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**MARFORCOM Independence Day Safety**  
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# Heat Stress Conditions

For Marine Corps Training



## Flag Color

## WBGT Range

## Restrictions



30°-84.9°

Heavy exercise for unacclimated personnel should be conducted with close supervision.

Green



85°-87.9°

Outdoor classes in the sun are avoided. Strenuous exercise, to include marching, is suspended for unacclimated personnel with less than three (3) weeks on station.

Yellow



88°-89.9°

Limited activity not to exceed six (6) hours per day for unacclimated personnel. All physical training halts for personnel with less than 12 weeks on station.

Red



90° or above

All strenuous, nonessential outdoor physical activity will be halted for all units. Essential activities are defined as those activities associated with scheduled exercises or other major training evolutions where the disruption would cause undue burden on personnel or resources, be excessively expensive, or significantly reduce a unit's combat readiness. Essential outdoor physical activity will be conducted at a level that is commensurate with personnel acclimatization as determined by the unit's commanding officer in coordination with the unit's medical officer or medical personnel. All efforts should be made to reschedule these activities during cooler periods of the day.

Black

• Drink lots of fluids. Avoid fluids that contain alcohol, caffeine, or sugar.

• Plan strenuous activities/games early or late in the day to avoid the hot, midday to late afternoon period.

• Some prescribed medications and sun don't mix well. Check with your doctor and medicine labels. Use sun block and build up sun/heat tolerance gradually.

• At the first sign/symptom of heat stress, get out of the sun, rest, and slowly hydrate. When in doubt about the type of heat stress, seek medical help.

• The wearing of body armor/leather or nuclear, biological, chemical (NBC) protective uniforms in effect adds 10 degrees Fahrenheit to the measured Wet Bulb Globe Temperature. Training must be adjusted appropriately.

Combat Camera, Camp Johnson

*Be safe! Pay Attention to the warnings!*

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Sergeant Mario Flores, the Command Inspector Chief for Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, scrubs a tire during a base car wash in Barstow, California, June 22. All proceeds received were in support of the 248th Marine Corps Ball.



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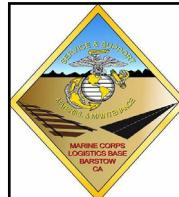
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# News Brief

## MARADMIN 326/23

### ENLISTED ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE LIMITS

The modern battlefield is characterized by all-domain, distributed operations. The Marine Corps must retain sufficient proven, experienced, highly qualified Marines with critical warfighting skills to succeed in this technology-saturated environment.

The growth of many Force Design-2030 technical skillsets, along with recent retention and promotion behavior, demands increased flexibility in the traditional “up-or-out” policy. Such refinements will improve Marine Corps warfighting capability by enabling the retention of more qualified, experienced Marines in high-demand occupational fields when required to enhance readiness.

Service limits, as outlined below, represent the maximum time a Marine can serve in a particular grade without a waiver. These below service limits do not guarantee continued service; rather eligibility for continued service remains based on Marine Corps warfighting requirements, individual performance, and personal conduct. These criteria are the primary determinates of HQMC’s reenlistment adjudication decisions.

Effective 1 July 2023, HQMC is authorized to approve reenlistments and extensions of Marines who were eligible but not promoted to the next grade two or more times in accordance with the below policy. Exceptions to this policy may be requested via waiver as outlined below.

Service limits require that Marines who have reached a certain year of service in their current grade be either separated from the active component at their expiration of active service (EAS) or transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve (FMCR).

Service limits are as follows:

Cpl: 8 years active Marine Corps service  
Sgt: 12 years active Marine Corps service  
SSgt: 20 years active military service  
GySgt: 22 years active military service  
1stSgt/MSgt: 27 years active military service  
SgtMaj/MGySgt: 30 years active military service

Marines on their first enlistment may be granted up to a 6-year reenlistment without regards to service limits.

## MARADMIN 308/23

### REVISION OF MCO 1610.7 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM

This MARADMIN announces the revision of MCO P1610.7A, PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM, the Performance Evaluation System order. Effective the date of MCO 1610.7B, MCO 1610.7A is cancelled. The current version is MCO 1610.7B.

