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## Tip of The Point

"Teamwork and personal rigidity  
just don't mix."

- John C. Maxwell

## Calendar

Oct. 5 – Latin Weekend Dance Party,  
9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at The Clubs at  
Quantico

Oct. 9 – Family Town Hall, 10 a.m. at  
Quantico Chapel Annex, Room 125

Oct. 9 – Classified Anti-Tamper  
Forum, 8 a.m. at Quantico Corporate  
Center, 925 Corporate Drive, Ste 301,  
Stafford, Va.

Oct. 25 – ALPS Open House, 10 a.m.  
to 2:30 p.m. behind Bldg. 2200 at  
Quantico

Through Nov. 2 – Tickets on sale for  
Marine Corps Birthday Ball through  
unit representatives

## The Point

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## Family Town Hall set for Oct. 9

The next Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) Family Town Hall will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at Quantico's Chapel Annex, Room 125.

What color are you? Orange? Blue? Green? Gold? Come to the Family Town Hall and find out. The Family Town Hall, open to all MCSC family and friends, will include the 4-Lenses Temperament Assessment, latest Command news, family information updates and much more. Free on-site child care and a complimentary light lunch will be provided. RSVP to the Family Readiness Office by Oct. 2 via email at [mcscpao@usmc.mil](mailto:mcscpao@usmc.mil) or by phone at (703) 432-3861 if you'd like to attend. Be sure to include the total number of people attending and the number and ages of children needing childcare services.

## ALPS Open House and BBQ Pig Luau

The Assistant Commander for Acquisition Logistics and Product Support (ALPS) is inviting the entire Command and their family members to attend the ALPS Open House from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 25. This is primarily a learning event where attendees will become familiar with ALPS. Following the Open House portion, attendees will be treated to a luau lunch, which will include a whole 200-pound barbeque pig and all the trimmings.

Lunch will require qualifying through participation in the Open House kiosks. Individuals will pick up passports that will be stamped after learning and recording three details at each of seven stations named after the continents. Participation in the event will qualify as a place of duty for training and hold a Defense Acquisition University point value of 2. The activities will take place on Hospital Point behind Bldg. 2200 in the parking area between Wings A and B. Toys for Tots and Birthday Ball donations will also be accepted at the event. Keep an eye on VIPER for more information.

## Feature spotlights disabled employees

Marine Corps Systems Command is looking to highlight Command team members who have disabilities as part of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month observance. Held each October, this is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. This year's theme is "A Strong Workforce is an Inclusive Workforce: What Can YOU Do?"

If you are interested in participating, contact Corporate Communications at [mcscpao@usmc.mil](mailto:mcscpao@usmc.mil).

## Ticket sales for Marine Corps Birthday Ball

This year's guest of honor and keynote speaker for the MCSC Birthday Ball is General Michael Williams (retired), former MCSC Commander and former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. The Command's annual Marine

Corps Birthday Ball celebration will take place Nov. 10, the actual 237th birthday of the Marine Corps. This event will also commemorate MCSC's 25th anniversary.

This celebration, which will again take place at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C., is the MCSC social event of the year. Tickets are available to government employees, active-duty military, retirees and defense contractors on a first-come, first-served basis. To purchase tickets, use the electronic Ball ticket forms located here on VIPER at: <https://mcscviper.usmc.mil/sites/cs/mcscball/default.aspx>

You must first register and then select your tickets. After you complete and submit your forms, pay for your tickets through your organization ticket representative. Your ticket is not valid until you have paid. If you have questions on using the electronic forms, visit the "Ticket Buyer Help" page on VIPER or see your ticket representative. Those who purchase tickets the first three weeks will be placed in a drawing to have their purchase price reimbursed – three tickets the first week, two the second and one the third. Tickets will be sold through Nov. 2, unless they sell out before that date.

There is a block of hotel rooms set aside for Ball attendees, but in past years this block has sold out quickly. Room reservations may be made at the Renaissance Hotel for November 10. Room rates are \$154 (plus tax) and come with an additional parking fee. The reservation code is: *usmusma*. To make reservations, call (202) 898-9000, or use this link: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasrb?groupCode=usmusma&app=resvlink&fromDate=11/10/12&toDate=11/11/12>

There will be plenty of Birthday Ball fundraising events between now and the celebration. Fundraising allows junior enlisted Marines to attend the Ball free of charge and also helps to reduce the cost of tickets for all. A few organizations have already conducted fundraising events, and a few others have events scheduled. The Command expects all DCs, ACs, PMOs and support organizations to each conduct at least one fundraising event. The Birthday Ball Committee's fundraising representative is Cathie Kummer at (703) 432-5613.

The Command's Birthday Ball Committee is also selling MCSC logo memorabilia, including coins, shirts, ball caps, mugs, glasses, steins, ornaments and extendable badge holders. Drop by Katie Ruskin's cubicle in Systems Engineering, Interoperability, Architectures and Technology, Bldg. 2200, first floor, near A Wing, to order or purchase items to support the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Click the link below for the Birthday Ball Information Package that provides additional details: <https://mcscviper.usmc.mil/Lists/Public/Attachments/48/Birthday%20Ball%20Information%20Package.pdf>

For more information, check VIPER at <https://mcscviper.usmc.mil/sites/cs/mcscball/default.aspx>, email [mcscpao@usmc.mil](mailto:mcscpao@usmc.mil) or call (703) 432-3277.

