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Marine Corps Systems Command engineer Brett Comer helps Quantico Middle/High School students prepare sling lengths for his model wooden vehicle during a science, technology, engineering and mathematics event May 9. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Carden Hedelt)

STEM EVENT INSPIRES FUTURE ENGINEERS

BY CARDEN HEDELT, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

When Marine Corps System Command's Brett Comer told a class of Quantico Middle/High School students that in his previous job he rode every ride at Walt Disney World every day without waiting in line, he got everyone's attention.

Comer, a systems engineer for Product Manager, Engineer Systems, was one of several engineers from MCSC at the science, technology, engineering and mathematics event. Students cycled through different stations of activities in hopes of exposing them to concepts central to STEM fields and careers.

Students were able to drive military-application robots, get a closer look at a Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement and construct as tall a tower as possible using marshmallows and spaghetti, among other activities.

This event and an annual week-long camp in the summer focus on extending opportunities to students to stoke their curiosity in STEM fields.

Seeing youngsters take interest in STEM topics motivated MCSC Commander Brig. Gen. Frank Kelley, who was a guest speaker at the event.

"When you get a chance to talk to these kids, you really see the future," he said. "You see the future of the United States, you see great citizens. I see great future Marines who will be able to perform exceptionally well in the future, whatever our country is facing."

FULL STORY

[Read about another young MCSC engineer here.](#)

Promotions & Retirements

PROMOTIONS

Sgt. Joseph Marble
Cpl. Giovanne Cabello
Cpl. Julian Lechuga

AWARDS/HONORS

Meritorious Service Medal
Maj. Brad Boitnott
Maj. Dong Han
Maj. Troy Kiper
Lt. Col. Luis Lara
Lt. Col. Stephen Lavelle
Maj. Douglas Lindamood
Maj. Billy Ramsey
Maj. Stefan Sneden
Maj. Mark Stewart
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wood

*Navy and Marine Corps
Commendation Medal*
Capt. William Crabbe
Capt. Erik Halverson
Staff Sgt. Frank Ingrao
Gunnery Sgt. Tonnical Johnson
Capt. Jason Latta
Sgt. Joseph Marble
Staff Sgt. Ryan Morris
Cpl. Frank Tartsah

Meritorious Civilian Service Awards
Verna Long
Joanne Martin

Federal Length Of Service Awards
Martin Brown, 20
Kim Do, 10

Arlene Fitzpatrick, 30
Lynda Fullem, 30
Michele Lee-Stewart, 30
Benjamin Scott, 15
Ramon Vargas, 25

*Certificate of
Commendation*
Natalie Beasley
Cavanaugh Bradshaw
James Chason III
Tracey Chewning
Michelle Conner
Bud Cornwell
Richard Cullop
Corrie Frederick



Joanne Martin, program analyst, accepts an award May 21 from Mike Gallagher, program manager for Expeditionary Power Systems, upon her retirement after more than 35 years of federal service. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Jim Katzaman)

Jeanenne Griffin
Diane Howell-Schramm
Cynthia Klemm
Carlos Rivera
Timothy Sullivan
James Toms
Benjamin Walker
Francisco Yerena



Giovanne Cabello is promoted to corporal during a ceremony at Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity. Cpl. Cabello's mother Marcela Cabello (left) and his wife Monica pinned on his new rank. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Wil Williams)

Col. Michael Coolican, program manager for Training Systems, presents a retirement certificate to Chief Warrant Officer 4 David Dutton, who retired after 29 years of service in the Marine Corps. (Courtesy photo)



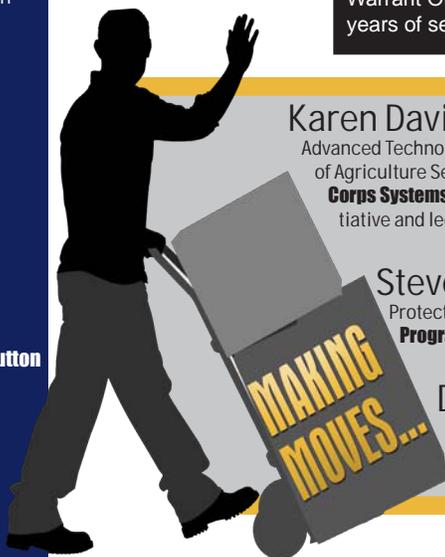
MILITARY HAILS & FAREWELLS

Welcome Aboard

Capt. M.J. Beck
Master Sgt. Nicholas Bluma
Capt. Lucas Chesla
Gunnery Sgt. Adam Deluca
Gunnery Sgt. Jaime Hernandez
Staff Sgt. Charles Ivey Jr.
Capt. Christopher Larson
Capt. John Lloyd
Private 1st Class Matthew Martin
Staff Sgt. Matthew Moore
Capt. Gregory Procaccini
Maj. Richard Slack
Maj. Dustin Thorn
Maj. Richard Witt III
Maj. William Wrightington

Following Seas

Maj. Brad Boitnott
Gunnery Sgt. Michael Brown
Chief Warrant Officer 4 David Dutton
Gunnery Sgt. Tonnical Johnson
Maj. Troy Kiper
Maj. David Stevens
Master Sgt. Jeffrey Wood



Karen Davis has been selected as the program manager of Program Executive Office, Integrated Warfare Systems, Advanced Technology. She is now serving in a rotational capacity on the staff of ASN (RDA) as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program before reporting to her new position. At Marine Corps Systems Command, Davis most recently served the director and program manager for the command's staffing initiative and led the establishment of the MCSC Diversity Program.

