

ENGINEERS UP!

2018 Newsletter





MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

What is it? The MCEA is a HQMC sanctioned, tax-exempt, nonprofit organization (IRS 501 (c) (19)), incorporated in NC, in 1991.

MCEA Purpose/Bylaw highlights:

- Promote Marine Corps engineering in combat engineer, engineer equipment, utilities, landing support (shore party), bulk fuel, topographic and construction engineering, drafting, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)
- Renew and perpetuate fellowship of retired, former and current US Marines who served with Marine Corps Engineer units and sister service members who served in support of Marine-Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Units
- Preserve the memory of those who served
- Promote an accurate historical record of the contributions of Marine Corps engineers
- Foster solidarity of Marine Corps engineers
- Keep members current with the Marine Corps engineer community
- Annually recognize superior achievement of active duty and reserve establishment Marine Corps EOD and engineer individuals & organizations, as well as Naval Construction Force Units

MCEA Eligibility. All former and current Armed Forces personnel who served with Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Units or in support of Marine Corps Engineer Units or US Marine Corps Base and Station billets.

Membership Benefits:

- Very affordable dues for yearly, multi-year & lifetime membership! 100% of dues and all contributions are tax deductible.
- Contributions to MCEA, Unit brick program and school sponsorship qualify for the Fellows Program.
- Access to members' roster and capability to locate and reconnect with Marines and Sailors from former units
- Annual reunion with opportunity to interact with veterans as well as active/reserve duty personnel, corporate members and "Best of the Best" award recipients and their families
- Subscription to MCEA newsletter
- Notification of employment opportunities especially in the DOD and civilian engineering community
- Capability to interact daily with other members via website and email and receive updates from MCEA
- Unlimited access to website and special "members only" section
- Access to history, lineage and other information about USMC engineer units
- Availability of unique MCEA Ship's Store items; - Discounts on Military Historical Tours, Inc

MCEA Engineer Monument. Dedicated 14 May, 2014, as an enduring tribute to all Marine Corps Engineers, past, present and future in the Semper Fidelis Park at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Personalized and unit bricks available for purchase to be located adjacent to our Engineer Monument.

Sponsorship of engineer related formal school courses. Opportunity to sponsor any of the 1000 graduates in the 20 annual courses.

Bottom Line: MCEA provides a unique opportunity to connect or reconnect and maintain communication with Marine Corps engineers, the Marine Corps family, recognize outstanding performance of individual Marines and engineer and Seabee organizations and to leave a memorable legacy for our Marine Corps engineer brotherhood.

Reunions/Awards Banquets: Camp Lejeune, NC '92, '93, '99, '07, '15; Camp Pendleton, CA '94; '08, '14; Gatlinburg, TN '95; Wilmington, NC '96; Denver, CO '97; Savannah, GA '98; Quantico, VA '00, '10; Branson, MO '02, '12; Harrisburg, PA '03; Portland, OR '04; Myrtle Beach, SC '05; Boston, MA '06; Las Vegas, NV '09; San Diego, CA '11. Orlando, FL '13; Pala, CA '14, '16; Fredericksburg, VA '17; San Diego, CA 27-29 Sep 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Advancing From Good to Great

Only one word seems adequate to describe the year 2017 enjoyed by our Marine Corps Engineer Association. In a word, "Wow."

The theme I selected for our 2018 strategic initiative in the title above builds on the successful endeavors of the last year and incorporates a basic instinct for all Marines – **Take the initiative and advance. Always forward, never retreating.** We are well positioned for this strategy and let me tell you why.

A number of years ago, Association member Nelson Olf began individually funding a program whereby he sponsored every single graduate of the Basic Combat Engineer Officer Course during the year, providing them with a complimentary 3-year membership in MCEA. The program worked very well. So well, in fact, that four years ago, your Executive Committee took action to enlarge the program to include graduates from all Marine Engineer schools at the School House at Camp Lejeune, Ft. Leonard Wood and Ft. Lee for Marines successfully completing their career advancement training courses. The program does not apply to entry level schools. As a direct result, our membership levels have swelled with active duty members.

Our coffers are in great shape. Financially, I can attest that MCEA continues to set a high bar of monetary strength in comparison to other non-profit military associations. Our financials are presented for your review elsewhere in this Newsletter. Among other accomplishments, while executing our annual initiatives and programs within budget, we have managed to accrue an operating reserve in investments which allows our Association to operate for a full three years or more – even without the addition of funds we collect annually through dues, sponsorships and other donations.

In view of the above accomplishments, and in light of works in progress by members of your Executive Committee and various other members and sponsors, I am able to report to you that your MCEA stands strong and is continuing to gain strength over time.

During our 2017 Reunion and Awards Banquet in Fredericksburg last October, we conducted our usual welcome reception, annual business meeting and Marine Corps Engineer Awards banquet. To simply report that all of these events were successful would be an understatement. Indeed they were. Our Awards Banquet enjoyed the personal attendance of 14 of our 17 category award winners. Our Guest of Honor and keynote speaker was Brigadier General William J. Bowers, an engineer officer in our finest tradition and the current Commanding General of the Marine Corps Education Command and President of Marine Corps University. General Bowers' inspirational presentation and our honoring the Marine Corps' Best of the Best Engineers made for an evening full of excitement and well-deserved recognition for our now-generation Marines who are carrying on our long tradition of honorable and distinguished service. Trust me. If you had the opportunity to sit and talk with any of these remarkable young men (no women this year), you would be assured that our legacy is secure.

In a most remarkable innovation during last year's award ceremony, MCEA elected to recognize our first ever Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. We did so by selecting Major John Fasulo, USMC (Ret) to receive



this award. Have you ever served with, or been trained by, him? He is better known as **“Boom Boom Fasulo.”** Strike a chord of recognition? John is now in his late 80’s and, until the end of December, 2017, was still instructing at Ft. Lee in topics of demolitions and mine detection techniques for active duty Soldiers and Marines. He has been, for a very long time, responsible for the training and indisputable life-saving instruction needed to command the battlefield. A most deserving recipient, John was very humble in his acceptance speech. His story is also in this Newsletter.

Our 2018 annual reunion and awards banquet plans are underway. This year, we will convene on the West Coast in San Diego. The venue will be the Crowne Plaza San Diego close to the airport. Details and your registration form may be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please be sure to attend if you are able. We look forward to seeing and spending time with you and your guests. The awards banquet will be held the evening of Friday, September 28th and promises to exceed our past successful record in these events. Once again, we will recognize and honor the “Best of the Best” active duty Marines and units in engineer and EOD MOS’s.

Our annual reunion tour this year on Saturday, September 29th will be a group visit to the annual Miramar Air Show at the Marine Corps Air Station. Top Gun anyone? We will be reserving a limited number of special seats up front in the bleachers for the spectacle, so be sure to sign up early to ensure getting a seat reserved with our group in the stands. If you come to this one, please include a set of ear plugs for the event!

Your continued interest and support of all things Marine Corps Engineer are sincerely appreciated. We genuinely value your membership, your activities in support of our association goals, your financial support in the form of dues and sponsorship, and your communications of support and concern to help guide our leadership activities on your behalf. Your comments are always welcome.

God Bless and Semper Fi. Engineers Up!

