Management Safety Training Library located in Building 3500, Room 301, to sign out training films and DVDs.

For more information, call 229-639-5249.

Look through the safety training DVD listings and find topics of interest. Fill out a sign-out card and take the training film back to your worksite.

Conduct the training and return the DVD within 10 days.

For more information, call 229-639-5249.

Transition Readiness Seminar schedule

The following Transition Readiness Seminar dates are provided for Marines leaving the Marine Corps.

Feb. 4-8	June 3-7	Oct. 7-11
March 4-8	July No class	Nov. 4-8
April 1-5	Aug. 5-9	Dec. No class
May 6-10	Sept. 9-13	



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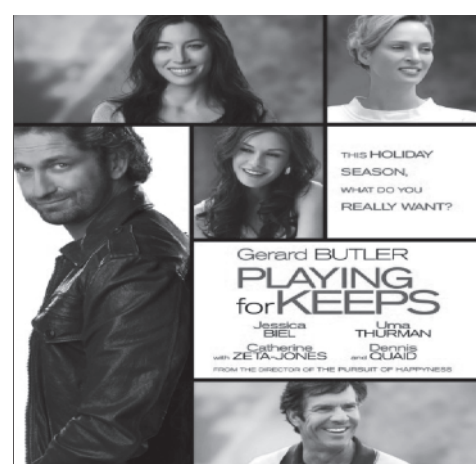
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Saturday, 7 p.m.



Playing for Keeps
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Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$4 for adults; \$2.50 for children age 6-11 and free for children younger than 5. Cash only.

MCCS Events

Marine and Family Services plans PCS brief

A permanent change of station brief is scheduled for Jan. 24 from 8-11 a.m. at Marine and Family Services in Building 7200.

For more information, call 229-639-5278.

Information, Tickets and Tours sells race car, basketball tickets

Information, Tickets and Tours has 2013 Daytona 500 and Atlanta Hawks tickets available for purchase.

For more information, call 229-639-8177.

Fitness center staff provides yoga classes

Daniels Family Fitness Center staff offers yoga classes every Monday from 9-10 a.m. and every Tuesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

For more information, call 229-639-6234.

MCFTB hosts Mommy and Me Playgroup

Marine Corps Family Team Building hosts Mommy and Me Playgroup Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Chapel Annex from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

For more information, call 229-639-7930.

Welcome Aboard brief date set

A welcome aboard brief is scheduled for Jan. 17 from 8-11:30 a.m. in Building 7200.

For more information, call 229-639-5278.

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Feb. 24



It was one last performance, one last round of applause and one last exit stage right during a somber ceremony at the Base Theater Friday as the Albany Marine Band played its final tune during a deactivation ceremony.

At 10 a.m., the band was officially deactivated as band members performed a ceremonial casing of the colors in front of more than 100 base and tenant commands' personnel.

"Anytime you see the casing of the colors, it is an unpleasant day, but you have to remember that we have done this throughout the Corps," Maj. Gen. Charles L. Hudson, commanding general, Marine Corps Logistics Command, said.

Hudson said in the fall of 2010, the commandant of the Marine Corps convened a force structure review group to determine how the Marine Corps would position itself.

"One of the many actions that came out of that group was the decision to deactivate the Albany Marine Band along with the one at Twentynine Palms, California," he noted. "This unit is not alone, but it is the nature of the business and part of the changing mission for the Corps for the next few years."

Hudson thanked the families of the

band members for their support and allowing the Marines to showcase their talents.

"Units ebb and flow based on the requirements, but since this band is near and dear to us and these are our Marines and our band, it makes it even harder," Hudson said. "These Marines have represented this command, community, base and the entire Marine Corps exceptionally well for more than 22 years - every time and everywhere they performed. They have left a tremendous legacy and will be able to share their knowledge with the other bands to make them even better."

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Christian Flores, band officer, Albany Marine Band, said he feels like he's losing a family member and it is going to be hard to leave this community.

"I wish we were all gathered today for different reasons, but it has been a wonderful ride and I feel like the luckiest man in the world to have served with some of the greatest Marines in the Corps," he said. "To be able to have had the job I've had for the past three years and to have the band members I have, who have won band of the year for the past two years, are the only sweet aspects of this bittersweet moment."

March 1

Base celebrates 60th anniversary



Under a cool breeze with moderate, yet dignified participants of Marines, civilian-Marines, veterans, retirees and former base commanders, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany celebrated its 60th anniversary, March 1, 2012, at Schmid Field, here.

