



ENGINEERS UP!

2016 Newsletter



In recognition of his selfless perseverance to maintaining the highest standards of excellence and to growing the Marine Corps Engineer Association, the 2016 Newsletter is dedicated to Colonel Kenneth D. Frantz, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), our tireless Executive Director from 2005 through 2015.



“MCEA is my passion!”



You can read more about Ken and his contributions. His biography as well as the stories and reminiscences of several MCEA members and Marine Corps engineers are presented in the History Supplement.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Marine Corps Engineers – A Special Breed

I have always considered Marine Corps engineers to be a special breed. We are unique. Anyone familiar with the tasks we perform understand we are different from sister service engineers as defined by our mission, our training and how we go about getting our individual and collective jobs done.

Whenever one of my friends asks what I did in the service and I feel disposed to recount some of my experiences (most of us do not talk much about what we did – if you were there, you understand; if you weren't, you never will), I try to explain in terms they might identify with. Now granted, some of us are inclined to “enhance” and colorfully upsize the details of what we did and how we did it. I have never personally fallen victim to this particular form of remembrance, but admit to feeling tempted from time to time. As situations played out over our active duty time, it is doubtful that many of us could invent circumstances that would be more colorful or adventuresome than the truth. And that is part of what makes us unique.

One of my favorite duties serving on our MCEA Executive Committee is volunteering to judge award recommendations for recognition of the “Best of the Best” individual engineers/EOD and Marine Corps and Seabee units. It is also one of the most difficult tasks as well, since evaluating one Marine against another when both individuals are deserving of the highest level of respect and admiration is not easy. Necessary for our program, but tough. I still stand in awe of how our engineer brothers and sisters continue to excel and achieve, frequently under adversity and limited resources. During our annual reunion last year in Jacksonville, North Carolina, MCEA once again honored our outstanding active duty performers with citations, plaques and stage recognition as Lt. General Frank Panter presented each award with a heartfelt handshake and spoken “Well done, Marine!”

Plans are underway for our 2016 Reunion in Pala, California just outside Camp Pendleton. We earnestly hope you will be able to join us there October 17 through 19 for our annual meeting, reunion, awards banquet and unit tour. Details are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. It will be great to see you there if you can make it.

2016 marks the end of Ken Frantz's tenure as our Past President, Executive Director and Secretary serving on the Executive Committee for the past ten years. Ken is devoting full time to his family, providing support and comfort to their care. He will continue in service to MCEA as our Texas Associate Director and we will continue to seek his wise counsel and vast experience to guide the rest of us forward. Words cannot express the depth of the debt we owe to Ken for his time, talent, initiative, and unfettered devotion to make our Association great. One need only review our progress over that term in order to put his contributions into perspective. Growth in membership, financial strength, national recognition, and so many areas of advancement have blossomed under Ken's tutelage. We are glad he will continue to be an asset for us all. Thank you, Ken!

Thanks to each of you for your membership and service to our Association. Opportunities abound for you to get more involved in our activities. Please let me know if you are willing and able to join our leadership Team.

God Bless and Semper Fi. Engineers Up!

Charlie



MCEA OFFICIALS & KEY SUPPORTERS

Executive Committee

President:	Major Charlie Dismore, USMC (Ret)
Vice President:	LtCol Tony Raniszewski, USMC (Ret)
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Permanent Associate Director:	Col Hank Rudge, USMC (Ret)
Permanent Associate Director:	MSgt. Phil Martin, USMC (Ret)
Other	
Webmaster:	Vet, Geoff Nicely, USMC
Obituary search:	Pam Jeans
Together We Served profile of fallen Engineers:	Pam Jeans

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

OUR ENTIRE ENGINEER FAMILY OWES ALL OF OUR ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS!



SOAPY

JOHN (SOAPY) CHAMPEAU of Virginia Beach, VA is one of four Virginia ADs.

ROGER COHOE of Lewiston, MI is the AD for Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio.

DAVE COOK of Kingston, TN is the newly appointed AD for the Course Sponsorship Program.

GLENN DAEHNKE of Westhampton, NJ has completed his first year as AD for New Jersey and has been busy contacting members by telephone and by email and updating the roster.





JOE DEHART

JOE DeHART of Bedford, VA is one of our Virginia ADs in addition to being MCEA's 2nd Vice President with additional responsibilities as the AD Coordinator and the Warrior Angel Program Director.

BILL FORD of Corvallis, OR is the AD for Oregon and Washington. With Ken's resignation as the Executive Director and in response to the request for volunteers, I agreed to work with Hank Rudge on recruiting corporate members and with Tony Raniszewski on the reunion committee.

I traveled to Camp Pendleton and walked the Marine Corps West Expo spreading the word about MCEA looking for possible corporate members. While I spoke to most of the members on their birthdays and verified the information with some, I just left a message and provided my email and phone number and asked them to contact me with any needs or concerns or updates to their contact information if I was unable to speak with them. I sent emails to those without phone numbers or the phone number was disconnected or required a code. I am going to follow up with each OR and WA member with a snail mail note asking again to validate their membership information. I made all the birthday calls updating contact information and established a turnover folder. I look forward to continuing with contacting members this year and seeing as many as possible at the reunion in Camp Pendleton this October.



DIANA & KEN FRANTZ

PAM JEANS of Imperial, CA continues to provide superb support to our engineer brothers and others on the website Together We Served. In May Pam took part in the MCEA Engineer Monument ceremony and saw our beautiful monument for the first time.



JEANS

TONY HILLIARD of Tucker, GA continues serving as our only GA, AD. Reported in from Baldwin, LA where he was on a church work trip. During the last six months I sent birthday cards and Christmas cards to all GA members. In addition to my MCEA AD duties, I am an active volunteer at the Atlanta USO and Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Assn.



LITTELL

JAY KERLIN of Vernal, Utah handles Associate Director duties for members from Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

DAVE LITTELL of Oxnard, CA. Our only California AD! My activity as an Associate Director remains about the same; I've done this for several years now. It seems like it is the old ratio that 90% of my time goes to looking out for 10% of the members that I try to keep current contact with. On average, I probably spend two or three hours per week on MCEA duties. The birthday calls each month are enjoyable for the most part. Some members want to chat for a while and others are just as happy to say "thanks, Semper Fi-- and goodbye". The frustrating part of my job is running down members who are delinquent in their dues or who have failed to keep us, me, informed of their changes in addresses, phone numbers



and emails. I have to remember we have an aging population and many times changes happen due to ill health and keeping the MCEA informed is not foremost on their minds or their caretakers minds. With the reunion in California this year, I'm hoping to get a better turnout of the local members to join with us all in Pala. With my recent phone calls, I'm getting favorable responses. Health remains a big deciding factor since the average age of my group is about 74. I do have one 88 year old member, Capt Jim Newell, who is a WW II and Iwo Jima veteran who may attend.

PHIL MARTIN of Springfield, MA is our AD for Massachusetts and our Bulk Fuel Coordinator.

RON MENKE of Sneads Ferry, NC is one of our two North Carolina ADs.

LOU NAPPI of Haymarket, VA is one of our Virginia ADs.

GEORGE SAENZ of Bluffton, SC is our AD for active and reserve duty personnel.

DAVE SEBASTIAN of Stafford, VA is one of our Virginia ADs and has been busy contacting and attempting to contact members and updating their status as necessary.

RICH WILMES of Goodyear, AZ has been responsible for our Arizona members. Rich is stepping down after several years of faithful service. We all thank him for his past service and support.



SAENZ

JOHN WORKMAN of Orlando, FL is our AD for Florida.



WULFECK

FLOYD C. WULFECK of Millford, Ohio. One of the NC ADs, plus he covers Kentucky.

While serving as an Associate Director, of the MCEA, I have accomplished the following:

1. Verified addresses, phone numbers and other data by phone or email.
2. Provided "Happy Birthday" messages each month.
3. Provided notices pertaining to our MCEA Reunion by email or phone.
4. Contacted members, by email or phone, whose dues were expiring in 2015 and encouraged them to send in their dues and remain current.
5. Provided updates for the Master Roster pertaining to last contact.
6. I incurred no reimbursable expenses during 2015.

MIKE ZACCHEA of Floral Park, NY is our only New York AD.



ZACCHEA



HONOR ROLL

Below are our members who have died. May they join their fellow Marines and Sailors in GOD's Love and Peace.

AIKENS, DAVID MSGT (RET)
ALO, THOMAS T. GYSGT (RET)
AMSTER, ALVIN A. VET
ANDERSON, DAVID LTCOL (RET)
ANDERSON, JESSE LTCOL (RET)
ANDERSON, LOUIS SSGT (RET)
ANGELL, HENRY SSGT (RET)
ARMITAGE, GEORGE L CAPT (RET)
ARMSTRONG, MILT SSGT (RET)
BACHE, TERRANCE VET
*BACKO, JOE L CWO4 (RET)
BALLANCE, HENRY G. MSGT (RET)
BANISH, THEODORE VET
BARDIN, JAMES "LANCER" VET
BARKE, ARTHUR VET
BARKER, LAWRENCE S MAJ (RET)
BARNETSON, WILLIAM H MAJ (RET)
BARRON, REYNOLDS MSGT (RET)
BATEMAN, JOSEPH S. VET
BAUBLITZ, JOHN VET
BENSTEAD, DARYL E. COL (RET)
BERNIER, RICHARD J CWO4 (RET)
BIBBEY, BRUCE VET
BIGITSCHKE, UWE VET
BLUME, CARL VET
*BONNELL, JOHN MSGT (RET)
BOTELHO, RODNEY LTCOL (RET)
BOTTIS, LAURANCE CWO 2 (RET)
BOURQUE, RAYMOND D MAJ (RET)
BOWMAN, CHARLES VET
BOYER, JASPER MSGT (RET)
BRANDEL, RALPH E COL (RET)
BREAKFIELD, BRODUS GYSGT (RET)
BRISBOIS, DONALD CAPT (RET)
BROWN, MIKE VET
BRUTSMAN, DONALD VET
BUCY, CLYDE T MGYSGT (RET)
BUFFINGTON, CARL VET
BUTLER, FRANKLIN D GYSGT (RET)
CALLAHAN, BILL SSGT KIA
CALLAHAN JR., FRANCIS VET
CALLOWAY, FRED VET
CAMPBELL, KENNETH B CWO (RET)
CAREY, JAMES MSGT (RET)
CAREY, RALPH J VET
*CARNEY, CHARLES N. SGT
CAROTA, MARTIN 1STSGT (RET)
CARPENTER, JACK (VET)
CATALOGNE, CHIPS LTCOL (RET)
CLARK, ELMO A. CAPT (RET)
CLARKE, HARRY D. COL (RET)
CLINE, PAUL L. CAPT (RET)
CLUKA, DANIEL MSGT (RET)
COCHRAN, BUEL VET
COLANGELO, NICK E. MGYSGT (RET)
COLE, JAMES MSGT (RET)
COMPTON, JOSEPH MAJ (RET)
COOK, BILL MSGT (RET)
COOPER, FRANCIS MGYSGT (RET)
COROMELAS, NICK VET
CRAIG, JACK RAY CWO 2 (RET)
CRESAP, CHARLES C. LTCOL (RET)
CREWS, JR., DUANE D. COL (RET)
CROFT, EARL G. SSGT (RET)
CROMWELL, MELVIN E VET
CROSBY, ARTHUR GYSGT (RET)
CUMMINS, MARTIN R. MSGT (RET)
CUNNINGHAM, CHARLES R. 1STSGT (RET)
CURTIS, CHARLES F. VET
DABROWSKI, WALTER VET
DAMON, ROBERT K. LTCOL (RET)
DAVIDSON, RUSSELL MSGT (RET)
DENNIS, NICHOLAS J. COL (RET)
DENORMANDIE, FRANK COL (RET)
DERRICK, LEWIS CVET
DESKIEWICZ, GARY VET
*DOERR, JOHN VET
DRISCOLL, BERNARD E. LTCOL (RET)
DUDDY, ROBERT J. VET
DUFFY, LEROY LTCOL (RET)