Steve Costa has assumed duties as the Marine Corps program manager for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles and will carry the Marine Corps enduring PM shop through the rest of transition from the Joint Program Office to the Program Executive Officer Land Systems and beyond.

Dominic Foster has been appointed Program Manager for Armor and Fire Support Systems. He will lead in this capacity until the formal selection and announcement of a replacement program manager. Foster previously worked in many different MCSC program areas, including Infantry Weapons, Battlespace Management and now Armor and Fire Support Systems.

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PM TRASYS COLLABORATES WITH ARMY ON TANK TRAINER

BY DOLLY RAIRIGH GLASS, TEAM ORLANDO PUBLIC RELATIONS

Marine Corps Systems Command's Program Manager Training Systems is working with the Army to develop a system of manned modules and workstations that allow tank units to train armor collective tasks at the platoon through battalion task force level.

The Army's project manager for Combined Arms Tactical Trainers, Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation provided the M1A1-D Close Combat Tactical Trainer variants to the Marine Corps as government-furnished equipment, said Annette Pike, product manager for Collective Training Systems within TRASYS.

The Marine Corps is incorporating the Marine-unique characteristics, the Firepower Enhancement Package, into the CCTT training systems to replicate the individual crew stations of the Marine Corps Main Battle Tank, she said.

Fielding is planned for March 2014 for 14 M1A1 modules to the 2nd Tank Battalion at Camp Leje-

une, N.C. These M1A1 FEP CCTT modules consist of seven mobile trailers containing 14 M1A1 FEP modules, three Mobile Operation Center trailers, one Mobile Theater After-Action Review Trailer and three Portable Power System Trailers.

Currently, 2nd Tank Battalion can only train to 42 percent of the 6000- and 7000-level standards associated with the battalion's evaluation coded training tasks. The CCTT will help fill this identified training gap.

TRASYS is leveraging CATT's CCTT software baseline, which will allow the two parties to collaborate in the future. This will ultimately increase the capabilities for both services and at the same

time reduce lifecycle costs and save taxpayer money.

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The Close Combat Tactical Trainer will allow the 2nd Tank Battalion the ability to conduct training tasks it otherwise would not be able to conduct. (Courtesy photo)

By The Numbers

10,700: THE NUMBER OF LEAD-ACID BATTERIES MCSC HAS HELPED RECONDITION SINCE **2008**

\$850M: TOTAL AMOUNT MCSC AND PEO LS AWARDED TO BUSINESSES IN FISCAL **2012**

13: THE PERCENTAGE OF ALL VETERANS DIAGNOSED WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER WHO ARE MARINES

14: THE NUMBER OF CLOSE COMBAT TACTICAL TRAINERS MCSC AND THE ARMY WILL FIELD TO MARINES AT CAMP LEJEUNE

CPAC WORKING GROUP FIGHTS HARD TO PREVENT, CONTROL CORROSION

BY BILL JOHNSON-MILES, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

More than 50 people attended the Marine Corps Corrosion Prevention and Control 2013 Working Group hosted by Marine Corps Systems Command May 7-9 at Quantico's Gray Research Center.

The attendees are both active-duty Marines and civilian maintenance management personnel who meet annually to discuss corrosion-related issues affecting the readiness of Marine Corps ground combat and combat support equipment.



Attendees talk prior to the start of the Corrosion Prevention and Control 2013 Working Group May 7 at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

"The working group gives attendees an opportunity to discuss these items in depth, leverage the collective knowledge of the group, evaluate

solutions that others have tried and decide on a common, mutually beneficial path forward," said Bernard Friend, CPAC Program Operations and Sustainment.

The group represented most Marine commands including I Marine Expeditionary Force, II MEF, III MEF and Marine Forces Reserve. Headquarters Marine Corps, Installations and Logistics, and Logistic Command also sent representatives.

"The major accomplishment this year was the update of Marine Corps Order 4790.18 that will be signed out later this year," said Matthew Koch, MCSC's CPAC program manager. "Members were given the draft order on Tuesday and asked to look over it as 'homework' before discussing changes."

Koch said the working group "slapped the table" and concurred on all changes.

"The personal fingerprints of every working group member are on all CPAC products that support Marines' efforts in combating the effects of corrosion on their equipment," Friend said.

[FULL STORY](#)



In remembrance

Fifteen Marines from Marine Corps Systems Command participated in Marine Corps Base Quantico's Memorial Day Running of the Colors. The two-mile formation run from the National Museum of the Marine Corps to the Quantico National Cemetery on May 23 honored Americans who have died in service to their country. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

MCSC HELPS SAVE MONEY, REDUCE HAZARDOUS WASTE

Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms, in collaboration with

Marine Corps Systems Command, started a lead-acid battery reconditioning program in May 2008. The program allows MCAGCC to conserve resources by reducing procurement of new batteries and reduces hazardous waste generation and disposal fees by reusing lead-acid batteries instead of recycling them.

