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Colonel Russell W. Savatt IV, incoming commanding officer, accepts the Marine Corps flag from Col. Gregory B. Pace, outgoing commanding officer, at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 26. This exchange occurred during the transfer of command at the change of command ceremony.



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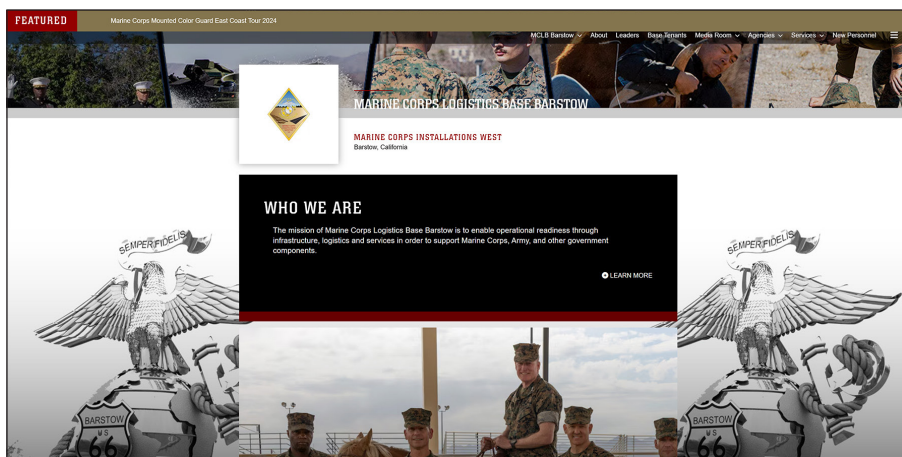




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Colonel Gregory B. Pace, outgoing commanding officer (right), and Sgt. Major Daceus Miller, base sergeant major (left), stand with personnel from Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command and S-F Facilities, who designed and created the metal plaque (not pictured) outside of the nearby Mounted Color Guard stables and the 3-D metal horse statue (center)

that is at the entrance of the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 25. Both the statue and plaque showcase the incredible skills of all personnel and proficiency with equipment on base. A full list of all personnel who worked on the statue and plaque can be found on page 9.

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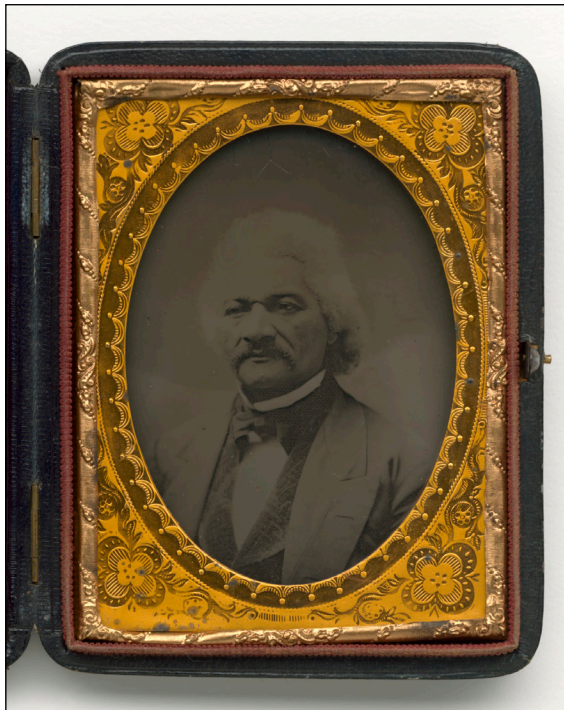
Sergeant Major's Corner

Story by: Sgt. Maj. Daceus Miller
Base Sergeant Major

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow joined the nation in celebrating Juneteenth National Independence Day, June 19. Juneteenth was federally recognized in 2021 and was a pivotal moment in our nation's history. In 1865, over 250,000 enslaved people were freed when the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation reached Texas, two and a half years after the proclamation was signed. Juneteenth is traditionally celebrated through community gatherings and honoring shared history. As a nation, we should all take this opportunity to remind ourselves of the value of never giving up hope during uncertain times and to celebrate freedom for all.

