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MCLB Barstow Marines

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Marines train in defensive
tactics for security force

Sports Night

SMP hosts annual Sports
Night for Barstow youth

Family Night B I N G O

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012

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(includes dinner)**

Game play from
6pm - 8pm
Dinner served at
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On The Cover:

Photo by: Cpl. Thomas Bricker
Sergeant Elton Rogers, assistant supply chief, Headquarters Company with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, executes a rear leg kick during Security Augmentation Force training Aug. 7. During the training, Marines learned several defensive tactics, handcuffing techniques, and hands-on practice of each of the maneuvers they learned.

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Photo by Robert Jackson

During a tour given by (center) Darren Jones, manager of Productions Plant Albany, Marine Depot Maintenance Command Albany, Col. Michael Scalise (right), commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, informs Assemblyman Tim Donnelly (left), 59th Assembly District, of the mission of MDMC and how it is utilized by the Department of Defense.

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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. Brandi Dew, Lorenzo Duarte, Diane Evett, Michael Fritz, Leonard Hernandez and Kendra Huyck.

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.

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Oasis Pool Now Open

Do not forget the Oasis Pool is now
4 open Tuesday through Friday from

Today in U.S.M.C. history

August 9, 1935: Fleet Marine Force Headquarters moved from Quantico to San Diego.

August 9, 1945: Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

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. Please contact recreation for more information at 577-6971/6543.

Family Bingo Night

Join us at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center for Family Bingo Night Tuesday,

August 14th at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call 577-6269.

Oasis Pool Movie Night

Join us for movie night at the Oasis Pool on Thursday, August 16th at 8 p.m. Movie will start promptly at 8:15 p.m. Our movie will be RIO! Bring your raft or just hang out in the pool. No glass containers or alcohol permitted. For groups larger than 10, please contact recreation at 577-6971/6543.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament Series

Join us at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center for the next tournament series game August 21. Registration, appetizers and finger foods will begin at 5:30 p.m. and game play

begins at 6 p.m. there is an initial \$25.00 buy-in per person which includes \$2500 in chips but if you register and pay by Friday, August 17 you will receive an early bird bonus of \$500 in extra chips. Sign up locations are the Sugar Loaf Hill Bar, the Family Restaurant, and the Oasis Temporary Lodging Facility. We must have a minimum of seven players to host the game or we will be forced to cancel. Prizes will be awarded depending on participation. This event is open to all MCLB patrons 18 years or older. For more information, please call 577-6269.

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Ethics:

no better friend...

no worse enemy

By Pfc. Samuel Ranney
Combat Correspondent

When America views, on video, service members urinating on dead corpses, throwing puppies off cliffs, and getting news of service members killing more than 400 innocent civilians in the village of My Lai, (Mee Lahy) Vietnam, professional military education on ethics is called for.

On July 31, Marines aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow attended an ethics stand-down at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day Conference Center, in memory of Hugh Thompson Jr, an Army chief warrant officer during the Vietnam War, whose moral courage and ethical values saved dozens of innocent

civilians in Vietnam.

General James Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, called for this stand-down due to unethical conduct in our past. Marine administrative message 362/12 directed base commanders and senior enlisted advisors to discuss ethics, moral judgment, and the importance of accountability and discipline with their troops.

The ethics PME was led by Col. Michael L. Scalise, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow and Sgt. Maj. Richard Charron, the base sergeant major. The Marines were educated through lecture, guided power point and various videos, which depicted the unethical behavior some people

display in certain scenarios; people in power abusing their authority and individuals not having the moral courage to stand up to their peers or misguided leaders.

In March 1968, U.S. soldiers killed more than 400 innocent civilians in the Vietnam village of My Lai. This included group acts of murder, rape, sodomizing, maiming and assault on women and children.

The troops were ordered to kill everyone in the village, and they ruthlessly followed the orders given. None of the soldiers, until Thompson flew over, questioned their orders or challenged their commanders.

“Conformity can be a negative side of cohe-

sion if Corps values of individuals are eroded,” said Charron, a native of Hackensack, N.J.

Thompson was a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. When he saw what soldiers were doing in My Lai, he landed his helicopter and blocked U.S. troops from a group of surviving villagers. He then ordered his own men to open fire on fellow soldiers if they were to fire on the survivors. The chief warrant officer saved dozens of civilians to include women, children and elders, with his acts of moral courage.

The Vietnam War was a different kind of war. Americans were getting killed by booby traps, mines and sniper fire, explained Scalise, a native of Hampton, Iowa. They couldn’t see or actually fight the enemy for the majority of the war.

“Sometimes emotions cause us to abandon our rational thoughts and shifts our moral judgment from long-term absolutes, to short-term pragmatic solutions,” said Charron. “It’s not an easy thing to do but shifts can be dangerous.”

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Photo by Curt Lambert

SMP hosts annual Sports Fair

Photos by Pfc. Norman Eckles
Combat Correspondent

The Single Marine Program hosted its third annual youth sports fair for residents and employees of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow at the Semper Fit Gym, Aug. 3. Participants of the event were able to play sports carnival games and put their free-throw skills to the test in a half-court basketball tournament for a new bike.



