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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Coming off the heels of a highly successful National Conference, I would first like to recognize and thank all the members and volunteers. Your hard work ensures that the Conference will be the standard by which future Conferences will be held. A special thanks goes to Major Don Mills Sr., the immediate past Marine Corps Representative, who worked many tireless hours aiding the Chapter in the enormous task of hosting the Conference.

## NNOA ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM



Photo provided by Capt E. Kelly

**Members from the Quantico Chapter pose for a picture after conducting clean-up operations on Route 1 along Quantico Marine Base, 15 September 2001.**

## Marine Group Giving Scholarships to Pentagon Crash Victims' Kids

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19, 2001-- Every child who lost a parent in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon Sept. 11 will receive a \$10,000 college scholarship bond from the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation Inc., Corps Commandant Gen. James L. Jones said Sept. 19. While no one knows yet how many children lost parents in the Pentagon attack, "no child will be left behind," Jones emphasized. The foundation is reaching out to the larger community, he said. "They're going to take care of the sons and daughters of anyone who lost their lives in the attack on the Pentagon, and that includes the passengers on the airliner," he noted.

Former Marines and members of federal law enforcement agencies formed the foundation on Jan. 2, 1995. Through donations and a variety of fundraising activities, the group has since distributed more than \$3 million in assistance to the children of active duty Marines or of federal law enforcement personnel "who lost their lives on active duty or died under extraordinary circumstances," Jones said. Recipients have only to fill out a simple form and present it to the foundation. Jones emphasized that the foundation is a charitable organization and no government money is being used. For more information, visit the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation [<http://www.mc-lef.org>] Website at [www.mc-lef.org](http://www.mc-lef.org).

## Walter Gaskin frocked to the rank of BGen



Photo by Capt B. Parmer

**BGen. Walter E. Gaskin (center), Training Command commanding general stands next to retired Gen. Richard I. Neal (right), former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps following his frocking ceremony at the Marine Corps Research Center Sept. 7. Gaskin was transferred to MCB Quantico upon his selection in March. More than 200 invited guests attended the ceremony.**

**DOD SELECTS TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOR GRANTS**

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced September 10, 2001, that it plans to award 17 grants totaling \$2.75 million to 17 tribal colleges and universities. These grants will be made under the fiscal 2001 DoD Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions (HBCU/MI) Program. The grants will enhance programs and capabilities at these minority institutions in scientific and engineering disciplines critical to national defense. The grants were competitively selected from 24 proposals submitted to the Army Research Office in response to a broad agency announcement issued in January 2001. The Army Research Office plans to award the grants, ranging from \$53,000 to \$200,000, only after written agreements are reached between the department and the institutions.

**SGLI Expands to Include Spouses, Children**

BY Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem, USA  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6, 2001-- The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance plan will also cover troops' spouses and eligible children beginning Nov. 1. The Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001, signed by President Bush last spring, allows for up to \$100,000 coverage for military spouses and \$10,000 coverage for each child. If the service member has SGLI coverage of \$100,000 or more, maximum coverage for the spouse will be automatic, and premiums will be deducted along with the member's premium from each month's pay. If the service member carries less than \$100,000 coverage, however, the spouse's coverage can be no higher than the member's, Navy Capt. Chris Kopang explained. "For instance, if the member only had \$50,000 in coverage on himself, he can only get \$50,000 for his spouse," said Kopang, DoD director of compensation. He added that spouse coverage must be elected in \$10,000 increments. Premiums will be based on amount of coverage elected and the spouse's age.

Spouse's age Rate per \$1,000 Maximum Monthly Premium

Under 35	\$ .09	\$9
35-44	\$ .13	\$13
45-49	\$ .20	\$20
50-54	\$ .32	\$32
55+	\$ .55	\$55

Coverage for children up to age 18, or 23 if a fulltime student, is free and automatic, so long as the member is

participating in SGLI, Kopang said. Eligible Reserve component members will receive the same family member coverage with premiums being deducted from their drill pay, he said. Service members will be able to decline or reduce spousal coverage, but officials are still working out the details. "Opt out" procedures and updates will be posted to the SGLI Web site <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm> at [www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm](http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm)

. Kopang cautioned service members to think carefully before opting out. "Members may sometimes feel they don't need life insurance for a spouse, especially if the spouse doesn't work outside the home," he said. "However, look at the cost of providing childcare, a nanny perhaps, or other things that contribute to maintaining the home. These are costs service members don't always realize they'll have." Eligibility for spouse and children's coverage would end if the member terminates coverage, separates, retires, dies, or if the couple divorces. However, spouse coverage will extend 120 days past the date eligibility ends. "That will give the spouse the opportunity to convert their policy to a commercial policy," Kopang said. Spouse coverage can be converted to commercial policies when the service member separates from the military, but cannot be converted to the Veterans' Group Life Insurance plan.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

- 03 Oct 01: Luncheon PME - Col Alfredo Longoria, CO, WTBN @ 1130, SNCO Lounge at the Clubs
- 04 Oct 01: Executive Board Meeting @ 1130 - 1245, Marathon Room at the Clubs
- 08 Oct 01 Columbus Day
- 13 Oct 01: United States Navy's Birthday
- 28 Oct 01: MC Marathon: <http://www.marinemarathon.com/>
- 31 Oct 01 Halloween
- 01 Nov 01: Executive Board Meeting @ 1130 - 1245, Marathon Room at the Clubs
- 10 Nov 01: Marine Corps' Birthday
- 12 Nov 01: Veterans Day
- 17 Nov 01: Adopt-a-highway Program
- 30 Nov 01: Montford Point Marine Association D.C. Chapter Birthday Ball