The contributions of African Americans in the fight for freedom are deeply embedded in our nation's history. Their efforts aided in securing and maintaining American independence, even before their own individual freedom was granted. At the start of the Civil War, African Americans were banned from enlisting, but by the end of the war, they made up 20 percent of the Naval force. African Americans continued to face many challenges and discrimination in their efforts to gain freedom. The post-emancipation period, known as Reconstruction, marked an era of great hope, uncertainty and struggle for the nation. Formerly enslaved people immediately sought to reunify families, establish schools, run for political office, push transformative legislation and sue slaveholders for compensation.

Juneteenth stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of those who fought for our freedom. It is a day to recognize the countless sacrifices made, the progress achieved, and acknowledging the work that remains in the Department's pursuit of absolute equality and equity for everyone. As a community at MCLB Barstow and surround cities, we should continue to learn more about Juneteenth and its profound impact on our nation's history and progress.



An ambrotype of Frederick Douglass, taken sometime between 1855 and 1865 by an unknown photographer. Photo from the collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

On July 5, 1852, Frederick Douglass gave a keynote address at an Independence Day celebration and asked, “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” Douglass was a powerful orator, often traveling six months out of the year to give lectures on abolition. His speech, given at an event commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, was held at Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York. It was a scathing speech in which Douglass stated, “This Fourth of July is yours, not mine, You may rejoice, I must mourn.”

In his speech, Douglass acknowledged the Founding Fathers of America, the architects of the Declaration of Independence, for their commitment to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

“Fellow Citizens, I am not wanting in respect for the fathers of this republic. The signers of the Declaration of Independence were brave men. They were great men, too, great enough to give frame to a great age. It does not often happen to a nation to raise, at one time, such a number of truly great men. The point from which I am compelled to view them is not, certainly, the most favorable; and yet I cannot contemplate their great deeds with less than admiration. They were statesmen, patriots and heroes, and for the good they did, and the principles they contended for, I will unite with you to honor their memory.”

Douglass stated that the nation's founders were great men for their ideals of freedom. But in doing so he brings awareness to the hypocrisy of their ideals by the existence of slavery on American soil. Douglass continues to interrogate the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, to enslaved African Americans experiencing grave inequality and injustice:

“Fellow-citizens, pardon me, allow me to ask, why am I called upon to speak here today? What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence? Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in that Declaration of Independence, extended to us? and am I, therefore, called upon to bring our humble offering to the national altar, and to confess the benefits and express devout gratitude for the blessings resulting from your independence to us?”

“Would to God, both for your sakes and ours, that an affirmative answer could be truthfully returned to these questions! Then would my task be light, and my burden easy and delightful. For who is there so cold, that a nation's sympathy could not warm him? Who so

obdurate and dead to the claims of gratitude, that would not thankfully acknowledge such priceless benefits? Who so stolid and selfish, that would not give his voice to swell the hallelujahs of a nation's jubilee, when the chains of servitude had been torn from his limbs? I am not that man. In a case like that, the dumb might eloquently speak, and the 'lame man leap as an hart.'

But such is not the state of the case. I say it with a sad sense of the disparity between us. I am not included within the pale of glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us. The blessings in which you, this day, rejoice, are not enjoyed in common. The rich inheritance of justice, liberty, prosperity and independence, bequeathed by your fathers, is shared by you, not by me. The sunlight that brought light and healing to you, has brought stripes and death to me. This Fourth July is yours, not mine. You may rejoice, I must mourn.”

- Frederick Douglass, July 5, 1852

From the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Uruguay Purchases USMC Stock Vehicles

Story by: Vanessa Schell
CommStrat Specialist

Delegates from the National Army of Uruguay visited Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command at the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 11 to 14.

The purpose of the visit was to conduct joint visual inspections of medium tactical vehicle replacements that are no longer in use by the United States Marine Corps located at MCLB Barstow, as stated by Betty Jackson, command support at PPB, MDMC. The MTRVs are all-terrain cargo vehicles typically used by the Department of the Navy and the USMC.

The delegates selected 60 MTRVs and established a scope of work for PPB, MDMC to “provide field level repairs to the MTRVs and bring them to a mission capable status,” said Gregory Reynolds, logistics for Foreign Military Sales, of Marine Corps Systems Command - International Programs Office, supporting U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and U.S. Southern Command areas of responsibility.