The audience watched as several key speakers noted the illustrious history of the base and the impact it has had on the local community, the Marine Corps and the nation.

"Sixty years ago, this wooded tract of land, once inhabited by Native Americans, was commissioned as the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, Albany, Georgia," Madeleine Tringali, operations and plans specialist, MCLB Albany, said

as she narrated the event.

Several organizational changes eventually rendered the base what it is known as today, MCLB Albany. Regardless of these changes, the installation has remained in its very spot, garnering attention from the local community as "the Marine base."

The 60th anniversary ceremony celebrated this heritage of change and support for overseas operations.

During the ceremony, the narrator drew a parallel between the installation's most recognizable landmark, Dubber's Oak, and the support the base provides to tenant organizations, enabling them to support operating forces overseas.

March 25

Retired military working dog Lex dies

Lex, a retired Marine Corps K-9, died Sunday at Mississippi State University Animal Health Center College of Veterinary Medicine in Starkville, Miss., from an aggressive form of cancer.

He served the Marine Corps from January 2002 to December 2007.

Lex received national attention when he became the first military working dog to be retired from active-duty in the Marine Corps and adopted by the family of a fallen Marine, Cpl. Dustin J. Lee.

He was adopted by his handler's family, Jerome and Rachel Lee, during a nationally-televised ceremony aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, Dec. 21, 2007.

Lex's handler, Lee, 20, of Quitman, Miss., was fatally wounded during a 73 mm rocket attack in Iraq, March 21, 2007. Lex, who sustained shrapnel wounds during the incident, remained with his partner until other Marines arrived to provide medical attention.

Following the incident, Lex underwent 12 weeks of intensive treatment at Camp Lejeune, N.C., before

he was deemed fully recovered.

Several months following the incident, Lee's parents, Jerome and Rachel - avid dog lovers - began appealing to the Marine Corps for the adoption of Lex, even though the dog was returned to active duty with the Marines.

The Lee family's request was indeed a unique one, the first of its kind. After months of prayers, mailing tons of letters, and making hundreds of phone calls, the Lee family's prayers were answered.

Since his adoption, Lex had been busy giving back to those who served, according to Rachel Lee.

"Lex, a certified therapy dog with Paws 4 Hearts, visited many wounded veterans in hospitals and veterans' homes," she said. "He was involved in many veteran meetings and dedications and brought more awareness to the War Dog Memorial.

"Lex demonstrated the important role of a military working dog and brought more understanding to the relationship between a military working dog and its handler," she said. "Dustin and Lex's



mission of service will continue on in their honor."

For Lee's actions, MCLB Albany's K-9 kennel was renamed the Corporal Dustin Jerome Lee Kennel during a ceremony held here, March 19, 2010.

May 3

To gauge how his Marines here are doing, the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps visited Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, May 3, 2012.

Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett conducted a town hall meeting with all the base and tenant commands' Marines as well as ate breakfast and lunch with selected noncommissioned officers and staff noncommissioned officers from those units. He also toured various organizations here to include Production Plant Albany and met with MCLB Albany and Marine Corps Logistics Command officials.

Barrett assumed his current post, June 9, 2011.

"We are doing great as an institution," Barrett said to the Marines during the town hall. "We are doing great things. We are winning everywhere we go. I couldn't be more proud of each and every one of you. Thank you for your selflessness. Thank you for all your sacrifices. Thank you for your endurance. Thank you for everything you do for us. We can't do it without you.



"I am proud that I get to wear the same uniform as you and it is a privilege," he added. "I get to serve you and there is no greater service than to

serve Marines who only want to serve their Marines."

During the town hall, Barrett talked about the state of the Marine Corps to

include its combat missions and successes, deployments, humanitarian assistance, logistics support, macroeconomics, retention, promotions, ascensions (bringing new Marines into the Corps), leadership, character and conduct.

He praised the support logistics Marines here are providing Corps-wide especially with all the equipment coming back to Albany and Barstow, Calif., from Afghanistan and noted the Marines have a "critical and vital mission."

Barrett said the purpose of his visit was to educate and mentor the Marines.

"I wanted to see the Marines, to embrace the Marines, to get a pulse, to get a feel for how they are doing, what is on their minds, to remind them of who we are (as a Marine Corps), how we were forged, what we provide this nation, what we have given this nation and what we owe this nation," he said. "It was important for me to come and hear that directly from them and to spend time with our Marines."

