

Volunteer Opportunities in the MCLB Barstow Area

The Volunteer program is open to anyone age 13 and up. Individual organizations may have additional guidelines.

To access more information about the Volunteer Program, go online <u>https://barstow.usmc-mccs.org/more/volunteer-opportunities</u>

or contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at (760) 577-6675 FR.MCLBB@usmc-mccs.org

Begin your volunteer journey:

- 1. Attend Volunteer Orientation. Register at <u>VP22.eventbrite.com</u>
- 2. Interview with the organization(s) of your choice.
- 3. Complete and Sign DD Form 2793 with each base organization.
- 4. Record and submit your hours of service monthly to FR.MCLBB@usmc-mccs.org

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Events

Unit Events

Support unit events under the direction of the Uniformed Readiness Coordinator. These non-appointed volunteer positions are open to family members of active duty Marines, ages 13 and above. Volunteer through the stages of planning, set up, execution, and tear down. Contact your unit's URC, or call 760-577-6675 for more information.

Spring Festival

Volunteers can help support this base wide event in several ways. Set up, running games & activities, registration, and more. Contact MCCS Operations for more information. angelica.benavidez@usmc.mil or call (760) 577-6733 or (760) 985-7185

SAPR 5k Walk/Run

Raising awareness for Sexual Assault Prevention Month, this 5k Walk/Run is held each April. Volunteers are needed for set up, water stations, activities, and more. Contact MCCS Behavioral Health 760-577-6533.

Base Luau

Volunteers can help support this culturally-themed celebration in many ways. Contact MCCS Operations for more information. <u>veronica.reveles@usmc.mil</u> or call (760) 577-6733.

<u>Fall Festival</u>

Volunteers can help support this base wide event in several ways. Set up, running games & activities, registration, and more. Contact MCCS Operations for more information. <u>veronica.reveles@usmc.mil</u> or call (760) 577-6733.

Survivor Walk

Held each October, this 5k Walk/Run celebrates survivors of domestic violence and raises awareness for prevention. Volunteers are needed for set up, water stations along the route, activities, and more. For more information, contact 760-577-6533 or email michelle.adams@usmc.mil.

Cartoon / Haunted Tunnel

The Single Marine Program oversees the creation and exhibit of the annual Cartoon/Haunted Tunnel which is run by volunteers each October during the Trunk or Treat event. First, the set up and painting of the tunnel, then during the event - costumed performers inside the tunnel and tour guides. Finally, tunnel pack up and storage. For more information, call the Single Marine Program Coordinator at (760) 577-5889.

Trunk or Treat

Volunteers can help support this base wide event in several ways. Set up, running games, registration, contest judging, and more. Contact MCCS Operations for more information. <u>angelica.benavidez@usmc.mil</u> or call (760) 577-6733.

Trees for Troops

Every December, volunteers help support military families by volunteering with Trees for Troops, providing holiday trees for base families. Set up, running games & activities, registration, and more. Contact MCCS Operations for more information. <u>angelica.benavidez@usmc.mil</u> or call (760) 577-6733 or (760) 985-7185.

Volunteer Opportunities on Base

Single Marine Program

The Single Marine Program offers two ways to volunteer. First, there are service events set up monthly for single service members and geo bachelors to volunteer at various programs in the community. Secondly, any adult may volunteer to assist the Single Marine Program itself, including SMP events, holiday meals, and more. For more information, call the Single Marine Program Coordinator at (760) 577-5889.

Spouse Club

This unofficial club includes all spouses living on or assigned to MCLB Barstow. For more information on events and planning, inquire on the spouse Facebook page. MCLB/Barstow Military Spouses – (closed group) Facebook.com/groups/200679949964154

Lt. Col. Robert Lindsley Stables

Volunteer support for various projects around the stables, events, and general clean up is appreciated. For details, contact 760-577-3574 or email BSTW_Mounted_Color_Guard@usmc.mil.

Command Team Advisor

This is an official APF volunteer position open to spouses of active duty Marines. Provides family insight to the Family Readiness Command Team. Regularly attends Command Team meetings. Attends Family Readiness-related functions. Recommends improvements for family wellness. Focuses on support, advocacy and mentorship. May assist with authorized communication and event planning. For more information or to apply for this position, please contact your unit's Uniformed Readiness Coordinator or call (760) 577-6675.

Family Readiness Assistant

This is an official APF volunteer position open to families of active duty Marines. Assists the Uniformed Readiness Coordinator (URC) with welcoming families to the unit. Provides feedback from the families to the URC concerning quality of communication and overall effectiveness of the Unit and Personal Family Readiness Program. Publicizes and attends Family Readiness events and workshops. May assist with event planning. For more information, please contact your unit's Uniformed Readiness Coordinator or call (760) 577-6675.

Marine Corps Community Services

Volunteers can help support various branches within MCCS, including the Library, Semper Fit, Child and Youth Services, Single Marine Program, Behavioral Health, and Marine Corps Family Team Building. Contact each branch individually for specific volunteer information. <u>MCCSBarstow.com</u>

MCLB Barstow Library

If you like books, crafts, people, and learning, then this opportunity is for you! Ages 13 and above may apply to volunteer at the base library located at McTureous Hall, Bldg. 218 (760) 577-6395. Volunteers may help with support for scheduled classes and activities, shelving books, special events, creating displays, and more.

L.I.N.K.S. Mentor

This is an official NAF volunteer position available to families of active duty service members. Mentor and empower base families by providing information, knowledge, referrals, and outreach on important resources and services. Publicizes and helps to host L.I.N.K.S. events and workshops, facilitates modules of L.I.N.K.S. Foundations and assists with event planning, preparation, and set up. For more information or to apply for this position, call (760) 577-6675 or email FR.MCLBB@usmc-mccs.org.

