

MERRY CHRISTMAS • HAPPY NEW YEAR

The staff of the *Quantico Sentry* wishes for all of our readers happy holidays and a safe, prosperous new year.

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Quantico Fire Department was recognized for serving and providing food as the President of Civilian Recreation and Welfare for CFC kick-off events over the past three years. Additionally, Loving has served as an alternate co-chair for the CFC kick-off planning committee on several occasions with short notice.

Petty Officer 1st Class Angela Kaczmarek, Naval Health Clinic Quantico, took over collecting contributions for the clinic in 2008. Contributions totaled \$26,000 in 2008 compared to just \$9,000 the year before she took over. Kaczmarek again collected even more money in 2009 with contributions totaling \$28,000.

Lance Cpl. Mariano M. Linares, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group Headquarters, during his first year involved with CFC, coordinated with nine regional Marine Embassy Security Group headquarters to ensure contact was made with each embassy in the 133 locations worldwide. Linares also developed a tracking system for thorough record keeping and collected more than \$38,000, outdoing last year's mark of \$33,167.92.

Honorable mentions included the MCBQHD, Petty Officer 3rd Class Omar Pescador and Maj. Jared E. Hemmingway. "We, as a community, should take pride in what we've done," Choike said. "Never did I doubt that we were going to make it. There are a lot of things that I think we can take from what we've done this year to try and improve and make it even better next year."

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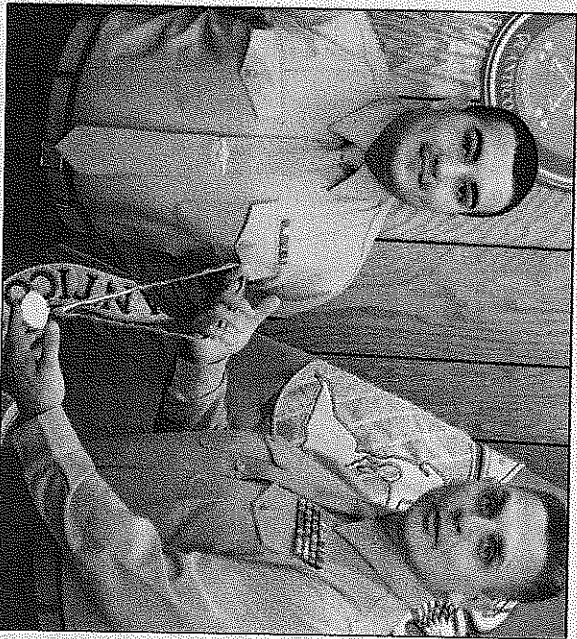


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Lance Cpl. Mariano M. Linares, a mail clerk with Marine Corps Embassy Security Group Headquarters, is given an award by Col. Dan Choike, base commander, Marine Corps Base Quantico for his dedication and thoroughness in collecting donations for the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign drive. Linares and other base employees were recognized during a luncheon at the Chapel Annex Dec. 11.

Hard work pays off

Cpl. Sean P. Cummins
Combat Correspondent

Champions of the Combined Federal Campaign were rewarded Friday for their dedication to making people aware of the campaign and collecting the contributions of those who donate on base.

Marine Corps Base Quantico base commander, Col. Dan Choike, spent time with the volunteers during a luncheon at the Chapel Annex to thank them for their hard work.

"It's for all the collective work and teamwork that went into providing something that is really helping people that are in need," Choike said. "I think it's pretty neat when you know that — somehow, someday — the things that you do in this campaign impact so many people."

Quantico's employees have raised more than \$550,000 so far this year and are still accepting donations until the end of December. This puts the campaign well ahead of their goal of \$500,000 but still shy of the \$610,000 that was raised last year.

"This doesn't come about without leadership support," said Kathleen Smith of the Rappahannock United Way. "Especially this year — it's a recession — any year — it's difficult to get people to open up their wallets."

Choike recognized three "CFC Heroes" who displayed the utmost dedication in helping to gather funds for the CFC. Assistant chief in charge of fire prevention, Raymond Loving, MCB