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Martin Luther King Jr. Day



## How Long? Not Long

Selma to Montgomery /1965

Each year, the third Monday of January is celebrated as Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. The Department of Defense joins the Nation in honoring Dr. King's life, achievements, and enduring impact on the United States.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery march campaign, led by Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) to stop voter suppression.

Following the Civil War and the end of slavery, Jim Crow laws were enacted to suppress African American rights, including the right to vote. Because of stringent voter registration requirements and the threat of violence, Black voter participation in some Alabama counties plummeted to nearly 0%.

In 1965, King and the SCLC launched a protest and voter registration campaign in Selma, Alabama. On March 7, 600 nonviolent protestors began marching 54 miles from Selma to Montgomery.

When they arrived at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, law enforcement attacked them, forcing the protestors to retreat. Fifty people were hospitalized as a result. In response to this violence, Dr. King called for another march.

On March 9, during the "Ministers March," 2,000 protestors once again gathered at the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Upon encountering state troopers, they chose to return to Selma to avoid another violent confrontation.

The third and final march began on March 21, this time under Federal and State protection to prevent attacks. Over 8,000 protestors marched for five days until they reached Montgomery.

By March 25, the crowd had swelled to 25,000 people. King upon reaching the Alabama State Capitol building said in his famous "Not Long, How Long..." speech, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," reflecting his belief that justice will eventually triumph over injustice.

On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the DoD honors King's legacy and the freedom, equality, and inclusion he stood for. Together, we can live up to his standard, combat injustice, and serve our communities on this holiday because it is "A Day On, Not A Day Off."



EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

## COVER

Photo courtesy of:  
Pasadena Tournament of Roses  
Committee

The Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, along with Col. Russell Savatt, base commanding officer, Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, and Lt. Col. Richard Johnson, executive commanding officer, from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow led in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, January 1, 2025.

Marines pictured (from left to right): Sgt. Natasha Ochsner, GySgt. Steven Herbst, Sgt. Christian Drumheller, Cpl. Brandee Greer.



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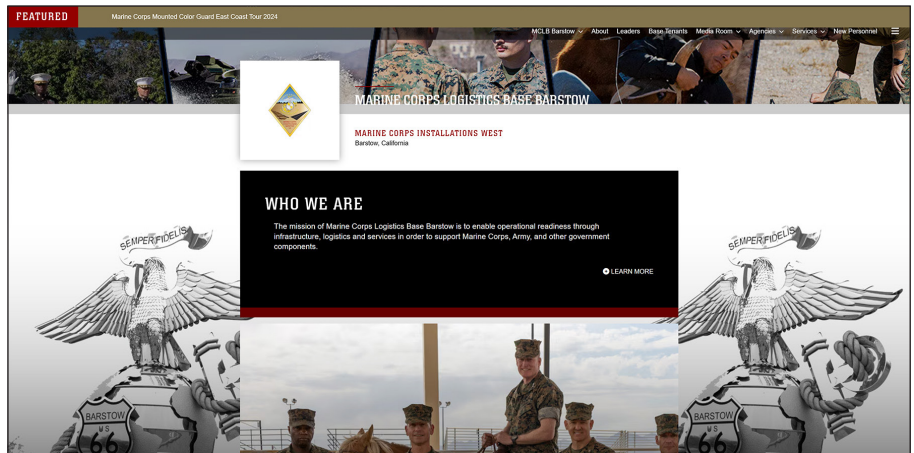




Photo by: Victor Mazari, Public Affairs Specialist, Fort Irwin

Marine and Army military personnel engage in their annual flag football game at Blue Track field in Fort Irwin, California, December 14, 2024. Each year, a friendly competition is initiated by Ft. Irwin and Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow as a way to bring the installation communities together. Camaraderie and the strength of esprit

de corps is the goal with teamwork prevailing both on and off the field. Afterwards, players gathered together to watch the official Army versus Navy game while enjoying food and beverages with their fellow peers.

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# Sergeant Major's Corner

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

## Happy New Year!

As we step boldly into 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of the past year and the relentless dedication each of you has shown to our mission. Every single day, you embody the value of honor, courage, and commitment, strengthening our Marine Corps and setting the bar for excellence. I couldn't be prouder of the work you do and the unwavering spirit you bring to everything you touch.

To the Marines, sailors, and civilian personnel of MCLB Barstow: You've faced every challenge with resilience, working tirelessly to ensure our operational readiness. Your efforts continue to uphold our proud legacy. Because of your hard work, we remain prepared and capable, no matter the obstacles we encounter. Your commitment is what allows us to build, grow, and succeed-together.