The program has reconditioned about 10,700 batteries since its inception, saving the installation about \$2.39 million over the last three fiscal years and reducing lead-acid batteries shipped offsite by 60 percent. Cost savings from the program have grown consistently through the last three years, from \$540,000 in FY 2010, to \$750,000 in FY11 and \$1.1 million in FY12.

MCAGCC is a large-quantity generator of hazardous waste, with lead-acid batteries used in ground equipment accounting for 3 million pounds of the overall hazardous waste stream annually. To reduce hazardous waste generation, MCAGCC reconditions and reuses absorbed glass material batteries multiple times. Traditional lead-acid batteries cannot be reconditioned and must be pelletized and sold for their lead content at the end of their useable lives.

MCSC-PEO LS TEAM RECEIVES ACQUISITION EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR SMALL BUSINESS

BY JIM KATZAMAN, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting all of its Department of the Navy small business targets for the first time for fiscal year 2012, the Office of Small Business Programs for Marine Corps Systems Command and Program Executive Officer Land Systems won the 2012 Department of the Navy Acquisition Excellence Award for Small Business Team.

Dave Dawson, associate director of Small Business Programs, led the team that included Austin "A.J." Johnson, Small Business Program deputy; Jodie Shifflett, contracting officer; Judy Campbell, contract specialist; Patrick Garrard, program analyst; Lenore Boissiere, project officer; Michael Berry, logistician; and Dung "Zoom" Phan, lead engineer.

"This achievement is a testament to both the command and small business team's strong advocacy and unflagging commitment to small business utilization," Dawson said. "There is no greater demonstration of our commitment and solid support for using small businesses to obtain the supplies and services required to equip and support Marine warfighters."

The command exceeded its DON small business targets by 5.44 percent, awarding nearly \$850 million of almost \$4 billion total obligated contract dollars or 21.19 percent of the total available to spend for small businesses supplies and services.

Dawson said the command awarded more than \$126 million to Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and exceeded the federal goal for SDVOSB awards of 3 percent. The previous high marks awarded under the SDVOSB category were \$76 million or 1.35

percent of the command's total spent during fiscal 2011.

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Marine Corps Systems Command and Program Executive Officer Land Systems won the 2012 Department of the Navy Acquisition Excellence Award for Small Business Team. Team members included (from left) Jodie Shifflett, Dung "Zoom" Phan, Dave Dawson, Judy Campbell and Austin "A.J." Johnson. Not pictured are Patrick Garrard and Lenore Boissiere. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Jim Katzaman)

Contract Awards

In May, Marine Corps Systems Command awarded contracts of \$6.5 million or more for the P-19R Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting vehicles, Arctic Shelter System, Portable Patient Transport Life Support Systems and mobile Corrosion Service Teams.

Oshkosh Corporation, Oshkosh, Wis., is being awarded an estimated \$192,852,826 contract for the procurement of the P-19R to replace the **current fleet of truck, firefighting, aircraft crash and structure fire A/S32 P-19A for the United States Marine Corps.**

HDT Expeditionary Systems Inc., in Buena Vista, Va., **was awarded \$12,519,864 to modify a previously awarded contract that includes the fielding and sustainment of the Arctic Shelter System and associated contractor travel for training support.**

Thornhill Research Inc. of Toronto, was awarded \$7,756,896 to a previously awarded contract for 68 Portable Patient Transport Life Support Systems **and a field-level maintenance spare.**

PrimeTech International of North Kansas City, Mo., **was awarded a \$12,394,971 contract for mobile Corrosion Service Teams, which will apply corrosion-inhibiting products on Marine Corps ground combat and support equipment. This will extend their lifecycle.**

OPSEC TIP: KNOW THE RULES ABOUT PUBLIC RELEASE

BY ROBERT DAVIS, MCSC OPERATIONS SECURITY MANAGER

Information does not need to be secret in order to be valuable. During the Cold War, Soviet Intelligence found the journal Aviation Week so valuable that copies were rushed to a waiting aircraft as soon as it appeared on the newsstands.

The plane was staffed with translators so that key articles could be translated in the air and ready for dissemination as soon as the plane landed in Moscow. One indicator of how much things have changed since the end of the Cold War is that Aviation Week now publishes a Russian-language edition.

A vast amount of competitive intelligence is legally and openly available from commercial data bases,

trade and scientific journals, corporate publications, U.S. government sources and on the web.

Collection of information through open sources often has a dual purpose: to obtain the open information and to refine the clandestine targeting of people who have access to protected information. These individuals may then be contacted and assessed by other means.

Marine Corps Systems Command employees should follow the command's public release review process as outlined in MARCORSYSOCOMO 5720.2 to make sure the information is cleared for release in the public domain or public release. For more information, contact the Operations Cell.