The revision contains numerous changes reflecting current laws and regulations, as well as recent changes to multiple Marine Corps orders and policies. All Marines, but especially reporting officials, should review the revised order.

- (1) Chapter 1: Added “Diversity and Equal Opportunity” paragraph.
- (2) Chapter 2: Clarified “Seniority Issues” paragraph.
- (3) Chapter 3: Moved adverse related items (drug, alcohol, violence reporting) from chapter 3 to chapter 5.
- (4) Chapter 3: Removed the requirement to provide a directed comment for the omission of “AN/AR” reports.
- (5) Chapter 3: Clarified “AR” reporting requirements.
- (6) Chapter 3: Clarified the “Exception to Policy” paragraph for observed reports of less than ninety days.
- (7) Chapter 3: Authorized “Extended” “EN” reports.
- (8) Chapter 4: Added “Marines Executing Unique Billets” paragraph.
- (9) Chapter 4: Amended “Commendatory Material” paragraph.
- (10) Chapter 4: Moved adverse related items (“Derogatory Material” “Disciplinary Action”, not recommended for promotion, etc.) from chapter 4 to chapter 5.
- (11) Chapter 4: Clarified “PFT/CFT” reporting scenarios, added vignettes to illustrate various situations.
- (12) Chapter 4: Updated height, weight, body fat reporting guidance for pregnant/postpartum Marines, and Marines diagnosed with a new/worsening condition.
- (13) Chapter 4: Removed the requirement to provide a directed comment for “NMED”.
- (14) Chapter 4: Removed the requirement to comment on section A, item 8h “Status” for extended reports and reports where the Marine is not recommended for promotion.
- (15) Chapter 4: Added U.S. Space Force to Service Abbreviations.
- (16) Chapter 4: Clarified “Directed Comments” definition, consolidated “Directed Comments”, and updated “Unacceptable Comments” paragraph.
- (17) Chapter 5: Reformatted the chapter. Consolidated all adverse items from the order into chapter 5. Clarified the routing process and the RS, RO, and 3OS responsibilities.
- (18) Chapter 6: Cancelled waivers in perpetuity. Added the requirement for reporting officials requesting a waiver to provide an updated request each time the order is written and/or revised.
- (19) Chapter 6: Clarified the “Remedial Promotion” paragraph. Added vignettes.
- (20) Chapter 6: Amended “Combat” report criteria.
- (21) Chapter 8: Clarified the responsibility to conduct annual PES training, paragraph 4. Added examples of effective training topics.
- (22) Chapter 9: Clarified the commanding officers responsibility to educate Marines annually on the PES.
- (23) Appendix A: Updated the active component Sgt/SSgt/LtCol/Col/ BGen and the reserve/active reserve Sgt/SSgt/GySgt/1stSgt/MSgt/Maj/ LtCol/Col/BGen annual reporting period end date.
- (24) Appendix F: Revised the “RS Checklist”.
- (25) Appendix G: Updated format.

The changes to the end dates of the AN/AR reporting period are effective immediately. Marines who recently received an AN/AR report will receive another AN/AR report in accordance with the schedule published in MCO 1610.7B. Marines will receive abbreviated AN/AR reports.



## SAFETY TIPS

### 2023 Independence Day Weekend



This 4th of July commemorates the 247th anniversary of America's Independence. Holiday weekend celebrations generally involve driving to visit family or friends, attending parades, barbeques, fireworks, picnics, and pool parties. The Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines of Fleet Marine Force Atlantic are urged to have fun, relax and unwind. Be sure to employ risk mitigation tactics so that your holiday weekend events are executed safely. The following Safety Tips are offered to enhance your 4th of July weekend activities:



**MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY:** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend is one of the most traveled weekends of the year. Be advised, with the high volume of traffic on our roadways, you should expect delays. Be cautious and courteous, and avoid actions which could lead to potential road rage incidents. Take precautions to mitigate common vehicle mishap causal factors: Distractions, Speed, Alcohol, Lack of seatbelts/PPE, and Fatigue. Adhere to your command travel policy. Use vehicle inspection checklists prior to long distance travel. Take rest breaks often and avoid driving during normal sleep times. Supervisor's, require "TRiPS" for your personnel for planning POV travel. Maintain safe following distances. Plan ahead and stay alert!

