

BLACK WIDOW NEWSLETTER

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MARINE AVIATION LOGISTICS SQUADRON 13

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Commanding Officer's Comments



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Dear Marines, Sailors and Families of MALS-13,

MALS-13 continues to lead and serve in a number of measurable ways. From Squadron events like a recent hike, to unprecedented logistical support for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, you can be proud of what we are accomplishing together.

Feedback from our counterparts in Afghanistan and the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit remains very positive. February also marks the end of the "Integrated Training Exercise" (ITX) in 29 Palms, CA, where our Marines were instrumental in supporting aviation operations.

We have a great spring season to look forward to. As always, we appreciate all of your time, care and support.

Sincerely,

LtCol Andrew J. Thompson

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DATES TO REMEMBER

PREP Feb 12
Chapel/Fellowship Hall, 7:30am-4:30pm

Station Welcome Aboard Feb 19
Sonoran Pueblo, 8-10am

Transition GPS Feb 24-28
Community Center (bldg. 1093), 7:30am-4:30pm

Sergeant Major's Message



Family and Friends,

As 2014 is moving fast, we are doing some exciting things here in MALS. On 17 January, the unit hiked up Telegraph, boy, what a view. We finished it up with a Warrior breakfast and some great photos. Marines in MALS loved it. We will continue to do fun stuff each month, there is a lot of pride here and you should be very proud of your loved ones.

If there is anything that the Command can do for you please do not hesitate to email me, I am here to support your loved one in uniform and yourself.

R/S

SgtMaj Solari, Lonny



INFO from the FRO

Black Widows and families,

Our unit hike at Telegraph Pass on 17 January was a huge success! After some marching in the brisk morning weather the Marines sat down and had a great breakfast provided by the Chow Hall. We are in the final stages of planning for our Single Marine Super Bowl party at the barracks with hot wings from The Crossing and pizza from Papa John's and some other light refreshments (Skittles for "BEAST MODE"), plus they will have some individual competitions and a Velcro Wall ~ should be a great game and event!

Spouses, attend a LINKS for Couples/Spouses (Jan 22 & 23, from 6-9pm) class at MCFTB and get your Marines a day off! Just bring/send me a copy of your certificate and I will inform his department. Once he has been approved for his day off in their departments he will have 30 days to take it.

The Family Readiness Program (FRP) is currently seeking volunteers, if you would like to support the unit with some of your spare time, let me know and I will send you an application form and information documents. The FRP is here for you, we look forward to providing any assistance to questions or needs you may have. If you would like to be a volunteer for the unit, whether officially or unofficially, contact me and I will get you more details on the opportunities.

Semper Fi
Larry

MCFTB

Marine Corps Family Team Building

Marine Corps Family Team Building is committed to empowering military families with information and awareness that keep them healthy and safe. All of our classes and events are meant to provide an opportunity to learn about resources available to military families, skills to cope and thrive in the military lifestyle, meet new people and build relationships. After all, the tight-knit military community is a great place to find true friends who will provide a lifetime of support.

Warm regards,
Rob, Lauren, Meaghan & Steve

SMP

MALS-13 SMP Reps

- HQ - Cpl Latoya Jefferson
- 600 - Cpl Manuel Moreno
- 500 - LCpl Nicolas Fiske
- ALIMSD - Cpl Grey Crone
- PC - Cpl Rachel Christensen
- 900 - Cpl Dylan Miller
- Cpl MaryBeth Monson (MALS Pres)**
- 700 - Cpl Nathan Fee
- PC - Cpl Mitchell Majors
- M/A - Cpl Alyssa Altieri

SMP Recreation Center

Hours of Operation ~ 269-5794
 Mon - Thurs: 11am - 11pm
 Fri thru Sun: 11am - Midnight
 Holiday Hrs: 1:00pm - 11:00pm

