

Calendar

July 7 – Independent logistics assessment training at MKI Systems, Dumfries, Va.

July 14 – Financial Management Town Hall from 1-4 p.m. at Gray Research Center.

July 18 – Ticket sales end for Washington Nationals vs. Florida Marlins baseball game.

July 19 – Performance-Based Logistics Process Training from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Albany, Ga.

July 28 – Washington Nationals vs. Florida Marlins baseball game.

Aug. 4 – Mentor-mentee training in Building 2207, Quantico, Va.

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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, independent 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. 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.

Command baseball game July 28

As a "thank you" to all MCSC and PEO LS personnel for your hard work on behalf of our warfighters, you are invited to get away from work, relax, and cheer on the Washington Nationals on Thursday, July 28 as they take on the Florida Marlins. The first pitch is at 12:35 p.m.

In accordance with time and attendance directives, Brigadier General Frank Kelley, MCSC Commander, is granting 59 minutes to any government civilian personnel attending the baseball game. However, the balance of the time off from work must be taken as annual leave, compensatory or award time off. Military personnel do not need to take leave. Support contractor personnel must follow their contract procedures, and they may not charge this time to the government if they attend the game.

The cost is \$15 per ticket. Pre-paid tickets may be purchased from Corporate Communications now through July 18. Tickets may be paid for with cash, or checks made out to MCSC Social Fund.

Points of contact for ticket sales are:

Kim Foster	(Primary)	(703) 432-3277
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There is no limit on the number of tickets you may purchase per person; however, keep requests to a reasonable number. Tickets will be distributed prior to the game date. Watch TIGER for the distribution announcement.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from the game.

Continue to watch TIGER for update announcements.

This is a Marine Corps Birthday Ball fundraising event sponsored by Corporate Communications. Fundraisers and profits from sales enable all Command junior enlisted Marines to attend the Ball for free. They also help to reduce ticket prices for everyone. The actual MCSC and PEO LS Marine Corps Birthday Ball will take place Nov. 12 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C.

It is suggested that all Command organizations conduct Birthday Ball fundraising events. If you plan a fundraising event, contact Birthday Ball Committee Representative Sharon Crusenberry at (703) 784-0126. If you have questions concerning the Ball, contact Co-Chairperson Kim Foster at (703) 432-3277 or committee member Bill Johnson-Miles at (703) 432-3287.

Independent logistics assessment training July 7

The office of the Assistant Commander for Life Cycle Logistics (AC LCL) is sponsoring training from 8 a.m. to noon July 7 for Independent Logistics Assessments (ILAs). Training will be conducted by the Life Cycle Logistics ILA subject matter expert, John Clark. Training will be conducted at MKI Systems (3rd Deck – Capodanno Room), 2525 Pointe Center Court, Dumfries, Va.

Course Overview: The ILA Training encompasses why an ILA is done, when an ILA is done, the ILA process; roles and responsibilities of AC LCL, the Product Group Director or Program Manager, LCL Strategic Business Team, ILA team lead and the assessors when dealing with both Command-level and internal ILAs. The class will also cover tools and resources available to assist with ILAs.

Who Should Attend: All Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) acquisition personnel, regardless of competency (Defense Department civilians, military and support contractors), who are involved with the ILA process.

Contractors are waitlisted until the week before the class date and are added as space is available.

Arrive 15 minutes or more before the start of class. Standbys will be allowed into class at 7:55 a.m. After that point, once the class is full, not even registered students will be allowed into the class.

For assistance with registration, contact Karen Almeida at L-3/MKI Systems, (703) 445-8165, or by email at Karen.Almeida@L-3com.com.

For specific course information, call John Clark at (703) 432-3779.

Mentor-mentee one-day training Aug. 4

Taught by Kathy Wentworth Drahosz, from The Training Connection, the mentor-mentee class brings a one-day, dynamic training process designed to unleash the potential of employees. The class is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 4 in the 1st deck classroom of Building 2207 at Quantico, Va.

Built on mutual respect, trust and the sharing of ideas and experience, mentoring plays a critical role in career development. As organizations adapt to dynamic environments, traditional training methods might not keep pace with the complexity and diversity of today's landscape.

Dynamic Mentoring Connections is designed to build a legacy of knowledge throughout the organization. It moves the mentoring partnership from the informal to the formal and combines the key elements of relationship building with a well thought-out plan for individualized development.

Through personalized information generated from the TTI Success Insights software, participants have the opportunity to immediately increase their knowledge of self and others. TTI Success Insights reports clarify individual work styles, how styles effect job performance and how the mentor and mentee can work together to build on strengths and overcome weaknesses.

For more information, contact Jeffrey "J" Erickson, Workforce Development Specialist, Workforce Management and Development Directorate, Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, or call (703) 432-4460.

Cartwright Cites 'Stark Realities' at Conference

Persistent global conflict coupled with efforts to reduce the nation's \$14 trillion debt will require the entire Defense Department to better align its decreasing resources, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

Comptroller Explains DOD Budget Challenges

The sluggish growth of the economy will make it difficult to maintain current defense funding, the Defense Department's chief financial officer told attendees at the 2011 Defense Logistics Agency Industry Conference and Exhibition.

Carter: Logistics Community Must Do More With Less

The Defense Department's budget landscape is changing, but the logistics community must continue providing U.S. troops the best possible support while finding efficiencies and cutting costs, the Pentagon's top logistics official said.

Message to DOD from Defense Secretary Leon Panetta

"Today, I was honored to take the oath of office to become the 23rd Secretary of Defense. I am mindful of the great responsibility the President has entrusted to me, and I will work with you -- America's men and women in uniform and this Department's civilian employees -- as I lead the Department of Defense in its mission to protect our citizens and our nation's interests around the world. My long career in public service began in the 1960s when I proudly donned the uniform of this country as a young Army intelligence officer. In the decades since, my respect for the military has only grown stronger."