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MARINE CORPS EYES NEXT-GEN BODY ARMOR

Maj. James Pelland, team lead for Marine Corps Systems Command's Individual Armor Team, jumps over a log to demonstrate the mobility provided by a prototype Modular Scalable Vest, the next-generation body armor for the Marine Corps. For more, see **Page 3**. (Photo by Monique Randolph)

COMMANDER TELLS WORKFORCE TO KEEP THINKING, TEAMING FOR SUCCESS

BY JIM KATZAMAN, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Everyone in Marine Corps Systems Command is working together amid tough fiscal times to stay on track and meet the mission, according to Brig. Gen. Frank Kelley, MCSC commander, as he spoke June 19 at the command's town hall.

"The first responsibility to the acquisition workforce is to think," Kelley said. He noted the most important factors for Acquisition Technology and Logistics are thinking and people.

"The future is pretty murky, and we really have to plan, which everyone had done really well," he said.

He pointed to a photo of Gen. John Paxton, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, with the

inscription, "Planning is the new norm."

"We've taken many positive steps to remain engaged and relevant," Kelley said. "The downside of the budget process gives us an opportunity for progress. Our competency alignment helps us better merge our work and our people. Things are tough, and I'm proud of how everyone is working through this process."

Other topics addressed during the town hall included sexual assault prevention, upcoming furloughs; operations and maintenance fund obligations; mentoring; command planning and resource allocation; and the command's vision of performance.

Promotions & Retirements

PROMOTIONS

1st Sgt. Geoffrey Nebocat

AWARDS/HONORS

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. Russell Becker

Maj. Todd Harding

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Hinkhouse

Maj. William Jones

Maj. Shawn Kelley

Capt. Shawn Miller

Lt. Col. Ross Monta

Lt. Col. Paul Neubert

Capt. Anthony Reinhart

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Gunnery Sgt. Jerad Allison

Gunnery Sgt. Michael Brown

Capt. Javier Coba

Staff Sgt. Juan Gaytan

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Tyson Peters

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Eric Sharpe

Capt. Phillip Vrska

Meritorious Civilian Service Awards

Verne Ashby

Richard Reage

Anne Sullivan

Federal Length Of Service Awards

David Heller, 30

Kelly Gibson, 30

Louis Hearrell, 20

Retirement Award

Janet Boatman

Gregory Duchane

Sandra Fenwick

Barbara Johnson

Joanne Martin

Jerry Mazza



(from left) Sgt. Major Fletcher Pearson, Brig. Gen. Frank Kelley and Col. Ron Barto salute during the National Anthem at Barto's retirement ceremony June 21 on Marine Corps Base Quantico's Hospital Point. Barto retired after 30 years in the Marines and Marine Corps Reserve. Most recently he served as a logistician in support of the assistant commander, Acquisition Logistics and Product Support at Marine Corps Systems Command. (Photo by Monique Randolph)

Matthew McBride
William Neale
James Sencindiver
Glendora Spearman
Anne Sullivan



1st. Sgt. Geoffrey Nebocat (center) of Combat Support Systems receives new collar devices from his wife Michelle and Capt. Daniel Hough during his promotion ceremony June 14 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)



Barbara Johnson, a logistics analyst, receives a flag that was flown at MCSC from Col. Keith Moore, program manager for Advanced Amphibious Assault, during her retirement ceremony June 3. Johnson's retirement culminates nearly 40 years of government service in the Department of Defense and Marine Corps. (Photo by Manny Pacheco)

MILITARY HAILS & FAREWELLS

Welcome Aboard

Capt. J.P. Freeman

Maj. P.L. Gillkin

Private 1st Class Timothy MeGee

Master Gunnery Sgt. Matthew Wilson

Following Seas

Chief Warrant Officer 4

Jason Grabowski

Chief Warrant Officer 4

Ronald Langhans

Maj. Shawn Kelly

Capt. David Thomas II



The following individuals were selected as assistant program managers and assistant program executive officer for engineering. APM-E and APE-E positions are the leadership of the engineering competency in the command. They are critical to helping programs succeed through the disciplined application of system engineering.

Jeffery Smith will serve as APM-E for Marine Air-Ground Task Force Command, Control and Communications. He is currently serving as the lead engineer and team lead for Distributed Common Ground System-Marine Corps in Marine Intelligence.

David Lobik will serve as APM-E for Infantry Weapon Systems. He is currently serving as the Joint Integration and Transportability branch head in Systems Engineering Interoperability Architectures and Technology.

Deana Hudson will serve as APM-E for Armor and Fire Support Systems. She is currently serving as the product manager for MC3.

Bradley Cobb will serve as APM-E for Combat Support Systems. He is currently serving as the product manager for engineering for Tank Systems in AFSS.

Jeanette Evans-Morgis will serve as assistant program executive officer for engineering at PEO Land Systems while Lance Tracey is away at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

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MCSC INDIVIDUAL ARMOR TEAM KNOWS ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

BY MONIQUE RANDOLPH, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Marines come in all sizes—big, small, short and tall—so when it comes to Marine Corps body armor, a one-size-fits-all approach is not the answer. Marine Corps Systems Command's Individual Armor team is doing its best to accommodate Marines of all sizes.

A workshop held by the team at Camp Pendleton in May addressed sizing for Marines of smaller stature and had Marines try on the next generation of body armor.

Current sizes fit about 90 percent of the men and women in the Marine Corps, said Maj. James Pelland, Individual Armor Team lead. The team saw an opportunity to accommodate the portion of Marines who found the traditional sizing was not a comfortable fit – especially in the Improved Modular Tactical Vest.

“Based on our latest measurements of a large population set of the Marine Corps, we saw that additional sizes would benefit [smaller stature] Marines,” Pelland said.