(Above) Sgt. Seth Mallett, automotive mechanic with Fleet Support Division, MCLB Barstow, brings his son to the third annual Sports Fair on base, Aug. 3.

(Left) Students from a local karate dojo demonstrate martial art maneuvers at Semper Fit Gym.



Private First Class Quinn Trujeque, adjutant clerk, Headquarters Company, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, encourages participants to make the shot during the annual Sports Fair, Aug. 3.



(Above) Marines volunteer their time to help out the young children of the Barstow community during the Single Marine Program's third annual Sports Fair held at the Semper Fit Gym aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Aug. 3. As children and teenagers played sports games and competed in a basketball tournament, they received mentorship from the Marines stationed aboard the base.



(Left) Lance Cpl. Diomar Guano, a postal clerk with Headquarters Company, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, spends some father-daughter time during the Single Marine Program's third annual Sports Fair held at the Semper Fit Gym aboard MCLB Barstow, Aug. 3. While playing one of the games, Guano helps his daughter shoot a basketball in the hoop. The sports night allowed children to interact with Marines and each other and have fun around different sport game stations.



AJ Jacobs, Single Marine Program and Sports coordinator, gathers Marines and teenagers for the half-court basketball tournament during the SMP's third annual Sports Fair held at the Semper Fit Gym, Aug. 3.

Barstow Marines learn defense tactics

Photos By Cpl. Thomas Bricker
Combat Correspondent



(Above) Members of the Security Augment Force with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow execute a two-handed strike with a baton during training held aboard base Aug. 7.



Marines with Security Augment Force aboard the base execute a side block with their batons during defensive tactics training held for the SAF Marines aboard the base Aug. 7.



Rick Holman, chief instructor with Homeland Security Solutions Incorporated, demonstrates to Cpl. John St. Pierre how he can improve the arm bar take down he performed on Cpl. John St. Pierre during defensive tactics training held for Marines aboard the base Aug. 7.



(Above) Security Augment Force Marines execute blocking with batons during defensive tactics training held for the SAF Marines aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Aug. 7. The Marines with SAF receive training in defensive tactics along with other classes and application in the use of oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, pistol and shotgun.

(Left) Corporal Austin Brady, a wireman with Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, executes a forward jab with a baton during defensive tactics training held Aug. 7 aboard the base for members of the Security Augment Force. SAF aids the base's police department standing post with the officers and assisting with vehicle searches for those coming aboard the base.

ated, shows Sgt. Cody St. n Bateman, during defen-

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“Marines don’t do that,” the sergeant major said forcefully.

However, that’s exactly what American troops did in My Lai; they let their emotions get to them, resulting in hundreds of innocent deaths.

“Good people can be induced, seduced and initiated into behaving in evil ways,” said Professor Philip Zimbardo,

a psychology professor at Stanford University, whose 1971 experiment was featured in the ethics stand-down.

Zimbardo set up a mock prison scenario with 18 young men split up between guards and prisoners. Just into the second day, guards started to take advantage of their power and abuse the prisoners. Six days and one nervous break-down later, Zimbardo stopped the scheduled

two-week experiment before someone was hurt.

“That’s what sets Marines apart, the American public expects more from Marines,” said Charron, in response to Zimbardo’s experiment.

When Charron asked the crowd of Marines what they took from the PME, 1st Sgt. Arthur Hernandez responded with, “Always know who you are, where you are and what your responsibili-

ties are.”

For military personnel or civilians, ethics can be as important as saving hundreds of lives, or as little as returning extra change given by a cashier.

“We must learn from our shortcomings and ensure they don’t happen again,” said Sgt. Maj. Micheal Barrett, 17th sergeant major of the Marine Corps, during an introduction video to the ethics stand-down.

Man on the street

Editors Note: Marines with MLCB Barstow were given this scenario from the leadership handbook and were asked what they would do if they were in this situation.

You are a corporal working in the fiscal section of a base headquarters as a claims clerk. A senior staff noncommissioned officer (SNCO) who works in the same headquarters has previously submitted what you suspected were “questionable” travel claims. For example, the dates and expenses were excessive for the task he had been assigned. He often had no documentation for the expenses because he had a habit of “misplacing the originals.” Whenever you asked him about the details of his claims, he became angry and reminded you that he outranks you and “it is not your job to question your superiors.” The last time it happened, he told you that members of this headquarters should look out for one another. He also reminded you that “senior members in his headquarters stick together” and “often talk about subordinates.” He mentioned that it might be a bad career move for you to develop a bad reputation for not being a team player. Then he told you to process his claim.

Once again, the same senior SNCO submits a claim that is filled with inconsistencies. At this point you realize that although you process, or submit, the unit’s travel claims, all claims must be certified by your section staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge (SNCOIC), in order for payments to be issued. Despite the suspicious nature of the past claims, they have all been processed and the SNCO received travel settlements for each. Therefore, you suspect your SNCOIC may also be involved. You now strongly believe these are fraudulent claims for expenses that the SNCO has not incurred, such as a car rental and 10 accommodation costs.