DUHE, CLARENCE VET
DUNCAN, DAVID N. CWO4 (RET)
DUFFY, LEROY LTCOL (RET)
DYBES, FRANK VET
ECHOLS, JAMES CAPT (RET)
EVANS, RAY MGYSGT (RET)
FADICK, CARL VET
FAUST JR., RUDOLPH MAJ (RET)
FAY, CHARLES MAJ (RET)
FELLINGER, BARRY MAJ (RET)
FERGUSON, HARRY VET
FERNANDEZ, AL MAJ (RET)
FERRARO, STEPHEN L. MR (VET)
FEUER, HENRY O. CWO2 (RET)
FIANDER, WILLIAM MAJ (RET)
FIELDING, JOHN M. MSGT (RET)
FISH, ROY MR VET
FLECK, EDWARD CWO2 (RET)
FLOYD, JOSEPH C. MAJ (RET)
FOLEY, THOMAS VET
FOSTER, CHARLES 1STSGT (RET)
FOSTER, DANIEL MSGT (RET)
FRANKOWSKI, JOSEPH MGYSGT (RET)
FREY, HUBERT LTCOL (RET)
FUNDERBURK, RAY LTCOL (RET)
GALBREATH, ROBERT VET
GALLAGHER, JOHN F. MGYSGT (RET)
GANGWEERE, KENNETH SSGT (RET)
GANGI, CHARLES GYSGT (RET)
GATES JR, ALBERT VET
GAZZA, HENRY J VET
GEORGE, JAMES E VET
*GEROW, HENRY VET
GIBSON, CHARLES R. LTCOL (RET)
GILBO, PATRICK F VET
GILES, SAM E VET
GIRAFFE, FRANK CPL (VET)
GLENN, CARL J GYSGT (RET)
GOETZ, ARTHUR WO (RET)
GOINS, ROBERT LTCOL (RET)
GOSS, EUGENE W. MYGYSGT (RET)
GRADL, MICHAEL J VET
GREER, GENE MSGT (RET)
GRIEVES, WILLIAM VET
GRZANKOWSKI, WALTER VET
GUBALA, TIMOTHY LTCOL (RET)
GUTHRIE, LUKE LTCOL (RET)
HAENTGES, RUSS VET
HAGER, JOHN 1STSGT (RET)
HAGERLING, SID COL (RET)
HALL, DAVID VET
*HARDISON, JOHN HOWARD SSGT
*HARNAGE, FLOYD CAPT (RET)
HARRIS, ERNIE VET
HART, DAV MSGT (RET)
HAVERSTOCK, ELDEN
HERR, KENNETH VET
*HILLEBRAND, GEORGE MGYSGT (RET)
HODGES, BILLY VET
HODIN, JOHN VET
HOLLINGSWORTH, JAMES K. CWO4 (RET)
HOLZINGER, BERNARD MAJ (RET)
HORNE, WILLIAM MGYSGT (RET)
HORTON, EVERAD VET
HOUSE, DON CAPT (RET)
HOWARD, ANDREW J. VET
HUNTZINGER, HENRY J. LTCOL (RET)
JACOBSON, MILTON R. GYSGT (RET)
JACQUES, MAURICE SGTMAJ (RET)
JARVIS, JOHN VET
*JOHNSON, CLARENCE VET
JOHNSON, DAN CWO4 (RET)
JOHNSON, GUSTOF VET
JOHNSON, STEPHEN J. CAPT (RET)
JOHNSON, WARREN MGYSGT (RET)
JONES, THOMAS W. LTCOL (RET)
KELLEY, GEORGE E. GYSGT (RET)
KLEIN, ROBERT VET
KOENIG, CHARLES G. SGTMAJ (RET)
KROPINAK, ROBERT C. MAJ (RET)

LANGLEY, JOSEPH A. SGTMAJ (RET)
LANIER, LUTHER L. MSGT (RET)
LAWRENCE, RICHARD GYSGT (RET)
LEAKE, NORMAN GYSGT (RET)
LEWIS, JC. MSGT (RET)
LIGGETT, JAMES E. MSGT (RET)
LINDSEY, JOEL "FRANK" CAPT (RET)
LIVEZEY, JAMES W. MAJ (RET)
LOY, WILLIAM CAPT (RET)
MacKENZIE, JAMES M. LTCOL (RET)
MACHA, JAMES F. MSGT (RET)
MACKAY, MARION GYSGT (RET)
MADER, JOHN F. COL (RET)
MARJANOV, JOHN MGYSGT (RET)
MASON, PAUL M. GYSGT (RET)
MASTICE, JOSEPH VET
*MATAVA, ROBERT J. VET
MATTHEWS, DREW LTCOL (RET)
MAXWELL, LEO F. GYSGT (RET)
McCANDLESS, JOHN MSGT (RET)
Mc CARTER, LARRY CWO 4 (RET)
McCLURE, GARY L. LTCOL (RET)
McCOY, JIM MGYSGT (RET)
McGILL, DENNIS VET
McLANE JR, DON MAJ (RET)
McLAUGHLIN JR. HOWARD VET
McLAUGHLIN, RICHARD CAPT (RET)
McLAWHORN, LEON CAPT (RET)
*MENTZER, JOHN F. COL (RET)
METCALFE, ED CAPT (RET)
MILLS, DAVID C. LTCOL (RET)
MONROE, RICHARD CAPT (RET)
*MOOREFIELD, JR. HUBERT MAJ (RET)
MURPHY, ROBERT F. MSGT (RET)
NAHRGANG, DONALD V. LTCOL (RET)
NIEHOFF, HARRY VET
*NOGGLE, JIM SGT
NOVAK, WILLIAM VET
NUNN, GRANT P. GYSGT (RET)
O'CONNOR, JACK F. MAJ (RET)
O'CONNOR, JOHN B. VET
OLSON, FREDRIC COL (RET)
O'MAHONEY, MIKE MAJ (RET)
PALMER, RALPH CWO2 (RET)
PALMER, ROBERT M. CWO3 (RET)
PARKER, PETER VET
PEAGLER, JOE LTCOL (RET)
PEHOWIC, STANLEY A. GYSGT (RET)
PENDERGAST, RICHARD L. GYSGT (RET)
PEREA, HANK COL (RET)
PERRY, JAMES SSGT (RET)
PHANEUF, JOSEPH LTCOL (RET)
PHELPS, WILLIAM E. LTCOL (RET)
PICCIONE, JOSEPH M. VET
*PLOWMAN, FLOYD C. MAJ (RET)
POPE, FRANK VET
PORTWOOD, TROY G. VET
PUGH, ROBERT GYSGT (RET)
QUALLS, MENTRAL (BOB) GYSGT (RET)
RATLIFF, CURTIS VET
RAU, ROLAND GYSGT (RET)
READ, JOE CWO 2 (RET)
REFFELT, EDWIN CAPT (RET)
REID, KENNETH R. VET
REITMEIER, WALT 1STLT (RET)
REYNOLDS, PAUL MSGT (RET)
RINGER, ED VET
RITTER, JOE GYSGT (RET)
ROBERTS, JOHN SGTMAJ (RET)
ROBERTS, KENNETH VET
ROBERTS, LONNIE MSGT (RET)
ROCKWELL, NOEL VET
RODEBAUGH, ROBERT MSGT (RET)
ROSE, MURRAY COL (RET)
RUBIO, JOSE R. MSGT (RET)
RUDAT, JUNIOR D. GYSGT (RET)
RUSHING, EDWIN VET
RYNDERS, RUSSELL VET
SARDO, EUGENE VET
SAULNIER, JOHN L. CAPT (RET)

