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Patriotism, Valor and Sacrifices of
Marine Corps Engineers - Past and Present.

ENGINEERS UP!

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Thanks, Charlie!

In recognition of his inspiring leadership as President of our Marine Corps Engineer Association from January 2014 to September 2018, the 2019 Newsletter is dedicated to Major Charles L. Dismore, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired).

During his five years as President, Charlie oversaw a major reorganization of MCEA’s leadership and responsibility structure as we moved from an Executive Director style of management to a more distributive model with increased and defined responsibilities assigned to an expanded Executive Committee. Additionally, he insured the smooth transition of the MCEA Annual Engineer Awards program sponsorship to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (Installations & Logistics). During his tenure, membership significantly increased through sponsorship of graduates of engineer courses above the entry level. Despite personal business concerns, twice he selflessly agreed to serve another year as president. Charlie’s genuine warmth, down to earth manner, obvious affection for Marines and the Marine Corps and his dedication to MCEA’s purpose, have left a lasting mark that sets a high standard for all of us to follow.

Thank you, Mr. President.
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“Path Charted, Obstacles Known, Breach & Continue the Advance”

If Charlie said 2017 could only be described as “Wow” then I can only say 2018 was “Wow and milestones too!”

The theme I selected for our 2019 strategic initiative in the title above both captures one facet of military engineers but also builds on the successful endeavors of the past several years, most especially the tenure and efforts of the immediate past President, Charlie Dismore. Charlie has guided MCEA from the original organization that placed nearly all the load on one or two people to one that has “distributed” the load to some 17 people who have picked up pieces, both large and small. And that doesn’t count our Associate Directors who have through it all maintained basic membership contact. That’s very easy to write but is a lot harder to do. Parcelling out tasks and responsibilities is the easy part. Ensuring that the communication and coordination is in place to allow it to function seamlessly – that’s the hard part and Charlie did it in superb fashion.

I have to insert a few personal words. I am not pleased to serve as both President and Treasurer, but I recognize that it was the only realistic choice at the time. I am thrilled to be your President as I have devoted much to this organization and relish the opportunity to serve. The combination is what makes me … uneasy, uncomfortable (I don’t know the right word). There is at least some sense of a potential for conflict of interest. But I recognize it and understand that, for now, it needs to be. But more on that later. The most significant action in the transfer of the Presidency was Charlie’s willingness to continue to coordinate the Annual Awards and the Annual Reunion with the help of the Vice President, Tony Raniszewski. That was just one more step in Charlie’s innate ability to further divide responsibilities and without which I would not and could not serve as both your President and Treasurer.

As I think about what MCEA is and does, the top-most item is the Annual Reunion, but particularly the Awards Banquet. In 2018, for the first time (as far as any of us has been able to establish) EVERY one of our award recipients was able to be present. While that is due in no small part to a decrease in combat deployments and also the relaxing of restrictions on travel funds, I see it as primarily an indicator of the importance placed on our awards throughout the Marine Corps. Shift of much of the “mechanics” to HQMC, Code LPE has helped, but the ultimate bottom line is that the MCEA Awards are recognized and appreciated Corps-wide.

Charlie addressed the origins of the Course Sponsorship program in last year’s letter. We continue to tweak the program to ensure that all Marine engineers and EOD up through company grade officers are fully included. The results, besides bolstering our current active duty membership, are slowly coming to fruition. Right now, it is a “little snowball” near the crest of the hill, but it is growing slowly. As a realist, I never thought it would produce a vast number of “re-ups” once those complimentary memberships expired, but I did think it would plant a seed. Maybe a few years after EAS or retirement, engineers would think about getting reconnected. Maybe we could challenge the active duty members to help us make MCEA something of value while they
were “aboard.” Both those remain as possibilities, but there are challenges involved. 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. Our reserves are enviable among veterans’ organizations, even the “big guys.” The most significant change that made my acceptance of the Presidency feasible was the EC agreement to hire a bookkeeping firm. We have engaged Creek Road Consulting, LLC for that function. Their principal, Ms. Shawna Davenport is bluntly, ideal. She has an MS in accounting and is experienced in both non-profit work and in our accounting software, QuickBooks. While I retain the full responsibility of Treasurer for the accuracy and completeness of our financial records, she is able to handle the basic bookkeeping tasks allowing me to be both President and Treasurer. I would add that her willingness to take on the membership record keeping (which is still, in process) is an essential function that many accounting firms would shy away from. All that to say, we have found a great fit for our needs.

