A Tribute to Volunteers!
Ronald Reagan once said,

“Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have made a difference to the world, but the Marines don’t have that problem.”

Indeed, for the past 46 years, the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's family of volunteers has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to make possible the dream of higher education for the deserving children of the Marine families we serve. So it is fitting that in this issue of On Point we pay tribute to our wonderful corps of volunteers.

Our volunteers represent the heart and the backbone of our Foundation. From small grassroots fundraisers to more than 20 golf tournaments and four annual military galas – some of which are now in the forty-sixth year – these people who believe in our cause have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and the financial support that make our programs possible. More than one third of all Foundation revenues are derived from volunteer-led events. One hundred percent of these net revenues are applied directly to scholarship awards.

It is our volunteers that help us remain so effective, efficient and focused on our mission. Through no small part of the tremendous efforts of our volunteers, Charity Navigator, America’s leading independent charity evaluator, has recently awarded the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation its highest ranking – four stars – a grade only given to 18 military- and veteran-related charities and 35 scholarship organizations nationwide. Charity Navigator has described the Foundation as a notable way to “Support Our Troops” and as an organization “in which donors can be confident that contributions will be spent efficiently.”

As you will read in the pages that follow, some of our volunteers hail from the military community. Others are civilians that simply want to honor Marines in a meaningful way. These great Americans willingly give their time, talents and resources to help our Foundation advance, succeed and make possible a better future for Marine families. If you would like to join in offering your special talents or help organize an event in your community, please contact our Foundation.

We welcome you to our family and pay tribute to our tremendous corps of volunteers!
Dear Friends,
As we begin the new year at the Foundation, I would like to highlight some of the exciting results that were achieved in 2007 from the hard work, dedication, and generosity of our volunteers and supporters. Two words summarize 2007... Bravo Zulu!

- Awarded a record $3,491,385 in scholarships to 1,044 outstanding sons and daughters of Marines, including four Heroes Tribute Scholarships to children who lost their parent in the Global War on Terror.
- Received support from 21 golf tournaments, including new tournaments in Hartford, CT, Dallas, TX, and Long Island, NY, as well as four military scholarship balls which generated more than $3.9 million in donations.
- Participated in the 32nd Annual Marine Corps Marathon through the support of 33 hard-charging runners.
- Secured leadership gifts to the American Patriots Campaign of $6.5 million – including $1.5 million directly attributable from our military scholarship balls – with total annual revenues of $12.3 million.

These results reconfirm the important role that our dedicated corps of volunteers have provided the MCSE, not only this past year but throughout the entire 46 year history of the Foundation. On behalf of the Foundation board of directors, officers and staff, I say thank you for your support. The beneficiaries of your hard work and devotion are members of our Marine Corps family – past, present and future.

I am pleased to report that Martha Hulse has recently joined the Foundation as Vice President for Finance/Treasurer. She is our chief financial officer, responsible for all finance and accounting activities, including support of our golf tournaments, military balls and other outside events. Martha is located in the Alexandria office and I know she will become a significant asset in the continued growth of the Foundation.

Our mission continues with a very ambitious agenda for 2008, including: increasing the number and the value of scholarship awards; growing leadership gift support for the American Patriots Campaign (APC); integrating the APC with the financial goals of our golf tournaments and military balls; improving operational efficiencies for our donors and volunteers; and broadening the awareness of the Foundation among the general public. We need your continued support in order to achieve these objectives. We are here to assist you in soliciting contributions or spreading the word on scholarship eligibility and the application process. Together we will make 2008 another record year in providing more life changing college scholarships to the children of our United States Marines.

Semper Fidelis!

Chris Mansfield

President's Letter

Kansas City Golf Tournament – September 17, 2007
Bill Clinton exemplifies the dedication of all Marines and the phrase “Marines For Life.” As chairman of the Kansas City Golf Tournament, he leads a steadfast committee that works year round to establish a well-known presence in this large Marine community. Bill works tirelessly to support the Foundation, helping to raise over $77,000 in 2007, a 75% increase from the previous year. We salute Bill for his continued commitment to the Marine Corps.