SCHEER, CARL MGYSGT (RET)
SHAFFER, ROGER LTCOL (RET)
SHARKEY, KEO J. VET
SHELKOFKY, EARNEST L. MSGT (RET)
SHELTON, OTEY CWO4 (RET)
SHEPPARD, BILL GYSGT (RET)
SHIELDS, JIMMIE R. VET
SHOVAR, ROBERT J. SGTMAJ (RET)
SILVERMAN, ALBERT VET
SIMONSON, ARTHUR K. VET
SMITH, CONWAY J. LTCOL (RET)
*SMITH, MICHAEL J. SGT (RET)
SMITH, RAYMOND C. VET
SMITH, RAYMOND K. MGYSGT (RET)
SNYDER, GUY MSGT (RET)
SOFRONAS, GEORGE VET
SOGHOIAN, AVEDIS H. MSGT (RET)
SOUZA, JOSEPH W. VET
SOWA, JEROME MGYSGT (RET)
SPIESE, PAUL A. VET
SPIKERMAN, JACK MAJ (RET)
STANCHEK, JOHN VET
STANDIFER, BENNIE VET
STANDISH, PETER VET
STASIO, ANTHONY DR.
STERN, HERBERT GYSGT (RET)
STEVENS, STEVEN LCPL KIA
STEWART, BILLY GYSGT (RET)
STOCKSTILL, PAUL R. VET
STOKES, RUFUS R. MSGT (RET)
STUBBLEFIELD, ROBERT VET
STURGEON, BILL VET
STURZA, RAYMOND CAPT (RET)
SULLIVAN, JOHN VET
SURKAMP, RICHARD VET
SUTTON, GERALD F. CAPT (RET)
SVILKA, AL VET
SWENSON, KEN VET
SWINDALL, THOMAS MR VET
TERRY, EDWARD MSGT (RET)
THOMAS, RAYMOND VET
THOMASON, RONALD VET
TOBIN, JOHN GYSGT (RET)
TOMPKINS, ROBERT VET
TURNER, BLAINE L. MR
TURPIN, RUSSELL LTCOL (RET)
ULSH, AMON SSGT (RET)
VEGA, MANUEL SGTMAJ (RET)
VIERS JR, W.GUS LTCOL (RET)
VOORHEES, JOHN CWO2 (RET)
VROOMAN, LYNDON F. CAPT (RET)
WAGES, EDWARD MAJ (RET)
WALLEN, ALPHONSE VET
WATERS, RON T. (MESSIO) MGYSGT (RET)
WEAVER, RALPH BO VET
WEIGHTMAN, ROBERT 1STSGT (RET)
WELCHERT, JERRY VET
WELDEN, MAX VET
WICKHAM, JOHN D. MR VET
WIDEMAN, WILLIAM VET
WIGGINS, ANDREW J. GYSGT (RET)
WILCOX, LEE ROY MGYSGT (RET)
WILDER, WALLY VET
WILLEY, CLAUDE MSGT (RET)
WILLIAMS, KENNETH W. GYSGT (RET)
WILLIAMS, STEVE CAPT (RET)
WILLIAMSON, MELVIN GYSGT (RET)
WINOSKI, WALTER M. COL (RET)
WOOD, GARY M. VET
WOODWARD, LEEMAN MGYSGT (RET)
WRIGHT, RICHARD CAPT (RET)
YEAMAN, DON VET
YOUNG, LAURITZ LTCOL (RET)
YOUNGHANS, ROBERT SGTMAJ (RET)
ZACK, CHARLES VET
*ZANCK, EUGENE D. SGT
ZEMATIS, WALTER J. MGYSGT (RET)
ZYSK, FRANK L. VET

Those with an asterisk by their name are new additions.



IN MEMORIUM

IN MEMORIUM OF OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED ENGINEER BROTHERS

BACKO, Joseph “Joe” Louis, Chief Warrant Officer Four, USMC (Ret), age 83, of Elizabeth City, NC died July 16, 2015 at his residence surrounded by his loving wife, Joann, devoted daughter Debbie and many loved ones. He was born March 21, 1932 in Natrona Heights, PA to the late John and Sophia Brestynsky Backo and was the soulmate and beloved husband of sixty four years to Joann Violet Thickey Backo of the residence. Mr. Backo proudly served his country in the US Marine Corps retiring after 24 years at the rank of CWO-4. He graduated from the first Warrant Officer Candidate School with honors. He was a long standing member of Holy Family Catholic Church, serving as a Lector and Eucharistic minister. Joe was rich in his faith and strong in his beliefs belonging to the Secular Franciscan Order and Knight of Columbus. Many will miss his spiritual insights and heartfelt prayers. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Joe had a brilliant memory. He enjoyed sharing life experiences, war stories, and humorous everyday events. Joe especially loved salmon fishing on Lake Ontario with his cherished grandson John Michael and son-in-law John. Joe also loved working with wood, and constructed many works of art designed by Joann. Joe was a true Pittsburgh Steelers fan. A Morning Mass Celebration of Life was held July 27, 2015 at Holy Family Catholic Church.

BONNELL, John, MSgt – Chesapeake, VA. Joined MCEA December 13, 2000. Served in Korea and Vietnam. 2nd CEB, 2nd MarDiv. John C. Bonnell, Jr. of Western Branch, VA passed away August 8, 2015. He was a native of Chicago, IL and most recently moved from Winchester, VA. He is preceded in death by his parents, John C. Bonnell, II and Thora S. Bonnell of Allentown, NJ. He is survived by his loving wife of over 63 years, Barbara A. Curtis Bonnell of Arlington, VA; children, John C. Bonnell, III., D. Lee Bonnell and Stuart W. Bonnell of Chesapeake; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; brother, W. Robert Bonnell of Highstown, NJ; and a sister, T. Jean Coletti of Burlington, NJ. Two of his beloved grandchildren, Kyle W. and Briana M. Bonnell reside in Chesapeake. John worked as a Senior Air Conditioning Engineering Technician with the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. and retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Winchester, VA after 37 years of service. Master Sergeant Bonnell retired with 22 years of faithful service from the USMCR, in 1968. He first served in infantry, then engineers during Korea and later in aviation maintenance, with VMF-321 in Washington D.C. John was a member and deacon with Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, a life member of the John A. Lejeune Detachment, Marine Corps League, the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the Fleet Reserve Association, the American Legion and a life member of the DAV. John was active in the BSA for over 40 years and held the BSA Silver Beaver Award for his service to boys in Fairfax City, VA. Through the years he volunteered with the Nokesville, VA, Fairfax City, VA and Clearbrook, VA Volunteer Fire Departments. He was a historian, wrote a book about his maternal grandfather’s Civil War exploits in the Shenandoah Valley, and was a past member of the Board of Directors for the Winchester/Fairfax County Historical Society. As a representative of the MCL, he was a six-year active member of the Governor’s Joint Leadership Council of Veteran Service Organizations, where he assisted in the preparation of Virginia Veterans Legislation.

A funeral service was held August 13, 2015, at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church. Burial with full military honors was held at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veteran Cemetery.

CARNEY, Chuck, Sr., Dayton, OH: passed away May 29, 2012. He was born December 12, 1930 to Charles Paul Carney and Dorthea Louise Campbell in Dayton, Ohio. Chuck was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. He was so proud of his family and as a former Marine who served in the Korean War; he loved his country as well. Chuck was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Jean Doyle Carney and his brother, Pat Carney. He is survived by his 4 children, Vickey Kemper and husband, Tom; Mickey Schwartz and husband, Dave; Chuck Carney, Jr. and wife, Sandy; Cindy Smith and husband, Bobby; sister, Marilyn Buss and husband, Bill, and sister-in-law Linda Saylers and husband, Cal. Chuck is



also survived by grandchildren, Lyndsey O'Brien and husband, Sean, Amber Carmichael and husband, Jon; Brian Schwartz and wife, Lauren; Brad Schwartz, Blake Schwartz, Jason Carney and wife, Camille; Chris Carney and wife, Corey; Jordyn Walker and husband, Jake; Easton Smith, and great grandchildren, Camille O'Brien, Jane and Luke Carmichael, Colt Carney, and Morgan and Kate Walker.

DOERR, John H., 87, Souderton, PA; passed away January 21, 2015, at Abington Health-Lansdale Hospital. He was the husband of Jacquelyn B. (Harner) Doerr, and also the late Carolyn Doerr who passed away in 1992. Born October 26, 1927 in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Laura May (MacClay) and John G. Doerr. He was a very proud United States Marine Corps Veteran of the Korean War, and had been employed for many years as a Draftsman in the Technology Industry. He will always be remembered as a loving family man, and a true patriotic American who loved his beloved Marine Corps. John is also survived by his children, Caroline M. Stimson (David), of North Wales, and Jody Doerr, of Telford, his step-children, Susan Cramp (Tomas), of Quakertown, and Sallyjo Hodnett (John), of North Wales, his 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Calvary Baptist Church, Funeral Service was held with Military Honors followed at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, Pa.

GEROW, Henry L., 92, Winter Park, FL; was born to Benjamin R and Angeline Wheeler Gerow in July 24, 1923 in Liberty, NY. He was the 16th child of 16 Gerow children. He married Louise Oliva and had one child, Nancy. Henry attended Liberty Central High School (LCHS) and was Captain of the LCHS Basketball and Baseball teams. Henry enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1943 and fought in Iwo Jima with the 5th Marine Division "C" Company Engineers where he was awarded the purple heart. After Iwo, he was stationed in Kyushu (Nagasaki), Japan for Occupation Duty. He ended his WWII tour in 1946 and returned to LCHS to graduate. Four of his brothers also served in the military during WWII. After HS, he and his brothers Irving started a farm machinery business in Liberty. In 1970, he and Louise moved to Winter Park, Florida, where he retired from Walt Disney World Vista Communications. Henry is a lifetime member of the Liberty VFW Post 9217, National VFW, Tar Paper Shanty Hunting Club of Claryville, Liberty Hose and Truck #2, DAV, Marine Corps Engineers Association, and 5th Marine Division. Henry is survived by his wife, Louise of Winter Park, FL; daughter Nancy Morgan of New Smyrna Beach, FL; grandson Ryan Morgan (Erin) of St. Augustine, 3 great grandchildren, Tia, Braylon, and Hannah. He was predeceased by his parents, 15 brothers and sisters, and granddaughter, Julie Morgan-Hernlen. A celebration of his life was held January 12, 2016, at Andersonville National Cemetery, with full military honors.

