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**A message** from the  
**COMMANDER'S** *Spouse*



**To all spouses of Marine Corps Systems Command and Program Executive Officer Land Systems:**

First of all, I hope you like the name of this special publication, which is created for all Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS) spouses. Happy new year. I hope your holidays were peaceful and you were able to spend some quiet time with your families. I know my home was filled with much laughter, good food and fun.

Every new year I am so thankful for my family and friends. I am happy to add all of you, our "Spouses On Point," to this list. Beginning in 2011, I want to work together with all Spouses On Point to start some new communications and family activities. It is my hope that we will bring our families together even more than before to support each other and share some fun. We have a wonderful and dedicated Command and a fantastic team of families. Together we will work to make our Command a better organization and ultimately enhance the mission of our Marines.

As a mom of six, I know the demands placed upon a spouse and want each of you to know how much we appreciate your dedication. However, we would like you to get even more involved with our organization, volunteer or just come to enjoy the various new events our Command is planning. Be sure to watch for communications specific to you, such as this *Spouses On Point* publication, and make sure we have your contact information. A new monthly electronic newsletter that began in January will share Command events, news and also include family highlights.

Let's make "our MCSC and PEO LS" a Command family where everyone feels welcome, vital and proud. Families are truly the source of our strength. When our active-duty Marines and civilian Marines feel supported, they can remain mission-focused while knowing their families are strong.

Welcome to our Spouses On Point family. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

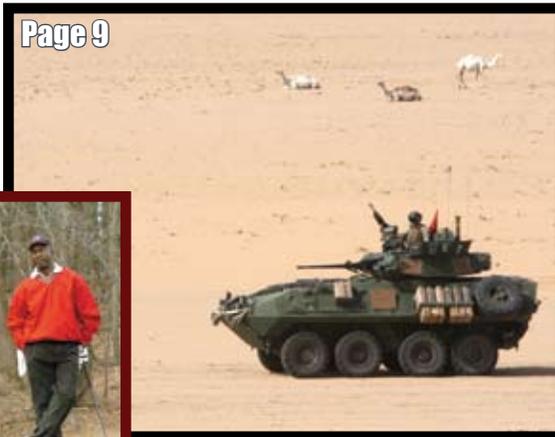
Warmest Regards,

*Traci B. Kelley*

Traci Kelley

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## Town Hall, future events bring significant others into the fold

Spouses, unite! That would be a Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS) battle cry if Traci Kelley and Vicki Burrow have their say, and they plan to help Command spouses find their own voices in a rapidly expanding support network.

Traci is the wife of Brigadier General Frank Kelley, MCSC Commander. Vicki is married to Dr. John Burrow, MCSC Executive Director. The women are drawing from their military and civilian family backgrounds in a drive to bring all spouses and families together in the Command.

Prior to MCSC's Spouses Town Hall, Traci and Vicki talked about why the Command is having a Spouses Town Hall and plans they have to support spouses in the future with events and other activities.

"This is our opportunity to share what the Command does," Traci said. "We want to share all the things we've accomplished and we want to invite our families to join our effort to start some new family communications and events."

Spouses town halls are rare, but

Traci and Vicki said MCSC and PEO LS have a great need for this and other such events. Other units have Officer and Enlisted Wives Clubs to support the military side of the house. MCSC and PEO LS, however, are predominately civilian.

Nevertheless, Vicki explained, "We all have the same mission to support the Marines, and we all need to know how to take care of each other. We're a family that includes military and civilians."

Traci said one of the biggest hurdles of getting information to spouses is communication. Traci and Vicki share the goal to collect email addresses of all spouses in the Command.

"Vicki and I want everyone to get connected," Traci said. "We have a lot of people, and we're proud of what they do. We want their families to be proud, too."

Beyond the Spouses Town Hall, Traci and Vicki hope to lead the way by having events with spouses such as movie nights, a Command open house, a trip to a Nationals baseball game, a holiday social and even a Bring Your Children to Work Day "to see what Mommy or Daddy does," Vicki said.

"Outreach programs are already in place at other Commands," Traci said. "At MCSC there is support, but we need to work harder to make everyone feel a part of our Command family. We're one big team, and we're not separated by [being] military or civilians. That's why we're taking a team approach to spouses."