Los Angeles Golf Tournament – September 24, 2007
For over 40 years, Charlie Bergin has tirelessly supported the Foundation. A former Board member, Charlie has been the chairman of the Los Angeles Golf Tournament since its inception in 1984. After his 14-year service to the Corps, he felt his “duty” wasn’t complete. He raises money for many organizations serving the Los Angeles Marine community. Special thanks go to Charlie and his committee for helping to raise $150,000 in 2007 alone.

Central Coast Open – September 28, 2007
In only its third year, the Central Coast Open in Monterey has developed into a Northern California tradition under the direction of Chairman Chuck Erickson and his wife Delores. Over 115 golfers – including many current and former Marines – enjoyed this festive event. Over $80,000 has been raised from this tournament and we thank Chuck and Delores for their hard work and dedication.

Dalai Lama Invitational 2007 – October 4, 2007
The 26th Annual Dalai Lama Invitational was a great success with golfers enjoying camaraderie and stories of their days in the Corps. Held on a beautiful fall day in Massachusetts, many looked forward to the “Dalai Lama Ball Drop” for a chance to win raffle prizes. We wish to thank Chairman Hector Pendergast for his hard work and tremendous efforts.

1st Annual “Day of Valor” Dallas Golf Tournament – October 8, 2007
The 1st Annual “Day of Valor” Dallas Golf Tournament was a great success. Chairman Bob Lund and his committee worked overtime to re-energize the Marine community and help bring the Foundation’s presence back to North Texas. Active duty Marines from the 8th District, 14th Marines and MAG-41 were met by MCSF supporters. Bravo Zulu, Bob!

Jersey Shore Golf Tournament – October 11, 2007
With tremendous support from co-chairs Jim Morrison, Gene Harcsar, Jamie Pavlis, and other committee members, Chairman Pete Morley greeted each of the 260 golfers with great enthusiasm. Participants enjoyed hearing the USMC Band and inspirational messages from MajGen Richard T. Tryon, CG, MCRC and scholarship recipient Jocelyn Ritter. Under the leadership of Bill Dunn and Pete Morley, this golf tournament has collectively raised over $475,000 for children of Marines. Thank you!

Long Island Golf Tournament – October 15, 2007
When Chuck Mansfield was asked by Foundation Director Bob Lund to lead a new committee and event, he knew his years of service in the Corps and fundraising expertise would be beneficial to the Foundation. The 1st Annual Long Island Golf Tournament was a great success and we congratulate Chuck and his committee on their stellar work!
Following in his father’s footsteps of military service, Larry, Jr. is attending The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina. Barnard, Sr. says, “Although The Citadel covers many expenses, Larry, Jr. is an out-of-state student and thus, there was a significant gap in financing his education. The scholarship from the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation was a substantial help in this resolve.”

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“Receiving this award means that I can help fulfill Jennifer’s dream of attending a major university,” says Kessinger. “Being a one income family, every little bit helps out. I want to provide my daughter with the opportunities that I didn’t take advantage of when I was her age. I have all the confidence in Jennifer’s ability to succeed in journalism. Jennifer has a keen eye and a firm grasp of the English language that will aid her in her future endeavors. Jennifer has a ‘go get it’ attitude; she knows what she wants and is willing to do the hard work to achieve her goals.”

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Stephanie Arbelaez with her father, CWO4 Omar Arbelaez

CWO2 Kessinger heard about the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation through the research of his wife, Karen, while he was in Iraq. He was also in Iraq when Jennifer was notified of her scholarship award, so Karen called to share the good news.

“I am extremely proud to be the daughter of a Marine. The Marine Corps is honorable and I am so proud to have received the MCSF scholarship. I’d like to express my deepest gratitude to your organization for the scholarship award. Organizations like yours help kids like me realize the dream of a college education at institutions that may otherwise not be available due to the high cost of tuition. I am extremely proud to be the daughter of a Marine, and the institutions that support him, and our family.”

Jennifer Arbelaez with her sister, Hanna; sister, Kristen; sister, India

Following His Father’s Footsteps

Sergeant Major Barnard, Sr., has spent half of his married life away from his wife and son, Larry, Jr. He says, “Time lost can never be made up. I knew what it was going to be like in the military and so you adjust. My son, Larry, never complained while I was away on tours.”

“Being a MCSF recipient, I have defined what I want to do after college and what I want to do in life. It has started the path to my future.”