Aug. 27

NAS Pensacola personnel evacuate, return home



More than 3,900 Marines, Sailors and Airmen from Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., arrived here Aug. 27, 2012 afternoon to escape Hurricane Isaac's impending landfall between the panhandle of Florida and the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

The displaced personnel are returning home Aug. 30, 2012.

Marine Aviation Training Support Group 21 evacuated Sunday due to the hurricane's projected path, according to Col. Robert Sherrill, commanding officer, MATSG-21.

"The storm surge is expected to be 6 to 12 feet," he said. "If this hap-

pens, our Marines, Sailors and Airmen that live down in the low-lying part of the Naval Air Station in Pensacola would have been in the danger zone."

Sherrill said MCLB Albany has been the perfect safe haven.

"Everyone has been great here at MCLB Albany," he said. "I mean from the on-base personnel to the Civilian-Marines, everybody we have dealt with has been great, very hospitable and really have bent over backwards to help us."

Col. Don Davis, commanding officer, MCLB Albany, said the base stands ready to support evacuees when needed.



Oct. 12

Spouses receive small dose of military training

Spouses of service members and Department of Defense personnel stationed at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany found themselves rising to the task of completing select Marine Corps training during Jane Wayne Day, Oct. 12, 2012.

Jane Wayne Day is designed for spouses and guests of service members to gain a better appreciation for, and understand, military training events and activities. Spouses and guests are afforded an opportunity to be pushed and trained by subject matter experts in different events.

"I feel as though the ladies and gentlemen involved are receiving an accurate taste of Marine Corps life," Gunnery Sgt. Jason Mallard, company gunnery sergeant, Headquarters Company East, MCLC, said.

"This is my first Jane Wayne Day and it's been fantastic," Jennifer Vanston said. "I think it's a great opportunity for bonding among the spouses and participants."

The spouses were taught the basic fundamentals of drill and applied them while making movements from various locations.



Courtesy photos

Nov. 3

Birthday ball teaches kids Corps' traditions

Children dressed in suits and ties, ball gowns and tuxedos were seen strutting their stuff on the red carpet like celebrities as they entered the Town and Country Restaurant's Grand Ballroom, Nov. 3, 2012.

About 150 people, 72 of them children ages 2 - 14, attended the first-time Kid's Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany.

In a collaborative effort, Marine Corps Logistics Command and MCLB Albany family readiness officers hosted the event.

"The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for children to experience a Marine Corps Birthday Ball, some for the very first time, with their parents and learn about the history of the Marine Corps," Salina McBride, FRO, MCLC, said.

Marcus White, FRO, MCLB Albany, said it is very important for

the children to relate to such an event because the Marine Corps is a big part of their lives.

"We wanted to put on this event in a way that the children would understand it on their level," White said. "We wanted them to see and understand the Corps' traditions and rich history. The Corps is not always about business and we wanted to show them Marines have fun too."

Making sure the children had the full Marine Corps Birthday Ball experience, the dance floor was open, giving them the opportunity to burn off energy they had stored up during the ceremony.

"Let's get down and boogie," Louis Mixa said as bubbles and balloons filled the dance floor.

Many parents said the Kid's Marine Corps Birthday Ball was a success.

The FROs plan to make it an annual event.



Nov. 17

MCLB ALBANY'S FIRST MUD RUN

Partly cloudy with a 100 percent chance of mud was the forecast for Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's Dirty Devil Dog Mud Run Nov. 17, 2012.

More than 550 people participated in MCLB Albany's first-time event.

Some wore "cammies" while others wore running shorts and headbands. One group of females runners wore brightly-colored tutus.

The Mud Run was not a race, but rather a 3-mile Marine Corps-style course run, complete with obstacles, challenges and plenty of mud.

Many participants brought an unwrapped toy \$10-\$15 in value in support of the 2012 Toys for Tots campaign.

Base officials are planning the 2013 Dirty Devil Dog Mud Run.



Photos by Marti Gatlin

ALBANY MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MONTHLY MEETING SET

The Albany Marine Corps League will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the River Pointe Golf Course Clubhouse in Albany.

All Marines, past and present, and Fleet Marine Force Navy corpsmen are invited to attend.

For more information, call Bobbie Elmore at 229-435-2283, or email ernieelmore@att.net.

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