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Jan. 23 marked the 106th birthday for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. The NMCRS has been helping sailors, Marines and their family members with financial, educational and other assistance in times of need.

Major Contribution

Quantico's CFC donation

Cpl. Jimmy Serena Jr.
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Quantico's Combined Federal Campaign has come to a close with base commanding officer Col. Dan Choike presenting a check to the Potomac Combined Federal Campaign for \$681,528.86 on Jan. 20.

Potomac Campaign Coordinator Kathleen Smith was on hand to receive the large charitable donation.

"The contributions made were amazing," said Smith. "It just goes to show that every federal worker here knows what the program is about."

The contributions made by Quantico exceeded the goal of \$500,000 by \$181,528.86.

According to Choike, with the financial problems going on in the world today, the need to help people is even greater.

Quantico's CFC chair, Capt. Andrew Aranda, was also there to present the donation. Aranda represented Quantico and was in charge of the operations pertaining to the CFC aboard our installation.

can be provided through the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

"I am proud that this organization is a vital and valuable member of our United States Marine Corps Team," said Gen. James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps in the All Marine message 005/09.

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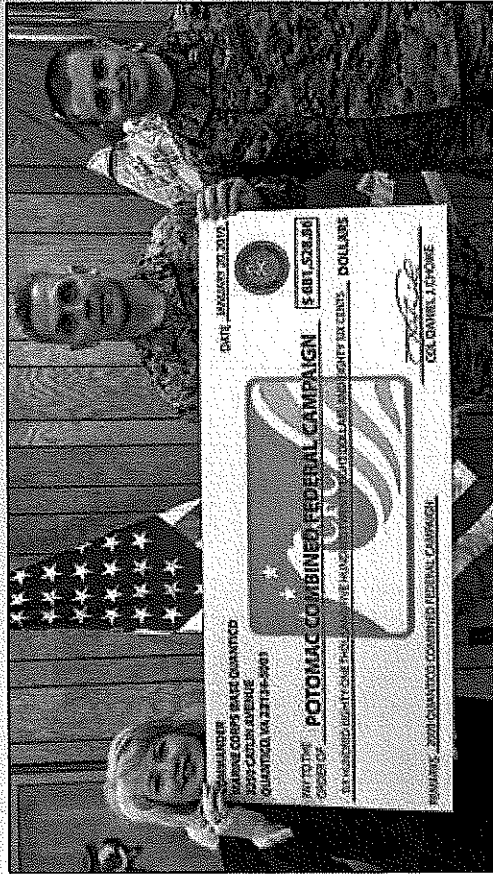


Photo by Sgt. Guillermo Vargas

Base Commander, Col. Dan Choike and Quantico Combined Federal Campaign chair holder, Capt. Andrew Aranda, present Potomac Campaign Coordinator Kathleen Smith with a check for \$681,528.86 on Jan. 20 here. The campaign exceeded its goal of \$500,000.

"It felt good to see all the hard work pay off," said Aranda. "The outstanding participation we received really helped me accomplish my goal. The personnel aboard Quantico did an excellent job."

The CFC Potomac area collected over a \$1 million in contributions. "Everyone who contributed to the CFC should be proud of the accomplishment," said Choike. "All Quantico personnel are part of this outstanding achievement."

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