

## Calendar

Jan. 12 – Motorcycle Riding Group safety meeting at 1:30 p.m. in VTC Conference Room, Bldg. 2207.

Jan. 16 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday observed.

Jan. 18 – Command Competency Leadership Board meets at 9 a.m.

Jan. 19 – Executive Steering Team meets at 3:30 p.m. in Room 125 in Bldg. 2200.

Jan. 24 – Marine Corps Acquisition Category I and II Ground Slating Board convenes.

Feb. 6 – Acquisition Primary MOS 8059 Selection Board convenes.

Feb. 8 – Marine Corps Acquisition Command Selection Board convenes.

Feb. 14 – Contracts and Family Town Hall at 1:30 p.m. in Little Hall.

## The Point

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## 'The Point' submissions

Each month, *The Point* brings Marines, Civilian Marines and families the latest news in Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) and Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS). Topics include security, safety and features from product groups, off-site program managers, deputy commanders, assistant commanders and Strategic Plan Objective Teams. There are also articles about spouses and families. To submit an article for this newsletter, send it to [mcscpao@usmc.mil](mailto:mcscpao@usmc.mil). Submission deadlines are the third Thursday of the month. *The Point* is distributed the first Tuesday of the month. Photographs are not published. Also, be sure to read *Families On Point* attached separately.

## Contracting officer passes

*From Brigadier General Frank Kelley  
MCSC Commander*

I am deeply saddened to announce the death of our friend and colleague Steve Caracciolo, Assistant Commander of Contracts for Marine Corps Systems Command. Steve, who was due to retire at the end of January, was stricken at his desk with a heart attack Dec. 30. He was rushed to Stafford Hospital but could not be revived.

Steve served more than 35 years in procurement in the civilian and military sides of the federal government. He came to the Command in 2007 as Lead Contracting Officer for Ground Transportation and Engineer Systems and the Joint Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicle Program before his assignment as Assistant Commander of Contracts.

A resident of Woodbridge, Steve is survived by his wife, Laura, twin 16-year-old sons, Michael and Tony, and daughters Dana and Jenna.

We will greatly miss Steve's good humor, service and dedication to this Command and our Nation. I will especially miss his advice and counsel. Please join me in offering condolences to his family and coworkers.

Funeral services for Mr. Caracciolo will be held Jan. 6 at First Mount Zion Baptist Church located at 16622 Dumfries Road; Dumfries, Va., at these times:

10:30-11 a.m.: Public viewing at First Mount Zion Baptist Church

11 a.m.-noon: Funeral service

1:30-2 p.m.: Interment at Stonewall Memorial Gardens

2:30 p.m.-until: Repast at First Mount Zion Baptist Church Grain of Heaven located on the first floor of First Zion Baptist Church. Two elevators at each end of the church are available to take you to the first floor.

Uniform for the funeral is Service Alphas with ribbons, badges and barracks cover.

Bus transportation will be available for those who want to attend the funeral

only and return to MCSC immediately after the service. At 2200 Lester Street, Quantico, two buses will arrive at 9:45 a.m. in front of the building. They will depart at 10:15 a.m. for First Mount Zion Baptist Church. Two buses will stand by for the funeral service to dismiss. They will leave at about 12:30 p.m. after all passengers have boarded for the return to Quantico.

There will also be a public viewing from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 5 at Miller Funeral Home located at 3200 Golansky Blvd; Woodbridge, Va. 22191.

Chaplain Hodges from Marine Corps University is assigned as our Chaplain representative and has agreed to offer grief counseling to folks at MCSC starting Jan. 4. He will be in Bldg. 2200, Room 125 for individualized counseling sessions from noon to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 4, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 10 and 1-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11.

Administrative leave may be granted at the supervisor level of approval to attend the funeral services Jan. 6.

If you have any questions, email or call Mary Jane Holland at (703) 432-3135 or DSN 378-3135.

The Caracciolo family has requested, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in the memory of Steve Caracciolo to the Diabetic Association: <http://www.diabetes.org/donate/>.

Google Maps link for First Mount Zion Baptist Church:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=16622+Dumfries+Road,+Dumfries,+VA&hl=en&ll=40.322966,-78.048075&sspn=0.04188,0.071583&vpsrc=0&hnear=16622+Dumfries+Rd,+Dumfries,+Virginia+22025&t=m&z=15>

Google Maps link for Miller Funeral Home and Crematory:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=3200+Golansky+Boulevard,+Woodbridge,+VA&hl=en&ll=38.658102,-77.301822&spn=0.010724,0.017896&ll=38.591985,-77.334398&sspn=0.010734,0.017896&vpsrc=0&hnear=3200+Golansky+Blvd,+Woodbridge,+Virginia+22193&t=m&z=15&iwloc=A>

Map link to Stonewall Memorial Gardens:

[http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com/dm20/en\\_US/locations/01/0103/directions.page?](http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com/dm20/en_US/locations/01/0103/directions.page?)