HARDISON, John Howard; 88 of Byron, GA. was born the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Hardison Sr. in 1927. He was raised in Byron, along with two great brothers and a wonderful sister. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a much loved brother, George Cason Hardison, and his most beloved first wife of 56 years, Millie Holcomb Hardison. His memory will forever be treasured by his loving wife, Julie Toms Borders Hardison, her children that he called his own, Angie Borders of Warner Robins, and Denny and Karen Borders of Byron, her grandchildren, that loved and knew him as "Papa Howard", Brenna Phillips of Soperton, Jacob Phillips of Warner Robins, Madison Borders and Malena Borders of Byron, his mother in law, Julia Mary Toms of Americus, and his wife's mother in law and special friend, Christine Borders of Byron. Survivors from the Hardison family include his one and only loved sister, Mary Hardison Buehler of Bryant, Arkansas, her children, Lisa and Rick Meyer of Bryant, Arkansas, and Misty and Terry Conder of Archdale, N. C., much loved younger brother, James Glenn Hardison of Byron, his children, James and Kris Hardison of Phoenix, Arizona, and Lora and Jimmy Hyatt of Niceville, Florida, children of his late brother, that he totally enjoyed and adored, Tracey and Jon Marc Roberts and family of Thorsby, Alabama, and George and Marsha Hardison and family of Fayetteville. At the age of 17, Mr. Hardison enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and received his training at Paris Island. He proudly served in the Korean War and WWII, with 2 years overseas in the South Pacific. In 1949, he left Virginia and went to Ponce, Puerto Rico, with a few days spent in Port-Au-France, Haiti and then to Cuba. In 1951, he returned to the states and joined the 2nd Marine Division FMF at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was a SSgt, 1349/1379, equipment chief. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was awarded the Cross of Military Service during WWII as



Sergeant of U. S. Marine Corps and a lineal descendant of his great grandfather, Josiah William Jordan, 2nd Lt. in Co. 5th Georgia Military District 22nd Regiment in the War Between the States. He received recognition of loyal services rendered at a time where freedom faced one of its most severe crisis. Howard proudly accomplished his mission and was proud to be a Marine. The family is grateful for his fellow Marines that gave support during his illness. SEMPER FIDELIS and was quoted as saying "Once a Marine, always a Marine". Mr. Hardison was an active member of Powersville United Methodist Church for many years. He retired from Georgia Power Company with 40 years of service. He thoroughly enjoyed "Eating Out with his GA Power Buddies". Their friendships were lifelong and enduring to all that knew him well. Howard was an avid fisherman and especially enjoyed time spent at Shellman's Bluff in Townsend with many of his friends in the community on The Bluff. Howard was a member of the Macon Chapter of the GA Power/ Heart of GA Ambassadors, the Middle GA Detachment #970 of the Marine Corps League in Macon, American Legion Post # 0076 in Fort Valley, longtime member of Macon Lodge # 5 and Constantine Chapter # 4 / Grand Chapter Royal Masons of Macon, Master of the Royal Secret 32nd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A. since 1964. As a true southern gentleman, he will be remembered for his integrity, humility, and wisdom. Gentleness is a quality greatly valued by God. Proverbs 15:1 states "A gentle answer turns away wrath". His kindness and compassion was concealed by his quiet strength and private nature. His standards for himself and others were always held high and he was highly respected for his knowledge and understanding. He never had an enemy or held a grudge against anyone.

HARNAGE, Sr., Floyd E. - May 18, 1921 - Jun. 9, 2013. Floyd E. Harnage, Sr., 92, of Bradenton, FL. was born in Valdosta, Georgia, he moved to Bradenton in 1994 from Port Charlotte, FL. A Veteran of the US Marine Corps, he was a volunteer at Freedom Village, former president of the Resident Council of Freedom Village and a member of the Church of the Annunciation, Holmes Beach, FL. Predeceased by wife, Rieka; survived by son, Floyd E., Jr. (Kathy) of Indianapolis, IN; daughter, Linda E. (Francis) Myers of Lake Alfred, FL; sister, Jenett Albritton of Wauchula, FL; 5 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren. Committal Services were held June 21, 2013 at Sarasota National Cemetery,

HILLEBRAND, George Richard, 87, of Jacksonville, NC, died March 7, 2015 at Onslow Memorial Hospital. A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 13, 2015 at the Infant of Prague Catholic Church. Father Tom Davis officiated. Burial followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. Mr. Hillebrand was born in Chicago, IL and was the son of the late George A. and Katherine Walsh Hillebrand. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Merita Christine Hillebrand and one sister. He served his country for 27 years with the United States Marine Corps as an engineer and obtained the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant before his retirement. Mr. Hillebrand is survived by three sons, Gregory Hillebrand of Garner, NC, Christopher Hillebrand of Kernersville, NC and Shane Hillebrand of Jacksonville, NC; four daughters, Ellen Overington of Apex, NC, Helen Leblond of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Lisa Kuna of Jacksonville, NC and Sharon Callaghan of Lake Villa, IL; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. George was the co-founder of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

JOHNSON, Clarence G. age 90, of Dayton, Ohio, passed away April 29, 2014. Clarence served proudly in the 4th Marine Division during W.W. II seeing action in the Pacific Theatre. He was a 32nd degree member of John W. Durst Masonic Lodge #716. Clarence retired from NCR and Dayton Hardware. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Louise Johnson; sons, James (Sharon) Johnson and Bryan (Candace) McAdow; daughters, Patricia (Ray) Burkett and Malia (Barry) Christian; 13 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Interment with military honors was at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.

MATAVA, Robert J, 90, Unionville, CT. passed away November 4, 2011 at his home that he built with his beloved wife Elizabeth "Bette" (Deegan) Matava. Born July 23, 1921 in Kearney, PA, son of the late Paul and Mary (Valigursky) Matava, he was a lifelong resident of Unionville. Bob was a highly decorated United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, having served with distinction in the South Pacific area with the 3rd Marine Division, seeing harsh action in the following campaigns, Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Guam, where he was twice wounded. Upon his return from the South Pacific, Bob established Edward Motor Service in Unionville in memory of his brother Edward who was killed in action on



Iwo Jima. He was a member of the Iwo Jima's Survivors Association. Bob was a founding member of the Iwo Jima Memorial in New Britain, a lifelong communicant at the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea in Unionville, and a member of the VFW Post # 3272 in Avon. He is survived by his son, Robert D. "Skip" Matava of Unionville; his daughter, Mary-Jo Matava of Unionville; his daughter, Patricia Matava Young and her husband Robert A. of Franklin, MA; his brother, Jerry Matava and his wife Noreen of Burlington; three sisters, Sue Martin of Hyannis, MA, Bette and her husband George Lusi and Irene Bachman both of Port Orange, FL; and his grandchildren, Robert Joseph Matava of Arlington, VA, Christine A. Matava of New York City, Lindsay E. Young of Princeton, NJ, Robert A. Young Jr., and Colin R. Young both of Franklin, MA and three cherished great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. The Funeral Mass celebrating Bob's life was held (November 10th) (The Birthday Of The United States Marine Corps) at Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, followed by full Marine Corps Honor's at St. Mary Cemetery in Avon.

MENTZER, Colonel John Francis, (Retired) – age 95, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, passed away on June 11, 2015 at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire after a short illness. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on September 8, 1919, the last surviving child and son of the late John Kurtz Mentzer and Mary Elsie McKenrick Mentzer. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Florence Fennimore Anderson Mentzer. In addition to his wife, Florence, he was preceded in death by both his sisters, Margaret Leavitt and Ellen Ironside; brother-in-law, Roderick Ironside; sisters-in-law, Lillian Boyle, Eileen Meyer, and Dorothy Anderson. He is survived by his two daughters, Jan Robinson (Robbie) of Wheeler, Wisconsin; Lynne McEvoy (Steven) of Raleigh, North Carolina; three grandchildren, Summer Robinson (Andrew Halbleib) of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Jill Nash (Grant) of Boston, Massachusetts; and Andrea Mahar (Mark) of Apex, North Carolina; and one great-granddaughter, Brynn Mahar. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and two brothers-in-law. Col. Mentzer grew up in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Erasmus Hall High School and graduated from Pratt Institute of Science and Engineering in 1942 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also met and married his wife, Florence, in Brooklyn. Col. Mentzer's distinguished military career spanned 28 years between May, 1942 and July, 1970. During this period, he served through multiple combat tours in World War II (Pacific Theater-1943 to 1945); the Korean War (1950 to 1951); and the Vietnam War (1966 to 1967). He participated in the invasion and seizure of the island of Iwo Jima (March, 1945), the post-war occupancy of Japan (1945 to 1947), and the withdrawal of American troops from the Chosen Reservoir (Korea), where he served under Col. Chesty Puller. During his military career he received seventeen medals including the Purple Heart (Iwo Jima), the Gallantry Cross Medal (Vietnam), two Bronze Stars (Iwo Jima and Korea), and the Meritorious Service Medal (1967 through 1970). Col. Mentzer ended his career serving as G-4 of the 3rd Marine Division in Phu Bai (Vietnam 1967), followed by serving as Assistant Base Commander, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., before his retirement in July, 1970. After his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps, Col. Mentzer served the City of Raleigh, North Carolina Housing Authority for 12 years until he finally retired in 1982. He kept busy even in retirement and enjoyed watching his Raleigh granddaughters, Jill and Andrea, grow up. He built a beautiful and extensive HO Model railroad layout, trains being another lifelong interest. He also enjoyed building miniature homes with his wife, Florence. He was the craftsman and she was the decorator. They built 5 main miniature homes, one for each of his daughters and one for each of his three granddaughters. He liked to design planting beds for the yard, and the home in Quail Hollow Yard of the Month many times. He also loved building ship models, and before his death, he was going to start on the adult Lego model of the Imperial Hotel (Japan). He wrote more than 20 books for his family on family history, the Marine Corps, and all of his remembrances. Col. Mentzer moved to Menomonie, Wisconsin in 2006 after his wife passed away. He enjoyed exploring a new town and making friends. One of his favorite places was Lakeview Floral, where Lacy and all her staff had his weekly flower pickup ready each Friday. He liked the idea that at his age, he moved from the warm South to the cold Midwest. He lived at Village at White Pines in Menomonie and then later moved to Oakwood Hills Independent Living, and last, to Orchard Hills in Eau Claire. He was a life-long learner. He read extensively, listened to educational DVD's which he purchased voraciously, loaded his MP-3 for books on tape, and enjoyed classical music and old movies. He was an expert on Marine history and the Civil War. He purchased a computer when he was in his late 80's. His granddaughter, Summer, was his personal computer expert and teacher and



helped him move his huge picture files to DVD as well as setting up files for all his various research. He tolerated, but did not approve of, extensive use of email. He was a member of the Dunn County Historical Society and was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2009. The ashes of Col. John F. Mentzer, and his beloved wife, Florence, are buried together at the Bellevue Cemetery in Gap, Pennsylvania, alongside his parents' grave. A family memorial service will be held there in the fall.