At the workshop, the IA team found torso length among smaller Marines to be the main factor in body armor fit. As a result, MCSC will procure nearly 3,800 IMTVs in small-stature

sizes this year – enough to outfit Marines for the remainder of operations in Afghanistan.

As part of the same workshop in May, the armor team also had Marines try to provide feedback on four prototypes of the next-generation body armor, the Modular Scalable Vest, currently in design review stage.

“Right now, Marines go to war with a multiple-vest strategy,” Pelland said.

Currently, the choice is between the IMTV, fielded in 2011, and the newest body armor vest, the Plate Carrier, which is still being fielded. The IMTV provides more protection than the PC, which is lighter, cooler, less restrictive and more frequently worn by Marines in the field. The modular, scalable vest, or MSV, will combine attributes from the IMTV and PC, and allow Marines to attach and detach components based on their needs.

Another innovative concept for the MSV is the addition of a central load management and distribution system to help more evenly distribute the weight Marines carry from their shoulders to their hips.

FULL STORY



Members of the Individual Armor Team discuss design features of the next-generation body armor, the modular, scalable vest—or MSV—during a meeting June 25. Team members include (from left) Maj. James Pelland, armor team lead; James Dade and Jesse Okiyi, armor team project officers; and Mackie Jordan and John Wilcox, armor team engineers. (Photo by Monique Randolph)

By The Numbers

3,780: NUMBER OF IMTVS BEING FIELDIED FOR SMALLER-STATURE MARINES

397: THE NUMBER OF 600-GALLON-PER-MINUTE PUMPS CSS PROCURED FOR MARINES IN COMBAT

29.4: LENGTH, IN MILES, OF 2013 RECON CHALLENGE COURSE

258: NUMBER OF MCSC/MCTSSA ENGINEERS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR LOCAL STEM CAMPS

NOW YOU SEE THEM...

BY JIM KATZAMAN, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Marine Corps combat utility uniform blazed a trail of innovation among its peers from sister services, still winning accolades more than a decade after the first stitch was sewn. Hard to see, even repellant to insects, few pieces of cloth can claim such versatility.

The uniform's latest recognition came in April when its design team received the 2013 Millson Award from the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists. It was the first time the industry-leading AATCC presented such an award to a government entity.

Marine Corps team members receiving the award were retired Lt. Col. Gabriel Patricio, Infantry Combat Equipment product manager, known as PdM ICE, at Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, Va., and Gunnery Sgt. John Heisterman, chief instructor, Scout Sniper School, Training and Education Command at Quantico. They had collaborated with scientists at the Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center, which shared in the Millson Award.

The road to the revolutionary outfit began in 2000 when the Commandant of the Marine Corps directed MCSC to conduct

research and development for a new combat utility uniform. He directed that the uniform was to cost no more than the current camouflage utilities at that time and reduce overhead costs of 19.5 percent as charged by the Defense Logistics Agency.

Steve Davis, PdM ICE Combat, Cold Weather and Dress Clothing Team lead, said the MCSC-Natick team took the Commandant's directive to heart, starting from the ground up, throwing out previous uniform concepts to let function dictate the final form.

“Old utility uniforms had pockets in the front, but nobody used them,” Davis said. “The new uniform had no pockets or flaps or any other traditional but wasted material. Every pocket, flap and button weighs up to a few ounces. Ounces can add up to pounds, and each pound saved lightens the load on the Marine.”

While stripping wasteful material, the team concentrated on the uniform's appearance or lack of it. Their goal was to create a “counter surveillance camouflage patterns for a variety of military environments.” Conventional camouflage patterns were out; in came a visually disruptive digital design, now known as the Marine pattern, or MARPAT. The specialized techniques for printing the camouflage pattern system onto fabric make it harder to see uniforms in both human visible light and near-infrared light.

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The Marine in this photo is wearing the Marine Corps combat utility uniform with its unique Marine digital pattern. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

MASTER SERGEANT HONORS FALLEN COMRADE

BY CARDEN HEDELT, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

The first part of the 2013 Recon Challenge at Camp Pendleton, Calif., was the hardest for Master Sgt. Bryan Maass.

"It started with a 2,000-meter fin out through the surf zone, and then we went up the Alpha Shelf," he said. "So, I swam a mile and a quarter, and then went up the side of a mountain for a mile and a half."

Maass is the project officer for small craft within the Raids and Reconnaissance section of Marine Corps Systems Command's Infantry Weapons Systems.

He participated in the Recon Challenge in May to honor the memory of his friend, Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan Gifford, who was "like a brother" to Maass.

"He was an awesome dude," Maass said. "We came up together and became close, personal friends. Our families got close, so it's pretty emotional. I'll probably run for him every year."

Running the challenge is no small task. This year, the course was 29.4 miles and took Maass more than 13 hours to complete. In addition to the swim and hike, Maass had to disassemble and reassemble a machine gun 15 feet underwater, and run three obstacle courses—two forward and one backward—while carrying a pack weighing 60-70 pounds.

"It was crazy obstacle after crazy obstacle," Maass said. "But everything is geared toward our [military specialty] and tied back to our training."

Maass, a Marine sniper and former recon instructor, appreciated the chance to share some agony with junior Marines.

"It's good to see all the guys and have that camaraderie," he said. "There was a group of five or six recon guys there as [subject matter experts]. It's good for the younger Marines to see us come out because we're the ones who [try] to advocate for their needs. I think it's motivating and encouraging for them."

Contract Awards

In June, Marine Corps Systems Command awarded contracts of \$6.5 million or more for fuel and water pumps, and ground radio maintenance automatic test systems.

W.S. Darley & Co., Itasca, Ill., was awarded a \$20,396,669 contract for 397, 600-gallon-per-minute pumps to be used for fuel and potable water transfer to Marines in combat.

Aeroflex Wichita Inc., Wichita, Kan., was awarded a \$15,214,074 contract for the ground radio maintenance automatic test systems. This modified a previously awarded contract.