I already mentioned the milestone that all of our winners being able to attend the annual award banquet, but further commentary is appropriate. During our 2018 Reunion and Awards Banquet in San Diego last September, we conducted our usual welcome reception, annual business meeting and Marine Corps Engineer Awards banquet. Our Guest of Honor and keynote speaker was Brigadier General Joseph Schroedel, a retired army engineer officer, Executive Director of the Society of American Military Engineers, and a strong supporter of MCEA. General Schroedel’s 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. If you had the opportunity to sit and talk with any of these remarkable young men and women, you would be assured that our legacy is secure.

Our 2019 annual reunion and awards banquet will be in September and plans are well underway. This year, we will convene mid-continent in San Antonio, TX. The venue will be the Hilton Garden Inn and Live Oak Conference Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road, San Antonio, Texas 78733. 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 13th and promises to equal 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 14th will be a walking tour of the Alamo and River Walk in downtown San Antonio. We are assuming that some walking mobility is required, but if anyone needs to know, we will be happy to have a recon for wheelchair/power scooter accessible routes. Since we don’t know numbers as present, we have to assume van transportation that may still require some limited foot mobility.

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!**

*George*

George Carlson  
LtCol, USMC (Ret)  
President/Treasurer
Dear Newsletter Readers,

This year marks the 50th year of my commissioning as a Second Lieutenant of Marines. Now, some of you will think of me as just a young pup while others will think that I am older than dirt. Naturally, everything is relative depending on your perspective and/or your date of birth. Regardless, the point I want to make is that the Marine Corps Engineer Association membership consists of proud Marines of varying ages, from the “Old Breed” up to the proud Marines of the “New Breed” who are still making their mark in the Corps. The highlight of this Newsletter is recognizing the outstanding “New Breed” Marines who are the 2018 Marine Corps Engineer Association Award recipients. They were recognized at our 26th Annual Reunion last September in San Diego, California.

As you look through the pages, I hope you will recognize that our MCEA is truly for Marine Corps engineers of all ages and that the strength of our organization is built upon many, many dedicated people who freely volunteer to ensure we fulfill MCEA’s purpose as printed on the inside back cover. This newsletter is just one means we use to help promote Marine Corps engineering, renew and perpetuate fellowship, preserve the memory of those who served, and recognize superior achievement. We also have fun.

Naturally, a newsletter takes the concerted effort of many individuals. The President (Charlie, and now, George) has provided tremendous support, insight and information, and the Executive Committee members have also provided their input. I would like to specifically mention that we are all indebted to Ms. Debbie Hellman for providing the outstanding photographic coverage of the Awards Banquet. Her pictures truly captured the magic of the moment. Unfortunately, only some of them could be included; however, all of the pictures can be viewed on the MCEA website (www.marcorengasn.org). Incidentally, she and her husband, Colonel Bo Hellman USMC (Ret.), were key figures in documenting the 75th anniversary celebration of Women Marines of Camp Pendleton. You can view the online version of the publication at: https://issuu.com/camppendletonhistoricalsociety/docs/cphs.womenmarines.75years.camppendl

You will notice that there is no History Supplement this year. Our stalwart historians, Robin Gentry and Phil Martin, have been occupied fighting many other battles this past year; however, the previous history supplements from 2013 through 2018 are available on the MCEA website. They are truly an invaluable resource, and I encourage you to read them if you haven’t already. We are all looking forward to the next edition.

Finally, I would add that another way to remember and bond together is to be further involved with the Marine Corps Engineer Association. Get motivated, volunteer to help, and encourage others to join.

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

Happy Reading,

Joel Cooley, MCEA Newsletter Coordinator
Old Breed?  New Breed?

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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
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The Associate Directors (ADs) of the MCEA are the main means for keeping contact with the membership. We have 15 ADs covering the country. Each AD is a direct link to each MCEA member in their assigned area of a state or region. The AD insures that the contact information of each member is current, transmits information to the members, and monitors those who are ill or in distress. The ADs 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 additional ADs to assist in this vital work. Those that would like to step up, please contact Joe DeHart, Dmsgt123@gmail.com
JOE DeHART, MSgt, USMC, Ret, Director of ADs, AD at large.

Enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1969, retired in 1999 and started a construction company in Virginia. After spending 11 years in remodeling homes and additions, I fully retired. Life member of the VFW, and Marine Corps League. A member of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. Travel a lot and enjoy our little home in the mountains of Virginia with my wife Betty. I am proud to be a member of the MCEA, because we are truly a supporter of the Marine Corps Engineer Community, active and reserve, Marines that have left the Corps. I am proud to have those below that have given of their time to ensure their assigned members are well and are in contact with what is going on within the MCEA.

WAYNE BENNETT, MGySgt, USMC, Ret., AD for Tennessee and Maryland.


JOHN CHAMPEAU, LtCol., USMC, Ret, AD for Virginia.

