



## July 2012

### A message from the Commander's wife to family members:

Dear Families,

Did you make it to Family Fun Day last month? I hope you did, because 'FUN' doesn't even begin to describe the day. We had an absolute blast! There was laughter and a lot of smiles everywhere. We need more of these kinds of days. They help us get to know one another and come together as a Command family.

I found a July trivia quiz on Quizopolis.com I thought would be fun to share with you. See if you know the answers.

**1. Who was July named after?**

- a. Roman Emperor Julius Caesar      b. The Egyptian Princess Julia      c. Historian Jules Meadows

**2. Which of the following is not in July?**

- a. US Independence Day      b. UK Independence Day      c. Canadian Independence Day

**3. Which is the flower of the month for July?**

- a. Clover      b. Pansy      c. Water Lily

**4. Which is the birthstone for July?**

- a. Ruby      b. Amber      c. Emerald

**5. July is NOT...**

- a. US National Ice Cream Month      b. US National Hot Dog Month      c. US National Chocolate Month

**6. What sporting event does not happen in July?**

- a. The World Series      b. Wimbledon      c. The Tour de France

**7. Which of the following did not happen in July?**

- a. George W. Bush, Jr. was born in 1946      b. The first Christmas was celebrated in Australia      c. The first US zoo opened in 1874

**8. How many days are there in July?**

- a. 28      b. 30      c. 31

**9. Which zodiac sign does not fall in July?**

- a. Virgo      b. Cancer      c. Leo

**10. July is considered the \_\_\_\_ month in the US?**

- a. Hottest      b. Most Expensive      c. Longest

Don't peek until you've completed your quiz, but here are the answers:

(1.a 2.b 3.c 4.a 5.c 6.a 7.b 8.c 9.a 10.a)

I hope you enjoyed some fireworks, picnics, and fun revelry of all kinds this month! Watch a good summer blockbuster movie, listen to a classic summer hit, go to a great beach (Siesta Beach in Sarasota, FL, is the #1 beach for 2012), visit a family vacation spot (Orlando is always a winner) and just have fun. Enjoy time well spent with your friends and family and be sure to keep jotting down those memories in your life journals.

Here's a summer hit to get you going: "Summertime, and the livin' is easy," ....

Keep Singing,  
Traci Kelley

## From the desk of the Family Readiness Officer

100 degrees! 101 degrees! 102 degrees! 103 degrees!?!? Now that is what I call hot! I don't know about you, but I sure am glad that heat wave broke AFTER our Family Fun Day!

Speaking of the Family Fun Day, let me say that from all that I saw and heard, the event was a smashing success! The weather was picture perfect, the food was excellent, Manny, as usual, did a fantastic job as he kept the tunes coming and I do believe the kids had a blast with all the activities we had on Hospital Point. This event would not have been the success that it was if it were not for the hard work from all of our volunteers. So, to all that made this event not only possible, but also the success that it was, a hearty "well done and thank you."

Throughout the afternoon, we called out the lucky winners of the door prizes. Below is a list of the winners:

LaWanda Morton-Chun of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Joint Program Office—\$25 Gift Card  
Tommie Klise of EPS/Contracting – \$25 Gift Card  
Susan Wood of EPS – \$50 Gift Card  
Bruce Leaman of AFSS – Lunch at The Clubs At Quantico  
Maj. Christopher Wills of Infantry Weapons – \$50 Gift Card  
Petty Officer Sinestra Whiting of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Joint Program Office – Lunch at The Clubs At Quantico

I would also like to congratulate Infantry Weapons Systems, this year's winner of the Commander's Cup. Although there were not a lot of competitors, those who did compete gave it their all. IWS came in first place in volleyball and tug of war, and second place in horseshoes. AMMO came in second place with one first place finish in horseshoes and two second place finishes in volleyball and tug of war. MRAP finished third in horseshoes. We all hope you had fun competing and another congratulations to IWS for their win.

If you were not able to attend this year's Family Fun Day, let me encourage you to log onto [www.eMarine.org](http://www.eMarine.org) and check out all the pictures. If you are still unfamiliar, eMarine is the latest in the Marine's Authorized Organizational Communication Tool (AOCT) program to communicate information from the command to its Marines, Civilian Marines and their families. All members of Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and the surrounding local area have been pre-registered and can now log onto [www.eMarine.org](http://www.eMarine.org) to complete their registration and gain access to the MCSC eMarine website. Family members can also register.

Continue to have a safe and fun filled summer!  
Mac McManus, Family Readiness Officer

## Teen night at Quantico Bowling Center

Quantico Bowling Center is hosting Teen Night on July 21 from 8-11 p.m. The evening includes unlimited bowling, shoe rental, pizza and more for \$10 per person. Click below for more information:

[http://www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org/Bowling/PDF/TeenNight.pdf?bcsi\\_scan\\_8D0E087B2ACD4119=1](http://www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org/Bowling/PDF/TeenNight.pdf?bcsi_scan_8D0E087B2ACD4119=1)

## Check the MCCS monthly tri-fold brochure for more events

The monthly tri-fold brochure distributed by Quantico's Marine Corps Community Services provides a great listing of activities and events. Click below for the July tri-fold and check it out:

<http://www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org/pdf/MonthlyTrifold.pdf>

## National Military Family Association newsletters

Click on the links to read the latest electronic newsletters for [Military Family Topics](#), [The Voice for Military Families](#), the [Monthly Bulletin](#) and [Spouse Club eNews](#) – all published by the National Military Family Association.

## Relief for Military Homeowners

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) announced military homeowners with Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac loans who receive Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders will be eligible to sell their homes in a short sale, even if they are current on their mortgage.

## Support for Special Needs Families

Senators and their staff are reviewing the Department of Defense (DoD) policies and procedures prior to the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. The National Military Family Association provided testimony for the record at a hearing held by the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel on Thursday, June 21.

## VA Creates New Online PTSD Initiative

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has started a new online initiative called AboutFace. The AboutFace campaign provides personal videos from veterans of all eras who have experienced PTSD and have turned their lives around by seeking treatment.

## Social Media and Military Families

It seems like every day a new social networking site pops up, and nobody has embraced the culture of information sharing and keeping in touch like military families. Recommendations on different ways military families can use some of the popular social networking sites include Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Pinterest.

## Learn About America's VetDogs

America's VetDogs Treats is sponsoring Tails for Troops, a social media campaign on their Facebook page where videos of veterans and their service dogs in action are posted. This campaign is designed to provide awareness to veterans and active duty personnel with disabilities and show how a service dog enriches their everyday life.