From left: Greg Taylor, Bridget Jukes and Susan Wood of Combat Support Systems are joined by Hallie Balkin, Office of the Counsel, as they take part in a May training exercise at Camp Upshur's Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

CSS CIVILIAN MARINES EXPERIENCE BATTLE CONDITIONS

BY BILL JOHNSON-MILES, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

A lucky few members of Marine Corps Systems Command's Combat Support Systems safely experienced the sights and sounds of battle in May at Camp Upshur's Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer on Quantico.

The purpose of the event was to familiarize CSS team members with the "basic knowledge and fundamental techniques of proper marksmanship training used by Marines abroad." Andy Rodgers, CSS deputy program manager, said there was a secondary reason for the field trip.

"This was a team-building event and an opportunity for our acquisition professionals to interact outside of the MCSC campus," he said.

More than 50 people participated in the training conducted by Marines of the Marksmanship Training Unit. That's nearly 30 percent

of the CSS program management office. Many were astonished to learn what warfighters experience in a battle situation.

"I now have a lot more respect for Marines and weapons," added Bridget Jukes of CSS. "I had no idea that an M4 would feel that heavy after shooting for just 10 minutes."

The M4 and other rifles are managed by MCSC's Infantry Weapons Systems, and the ISMT is managed by the command's Training Systems, so the event also helped CSS members learn about other program management offices and their equipment.

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JPADS TO MAKE RESUPPLY AIRDROPS MORE PRECISE, SAFE

BY CARDEN HEDELT, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Fully loaded, the Joint Precision Airdrop System, or JPADS, could bring thousands of pounds of supplies at a time to forward-positioned Marines more safely than ever.

JPADS systems use GPS, a modular autonomous guidance unit, or MAGU, a parachute, and electric

motors to guide supply deliveries within 150 meters of their target points. To get the supply drops to the impact points on the ground, the MAGU links to the aircraft's GPS system, or uses a GPS retransmission system if the aircraft does not have a GPS retransmission system, to locate its position in reference to the targeted drop point. The MAGU then receives additional variables such as parachute type, weight and ground elevation.

"We're accurate up to 25,000 feet and eight kilometers out; even more if the wind is favorable," said Staff Sgt. Steven Parker, aerial delivery project officer for Marine Corps Systems Command's Recon-

naissance and Amphibious Raids. "[The JPADS] comes in completely silent. The conventional airdrop is low-level, low-speed and has large parachutes. Using JPADS, there's much better aircraft survivability from ground threats because you can drop from such a great distance."

The biggest cost reduction comes when the JPADS hit the ground.

"If you compare what it's going to take to deliver 16 of these out of the back of a C-130 versus what it'd take a logistics train to carry that amount of gear, it's staggering," said Gunnery Sgt. Jacob Reichert, aerial delivery project officer. "I can deliver 16 bundles of 2,200 pounds from way up high, and all I need is the crew and the plane. You can also drop to several different locations at once, as long as you're within the [launch acceptability region] for each impact point."

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Staff Sgt. Stephen Parker (left) and Gunnery Sgt. Jacob Reichert prepare a JPADS 2K system. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

STEM from coast to coast

WEST COAST

BY WIL WILLIAMS, MCTSSA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Buzzing robots with flashing infrared sensors invaded Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Agency as engineers and Marines prepared for and then welcomed 30 excited 9-13 year-old-students to the activity's first Science, Technology, Engineering and Math event.

Held in mid June, the four-day STEM workshop let the naturally inquisitive kids explore, build and engage in a vast array of exciting, scientific and engineering experiences. Formally called "Science Week," the workshop included the building of an electronic amplifier for a single-string electric guitar called a Diddley Bow; the building and programming of robots, including a demonstration of one

shooting baskets using ping pong balls; and construction of a trebuchet, a catapult-type devise that uses leverage and energy of a counterweight to throw a projectile.

MCTSSA's inaugural Science Week workshop followed the lead established by the Marine Corps Systems Command STEM program.

Senior Principal Engineers David Yergensen and Jim Baker assembled a team of nine engineers and six Marines who orchestrated all the preparations of writing and illustrating detailed lesson plans and workbooks, acquiring the necessary hardware components, and the construction of prototypes for each of the many Science Week demonstrations.



Lance Cpl. Tyler Flournoy, a MCTSSA radar repairman, helps Science Week participants build and program a simple robot. Once built, the robots were tasked to move, operate, and make turns across a designated track. (Photo by Wil Williams)

CSPS DELIVERS MORE PREDICTABILITY, EFFICIENCY TO COMMAND PROGRAMS

BY MONIQUE RANDOLPH, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Having predictable program activities scheduled and resourced is a Marine Corps Systems Command goal. Finding a way to get there is the job of the Command Staffing, Planning and Scheduling team.

"The CSPS team was established to help the command put the right people on the right task in the right program at the right time," said Harry Oldland, CSPS division director. "The commander and executive director tasked us to develop a process to identify, document and track all command efforts and work—including [Program Executive Office Land Systems]."

The team will use the information collected to measure and predict each program's progress through its lifecycle and apply lessons learned to new programs and activities, he said.

The CSPS team captures this information through integrated master schedules prepared by each program management office and professional staff

organization. An IMS documents all activities that take place when executing a program and the time it takes to complete each task. The schedules, developed and maintained using Microsoft Project, will help forecast future program resource and demand planning.

"An IMS provides [the command] a very structured method to track work and time, and by extension, the money associated with that time," Oldland said. "We want to manage people more efficiently and track their time to the same level of rigor that we track our money in the command. As we continue to measure the schedules, we can better predict the work, skillsets and other resources we need."

Also, if program schedules change, the command can readily adapt and move resources to accomplish the mission efficiently, Oldland said.

The CSPS Team will use the initial

data to prepare for a "Staffing Event" Aug. 13-15, when program managers and competency directors brief the command on the "health" of their programs.