**PARADE SAFETY:** Holiday parades are fun and exciting events for the whole family, but all too often (and when least expected), injuries occur. Monitor kids closely during parades. Establish a meeting place should someone get separated from the group. Avoid getting too close to parade vehicles, animals or participants. Do not allow kids to run into street to pick up candy thrown by float riders until safe to do so; Post a watch for approaching traffic. Consider bringing ear plugs or headphones for younger children not use to loud noises. Position chairs or seating area to avoid being blocked or stepped on, and far enough away from street to avoid potential emergencies. Use handrail if climbing or descending bleachers. Wear sunscreen, hats and sunglasses. Remember to keep hydrated and reapply sunscreen regularly.



**GRILLING SAFETY:** Grilling and picnics are a big part of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Before firing up the grill ensure it is clean and inspected for leaks and sturdiness. Place grills a safe distance from flammable materials - to ensure the fireworks don't start early. Keep kids and pets from coming in contact with hot grills. Ensure hands and fingers are well clear prior to opening or closing grills or smoker lids. Never use unapproved accelerants to start or enhance a fire. Use long-handled utensils to prevent burns to arms and hands. Ensure all food is cooked thoroughly; check for optimal temperature before serving. Shut off gas when done grilling. Allow grill to cool before securing. Place leftovers in the refrigerator within an hour of eating. Provide hand sanitizer for guests use. Bon appétit!

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**Story and photos by: Sgt. Anika Lewis**  
Visual Information Chief

Dogs are the most popular pet in the United States; and according to a 2023 report from Forbes Advisor, more than 65 million households in America own a dog. There are many reasons why people love dogs. However, there is a common phrase that sums up everything that make dogs loveable. A dog is a man's best friend.



*Thor, a Military Working Dog at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, takes a break from his duties at the Adam Leigh Cann Canine Facility on MCLB Barstow, California, June 23. Thor is a four-year-old Belgian Malinois who assists in base security.*

Dogs provide companionship and loyalty; they love unconditionally and are selfless; and dogs provide a source of happiness. Yet, dogs can provide even more than what they are commonly appreciated for. The dogs at the Adam Leigh Cann Canine Facility on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow also have an important mission.

“Military Working Dogs bring a line of defense,” says Lt. Christopher Dixon, the MCLB Barstow kennel master, “They maximize security on the base.”

The base's facility is allotted six MWDs. Currently, there are four at the kennels: Thor, Bono, Joe, and Esso. Two dogs were recently retired, but Dixon is planning to request new dogs to bring the kennel to full capacity. The 37th Training Wing at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, provides MWDs to the Department of Defense.

The dogs are first bought from breeders, sometimes even procured internationally. The dogs are then put through an initial training process at Lackland to test the dog's aptitude at becoming a Military Working Dog. If not found suitable, the dogs are sent back to the breeder.

“The dogs that are accepted then get a full physical workup and tattoo in their ear,” Dixon said. “The tattoo is their stock number since Military Working Dogs are marked as equipment.”

German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois are typically purchased for MWDs. Dixon said both breeds are large, which naturally makes them psychological deterrents for people. They also adapt very well to their environment and are faster learners compared to other dog breeds.

Once their training at Lackland is complete, the dogs are sent to their respective duty assignments. The minimum age dogs begin training is 1 year old and the maximum age is 3 years old. Dixon said that the base generally receives dogs when they are between 2 to 3 years old. Once a new dog arrives at the base's kennels, Dixon immediately pairs the dog with a handler.

“The best scenario is one dog, one handler,” he said. “Having one dog with one handler allows them to build a rapport together. The longer they work together, the greater team they become. Once the dog is paired with somebody, we usually don't break that team up unless there is a reason for it.”

Military Working Dogs newly assigned from Lackland are validated and certified with their handler within 75 days. Dogs previously certified have 60 days to certify with a new handler. Certification tests the team's basic skills, detection, and patrol. Dixon explained what training goes into becoming certified.

# A best friend

"First, we work on basic skills which cover on-leash and off-leash obedience," he stated. "That's everything from having the dog in the proper sit or heel position, marching with the dog, and running through the obstacle course."

