

QUANTICO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT: During my brief involvement with NNOA, I have observed one notable trend. That trend is the tendency for NNOA members and supporters focusing on Black Officers as the target audience and the sole beneficiaries of NNOA's exploits. The NNOA Mission reads, *NNOA actively supports the Sea Services in recruitment, retention and career development of minority officers... We provide professional development, mentoring, and support cultural diversity...*. I would submit to you that we must expand our scope of the Chapter and seek to move outside our "comfort zone". With that said, I challenge every member and supporter to heighten the awareness of peers, co-workers, seniors, and especially Commanding Officers. We must recruit potential members and invite all officers to share in the education and mentoring process.

NNOA NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PME



Photo by: Capt B. Parmer

Col. Roy R. Byrd, Commanding Officer, The Basic School, is pictured giving valuable insight to Marines and sailors at the NNOA's Luncheon PME, Nov. 7, at the Clubs at Quantico.

From the Chaplain

*"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."
Romans 8:28*

We have been attacked. We have responded. Our attackers are on the run. What do we do now? The bible tells us, "Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers,

against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, *HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH*, and *HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS*, and having shod *YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE*; in addition to all taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one. And take the *HELMET OF SALVATION*, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. With all prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints." Ephesians 6:10-18



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Members from the Quantico Chapter pictured conducting clean-up operations on Route 1 along Quantico Marine Base, 17 November 2001.

Montford Point Marine Birthday Ball

In 1942, President Roosevelt and Congress established a Presidential directive giving African Americans/Blacks an opportunity to be recruited into the military. The African Americans/Blacks who wanted to be Marines were sent to Montford Point for boot camp. (At that time African Americans/Blacks recruits were not allowed to train with White recruits. Montford Point is now Camp Johnson, where Marine Corps Combat Service Support School (MCCSSS) calls home, and is a part of Camp Lejeune.) Approximately 23,000 African Americans/Blacks became Marines from 1942 to 1949, and they were called Montford Point Marines. These Marines blazed a trail for others to follow and are a part of our Corps' history.

In 1965, an enterprising group of Marine veterans residing in Philadelphia, PA, formulated and developed plans to hold a national reunion of the Montford Point Marines. Due to the great response to the reunion, the Montford Point Marine Association (MPMA) was formed. The sixth chapter of the MPMA was established in Washington, D. C. The District of Columbia Montford Point Marine Association Chapter #6 works cooperatively with local and national community organizations, working within the community to assure all veterans and their families a better life.

Each year MPMA Chapter #6 holds a Marine Corps Ball to celebrate the birth of our Corps. This year the 226th Birthday Ball was held on Friday, 16 November, at the Andrews Air Force Base Officer's Club. Lieutenant General Robert Magnus, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps was the guest speaker.



Quantico Chapter President and other Marines from Quantico take time to pose for photographs during the Montford Point Marine Association 226th Marine Corps Birthday Ball at Andrews Air Force Base.

Adopt-A-Family Program

The Quantico Chapter of NNOA will participate in the Adopt-A-Family program sponsored by MCCS. The program provides individuals, units, and groups the opportunity to help Quantico Marines, E-5 and below or families with special needs, celebrate Christmas. Our chapter will be matched with a family of four or less and

their specific needs. Once the family's needs are identified, chapter members may purchase, wrap, and drop off gifts with me in my office at Lejeune Hall or members may make a donation in the form of a check to the QNNOA Chapter for the amount of their choice. The chaplain for the chapter will purchase those items not obtained by members. It is our intent to have purchased all items by 30 Nov. POC is Capt Jerome Bryant, Chapter Chaplain.

NNOA assists in providing Child Care for the Marine Corps Ball

The Quantico Chapter's generosity helped to provide daycare for 11 children for the Sergeant-And-Below Marine Corps Ball held on 16 Nov. All of the Marines were extremely grateful for your nobleness, consideration and kindness. Some Marines were assigned to the Ball Pageant as little as two days before the event, but because you paid for their childcare, they did not have to worry about their children's welfare or the financial hardship. --- Capt. Jonathan Newell

NEWS

CLARIFICATIONS REF FLU VACCINES

The Naval Medical Clinic Quantico has a limited supply of flu vaccine, which will be provided according to a prioritization plan. Active duty personnel, and beneficiaries identified as high risk for illness (e.g. elderly, individuals with weakened immune systems, etc.) have top priority.