"At this point, no shifting of people or wholesale personnel decisions will be made using this data," Oldland said. "We recognize it's a base-lining year, the first time we've done this, and we're learning as much about the process as we are about the actual state of the command."

Harry Oldland, Command Staffing, Planning and Scheduling division director, gives a presentation on the command planning and resource allocation process during the Commander's Town Hall June 19. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)



EAST COAST

BY CARDEN HEDELT, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Quantico Middle/High School student Destini Entzminger, 13, looked poised to win a challenge during the annual Quantico Summer Academy, a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics camp.

The challenge was simple: The group whose LEGO robot could cross the lightest balsa wood bridge wins. Lack of testing doomed Destini's bridge. Her wheeled robot bot-tomed out on the ramp leading up to the crossing. Even so, her mentor, Marine Corps Systems Command technologist Kevin Hovis, could not have been more proud.

"When she got the challenge, she asked what she could do about the robot before I mentioned anything," he said. "Seeing Destini think critically and ask those questions was very impressive."

The goal of the camp, held June 17-21, was to get the adolescent campers to think critically and expose



Destini Entzminger and Kevin Hovis, a technologist who works for Marine Corps Systems Command's MC3 watch a LEGO robot cross a balsa wood bridge June 21 at Quantico Middle/High School. (Photo by Carden Hedelt)

them to STEM fields. Students used LEGO Mindstorm robot-building sets to solve a variety of problems and do activities similar to those their teachers, all employees of MCSC and the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren, experience daily.

The goal was not to push students into STEM careers, but to make them aware of their opportunities through summer academies and school-year activities.

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THIS SUMMER, THINK LIKE A THIEF

BY ROB DAVIS, MCSC OPSEC

(EDITOR'S NOTE: ROB DAVIS IS MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND'S OPERATIONS SECURITY MANAGER.)

Weather is warm and school's out for summer. Many Americans will soon be off on their summer vacations. If trips factor into your summer plans, be safe and have a great time. Also remember to practice good operations security. That's right. We can also apply OPSEC in our personal lives.

Consider this scenario: You look at your neighbor's house and you see a stack of newspapers on the front step. The grass has grown six inches high, and the mailbox door won't close because of the overflowing mail. You think, "They must be on vacation." Remember criminals look for these types of indicators to identify empty houses. So, before leaving on vacation, think like a thief.

These suggestions can help protect your home while you're gone:

- Don't post upcoming vacation plans online, and be careful where you talk about your plans in public. Someone may be listening.
- Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers daily.
- If you put the trash out, be sure to return the garbage cans to their normal location before you leave.
- Use timers for outdoor and indoor lights – even a TV or radio. Set them for random times.
- Have someone cut your lawn while you are away.

MARINES INVADE COST AND ANALYSIS BRANCH

BY MONIQUE RANDOLPH, CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Spring and summer mean moving time for many Marines, and this year's moving season brought an influx of motivated Marines to Marine Corps Systems Command's Cost and Analysis Branch. By June, about 10 new Marines joined their ranks – an anomaly, according to acting Branch Head Susan Wileman.

"We usually get two or three Marines a year," she said. "So, this was very unexpected."

Unexpected, but welcomed, because the branch has taken on a few new mission areas and requirements over the last year.

The Cost and Analysis Branch, part of MCSC's Assistant Commander for Programs Division, provides lifecycle cost estimates for the command's acquisition programs. The branch consists of two "sections" – Specialty Teams and Program Cost Estimating

– with cost teams that support each of the program offices in the command's portfolio. The branch also includes a small contingent of civilians assigned to the MCSC Program Management Office for Training Systems in Orlando, Fla., as well as civilians and military at Global Combat Support System-Marine Corps and Program Executive Officer for Land Systems.

In 2008, the office had only 10 personnel – including two Marines. It has since grown to more than 50 employees, with 17 Marines.

All the Marines who come to the Cost and Analysis Branch have completed an 18-month master's degree program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., said Lt. Col. Karl Stotzer, Cost and Analysis Marine Team leader. They are typically captains and majors who will complete a three-year "pay-back" tour with the branch.

MCSC unit moves

Several Marine Corps Systems Command units will move in July and August to support MCSC competency alignment.

Global Combat Support System-Marine Corps, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected and Marine Air-Ground Task Force Command, Control and Communications personnel will move internally at 105 Tech Parkway to make room for Armor Fire Support Systems and remaining MC3 personnel relocating from Quantico Bldg. 2200.

Resource Management will move from Bldg. 2207 to Bldg. 2200 second floor Wings A and B. Program Executive Officer, Land Systems and Medium Heavy Tactical Vehicles will move from Bldg. 2208 to Bldg. 2207, first floor. Light Tactical Vehicles and Auto Cell will move from Bldg. 2210 to Bldg. 2207, second floor.

Command Staffing, Planning and Strategies will move from Bldg. 2200, first floor to Bldg. 2200, second floor. The Acquisition Center for Support Services will move from Bldg. 2211 to Bldg. 2208. The Cost and Analysis Branch will move from Bldgs. 2200, 2211, 3086 and 2210 to Bldg. 2211.

"The Marines come [to the branch] ready to go to work," Stotzer said. "They have leadership training and experience, as well as experience from previous positions [they've held] in the fleet. With the NPS degree, they can hit the ground running."

When they arrive, Marines receive additional training in the software Cost and Analysis uses to develop cost estimates, called ACEIT – Automated Cost Estimating Integrated Tool. They also receive supplemental training in areas such as decision-making analysis, operations research and business case analysis, to help refine their skills, Stotzer said.

New Marines will typically support cost estimating teams and focus on lifecycle cost analysis, he said. Most of the Marines are defense system analysts, but there are also two operations research analysts and two logisticians as well.

