



QUANTICO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: NNOA members, friends, and family as we depart the area to be with loved ones, we should take a moment to reflect on the blessings that have been bestowed upon us as individuals, as a chapter, as an organization, as a sea service, and as a country. The 2001-year has been filled with challenges, trials, and national tragedies. However, let us not forget the positive and uplifting events that have enriched our lives throughout the year. The outlook for the 2002-year is powerfully promising, with new opportunities and renewed potential. As a chapter, we should focus our energy toward continuing to build our membership base in order to accomplish the NNOA mission and more importantly the US Navy and Marine Corps missions. In the New Year, I will challenge every member and friend of NNOA to inform or educate at least two officers, regardless of rank, of the NNOA mission and why the NNOA mission is essential to the mission of the Sea Services. The building process must start with you. May the Lord guide you and keep you in His loving care- during the Holiday Season and through the New Year.

NNOA SOCIAL CALL



Photo by: Capt B. Parmer

Maj. Gen. Clifford Stanley takes time to pose with lieutenants from the Basic School during the NNOA Social Call on Nov. 30.

From the Chaplain

The story of Jesus is one of redemption. HE came that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). In this season, we often tend to focus on everyone and everything other than Jesus. It is our Lord's desire that we focus on HIM. Why, you might ask. Well, God wants to have a good relationship with HIS children. And if you've received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God is your Father. As your Father, God loves us, cares for us, and desires to commune with us. To do that, we need a relationship with HIM. That relationship is forged in the time we spend with HIM reading our bibles, in prayer, in worship, and in service. As we get to know God better, we fall deeper and deeper in love with HIM. We want to spend more time with HIM and

we want to please HIM (Psalms 37:4). In submitting to HIS will and HIS ways, we incur the blessings of the Lord (Deut. 28: 1-14). And in receiving the gift of HIS lordship and salvation, we are redeemed, which is why HE came in the first place. So in this season, if you're overly concerned with everyone and everything other than Jesus, STOP, and focus on HIM and receive the "peace that surpasses all understanding to guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:7). May you obey HIM and receive all that HE has for you. Merry Christmas.

NNOA CHRISTMAS PARTY



Photo by: Capt B. Parmer

Capt. Tamia Gordon Mewborn is seen attacking her mother for a Secret Santa Gift, during the Christmas Party hosted at her home on Dec. 16.



Photo by: Capt. Burrell Parmer

Capt. David Everly, Chapter President, relays words of wisdom to lieutenants of Fox Company, TBS.

Holiday Remarks From the Secretary of Defense

This holiday season, families all across the America will gather with neighbors and friends to rekindle old friendships, revive honored traditions, and renew the hope and love that is part of the season.

And as they do, their thoughts and prayers will naturally turn to you, the men and women whose mission it is to defend peace and freedom - especially now when they are under such unprecedented attack.

As America's Armed Forces, you are the sharp sword of Freedom. You fight without complaint on foreign seas, in dangerous skies, and on hostile lands.

You voluntarily put your lives at risk, and sacrifice your comfort and the comfort of your families, so all of our fellow citizens can enjoy the blessings and benefits of liberty.

It is a sacrifice made even more precious by the fact that you render it so willingly.

In describing the "citizen soldiers" of an earlier era, historian Stephen Ambrose wrote, "At the core ... (they) knew the difference between right and wrong, and were unwilling to live in a world in which evil triumphed. So they fought and they won, and we - and those yet to be born - are eternally grateful."

Like those heroes of an earlier era, you too stand against evil - the shadowy evil of terrorism. And like them, you also will be victorious. Of that, there is no doubt.

So as the stars of the winter sky shine brightly, and the prayers of people everywhere who long for peace look up to meet them, know that the hearts and prayers of Americans are with you. We

salute your courage, we appreciate your sacrifice, and we pray each day for your success.

On behalf of the President, the Department of Defense, and all the American people, I extend our warmest and most heartfelt wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Donald H. Rumsfeld

NNOA Adopt-A-Family

This holiday season, the Quantico Chapter of NNOA chose to participate in the Adopt-A-Family program sponsored by MCCS. The chapter was matched with a family of four and donated \$300.00 for the purchase of gifts to bless the family in this holiday season. Over 14 gifts ranging from newborn clothing and toys to shirts and sweaters for adults were provided to the family. Based on the requested needs of the family, Capt Jerome Bryant and his wife, Angela, purchased and wrapped various gifts that were delivered to MCCS for pick-up by the family's command representative and delivery to the family.

Marine Ground Dinner

The next Marine Ground Dinner is approaching fast. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some good camaraderie, good chow, and to hear our guest speaker, General James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps. The dinner will be held on January 31, 2002 at the Fort Myer Officers' Club Koran Ballroom. The evening begins at 1830 with a "no host" social hour followed by dinner at 1930. The dinner cost is \$30 per person and dress is civilian informal (coat and tie). Reservations should be made directly to Marine Corps Association no later than 1630 Friday, 25 January 2002. Seating is limited, don't delay! See link for details under Prof. Development. www.mca-marines.org The point-of-contact at PP&O is Capt Marco A. Rodriguez at (703) 692-6929/6922 or rodriguezma@hqmc.usmc.mil.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 01 Jan 02: New Year's Day
- 10 Jan 02: Executive Board Meeting @ 1530, TBS
General Body Meeting @ 1630, TBS
TBS MOS Mixer @ 1800, TBS
- 18 Jan 02: Start of MLK Birthday 96 Liberty
- 30 Jan 02: Luncheon PME @ the Clubs
- 31 Jan 02: Marine Ground Dinner @ Ft. Myer's O' Club
- 07 Feb 02: Executive Board Meeting @ TBD
- 13 Feb 02: Luncheon PME @ the Clubs
- 14 Feb 02: Valentine's Day
- 15 Feb 02: Start of President's Day 96 Liberty
- 23 Feb 02: Black-History Month Dinner @ TBD