Retired in 1990 and after a few years of trial and error, I ended up working for a friend of mine who was a third generation auto dealer. Found out I really like it and managed to stay in the retail end of it for almost 7 years, ultimately becoming the General Sales Manager for the dealership. Stress took its toll and I left retail but landed with a startup company that had a remarkable Customer Relationship Management product that was designed for the auto industry. The company grew to be very successful and after two acquisitions and a total service of 16 years I retired from Dominion Enterprises in January of 2016! Full retirement suits me just fine and I am enjoying life to the max! Love the opportunity to stay connected to the USMC Engineer Community and working closely with Joe DeHart!

ROGER COHOE, Marine Vet, AD for Michigan.

JOSEPH COOMBS, Marine Vet, AD for North Carolina.

I was in the Marine Corps- 06-16-1966 Through 03-23-1968, as a Mechanic Fixing old Equipment from overseas, then sent back. Other times, I worked in Aerodex in MIA as a Mechanic on J57 teardown on the DC-1011 airplane prop jobs. I was Equipment Operator since 05-12-1972 till 2008 Operating Engineers out of Mia Florida mover to NC Home ever since Retired from an Accident, I have been Retired, I joined the Mosaic Fraternity 1979, Life time member, York Rite Bodies, Life time membership, Shriners Since 1980 Helping Kids all over the nation, and most of the time Helping Children were ever needed. My wife and I, yea she got her two cents in, helped provide for the little Tots as in Toys for Tots, MCL, Charter #1389, of Ashe County. Oh, my better Half is Anna, we have been married since 05-06-1977, almost 42 years.
HELMUTS FEIFS, Capt, Marine Vet, AD for North Carolina.


BILL FORD, LtCol., USMC, Ret, AD for Oregon.

After Basic Engineer school at Court House Bay in 1966 it was off to 8th Engr Bn. Then Vietnam as S-4 with 3rd Cbt Engr Bn and CO of Engr Spt Co. back to Ft Belvoir for EOAC then independent duty prior to splitting a tour between 3rd Cbt Engr at Camp Hansen and D Co. C.O.at Mt. Fuji. Returned to Camp Pendleton for 1st FSR C.O. H&S Company Supply Bn. Then S-3 with 7th Engr Spt Bn. Off to HQMC in LME-2 power unit. Command and Staff College at Quantico then a 3 year accompanied tour to Okinawa with the last two as C.O. 9th Engr Sept Bn. Returning to HQMC a Head Of LME-2 for a twilight tour. I returned to Oregon when I retired in 1985 and have lived here every since where I worked for a small electronics company.

PAM JEANS, Warrior Angel; AD for TogetherWeServe.

My name is Pamela Jerin Jeans, I was born in Pittsburgh PA and lived in Bethel Park, PA till I was about 13 years old. Still, consider myself a Pennsylvania Gal. Love the Steelers and dream of going back there someday. We moved to California in about 1961-1962. At 17 years old, I met and married my Marine. We were married 47 years at the time of his death. We had 3 sons and 1 daughter, they gave us 9 grandkids and we now have 2 great granddaughters. It was a great life. I got into my US Marine Corps project for him. He wanted to find old buddies from his time in Korea. It was a job. It seems every Marine I found was either there before him or then came in way after. But I was hooked. The idea of remembering all these fine Marines became an obsession. When we met Col Ken Frantz at an MCEA reunion at Camp Pendleton, CA, he inspired and encouraged all I was doing. Every day, I get information from someone about a Marine that has passed. I try to find all I can about him, his parents, where he was born, his history in the Corps, and where he’s resting. I look for stories and photos just anything so we can remember. I work with old rosters and whatever inspires a few hours research on the computer. As long as I am able, I will continue doing what I do. It makes me feel close to the Marines but especially my own Marine.
DEDE JECEVICUS, AD for Warrior Angels.

TONY HILLARD, LtCol. USMC, Ret., AD for Georgia.

Tony Hilliard grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he attended LaSalle College. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in various assignments including tours at sea, several command positions and service in the Republic of Vietnam in 1968. Tony retired from the Marine Corps in 1992 after 26 years of service. After the military, he worked at an international chemical company, located in Marietta, as the Director of Transportation for approximately 15 years. Tony became a professional retiree in the spring of 1992 and spends his time involved in a variety of volunteer services providing support to active duty military people and veterans. He is actively involved in supporting the USO, volunteers at the Atlanta History Center as a VHP interviewer and is currently the Chairman of the Georgia National Cemetery Advisory Council. Tony is married to the former Peggy Freeth of Philadelphia and they have three children Mark, Kathy and Tricia.

DAVE LITTELL, LtCol, USMC, Ret., AD for California.