BRIEFING THE BRASS

Capt. Peter Young, lead project engineer for the Marine Corps Network Efficiency Lab, briefs Maj. Gen. Michael Dana, assistant deputy commandant for Installations and Logistics (Plans), about Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity's support to MCNEL during a recent visit to Camp Pendleton, Calif. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Wil Williams)

INSIDE THE PTSD MIND

BY STEPHEN KISIAH, MCSC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

It seems every war has spawned a new diagnosis or definition of a previous injury. When I first joined the Army, more seasoned soldiers widely used the term "shellshock" to refer to the psychological injuries incurred in Vietnam. When teaching the Combat Lifesaver Course from the 1990s into the new millennia, I witnessed changes from the Gulf War terminology of mild and severe battle fatigue to post traumatic stress disorder, which is now accepted in both military and civilian medical settings.

While serving as a medic, I described the signs and symptoms with a clinical approach to unsuspecting infantrymen deploying to combat. Yet, I never understood the real meaning of PTSD until I began to experience the symptoms first-hand.

From my perspective, the most commonly seen symptoms of PTSD are derived from stressors and

triggers. Both can have a debilitating effect, and while I am not well educated in the whole spectrum of PTSD, I do believe they seem to have a different effect on the mind.

Triggers are instinctual reactions learned in a combat setting. For example, a flashing light or a whistling sound will create an automatic response to cringe or duck because the mind has been programmed to react to incoming rockets or mortars in combat. This may be due to the fact that a normal mind reacts to stress by filtering it and responding appropriately through an algorithmic process in order to establish priorities.

The mind of a person with PTSD may have difficulty in filtering stress and, as a result of being exposed to trauma, will bypass the processing and begin producing adrenaline in reaction.

June is PTSD Awareness Month. If you know someone with PTSD or traumatic brain injury, try to differentiate the facts and myths about these disabilities. A good place to start is the National Center for PTSD.

NEWS-BRIEFS

CommandTownHall

Marine Corps Systems Command will hold a Commander's Town Hall from 1-3 p.m. June 12 at Little Hall Base Theater. Bus transportation will be provided for 2200 Lester Street and the following locations in Stafford: 1000 Corporate Drive, 51 Barrett Heights, 39 Tech Parkway and 105 Tech Parkway. Bus routes will start between noon and 12:15 p.m., depending on location. Additional details will be provided as they become available via VIPER and the "WEEKLY WIRE" all-hands email.

Multicultural Observance

During June and July, Marine Corps Systems Command and Program Executive Officer Land Systems will recognize contributions made by our workforce of diverse backgrounds. Details about related observance events will be provided as they

become available. Additionally, employee spotlights and calendar facts that will be posted on VIPER and the Marine Corps Systems Command Facebook page throughout June and July.

MCSCCORTownHall

A Contracting Officer Representative Town Hall will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon June 13 at Little Hall.

Furlough/Sequestration Updates

According to a May 14 memorandum released by Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, most Department of Defense civilian employees should be prepared to furlough up to 11 days from July through September. A SharePoint site has been established on VIPER where Marine Corps Systems Command employees can get sequestration and furlough updates. Employees can submit questions, ac-

cess 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.

USMC Pack Modification

The product manager for Infantry Combat Equipment has posted a video explaining modifications to some of the USMC Packs manufactured by Eagle Industries. The modifications involve the quick-release adapter and top buckle adapter. Less than six minutes, the [video](#) gives step-by-step instructions on how to identify the manufacturer and make each modification, if needed. For more information, contact PdMICE@USMC.MIL.

ALPS Training

The Assistant Commander for Acquisition Logistics & Product Support

announces several training classes scheduled for the month of June. Performance Based Logistics Business Case Analysis training is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 11. 50/50 training is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon June 13. Logistics Requirements Funding Summary training is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 27. For more information, look for the Training Calendar on the AC ALPS Knowledge Center website.

SharePoint Training

End User Level I and Admin User Level II SharePoint Training is available during June. Level I training will be held 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 26, and Level II will be held 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 19-20 at MetroStar Systems in Stafford, Va. To enroll in Level I, click [here](#). To enroll in Level II, click [here](#). See [VIPER All Hands Messages](#) for more information.

Family Readiness ON POINT



COMMUNICATING - CONNECTING - CARING

Inside:

- Family Fun Day
- Calendar of Events
- Single Marine Program
- Golf tournaments
- Ball fundraisers
- Commissaries close Mondays
- MCCA summer information



Family members enjoy a pony ride during Marine Corps System Command's Family Fun Day last year. This year's event will take place June 20. Tickets are on sale but prices increase June 6. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

BRING LOVED ONES TO FAMILY FUN DAY JUNE 20

BY BILL JOHNSON-MILES, MCSC CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Bring all your loved ones to work for Family Fun Day, 12-3 p.m. June 20 on the Parade Field in front of Marine Corps Systems Command Headquarters, Building 2200, Hospital Point. The rain date is June 24. Attendees are not required to take leave for this event.

All family members are invited to participate in traditional picnic-type events and activities, which include face painting, balloon animal creations, moon bounce, pony rides and a water slide. Parents should dress their children appropriately for wet activities or bring a change of clothes. In addition to children's games, teen and adult activities are also being planned, such as bocce ball, cornhole toss and Frisbee. Plus, a DJ will play tunes and door prizes will be given away.

The Commander's Cup competition is being organized by Infantry Weapons Systems, last year's winner. The point of contact for this activity is Stacy Stickney.