Charlie

Charlie Dismore,
Major, USMC (Ret),
President



NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS



Dear Newsletter Readers,

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and another **MCEA Newsletter** has gone to print. Our newsletter is really a compilation of material submitted by several members of the MCEA Executive Committee; and, thankfully, they do a terrific job. I need to mention my assistants, Phil Foster and Gordon Strauss, who carefully proof read every word catching the inevitable mistakes and typos. George Carlson, our treasurer, deserves special recognition for maintaining all the statistical data in addition to the financial records. Charlie Dismore also deserves great credit for agreeing to continue as our president. Phil, Gordon, George and Charlie, thanks for your sage advice, counsel and encouragement.

Our history supplement, **Marine Corps Engineer Association History – 2018**, is once again a superbly written collection of articles recording for posterity a gamut of engineer related activities from World War I to the present. I am constantly amazed by the work of our historians, Phil Martin and Robin & Cyndee Gentry. Once again, they have produced a “must read” for Marine Corps Engineers.

As you read the updated lineage and history of the highlighted engineer units, I am sure you will recall with pride, the time you proudly served with “your” engineer unit(s). Please peruse the *Honor Roll* and the *In Memorium* pages. Hopefully, together these will help you remember your friends, the sea stories, the characters, the heroes, and the good and bad times that eternally bond you together. And, that is one of the explicitly stated purposes of our Association.

I would also add that another way to remember and bond together is to get involved further with the Marine Corps Engineer Association. If you haven't looked recently, check out the website at www.marcorengasn.org, it contains a wealth of information including photos and videos of past reunions and gatherings. Get motivated, volunteer to help, and encourage others to join.

I am looking forward to seeing you in September at the Reunion in San Diego.

Happy Reading,
Joel Cooley, MCEA Newsletter Coordinator

P.S. As we were getting ready to publish, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Colonel “Rip” Harper. Rip was a remarkable human being, Marine, engineer, and a truly inspiring man who will be greatly missed. His incredible life journey is detailed in *In Memorium*.

Engineers Up! is the annual newsletter of the Marine Corps Engineer Association (MCEA) published to provide members news and information about the activities of their association. Only a limited number of copies are printed to minimize costs; however, *Engineers Up!* is available to the general public on the MCEA website, www.marcorengasn.org.



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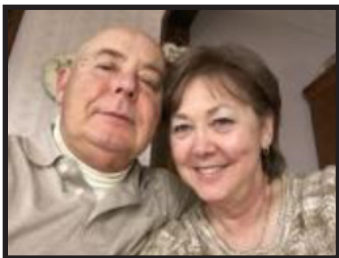
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ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

The Associate Directors for the MCEA are the main contact to the membership. We have 17 ADs covering regions over the country. Each has a responsible area of their state or region, to have contact with the membership of the MCEA. They insure that the contact information of each is current, transmit information to the membership, and monitor those who are ill or in distress. They offer condolence calls to family members when needed and let them know that the Association is there for any of their needs. These Marines give up their time to be the spokesmen for the MCEA for their members and should be recognized for their hard work. The Association is very grateful for their commitment to their Marines. As our membership grows, we are in need of ADs to assist in this vital work. Those that would like to step up, please contact Joe DeHart, Dmsgt123@gmail.com.





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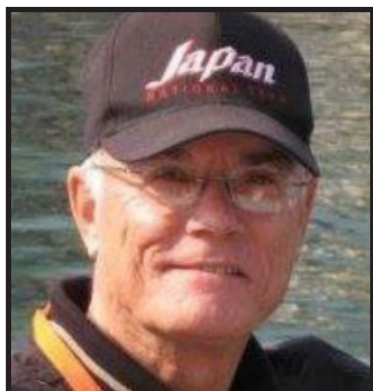
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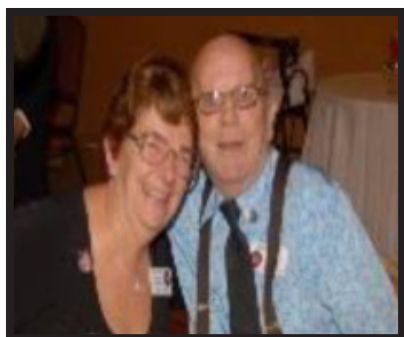


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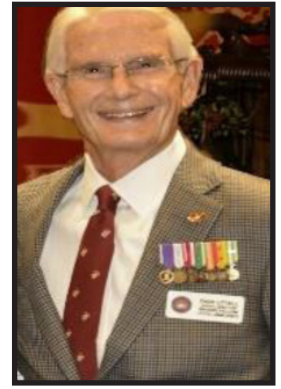
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These Marines give up their time to continue serving. If they contact you by phone, email, or letter, please respond in some way to let them know you are in good health and your contact information is correct.



HONOR ROLL

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

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IN MEMORIUM

IN MEMORIUM OF OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED ENGINEER BROTHERS

CHYTKA, Joseph M., 86, of Hernando, Florida, passed away on Feb. 23, 2017 in Hernando, Florida. He was born on Dec. 23, 1930 in Ganado to the late Joe and Alice Havran Chytka. Joseph was a 22 year U.S. Marines Corps veteran serving during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars where he worked as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. He moved to Hernando, Florida from Jacksonville, NC in 1986. Following his retirement from the Marine Corps he built boats for Chris Craft Corp. and worked in the diesel mechanic maintenance industry. Mr. Chytka was a member of St. Scholastica Catholic Church, Lecanto, Florida, VFW Post 4252, Hernando, Florida and the Marine Corps Engineer Association, Jacksonville, Florida. He enjoyed boating and saltwater fishing. Mr. Chytka was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jerome Chytka.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sr., Paul M., of East Haven, Connecticut died suddenly on October 26, 2017 in Yale New Haven Hospital. He was born in New Haven on August 27, 1950 to the late Andrew and Mary Viglione Constantinople. Paul served his country with honor during two tours in the Viet Nam War. After being honorably discharged he began work at Sargent & Co. He then went on to work at Conn Rail, which became Metro North where he worked as a ticket agent, retiring in April 2015. Paul served as a Police Commissioner and a Commissioner on the Civil Service Board for the Town of East Haven. He was also a teacher at Gateway Community College, a Justice of the Peace and owner of On Track Realty, LLC. Paul is the father of Paul (Florence) Constantinople, Jr., brother of Catherine (Barry) Rosenbloom and grandfather of Paul Michael Constantinople III, loving uncle of Tina Maturo, Andrew (Alicia), Gillian and Natasha Rosenbloom and great-uncle of Annabelle Rosenbloom and Marco Maturo. He is also survived by his former wife Vincenza Constantinople. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday morning at 10 a.m. in St. Michael Church and burial with military honors followed at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

MENKE, Ronald M., SSgt USMC (Ret), of Sneads Ferry, died Thursday, January 19, 2017 at his home. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at Jones Funeral Home, Jacksonville Chapel. Burial with military honors followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Beatrice Menke of Newburgh, NY; daughter, Anita Jones; and his first wife, Lorine Menke. He is survived by his wife, Donna Diane Menke; his son, Jeff Rice and his wife, Sabrina of Sneads Ferry; son-in-law, Jeremy Becker of Sneads Ferry; two brothers, Steve Menke of Smiths, AL and Barry Menke of Sneads Ferry; and three grandchildren.