MOOREFIELD JR., “Bo” Hubert Lee, Major USMC (Ret.) CHARLOTTE, NC. 75, passed away October 25, 2014, at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center. He was born July 5, 1939 in Anderson, SC to the late Hubert Lee and Rachael Haney Moorefield. Bo was a graduate of Myers Park High School and Clemson University. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam and retired as Major. Bo worked as a Civil Engineer retiring from Orion Engineering and previously working for Frank C. Cockinos & Associates for many years. Mr. Moorefield worked with Boy Scouts for many years and was a member of Order of the Arrow and the cook team at Camp Clear Creek. Bo was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 46 years Lorelie Weiland Moorefield; sons Eric Lee Moorefield and his wife Jennifer Corser, Craig Marc Moorefield and his wife Alison Gordon and granddaughter Esther Moorefield. Funeral services for Bo were held October 31, 2014 with interment on November 3.

NOGGLE, James – Sergeant; Indianapolis IN. Born December 15, 1941. Served 1961-66. 7th Engineer Battalion. Jim passed away at home from embrace of his family to arms of Lord, Jesus Christ on November 18, 2015 at age of 72. Survived by wife Judith (Judy) Noggle; Sons: Mat Noggle (Christine), Robert Noggle (Karen), Joel Walton (Jennifer); daughters Angela Noggle Horn (Nicolas), Amy Jo Noggle, Jodi Anne Walton (Diane ;) sister Georgianna Noggle Biddle (Robert.) Nine grandsons, three granddaughters. Predeceased by first wife Judy Lynn (Waterman) Noggle, father Francis Miles Noggle, mother Margret Lucille (Hassenzahl) Noggle. Born in Vancouver WA. Raised in Indianapolis Southside. Attended Howe High School, graduated from Arsenal Tech High School. Attended Ivy Tech Community College. James enlisted in Marines 1961, was in Da Nang, So Vietnam from 1965-1966. Honorable discharge with commendations and medals 1966. James and Judy Lynn Waterman married at St John's Lutheran Church on August 25, 1967. Four children were welcomed and nurtured with love. Judy Lynn died of cancer on April 24, 1999. Jim retired from CSX as Special Agent with railroad police in 2003 after 34 years. James and Judith Ostrander were married at St John's Lutheran Church on June 3, 2005. James lived his faith by providing his assistance with kindness and concern every opportunity possible. He volunteered at St Francis Hospice, Camp Healing Tree, Food Pantry, St John Lutheran Church and Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. Our faith and lives are enriched by being blessed with James' presence and now memories. Memorial at St John's Lutheran Church, 6630 Southeastern Ave., on November 21.

PLOWMAN, Major Floyd Clarence, USMC, age 76, of Jacksonville, NC. died Oct. 21, 2015 at his home. His funeral Service was Oct. 26 at Infant of Prague Catholic Church with Rev. Ernest Ruede officiating. Burial with full military honors followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. He retired from the United States Marine Corps having served during Vietnam and also retired as a Financial Planner. He is survived by his wife, Joy C. Black Plowman of the home; daughter, Gayden Soma of Honolulu, HI; son, Michael Plowman of Round Rock, TX; stepchildren, Jamie Keller of Penn., Kim Mercuri of Lavallette, NJ., Donna Brown of Laurens, SC; one grandchild, Sara Plowman; and three step grandchildren, Jared Keller of Penn., Cassadra Mercuri of New Jersey, Austin Mercuri of Nashville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd C. Plowman and Evelyn Lucille Yudasky Plowman; his first wife, Mary Ann Plowman; a son, Thomas Christopher Plowman; and sister, Carolyn Webber.

ZANCK, Eugene Daniel, Sgt – 88; Spokane Valley, WA. Gene left this world peacefully on Dec. 23. Needless to say, he will be missed by many especially his wife Jackie, his six children and thirteen grandchildren. His funeral was held January 4th at St. Mary's Catholic Church.



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Brick Program



Tony Raniszewski

It has now been two years since our Engineer Monument was dedicated. Included in the monument area is a series of over 600 bricks surrounding the monument itself. As part of that dedication effort MCEA started a Brick Program to honor our Marine Corps Engineers. This program was a 3 pronged effort. Individuals could purchase one of these bricks for a cost of \$300 and have it engraved with their name or that of someone they wish to honor. Additionally, 124 bricks were reserved for the honoring of Marine Corps Engineer units both past and present. Individuals could sponsor one of these bricks for \$300 or they could contribute any amount to this effort and MCEA would combine the donations of all members and purchase a Unit brick from our listing.

These engraved bricks will affirm our Esprit de Corps with the Marines that risk their lives to insure our freedom. Each purchaser will receive a Certificate of Registration acknowledging their contribution and confirming the inscription

as it will appear on the brick. Additionally, each purchaser will have their name added to MCEA's donor list located on the web page below. All bricks located in the monument area must be purchased through MCEA.

The program has been progressing steadily with 152 bricks already purchased and 142 of those already installed. Our next installation date for 10 bricks is April/May, 2016. MCEA is continuing this program with periodic purchases approximately 3 times per year. Our next deadline for purchasing a brick is 25 April, 2016.

In addition to the above, MCEA has developed a program where several individuals could purchase a brick as a group. If you are a member of a unit or group and would like to purchase a brick to honor that unit/group with collections from members of that unit/group, MCEA can support that purchase. All the information needed is contained on our website listed below.

As part of its effort to keep our members informed, MCEA has added all the brick information to our website. For a full explanation of the program and the forms necessary to order a brick, go to the following web page:

<http://www.marcorengasn.org/modules/Monument/brickprogram.htm>.



We still have many bricks left to purchase. This could be your way to say thank you to the past and present Marines who support the Marine Corps Engineer efforts. Please consider purchasing a brick, an order form has been included for your convenience.



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- 9:30 a.m. Bus departs for Old Town Temecula shopping tour of unique shops and stores; returns to hotel at 1:30 p.m. Minimum of 20 persons required with Maximum of 29 passengers – register early to secure a spot on this tour! Casual attire/walking shoes, no food. Cost = \$22
- Lunch is on your own
- 6 p.m. Registration – Cocktails available from the cash bar. Coat & tie; mini ribbons optional; MCL Red Blazer; Svc A uniform; informal evening attire for ladies. Cost = \$65 per person
- 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner served, followed by Awards Banquet

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

- Breakfast on your own
- 8:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel for Camp Pendleton tour of engineer units and lunch at dining facility. Minimum of 24 persons required with Maximum of 32 passengers – register early to ensure a spot on this tour! Casual attire/walking shoes. We will stop for chow on your own. Cost = \$27
- 2:30 p.m. Bus returns to the hotel.
- 6:30 – 9 p.m. Join us in the hospitality room for final goodbyes.

Thurs and Fri, 20 – 21 October: Take advantage of the post reunion hotel discount rates (\$99 for Thursday and Friday) and enjoy yourselves!

Hotel check out time is 11 a.m. Thanks for coming! We wish you good health and safe travels!!

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

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Individual dues remain the same since 2006: \$25 for 1 year; \$60 for 3 years; and \$500 for a lifetime membership. Corporate members' dues are \$400 per year; active duty is \$30 for 3 years.

Annual dues expire 31 Dec, but members will remain in good standing until 28 February. Email and/or phone reminders will be provided for one year.

Upon reaching the age of 80, "dues current" members will automatically change to Lifetime membership and no further dues are required.

Remember: 100% of your dues and contributions to MCEA are tax deductible.

The enclosed Members' roster lists our deceased members, who remain on our rolls and their next of kin receive the newsletter as long as they desire, free of charge.

We are communicating weekly or more often via email, as well as updating our website: www.MarCorEngAsn.org. Even if you don't have internet access at home, you can use the library or other locations to visit our website and keep well-informed of what is going on year round.

Our 17-19 October 2016 reunion will find us at the Pala Casino and Resort in Pala, CA. Room rates are \$99. Hope to see you all there!

As you can see by reading the minutes and reviewing the financial status report, we continue to increase our assets which allow us to invest more wisely as well as spend more on other key areas. Like most everything else, our Association expenses increase every year. Our significant expenses are the printing/mailing of the newsletter, reunion expenses and awards. Since we rely totally on dues & contributions, we're constantly restricted on what we can accomplish. If you as an individual or through your company can sponsor any of our annual expense categories, please let us know.

We've loaded over two thousand pictures and documents to our website which includes all the material that our Association has accumulated since inception in 1991. Webmaster, Geoff Nicely, continues to work tirelessly to keep the site updated. We now have a website that is extremely versatile, interactive and can be the "go to" place for all things relating to Marine Corps Engineers! Let us know what we can do to make it even better.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

CHECK THE ENCLOSED MEMBERS' ROSTER & PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE # OR EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS AND KEEP YOU CONNECTED. Our newsletter is sent as Bulk Mail, so it won't be forwarded or returned.

Enclosed is the 2016 Reunion Form for you to complete & return if you are planning on attending this years' reunion.

If you know of someone who is interested in joining MCEA & needs more information, please let Charlie Dismore know the contact info.

Please help us by spreading the word to your contacts who served with us as well as other associations about our upcoming reunions. Additionally, help us publicize that MCEA is truly "here to help"!



CORPORATE MEMBERS

Corporate Members/Sponsors

Caterpillar Inc. Defense & Federal Products (**Sponsor of Engr Spt Bn Trophy**)
 Commander's Concepts Commissioning
 HNTB Federal (**Sponsor of MWSS Engr Co Award**)
 Leica Geosystems Inc (**Sponsor of EOD Individual Awards**)
 Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Assn (**Sponsor of Bulk Fuel individual awards category**)
 Quality Support, Inc.
 RJS Construction, Inc.
 Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) (**Sponsor of Awardee Banquet Costs**)
 Terragroup Corporation (**Sponsor of Utilities individual awards category**)

TREASURER'S REPORT

The annual financial report shows a healthy organization. Our net worth is in excess of \$145,000 having grown by nearly \$11,000 this year.

Our Form 990EZ Report to the IRS should be posted on the website by the time you read this. Form 990 (in its various formats) is required of all non-profits with income above a minimal level. It is often used to evaluate the non-profit's operation by prospective donors. Because we are staffed totally by volunteers and have fairly minimal "overhead," we show a larger portion of our resources applied to "program" than many larger national charities. I and the rest of the Executive Committee continue to strive for the "most bang for YOUR bucks."