The general family member population will not be immunized until all active duty units and highrisk individuals have been given an opportunity. Naval Medical Clinic Quantico will not be vaccinating GS workers. Civil service personnel and civilian contractors are advised to contact the healthcare system provided by their health plan for flu vaccination. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a prescription to receive this vaccine.

The Preventive Medicine Department is coordinating all active duty immunizations on a unit-by-unit basis. Base commands have been contacted and a vaccination schedule is being finalized. Please direct questions regarding active duty immunization to Preventive Medicine at 784-1672/1668. The Immunization Department is coordinating immunization of all nonactive duty personnel. Please direct questions regarding immunization of nonactive duty personnel to 7841537.

Powers of Attorney Sometimes Necessary in Military Life

*By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem, USA,
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WASHINGTON, Sept. 19, 2001-- There are many occasions during the course of a military career that a power of attorney might be necessary. But, legal experts caution, do your homework before granting one to somebody.

"Typically, servicemembers will need a power of attorney when they may be deploying or going overseas and leaving their loved ones behind to handle the affairs of the household," Navy Lt. Joan Malik said. Malik is a legal assistance attorney in the Pentagon's Joint Service Legal Assistance Office.

There are two basic types of power of attorney, special and general. A general power of attorney basically gives the person who holds it the power to conduct business in your name, Malik said.

Service members can grant a special power of attorney, which spells out the specific ways it can be used. She said the more specific a power of attorney is the better. This prevents people from using it for purposes other than those the service member intended.

"Don't give a general power of attorney to someone you don't trust wholeheartedly," she said. Base legal assistance attorneys can help service members determine which type of power of attorney will best meet their needs.

Service members commonly need to issue powers of attorney when they change assignments. They often leave their spouses behind to sell cars, move out of government quarters and myriad other things. Those spouses often need legal authorization to conduct the necessary business.

Service members may also need a power of attorney to provide the person caring for their dependent children during a deployment or exercise. Caregivers may need a power of attorney to enroll children in school or other activities, Malik said. Caregivers would particularly need a power of attorney to authorize medical treatment if a child needs it, she said.

Medical powers of attorney are used if a person becomes incapacitated and someone else needs to make medical decisions. "This document designates who you want to speak on your behalf regarding your care," Malik said. She suggested sitting down with the person who holds your power

of attorney to make sure they understand your wishes in different circumstances.

Generally, Malik explained, powers of attorney are granted for one year. She said a member could revoke a power of attorney in two ways if circumstances change.

The first and simpler is to physically destroy the original document, Malik said.

The second is to write a letter of revocation, have it notarized and send a copy to the person holding the power of attorney. It's best to also send a copy of the revocation to places where the person is likely to use the power of attorney, such as banks or moving companies.

Military service members and their families can have powers of attorney drawn up and notarized at most base legal assistance offices. Malik recommended troops call their legal assistance office if they have any questions about powers of attorney.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 30 Nov 01: NNOA Social Call, 1700 @ O' Club, TBS
- 06 Dec 01: Quarterly NNOA Meeting and Hail & Farewell, 1730 @ Marsh Center
- 15 Dec 01: NNOA Christmas Party @ TBD
- 19 Dec 01: Newsletter submission deadline
- 25 Dec 01: Christmas
- 27 Dec 01: Newsletter published
- 01 Jan 02: New Year's Day
- 10 Jan 02: Executive Board Meeting @ 1445, TBS
PME before Mixer @ 1530, TBS
TBS MOS Mixer @ 1630, TBS

Briefs to be given at the Quarterly Meeting

Fundraising, Adopt-A-School Program, National Conference, 3 and 4 Quarter Outlook, Christmas Party, and Member Update.

NNOA 2002 National Conference will be hosted by the Tidewater Chapter in the 1st week of August.