Jennifer Kessinger with her family; CWO2 Matthew Kessinger holding sister Hanna; sister, Kristen; sister, India

Daughter Draws Inspiration from Her Father

When CWO4 Omar Arbelaez’s daughter, Stephanie, notified him that she was awarded a scholarship through MCSF, he was excited. “It was like hitting the lottery. The scholarship made a tremendous difference in paying for Stephanie’s tuition. It is quite noble of those that take their time and sacrifice to contribute to give the children of Marines a head start in life. I am extremely proud to be the daughter of a Marine...”

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Our Commitment to the Global War on Terror Casualties

As of December 31, 2007, we have lost 1,034 Marines and Corpsmen serving with the Marines. Within those numbers, 208 Marines leave 344 children behind, and 10 Corpsmen leave 19 children behind. We are committed to providing Heroes Tribute Scholarships of up to $20,000 over four years to all of these children of our fallen heroes in the Global War on Terror.
The Foundation is grateful to Mike Beatty and Matt Carroll for their leadership in the 25th Anniversary Los Angeles Marine Scholarship Ball. The ball was held at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. General James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, presided as the military guest of honor and was the keynote speaker. Ace Marshall, Chairperson of the Military Committee, and Michael Hall, Chairman of the Scarlet and Gold Committee, led committee members in creating a wonderful evening in support of the Foundation. Special guests included MCSF Director Gary Beban, who received the 2007 John Wooden Sportsman Award, and Ambassador George L. Argyros, with Brigette and Donald Bren to the Los Angeles Ball Committees for their hard work and continued success.

The 25th Anniversary Los Angeles Marine Scholarship Ball – October 27, 2007

The Parris Island Golf Tournament in South Carolina was an unforgettable experience for their golfers, they developed a two-day tournament that has kept golfers and sponsors coming back year after year. Together they have raised nearly $500,000 for scholarships. Well done!

25th Anniversary Los Angeles Marine Scholarship Ball – October 27, 2007

As you know, if you have ever wanted to train and complete a marathon, and raise money for a great cause, we invite you to attend the 33rd Annual Marine Corps Marathon. Their efforts both on the course and in fundraising for the children of Marines. We invite you to attend this wonderful event to help celebrate and support Marines and their families. For more information, please contact Marylou Amarosa of Projects Plus, Inc. at (212) 997-0100.

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If you were inclined to shoot clays rather than golf, we invite you to participate in the 1st Annual Capital Area Clays at the Prince Georges County Trap and Skeet Center in Glenn Dale, MD. Join members of Congress and other Washington dignitaries for this great event to help raise funds for children of Marines. Please contact Mike Beatty at (301) 452-1220 if you would like to participate.

1st Annual Capital Area Clays – May 19, 2008

The Foundation is proud to present the 46th Annual New York Leatherneck Scholarship Ball. As always, the Leatherneck Scholarship Ball has a special and unique theme that gives guests a new perspective of the Leatherneck history. Join us as we honor the 2008 Semper Fidelis Award winners.

The 46th Annual New York Leatherneck Scholarship Ball – April 18, 2008

Congratulations Don!

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Sarasota/Manatee County Golf Tournament – April 21, 2008

Recently, many golf tournaments have been resurrected or created by local volunteers committed to helping children of Marines. After three dormant years, the 2008 Sarasota/Manatee County Golf Tournament will once again provide a greater Foundation presence in Florida. Chairman Roger Grenier and his committee are working hard to create a first class event at the Meadows Country Club. Please contact Roger at (941) 302-0058 if you would like to participate or volunteer.

COMING SOON!

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Meadows Country Club
Chairman: Roger Grenier, (941) 302-0058

May 19, 2008 – Amherst, NH
Amherst Country Club
Contact: Roger Loew, (603) 496-5822

May 19, 2008 – Glenn Dale, MD
Prince George County Trap and Skeet Center
Contact: Mike Boett, (301) 452-1220

June 30, 2008 – Pocasset (Cape Cod), MA
Pocasset Country Club
Contact: Dick Murphy, (508) 359-6772

July 14, 2008 – Wethersfield, CT
Wethersfield Country Club
Contact: Marty Carrell, (860) 830-3897

July 21, 2008 – Paoli, PA
Waynesborourgh Country Club
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August 4, 2008 – Denver, CO
Heritage Bend Golf and Country Club
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Faucet Industry News

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