—By Jim Katzaman, MCSC  
Corporate Communications



Vicki Burrow (left), the spouse of Executive Director Dr. John Burrow, and Traci Kelley, the wife of Brigadier General Frank Kelley, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, plan to bring spouses and families together in the Command. (Photo by Jim Katzaman)

# SAVING LIVES

## MCSC, PEO LS support Marines in harm's way

Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) is the Corps' primary agent for acquisition and sustainment of systems and equipment. Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS), a separate command supported by MCSC, is responsible for seven of the Corps' largest weapons systems programs.

MCSC's headquarters and PEO LS are co-located on Marine Corps Base Quantico at Hospital Point. MCSC also has workforce locations outside the base in Stafford and Dumfries, Va., and across the country in Orlando, Fla.; Albany, Ga.; Warren, Mich.; and Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Both commands support Marine warfighters currently serving in harm's way in Afghanistan and other areas around the world. As one combined acquisition team, both MCSC and PEO LS, comprised of professional civilian Marines and active-duty Marines, equip our warfighters to fight, win and return home safely.

"We save lives," said Brigadier General Frank Kelley, MCSC Commander. "The equipment and systems we provide not only help Marines succeed, but it gives them a better chance at coming home safe and sound."

MCSC and PEO LS employees use highly effective, streamlined and innovative business processes. They work hard to be timely and consistent in providing quality systems and equipment to the operating forces, then expertly manage the systems

and equipment during the entire lifecycle. These dedicated civil servants listen, learn, research, develop, test, acquire and sustain – whatever it takes to get Marines what they need, when they need it – efficiently and for the best value possible.

"The PEO's role is to ensure our programs remain healthy, competitive and thus, successful, for fielding equipment and systems to the warfighter as quickly as possible," said Mr. Bill Taylor, PEO LS. "I am most proud of the men and women of PEO LS who come to work each and every day with the attitude that it's all about the warfighter."

The technological advantage provided by MCSC and PEO LS helps Marines shoot straighter, move faster and communicate more effectively so they can continue the Marine Corps' proud and valorous tradition of winning battles in every clime and place.

According to the MCSC Vision, from the Command's Strategic Plan, "Fulfilling our unique mission, while adhering to our values and enduring principles will enable Marines to succeed in uncertain, chaotic and austere environments. Our workforce, processes and solutions will reflect the Corps' reliance on naval deployment, leaner equipment, versatility and innovation. We will equip and sustain the Nation's expeditionary force of choice."

– By Bill Johnson-Miles, MCSC  
Corporate Communications



Marines from Bravo Battery, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, fire rounds from their M777 A2 Lightweight (LW) 155 Howitzer during live-fire artillery training in the Middle East. LW155 is a program within Program Executive Officer Land Systems. (Photo by Lance Corporal David Beall)



Sergeant Aaron Segovia (left), a squad leader with India Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 2, halts his squad during a routine patrol near the Kajaki Dam in Afghanistan in September 2010. The weapons the Marines carry are acquired by the Infantry Weapons Systems product group, the radios by the Communications, Intelligence and Networking Systems product group, and most of the rest of the gear is provided by the Combat Equipment and Support Systems product group. (Photo by Corporal Eugenio Montanez)

# IT'S WHAT WE DO

## Teams combine to deliver effective, timely systems to warfighters

Whether doing business as product groups (PG), joint programs, independent program managers (IPM), deputy commanders (DC), the Chief Management Officer or assistant commanders (AC), the organizations within Marine Corps Systems

Command (MCSC) are bound by their common mission to outfit Marines with literally everything they drive, shoot, wear and much more.

MCSC has seven PGs numbered 10 through 16, each with a distinctive mission.

PG10

The Information Systems and Infrastructure product group (PG10) provides for the timely delivery and sustainment of interoperable and integrated quality information technology systems and infrastructure to meet the needs of the Marine Corps. Within its realm PG10 focuses on Common Computing Resources, Marine Corps Enterprise Information Technology Services, Marine Corps Network and Infrastructure Services, and Total Force Information Technology Systems.

PG11

The Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Weapons and Sensors Development and Integration product group (PG11) manages Air Defense Weapons Systems and Unmanned Systems, MAGTF Command and Control Systems, Systems Integration and Radar Systems. Altogether, PG11 is responsible for the Marine Corps' portfolio of air and ground command and control systems, along with the supporting operations centers, radar systems and air-defense weapons systems.



Team members of Marine Corps Systems Command's Information Systems and Infrastructure product group provide timely delivery and sustainment of interoperable and integrated quality information technology systems. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

The Communications, Intelligence and Networking Systems product group (PG12) delivers world-class communications, intelligence and networking capabilities to the operating forces so they can accomplish their warfighting mission. PG12's areas of expertise include Counter Remote Control Improvised Explosive Device Electronic Warfare, Intelligence Systems, Intelligence Data Fusion and Dissemination, Networking and Satellite Communications, and Tactical Communication Systems.