Traditional picnic-style drinks and food such as hot dogs and hamburgers will be available. The Family Readiness On Point Team has also arranged for Smokey Bones to provide pulled pork, baby back ribs and barbeque chicken. Kids can also enjoy cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones.

Through Wednesday, June 5, tickets are \$6 per person with a \$25 maximum charge for an entire immediate family of five or more. From June 6-17 tickets will cost \$8 per person or \$30 for a family of five or more. Tickets are free for Marines and their families, and all children under age 12. Marines still need to sign up for their free tickets. All attendees must have a ticket. Tickets will not be sold after June 17 and will not be sold on the day of the event.

To purchase Family Fun Day tickets, see your organization ticket representative. A list of representatives is available on VIPER and by [clicking here](#). If you have questions about the event, tickets or to volunteer, contact the Family Readiness Office at (703) 432-3861.



A Message from the Family Readiness Advisor:

June is finally here and the kickoff to summer begins. Our family immediately goes into the “What vacations can we go on?” and “How many pool trips in a week can we get in?” mode. We use this month to do fun things while taking it easy. The

last few weeks have been a whirlwind of activities and events that kept us running from morning to night. It’s great to just take a few moments to relax.

One way we like to relax is at the command’s annual Family Fun Day. This year it will take place 12-3 p.m. June 20 on the Parade Field in front of Bldg. 2200. Stop by to meet some other families and be sure to bring your kids. There will be music, games, bouncy houses (one with a water slide), competitions, clowns, pony rides and fantastic food. It will be a whole lot of fun and an afternoon not to be missed. The dunk tank provides entertainment, too, so bring extra cash and a good throwing arm. All the command’s leadership took their turns in the tank last year, and we’re hoping for the same this year.

Come join the fun and make some new friends. This is our chance to really get to know each other. I guarantee you will have a great time and experience lots of laughter. Laughter binds us together and increases happiness. I’ve often heard it’s contagious. When I hear someone laughing, I can’t help but smile. Here’s a quote to ponder: *“You don’t stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing.” - Michael Pritchard*

I don’t know about you, but I plan to laugh and live a lot. Laughter really is the best medicine. Stay focused this summer on what really matters ... that, of course, is family and friends ... and join us at Family Fun Day to laugh and enjoy some time with both.

I’ll end with a really bad “Knock Knock” joke to try to make you laugh: *Knock, Knock. Who’s there? B.C. B.C. who? I’ll B.C.-ing you... at Family Fun Day, of course.*

Now if that doesn’t get you laughing, you definitely need some Family Fun Day time in your life. (I know, I know, it was a corny joke, but I hope it at least made you smile.) See you June 20, and don’t forget sun block and towels for the kids!

Sincerely,
Traci Kelley

Family Readiness On Point Team Representatives:

Family Readiness Officer
Family Readiness Advisor
Single Marine Rep and Staff Sec Admin
DC RM and Small Business
DC SIAT (includes Safety)
AC Programs
AC ALPS
AC Contracts
PM ISI (PMM-110)
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 Counselor
PM AMMO (PMM-116)
GCSS-MC (PMM-230)
JPO MRAP (PMM-301)
JPM Protection (PMM-302)
CMO
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International Programs

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Elizabeth Taylor
Katie Ruskin
Capt. Jason Lindauer
Rod Montgomery
Lorraine Foley
Lavonne Robinson and Judith Campbell
Chris Zaffram and Amy Knapp
Mark Billow
Shelly Bianca and Lori Forrest
Chad Kernens and Jeff Nebel
Bobbie Cave
Master Gunnery Sgt. Larry Freetage
Pam Sims and Veronica Ackers
Derek Hutson
Noel Saunders
Frank Dumlaio
Bill Johnson-Miles
Antoinette Lloyd and Rick Wienert



A Message from the Family Readiness Officer:

Summer arrives this month and that means children will be getting out of school soon. The last day of school for Quantico and Spotsylvania County is June 7. One week later Stafford County and Fredericksburg release their

students for the summer. Prince William County does the same on June 18. Now the question is, “Are you ready?”

Ready for what, you may ask? Ready for at least 10 weeks of your children being home and soon hearing them proclaim, “I’m bored. There’s nothing to do.” What will you do? Camps can be costly, and you can’t always send them off to their grandparents or other relatives. Here are some activities that may help keep your kids happy and busy, and many are inexpensive or free.

Team Sports – A great way to fill up time for the youngsters in your home is by getting them involved in team sports. If you live in a community with a pool, or have access to one, then consider signing your child up for the swim/dive team. Other summer team sports could be soccer, Little League or basketball. This will not only keep them busy, they’ll also learn what it takes to be a team member. Another benefit is that after a day of grueling competition, they may be ready for bed at a much earlier hour.

Self Discovery – Join your children in their journey of discovering what it is that interests them. Expose them to different activities and see what captures their attention. Provide them with arts and crafts materials, and see if they have a creative or imaginative inclination. How about exposing them to a musical instrument, dance lessons or voice lessons? As parents, one of our main jobs is to become students of our children, to discover their strengths and then encourage them in those areas.