MICKLEBORO, Harry C. Jr., was born October 17, 1923 in Marion Alabama. His parents were Estelle and Harry C. Mickleboro, Sr. Harry graduated at 16 years of age from Perry County High School and was Valedictorian. He attended Marion Military Institute and was also Valedictorian. He enrolled in Auburn Polytechnic Institute (now known as Auburn). Harry served in the Army and the Marine Corps, went to OCS and became a First Lieutenant. His first duty was to get the personal effects of fallen Marines and send them home. After WW II, Harry graduated from Auburn as an aeronautical engineer. He married Helen Cameron. They moved to Langley Air Base where Harry worked at NACA, the forerunner of NASA. He later worked and retired from Lockheed Martin. After Helen's passing, he later married Gwen Cash and they were happily married for 19 years. Harry worked diligently for Smyrna First United Methodist Church and Habitat for Humanity. He loved golf, bridge, and helping others. Harry is survived by his wife, Gwen; also, sons Marc (wife Melanie) and Glen (wife Mary); grandchildren Hillary (husband Heath) and Zach (wife Melissa); great grandchildren Sawyer and Fisher. Interment was in Georgia Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors.



JAMES AUSTIN 'RIP' HARPER

May 1, 1917 - February 14, 2018



wonderful care of Silverado Hospice.

He was born May 1, 1917, the second of eight children, to Hattie Myrtle Pitts and William Carl Harper, sharecroppers on the family farm outside of Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Rip's first school bus was a horse-drawn covered wagon. He acquired his nickname "Rip" in the 5th grade at Carr Central Elementary School. Rip earned the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 13.

While attending Carr Central High School, he joined the National Guard (Company B, 106th Engineer Battalion, 31st Division) in Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he became a Sergeant.

Rip worked 56 hours a week selling shoes in a department store making \$9 per week to save enough money to enroll at Mississippi State College in 1937. Rip played baseball under Coach Dudy Noble and Boo Farris was one of his teammates. He was a member of the Army ROTC and an honor military graduate. Rip was awarded the only Marine Corps commission of his graduating class. In Jan. 1943, Rip graduated with a Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering.

Rip was sworn into the United States Marine Corps Feb. 9, 1943. Rip completed Officer's Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia, and the Marine and the Marine Corps Engineering School at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In Aug. 1943, Rip became the Adjutant for the Marine Corps' Engineering School Battalion. It was during this time, he met Ensign Jane Clementson Moore, Navy nurse. They fell in love and married on Mar. 25, 1944 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Rip and Jane enjoyed 48 wonderful years of marriage until Jane's death in 1992.

Rip worked as the Adjutant for the 6th Engineer Battalion, serving in WWII on Guadalcanal and Okinawa. Rip participated in the ceremony at the surrender of Japanese military forces, Tsingtao, China, Oct. 25, 1945. During 1953 he served in the Korean War campaign. Rip received the Bronze Star, Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Purple Heart in recognition of his combat bravery and efficiency.

In 1957, he was selected by the Marine Corps to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he earned a Master's degree, in Civil Engineering. Rip went on to become the commanding officer of 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Pendleton, 1958.

Rip retired as a Colonel in 1968 from Headquarters Marine Corps and returned to Carlsbad, CA, where he started his civilian career as a Civil Engineer, at Woodward, Clyde and Assoc., San Diego. Rip engineered numerous projects throughout San Diego County, including the foundation for the San Diego Convention Center, Lindbergh Field Terminal 2, and the Marriott buildings.

Rip was a devoted, longtime member of St. Michael's by the Sea Episcopal Church. Rip was an active member in the All Saint's Cemetery Association. Rip considered his tenure at the cemetery as his third career, as a volunteer. He got satisfaction out of serving on the board and assisting families with burials. Rip took pride maintaining the historic grounds.

Rip was a world traveler. Rip visited his seventh continent, Antarctica, at age 95 where he walked with the penguins. Rip was an avid golfer and a lifelong athlete. Rip loved to sing. For his 100th birthday, he was invited to sing the National Anthem at Padres' Petco Park Stadium on Marine Corps Appreciation Day.

Rip is survived by his sister Linda Severtson, his two children James Carl Harper (Bonnie), Martha Kathleen Harper, Rena Walsemann-Gnadt (AFS daughter), three grandchildren, Kathleen Marie Minette (Damien), James Robert Harper (Bridget), Jackson Harper Wagner, and two great-grandchildren, Emmie and Davy Minette, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, Mar. 24, 2018 at 10:30 AM at St. Michael's by the Sea Episcopal Church, 2775 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad, CA 92008. Burial Location: All Saint's Cemetery, 200 Peyri Road, Oceanside, CA 92054.

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NICE, Lloyd Bradford “Nick”, LtCol USMC (Ret.), 85, born October 12, 1931 of Boscobel, Wisconsin, died on May 30, 2017. He was the only child of Lloyd Beitler Nice and Clara (Henry) Nice. As a youngster, Nick was instilled with a strong work ethic and the traits of kindness, respectfulness and humbleness. Nick became a nationally honored Eagle Scout when at age 17 he received the All- American Boy Scout Award for 1949 for a water rescue of two Kansas City residents. He graduated from Boscobel High School in 1950, played football for the University of Wisconsin at Madison for one year and graduated from Carroll College in 1954. He entered the Marine Corps in 1951. In addition to two tours in Viet Nam, he served his country in Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Japan, Puerto Rico, and Thailand. He retired in 1977 after 26 years of military service. Nick then worked for 19 years as the City Economic Developer for Boscobel. Nick was completely

involved in his community serving on many boards and associations for over 30 years. He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, Ducks Unlimited, and the Boscobel United Methodist Church. Nick was honored to be selected as Boscobel’s Citizen of the Year. He loved that he played a role in promoting conservation ethics along the Lower Wisconsin Riverway and instilling these ethics into his own sons who both became Conservation Wardens. An avid turkey hunter who assisted in securing the brand of Boscobel’s Wild Turkey Capitol for the area he loved, brought him great pride. Nick is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years, Beverly (Thomas) Nice; two sons, Nicholas (Sheila) Nice and Michael (Diane) Nice; a daughter, Tomi Ann Nice-Gebhard (Gene); and three grand-daughters. A funeral service was held on June 3rd at the Boscobel United Methodist Church with burial at the Boscobel Cemetery.

TURNER, George W., MSgt USMC (Ret.)84, of Jacksonville died Oct. 15, 2014, at Onslow Memorial Hospital. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and was an active member of Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church and The National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. (NABVETS). Survivors include his daughters, Serena Brinkley of Jacksonville, Sheri Vanhook of Winterville, Jorgette Mullins of Greenville; sisters, Mildred James, Iris Rogers, both of Washington, D.C., Mary Tyree of Atlanta, and Ruby Anderson of Ft. Washington, Maryland. The funeral was held at Sandy Run Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Joel Churchwell officiating. Interment with full military honors followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough
to maintain what I consider the most enviable of
all titles, the character of an honest man.