"The Marines are keenly aware of what needs to be done," Stotzer said. "They can communicate, they can lead a room, and they want to support the program and product managers."

NEWS BRIEFS

Furlough/Sequestration Updates

Marine Corps Systems Command civilian employees should be prepared to furlough up to 11 days from July through September. A SharePoint site has been established where Marine Corps Systems Command employees can get sequestration and furlough updates. Employees can submit questions, access a "Frequently Asked Questions" list and receive email alerts when new information is added to the site. Click [here](#) to access the site. Click [here](#) for additional furlough/sequestration news and information from DOD.

Furlough to affect base services

Read this article in the Quantico Sentry for information about the impact of furloughs on Marine Corps Base Quantico schools, commissary, marina, DEERS, recreational activities and more. Click [here](#) for details.

"Desserts of the World" Contest

As part of the MCSC multi-cultural awareness diversity celebration in June and July, Resource Management is hosting a "Desserts of the World" contest. The contest will be held 1-3 p.m., with judging beginning at noon, July 17 in the training rooms of Building 2207. The contest is open to all members of the command and their family members. Participants must register by July 11. For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Risk assessments due July 15

Risk assessments from deputy commanders, assistant commanders and program managers are due to Command Staffing, Planning and Strategies July 15. Risk assessments should incorporate subjective factors such as skill sets, turnovers and congressional/

Commandant interest. Data will be locked on this date in preparation for the Command Staffing Event.

MS Project Classes Available

MS Project classes, co-sponsored by the CSPS Team and WMD, are available July 29-31, Aug. 27-29, Sept. 17-19 and Sept. 24-26. Click on the dates to register. Supervisor's approval is required prior to registering.

eOPF Access available to DON employees

The Electronic Official Personnel Folder, or e-OPF, is an electronic version of the original OPF, which contains records that cover an employee's work history. Department of the Navy employees are now able to directly access their individual work files through eOPF via a secure Internet connection. For more information, click [here](#).

Family Readiness ON POINT

COMMUNICATING - CONNECTING - CARING



Inside:

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These two cuties and about 600 Marine Corps Systems Command employees and family members joined in the festivities June 20 at MCSC's Family Fun Day on the Parade Field at Quantico's Hospital Point. More photos are located on Page 12. (Photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

EMPLOYEES, FAMILY MEMBERS ENJOY FUN IN THE SUN

BY/BILL JOHNSON-MILES, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

More than 600 people enjoyed outstanding sunny weather at this year's annual Marine Corps Systems Command Family Fun Day June 20 on the Parade Field in front of Bldg. 2200. The picnic-style event included traditional food such as burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and watermelon. It also included pulled pork, baby back ribs and barbeque chicken provided by Smokey Bones BBQ.

"The food was outstanding and tasted great, especially what was catered by Smokey Bones," said Lavonne Robinson, committee member and the primary food organizer for the event. "This was one of the best Family Fun Days we've held."

In addition to the traditional picnic food, kids were treated to popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. The cotton candy was provided by the USO. Children took part in many events, including face painting by clowns, moon bounce, water slides and pony rides. There was also bocce ball, corn hole toss and Frisbee for some of the older folks, and everyone seemed to enjoy the dunk tank.

"There were lots of activities for kids as well as adults," said Anna Jiles-Bedenbaugh, an MCSC contract specialist.

Infantry Weapons Systems organized the Commander's Cup competition, which included volleyball, horseshoes and tug of war. IWS won the cup for the second year in a row.

Thanks to a large number of volunteers, the events and activities, food preparation and service, and set up and tear down occurred seamlessly.

"The volunteers were amazing," said Bobbie Cave, committee member and acting chairperson. "Everyone showed up and did their part to ensure the event went off without a hitch."

Thanks to volunteers and committee members, it was truly a fun day for employees and family members.

"It was an opportunity to get out of the office in a fun and relaxing atmosphere, and enjoy spending time with friends and family," Cave added. "It was a smashing success. The weather was perfect, the food was great, and everyone seemed to have a good time."

(Note: See additional Family Fun Day photos on Page 12.)



A Message from the Family Readiness Advisor:

It was great seeing so many smiling faces at Family Fun Day. Everyone seemed to have a great time. I know I sure did. I want to thank the committee and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this an outstanding event. Now we go from one celebration to another.

Happy Fourth of July, and I hope you enjoy celebrating with family and friends. This is the day our Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress. We celebrate with fireworks, family reunions, concerts, barbecues, picnics, parades, baseball games and in many more ways. We live in an amazing country and should truly celebrate our rich history. My family usually tries to find a good baseball game and then some fireworks. Whatever you do, enjoy your day and remember all the men and women who have given so much for our freedom.

Speaking of baseball games, I want to talk about what we do when life throws us a curve. I've had it happen to me, and I've seen it happen to others. Did you throw the curve back? Get angry? Cry? If you got knocked down, did you get back up? Or did you lie down and take it? I've probably done every single one of these at some point in my life.

We learn from adversity and should embrace every possibility. We get only one chance to live each day, so we need to do it well. Our experiences make us stronger and prepare us to help others in their times of need, too. When we help others, it feels good, and we often forget some of our own worries.

So when you feel down or stressed, it is a perfect time to reach out to others. Dig deep and find some of your "untapped goodness," mentioned by our Commandant in his writings, to make someone's day. Help someone find their inner strength, and watch how yours grows, too. Keep your focus, write down goals, help others, and never give up.

Take care of yourself, your family, your friends, and be there for others. As my son's algebra teacher told him not long ago, "I give you what you give me." She was talking about hard work and perseverance paying off with good grades, but this also works in life. Give to others as much or more than what you receive. Spread goodness and kindness. Make every day count and celebrate life.