I retired in June 1987 from the Logistics (Facilities) Branch at HQMC at a nice little retirement ceremony at Henderson Hall. I had promised my wife, Myrna, the choice of our last duty station. She chose Oxnard, CA! Myrna, I said, “that is an overgrown ‘hick’ town”. I was familiar with Oxnard since I had attended a SeaBee (CECOS) school there at Port Hueneme which is the boarding town. Myrna explained that her sister lived there and wanted to be close to some family members. I kept my commitment but it presented a real challenge in finding a job from there. I ended up as the Director of Operations & Maintenance at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. I worked there for the next 18 plus year before I retired again. It was a 56 mile commute one way. I ended up staying overnight a couple nights a week near the university to make the travel tolerable. It was an excellent job which I enjoyed for the most part. I had a top notch boss most of the years there and that made a huge difference. We considered moving closer to my job but the cost of living, read housing, was considerably higher the closer you got to LA. So here we are, 32 years later still in Oxnard. We moved out of our original home to a newly constructed place that has been very livable for us. The weather in Oxnard is one of the best in the world. It is hot if it is above 80 degrees and cold if it is below 60 degrees in the daytime.

After retirement at the university, I worked at our church for another 10 years as a part time volunteer doing facilities related work. It was a management and advisory type job for the most part. I did do a little handyman type work on occasion. Most weeks I worked 20 plus hours. This ended when the current pastor’s leadership and management style became too difficult to deal with.

Currently, I am working as a volunteer for the City of Oxnard in some selective facilities related work and in general just being involved as a citizen of our city.

I do belong to the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and attend their monthly meeting. I stay connected to the retired and active duty community by attending activities at the base, Naval Station Ventura County, and by keeping in touch with our local VA Office. There is a small Marine Reserve Company at the Naval Station, a weapons company, with a few active duty Marines. Since the Naval Station is the largest employer in Ventura County where I live, there is a good retirement community in the area. The Seabee’s love this area and come back to retire here. There is a nice Seabee Museum here which would be of interest to Marine Engineers since we are connected to them in so many ways. There is much to do in the area and greater southern California. Having the Reagan Library very close is also very enjoyable. There are lots of good events there that honor the military and promote the conservative life style which Reagan so firmly believed in.
LOU NAPPI, LtCol USMC Ret, AD for VA.

LARRY VARLEY, Marine Vet, AD for Texas.

I was born and raised in Colorado County, Texas. Enlisted in the Marine Corps in January of 1966 and went active that February. After boot camp, I was sent to Camp LeJeune for Engineer Equipment Mechanic School (1341). After schooling, I reported to Camp Pendleton for the 13th Engineer Battalion. In 1967, I requested duty in Vietnam (Nov. 67-Nov. 68). My discharge came on Dec. 2, 1968. I worked at various construction jobs. Darnell Blanchard became my wife on June 14th, 1969. We headed off to college to work on our degrees in education. After 30 years as a coach, teacher and administrator, I retired to our ranch in Sheridan, Tx. Where we raise Brahma cattle. Now at age 73, I’m downsizing by turning most of my ranching business over to our son. Darnell and I enjoy spending time with our friends and traveling.

MIKE ZACCHEA, Marine Veteran, AD New York.

After leaving the Marine Corps in 1971, I spent fourteen years with MetLife’s Real Estate Investments Group at the company’s Headquarters in NYC. Following that I moved to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) where I remained for thirty years until retiring in 2015 as Assistant Chief Operations Officer in charge of the MTA’s solid waste management and recycling operations.

I am a lifelong, New Yorker, married to Anna, my wife of 47 years and have three children, Peter, Matthew and Catherine and four grandchildren, Lily, Michael, Gabriel and Esme. I do volunteer work for the Disabled American Veterans at the VA Medical Center in Northport, NY when I am not spending time with my family, golfing, or tending to my Koi pond or my rental property.

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.

Be disciplined: to get what you’ve never had, you must do what you’ve never done!
Below are our members who have died. May they join their fellow Marines and Sailors in GOD's love and Peace.