The National Army of Uruguay had also previously sent delegates in July 2023 to inspect mine-resistant, ambush-protected all-terrain vehicles. Those M-ATVs are slightly smaller and lighter than previous MRAPs but have improved mobility and are widely used by all branches of the armed forces.



Photo by: Betty Jackson

A National Army of Uruguay delegate inspects a medium tactical vehicle replacement, an all-terrain cargo vehicle, as part of the Foreign Military Sales program's joint visual inspections, June 11 - 14.

“[PPB, MDMC’s] involvement in this project will serve to enhance the skill set of the artisans working with these vehicles, thereby promoting professional development within the organization. Moreover, the acquisition of M-ATVs reinforces PPB's capabilities in handling this specific platform, positioning them to retain expertise in this area. The increased workload resulting from the procurement will generate additional direct labor hours for execution at the plant, further enhancing production capacity and operational effectiveness,” said Paul Niemeyer, project officer at PPB, MDMC, after the visit in 2023.

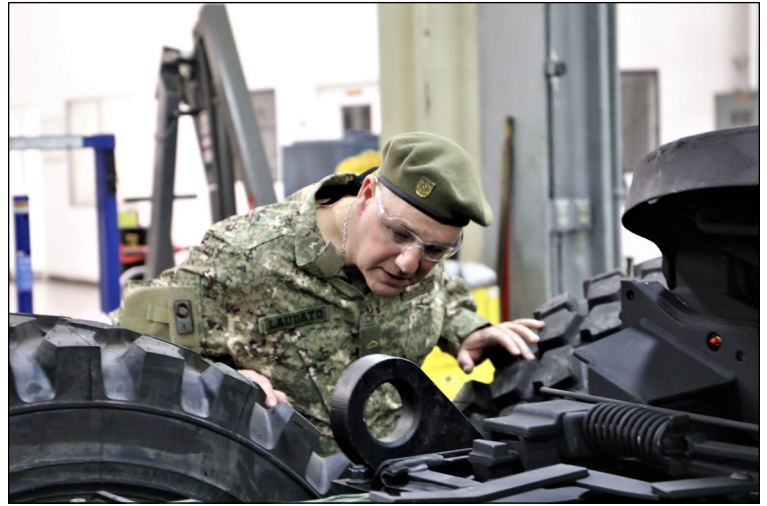


Photo by: Betty Jackson

A National Army of Uruguay delegate during the joint visual inspection, June 11 - 14. JVs are part of the Foreign Military Sales program.

David Merica, industrial engineer technician from the Operations Division of PPB, MDMC explained that they are currently working on the M-ATVs that were selected for repair.

“Uruguay inspected 36 M-ATVs and out of those we have inducted the first six to begin working on them. We are performing the annual service to each M-ATV and other items that were annotated on the JVs last July,” said Merica.

The MTRVs selected during this most recent visit will begin their repairs in fiscal year 2025. “Our relationship with the National Army of Uruguay is strong,” concluded Reynolds.

This National Army of Uruguay visit was supported by personnel and staff from PPB, MDMC, 1st Force Storage Battalion, the Navy International Program Office and Marine Corps Systems Command International Programs Office for USINDOPACOM and SOUTHCOM.



Photo by: Betty Jackson

National Army of Uruguay delegates inspect medium tactical vehicle replacements, June 11 - 14. The delegates selected a number of MK23 and MK25 MTRVs to be inducted for field level repairs by PPB, MDMC.

MCLBB's New B



United States Marine Corps Photo

Colonel Russell W. Savatt IV, commanding officer of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, as of June 26, 2024.

Command changed from Col. Gregory B. Pace to Col. Russell W. Savatt IV, at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, the morning of June 26.

The change of command ceremony included remarks given by Brig. Gen. Jason G. Woodworth, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West, Col. Pace, outgoing base commanding officer and Col. Savatt, incoming base commanding officer. Sergeant Major Daceus Miller, base sergeant major, served as Master of Ceremonies and Capt. William Bomchill, headquarters commander, served as Commander of Troops.

Colonel Savatt was joined by his spouse Esmeralda and his two youngest children, Nathan and Kayla, and gave brief closing remarks, thanking them for their support.

Colonel Pace was the commanding officer since July 1, 2021, and will be moving to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to serve as the deputy commander of Marine Corps Installations East.