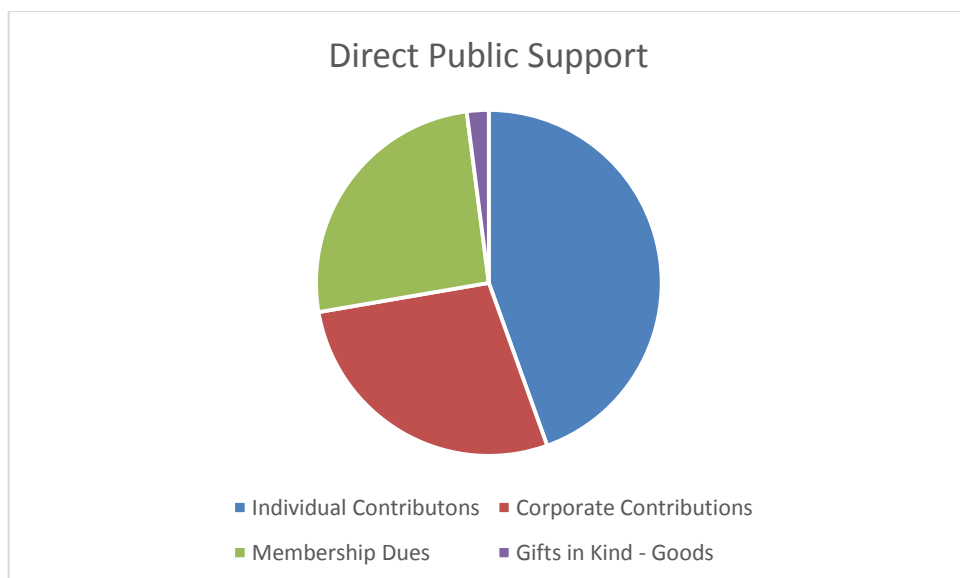
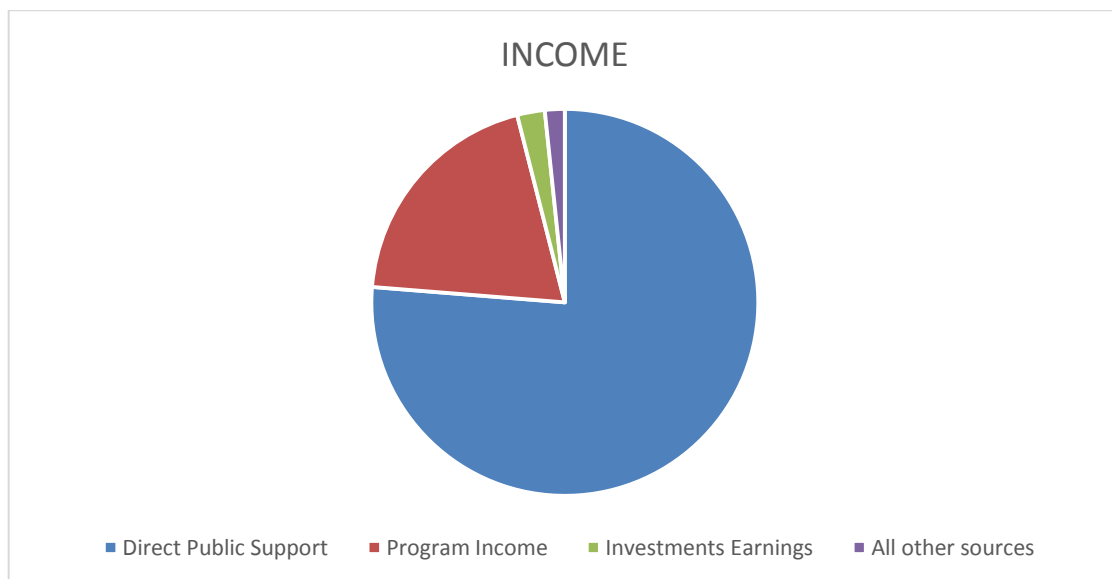
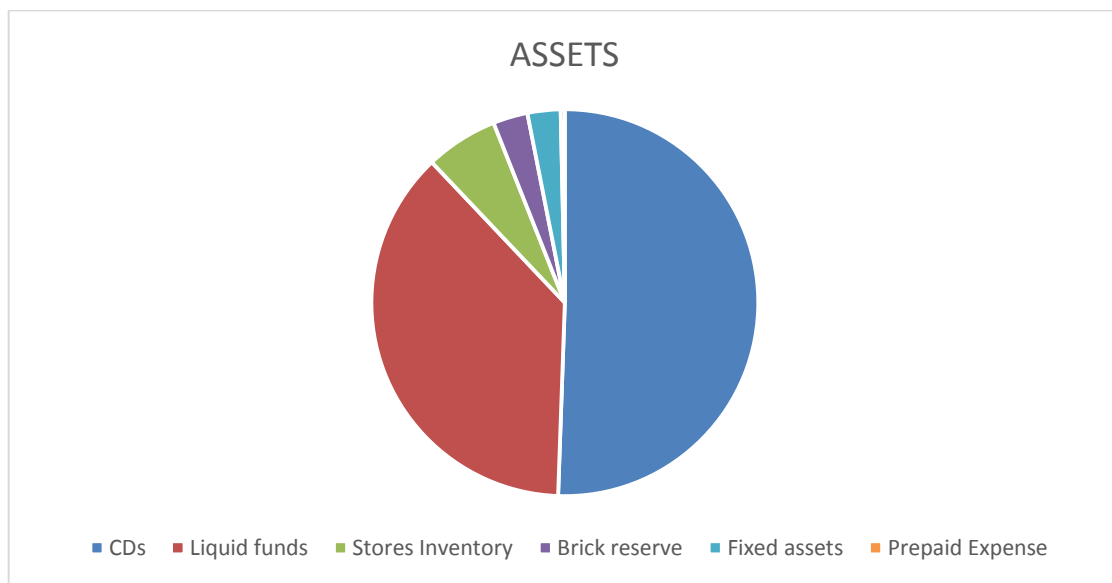
MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015

	31-Dec-14	31-Dec-15
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings	50,177.71	57,522.22
Certificates of Deposit (CDs)	75,171.71	73,726.85
Other Current Assets	<u>5,635.92</u>	<u>10,553.97</u>
Total Current Assets	130,985.34	141,803.04
Fixed Assets	<u>3,893.30</u>	<u>4,029.97</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>134,878.64</u>	<u>145,833.01</u>
LIABILITIES		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
NET WORTH (ASSETS MINUS LIABILITIES)	<u>134,878.64</u>	<u>145,833.01</u>



The pie charts below provide additional detail and information as of December 31, 2015.



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION MARCH 2016 UPDATE

TREASURER'S REPORT. As of: 31 December 2015: General Fund = \$145,833.01; 2015 increase in net worth of \$10,934.57. As of 29 February 2016: General Fund = \$155,243.15; a 12-month increase in net worth of \$13,322.25.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MEMBERSHIP STATUS: As of 31 March, Carlson reports:

Dues current:	985
Deceased:	322
TOTAL:	1,307 increase of 381 since last year's April report

Of the Dues Current: 294 are Life Members; 449 (45.6%) are active duty/active reserve; 20 are Warrior Angels; 69 are other next-of-kin.

51 Members were dropped to "dues delinquent" status on 29 February 2016. Of those: 29 were active duty/active reserve, 9 were retired; 13 were vets.

2. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The Membership Committee spent much of last year in the rewrite of the membership section of our By Laws. They submitted their recommendations to the Executive Committee for the update of their section of the By Laws. This year the committee will be attempting to contact members who have left the association and try to have them rejoin the MCEA. **DeHart for action.**

3. COMBAT CASUALTIES: Spreadsheet has been updated and posted to website with total of 912. Judy Coy and Pam Jeans have created profiles for each Fallen Marine and Corpsmen from our list to the website-- Together We Served. Request all hands review the roster and help fill in the blanks and add the names of others. **Pankey for action.**

4. CORPORATE MEMBERS: We presently have nine corporate members, losing Terex as a member/sponsor of the NCF award and TSSi transferring from corporate to individual multi-year membership due to the economy. We have published a new Corporate Benefits Fact Sheet to better identify benefits to potential corporate members. We have made a concerted effort to recruit additional corporate members/sponsors, as we now have 4 award categories uncovered. MCEA members are representing the Association at each Marine Corps Expo and at other appropriate venues that are identified. We are reaching out to individual members in local venue areas to help us put a face to our name. Please let us know if you think you know of a company that would be interested in MCEA membership/sponsorship. Many hands make light work! **Rudge for action.**

5. MARINE CORPS ENGINEER SCHOOL: (1) Return of TD 18 to Courthouse Bay: 2d Maintenance Battalion has possession of the TD-18 inside of their massive maintenance facility and will conduct the repairs once MCES has identified the funding source. MCES is researching technical publications and potential sourcing methods to acquire necessary parts – some of which might require extensive fabrication. (2) 2016 MCES Change of Command: Colonel Dan O'Hara has been selected to assume command of MCES during the summer of 2016. Colonel O'Hara is currently the 2d Marine Logistics Group's Chief of Staff here at Camp Lejeune. (3) BB-28: The original, historic MCES Headquarters Building is nearly complete

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after more than 14 months of renovations. The exterior and interior of the building remain nearly identical since the renovation was primarily initiated to update the fire protection system and improve the electrical and HVAC throughout the structure. Reoccupation of BB-28 is scheduled to take place on 17 February 2016. **Col Baldwin for action.**

6. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: The 2016 MCEA Publicity Campaign Plan was published. A post card size handout, that was developed with one side describing MCEA's purpose and the other side describing the MCEA Monument and advertising the Brick Program, will continue to be used for publicity purposes. Bill Ford and Brad Foore distributed them at the Camp Pendleton Marine West Marine Expo February 3-4. An MCEA poster calling attention to the 2016 MCEA Engineer Awards program was emailed to engineer commanders in January. **Cooley for action.**

7. FELLOWS PROGRAM: 149 individual members, next of kin, and corporate members currently qualify. **Carlson for action.**