## HMMWV procurement on downward path

*This is a follow-on article to the Program Manager Motor Transportation integration article that appeared in the May 2011 edition of "The Point."*

*By Capt Shawn Miller  
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You are in the middle of your critical design review brief, and all seems to be going well. You are especially proud of your engineering team who managed to finally design everything to fit on the latest version of the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV), the Expanded Capacity Variant (ECV). The MDA asks, "When will you get the rest of the HMMWV ECVs to meet your AAO?"

You respond, "We can get them any time. The Program Executive Officer (PEO) Land Systems HMMWV Team has thousands of them just sitting in Albany."

A few days later, when you call the HMMWV Team to coordinate the actual procurement of the vehicles, you are shocked to learn that the kind of HMMWVs you want are not available.

In early 2010, the Marine Corps decided to stop procurement of new HMMWVs. The Army has made similar decisions, and as such the HMMWV will likely be out of production within the next year or so. Additionally, the Marine Corps' Force Structure Review Group and Ground Combat and Tactical Vehicle Strategy call for reductions in the overall HMMWV fleet. Finally, when the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) begins fielding, the HMMWV fleet will be further decremented accordingly. This means the HMMWV team might not have a pool of new HMMWV ECVs sitting around for programs to use as components for their systems, nor can they procure them for you any longer.

Any program that has a need for a light vehicle as a component to their system needs to conduct close coordination with their requirements officer at Combat Development and Integration and with the HMMWV Team as early as possible to ensure a light vehicle solution can be worked out. It is entirely possible that the solution might call for use of an older unarmored HMMWV A2 series model or possibly trailer mounting the system in lieu of the new HMMWV ECV you had planned for. Ongoing top-level guidance to reduce the HMMWV fleet means that many PM offices will have to revisit their vehicle component strategies. If the HMMWV Team does not already have your vehicles procured and set aside, you can no longer assume your program will get the newest HMMWV ECV.

Another consideration when your system requires a HMMWV is to ensure that your system's Total Force Structure Management System and item applications associations are correct. Not only is this a Marine Corps Systems Command-directed expectation, it is also the only way the appropriate Marine Corps personnel can see that your system has a HMMWV and/or trailer officially associated to it.

The HMMWV Team is more than happy to help and work with all programs that have a light vehicle requirement and will do everything we can to ensure your system's mobility requirements are met. For more information, contact the Motor Transportation Systems Integrations Officer at (703) 432-3558, [shawn.miller1@usmc.mil](mailto:shawn.miller1@usmc.mil).

## **Survey supports possible new MCSC campus**

The MCSC Strategic Plan Objective Team 4.1 (Modern Professional Work Environment) has been working diligently for the last two years to posture the Command for an end state of a single-campus Command. The team, working closing with Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico Facilities staff, is nearing the completion of its input to the MCB Base Facilities Requirements document. Soon, a Workspace Allocation and Facilities Acquisition Plan will be completed that delivers an implementable plan for a potential new MCSC campus onboard MCB Quantico.

To strengthen and further analyze the products of the Workspace Allocation and Facilities Acquisition Plan, Objective Team 4.1 wants to analyze the potential efficiencies that would result from a consolidation of facilities in the form of a Business Case Analysis (BCA). While a very comprehensive BCA, there is one area in which the teams needs assistance in the form of a very brief survey now loaded on TIGER. Everyone's input will be greatly appreciated.

The survey can be found at the following link:

<https://www.ocio.marcorsyscom.usmc.mil/survey/TakeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=31071712783MG>

Objective Team 4.1 includes Jerry Mazza, Lieutenant Colonel John Smith, Linda Murawski, John Garner, John Young, Chuck Parton, Dean Kleveno, Bill Barnebee and David Karcher.

## **DOD to honor blood donors for saving lives**

The Defense Department plans to recognize blood donors in early 2012 for their critical contributions to saving lives by giving blood to the Armed Services Blood Program, the program's director said.

## **Officials announce absentee voting guidelines**

The Federal Voting Assistance Program and the Military Postal Service Agency have announced absentee ballot mailing date guidelines that apply to various overseas locations.

## **Obama signs defense spending bill despite reservations**

President Barack Obama signed the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act Dec. 31, while acknowledging "serious reservations" about parts of the act, particularly provisions that regulate the detention, interrogation and prosecution of suspected terrorists.