Sincerely,
Traci Kelley

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Single Marine Rep and Staff Sec Admin
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DC SIAT (includes Safety)
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AC ALPS
AC Contracts
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PM MAGTF C3 (PMM-111)
PM MI (PMM-112) and Ops Cell
PM IWS (PMM-113)
PM AFSS (PMM-114)
PM CSS (PMM-115) and Office of the Counsel
PM AMMO (PMM-116)
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A Message from the Family Readiness Officer:

Family Fun Day was so much fun. The committee members and volunteers worked very hard to make this a very special event for more than 600 attendees. The weather was perfect, too. But there is another reason this event was special. It was my final day here at

Marine Corps Systems Command. Not only was it a great picnic, but it was also a great farewell party.

I began my family readiness career here at MCSC more than five years ago. I was part of the initial cadre of civilians hired by the Marine Corps to assume the responsibilities as Family Readiness Officers throughout the service. It had traditionally been a military secondary responsibility. Opening FRO positions to civilians was a way to get immediate attention to families undergoing wartime stress. It wasn't that Marines in these positions were doing a poor job. They just couldn't keep up with the wartime deployment demands on families. Civilians could work full-time with Marines and their families.

Well, that was five years ago, and a lot has happened since then. During my time here as FRO, I have survived cancer treatment involving a bone marrow transplant, and then two weeks ago I sustained a concussion and fractured vertebrae in my neck resulting from a bicycle accident. I just figured I'd better get out of here while the getting was good. I had planned to retire later this summer, but I'd like to be in one piece when I start my retirement. Leaving now seems like the prudent thing to do.

I have enjoyed my time as the MCSC FRO and have been greatly encouraged by the transformation within the program over these past years. Major strides were taken this past year to fortify the program with family readiness assistants. Our two annual events, Family Fun Day and the Holiday Social, also continue to draw Marines, civilian Marines, families and friends, bringing them together for fun and fellowship.

There is a great deal going on at MCSC and Marine Corps Base Quantico involving families. I can't encourage you enough to take part and get involved. MCSC has implemented many communication tools to make sure everyone is kept abreast with all these activities. To get the word out, we use eMarine, our monthly "Get to the Point" eMag, Facebook, VIPER, the Weekly Wire all-hands email, and weekly direct emails to family members. As the command FRO, I always knew that our family program has the unwavering encouragement and support of the MCSC commander, his wife and his staff. The command is definitely committed to their families--ALL their families, Marines and civilian Marines.

And with that I bid you all a fond farewell. Take care and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Mac McManus



July

- July *MCSC Multicultural Diversity Month* (second month)
- July 1-4 *150th Anniversary of the Civil War's Battle of Gettysburg*
- July 4 *Independence Day* (federal holiday)
- July 4 *Independence Day Pool Party and Rides*, base pool and Clubs At Quantico, 12-6 p.m.
- July 4 *Fourth of July Glo Bowling*, two games and shoes \$5, Quantico Bowling Center, 4-8 p.m.
- July 4 *Holiday Movie Special, "Fast & Furious 6"* at Little Hall Theater, \$1 admission, 6:30 p.m.
- July 5 *Molly Marine Monument Dedication*, National Museum of the Marine Corps, 10:30 a.m.
- July 11 *MCSC Annual Command Golf Tournament*, CSS Birthday Ball fundraiser, Quantico, 8:30 a.m.
- July 16 *Kids in the Kitchen*, FOCUS event, Barber Physical Activity Center, Quantico, 4-5 p.m.
- July 17 *Desserts of the World contest*, RM event, Building 2207, Hospital Point, 1-3 p.m.
- July 18 *ALPS Cookout and Bake Sale*, Birthday Ball fundraiser, Hospital Point, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- July 25 *Command Kings Dominion trip*
- July 27 *Family Golf Outing*, Medal of Honor Golf Course, Quantico, 4 p.m.
- July 27 *CRWA White Water Rafting*, Harper's Ferry, 1 p.m.
- July 28 *Parents Day*

August

- Aug 4 *Friendship Day*
- Aug 6 *National Night Out*, in a field adjacent to the Child Development Center North, Purvis Road, Quantico, 6-8 p.m.
- Aug 7 *Purple Heart Day*
- Aug 18 *Quantico Triathlon*, The Clubs At Quantico, 7 a.m.
- Aug 23 *Family Day*, Quantico Bowling Center, 2034 Barnett Ave., Little Hall, 3-11 p.m.
- Aug 24 *Family Golf Outing*, Medal of Honor Golf Course, Quantico, 4 p.m.



Cpl. Rodolfo Estrada
MCSC Single Marine
Program Representative

A Message from the Single Marine Program Representative:

Tomorrow is the first Wednesday of the month, and that means another Troop Appreciation Day at The Clubs At Quantico. This great Marine Corps Community Service event begins at 3 p.m., and it usually includes good eats, a DJ and a nice time. Tomorrow is also the Single Marine Program monthly meeting. If you have any recommendations for events or activities, please let me know so I can take your great ideas to the meeting. Feel free to look me up in the GAL.

The SMP House, Bldg. 206 (hours listed below), has many events for single Marines. Every Tuesday they provide free lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. and a free movie at 7 p.m. They also have a kitchen where single Marines can fix their own meals. To see what is being served for lunch or what movie is being shown, check the [SMP website](#). They also usually post trips and activities, but at the time I wrote this message the July listing had not been updated. I'm sure July will be well stocked with events once this message is published.

However, I do know that on July 12 there is a trip planned to Kings Dominion. And on July 27 and 28, the SMP program is requesting six volunteers to support exhibits at Fort McHenry in Baltimore. Chow and transportation will be provided. It's always great to volunteer and garner new experiences.