To the families who support our Marines, sailors, and civilian personnel: Your love, strength, and sacrifice provide the foundation upon which our success is built. The patience, understanding, and unwavering support you offer makes it possible for us to focus on our mission. You are not just a part of this community-you are the heart of it.

As we look to 2025, let's take pride in all we've achieved and remain driven by the opportunities ahead. Each mission, no matter the size, is a chance for us to rise, evolve, and excel. I have no doubt that together, we will continue to push the limits, support one another, and tackle any challenge the new year may bring.

Let's make 2025 a year to remember! A year of growth, success, and pride for the Marine Corps, MCLB Barstow, and the families who make it all possible. There is no limit to what we can accomplish when we stand united.

Wishing each and every one of you a happy new year filled with health, happiness, and limitless success.

Together, we will continue to make history.



Official U.S. Marine photo

# New statue and plaque on Yermo and stables

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist

*A new statue and plaque were delivered to the Yermo Annex entrance and the Mounted Color Guard stables, aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, May 9, 2024. The concept originated from Col. Gregory Pace as a tribute to the Mounted Color Guard's tradition and heritage.*



## XXIV Run for the Wall

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist



The 34th Annual Run for the Wall Midway Route made their first stop at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., May 14. Over 200 motorcyclists participated in a parade on historic Route 66, a portion of which goes through MCLB Barstow, after an awards presentation and photo opportunity in front of the Eagle, Globe and Anchor statue. Run for the Wall is an annual motorcycle ride from California to District of Columbia, ending at the Vietnam



# 2024 Colonel Cha

Photos by: Laurie Pearson  
COMMSTRAT Officer

*Military and civilian personnel bid farewell and following seas to Colonel Gregory Pace while welcoming aboard Colonel Russell Savatt during the Change of Command 2024 ceremony at the base gym aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, June 26.*



# ange of Command



# I MEF Training at Production Plant Barstow

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist

& Betty Jackson  
Command Support (MDCM PPB)

*I Marine Expeditionary Force, 1st Maintenance Battalion based in Camp Pendleton, California, sent Marines to Marine Depot Maintenance Command Production Plant Barstow aboard the Yermo Annex at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 8 - 18 & 30, 2024, for on the job training with production plant personnel and a tour to provide in depth information on the daily operational tasks, processes, and procedures, giving Marines the chance to ask questions and acquire valuable knowledge.*



## Headquarters Company Change of Command

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist



Captain William A. Bomchill, outgoing Headquarters Company commander, passed the Marine Corps flag to Capt. Elizabeth A. Kemp, oncoming Headquarters Company commander, during the change of command ceremony at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, July 12.



# High Desert Marines Car Show

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist

*High Desert Marines held their annual Car Show at Victor Valley College, Victorville, California, August 3, 2024. A variety of vehicles, vendors and food trucks contributed to the success of the event. Excelsior High Desert Young Marines and Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Walking Color Guard were amongst many that were present to support the event.*



## 9/11 Commemoration

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist

*The United States Veterans Support Group held the third annual 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony at Mountain View Memorial Park & Cemetery, Barstow, California, September 7. During the ceremony, Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, Dr. Paul Courtney, mayor of Barstow, and other distinguished individuals offered their reflections.*



# Kiwanis Club of Barstow: 90th Annual Parade

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow led the 90th Annual Kiwanis Club of Barstow Crossroads Parade Main Street (Historic Route 66), Barstow, California, October 19. Colonel Russell Savatt, base commanding officer, and Sgt. Maj. Miller Daceus, base sergeant major, led the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, followed by fire engines, Marines on foot patrol, military vehicles from Production Plant Barstow and 1st Force Storage Battalion, as well as Provost Marshal's patrol vehicle, and Fire and Emergency Services with their fire engines.



## Silver Valley High School Base Tour

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist

Silver Valley High School auto class toured Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, October 21. Throughout the tour, students had the opportunity to interact with horses from the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard, experience a ride on one of the locomotives alongside the Rail Operations team, observe mechanics and logistics at Production Plant Barstow, Marine Depot Maintenance Command and participate in demonstrations involving military equipment with 1st Force Storage Battalion.



# Marine Corps 249th Birthday & Cake Cuttings

Photos by: Kristyn Galvan  
Multimedia Specialist

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow celebrated the Marine Corps 249th Birthday by performing the traditional, ceremonial cake cutting ceremonies on both the Nebo and Yermo Annex aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California, November 7 & 20. Additionally, Marines attended the annual Birthday Ball at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victorville, California, November 15.



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