– *George Washington*



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Major John Fasulo, USMC (Ret.) was selected to receive the MCEA Lifetime Achievement Award. This was the first time the award has been presented and John certainly set an uncommonly high standard for those to follow. Below are pictures of the presentation and a reprint of the article from the Stars and Stripes newspaper highlighting his contributions to combat engineers for the last 67 years.



***Major General Niel E. Nelson USMC
presenting Major John “Boom Boom”
Fasulo with MCEA’s
Lifetime Achievement Award.***

***Friends and former explosives,
demolitions and mine warfare
students gather to honor John.***



MILITARY

Meet 'Dr. Demo'

Premier authority on explosives to retire after prestigious career

By MICHAEL S. DARNELL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Growing up in prewar New York City, John Fasulo was fascinated by the fireworks that revelers set off at the end of neighborhood festivals.

The dazzling displays of light, the sharp crack of gunpowder, the awe-inspiring science behind it all — things most people think about only for Independence Day — sparked a lifelong interest for Fasulo in all things explosive.

"I spent a lot of time in Brooklyn. Every summer, the Italians have feasts, and at the end of the feasts, they would have these fireworks," he said. "I took an interest in watching the fireworks and helping the guys out with them."

That curiosity formed the backbone of a decades-long Marine Corps career that took him to the frozen forests of Korea and the sweltering jungles of Vietnam. He pulled a thankful Ted Williams out of a river in Korea — a bitter pill for a lifelong Yankee fan — and befriended Medal of Honor recipients who say they're honored to know him.

Now, after a career that spanned the greater part of a century, the Marine nicknamed "Dr. Demo" and "Boom Boom" is ready to retire.

Eager to serve

His career almost didn't get off the ground.

"I was too small for the Marine Corps," Fasulo said. That's what a recruiter at the station "346 Broadway," he recalled, 67 years after the fact) told him. It was the beginning of the Korean War, and the recruiting station was full of men eager to serve. Standing just a hair over 5 feet tall, Fasulo must have been easy to overlook.

A higher-ranking officer, Maj. Louis Wilson, took a chance on him and approved his waiver. Wilson was a Medal of Honor recipient from World War II and would go on to become the 26th commandant of the Marine Corps.

"He goes over to the window and says, 'Come here,'" Fasulo recalled. "You're going to wish you'd jumped out of this window tonight when they get through with you at boot camp."

That didn't dissuade him. "I wanted to be a Marine," he said.

Fasulo enlisted in October 1950. Despite Wilson's warning, Fasulo said he managed recruit training just fine. "Boot camp was tough, but my father was tougher," he said.

He didn't get to Korea until 1952. During his deployment, which lasted more than a year, Fasulo spent a lot of time driving trucks. While far from what would come to define his career, it was a job that had its perks.

One day, he was ordered to help two men in a Jeep cross a river. The driver, ignoring Fasulo's offer, attempted to cross.

"About 10 to 15 feet from the bank, the water submerged them. It was rough," Fasulo said. "I turned my truck around and backed up. We pulled them out."

The driver was New York Yankee Jerry Coleman. The passenger was Ted Williams, who had been recalled to active duty after flying in World War II. Williams, the Red Sox star, thanked Fasulo. Coleman did not.

"Of all the people," Fasulo said, "Ted Williams."

'The prettiest thing'

After the armistice in 1953, Fasulo was often called

upon to train South Korean marines. He met a young waitress named Si Kyung at the local mess hall.

"She was the prettiest thing," he recalled. "She was 18 years old, and I was an old 24-year-old." They married in 1956 and are still together. They have two sons and a daughter, thanks to that chance meeting.

After the end of the fighting in Korea, Fasulo went to combat engineer school at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He trained Marines and soldiers in the years leading up to the Vietnam War, earning the rank of master sergeant.

He received his commission in 1966, and the next year, he was leading combat engineers in support of the 1st and 7th Marine regiments.

"When I got to Vietnam, I really worried more about my troops than I would myself," he said. "I didn't want any office job. ... I couldn't wait until I got a platoon."

The Marines put him to work clearing mines and creating landing zones out of jungle thicket. At night, the Viet Cong would place mines. In the morning, Fasulo and his men would go out and find them. It was dangerous work, but Fasulo considers himself one of the lucky ones.

"This one kid, he was going to leave (the) country in a couple of weeks. He didn't have to go out, but he volunteered (to) come out with my people," Fasulo said. "He puts his radio up and he's helping. All of the sudden, boom, he hits a mine. All we saw was his rifle stop."

Fasulo retired from active duty soon after the end of the Vietnam War, leaving as a major with 27 years of service under his belt. As a combat engineer, he had made a career out of teaching the art of bomb-making and defusing.

The next chapter

After retiring from active duty, Fasulo continued to work for more than 40 years. He's largely settled down now, spending his time at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, teaching new generations of warfighters vitally important skills. He became one of the premier authorities on demolitions. When something needed to be blown up, "Dr. Demo" was the one to call. That included a water tower that had sat at Quantico's Camp Goettge in Virginia for decades. When contractors couldn't bring it down, Fasulo did, using the mission as a moment of instruction for his class.

"Yeah, he taught engineering and he taught explosives, but he also taught people a lot of things about life," retired Medal of Honor recipient Col. Harvey C. Barnum Jr. told Stars and Stripes. "He will be a role model for a long time. I admire the guy."

Fasulo and Barnum taught demolition and weaponry, respectively, to new troops at The Basic School at Quantico.

"His name preceded him. The thing was, when the major talked, you listened," Barnum said. "He had so much in that little frame it goes to show you don't have to be 6-foot-4, 250 pounds to be a Marine leader."

Fasulo, now 86, is long removed from the boy whose face was illuminated by sparks in the Brooklyn night sky.

Over the years, he's contemplated retiring for good, always pushing it back to "next year." But after more than 60 years, Fasulo is retiring at the end of 2017. He said he's leaving because he simply can't give anything less than his best to the troops he trains.

A career full of memories is behind him, but his most cherished accomplishment, he said: "I was a Marine."

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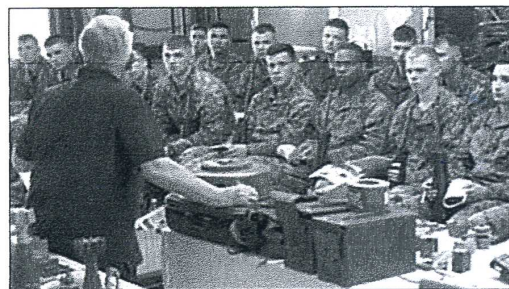
Courtesy of John Fasulo

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. John Fasulo manages a length of detonating cord at a demonstration during his time as an instructor at The Basic School in Quantico, Va..



PHOTOS BY JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Above and below: Fasulo talks about explosive devices during a class for Marines at U.S. Army Garrison Fort A.P. Hill, Va., in June 2017.