Sincerely,
 Cpl. Rodolfo Estrada

July

- July 3 Troop Appreciation event at The Clubs At Quantico, 3 p.m.
- July 4 Free ice cream at SMP House, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., or while it lasts
- July 12 Trip to Kings Dominion
- July 16 Free trip to Washington Mystics game, space limited, depart at 5:30 p.m.
- July 26-28 Volunteer Opportunity at Fort McHenry, Baltimore

August

- Aug. 3 Busch Gardens Trip, depart 9 a.m.
- Aug. 7 TCAQ Bowling Party, 6-9 p.m.
- Aug. 16 Tubing on the Shenandoah, depart 9:30 a.m.
- Aug. 17-18 Volunteer Event
- Aug. 21 Bowling Party, 6-9 p.m.
- Aug. 29 Water Country, depart 9 a.m.

- Every Tuesday Free lunch at the SMP House, Bldg. 206, 11 a.m.
- Every Tuesday Free movie at the SMP House, Bldg. 206, 7 p.m.

Upcoming Single Marine Program Events



SMP events are open to all active-duty and Reserve single Marines. To register for events and trips, call the SMP House at (703) 432-0363. The SMP House is open for visitors and is a great place just to spend an afternoon or an evening. Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fridays 9 a.m. to midnight, Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to midnight and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

FAMILY Notes

Furloughs will affect base services

The impending furlough of Department of Defense civilians will have an impact on nearly all customer and family services offered aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico. For information about the impact of furloughs on Quantico schools, commissary, marina, DEERS, recreational activities and more, read this article in the [Quantico Sentry](#).

New boater safety course required for Quantico waterways

Boating is an activity that many people enjoy on the rivers and lakes aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico. However, as of July 1 all motor boat operators ages 40 and under now need to take a boater safety course. Anyone who violates any provision of the boater safety education compliance requirement law or any boater regulations covered in the course will be subject to a civil penalty of \$100. To learn more about boater safety and the course, read this article in the [Quantico Sentry](#).

Quantico celebrates Independence Day

Quantico's Marine Corps Community Services will celebrate Independence Day with their 2nd Annual Pool Party and Rides on July 4 at the base pool and in The Clubs at Quantico parking lot. There will be children's rides, a DJ, and events and activities for the entire family. There is no entry fee and pool fees are being waived. Food will be available for purchase. The pool will be open 12-6 p.m. and the parking lot rides are available 2-6 p.m. In addition to the pool party on the 4th, the Quantico Bowling Center is offering shoe rental and two games of "glo" bowling 4-8 p.m. for only \$5, and movie admission to the 6:30 p.m. showing of Fast and Furious at Little Hall Theater is only \$1. For more information, call (703) 784-2014.

I-95 southbound lanes close overnight July 12-14

The 95 Express Lane Project will close all lanes of I-95 south near Dumfries, Exit 152, overnight July 12-14. The closure will allow crews to safely lift steel beams for a new bridge that will carry traffic from the future 95 Express Lanes located in the median to the right

side if I-95 south. All I-95 southbound traffic will detour beginning about 9:30 p.m. to exit 152 and Dumfries Road east. Then continue on U.S. Route 1 south to Joplin Road west and back to I-95. One lane on U.S. Route 1 south will also be closed prior to Dumfries Road to accommodate detour traffic. All lanes will be restored by 9 a.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday.

FOCUS on "Kids in the Kitchen" July 16

Quantico's FOCUS, or Families OverComing Under Stress, will hold its next event "Kids in the Kitchen" from 4-5 p.m. July 16 at the Barber Physical Activity Health Promotion Kitchen in conjunction with the base Semper Fit program. Children, ages 5-12, learn an emotional regulation skill while making nutritious and delicious summer snacks. Free child care for infants to age 4 will be provided in the same building as the event. Space is limited for both the event and child care, so make your reservations early by calling (703) 784-0189.



The daughters and son of Capt. Timothy Shields, Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity's Interoperability Branch, won the sand castle building competition June 27 at MCTSSA's Annual Family Beach Bash. More than 550 attendees enjoyed the fun, sun, good food and sea shore at Pendleton's Camp Del Mar. Besides the contest, the day's activities were filled with face painting, water balloon throws, volleyball, pie races, swimming and of course, a lot of surfing. (Photo by Wil Williams)

Resource Management hosts "Desserts of the World" contest July 17

As part of the MCSC multi-cultural awareness diversity celebration, Resource Management is hosting a "Desserts of the World" contest. The contest will be held 1-3 p.m., with judging beginning at noon July 17 in the training rooms of Building 2207. The contest is open to all members of the command and their family members. Participants must register by July 11. Registration form, contest rules and more information are located on [VIPER](#).

CRWA white water rafting trip hits the river July 27 in Harpers Ferry

Quantico's Recreation and Welfare Association has 30 tickets available for a white water rafting trip at 1 p.m. on July 27 in Harpers Ferry, W.Va. Join River Riders as they take a group from Quantico down the Shenandoah or Potomac rivers. The \$30 tickets go on sale July 9 in Quantico's Bldg. 505. Limit is two tickets per person, first come, first serve. Tickets do not include meals, transportation and locker fee (\$3). All participants will have to complete a waiver and release of liability prior to trip departure. Download these forms and get helpful hints regarding the rafting trip by [clicking here](#). For ticket information, call Russell Ridgeway at (703) 784-2690.

National Night Out is Aug. 6

It's the 30th Anniversary of National Night Out, a neighborhood crime prevention and safety celebration that will take place in our area and across America Aug. 6. Quantico's Marine Corps Community Services has a fun-filled evening planned with demonstrations, activities for kids, giveaways and much more. The event will take place 6-8 p.m. in



the field adjacent to the Child Development Center North on Purvis Road. For more information, call (703) 784-2014. Don't forget to turn your porch lights on to support the cause.

Quantico Triathlon takes place Aug. 18 on base

The inaugural Quantico Triathlon, sponsored by the Marine Corps Marathon and hosted by The Clubs at Quantico, will take place Aug. 18 at 7 a.m. The event features a 400-meter stroke outdoor pool swim at the Quantico 50-Meter Pool, followed by a 9-mile bike ride and finishing with a 5K-run that loops through the air facility. For more information, call (703) 784-2225.