8. HONOR ROLL: Since the last report, the following MCEA members have been added to our Honor Roll: Joe L. Backo, CWO-4 (Ret); John Bonnell, MSgt(Ret); Charles N. Carney, Sgt; John Doerr, vet; Henry Gerow, vet; John H. Hardison, SSgt; Floyd Harnage, Capt (Ret); Robert J. Matava, vet; John F. Mentzer, Col Ret); Jim Noggle, Sgt; Floyd C. Plowman, Maj (Ret); Michael J. Smith, Sgt (Ret); Eugene D. Zanck, Sgt. Pam Jeans has created a profile on the website Together We Served for all of our deceased members. Webmaster Geoff Nicely has included the hyperlink on our MCEA website Honor Roll listing, so you can click on the name and be directed to their TWS profile and return to the MCEA Honor Roll page. **Pankey for action.**

9. ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS: The first of the year Joe DeHart was assigned as Director for the Associate Directors, with Director Judy Coy stepping down for personal reasons. Judy's hard work with the Associate Directors has been an important instrument for the MCEA to keep in touch with each member of the Association. We want to thank Judy for her work and making this transition not a reset, but continuing to march. For the Associate Directors thanks for your work. You have the ear of our members, keeping in touch, advising them of upcoming events, and making the Association aware of those members who are having problems. Many members rely on your contact because of health reasons cannot attend many of the MCEA functions. This year continue to contact your members as you have done in the past. It will be the goal this year to fill in all the blanks on our roster, and have each member's information in total. **DeHart for action.**

10. WEBSITE: Thanks to the superb efforts of Geoff Nicely, the site allows members to upload articles, pictures, participate in forums and a "members' only" section. 891 registered users and over 4.9 million page views since activation August 2008. **Nicely for action.**

11. BRICK PROGRAM: 1 Jan 2014, MCEA implemented the bulk brick program, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. For a tax deductible donation of \$300, the purchaser's name, or that of someone you wish to honor or remember, will be engraved on a brick. Since its inception a total of 152 bricks have been purchased of which 142 have already been installed. To purchase a brick, please see the instructions and form to fill out located on our website. Your website has a method for locating your brick. From our Homepage, click on "Brick Program." Our next deadline for brick purchases will be 25 April 2016 with a follow-on order due approximately August 2016. Additionally, MCEA can accept brick purchases from multiple buyers. If you are part of a unit/group and wish to combine your resources to purchase a brick honoring that organization, our website has the instructions on how to do this. All purchasers will be listed as owners on the website itself.

Your Executive Committee previously approved a program to solicit donations for an Engineer Unit brick program.

These bricks will honor engineer units both past and present. Currently there are 124 engineer units identified, whose bricks will be placed around the perimeter of the monument area. Details on how to contribute are also on our website. You may sponsor an entire Unit brick for \$300 or may



contribute any amount to the program and we will combine your donation with others to fund another Unit brick. The annual newsletter and website will have all pertinent details and a copy of the electronic newsletter will be provided to the active/reserve USMC engineer units, with assistance from the Publicity Committee. **Raniszewski and Cooley for action.**

Brick Summary:

# useable bricks	628
# total purchased as of 31 Jan 16	152
# unit bricks remaining (27 purchased)	97
# reserved KIA/MoH	9
# border bricks	39
# remaining individual bricks for purchase	331

12. 2015 REUNION: After action report published 30 September 2015. **Action Completed.**

13. HISTORIAN: Phil Martin and I had a good year writing and collecting the personal histories that make our Marine Corps such a rich institution. While it has been more work, the history supplement for the 2016 newsletter is about our members and their experiences. Next year we would like to update the CEB and ESB histories, but we are always collecting our member stories. **Gentry for action.**

14. 2016 REUNION: We will be returning 17-19 October 2016 to the Pala Casino and Resort in Pala, California, the site of our 2014 reunion. Room rates are \$99 and scheduled events include the MCEA Awards Banquet, an Old Town Temecula shopping tour and a Camp Pendleton tour of engineer units. Details are posted to our website and included in the newsletter. **Dismore for action.**

15. ANNUAL AWARDS: The draft MCEA Awards announcement was provided to HQMC, Code LPE and the official message, MARADMIN 025/16, was released 14 January 2016. Awards board will convene early June. Awards will be presented October 18 during the reunion banquet for those recipients who can attend. Plaques and membership package will be mailed to parent organizations of those who cannot attend. **Dismore and Carlson for action.**

16. ANNUAL HONORING OF MARINE CORPS ENGINEERS. The annual memorial ceremony at our MCEA Monument at the National Museum of the Marine Corps will be conducted 25 May 2016 at 1000 followed by lunch at Tun Tavern at 1100 and a museum tour at 1300. There will be an informal dinner the evening before at a local restaurant. Notify Tony Raniszewski at: 540-659-9235 if you will attend. **Raniszewski for action.**

17. WARRIOR ANGEL PROGRAM: Instituted last year for the next of kin of our departed members. The program was to bring those that wanted to continue to be a part of the MCEA, with a venue that would bring them together with those that have gone through the loss of their Marine Engineer. Due to the timing of the program start, it was not possible to have them join us for the reunion in Jacksonville, NC. We have twenty Warrior Angels in the program at this time. We will start this year with the attempt for their attendance at the memorial at Quantico in May and then the reunion in Pala in October. Also plan to set up a network that they can use to contact and keep in touch with each other. A newsletter will be sent out on the semi-annual basis after each event, keeping those that could not attend updated on the events. **Joe DeHart, Warrior Angel Director**

18. FORMAL ENGINEER SCHOOL COURSE SPONSORSHIP: During 2015 MCEA instituted a program whereby members could sponsor a graduating class from a formal engineer course by paying for each graduate to have a 3 year MCEA membership. Members generously sponsored 27 graduating classes with a total of 352 students. In addition to membership each graduate received the MCEA new



member's packet containing our lapel pin, window decal, membership card, and publicity card. The sponsorship of the classes demonstrated our continuing desire to support active duty engineers and better publicize our MCEA. Due to Privacy Act restrictions, the sponsorship program was temporarily placed on hold. The potential problems have been resolved and the program is back on track this year. Complete details concerning sponsorship are published separately and available on the website. **Carlson and Cook for action.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MCEA LEADERSHIP CHANGES: Our long-time former President, Executive Director and Secretary Ken Frantz resigned his positions as Executive Director and Secretary effective as of January 1, 2016. We thank Ken for his incredible efforts and successful tenure at leading our Association over the last 10 years and wish him all the best. To our good fortune, Ken will continue to serve as MCEA Permanent Associate Director and we will continue to enjoy the benefits of his organizational knowledge, keen command of all things operational/administrative, and sage wisdom provided to the Leadership Team as we move forward. Thank you, Ken!

In another administrative move, our Associate Director Chairperson, Judy Coy, having served honorably and well over the past eight years in that leadership role has requested relief from her position effective as of January 1, 2016 in order to honor the time resources required of her by her family. With our sincere appreciation for her activities over that long term, Judy's request was accepted. Thank you, Judy!

Your Executive Committee has been at work dividing the tasks that Ken accomplished for us as Executive Director and Secretary. Efforts to identify a single individual to carry on Ken's duties in a volunteer capacity were not met with success. Therefore, operating our Association will follow a different path. Tasks have been divided into smaller individual and committee activities. Several members of the Executive Committee have accepted additional responsibilities for the work to be done. A call to the members was made and several have volunteered but additional volunteers are still needed. Major activities are as follows:

Annual Reunion – Charlie Dismore and Tony Raniszewski are coordinating. Two others needed to help. Volunteers will not need to attend the reunion in order to assist this effort.

Awards Committee – Joe DeHart is leading this effort. Three others are needed to help out. Main tasks will include assisting in follow-up with units, coordinating with nominees and award winners in each category.

Annual Financial Review – Two members are needed to join two other Executive Committee members to perform our annual financial review. It would help if volunteers for this job have some accounting background or money savvy, but is not a deal breaker.

Annual Newsletter – Joel Cooley will lead this committee, assisted by Gordon Strauss and Phil Foster. Robin Gentry and Phil Martin are covering unit history activities.

Publicity – Joel Cooley is also leading this effort. Two members would be welcome to help contact media sources and spread the word about MCEA activities and accomplishments.

Corporate Programs – Hank Rudge has agreed to chair our Corporate Program. His team will handle not only Corporate Sponsors who are not members but who fit that category as well as Corporate Members who contribute to our Awards Program or financially support our activities. Bill Ford is assisting him with coordinating contact with current and potential sponsors would be welcome.

Course Sponsors – Dave Cook, who works closely with our treasurer, is overseeing the program whereby graduates from three engineer school locations are awarded an initial 3-year membership in MCEA, the cost being paid by MCEA volunteer sponsors.

There will continue to be changes in the future and on the horizon but the Executive Committee will keep members informed along the way. Please feel free to volunteer. As a way to broaden our appeal to increased participation in leadership, spouses of members are also invited to serve in these volunteer positions. Our life partners can bring unique and diverse skills to our activities.



2015 REUNION AND AWARDS

MCEA 2015 REUNION AFTER ACTION REPORT

The new Courtyard by Marriott in Jacksonville NC was our location for the 2015 reunion and awards banquet. We had \$83 run of the house room rates effective 21-28 Sept. That's half price of the normal room charge. Complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms and meeting rooms. Menu prices were much less than previous years and there was no charge for Audio/visual support or any meeting room. 3543 sq ft of banquet room provided for all 3 meeting events. 21% service charge.

We had one of the largest turnouts this year due to the location and close proximity to the active/reserve Marine Corps engineer units. 17 active duty MCEA award recipients plus 10 guests attended, with banquet fees covered by the Society of American Military Engineers! We used over 80% of the blocked hotel rooms and total charges for the reception, business meeting and banquet were \$6,566.08.

Reception Wednesday, 23 Sept. 1900-2200: \$20 rate for medium appetizers for the 69 attendees. We had planned to have a cash bar, but the hotel officially opened on 21 September and they had not received their liquor license; therefore, the hotel purchased the bar items and donated everything to us for a self-serve bar.

Biz meeting Thursday 24 Sept, 0830-1230: Started a half hour later than normal and therefore had no food, just coffee, tea. \$10/person; 37 attended the briefings and 33 stayed for the meeting. See the biz mtg minutes for details.