PG12

PG13

The Infantry Weapons Systems product group (PG13) equips and sustains the operating forces with the infantry weapons and systems needed to conduct infantry, anti-armor, amphibious raids and reconnaissance, target acquisition, and non-lethal systems missions. PG13 develops the processes for the Marine Corps to address the Marine rifle squad as an integrated system and manages the Marine Enhancement Program.



The Armor and Fire Support Systems product group (PG14) equips the operating forces with assault amphibious vehicle systems, fire support systems, High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, Expeditionary Fire Support Systems and tank systems to accomplish their warfighting mission.

PG14

The Ground Transportation and Engineer Systems product group (PG15) provides the Operating Forces with acquisition and life cycle management of tactical ground transportation, power generation and stored power, and combat engineer systems.

PG15

The Combat Equipment and Support Systems product group (PG16) develops, acquires, integrates and manages the life cycle of combat equipment and support systems that maximize individual mobility, survivability and sustainability necessary to accomplish the unit mission.

PG16

An M1A1 tank arrives in Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan. Tanks are being assigned missions in the Helmand province as another tool in waging counterinsurgency operations. In addition to increased maneuverability and precision firepower, M1A1 tanks provide superior optics and night vision capability, allowing coalition forces to spot improvised explosive devices being emplaced by the Taliban. At Marine Corps Systems Command tanks fall under the Armor and Fire Support Systems product group. *(Photo by Jennifer Brofer)*



MCSC has two DCs: System Engineering, Interoperability, Architectures and Technology (SIAT) and Resource Management (RM), and a CMO.

The Deputy Commander for RM is responsible to the Commander for MCSC Financial Management and Human Resource Management.

RM

SIAT

The Deputy Commander for SIAT is responsible for leading MAGTF systems engineering and integration efforts, ensuring Marine Corps systems interoperability with coalition and Joint forces, and identifying and pursuing science and technology transition opportunities for Marine Corps systems. In addition, SIAT is the technical authority for all MCSC and PEO LS programs. The Marine Corps Tactical System Support Activity at Camp Pendleton, Calif., also falls under SIAT.

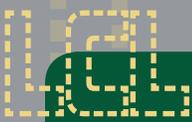
A convoy of military vehicles and their operators with Motor Transport Company A, Combat Logistics Battalion 3, 1st Marine Logistics Group (Forward), wait to depart Command Outpost Amir in Afghanistan after delivering supplies in November 2010. Vehicles such as these are acquired by the Ground Transportation and Engineering Systems product group. *(Photo by Corporal Daniel Woodall)*



The CMO serves as MCSC's leader for strategic change and continuous process improvement. The CMO staff improves and integrates essential management and business policies, processes and systems.

CMO

The Command has three ACs: Contracts, Life Cycle Logistics (LCL) and Programs.



LCL provides technical support to program management offices throughout MCSC to include technical documentation and integrated logistics support.



Contracts provides quality, timely, cost-effective and value-added procurement solutions to Marine Corps customers, all while being diligent and faithful stewards of the taxpayers' dollars and trust.

Programs is a primary staff advisor to the Command's senior leadership and key external customers in matters of strategic, operational and tactical importance.



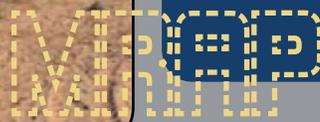
MCSC is associated with three joint programs. It is the lead agency for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicle Joint Program Office (JPO) and supports both Global Combat Support System-Marine Corps (GCSS-MC) and the Robotic Systems (RS) JPO.



Marines with Light Armored Weapons Company, Battalion 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, drive their Light Armored Vehicle prior to live-fire training at Buehring in Kuwait in 2010.

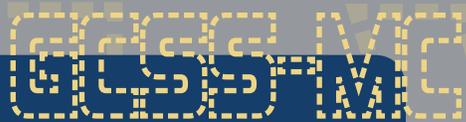


Mine Resistance Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles are lined up ready for combat operations in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. The MRAP Joint Program Office acquires these lifesaving vehicles and fields them to Marines in harm's way. (Photo by Lance Corporal Andrew Johnston)



The MRAP JPO, primarily located in Stafford, Va., delivers survivable, fully capable MRAP vehicles to warfighters and customers. The JPO demands and supports maximum readiness from MRAP vehicles, always operating with speed and a sense of urgency.