Colonel Russell W. Savatt was born in Poway, California. He attended Platoon Leaders Class Juniors and Seniors, graduating Officer Candidate School in 2000 as the Company E honor graduate. Upon graduation from the Virginia Military Institute in 2001, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Following The Basic School, 2nd Lt. Savatt attended the Communications and Information Systems Officers



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Lance Corporal Juan C. PerezLujan, administrative specialist, gives flowers to Kayla Savatt, daughter of incoming commanding officer, Col. Russell W. Savatt IV, during the change of command ceremony at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 26.

Course in Quantico, Virginia, acquiring the PMOS of 0602. Upon completion of MOS training, 2nd Lt. Savatt was assigned to Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38. He served as the multi-channel radio platoon commander and executive officer for Company A. During his tour, he deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM I in 2003, OIF II in 2004, and OIF III in 2005. He was promoted to captain at the end of his tour.

In January 2006, Capt. Savatt was assigned to 1st Marine Division where he served as the G-6 Operations Officer. Later that year, he deployed to the Middle East as an individual augment with Central Command J-6 to be a Network Operations Watch Officer in support of OIF and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In August 2006, Capt. Savatt was assigned to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. During this tour, Capt. Savatt was the battalion S-6, commanding officer for Headquarters & Service Company, and battalion executive officer. While assigned to the battalion, Capt. Savatt deployed to Iraq in support of OIF in 2007 and again in 2008.

In May 2009, Capt. Savatt was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command. Captain Savatt served as the battalion S-6A and battalion S-6. In 2011, he was promoted to major and assigned as the commanding officer for

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Headquarters and Service Company, Special Operations Task Force 81 and Special Operations Task Force West. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of OEF in 2012.

In December 2012, Maj. Savatt was assigned to U.S. Special Operations Command where he served as the Tactical Communications and Special Operations Forces Liaison Element Communications representative in the J-65.

In July 2015 Maj. Savatt was assigned to 5th Marine Regiment where he served as the regimental S-6. During this tour, Maj. Savatt deployed to the Middle East as the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force - Crisis Response - Central Command Command Element S-6. Following the deployment, the SPMAGTF-CR-CC CE S-6 Section was the recipient of the Lieutenant Colonel Kevin M. Shea Memorial Unit of the Year Award for outstanding communication support.

In July 2017, Maj. Savatt was transferred to Marine Corps Forces Command where he served as the G-6 Operations Officer and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

In June 2018, Lt. Col. Savatt took command of the Communication Training Battalion, Marine Corps Communication - Electronics School.

In July 2020, Lt. Col. Savatt attended resident Top Level School at the Naval War College, where he graduated in June 2021 with a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

In July 2021, Lt. Col. Savatt assumed his duties as the assistant chief of staff, G-6, for 3rd Marine Division and was promoted to colonel in August 2023.

Colonel Savatt's military education includes Top Level School at the Naval War College, Expeditionary Warfare School Distance Education Program, the Marine Corps Command and Staff Distance Education Program (with Distinction), U.S. Army Airborne School, Survive, Evade, Resist and Escape School, Martial Arts Instructor Course, and the Martial Arts Instructor Trainer Course.

Colonel Savatt's personal decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (x2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (x2), Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Colonel Savatt has been married to his spouse Esmeralda for 19 years and they have three children: Giselle, Nathan and Kayla.

MCLB Barstow welcomes Col. Savatt!



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Brigadier General Jason G. Woodworth, commanding general of Marine Corps Installations West, gave remarks during the change of command ceremony, at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 26. Brigadier General Woodworth flew in from Camp Pendleton, California, the morning of the ceremony.



Photo by: Laurie Pearson

Colonel Gregory B. Pace, outgoing commanding officer, with his wife Maretta Pace and granddaughter, during the change of command ceremony at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, June 26.

Father's Day Pizza & Pop

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan
Multimedia Specialist

The Child Development Center and School Aged Care program celebrated Father's Day by organizing a pizza and soda event for children and parents to enjoy together at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, June 14. The children gave dads their self-drawn portraits as gifts.



MCLB Barstow Personnel Who Worked on...

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Multimedia Specialist

MCG Eagle, Globe & Anchor Plaque



Mounted Color Guard, Eagle, Globe and Anchor metal plaque, housed in front of the MCG stables outside of the Yermo Annex gate at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California.