Awards banquet 24 Sept, 1800-2130: 1800 cocktails. 1900-Buffer Dinner with 3 entrees at \$30/person. As with the reception, free bar. We were elated to welcome back LtGen Panter as our Guest of Honor and have LtGen & Mrs. Tiebout attend, along with remarks from our MCEA Founder and past president, Jim Marapoti. 110 members and guests registered to attend plus 39 NCO & below engineers from the local six engineer units attended the banquet free of charge to them. General Fund paid for 13: Guest of Honor- LtGen Panter, Stan Cucksee, Color Guard, 2 photographers, 2 PAO Marines plus MGySgt & Mrs. Martin (military support coordinator) and bagpiper. Door prizes were held as we were finishing our dinner and before the start of the program.

Tours:

Wed tour of the USS North Carolina required a minimum of 40 to cover the cost of the bus, but we only had 15 register, so we rented a 15 pax van to handle both the Wed and Thursday tour of Tryon Palace which had 10 attend.

We did almost fill up the bus with 47 attendees on the Friday tour of Camp Lejeune engineer units plus Marine Corps Engineer School. \$25/person to cover the bus cost and \$5.55/person for lunch at the Courthouse Bay Mess Hall.

Total Attendance =		186
Awardees:	17 + 10 guests	= 27
Corporate mbrs	4 + 1 guests	= 5
Guests		= 13
Members	52 + 40 guests	= 92
Non Mbrs		= 10
Engr NCO & below paid by sponsor		= 39



NET FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Net on Fees:	\$ 790.12
Plus Award Sponsorship Surplus:	\$ 5,812.96
Overall Reunion Accounting:	Net gain of \$6,603.08

Treasurer's comments:

Once again, our member fees covered just about the exact Reunion cost (with a little extra this year, some years a little under). Fortunately, our corporate sponsors cover all of the Award costs with enough additional to allow us to take on other worthwhile projects.

REUNION ATTENDEES

			TOTAL		
CAT	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ATTEND	STATE	GUESTS NAMES
Mbr	BALDWIN	Scott	2	NC	JOANNE BALDWIN
Mbr	BENNETT	Wayne	2	VA	KIMBERLY BENNETT
Awd	BLAISDELL	Justin	2	RI	NATHAN REED, GYSGT
Mbr	BOYD	Michael	2	VA	JANET BOYD
NonMbr	BRIGGS	Allen	2	OH	ROSETTA "SUE" BRIGGS
Mbr	BUTLER	John (Jack)	5	NC	ROB, HUNTER, CINDY HANSILL & PAIGE HORVATH
Awd	BUTLER	Micah	2	OKI	ANNETTE BUTLER
Mbr	CARLSON	George	2	TN	MIKKI CARLSON
CMbr	COINER	Chuck	1	GA	
Guest	COLOR GUARD	MCES	4	NC	
Mbr	COOLEY	Joel	2	VA	NANCY COOLEY
Mbr	COOMBS	Joseph	2	NC	ANN COOMBS
Awd	CORNETT	Matthew	2	NC	SANTANA CORNETT
Mbr	DEHART JR	Joseph	2	VA	DEBORAH DURNEY
Mbr	DISMORE	Charles	2	TX	SHARON DISMORE
NMbr	DUCKEN	Colton	2		SGT MCCREA
Awd	DUREE	Wayne	1	CA	
Mbr	EDWARDS	Robert	2	NC	LAURA EDWARDS
Mbr	FEIFS	Helmuts	1	NC	
Mbr	FLETCHER	Fred	1	NC	
Mbr	FOLEY	Timothy	1	NC	
Mbr	FORD	William	2	OR	ELLEN FORD
Mbr	FRANTZ	Kenneth	3	TX	DIANA FRANTZ, WAYNE MORRIS
Awd	GARCIA	Joseph	2	GA	HEATHER GARCIA
Awd	GRAVES	Joseph	2	NC	ELIZABETH GRAVES
Mbr	GROVES	Harold	1	TN	
Mbr	HACKETT	William	2	GA	VIVIAN HACKETT
Mbr	HAMBY	William	2	GA	MOLLIE HAMBY
Mbr	HAWKINS JR	Harold	1	NC	
Awd	HENTZEL	Chad	2	OKI	SCOTT BILLS, MSGT, USMC
CMbr	HILLENBRAND	Dan	1	NC	
Mbr	HILLIARD	Anthony (Tony)	2	GA	PEGGY HILLIARD



Mbr	HOFFMANN	Ron	2	CA	GRACE HOFFMANN
Guest	HURD	Debbie	1	NY	
Awd	JORDAN	Drew	1	OKI	
NonMbr	LOCONTO	Stephen	1	NC	
Mbr	MARAPOTI	James	2	NC	STAN CUCKSEE
Mbr	MATTISON	Thomas	1	NC	
Mbr	MCBRIDE	Dennis	2	VA	RUSTY McBRIDE
Mbr	MCCREA	Donald	1	NY	
Awd	MCCULLAR	Gary	3	NC	LISA MCCULLAR; SGTMAJ WHITLEY
Awd	MCMILLAN	Lane	7	FL	
Mbr	MENKE	Ronald	2	NC	DONNA DIANE MENKE
Awd	MIERKOWSKI	Jacob	5	NC	JAMIE, JOAN, MARK + PATTI FROST
Mbr	MILLER	Paul	1	NY	
Mbr	MOORE	John (Jack)	1	NC	
Awd	MORRIS	David	2	NC	SGT MAJOR RUSSELL STRACK
Mbr	MUNN	John	2	NC	HUMMIE
Mbr	MUTTON	John	1	NC	
Mbr	NICELY	Geoffrey	1	OH	
Mbr	NORDIN	John	2	ID	DONNA NORDIN
Mbr	NORMAN	Dennis (Denny)	1	PA	
Mbr	OLF	Nelson	3	OR	SAM & ELISE HOUGHTLING
Guest	ORR	Howard	1	NC	
Mbr	OSTERMAN	Kenneth	1	NJ	
Guest	OWEN	Teressa	2	SC	DANIEL & TERESSA GRAVES
Mbr	PANKEY	Paul	2	WA	SYDNA PANKEY
GOH	PANTER	Frank	1	NC	
Guest	RANDALL	Denise	2		PETER & DENISE RANDALL (GRAVES' GUESTS)
Mbr	RANISZEWSKI	Anthony	2	VA	CHRIS RANISZEWSKI
Mbr	ROSENFELD	Martin	2	FL	SANDRA ROSENFELD
Mbr	RUSSELL	Melvin	2	NC	HELEN RUSSELL
Awd	SAMSON	Michael	2	NC	ELIZABETH SAMSON
CMbr	SCHROEDEL	Joe	2	VA	KATHY SCHROEDEL
Mbr	SCHWARTZ	Kenneth	2	NC	PAMELA SCHWARTZ
Awd	SHEPHERD	Andrew	2	NC	E'VAUGHNA SHEPHERD
NMbr	SMITH	Ralph	1	NC	
NonMbr	SMITH	Richard	2	NC	NORA SMITH
Mbr	SWANSTROM	Mark	2	NC	PAULA SWANSTROM
Mbr	TIEBOUT	Robert	2	TN	LIL
CRep	TOMBLIN	Scott	1	IL	
Mbr	TOWNSEND	Edward	2	CA	SHELBIE TOWNSEND
Mbr	VARLEY	Larry	2	TX	DARNELL VARLEY
Mbr	WELTYK	Robert	2	MI	MARY WELTYK
Mbr	WILSON	Nathanel	2	VA	EILEEN WILSON
Mbr	WORKMAN	John	2	FL	JUDY WORKMAN



2015 MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

AWARD	WINNER	UNIT
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	1STLT. JOSEPH A. GARCIA	2D CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	GYSGT MATTHEW W. CORNETT	8TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	SGT ERICK GONZALEZ	2D CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	CPL BRENTNIEMA B. SERQUINA	2D CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO4 WAYNE D. DUREE	1ST MAINT BN
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	SSGT JUSTIN M. BLAISDELL	2D CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	LCPL ANDREW T. SHEPHERD	2D CEB
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO4 MICAH S. BUTLER	9TH ESB
UTILITIES SNCO	GYSGT STEVEN D. CHAPMAN	9TH ESB
UTILITIES NCO	CPL JOSEPH A. GRAVES	2D MAINT BN
UTILITIES MARINE	LCPL LANE V. MCMILLAN	1ST CEB
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO3 CHAD M HENTZEL	1ST MAW HQS
BULK FUEL SNCO	SSGT ANDREW L. WALTER	MWSS 171
BULK FUEL NCO	SGT JONATHAN A. HOWLEY	7TH ESB
BULK FUEL MARINE	LCPL SOPHIA GARCIA	9TH ESB
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CPL SHEPHERD



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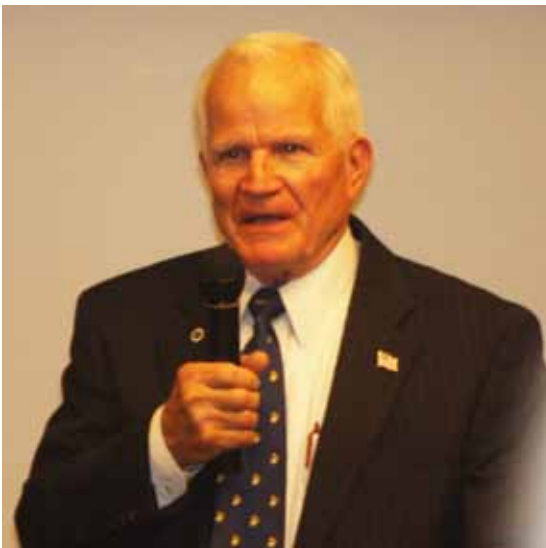
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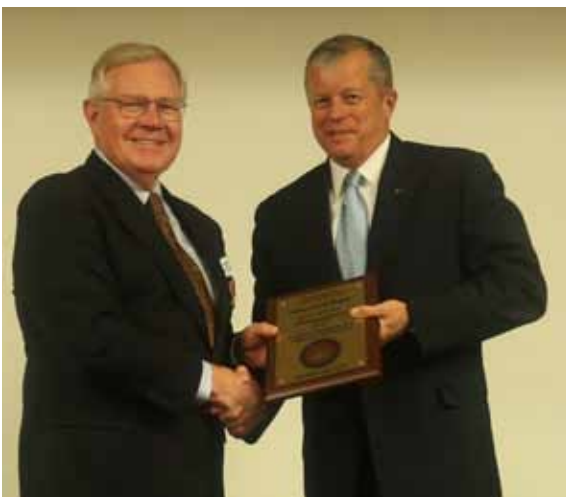
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