## **Classified Anti-Tamper Forum scheduled for Oct. 9**

The MCSC Anti-Tamper (AT) Office hosts a Classified AT Forum for Program Office Protection Leads, Lead Engineers or Engineers with the "need to know." The forum will take place at 8 a.m. Oct. 9 at the Quantico Corporate Center, 925 Corporate Drive, Suite 301, in Stafford, Va.

The forum will be a half-day event with presentations on the AT policy and guidance of the Department of Defense, Department of the Navy and MCSC, and activities/techniques to prevent and/or delay exploitation of Critical Technology in U.S systems. MCSC "Lessons Learned" for the last year will also be discussed. For more information, click the poster on VIPER at: <https://mcscviper.usmc.mil/Lists/Command%20Messages/Attachments/366/Antitamper.pdf>.

To register, send your request to Lan McGough, [lan-thanh.mcgough@usmc.mil](mailto:lan-thanh.mcgough@usmc.mil), (703) 432-5577.

## **DPM AC2SN selection**

From Brigadier General Frank Kelley, MCSC Commander

Please join Mr. William Taylor, Program Executive Officer Land Systems (PEO LS), and me in congratulating Mr. Don Kelley for his selection to serve as the Deputy Program Manager for Aviation Command and Control and Sensor Netting (AC2SN) Program Office. AC2SN is a portfolio of legacy and modernization aviation C2 programs overseen by PEO LS. Mr. Kelley was competitively selected from a field of strong applicants by a Flag/SES level selection panel. His selection is strong testament to his demonstrated managerial, leadership, technical and teamwork skills.

Don is a former Navy Surface Warfare Officer who served on active duty for 12 years. After his active-duty service, he joined private industry as a Systems Engineer supporting numerous Department of the Navy acquisition programs. He also remained active with the Naval Reserve, retiring in 2005 at the grade of Commander. In 2001 Don became a federal employee with the Naval Sea Systems Command, serving in positions of increasing responsibility with PEO-IWS. He joined Marine Corps Systems Command in 2007, serving first with the CREW program and, since 2009, as a Product Director with the AC2SN program in PEO LS.

Don is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps and is DAWIA Level III certified in Program Management. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Utah and a Masters Degree in Information Systems from the Naval Postgraduate School.

## **PEO Land Systems anniversary ceremony rescheduled**

The PEO Land Systems five-year anniversary ceremony has been postponed until 1-2 p.m. Nov. 7 on the lawn of Bldg. 2210.

## **NDIA 2012 A. Bryan Lasswell Award recipient**

The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) has awarded its 2012 A. Bryan Lasswell In-Service Engineering Award for Fleet Support to Captain Peter Young, Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity's (MCTSSA) Lead Project Engineer for the Marine Corps Network Efficiency Lab (MCNEL).

Captain Young, who received his Masters in Computer Science prior to being assigned to MCTSSA, leads MCNEL's foundational capability to conduct detailed network analysis, performance and realistic testing of the Marine Corps tactical networks to ensure that the most up-to-date technologies are suited for implementation into the next generation of tactical networks.

To complement his laboratory efforts, Captain Young deployed to Afghanistan to conduct on-site collection and analysis of network traffic from a variety of tactical units, in addition to providing real-time technical assistance and training to Marine warfighters in Forward Operating Bases (FOB). By providing networking engineering and analysis capabilities to real-world FOBs, Captain Young was able to gain and provide insightful recommendations, critical training and lasting technical solutions that have collectively resulted in tangible improvement in network performance and reliability.

The NDIA award – which is given only to active-duty military and civil service personnel and includes a trophy and check for \$1,000 – is presented annually in honor of Marine Corps Major Red Lasswell who worked in obscurity in Pearl Harbor, decoding Japanese messages. Lasswell uncovered the Japanese plans for Midway Island, changing the outcome of World War II.

Captain Young is the second MCTSSA engineer to have won the Lasswell Award. Last year, it was presented to Captain James Regan. This year's award will be presented Oct. 10 at a San Diego NDIA luncheon.

## **[DOD to revise sexual assault prevention training](#)**

Calling sexual assault “an affront to basic human values,” Pentagon Press Secretary George Little announced that the Defense Department is revising its sexual assault prevention and response training requirements.

## **Submissions accepted for *The Point***

Each month, the Command's electronic newsletter *The Point* brings Marines, Civilian Marines and families the latest news in Marine Corps Systems Command. Topics include security, safety and features from contingency organizations, program management offices, program managers, deputy commanders, assistant commanders, support staff and many other teams. To submit an article for this newsletter, send it to [mcscpao@usmc.mil](mailto:mcscpao@usmc.mil). Photographs and graphics are not published. Submission deadlines are the second-to-last Thursday of the month. The next deadline is Oct. 25. *The Point* is distributed the first Tuesday of each month.