S-F Facilities:

Tolson Grant
John Kilmer
Jeffrey Arriola
David Burcham
Gregory Walker
James Chavez

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Kevin Panowicz
Mike Johnson
Saul Salazar
Kevin Mintiun

3-D Horse Statue

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Jeffrey Arriola
David Burcham
Gregory Walker
James Chavez
Jacob Taney
Noah Wilkey
Michael Vasquez
JR

PPB, MDMC:

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Ed Moore
Kevin Panowicz
Brian Chien
Mike Johnson
Victor Martinez
Richard Pimentel
Kerry Eaton
Gerald Miles
Steve Juarez
David Florez



3-D metal horse statue, seated beside the entrance sign to the Yermo Annex of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California. Made with steel plates and designed to naturally weather over time.

Base-Wide Cleanup

Photos by: Laurie Pearson
CommStrat Officer



Personnel at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, participate in a base-wide cleanup, June 24. This was in preparation of the upcoming change of command, which occurred on June 26.

Fire and Emergency Services Badge Pinning

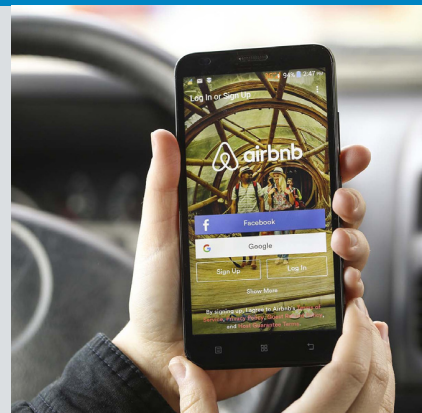
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Multimedia Specialist



Family, friends and fellow firefighters join Paul Purdy, fire chief, to congratulate newly promoted Capt. Steven Holland, Capt. Jose Peralta, Capt. Manuel Franco and Anthony Amparan, firefighter paramedic, during their badge pinning ceremony at Fire Station 401 on Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 21.



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7 - 11AM: Sunday Drive @ Marine Memorial Golf Course		9-10AM: Take-It-Make-It Activities @ Bldg. 363 9-10AM: (Adults) Journaling, Organizing & Gratitude @ Bldg. 218 9-11AM: Grow '5-Week Series @ Bldg. 218 4-730PM: SMP Pizza Dinner Night @ Bldg. 375	12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342	Independence Day 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342	12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342	<i>Auto Skills - Open</i>
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Bastille Day		11-1130AM: (Adults) Beginners Crochet @ Bldg. 218 1130AM: SMP Monthly Meet @ Bldg. 375 4-730PM: SMP Billiards (Pool) Tournament @ Bldg. 375	9-10AM: L.I.N.K.S. Networking @ Bldg. 126 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 2-3PM: (Kids) DIY Terrarium @ Bldg. 218	12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 4-730PM: SMP Italian Dinner Night @ Rec Center	12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 5-7PM: EAP Info Table at Screens & Strikes @ Bldg. 342	
7 - 11AM: Sunday Drive @ Marine Memorial Golf Course		11-1130AM: (Adults) Beginners Stitching @ Bldg. 218	11AM-1PM: Back to School Brigade @ Bldg. 218 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 2-3PM: (Kids) Recycled CD Spinning Tops @ Bldg. 218	End of Summer Reading Program Closing Party @ Bldg. 218 2-3PM: Domestic Violence Walkabout @ Desert View Housing 4-5PM: L.I.N.K.S. Foundations @ Bldg. 126	Summer Olympics Begins 12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 730PM-12AM: SMP Off Base Movie Night (Deadpool 3)	<i>Auto Skills - Open</i>
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Parent's Day						
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7 - 11AM: Sunday Drive @ Marine Memorial Golf Course		10-11AM: NPSP Playgroup @ Desert View Housing 11-1130AM: (Adults) Beginners Quilting @ Bldg. 218	12 - 5PM: Kids Bowl Free @ Bldg. 342 1-2PM: EAP Prevention Hour @ Bldg. 218 2-3PM: (Kids) Homemade Wind Chimes @ Bldg. 218 4-730PM: SMP Movie Night @ Bldg. 375			
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