

Q and A

Health—Life Insurance

My mother lives with me and I am her sole support. Can I cover her through my enrollment in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program?

No. Parents of Federal employees or annuitants are not eligible for coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

I am getting married, and I want to add my spouse to my health benefits enrollment. I am now enrolled for self-only. When may I change to self and family enrollment?

You may do this 31 days to 60 days after your marriage. If you do not change your enrollment within this time, you must wait until the "open season" period.

Who may be named as beneficiary for Federal Employees Group Life Insurance purposes?

Any person, firm, corporation or legal entity.

My 21 year old child who is receiving survivor's annuity as a full-time student will complete school next month. Will he lose health benefits coverage at the same time his annuity stops?

Assuming someone else in the family is eligible to continue receiving a monthly survivor annuity, health benefits coverage under family enrollment may continue for an unmarried child until age 22, whether a student or not.



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Fathers Deserve Vote of Thanks June 19

The famous American social worker Jan Addams remarked back in 1911,

"Poor father has been left out in the cold. He doesn't get much recognition. But regardless of his bread-winning proclivities, it would be a good thing if he had a day that would mean recognition of him."

Despite that outdated, negative analysis of Dad, he does get a day of recognition—Father's Day—which by Presidential Proclamation is observed annually the third Sunday of June.

Credit for making the first suggestion to honor fathers with a special day belongs to Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash. The idea occurred to Mrs. Dodd in 1909 as a suitable tribute to her own father who had successfully reared a family of children after the death of their mother.

The custom soon spread throughout the United States and in 1934 a National Father's Day Committee was formed to select annually a Father of the Year. People such as Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Harry Truman, Ralph Bunche and other distinguished men have been chosen as outstanding fathers.

Just what is a father? The answer is as varied as there are fathers and children. In fact, the age of the person responding to the question has a significant bearing on the reply. Mark Twain once admitted, "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years."

Whether of Twain's era or of the current generation, fathers usually earn the

respect they are given. Moreover, changing social and economic trends have brought increased attention to the role of fathers and expanded their responsibilities in the family circle beyond that of breadwinner.

Fifteen years after the first observance of Father's Day, President Calvin Coolidge summarized the overall significance of the event when he said, "The widespread observance of this occasion is calculated to establish more intimate relationships between fathers and their children and also to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations." Fathers undoubtedly deserve a note and vote of thanks. Don't forget Dad June 19.



Marine Corps League

Joe Marcaurele Heads Seacoast Detachment

The Seacoast Detachment of the Marine Corps League was granted its charter at



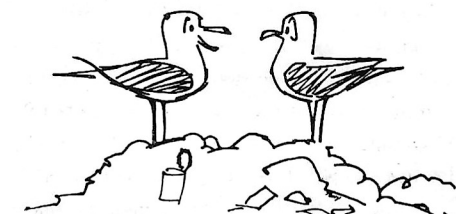
the May meeting held at the CPO Club, with Leo Fortier, Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League for the New England area, making the presentation. A slate of officers for 1977 was elected:

Joseph J. Marcaurele, Shop 06, was elected Commandant; Arnold P. Whitten, Shop 56, Junior Vice Commandant; Robert K. Kuhn, Security Division, Adjutant; Martin M. Murray, Security Division, Judge Advocate and Public Relations Officer.

Kenneth E. Goode, Jr., Administrative, Chaplain; Raymond F. Dane, Sr., Shop 06, Historian; Robert E. Willis, Shop 67; Ernie Voltz, Shop 06; and Victor S. Di-Silvestro, Planning, trustees.

Captain W. D. McDonough, Shipyard Commander and Lieut. Colonel R. C. Greger, Commanding Officer, Marine Barracks, were guests at the meeting.

Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at the CPO Club, starting at 7:30 p.m.



"WHAT'S A NICE GULL LIKE YOU DOING IN A DUMP LIKE THIS?"