



### **MCLB BARSTOW WINS 2015 SECNAV SAFETY AWARD**

The Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) has awarded the 2015 Safety Excellence Award for Ashore Safety to the Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Barstow, in recognition of the Command's exceptional and sustained commitment to safety.

The safety efforts of Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow directly enhanced readiness and the Department of the Navy's warfighting capability. As such, the Command was commended for its commitment to safety excellence, to the Nation, and to the sustainment of the Department of the Navy as a world class safety organization.

The SECNAV Safety Excellence Awards were established to recognize and congratulate those Navy and Marine Corps commands that have demonstrated exceptional and sustained safety excellence. The award highlights activities that have excelled in improving warfighting and mission readiness through professional risk management in the elimination of preventable deaths, injuries, occupational illnesses, infrastructure and materiel losses, and mission degradation. The awards emphasize the unique importance of safety as a top Department of the Navy (DON) priority.

The commendation for 2015 was awarded to MCLB Barstow for consistently setting the standard for Marine Corps Safety by attaining and maintaining Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) STAR status. As stated in the award "MCLB Barstow's superior and comprehensive safety program fosters an enthusiastic and positive safety culture that directly supports the Department of Defense (DoD) and Marine Corps mishap reduction and prevention efforts."

Accomplishments and successes that contributed to this award include:

- Mishap rates that have decreased over 90% since 2002 and are currently greater than 60% less than the national average for industries with similar operations
- No Military on-duty or off-duty, no civilian on-duty, and no privately owned or government operated motor vehicle Class A or B mishaps
- Recognition for superior safety management system implementation



- Invitations to mentor and assist other Marine Corps Commands, federal agencies (including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration), and several private businesses to develop and implement their safety management system
- Effective protection from workplace hazards by thorough execution of medical surveillance and ergonomics programs coupled with noteworthy collaboration among human resources professionals, occupational safety and health specialists, and first line supervisors

Commands, organizations, and teams selected for the SECNAV Safety Excellence Awards must have demonstrated critical initiatives and a cultural philosophy that fulfills their responsibility to maintain a mission-ready, capable Navy and Marine Corps.

MCLB Barstow has set an excellent standard of achievement for not only the Marine Corps but for other Department of Defense and governmental agencies to follow and its efforts highlight the importance the Marine Corps has continuously placed on safety and readiness.