Summer Reading – For those days that are too hot and humid to spend a lot of time outside or maybe for the rainy days, help your children select two or three books to read over the summer. There are many subjects that I’m sure you can get your kiddos interested in, like sports, mysteries, historical novels, westerns and science fiction.

These are just a couple of suggestions to keep your children busy throughout the “dog days” of summer. Quantico’s Marine Corps Community Services also has many activities and events this summer for children and teens, so visit their website by [clicking here](#).

Once school is out, we usually schedule our Family Fun Day. This year it will take place June 20, and tickets are now on sale. The committee has been working long and hard to put together one of the best Family Fun Days ever. Check out the previous page to find out more about this great event. Hope to see you there, and have a great summer.

Sincerely,
Mac McManus



Mark your

Calendar

June

- June 4-5 *New Join Orientation, Bldg. 2207, Hospital Point*
- June 7 *PEO LS Golf Tournament, Birthday Ball fundraiser*
- June 7 *Last Day of School: Quantico and Spotsylvania County*
- June 7-8 *MCB Quantico Commander's Snakehead Fishing Tournament*
- June 8 *Run Amuck on MCB Quantico, a Marine Corps Marathon event, 8 a.m.*
- June 12 *Commander's Town Hall, Little Hall, 1-3 p.m.*
- June 12 *Donuts with Dad, MCB Quantico Religious and Family Services Center, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.*
- June 13 *Contracting Officer Representative Town Hall, Little Hall, 8:30 a.m.-noon*
- June 14 *Flag Day*
- June 14 *Last Day of School: Fredericksburg and Stafford County*
- June 16 *Father's Day*
- June 17 *Final day to purchase tickets for Family Fun Day*
- June 18 *Last Day of School: Prince William County*
- June 20 *Family Fun Day, Parade Deck, Hospital Point (rain date: June 24), 12-3 p.m.*
- June 21 *First Day of Summer*

July

- July 4 *Independence Day*
- July 4 *MCB Quantico Pool Party Cookout, base pool and Clubs At Quantico, 12-6 p.m.*
- July 12 *PM CSS Golf Tournament, Birthday Ball fundraiser, Medal of Honor Golf Course, 8:30 a.m.*
- July 18 *AC ALPS Cookout and Bake Sale, Birthday Ball fundraiser, Hospital Point, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*
- July 25 *Command Kings Dominion trip*
- July 28 *Parents Day*

June and July
MCSC Multicultural Diversity Months



Cpl. Rodolfo Estrada
MCSC Single Marine
Program Representative

A Message from the Single Marine Program Representative:

Tomorrow, June 5, is the first Wednesday of the month and that means another Troop Appreciation Day at the Clubs At Quantico beginning at 3 p.m. Our Marines should make an effort to attend, not only to take advantage of the great activities that MCCS provides, but also to get out and meet new people. It's a great opportunity for senior Marines to communicate with junior Marines, especially Marines they don't have a chance to talk to on a daily basis.

SMP is offering a bunch of great events for the month of June. On the 7th, SMP will host a trip to Water Country USA, a water park in Williamsburg, Va. If the weather is as nice as Memorial Day weekend, it should be fun. Next, on the 14th, SMP has scheduled a trip to Brandy Station. This should be an interesting excursion for those of you who are history buffs. It is the site of the 1863 Battle of Brandy Station, the largest predominantly cavalry engagement of the American Civil War. It is also near the 150th anniversary of the battle, so besides a tour of the area, you may be able to meet people dressed in the uniforms of that era. The last planned SMP trip for June takes off on the 27th for Six Flags America, another theme park, this one in Mitchellville, Md.

I am the POC for any SMP questions, so feel free to contact me and ask away. I do urge the single Marines of the command to take advantage of all the opportunities provided by MCCS, especially now when funds are not readily available. If we don't take advantage of the Single Marine Program activities, the funds for these events may just go away.

Sincerely,
Cpl. Rodolfo Estrada

June

- June 5 *Troop Appreciation event at The Clubs At Quantico, 3 p.m.*
- June 10 *White Water Rafting Trip*
- June 7 *Evening Parade at 8th & I, Washington, D.C.*
- June 14 *Staff ride and battlefield tour of Brandy Station, Stevensburg, Va.*
- June 27 *Trip to Six Flags America, Mitchellville, Va.*

July

- July 3 *Troop Appreciation event at The Clubs At Quantico, 3 p.m.*
- July 12 *Trip to Kings Dominion, Doswell, Va.*
- July 27/28 *Volunteer Opportunity at Fort McHenry, Baltimore*

- 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

Command leaders participate in dunk tank

Just like last year, there will be a dunk tank at this year's Family Fun Day, 12-3 p.m. June 20. The dunk tank is a Marine Corps Birthday Ball fundraising event sponsored by Systems Engineering, Interoperability, Architectures and Technology. For just \$1 you will receive three balls and three chances to dunk a member of the command's leadership. So far, the following people are scheduled to sit in the dunk tank: Brig. Gen. Frank Kelley, Dr. John Burrow, Mr. Jim Smerchansky, Col. Mike Bergerud and Valerie Mosqueira.

CSS plans annual golf tournament

Marine Corps Systems Command's annual golf tournament will be held July 11 at Marine Corps Base Quantico's Medal of Honor Golf Course. This Marine Corps Ball fundraising event is sponsored by Combat Support Systems.