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Col. Harvey C. Barnum Jr.
retired Medal of Honor recipient



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NAPPI, LOU LTCOL USMC (RET)
O'KELLEY JR, JIM COL USMC (RET)
PANKEY, PAUL COL USMC (RET)
PARTHENON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
PRICE, DON MSGT USMC (RET)
RANISZEWSKI, TONY LTCOL USMC (RET)
SCHLENK, BERNARD 1ST SGT USMC (RET)
SEBASTIAN, DAVE MAJ USMC (RET)
SHORTER, JAMES SSGT USMC
SILER, PAT
SKIPPER, CHUCK COL USMC (RET)
SOUTHLAND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
STAGEDOOR LIGHTING COMPANY
SUTTON, JERRY CAPT USMC (RET)
TAYLOR SR, JOHN MAJ USMC (RET)
TIEBOUT, ROBERT LTGEN USMC (RET)
TOWNSEND, ED MAJOR USMC (RET)
VOGELSINGER, BRUCE LTCOL USMC (RET)
WATERHOUSE, MARK CAPT USMC (RET)
WILSON, NATE CWO4 USMC (RET)
WING, JACK CWO3 USMC (RET)
YOUNG, JOHN LTCOL USMC (RET)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCEA & MAIL TO: MCEA, 6998 HIGHWAY 64E, WARTRACE, TN 37183-3057



Brick Program



Tony Raniszewski

It has now been four 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 199 bricks already purchased and 198 of those already installed. Our next installation date for 1 brick is April 2018. MCEA is continuing this program with periodic purchases approximately 3 times per year. Our next deadline for purchasing a brick will be the end of August 2018.

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://marcorengasn.org/fyi/24-2/>

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.



Hard work spotlights the character of people; some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses and some don't turn up at all.

– Sam Ewing, a professional writer



MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

2018 REUNION ITINERARY

San Diego, CA ~ September 27 – 29, 2018

Crowne Plaza San Diego Hotel

2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 / Ph: (866) 257-7930

Hotel Rates Between September 24 and October 1:

Check in after 3 p.m. Take advantage of the generous hotel discount rates for our association (\$112 available for our event between September 24th and October 1st; \$5 daily parking fee for personal or rental vehicles at the hotel.) Enjoy yourselves with all the sights to see!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

- Welcome to the Crowne Plaza San Diego Hotel; Check-in after 3 p.m.; \$112 room rates
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Registration/Reception with cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres; biz casual attire. Cost = \$25
- Dinner and rest of the evening on your own

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

- Breakfast on your own
- 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Association Business Meeting with coffee/teas. Biz casual attire. No Charge.
- Lunch is on your own
- 6 p.m. Registration – Cocktails available from the cash bar. Coat & tie (miniature medals optional); MCL Red Blazer; Service A uniform for active duty; informal evening attire for ladies. Cost = \$75 per person (\$85 per person for late registrations received after September 5, 2018)
- 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner served, followed by Awards Program

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

- Breakfast on your own
- 10:30 a.m. Van departs hotel for Marine Corps Air Station to attend annual air show. **Register early to ensure a spot for both the limited number of reserved seats and on the van!** Casual attire/walking shoes. Lunch will be on your own at the air station. Cost = \$35 for reserved bleacher seats plus an additional \$10 fee if you want to ride the rental van to the air show with the group.
- Be sure to bring **sun screen** and **ear protection** (plugs, muffs, or other devices) to protect yourselves
- 4:30 p.m. (Approximate – depends on air show completion time) Bus returns to the hotel.
- 6:30 – 8 p.m. Join us in the hospitality room for final goodbyes.

Hotel check out time is 12 p.m. Thanks for coming!

Registration Form available on line at www.marcorengasn.org

MCEA, 6998 Highway 64 E, Wartrace, Tennessee 37183



ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Mailing address: MCEA, 6998 Hwy 64 E, Wartrace, TN 37183-3057

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/active reserve 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 27-29 September 2018 reunion will find us at the Crowne Plaza San Diego Hotel in San Diego, CA. Room rates are \$112. Hope to see you all there!

As you can see by reading the minutes and reviewing the financial status report, we continue to maintain 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 awards or 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 2018 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 George Carlson 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.



CORPORATE MEMBERS

Corporate Members/Sponsors

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AS MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM!

Caterpillar Inc. Defense & Federal Products (**Sponsor of Engineer Support Battalion Unit Award**)

Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Association (**Sponsor of Bulk Fuel Individual Awards**)

Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) (**Sponsor of Awardee Banquet Costs**)

Terragroup Corporation (**Sponsor of Utilities Individual Awards**)

VFW Post 9010 Clemmons, NC (**Sponsor of Combat Engineer Individual Awards**)

TREASURER'S REPORT

MCEA remains in solid financial condition. While we again had a small “loss” for the year, three factors are of longer term importance: First, the Executive Committee continues to work to match Reunion Fees to Reunion Expenses. Second, the EC is taking action to improve both member and corporate support. Third, is the “loss” due to our continued “investment” (which still has to be expensed) of \$2,310 in unit bricks at our engineer monument.

The important factor in our financial health remains our solid reserve. We have sufficient funds in savings to operate for four years at the current level with NO additional income from dues, donations, or reunion fees! Of course, we will not call a halt to any of those revenue sources.

One final observation is appropriate. When an entity such as ours is attempting to grow a reserve, no one gets upset if we only grow by \$7,000 instead of our original projection of \$10,000 – a \$3,000 shortfall on our projection. But, when we reach a point of having more than sufficient reserve and attempt to operate at a “break even” point, a loss of \$750 sounds “terrible” to some. Our “loss” for 2017 represents less than 3% of our operating budget and only 0.5% (a half of 1%) of our equity.



MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017

	<u>31-Dec-16</u>	<u>31-Dec-17</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings	134,960.67	132,652.33
Total Accounts Receivable	1,987.82	90.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>5,931.53</u>	<u>7,489.37</u>
Total Current Assets	142,880.02	140,231.70
Total Fixed Assets	<u>4,344.87</u>	<u>4,344.87</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>147,224.89</u>	<u>144,576.57</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Total Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>4,227.82</u>	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>4,227.82</u>	<u>90.00</u>
EQUITY	<u>145,833.01</u>	<u>144,486.57</u>

MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT 2017

	<u>2017 TOTAL</u>
INCOME	
Total 41000 • GF-Direct Public Support	14,860.42
Total 43000 • GF-Program Income	9,440.00
Total 47000 • GF-Investments Earnings	1,185.89
Total 48000 • GF-Sales Related Income	23.62
Total 49000 • GF-Other Income	18.85
72300 • GF-Gifts-in-Kind (Services)	<u>231.60</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>25,760.38</u>
EXPENSE	
Total 60000 • GF-General Management Expense	229.16
Total 60500 • GF-Contract Services	838.20
Total 61000 • GF-Recruiting and Goodwill	4,052.54
Total 65000 • GF-Operations	1,285.84
Total 67000 • GF-Program Expenses	19,873.54
87550 • GF-Web Spt Svc Gifts-in-Kind	<u>231.60</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>26,510.88</u>
NET INCOME	<u>(750.50)</u>

MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2017

Dues Current	1,922	(93.1% are War Veterans)
Dues Delinquent	54	
Deceased	<u>365</u>	
TOTAL MEMBERS	<u>2,341</u>	



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

2017 REUNION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES AGENDA ITEMS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

08:30 – Call to order

1. CHAPLAIN – INVOCATION AND HONOR ROLL REPORT

- o Chaplain Paul Pankey opened the meeting with prayer and invocation for guidance and wisdom to govern the matters of the Association. He then read the Honor Roll of members who have passed during the past year.

