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'Every person is passionate about protecting something'

Sgt. Judith Carver
Press Chief

The Quantico Combined Federal Campaign held its annual kick-off event at Barnett Field on Friday to educate Marines and civilians about the campaign and participating charities.

"The CFC is a three-month long fund-raising event that calls on federal employees to donate whatever they can to local, nationwide and international charities," said Capt. Andrew Aranda, Quantico CFC chairman.

Tents set up for various charities to display their causes gave people the opportunity to learn about each one and ask questions.

"It's good to go around and actually see who you donate to," said Gunnery Sgt. Yesenia Godbout, a training chief with Reserve Affairs.



Photo by Sgt. Judith Carver

Marines and civilians walk from tent to tent learning more about some of the charities involved with the Quantico Combined Federal Campaign during the annual kick-off event at Barnett Field on Sept. 18.

Last year the Potomac CFC raised \$990,358 in donations.

"There are more than 2,000 charities listed in the CFC brochure that provide many different types of support to the environment, animals and people in need," said Aranda. "Every person has something different they are passionate about protecting. The CFC does the work to draw in different charities, takes a look at their administrative costs and publishes that information to enable contributors to make very educated decisions on who they give to."

Donations can be made through monthly allotments, cash or personal checks. Contact your organization's CFC key worker or team leader for a brochure and donation form.

For more information, or to get an electronic copy of the brochure and donation form, visit www.potomaccfc.org.

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Broader Perspectives

Mullen: Lessons shaped stance on diversity

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During the summer of 1965, after his first year at the U.S. Naval Academy, Mike Mullen watched on television from his parents' suburban Los Angeles home as the black neighborhood of Watts erupted in violence.

For nearly a week that August, a race riot engulfed Watts, resulting in 34 deaths and injuring more than a thousand people. On a map of Los Angeles, the white middle-class suburb where Mullen grew up is close to Watts, but for the young midshipman, the two neighborhoods were worlds apart.

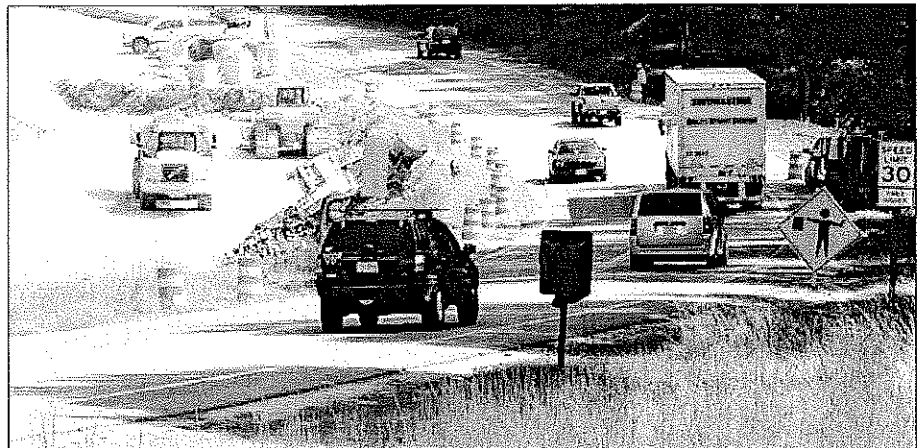
"I was watching my black-and-white television 15 miles from Watts, and Watts was burning," Mullen recalled today as he helped launch a commission to improve diversity in the military. "And I didn't have a clue where it was, except that it was somewhere down by the coliseum where I would go as a kid to watch the Lakers play.

"It was a searing experience for me because I didn't know, and yet I was so close," he continued. "And that stays with me today, in terms of what I know and what I don't know, and what I can know having grown up where I did."

For Mullen, the Watts riots represent an early lesson in an understanding of American race relations that evolved across a Navy career which has brought him to his current post as an admiral and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest-ranking military officer.

Mullen, the senior military advisor to the country's first black president, places diversity in the

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Photos by Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Reese

A half-mile stretch of Russell Road on the west side of the base is being reconstructed to accommodate increased traffic. It is being widened from two lanes to four.

Extreme Base Makeover: Quantico Edition

Gunnery Sgt. Christopher Reese
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The area between Quantico's Back Gate and the Ponderosa Gate is getting a makeover by a large and rather dirty mechanized force. These machines are not part of an invasion but rather an armada of earth movers responsible for a series of construction projects designed to improve the traffic flow onto Quantico's Marine Corps Base and the new RAC-directed Military Department Investigative Agencies building that is currently being constructed on the west side of the base.

"This effort only affects those people traveling to the west side of the base," said Capt. Michael Brennan of G-3 Current Operations. "To date there has been no impact to the main side of Quantico."

Acres of land along Russell Road between Chopawamsic Creek and Ponderosa Gate have been overtaken by construction personnel and heavy machinery since breaking ground in July.

"We move an average of 3,000 cubic yards of dirt every day," said Mike Wolfe, an employee of William

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