MCFTB Admin Volunteer

This is a NAF volunteer position. Admin Volunteers assists Marine Corps Family Team Building Branch at Bldg. 126 and may perform tasks such as list event registration updates on Eventbrite and Facebook, post on social media, submit marketing requests, update volunteer listings in Volgistics, draft newsletters, design, flyers, send electronic communications, assemble information folders, print, file, venue preparation, logistical tasks, prepare items for mailing, and sanitize common areas. Training provided. Hours are flexible. Ages 13 and up can volunteer. For more information or to apply for this position, please contact (760) 577-6675.

MCFTB Program Volunteer

This is a NAF volunteer position. Volunteers may assist with outreach, participate in event planning, preparation and set up, to include decorating, printing and assembling information packets, assisting event participants with sign in and training materials, assisting with networking introductions, logistics, general support, and sanitizing common areas. For more information or to apply for this position, please contact Marine Corps Family Team Building at (760) 577-6675.

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society- Thrift Store

Thrift shops are operated only by volunteers, so positions include shop lead, cashiers, merchandising, donation sorting, and general support. Thrift shop volunteers use and develop retail experience, including displaying and organizing merchandise, handling cash and sales, and managing a store. If you enjoy interacting with people and providing them the value of a good bargain, this may be the place for you. Volunteers also enjoy the social support of working on a close-knit team. For more information or to start volunteering, go to http://NMCRS.org

Off Base Volunteer Opportunities

Adopt a Block – City of Barstow

Adopt-a-Block is a program that provides individuals, groups of residents and local organizations with the opportunity to volunteer and take responsibility for enhancing our community—one block at a time. Volunteers commit to a minimum of four events over two years that may include lending a hand to help beautify a neighborhood block, helping someone remove graffiti, picking up rubbish, handing out educational materials, lending a hand to those in need, and conducting other activities designed to bring neighbors together to better our community. Call (760) 255-5126 and visit <u>https://www.barstowca.org</u>.

Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer Ambassadors are official representatives of the Chamber to serve as a liaison between the Chamber, its members and the community. Ambassadors attend ribbon-cutting ceremonies, Breakfast meetings, Mixers and other local functions throughout the year. Event locations and meetings will vary. (760) 256-8617.

Barstow Humane Society

Volunteers call (760) 252-4800. Complete application at the front desk. No minimum time requirement.

Barstow Senior Center

Kitchen: - Contact Moe Lessard 760-256-5023. **Programs:** Assist with activities, events, trips, and Bingo. **Thrift Store** - Contact Esther Love (760) 256-0755. Volunteers will sort, price, display, etc. **Furniture Store** – Ask for Maryann Neal (760) 256-3630. Volunteers will help with pickups and deliveries, or provide assistance in the store to move furniture and help with displays. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center.

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<u>USO</u>

Sign up to volunteer at MCLB Barstow and more: Select either Fort Irwin or Ontario https://volunteers.uso.org/

CASA of San Bernardino County

Educational Advocates Needed for Neglected and Abused Teens (Barstow). The Educational Advocacy program, through CASA of San Bernardino County, trains volunteers to work within the school system. Educational Advocates attend a 30-hour training. Advocates will be sworn in by the Juvenile Court Judge and will then serve as the educational rights holder for 1-5 foster youth. Advocates usually spend about 3-5 hours a month working on behalf of each child they are assigned to, for a 12 to 18 month commitment. Opportunities may vary per pandemic guidelines. <u>http://casaofsb.org.</u>

Desert Manna

Food pantry- Assemble food bags for the hungry. Call Tuesday through Friday 9am - 2pm (760) 256-7797 or email: <u>staff@desertmanna.org</u>.

Desert Sanctuary/Haley House

Call the office at (760) 256-3733 for information about supporting domestic violence awareness and outreach.

Guide Dogs of the Desert (GDD)

Enjoy working with puppies? This is a non-profit that provides guide dogs for the blind at no charge. Volunteer Puppy Raisers are always needed! Visit the website for more information. <u>http://www.gddca.org</u>

High Desert Marines

Volunteer support to Marines and Veterans. Contact Commander Floyd Foster 661-433-9240.

Meals on Wheels

Home Delivered Meals - Please call Moe Lessard, phone (760) 256-9111 - People needed to deliver meals to elderly. Sometimes also need kitchen volunteers (may need San Bernardino County food handler certificate). Will need help at Thanksgiving and Christmas for the Holiday Meals Program (prep the week before).

San Bernardino County Library - Barstow Branch

Monthly Volunteer Orientation is provided to volunteers who are willing to make a 3-month, 2-hours per week commitment. Duties include but are not limited to shelving books, helping with events, story time, crafts, and etc. (760) 256-4850.

Online Volunteer Opportunities

USMC PCS Family Advocacy Council

Volunteers advocate to improve the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) experience for our USMC families. They facilitate information flow between HQMC, installations, and logistics offices to families pertaining to relocation of families and pets during a PCS move. Attend monthly advocate meetings, participate in DMO conference calls, engage in correspondence with HQMC, utilize Facebook for vetting group members and answering questions, research PCS topics, create graphics/other informational materials, engage in community awareness outreach and recruiting activities, track data, and record all volunteer hours. The Facebook group for CONUS is https://www.facebook.com/groups/USMCPCSSupport. *This specific volunteer opportunity is open to USMC Spouses residing at MCLB Barstow*. Contact usmcpcsadvocacy@gmail.com to apply.