

Calendar

June 7 – Sunset Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery

June 8 – Acquisition Excellence Day at Hylton Conference Center in Dale City

June 14 – Patriotic Pizza Sale, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bldg. 2200 basement conference room

June 20-26 – Marine Week in St. Louis

June 21 – SPAWAR Marine Day from 8 a.m. to noon at The Clubs at Quantico

June 29 – Family Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Building 2200, on the Parade Deck

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

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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.

Sunset Parade set for June 7

The Sunset Parade hosted by MCSC will start at 6:30 p.m. June 7 at the Marine War Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery. Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition Sean J. Stackley will be the guest of honor.

All MCSC personnel (military, civilians and contractors) are invited to attend. Noncommissioned officers and below are required to attend.

A one-hour performance, the Sunset Parade features the music of "The Commandant's Own," the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and precision drill by the Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon.

On Nov. 10, 1954, the 179th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, a bronze monument modeled after the famous photo of the flag-raising on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, was unveiled at the Arlington National Cemetery. President Dwight D. Eisenhower dedicated the Marine Corps War Memorial to all Marines who had died to keep their country free.

Since September 1956, marching and musical units from Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., have been paying tribute to those whose "Uncommon valor was a common virtue" by presenting Sunset Parades in the shadow of the 32-foot-high figures of the Marine Corps War Memorial.

Acquisition Excellence Day on June 8

Acquisition Excellence (AE) Day, an event for the entire Marine Corps acquisition community, will take place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 8 at the Hylton Events Center, 14640 Potomac Mills Road, Woodbridge, Va. Doors open at 7:15 a.m. The conference focuses on the professional development, professional and personal wellness, and morale of the acquisition workforce. This year's theme is, "Our Team, Our Mission – Our Marines"

AE Day's keynote speaker is Major General (Select) Charles L. Hudson, Commanding General, 1st Marine Logistics Group. He will address the "Operational Needs of the Warfighter." Marty Anderson, Senior Lecturer in Management, Babson College, will be the morning's guest speaker. He will

discuss changes needed to “lighten the load.”

New this year is the addition of a “Warfighters Panel” to the agenda. This group of I Marine Expeditionary Force Marines, who have recently returned from Afghanistan, will discuss in the afternoon the needs of the Marines on the ground and answer questions from the audience as time permits.

SPAWAR plans Marine Day with MCSC

Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Systems Center Pacific and Atlantic will conduct a Marine Day with MCSC, tentatively set for 8 a.m. to noon June 21 at the Clubs of Quantico. The commanding officers and technical directors from both Systems Centers will brief their current command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support and capabilities to MCSC's leaders.

Captain is “Ultimate Champion”

Captain Jonathan Disbro – Test Branch Head for Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity – led the way for the Marine Corps to claim this year’s Chairman’s Cup at the 2011 Warrior Games held May 16-21 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Disbro won the Ultimate Champion title after competing in a grueling pentathlon-style competition that included a 50-meter swim, 100-meter track, 30-kilometer cycling, seated shot-put and 10-meter air rifle prone events where he garnered two gold and two bronze metals.

During the 2011 Warrior Games, about 220 wounded, ill and injured servicemen and women from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Special Operations competed. The Marine Corps won 73 medals to claim the 2011 Chairman’s Cup. The Navy came in second with 23 medals.

“We Marines were really prepared and competitive this year; I’m proud of the whole team,” Captain Disbro said.

Deployed in 2004 for his second tour in Iraq, the captain’s mission was to provide combat engineering support to the Battalion Landing Team in Iskandariyah, south of Baghdad. A mortar round landed on his position, sending shrapnel fragments through his right ankle. Six months and 18 surgeries later, Disbro concluded that his foot was too severely damaged to save, and he chose to receive a lower-leg amputation in 2005.

At the inaugural Warrior Games held last year, Captain Disbro took the gold in 1,500-meter run, crossing the finish line in 5 minutes, 41 seconds. This year, he won gold medals in the men’s 30 kilometer cycling competition with a time of 1:00.52, as well as the seated shot put with a throw of 32 feet, 3 inches.

Acquisition officers prepare for school

The following MOS 8059 Acquisition Professional Officers were selected to attend top-level and intermediate-level school for the upcoming academic year. Selection was based on their outstanding record and competitiveness.

AIR WAR COLLEGE

Lieutenant Colonel Casey C. Travers

ARMY WAR COLLEGE

Lieutenant Colonel (Select) Mark T. Brinkman

INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES

Lieutenant Colonel Daryl G. Crane

Lieutenant Colonel Donald A. Gordon (alternate)

NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE

Lieutenant Colonel Michael A. Manning

USMC COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE

Major Richard J. Cushing

Major Timothy J. Hough
Major Bryan H. Paton

Troops explore emerging energy solutions

As the military works to shrink its operational energy footprint, experts in solar power, microgrids and "smart" generators recently took that technology to a crucial jury: the troops.