2. DISCUSSION OF CONTINUING SUNDAY MISSIVE WEEKLY POSTS

- o Charlie opened the conversation by posing the question of whether MCEA should continue to publish a weekly Sunday Missive with Christian intent to serve our membership. Our purpose and goals are not religious in nature and some members have voiced disapproval of the practice; there have been members in the past who dropped their membership out of dispute or have unsubscribed from our iContact database in objection. In addition, there may be legal reasons not to subject our non-profit status to scrutiny for religious observance.
- o While we presently are being served in the capacity of Chaplain by a member who also happens to be an ordained minister, it is likely that future members serving in this post will not have the same religious training and background. Additionally, imposing a requirement for publishing a weekly communication may not be appropriate in either time or research requirements for future MCEA Chaplains.
- o Observations were made by assembled members that, while our bylaws do not make a case for religious comment, the congress, state governments and many other associations and organizations follow religious practices that include prayer and requests for religious support of members and families of the deceased, ailing and needful.
- o Tom Dalzell made a case for continuation by stipulating that failure to follow religious guidance has been a primary factor in the decline and degradation of our society as a whole.
- o A motion was made to vote on continuing the Sunday Missive by Bill Ford and seconded by Mark Swanstrom. In the discussion that followed, suggestions were made to shorten the current format and emphasize support in prayer and concern for members of whom we have information leading to concern for health and well-being.
- o By a margin of 2 to 1 of the assembled members, the decision was made to continue the Sunday Missive with slight modifications.

3. NATIONAL MARINE CORPS COUNCIL REPORT – CHARLIE DISMORE

- o On Saturday morning, October 14th, Charlie represented MCEA in a semi-annual meeting of the National Marine Corps Council. We have been members for some time, but have not been active with the group of late. Other representative members who have in common both the military and civilian support of the Marine Corps include, for example, the Marine Corps League, Women Marines Association, and many others – my roster shows a total of 40 of us organizations, groups and associations.



- o Lead speaker was our Assistant Commandant, General Glenn Walters who broached the subject of social media in today's society and, most specifically, the recent sex photo scandal involving the Marine Corps.
- o Briefs were provided by HQMC Retirement Branch, the Marine Corps Association, Young Marines, Women Marines Association and each of the attending organizations were provided time to briefly inform the group as to our current business, scheduled reunion dates and general information.

4. 2017 MCEA PROJECTS – CHARLIE DISMORE

- o SSgt Reckless Monument at Camp Pendleton – Contribution of \$500
- o EWS Outstanding Engineer Graduate Award – Ammo Box Trophy
- o 2017 Annual Sapper Competition (Brad Foore and Rip Harper) – MCEA purchased and presented plaques to the winning squad of the annual competition
- o TD-18 Dozer Return to Courthouse Bay Support
- o Plaques for TD-18 Restoration Team
- o 2017 Marine Engineers and Engineer Units Awards Program

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – JOE DEHART AND GEORGE CARLSON

- o Dues current: 1,771
- o Deceased: 363
- o Total: 2,134 (increase of 496 over the past year)
- o Of Dues Current Members, 266 are Life Members, 1,264 are active duty/active reserve, 22 are Warrior Angels, 81 are Other Next of Kin, and 5 are foreign officers.

6. CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT – BILL FORD AND GEORGE CARLSON

- o Caterpillar
- o TerraGroup
- o Endeavor Robotics
- o Transshield-USA
- o Award Sponsors
 - i. Society of American Military Engineers
 - ii. Ms. Trudi Latka
 - iii. Mr. Ken Osterman
 - iv. VFW Post 9010
 - v. Dr. Robert Wolff
- o Non-Renewing Corporate Members
 - i. HNTB Corporation
 - ii. Leica Geosystems
 - iii. Quality Support, Inc.
 - iv. Commander's Concepts Commissioning
 - v. RJS Construction

7. WEB SITE REPORT – GEOFF NICELY, WEBMASTER

- o Geoff reported the inception of our web site in 2005 and its improvements over the intervening period. He is especially aware of, and responsive to, attempts from hackers to access our database. We continue to improve and protect our site.

8. HEADQUARTERS, MARINE CORPS BRIEF – MIKE BOYD

- o Mike provided a detailed brief on HQMC activities including global force disposition, current engineer and EOD occupational field numbers (over 18 MOS's), current issues: including joint assault bridging, mine/countermine operations and battlefield fuel distribution; and experimentation with technology, new equipment and tactical operations. He also enumerated current projects underway at Code LPE, closing with a photo brief of our current active duty and civilian leadership organization chart.



9. MARINE CORPS ENGINEER SCHOOLS BRIEF – RICHARD SMITH

- o “Smitty” is a previous commanding officer of the schoolhouse and currently serves as civilian Deputy Director. He provided detailed staff and instructor assignments, plus an update on current operating instruction in bridging, urban breaching, construction, fell standing timber, base camp planning, obstacle breaching, route recon and clearance, small craft mechanic, utilities, water production and distribution, electrical power production and distribution, electrical equipment repair, refrigeration and air conditioning,

10. SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS BRIEF – JOE SCHROEDEL

- o SAME was ably represented by Col. Nick Desport, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Programs, Membership and Post Operations. Nick did not make a presentation at the business meeting, but made his appearance before the membership and invited guests at the awards banquet. In addition to presenting SAME’s annual awards for Marine Engineers supporting joint operations, he presented a current status of SAME purpose and initiatives, posing continuing dedication to consolidating and coordinating joint military and civilian engineer efforts to further the goals of all our organizations.

11. BRICK PROGRAM REPORT – TONY RANISZEWSKI

- o Tony reported on current program progress and provided status of the number of bricks available, annual results to date, pursuit of accounting for every known engineer unit since World War 1 with its own brick, and the initiative to continue to sell bricks and sanctify our Marine Corps Engineer Monument with their installation as we are able to support funding and processing orders from members and interested parties.

12. NEWSLETTER REPORT – JOEL COOLEY

- o Joel was congratulated for the outstanding document he and his team of editors compiled and published earlier this year. For an organization of our size to produce such a splendid work is unique and most gratifying. The 2017 Newsletter is available to all on the home page of our web site.

13. HISTORICAL SUPPLEMENT – PHIL MARTIN AND ROBIN GENTRY

- o Likewise, Phil and Robin were presented with unanimous appreciation for their 2017 history document. Their contributions in time and resulting quality work were recognized by the attending members. The 2017 Historical Supplement is available to all on the home page of our web site.

14. 2018 REUNION – CHARLIE DISMORE AND TONY RANISZEWSKI

- o Tony and Charlie briefed the meeting concerning dates, location and general outline of our reunion and awards banquet for next year. Dates are September 27-29 in San Diego. Host hotel is the San Diego Crowne Plaza near the airport. We will hold our welcome reception on Thursday evening, conduct the business meeting on Friday morning and follow with the awards event that evening. On Saturday, our annual tour will attend the Miramar Air Show featuring the Blue Angels, with a wrap-up farewell gathering at the hotel that night. More details will be provided as the dates approach. Remaining to be determined will be the possibility of attending an MCRD recruit graduation on Friday.