Training Systems, located at the Naval Air Station, delivers warfighting effective training systems, deployed maritime expertise, training support and development of systems and devices.



Global Combat Support System-Marine Corps (GCSS-MC) falls under the operational control of Space and Naval Warfare Command's Program Executive Officer for Enterprise Information Systems, but MCSC provides administrative, budget and contractual support. GCSS-MC, located in Dumfries, Va., is chartered to deliver integrated functionality and a logistics software demonstration evaluation. This is implemented through the maximum use of commercial off-the-shelf software, enterprise application integration and middleware software, and web portal software.



The Robotic Systems Joint Program Office, located in Warren, Mich., manages the acquisition, engineering, integration, fielding, testing and sustainment of Unmanned Ground Systems for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps. The office ensures safe, effective and supportable Unmanned Ground Systems for the military in combat. RS JPO reports to both the Army's Program Executive Officer for Ground Combat Systems in Warren and MCSC.

MCSC also includes three IPMs which are not located on Quantico's Hospital Point: Ammunition (Ammo), Light Armored Vehicles (LAV) and Training Systems (TRASYS).

The Light Armored Vehicle program, located in Warren, Mich., provides technologically superior weapons systems while supplying focused life-cycle management to customers. The team's goal is to achieve world-class leadership in innovative system acquisition and effective sustainment of armored vehicles.

LAV

The Ammunition program management office, located in Stafford, Va., conducts research, development and acquisition activities and executes post-production total lifecycle management support for all conventional ground ammunition required by Marine forces to train for and successfully conduct expeditionary maneuver warfare.

Ammo



red Reconnaissance Platoon, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, LAV Vehicle past a group of camels at a gunnery range near Camp 09. (Photo by Corporal Justin Martinez)

located in Orlando, Fla., improves the readiness of the MAGTF and globally deployable expeditionary forces by providing training, developing and sustaining training systems.

TRASYS

Collectively, MCSC's team of professional civilian Marines and active-duty Marines equips the warfighter to win. They listen, learn, research, develop, test, procure and sustain – whatever it takes to get Marines what they need, when they need it – efficiently and for the best value possible.

– By Jim Katzaman, MCSC Corporate Communications

Well Grounded

## PEO LS manages major programs with MCSC's support

Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS) is the Marine Corps' first PEO and is comprised of seven weapons systems programs. PEO LS is a separate command, reporting directly to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research Development and Acquisition. PEO LS' integral relationship with Marine Corps Systems Command leverages infrastructure, competencies and technical authority.

PEO LS manages a diverse program management portfolio that includes most of the Marine Corps' largest ground acquisition programs. PEO LS' versatility is reflected in two command and control programs: Common Aviation Command and Control System and Ground-Air Task Oriented Radar. Also included are ground programs such as the Logistics Vehicle System Replacement, Lightweight

155mm Towed Howitzer, Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement, Joint Light Tactical Vehicle and Marine Personnel Carrier.

The monetary value of these programs across the Future Years Defense Program is about \$9 billion.

– By Jim Katzaman, MCSC Corporate Communications



The Ground/Air Task Oriented Radar Program falls under Program Executive Officer Land Systems. (Northrop Grumman photo)

## Unit Family Readiness Program brings help to home front

For almost three years Gerard “Mac” McManus has been the Marine Corps Systems Command and Program Executive Officer Land Systems link to families. That includes the families of civilian government employees and active-duty military. However, his emphasis is on the active-duty side, especially during deployments. As Family Readiness Officer he takes it upon himself to let families of deployed Marines know that help is at hand, especially if they had not thought to ask before now.

“Deployments from Quantico might be ‘old hat,’” he said, “but in a crisis you might want to have someone available to help you think your way through the difficult times.”

The unit Family Readiness Program stems from an initiative in 2006 in which the Commandant of the Marine Corps made a commitment to better equip the Marines and their families for their deployments.

According to McManus, his primary duties and responsibilities as the full-time civilian Family Readiness Officer are “to communicate official Command information, ensure consistent and effective two-way communication between the Command and the Marines, civilians and their families, provide information through resource referrals and provide readiness and deployment support to all members of a Marine’s family – those they were born into, sworn into and married into.”

Although McManus runs a one-man office, his goal is to have a fully modernized operation to meet current and future needs. For that he relies both on technology and knowledge drawn from experience.