Bowling Center offers Family Day specials Aug. 23

The Quantico Bowling Center is offering a Family Day special from 3-11 p.m. on Aug. 23. During this time, two games and shoe rental is only \$5 per person. The bowling center is located at 2034 Barnett Ave. in the lower level of Quantico's Little Hall. For more information, call (703) 784-2210.

Children gymnastics classes held in July and August at Semper Fit Annex

Gymnastics classes are being offered on Thursdays in July and August at the Semper Fit Annex of Quantico's Youth Center. Classes include: Tot Play with Gymnastics (ages 1-2), Kinder Gymnastics (ages 3-5) and Beginner/Intermediate Gymnastics (ages 6-10). For more information, call (703) 432-8850..

Visit your local library this summer

There are eight libraries in the Central Rappahannock Regional Library system, including Stafford, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania. Classes, workshops and events include summer reading clubs,

Music on the Steps, authors meet and greet, and movie nights. For more information, [click here](#).

Quantico MCCS offers EFMP summer events

Quantico's Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) offers a variety of Exceptional Family Member Program

(EFMP) events over the summer. This includes Summer Fun Days 11 a.m.-12 p.m. July 8-9 and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. July 24 and Aug. 7. There is also an EMFP Special Olympics scheduled for Sept. 7. Learn about all MCCS EFMP events on [VIPER](#).



The Marine Corps Systems Command volleyball team jumps for joy June 13 at the Barber Physical Activity Center as they finished the Marine Corps Base Quantico intramural regular season with a 9-2 record and then placed third in the playoffs. Command volleyball team coach Tom Frush holds the third-place trophy. (Photos by Pat Kline)

MCB Quantico MCCS Calendar for July now available

All Marine Corps Community Services facilities, activities, events, classes and services are open to all active-duty service members and their families, and many are also available to civilian government employees. Call and ask about availability. The July tri-fold calendar with a listing of MCCS events and activities is listed on [VIPER](#).

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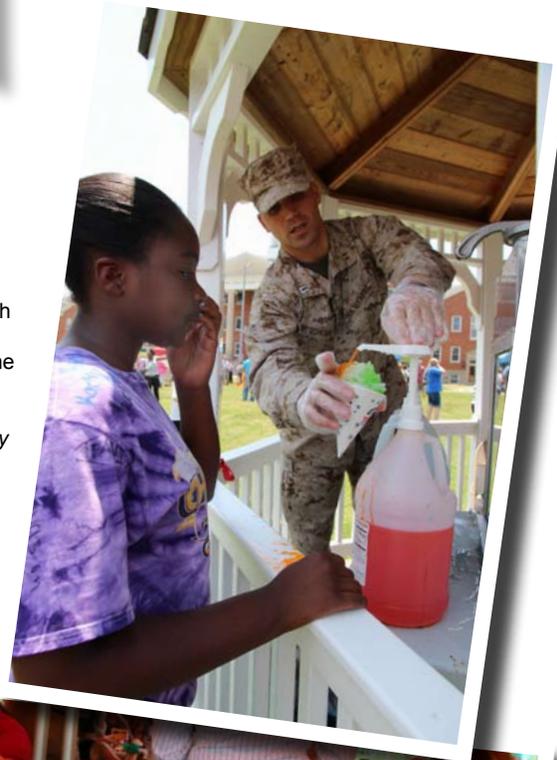
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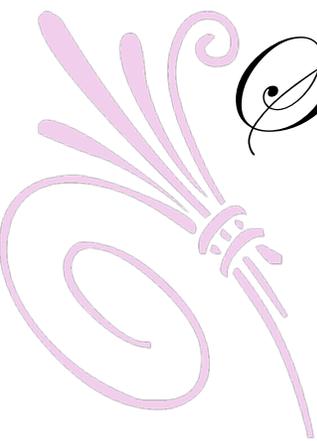
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FAMILY FUN DAY!

Clockwise beginning right: Capt. Adam Scherer, a volunteer from Global Combat Support Systems-Marine Corps, makes a snow cone for a family member. Two Face-painted family members enjoy their picnic-style meal. New buddies stay cool with snow cones. Valerie Mosqueira, assistant commander for Contracts, take her turn in the dunk tank. Two young family members take a dip in the children's fishing pool. A family member is helped aboard a pony. (Photos by Bill Johnson-Miles and Carden Hedelt)





Stork Announcements



Cameron Allen, who works for the Riverside Café in the basement of Bldg. 2200, welcomed his son, Damien Alder Allen, in May. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 20 inches. *(Allen photo)*



Deborah Freund of Information Systems and Infrastructure welcomed her new grandson, Oliver, in March. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces. *(Freund photo)*

Family Graduates



Bill Jones of Combat Support Systems graduated May 23 from the Whiting School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University with a Master's Degree in Systems Engineering. He is joined by his wife, Wanda. *(Jones photo)*



(From right) Lt. Col. Benjamin Stinson, joint program manager for Robotic Systems, and his wife, Toni, are joined June 14 by Brig. Gen. Lori Reynolds, commanding general for Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, at the boot camp graduation of Pfc. Jake Stinson. Jake is the second of the Stinson sons to become a Marine. *(U.S. Marine Corps photo)*



Biggest Losers

(From left) LeKhessa King, A.J. Jimenez and Lavonne Robinson were the top three winners in Information Systems and Infrastructure's "Biggest Loser" contest. The combined total weight loss for the 10 participants competing in the three-month contest ending in May was 40.7 pounds. *(Robinson photo)*

Make the MCSC Family Connection



Do you have a story, photo, announcement or information to share? Submit it by email to mcscpao@usmc.mil.