The tournament is a four-person best-ball format. Mulligans and/or 4-feet of string will be available in exchange for \$5 donations. A maximum of two mulligans are allowed per person and only four strings per team. Prizes will be awarded for closest to pin, longest drive and to the top two teams with the best score.

The cost is \$70 per person and includes green fees, cart, lunch and free range balls. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the players brief is at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Additional information, tournament rules and team entry forms are located on VIPER and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). Entry forms are due by June 28, but there is a 29-team

limit. The tournament will close sooner if the limit is reached.

ALPS cookout and bake sale set for July 18

Acquisition Logistics and Product Support will sell hamburgers, hotdogs and baked goods July 18 to support the command Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Additional information will be posted on VIPER and around the command in the coming weeks.

Family Readiness team schedules Kings Dominion outing for July 25

The Family Readiness On Point team has scheduled a Kings Dominion outing for July 25. The cost will be \$39.50 per person (age 2 and under are free), which includes entrance to the theme park and a planned picnic lunch. Tickets for the park are usually \$65 to \$78. A minimum of 50 participants is required, and if this number is not reached, the event will be canceled. Government employees will need to take leave to attend. Bus transportation is being investigated and may cost extra. Watch for additional information on VIPER.

CMC's spouse launches Facebook page

Mrs. Bonnie Amos, the first lady of the Marine Corps and the spouse of the Commandant, has officially launched her Facebook page. "Like" her page by [clicking here](#).



During Marine Corps Systems Command's Family Fun Day last year, a family member tosses a ball at the dunk tank hoping to cause Brig. Gen. Frank Kelley, MCSC commander, to splash into the water. There will again be a dunk tank with command leadership at this year's event, which will take place June 20. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

MCCS publishes summer guide

Quantico's Marine Corps Community Services 2013 Summer Guide is now available by [clicking here](#). It includes information and events about the base Auto Hobby Skills Center; bowling center; dance and gymnastics; base marina; Medal of Honor Golf Course; Quantico pool; youth sports; Little Hall Theater; children, youth and teen programs; new parent support program; Marine Corps Family Team Building; Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS); Exceptional Family Member Program; special events and Marine Corps Marathon-sponsored events.

Commissary furloughs cause Monday closures

Now that the Department of Defense has announced its decision to furlough most of its civilian workforce for up to 11 days, the Defense Commissary Agency plans to close all commissaries on Mondays from July 8, through Sept. 30. This is in addition to any day they might normally be closed.

Commissaries that are normally closed on Mondays will then close one additional day per week, in most cases Tuesday. The few commissaries that are normally closed Monday and Tuesday will also close on the next business day. There may be limited exceptions at overseas locations where there are sufficient local national employees to allow a store to remain open.

According to DeCA, the agency decided on Monday closures after weighing the potential disruption to patrons and suppliers of having rolling furloughs, where closure dates would differ from store to store. Universal Monday closures are less disruptive to shoppers and the agency's industry partners — vendors, suppliers and distributors — who deliver products daily to DeCA's commissaries.



Team Hall-Palmer ran the Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon in Fredericksburg, Va., May 19 and raised more than \$3,600 for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. They participated in the TAPS Run and Remember program to honor Lt. Col. William Hall and Lt. Col. Benjamin "Chili" Palmer, both killed in action during the war on terror. The team includes (from right) Ruth Cisneros, Marine Air-Ground Task Force Command, Control and Communications, also known as MC3; Kim Foster, Corporate Communications; Chrissy Kuney (front), Contracts; Col. Pete Reddy, MC3 program manager; Darrell Schultz, MC3; and Edward Hagarty, Reddy's brother-in-law. (Foster photo)

Troops, families can visit

museums free this summer

More than 2,000 museums across the nation will open their doors, free of charge, to service members and their families from May 27 to Sept. 2. All active-duty military, National Guardsmen, reservists and their families are eligible. For more information, click here.

Base fishing tournament begins June 7

In honor of the free fishing days in Virginia (June 7-9), Quantico's base commander is sponsoring a Snakehead Fishing Tournament. Anglers will be allowed to fish from 3 p.m. on June 7 until 3 p.m. the following day. Prizes and certificates will be awarded in various categories. Eligible fish include gar, snakehead, carp and catfish.

The goal of the tournament is to encourage healthy competition among anglers, introduce new generations to the outdoors, promote fishing recreation and provide information to the public about the northern snakehead. Boat rentals will be available. Other events will also be held June 8 at the headquarters tent located in the Lejeune Hall parking lot on Catlin Ave. From 1-5 p.m. enjoy a fly fishing/fly tying demonstration, participate in a casting contest, view a wildlife education exhibit and check out craft demonstrations.

The cost is \$20 per person or \$40 per team (2-4 people). Anglers age 17 and under are free. Registration is happening now through June 7 at the Marine Corps Exchange Rec/ITT office. For more information, call (703) 432-8850.

Run Amuck June 8

Get down and dirty June 8 at the most popular and muddiest Marine Corps Marathon Event Series race as runners endure mud pits, obstacles and more for 3.5 miles. The Mini Run Amuck, 1.5 miles, provides a truncated version of the Run Amuck course for families. The event begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Lejeune Hall overflow parking lot. To sign up and for more information, click here.