CLARKE, HARRY D. COL (RET)
CHYTKA, JOSEPH M. MSGT (RET)
CATALOGNE, CHIPS LTCOL (RET)
CARPENTER, JACK W. VET
CAROTA, MARTIN L. 1STSGT (RET)
CARNEY, CHARLES N. SGT
CAREY, RALPH J. VET
CAREY, JAMES W. MSGT (RET)
CAMPBELL, KENNETH B. CWO (RET)
CALLOWAY, FRED E. VET
CAMPBELL, KENNETH B. CWO (RET)
CAREY, JAMES W. MSGT (RET)
CAREY, RALPH J. VET
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CATALOGNE, CHIPS LTCOL (RET)
CHYTIA, JOSEPH M. MSGT (RET)
CLARK, ELMOA, CAPT (RET)
CLARKE, HARRY D. COL (RET)
CLARK, ELMOA, CAPT (RET)
COCHRAN, BUEL E. VET
COHAN, RALPH A. VET
COLE, JAMES D. MSGT (RET)
COMPTON JR, JOSEPH O. MAJ (RET)
CONSTANTINOPLE SR, PAUL M. VET
COOK, BILL MSGT (RET)
COOK, GLENN L. MSGT (RET)
COOPER, FRANCIS L. MSGT (RET)
COROMELAS, NICK VET
CORP, WILLIAM L. MSGT (RET)
CRAIG, JACK RAY CWO 2 (RET)
CRESPAP, CHARLES C. LTCOL (RET)
CREWS JR, DUANE D. COL (RET)
CROFT, EARL G. SSgt (RET)
CROMWELL, MELVIN E. VET
CROSBY, ARTHUR E. MSGT (RET)
CUMMINGS, CHARLES F. (RED) VET
CUMMINGS, MARTIN R. MSGT (RET)
CURTIS, CHARLES E. VET
DAUBROWSKI, WALTER W. VET
DAMON, ROBERT K. LTCOL (RET)
DAVIDSON, RUSSELL G. MSGT (RET)
DENNIS, NICHOLAS J. COL (RET)
DENORMANDIE, FRANK R. COL (RET)
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DESKEVICH, GARY S. VET
DOERR, JOHN H. VET
DRISCOLL, BERNARD E. LTCOL (RET)
DUDDY, ROBERT J. VET
DUFFY, FRANCIS J. SSgt (RET)
DUFFY, LEROY (JOHN) M. LTCOL (RET)
DUHE, CLARENCE H. VET
DUNCAN, DAVID N. CWO4 (RET)
DYBES, FRANK E. VET
ECHOLS, JAMES M. CAPT (RET)
EDWARDS, ROBERT J. LTCOL (RET)
EVANS, RAYMOND D. MSGT (RET)
FADICK, CARL VET
FAUST JR, RUDOLPH F. MAJ (RET)
FAY, CHARLES D. MAJ (RET)
FELLINGER, BARRY E. MAJ (RET)
FERGUSON, EDGAR R. VET
FERGUSON SR, HARRY J. VET
FERNANDEZ, ORLANDO (AL) MAJ (RET)
FERRARA, DIEGO A. 1STSGT (RET)
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GOINS, ROBERT F. LTCOL (RET)
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GOODWINE, LLOYD (JERRY) E. COL (RET)
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IN MEMORY OF OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED ENGINEER BROTHERS

BANN, Donald W., 88, of Teaneck, New Jersey passed away December 18, 2017. Before retiring he was a brick layer for BAC Local #4, where he served as financial secretary for over 20 years. He was a parishioner of St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, Bogota. A World War II Marine Corps Veteran, he was a life member & former Commander of American Legion Post, #117, Bogota; a life member of the Marine Corps League, Gooney Bird Detachment, New Milford; a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association; a member of Second Marine Division Association; and a member of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. As Commander of Legion Post, #117, he participated for 22 years in The POW/MIA Day of Remembrance, starting in 1986, until he had health problems. Beloved husband of the late Lucille. Devoted father of Peggy Lou Feeney and husband Dave; Debra Schraer and husband Ray; Michael and wife Susan and Donald. Dear brother of the late Evelyn Onello, John and George Bann. Loving grandfather of John, Shawn, Anthony, Melissa, Donna, Joseph and Juliana and also survived by 5 loving great grandchildren. The funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, Bogota. Interment George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus.

BYTOF, Clarence, Captain, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), 87, of Cardiff, California passed away August 3, 2018. Born on October 31, 1930 in Wisconsin to Carl and Caroline Bytof, he was one of seven siblings. Enlisting in 1952 he became a combat engineer and served with the 1st Engineer Battalion during the Korean War. During his career he also served with the 2nd, 7th & 8th Engineer Battalions as well as the 1st Pioneer Battalion. He was commissioned in 1962 and retired in 1970 as a Construction Officer, MOS 1360. After retiring he went to work for a school district. He was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Encinitas for over 50 years; a member of the VFW Post 5431; and a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. He enjoyed gardening and wood working and for the past 20 years was a volunteer hospital visitor. Clarence is survived by his wife, Eve, their son, and several family members. A Memorial Service was held at his church on September 15, 2018.

HAMBY, William A., Master Gunnery Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), 90, of Albany, Georgia passed away January 26, 2019 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. Bill was born February 19, 1928, in Calhoun County, MS to the late William Jefferson Hamby and Laura Irene Parker Hamby. He attended Calhoun County Schools and volunteered for military service with the United States Marine Corps in October 1945, retiring in July 1969 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. Bill served during WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In North Korea, he was one of the “Chosin Few” and was awarded the Purple Heart along with several other medals and commendations. Throughout his time in the Marine Corps, Bill served in four of the six Marine Divisions.