McManus is familiar with the challenges of



Brigadier General Frank Kelley, Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, presents Mac McManus, the Command’s Family Readiness Officer, with an award in September 2010 for his work on Family Fun Day. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

# Family Affair

The Command's Family Readiness Program supports families like this one at the Marine Corps Systems Command Family Fun Day in June 2010. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

military life, having served in the Navy and Air National Guard. After leaving the military the McManus family moved to Ireland where they lived for seven years. They were heavily involved in church and family related ministries among the Irish people. While in Ireland, McManus said he and his family learned firsthand what it is like to be separated from friends and family and the significance of being kept aware of things going on at home.

He returned to the States in 2001 and secured a position with a Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Washington, D.C. He counseled men and their families as they worked to break free from the bondage of substance abuse while addressing the resulting impact on their families.

At Quantico, McManus built the Command's Family Readiness Program from the ground up. He compiled a list of military members who had already deployed. Then he contacted them and their families.

"I ask the military members if there's anything I can do for them here and make myself available to their family members as well," he said. "I let them know what we can do while the military member is deployed."

The Command's Family Readiness Officer also supports the families of civilian employees. He can help arrange different kinds of family counseling and services on base, but active-duty military members have priority on available seats. In addition to these services, MCSC holds two key family events each year: Family Fun Day soon after schools begin summer vacation in late June, and the Command holiday social in December.



Above all, McManus emphasized that the Family Readiness Program is not just for families. "Whether you're a young enlisted or a veteran Major," he said, "you should know when you're deployed that your family at Quantico or back home will get looked after and that we'll get them the right help."

Technology enablers are a key part of Family Readiness Programs. The Marine Corps has implemented a mass communication tool, family readiness assessment tool, volunteer tracking tool and Family Readiness Roadmap attached to Marines Online. The new technology enables Family Readiness Officers such as McManus to better support Marines

and families and to communicate with all Marines and families of the Command.

McManus sees himself as a conduit. "Marine Corps Community Services has all the programs – child-care, recreational services, something for teens," he concluded. "Families don't have to call all over the base for support. They can just call me at (703) 432-3861, and I'll facilitate for them."

– By Jim Katzaman, MCSC  
Corporate Communications



A family grabs some food at the Command Family Fun Day in 2009. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

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## New CMC, spouse address families

Shortly after assuming command, the new Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) General James Amos and his wife Bonnie addressed the Marine Corps family in a video shot at their home and posted on [www.marines.mil](http://www.marines.mil).

"For the past 40 years Jim and I and our two children, Jamie and Joshua, have been part of the Marine Corps family," Mrs. Amos said. "We have

each situation. We want you to know that your efforts are not in vain," the CMC said. "Bonnie and I want to express our personal thanks for all that you do. Your fidelity to the Marine Corps and its family allows our Marines and Sailors to focus on their violent mission. Know that we are fully committed to you and your family, and will do everything we can to support you while we continue to serve our Nation throughout the world."

"So just as you would turn to your own family for support, remember our Marine Corps family is here for you as well," the Commandant's spouse added. "This video is the first in a series focused on the critical importance of our Marine Corps family. In the coming months, Jim and I will touch on a number of family readiness topics important to all of us."

General Amos concluded, "As we prepare to visit bases and stations in the months ahead, Bonnie and I look forward to hearing from you as we work together to support our Marine Corps and our Marine Corps family. Semper Fidelis."

information when necessary. *The Point* will be emailed the first Tuesday of every month and will include a section just for spouses. Spouses are also invited to submit articles that may be of interest to other spouses and the entire Command.

To sign up to receive *The Point* and additional items important to spouses, send your name, email address and phone number to MCSC's Corporate Communications' Public Affairs office at [mcespao@usmc.mil](mailto:mcespao@usmc.mil). This is also the email address you can use to submit articles to *The Point*. This personal information will not be shared with businesses or Internet organizations and will only be used to provide important information to MCSC and PEO LS spouses.

If you have additional questions, please email us or call us at (703) 432-3958.

## MCCS base services available to DoD civilians

Department of Defense (DoD) civilians working at Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems are welcome to use many of the Marine Corps Community Services available on Marine Corps Base Quantico; however, some restrictions apply. Spouses and children may use some of these services, but they may need to be accompanied by their DoD civilian spouse.

The Clubs at Quantico are available to DoD civilians. The Officers' Lounge is for GS-7 or equivalent and above. The Senior Noncommissioned Officers' Lounge and Enlisted Lounge are for GS-6 or equivalent and below.