After the dog-handler team works on basic skills for about three weeks, they move on to patrol and detection work.

"Patrol training includes all the bite work, scouting, and building searches," Dixon said. "The last thing we validate is detection. Detection covers explosives and drugs. For the drug dogs, they need to have a find ratio of 90% accuracy and an explosive ratio of 95% accuracy."

Dixon said the basic, daily duties of working with MWDs includes letting the dogs out of their kennels in the morning, cleaning the kennels, feeding the dogs, and going on patrol. The dog-handler teams also have regular, dedicated times to focus on detection training and patrol work to ensure their skills remain proficient.

"Once you and your dog are a certified team, the most rewarding part of training is knowing you're capable of going out and taking care of business," Dixon said. "It's a great feeling."

Military Working Dogs are generally kept in service until they are around 8 or 9 years old. The exact age canines are retired is dependent on the individual dog, though. Dixon said once the MWD begins to have medical issues, Dixon consults with the vet to determine if the dog is ready for retirement.

When a dog is ready for retirement, he is run through a series of tests. Dixon said the tests are designed to assess the dog's suitability for adoption. The tests include evaluating the dog's aggression level to see if he is a safety risk.

"The former handler or any person who has worked with that dog has the option to take that dog for adoption," he said. "If none of the handlers that previously worked that dog want to adopt him, we normally offer the dog up to anyone else at the kennels who knows the dog or would like to take that dog home. Then, we can offer the dog up to

any other law enforcement personnel here. Finally, we can offer the dog to anyone who can provide the dog a good, loving, and stable home."

To adopt a retired MWD, an application form also needs to be completed, but the adoption is free. In some cases, the person looking to adopt undergoes an interview process, as well. Providing a good home for the dog is the top priority.

During Dixon's time at MCLB Barstow, working with the dogs has been his job's greatest joy. The dogs make work fun and interesting for him, and he values each dog's individual character, uniqueness, and desire to accomplish the mission.

"As long as I've worked with dogs, they work for your love," Dixon said. "I definitely believe dogs are a man's best friend."



Lieutenant Christopher Dixon, kennel master at the Adam Leigh Cann Canine Facility aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, takes a pause in his day at the base kennels in Barstow, California, June 28. Dixon enjoys working with the dogs and appreciates each canine's individual personality at the kennels.



# CID

ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

## Unsolicited Electronics Smartwatches Received by Mail

- Service members across the military have reported receiving smartwatches unsolicited in the mail. These smartwatches, when used, have auto-connected to Wifi and began connecting to cell phones unprompted, gaining access to a myriad of user data. Additionally, they may contain malware which would grant the sender access to saved data to include banking information, contacts, and account information (usernames and passwords).
- Malware is also present which accesses both voice and cameras, enabling actors access to conversations and accounts tied to the smartwatches.
- Brushing is the practice of sending products, often counterfeit, unsolicited to seemingly random individuals via mail in order to allow companies to write positive reviews in the receiver's name allowing them to compete with established products.



Smart band Men Women Smart Bracelet LED D18 Smartwatch Waterproof Smart Touch ...



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### What to do if you Receive

- Do NOT turn device on
- Report to Counterintelligence or Security Manager

# Around MCLB Barstow

Photos by: Sgt. Anika Lewis  
Visual Information Chief



Above and Below: Colonel Gregory Pace, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow commanding officer, congratulates base employees at the Quarterly Awards ceremony on base in Barstow, California, June 1. Servicemembers and civilians alike gathered to recognize the employees' hard work and dedication to the base's mission.

Award recipients converse with Col. Gregory Pace, base commanding officer, after the award ceremony held June 1, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

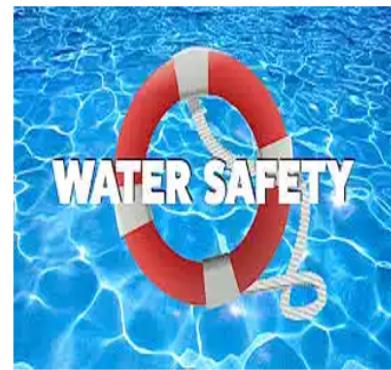


Above: Corporal Israel Lopez, Data Systems Administrator at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, washes a car on base, June 22. The car wash was held by the MCLB Barstow Ball Committee to help raise funds for the 248th Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Below: Lieutenant Colonel Arturo Manzanedo, Marine Corps Logistics Base Bartow Executive Officer, presents the flag to MSgt Jesse Cudaback during his retirement ceremony at the Maj. Gen. James L. Day conference center in Barstow, California, June 23. Cudaback, an MCCS Operations Chief, retired after 23 years of faithful service.