After military retirement, Bill and family stayed in Albany where he began a career as the Safety Manager at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. He retired from Firestone in 1985 and began his “post-retirement” service which included working as an office assistant at Watson Spence Attorneys at Law for thirty years (recently retiring at age 90). In addition, he served as an American Red Cross volunteer. Bill was also a longtime member of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany where he served in the Preschool Sunday School area for over forty years. He was a member of the Chosin Few Organization, the American Legion Post #30, and the Marine Corps Engineer Association.
Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Mollie Ann Hamby, Albany, GA, two sons and their wives, William Glenn Hamby (Karen), Albany, GA, John Thomas Hamby (Julie), Jacksonville, FL, a daughter and her husband, Laura Lea Hatcher (Robert), Lee Co., GA and five grandchildren, Ryan Hatcher, Reid Hatcher and Lea Hatcher (Sweet Cheeks), Alex Hamby and Jason Hamby. Bill was a hero in the true sense of the word. He proudly served his country, his family, his community, and his church. Funeral services were conducted January 30, 2019 at the Sherwood Baptist Church and internment with full military honors followed at Crown Hill Cemetery.

HAMMOND, Joseph A., 90, of North Hampton, New Hampshire died on December 19, 2016 at the Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover. He was born in Kittery, Maine, February 3, 1926 a son of the late John and Harriet (Carew) Hammond. Joe was a veteran of WW II serving with the 5th Division of the U.S. Marine Corps. He participated in action against the Japanese on Iwo Jima and in the occupation of Japan. After the war he was employed in construction and in 1947 he founded J.A. Hammond Dry Wall and Plaster. He ran a successful company for many years. He was one of the founding members of the Hampton Rod and Gun Club and was an avid trap shooter winning many awards locally and nationally. He was the husband of the late Rhoda J. (Danis) Hammond who predeceased him in 1996. He leaves two sons, Joseph W. Hammond of Freehold, NJ, Paul Farrell of Hampton, two grandsons, Charles Farrell of Tuftonboro and Shawn Farrell of Rollinsford, two granddaughters, Margo and Sofia Farrell. Joseph was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. Services were held December 23, 2016, at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton, NH. Burial was in the Center Cemetery, North Hampton.

HENNEMAN, Harold E., 88, of Lenoir City, Tennessee, and Marine Corps Engineer Association life member, passed away November 16, 2016. He was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in World War II and the Korean War. Harold worked for many years in the paper industry and was a loving husband and father. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Gloria Elaine; and their son, Harold Earl Henneman II. Harold is survived by daughters, Heidi (Rick) Moseley of Arab, Alabama, Holly (David) Pate of Lenoir City, Heather Creason of Sweetwater and Harriet (Scott) Howard of Huntsville, Alabama; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Loudon on November 19, 2016.

LOVE SR., Raeford N., Gunnery Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired). 89, of Jacksonville, North Carolina died September 16, 2018 at his home. He was born May 14, 1929 in Fairmont, in Roberson County, NC. He was the son of the late James “Doc” Love and Ellie Barnes Love. He retired from the US Marine Corps with 22 years of service and was a Civil Service retiree from Camp Lejeune with 20 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association; a member of Tar Landing Baptist Church; and Lafayette Masonic Lodge, No. 83. He was a York Rite and Scottish Rite Mason, Past Patron of Jacksonville Chapter, No. 327, Order of Eastern Star, Peace Court No. 18, Order of the Amaranth. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Ruby Love, Hazel Trask, Grace Johnson, Dora Pace and Lula McKenzie; and brothers, Boyd Love, Eris Love, Hal Love and Barnes Love. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Freida Harrelson Love of the home; two sons, Raeford Love, Jr. and his wife, Barbara and Hal Tracy Love and his wife, Melinda; two grandchildren, Lola Ellen Love McPartland of England and Lance Evan Love of Jacksonville; and two great-grandchildren, Oliver Love of Jacksonville and Annabelle Carolina McPartland of England. Funeral services were held at Tar Landing Baptist Church. Entombment, with Masonic Rites and Military Honors, was at Onslow Memorial Park.
MARKUS, Howard Milton, Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), 93, of Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia passed away on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at The Summit. He was the loving husband of Lois (Bertram) Markus. Born in Chicago, IL April 21, 1925, he was the son of the late Henry J. Markus and Lillian (Havel) Markus. Major Howard Markus proudly served his country, and retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 22 years. He was a veteran of WWII and Korea. Howard attended Northwestern University and graduated from Purdue University. He also retired from Fairfax County Public Schools as a civil engineer. Howard was a member of Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Smith Mountain Lake Retired Military Club, and Smith Mountain Lake Homeowner’s Association. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his three daughters: Nanette Richardson and husband, Ray, Carla DeLoach and husband, Greg, and Pamela Bridges and husband, David; nine grandchildren: Philip Richardson and wife, Katherine, Meredith Richardson, Rebecca Richardson, Morgan DeLoach, Madelynne DeLoach, Meleah DeLoach, Max DeLoach, Cameron Bridges and wife, Kristin, and Courtney Bridges; one great-grandchild, Ian Richardson; one niece, Nancy Turner. In addition to his parents, Howard was preceded in death by an infant sister, Libby Francis Markus, and two brothers, Henry Jacob Markus, Jr. and Leonard Glen Markus. A Memorial Service was held at Trinity Ecumenical Parish on Monday, May 7, 2018 with internment later in Arlington National Cemetery.