DoD civilians may use the following: Crossroads Inn, McDonald's,



Commandant of the Marine Corps General James Amos and his wife Bonnie (right) thank Robin Schmidt, also known as the Sky Angel, for fundraisers and donations supporting wounded warriors and their families. (Schmidt photo)

moved 28 times and our children attended 25 different schools during our four decades of service. We understand the hardships you endure and the daily challenges that you and your loved ones face. We are a family that loves this Nation and the Marine Corps just like you."

The General mentioned the wars and operations since Sept. 11, 2001, that Marines have left families behind to train for, take part in and to fight. He understands the sacrifices that families are making.

"Despite these hardships, you continue to persevere, making the best of

## Sign up to receive information, invitations

Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS) spouses are invited to provide an email address so they can receive the Command's new monthly newsletter *The Point*, invitations to spouse events and activities, and additional

Dominic's of New York and Starbucks at the Marine Corps Exchange. The Marine Mart (also known as the Seven Day Store) is also available but only for consumable convenience items.

Quantico's Marine and Family Services office and programs are available to DoD civilians but active-duty does have priority. It is recommended that you contact MCSC's Family Readiness Officer at (703) 432-3444 to assist you with these services and help make the arrangements. For children, youth and teen programs, DoD civilians fall under specific categories. Ask about these categories when you call.

The Barber Physical Activity Center may be used by DoD civilians. This includes the Fitness Center, Exercise Classes, Health Promotion, Intramural Sports and Youth Sports.

The Medal of Honor Golf Course is available to DoD civilians, their spouses and their children under the age of 23. This includes green fees, Mulligan's Restaurant and the Golf Course Pro Shop, but only for same-day golf essentials.

There are other base recreational services available, too, including Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT); All Points Travel; Auto Hobby Shop; Bowling Center; Marina; Lunga Park; Swimming Pool; Base Theater at Little Hall; and recreational classes. Children of DoD civilians may enroll in recreational classes or ongoing programs,



Willie Banks III, right, attends a luncheon in Crystal City, Va., in April 2010 where he was recognized as the 2010 Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year, while his mother, Felicia, and his younger sister, Lynn, look on. (Army photo)



space permitting. Again, active duty does have priority.

For additional information regarding base services available to DoD civilians, visit Quantico's Marine Corps Community Services website at [www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org](http://www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org).

## Nominations open for Military Child of the Year

**N**ominations for Operation Homefront's Military Child of the Year Award are being accepted until Jan. 31. This year the award will be given to an outstanding military child from each Service – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

Operation Homefront will award each winner \$5,000 and will fly each awardee with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for a special recognition ceremony in April.

According to Operation Homefront, ideal candidates for the award demonstrate resilience and strength of character, and thrive in the face of the challenges of military life. They demonstrate leadership within their families and within their communities.

“The sons and daughters of America's service members learn what patriotism is at a very young age,” said Jim Knotts, Chief Executive Officer, Operation Homefront. “Children in military families understand sacrifice and live with the concept of service. This is what the Military Child of the Year Award honors.”

For more information, visit [www.operationhomefront.net](http://www.operationhomefront.net).

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Quantico Base Police  
(703) 784-2252

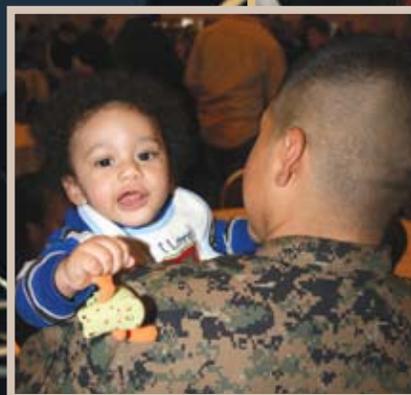
Anonymous Hotline  
for any issue of concern  
(703) 432-3374



Two gentlemen enjoy playing on Quantico's Medal of Honor Golf Course, which is open to Department of Defense civilians and their families. (USMC photo)

# Holiday Social





Families of Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems gathered on Dec. 21 to celebrate the holidays at the Clubs at Quantico. Hosted by Brigadier General Frank Kelley (pictured above), MCSC Commander, the party included a Children's Holiday Tractor Reindeer Train, activities and crafts for children, performance by a Quantico Marine Corps Band Quartet, plenty of good food and refreshments, door prizes, a holiday trivia game, and a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. *(Photos by Bill Johnson-Miles)*

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