Upcoming Events

SMP Monthly Council Meeting
 Feb 6, 1500-1630 – Station Conf. Room

SMP Vol. Op- Crossroads Mission
 Feb 1, 0830 @ SMP Rec. Center

SMP Vol. Op- Dirty Mudder
 Feb 15, 0500 @ SMP Rec. Center

SMP – SMP – Big Bear Trip
 Feb 7 (7-9 Feb), meet 0800 @ SMP Rec. Center



SMP Vol. Op-Humane Society
 Feb 12 & 26, 0830 @ SMP Rec. Center

SMP Vol. Op- Yuma Food Bank
 Feb 5 & 19, 0830 @ SMP Rec. Center

SMP – UFC 170 (FREE food)
 Feb 22, 1900 @ SMP Rec. Center

SMP Fundraiser: Chapel Car Show
 Feb 8, 0800 @ Parade Deck/Chapel parking

Marine Corps Family Team Building
Building 598
(928) 269-6502/6503/6553/6544

SCHEDULED CLASSES

Command Team Training
 Feb 4 @ MCFTB, 9am-12pm

LINKS for Marines
 Feb 12 @ MCFTB, 9am-4pm

FR Assist/CT Adv Training
 Feb 20 @ MCFTB, 5-9pm

eMARINE for FRO's
 Feb 28 @ Computer Lab, 8am-4pm

LINKS for Couples/Spouses
 Feb 11 @ MCFTB, 9am-4pm





Community Events

American Red Cross

Blood Drive



Yuma Community

Yuma Foothills Branch Library

Multi Purpose Room

**Friday, January 31
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or log on to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **yumafoothills**

Homewood Suites Hilton

Conference Room
1955 E. 16th St.
SW Corner 16th & Pacific Avenue

**Saturday, February 1
8:00 a.m. – Noon**

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Lifelong Learning

When our Marines check into the unit they have to check into Lifelong Learning, the Station Education Center (building 850). There are opportunities for **spouses** to utilize these services as well for with a MyCAA grant (\$4000) for approved transferable training.

Testing Schedule

- Feb 4: AFCT/DLAB/DLPT, 0800-1300
- Feb 11: AFCT/DLAB, 1300-1600
- Feb 12: SAT, 0800-1400
- Feb 13: College Exams, 0800-1100
- Feb 18: AFCT/DLAB/DLPT, 0800-1300

College 101 (Tuition Assistance Brief): EVERY Friday, 1000-1100 **MGIB and Post 9/11 Bill Brief**: Feb 3 & 24, 1000-1100

Spouse Education and Employment Brief (call 269-3248 for reservations): Feb 5, 1000-1100

Station Education Staff: Cindy Harry - Education Services Officer @ 269-3589 or cindy.harris@usmc.mil, Jessica Davis - Education Services Specialist @ 269-5614 or jessica.a.davis@usmc.mil, or Alvina Johnson – Education Services Specialist @ 269-3248 or alvina.johnson@usmc.mil.



New Parent Support & Navy Marine Corps Relief Society

The New Parent Support Program (NPSP) and Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) offer our Marines and families who are expecting some great opportunities prior to your “new joins” arrival.

New Parent Support: Located in building 645 (corner across from the Gym) **269-2308**

1. Daddy’s Baby Boot Camp, held at NPSP – 14 Feb, 0800-1600 (must call and register)
2. Mom’s Basic Training, held at NPSP – 28 Feb, 0800-1600 (must call to register ~ as soon as you know you’re expecting)
3. YRMC Hospital Tour, held on 1st Thursday of each month at 3:00pm – 6 Feb is the next tour (if you cannot make the tour call YRMC they will usually do a private tour too). Normally last about 45 minutes, you can also pre-register and complete all required paperwork while you are there.

Play Based Parenting, (Tuesdays) 4, 11, 18 Feb: 9am-Noon. Toddler Craft, (Mondays) 27 Jan: 10-11am.

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society: Also building 645 (use side entrance facing the Station Theater) **269-2373**

1. Budget for Baby, classes held Wednesday morning, 0930 (please call to register).
2. Pay Day loans up to \$500.
3. Grant and Loan program for emergencies.

Telegraph Pass Hike



**Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13
Black Widows
January 17 2014**