**RECREATIONAL SAFETY:** Beaches, pools, water parks and water sports are a welcomed activity, especially when it's hot outside. Never swim alone. Watch children closely. Avoid swimming or boating if consuming alcohol. Wear a life jacket when boating or jet-skiing. Inspect bicycles before riding. Wear helmets and light clothing and use proper hand signals when riding with traffic nearby. Avoid wearing ear buds or inserting anything into the ear canal that may prevent hearing approaching vehicles. Stretch before and after riding; hydrate and wear sunscreen. Follow unit/installation protocols regarding personally owned firearms. Never handle a weapon if alcohol is involved. Adhere to the tenants of firearm safety: 1) Treat every gun as if it is loaded; 2) Keep gun pointed in a safe direction; 3) Know your target and what's behind it; 4) Keep finger off trigger until ready to fire.



**ALCOHOL AWARENESS:** If you will be drinking this holiday weekend, do so responsibly. Set a limit, and don't exceed it. Never get behind the wheel if you've consumed any alcohol. Avoid engaging in high-risk activities if alcohol has been consumed. Monitor and control party attendee's alcohol in-take. Plan ahead to ensure guests get home safely or allow them to stay until sober. Remember, Marines take care of our own!



**FIREWORKS SAFETY:** Celebrate the birth of America safely. Every year thousands of people are injured handling fireworks, and many find their way into local emergency rooms. Over 80% of fireworks injuries involve hands, eyes and face. Never point a firework at a person or animal. Ensure kids do not have access to fireworks. If lighting off fireworks, keep a bucket of water or hose readily available. Pick up debris when done with fireworks. Know and follow your city and state firework ordinances. Do not use fireworks if consuming alcohol or near flammable material. Consider pets; animals have very sensitive ears and can be easily scared during fireworks; Keep our furry friends indoors during firework displays. Firearms should not be used in lieu of fireworks.

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY MISHAPS:** The following mishaps involved MFC Marines over the last few 4<sup>TH</sup> of July weekends:

- Sgt, drove off road at 2300 and into a ditch. Found several hours later; suffered a fractured leg.
- PFC, walked across road at 0145 while inebriated, and failed to look for oncoming traffic. PFC was struck by car and suffered head and spinal injuries.
- Cpl, arrived at a local hospital with an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound to the groin; lost a testicle.
- LCpl, sustained facial burns while setting off illegal mortar-style fireworks. Taken to hospital for treatment.
- Cpl, involved in a motor vehicle crash while intoxicated. Hospitalized with internal injuries.
- LCpl, shooting .22 rifle at friend's house; suffered eye injury from shrapnel when weapon malfunctioned.

**RISK MANAGEMENT (RM):** Incorporate RM process to all holiday weekend activities. Exercise discipline in avoiding needless risks and their consequences. Use the 'Battle Buddy' system and maintain situational awareness. Self-evaluate stress and fatigue levels often. Avoid engaging in demeaning or disrespectful behavior. Make smart decisions and continue to watch out for one another.

#### **RESOURCES:**

- [A Public Plea for Road Safety: We Take This Journey Together - National Safety Council](#)
- [Fireworks Safety - National Safety Council](#)
- [www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2022/follow-these-steps-for-a-safe-4th-of-july.html](http://www.redcross.org/about-us/news-and-events/news/2022/follow-these-steps-for-a-safe-4th-of-july.html)
- [TRiPS \(army.mil\)](#)

Manage the Risk



Protect the Force



# 4th of July

## 5K RUN

Race begins at 7:30am

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BARSTOW CA 92311

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR ANY INQUIRIES, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO  
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# July



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