Enjoy Donuts with Dad June 12

Donuts with Dad will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 12 at Quantico's Religious and Family Services Center. The program allows dads to spend one-on-one time with their children ages 4-12. They will be able to share laughs while doing fun communication activities. Registration is required. To register, call Families OverComing Under Stress (FOCUS) at (703) 784-0189 or email quantico@focusproject.org.

Dads bowl free on Father's Day

On Father's Day, June 16, at the Quantico Bowling Center, dads will be able to bowl for free when accompanied by their children. The bowling center is located at 2034 Barnett Ave. in Little Hall's lower level. For more information, call (703) 784-2210.

Celebrate the Fourth

of July at the pool. Quantico's Marine Corps Community Services is hosting their Second Annual Pool Party Cookout on Independence Day. Pool fees will be waived to allow everyone a chance to swim. Events and activities will be available for the entire family, including children's rides, DJ and much more. Food will be available for pur-



From left, Kathleen Ruscio of Infantry Weapons Systems, Antoinette Lloyd of International Programs and Pam Hauck of Corporate Communications participate in a family emergency scenario exercise during the Family Power Hour May 14. May's event covered Marine Corps Community Services facilities and base services available not only to Marines but also civilian government employees. The next Family Power Hour will take place in September. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Bill Johnson-Miles)

chase, but admission is free. The event takes place at The Clubs At Quantico and the Quantico pool. The pool will be open from noon to 6 p.m., and the rides in the Club's parking lot will take place 2-6 p.m. For more information, call (703) 784-2014, or visit the MCCA website.

Summer camps help youths become better athletes

Three summer youth sports camps are being offered this summer by Quantico's Marine Corps Community Services. The Challenger British Soccer Camp will take place June 17-21 and again from July 29 through Aug. 2. The Flag Football Camp is scheduled for July 22-26. Both the soccer and football camps are held at Barnett Stadium. The Basketball Camp will take place at the Barber Physical Activity Center Aug. 12-16. For additional information, such as costs and registration, call (703) 784-9756, or visit the MCCA website.

CYTP offers summer child care

Quantico's Children, Youth and Teen Programs, also known as CYTP, is offering summer care for children ages 6-12 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 10 through Aug. 16. Fun activities, events and trips are planned throughout the summer care program. All children should be registered with the CYTP. For registration and payment, visit Child Development Center South, Resource and Referral Office, 3314 Purvis Road between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you have questions, call (703) 784-3652.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Family Readiness Officer:
(703) 432-3861**

**Corporate Communications,
Public Affairs:
(703) 432-3958, mcscpao@usmc.mil**

**Command Officer of the Day
(24-hour duty):
(703) 432-3966**

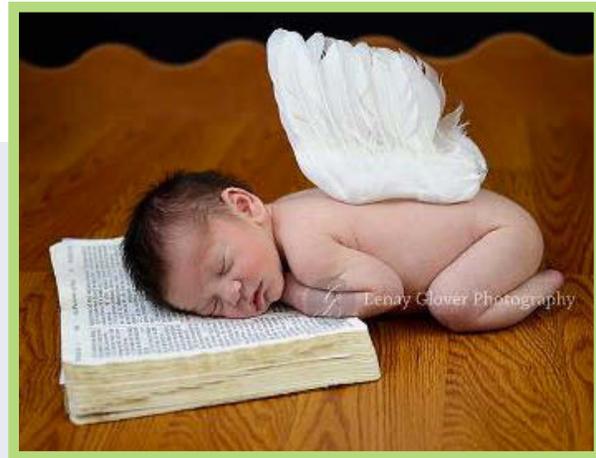
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Stork Announcements

Toni Doyle of International Programs recently announced a new addition to her family. Her son Air Force Staff Sgt. Mario Alba and his wife Ariel welcomed Dawson Connor, who was born in May. The new angel weighed in at 7 pounds, 12.9 ounces and measured 20.25 inches. *(Lenay Glover photo)*



Deborah Freund and Lavonne Robinson, both with information Systems and Infrastructure, each recently had a grandson added to their extended family.



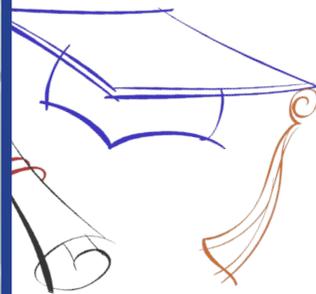
Lance Raymond and his wife welcomed Juliette Marie in May. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 21 inches. Raymond is the supervisor for the External Coordination and Integration Team with Financial Management. *(Raymond photo)*

Jessica Cairns of Resource Management and her husband Brad welcomed Eli Michael in May. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20.5 inches. Cairns is a member of the Policy/Reporting Team with Financial Management. *(Cairns photo)*



Family Graduation

Julie Wills, the wife of Maj. Chris Wills of Infantry Weapons Systems, graduated with honors in May from Mary Mount University. She earned a master's degree in nursing with a family nurse practitioner concentration. She will work mentoring second-degree nursing students until her national boards in July. *(Wills photo)*



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