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### MCAS Yuma to welcome new station sergeant major

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (May 14, 2013)**– MCAS Yuma will hold a post and relief ceremony for its incoming and outgoing sergeants major on the parade field, May 15 at 9 a.m.

During the ceremony, Sgt. Maj. Karl Villalino will relinquish command as sergeant major of MCAS Yuma to Sgt. Maj. Colen B. Laarmon.

Villalino, who took command of MCAS Yuma in May 2011, is preparing for a deployment with International Security Assistance Forces in Afghanistan. His biography can be found at <http://www.mcasyma.marines.mil/Leaders/SergeantMajor.aspx>.

Laarmon is coming to MCAS Yuma from 1st Battalion, 24th Marines in Mount Clemens, Mich., where he served as the Inspector-Instructor. From March 2010 to May 2013, Laarmon led the men and women of 1st Battalion, 24th Marines.

The Sergeant Major of MCAS Yuma is the senior enlisted Marine advisor to the air station Commanding Officer, station personnel and is responsible for the oversight of the Corps' busiest air station.

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Media Note: Media are invited to cover the event on May 15. All media must arrive at the main gate by 8:30 a.m. If interested, please email [william.waterstreet@usmc.mil](mailto:william.waterstreet@usmc.mil) or call (928)269-2275.