15. 2018 ANNUAL MCEA AWARDS PROGRAM – CHARLIE DISMORE

- o As we learned last year, the annual engineer awards program will be conducted by Code LPE at Headquarters, Marine Corps for nominee solicitation of individuals and units. They will gather the nominations from around the Corps, convene a screening board to determine the winning Marine and Unit in each category, and publish the results in a MarAdmin document, likely to be released next June. MCEA will then contact the winning nominees and proceed to conduct our annual awards banquet as we have in the past.



16. 2019 REUNION – DISCUSSION FOR LOCATIONS

- o Meeting attendees were presented with the opportunity to propose locations for our 2019 reunion event. Members brought up several favored cities, including Austin, Chicago, St. Louis, Nashville, San Antonio and New Orleans. No determination has been made to date; however, there have been several follow-up recommendations supporting San Antonio as potential host city. It may also be noted that the host hotel chain that served us this year in Fredericksburg also owns and runs two historic hotels in San Antonio, both just a short way from the Alamo and the River Walk. More details to follow. It was interesting that all of the suggested locales for 2019 were in the middle of the country rather than on either coast.

17. WARRIOR ANGEL PROGRAM – JOE DEHART

- o Joe reported we currently have 22 members of this new member group in just the last 2 years since inception. Two of those members are in attendance at this reunion with more hoping to attend future meetings.

18. COURSE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM – CHARLIE DISMORE AND GEORGE CARLSON

- o Since the expansion of our course graduate program three years ago, our membership rolls have swelled with the addition of active duty Marines graduating from advanced training at Marine Corps Schools commands being presented with complimentary 3-year memberships. These memberships are funded by MCEA volunteer contributions dedicated to this program. In several instances, course grads have renewed their memberships after the initial gratis period, resulting in greater numbers of recruited members than we experienced previously using customary recruiting media. Efforts will be increased to pursue additional member contributions to continue this worthwhile program.

19. MCEA LEADERSHIP CHANGES

- o Charlie reported on the successful expansion this year of our MCEA Executive Committee from the previous number of 10 to now 16 member volunteers electing to join our leadership group. Solicitations were made membership-wide with the result that 6 new leaders were identified to join the effort to run our Association's business affairs. The 6 new joins include:
 - i. Robert "Bo" Hellman
 - ii. Steven Medeiros
 - iii. Wayne Bennett
 - iv. Michael McCarthy
 - v. Glenn Daehnke
 - vi. Ed Montanez

20. 2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- o Officers returning from prior period election to continue in their current billet for the next term include:
 - i. Vice President – Tony Raniszewski
 - ii. 2nd Vice President – Joe DeHart
 - iii. Treasurer – George Carlson
 - iv. Chaplain – Paul Pankey
 - v. Historian – Phil Martin and Robin Gentry serving jointly
- o Officer positions open for election include those of Secretary, currently vacant, and that of President, currently held but available to any member who wishes to place their name in consideration. Membership-wide solicitations were made in advance of the reunion via email blast requesting both nominations and self-volunteers for both the Secretary and President posts. In response, Glenn Daehnke placed his name in nomination for the post of Secretary. During the meeting, request for other nominations from the floor or volunteers to vie for this post was posed. There being none, Glenn Daehnke was elected to the officer position of Secretary by acclamation.



- o Prior to this reunion, the president indicated (by discussion with the Executive Committee on numerous monthly conference calls and by email notification to MCEA membership) his willingness to step down from the post in favor of new leadership. Solicitation was made by both email requests for volunteers as well as a request for nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. There were none. In light of the ongoing need for this post to be filled, Charlie indicated his willingness to continue in the post for one more year. Vote was taken with all in favor and none dissenting. This position will become vacant at our next reunion and volunteers will once again be requested.
- o Newly elected officers:
 - i. Secretary – Glenn Daehnke
 - ii. President – Charlie Dismore

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Final comment on 2017 annual business meeting minutes: The minutes submitted to our membership above are not intended to convey every detail of conversation or discussion we held at the meeting. Rather, summary activities have been presented and votes, where they occurred, are reported in accordance with our bylaws. In the event any member wishes to pursue additional information from the business meeting, he or she is welcome to present their inquiries or comments to the president or any member of the Executive Committee.

*Respectfully submitted,
Charlie*

Charlie Dismore
President

WARRIOR ANGELS

The Warrior Angel program is for the deceased member's family to continue to be involved in the MCEA. It helps them to stay in touch with friends that they have acquired over the years through the MCEA. It also brings together those who have suffered a loss and are going through their new life journey and it keeps the memory of their Marine Engineer alive and in the hearts of the MCEA. To Date there are 21 Warrior Angels. Anyone wanting information on the program, please contact Joe DeHart at Dmsgt123@gmail.com. Project for this year is to make a quilt, with each patch being of a lost Marine Engineer.



2017 REUNION AND AWARDS

MCEA 2017 REUNION AFTER ACTION REPORT

The Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia was the location for the 2017 reunion and awards banquet from October 16 through October 18. Rooms were blocked for attendees during the scheduled dates at \$105 per night.

To observe that this year's events were "successful" would seem to be an understatement. A total of 132 attended the reunion. The Executive Committee heard many, many times from members, guests and Marines attending how well everything turned out. Starting with the venue and high caliber of performance by the hotel staff and the quality of the food served, each piece of the action was conducted with high efficiency and timed to near perfection.

The welcome reception on October 16 saw all but four of the attendees who pre-registered attend and there were four paying walk-ins. The amount of food turned out to be almost exact, with only 10 Swedish meatballs left in the buffet service at the end – and those were being addressed by one of the young Marines as the remainder was retiring to the hospitality suite to extend the evening (which also turned out to be a lot of fun).

The business meeting on Wednesday morning, the 17th, ran about 3 hours following the agenda with necessary business, lively discussion and votes required to complete the purpose of the gathering. Briefs were prepared in advance. Joe DeHart reported the membership increases from last year, work done by our Associate Directors and increasing the number of Warrior Angels. Also in the mix were highly informative briefs by Mike Boyd from HQMC and Richard Smith from Marine Corps schools. Charlie Dismore was pleased to report the business conducted on the previous Saturday morning by the National Marine Corps Council and the briefs received from the Assistant Commandant, civilian head of the Retirement Branch and other members of the Council representing Marine Corp Associations and Affiliates from all over. Additional business meeting details can be found in the preceding section of this newsletter.



The awards banquet the evening of the 17th was well attended, with only three no-shows who pre-registered and eight last-minute registrants. The program began and ended with the Invocation and Benediction from Chaplain Paul Pankey. Of the seventeen awards to be delivered, only four individuals were not able to attend due to deployment. The Guest of Honor, Brigadier General Bowers, delivered a rousing and inspirational speech and served as an exemplary presenter for all of the awards along with several sponsors. Photographs and video were taken to share with the membership on the MCEA web site.

The memorial service at the MCEA Engineer Monument on Thursday morning, the 18th, was well attended and Tony Raniszewski organized an amazing time of fellowship and sharing. The National Museum of the Marine Corps never fails to impress and the food at Tun Tavern was just great.

The put-up and tear-down of six customary display tables were efficient and timely, thanks to the advance preparations and oversight of Tony. It took less than 90 minutes to handle both ends of those activities. Thank to all who participated in those tasks.