PRICE SR., Donald Leonard, Master Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), 77, of Newport, North Carolina, passed away March 24, 2018. He was born May 25, 1940, in Cleveland, TN; son of the late John Roscoe and Stella Higgins Price. Don served his country in the USMC from 1957 to 1979. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam where he received a Purple Heart for wounds received in action. He was a Combat Engineer and served three tours as an instructor at Marine Corps Engineer School on Camp Lejeune, NC. His service also included a three-year tour as a Drill Instructor aboard MCRD Parris Island, SC. He was a Life Member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. After retiring from the Marine Corps he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service retiring again in 2002. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Roberta Price; daughters, Diana Harrell (Gene) of Dublin, OH and Debra Beagle (Thom) of Clayton, NC; sons, Donald L. Price Jr. (Christina) of Buxton, ME and Dale Price of Newport; grandchildren, Melissa, Jessica, Ashley, Kayliegh, and Andrew; six great-grandchildren; brothers, J.W. Price of Cleveland, TN and Jack Price of Ooltewah, TN; and sister, Jean Goodwin of Birchwood, TN. A graveside service with Military Honors was held on March 28, 2018 at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

RUBADUE, William J., 69, of Orleans, Indiana passed away December 27, 2017 at the Hosparus Inpatient Care Center in Louisville, Kentucky. He was born January 22, 1948 in Columbus, Ohio the son of James Rubadue and Emogene (Hoover) Rubadue Skipton. He was a 1966 graduate of Pleasant View High School in Grove City, Ohio. Then he went on to be a Railman with the CSX Rail Road and a retired employee of Crane Naval Base. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War, first as a Marine Corporal and later as a Spec 5 in the U.S. Army. Survivors include: Daughter: Iris E. (Angela) Rubadue, Jeffersonville, Indiana; Mother: Emogene Rubadue Skipton of Hillard, Ohio; Wife: Gladys Rubadue of Orleans, Indiana; 6 Sisters: Sharon (Frank) Aylward of Hull, Massachusetts, Jan (Phil) Laing of London, Ohio; Patty (Bob) Leffler of Grove City, Ohio; Teri (Ed) Moran of Riverside, CA; Beth (Doug) Mitchell of Grove City, Ohio; Suzy (Rod Curbelo) Israel of Loma Linda, CA; Several Nieces and Nephews. William was proceeded in death by his father James Rubadue and nephew Frankie Aylward.
SCHULTZ, Jack T., Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), 88, passed away on November 27, 2018 at his home in Laguna Hills, California. Jack was born January 24, 1930 in Kansas City, MO to Howard and Lillian (Brown) Shultz. He joined the Marines at the age of 18 and served proudly in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He loved serving his country for over 21 years. He is survived by Sue his wife of 48 years, daughters Jannette and Gretchen, sons-in-law Clay and Greg, and grandsons Jonah, Harrison and Mica. Jack was a Life Member in the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

SCULLY, Terrence J., Chief Warrant Officer – 2, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), 88, of Virginia Beach, Virginia passed away on February 15, 2017, in his home. Born May 21, 1928 in Lawrence, MA, he was the son of the late James and Mary Scully. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella M. Scully. Terrence retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a CWO2 Construction Officer after 22 years of service. He was a veteran of Vietnam, serving two tours, and Korea with the 8th Engineer Support Battalion and 2nd Marines Logistics Group. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. Left to cherish to his memory: two sons, Raymond T. Scully and James A. Scully, both of Virginia Beach; a daughter, Patricia A. Crumbley and husband, Robert, of Yorktown, VA; and five grandchildren, Sara Melissa, Jamie Lee, T.R., Kyle, and Taylor. A memorial service was held February 25, 2017, at the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Kempsville Chapel, Virginia Beach. Interment was at Quantico National Cemetery with full military honors.