“If I were Cpl. Charron and I was in this situation. I would have the courage to go straight to my chain of command. If I feel that there is some (BS) going on with my SNCOIC, I would go to my officer in charge.”

**said Sgt. Maj. Richard Charron
Base Sergeant Major of MCLB Barstow**

“I would go straight to my OIC and request to speak to him one-on-one. I would explain the situation and how the SNCO is trying to use his rank against me... I wouldn’t accuse the SNCO of any wrong doing but I would ask for guidance on how to handle the situation .”

**said Lance Cpl. Suzie Lockwood
Administrative Clerk, S-1, HQ Co.**

Chaplain's Corner

What do blessings look like?

By Lt. Benjamin Warner
Base Chaplain



I've used this space recently to talk about expectations—particularly how what we expect from God or what we expect from others can color our faith journey. If we have an expectation that a church “should” do x, y, or z we may inadvertently create a system in which we want people to read our minds! Then, when they fail to live up to our unrealistic expectations, we have an excuse for jettisoning these people out of our lives. Or, if God does not meet those criteria of expectation, whatever they may be, we suddenly have recourse to blame God and excuse ourselves from having to deal with Him. This is nothing new; I've talked about it numerous times, just in different ways. Yet, this week I was once again reminded of how prevalent this view of God is in our society—that God is the one to do the things we like and “bless” us.

Let me offer my standard disclaimer before telling the story: I do not know this person, and given time, they may qualify or explain what they meant in a way that makes perfect sense. I do not offer any sort of judgment on the quality of their faith, just a

question about what kind of God it presents. Many of you probably watched American Gabby Douglas win the gold medal at the Olympics last week. A further number heard and promoted her quote that went: “And I give all the glory to God. It's kind of a win-win situation. The glory goes up to Him and the blessings fall down on me.” Knowing that my disclaimer above is not reason enough to be a jerk to a teenage girl, I would still like to explore something here. Were there gymnasts in America that night who had consistently offered glory to God yet did not receive the same blessing Gabby Douglas did? Of course there were.

What does that mean? What I would suggest is that at face-value, the idea that offering glory to God results in blessing (in this case, competitive success) is wrought with expectations waiting to be unmet. If you expect God to give you something based on your ability to give Him something, you have created a God who looks more like a slot-machine, since this God may or may not raise individuals to the pinnacle of their realm. I think Scripture presents a much more varied picture. For every passage like Psalm 37:4: Delight yourself in the LORD;

and He will give you the desires of your heart, there are numerous passages wondering why in the world those who are wicked seem to prosper so much in the things with which other people would truly benefit (Psalm 73:3; Jeremiah 5:28; et al.).

This is one opportunity to ask yourself “What do I believe and why do I believe it?” Do you believe God rewards those who offer Him “more” praise? What gives rise to this belief? And does it work out in real life in a way that's more consistent than a God who plays favorites (something I'm sure we'd all reject)? Or does God cause His rain to fall on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45)? Surely a God who holds history in His hand can raise people up for His own purposes, but that is significantly different from a God who gives the biggest prizes to those who put in the most quarters. A faithful God brings about blessings that shape us into different sort of people, people more conformed to His design—even though we might not necessarily like it at the time.

Marines Announce Date and Location of 2nd Annual Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl

Editors Note: This is a press release provided by Marine Corps Recruiting Command

The Marine Corps Recruiting Command (MCRC) is pleased to announce the date and location of the 2013 Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl. This nationally televised bowl, featuring the nation's best and brightest high school football players, will take place at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif., at 6 p.m. (PST) on Jan. 4, 2013.

The main objective of the Semper Fidelis Football Program is to provide Marines with opportunities to purposefully engage well-rounded student athletes in order to share Marine Corps leadership lessons that will enable future success. The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl is the culmination of a series of youth football camps and a nationwide All-American player selection tour that collectively celebrate academic excellence, proven physical fitness, and quality of character.

“The Semper Fidelis Football Program is an extension of the Marine Corps' commitment to developing quality citizens and serving our communities,” said Major General Joseph L. Osterman, commanding general, MCRC. “The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl provides an opportunity for our Marines to connect on a personal level with the players and

their influencers and reinforces how our core values of honor, courage and commitment relate to success on and off the field.”

The Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl is designed to be different than other Bowls. The players selected to represent the eastern and western halves of the country will be chosen not only because they are among the most talented players in the nation, but also because they bring something more to the game.

“The commitment these players have demonstrated to their education, the leadership they have shown in their school and community, and the courage they have displayed in choosing a positive life path makes them an inspiration and worthy to be seen on a national stage,” said Osterman. “The title Marine is ‘Earned, Never Given.’ There are thousands of skilled football players in the country we could select to play in our Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, but we are only offering this opportunity to the best players with high moral character who demonstrate leadership in all aspects of their lives.”

Leading up to the NFL Network's nationally televised Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, 100 players will be hand-picked during the All-American player selection tour. Players will be announced between October and December.