The farewell gathering Thursday night in the hospitality room was light, with only 5 attending. However, about twelve stalwarts gathered in the downstairs restaurant and bar to enjoy the band and dancing. More fun and sharing!

Thanks to the EC members who attended for their generous participation and support as supportive hosts to all guests and for representing the membership through their assistance, handling numerous details and taking the initiative as required.

REUNION FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Awards Net Gain (Loss):.....	\$2032.56
Welcome Reception:.....	\$135.30
Business Meeting:.....	(\$170.22)
Banquet:.....	(\$2.14)
MCEA Monument Ceremony & MNNC Tour:	\$35.00
Reunion Admin:	(\$331.83)
Ancillary Costs:	(\$355.65)
Net Gain Overall:.....	\$1,343.02
Less: Excess from Sponsorships:	\$2,032.56
Effective Gain/Loss:	(\$689.54)

“Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it---but sail we must, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.”

– *Oliver Wendell Holmes*



2017 MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	CAPT ISIAIAH L. CAMEJO	Combat Logistics Battalion 3
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	SSGT CODY T. PALFREYMAN	Combat Logistics Battalion 3
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	SGT PETER T. LESAUSKI	1st Combat Engineer Battalion
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	LCPL DAVID L. WILLIAMS	7th Engineer Support Battalion
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO4 MARLON T. PORCHE	9th Engineer Support Battalion
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	SSGT ERIC L. EPPS	8th Engineer Support Battalion
ENGR EQUIPMENT NCO	SGT GREGGORY P. SGARLATA	7th Engineer Support Battalion
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	LCPL MATTHEW J. ARNDT	Combat Logistics Battalion 8
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO2 CHARLES J. BELL	9th Engineer Support Battalion
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT JONATHAN B. SALAS	Marine Wing Support Squadron 372
UTILITIES NCO	SGT ANDREW D. SEPULVEDA	Marine Wing Support Squadron 372
UTILITIES MARINE	LCPL JEREMY HERNANDEZ	9th Engineer Support Battalion
EOD OFFICER	CWO2 DAVID B. SOUTHERLAND	7th Engineer Support Battalion
EOD TECHNICIAN	SSGT NICHOLAS KLING	7th Engineer Support Battalion
COMBAT ENGINEER BN	1st COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION	1st Marine Division
ENGINEER SPT BN	9th ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION	3rd Marine Logistics Group
MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY	MARINE WING SUPPORT DETACHMENT 31	2nd Marine Aircraft Wing
S.A.M.E. OFFICER OF THE YEAR	CWO5 RICHARD L. CORDES	NAVSUP
S.A.M.E. SNCO OF THE YEAR	MGYSGT JOSE L. SALAZAR	NAVSUP

“The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”

– “Theodore Roosevelt”



MCEA OUTSTANDING ENGINEER AWARDS:

COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR

CAPT CAMEJO

Award presented by Trudie Latka, a Gold Fellow sponsor.



COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO OF THE YEAR

SSGT PALFREYMAN

Award presented by Trudie Latka and BGen Bowers, Guest of Honor.



COMBAT ENGINEER NCO OF THE YEAR

SGT LESAUSKI

Sgt Lesauski was deployed during the reunion. LtCol Haar, CO, 1st CEB presented the award upon his return. Bo Hellman represented MCEA at the battalion awards formation.



ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

CWO4 PORCHE



ENGINEER EQUIPMENT SNCO OF THE YEAR
SSGT EPPS



ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR
CPL ARNDT



UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR

CWO2 BELL

Award presented by Jason Parrish

Terragroup Corporation, Sponsor of the Utilities Awards.



UTILITIES SNCO OF THE YEAR

SSGT SALAS



UTILITIES NCO OF THE YEAR
SGT SEPULVEDA



EOD OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CWO2 SOUTHERLAND



EOD TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

SSGT KLING



COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE YEAR

1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

The Commanding Officer and proud 1st CEB representatives display their award sponsored by Trudie Latka in memory of Captain Donald W. Sumner USMC (Ret.).



ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION OF THE YEAR

9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION

1st Lt Kruse representing 9th ESB accepts the award presented by Scott Tomblin on behalf of Caterpillar Inc. Defense and Federal Products.



MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY OF THE YEAR

MARINE WING SUPPORT DETACHMENT 31



THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS AWARDS:

S.A.M.E. USMC ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR CWO5 CORDES



S.A.M.E. USMC ENGINEER SNCO OF THE YEAR MGYSGT SALAZAR



2017 MCEA AWARDEES



*S.A.M.E. Deputy Executive
Director, Col. Nick Desport,
USAF (Ret.).*



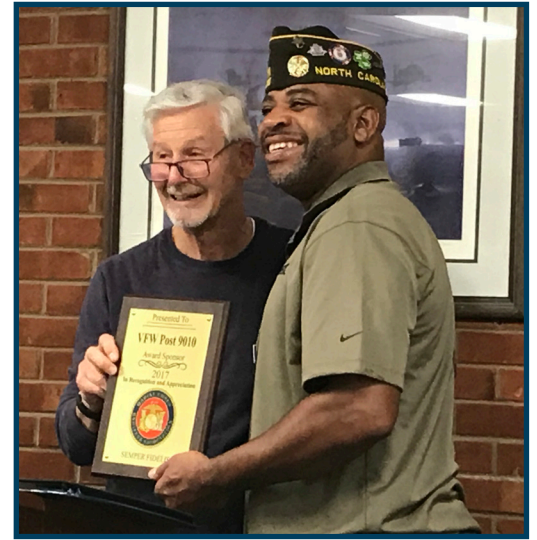
*MCEA
President
thanking
our Guest
of Honor,
BGen Bowers
USMC.*



*Scott Tomblin, Caterpillar
Inc. Defense & Federal
Products, sponsor
of Engineer Support
Battalion Unit Award.*



MCEA member Hank Rudge presents plaque to VFW Post 9010 Junior Vice Commander, Will Bethea, in appreciation for the Post's sponsorship of the 2017 Combat Engineer individual awards.



OUTSTANDING 2017 ENGINEER GRADUATE OF THE EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE SCHOOL



Captain Stokes receives the MCEA sponsored award from EWS Director, Colonel Robert Fulford, while LtCol Mike Kelly, 1302 Occupational Field Sponsor, looks on.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AWARDS BANQUET



*The Welcome Reception
Was Well Attended*

*The Piper
Opened the Ceremony*



*The Color Guard
Presented the Colors*





*It Was a Time to be
Thankful*



A Time to Remember



A Time to Honor





*A Time for
Great Food and
Conversations*

*A Time to
Congratulate an
Award Recipient*



*A Time to
Greet Old
Friends*





*A Time to Make
New Friends*



A Time for Fun



*A Time for
Sea Stories*



ENGINEER MONUMENT CEREMONY



*Engineer Monument
Ceremony Attendees Gather*

*MCEA VP Leading
Monument Ceremony*



*Lunch at
Tun Tavern*



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MCEA Windshield Decal 4 ¼" dia, color	\$4.00
Money clip	\$7.50
Car Magnet (crossed flag)	\$6.00
Key Chain	\$6.50
Seabee Medallion	\$7.00
Stickers, EG & A	\$3.50
T Shirt (S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$13.00
T Shirt (3XL)	\$15.00



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