WARRIOR ANGELS

The Warrior Angel program is for a deceased member’s family to continue to be involved in the MCEA. The program is a way to stay in touch with friends whom they have acquired over the years through the MCEA. It also brings together those that have suffered a loss and are going through their new life journey while still keeping the memory of their Marine Engineer alive and in the hearts of the MCEA. To date there are 22 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 representing a lost Marine Engineer.
Our Bylaws State: Article XI - Fellows

The MCEA recognizes the importance of its members, partners and stakeholders who are a valuable and sustaining element of the Association. The MCEA is prepared to recognize these organizations and individuals by establishing a Fellows category to acknowledge their contributions in support of the Association and/or its Foundation, special fund/assistance programs. As a tax exempt, Non Profit organization under the IRS Code section 501(a), tax exempt donations to support the MCEA will be solicited from a wide range of potential donors, to include members, organizations, numerous charitable organizations, and individuals. Contributors, who make significant donations, one time or cumulatively, will be recognized by “Fellows” status and be so recognized both at the annual reunion/Awards Banquet and on the MCEA website. Fellows categories include Platinum ($5000 or more); Gold ($1000 to 4999); Silver ($500 to $999) and Bronze ($250 to $499).

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Dangler, Joe Maj USMC (ret)
Darkforge LLC
Degennaro, Anthony A Capt USMC (ret)
Drummond, Milt Ltcol USMC (ret)
Feifs, Helmuts (vet)
Foore, Brad Ltcol USMC (ret)
Gatewood, Wayne USMC (ret)
Harris-Inman, Terry Ltcol USMC (ret)
Hearne, Steve M (vet)
Howard, Mike Col USMC (ret)
Jeans, Pam
Latka, Trudie
Leica Geosystems
Lindberg & Associates
Marapoti, Jim Col USMC (ret)
Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Association
Martin, Phil Mgsqt USMC (ret)
May, Rolland Mgsqt USMC (ret)
Mcbride, Denny Col USMC (ret)
Mentzer, John Col USMC (ret)
Murphy, Jim Major USMC (ret)
Nelson, Niel Bgen USMC
Osterman, Ken (vet)
Quality Support Inc.
Queen, Wayne A Mgsqt USMC (ret)
Renner, Bill Col USMC (ret)
Rudge, Hank Col USMC (ret)
Science Applications International Corporation
Smith, Jordan Ltcol USMC (ret)
Summit Mortgage Corporation
Terragroup Corporation
Traum, Gerald (vet)

Silver
7th Engr Brn Assn
Anderson, Mike Col USMC (ret)
Baldwin, Scott Col USMC
Boutry, Norm (vet)
Boyd, Mike Col USMC (ret)
Ceri, John Ltcol (ret)
Conpiolog International
Corrigan, Mike Ltcol USMC (ret)
Dalzell, Tom Col USMC (ret)
Edwards, Bob Ltcol USMC (ret)
Ellington, Jay Ltcol USMC (ret)
Ferris, Carlton (vet)
Goodwine, Jerry Col USMC (ret)
Harper, Rip Col USMC (ret)
Harris, Frank Col USMC (ret)
Hildacker, Steve Col USMC (ret)
Hillard, Tony Ltcol USMC (ret)
Howard, Andrew (vet)
Huckaby, Richard Bgen USMC (ret)
Ingenieur Executive Search Consultants
John, David Col (ret)
Jones, Junior Mgsqt USMC (ret)
Koontz Electric Company
Lindsey, Eva
Merrill, Mike Ltcol USMC (ret)
Montedora, Joe Capt USMC
Nerem, Monty Ltcol USMC (ret)
Panter, Frank Ltgen USMC (ret)
Rodebaugh, Robert Mgsqt USMC (ret)
Theener, Ron (vet)
Varley, Larry (vet)
Vfw Post 9010
White, Dan Ltcol USMC (ret)
Wittwer, Charles
Wuerch, George Ltcol USMC (ret)

Bronze
A-T Solutions
Bartlett, George Bgen USMC (ret)
Bellesheim, Richard USMC (ret)
Botts, Laurence Cwo 2 USMC (ret)
Brooks, Joe Mgsqt USMC (ret)
Bunting, Jerry Capt USMC (ret)
Burch, Joe Capt USMC (ret)
Callanan, Mike Col (ret)
Checkerboard Industries
Dehneke, Glenn Maj USMC (ret)
Devey Electronics Corporation
DeWitt Construction Company
Dismore, Charlie Maj USMC (ret)
Easterday, Steve Col USMC (ret)
Emerson, John Ssgt USMC (ret)
Fechter-Vehr, Margaret
Fletcher, Fred Capt USMC (ret)
Ford, Bill Ltcol USMC (ret)
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Llantero, Ferdinand Ltcol USMC (ret)
Luc, Jim Sgtmaj USMC (ret)
Luttrell, Howard Col USMC (ret)
Mackenzie, Marian
Magee, Mike Sgtmaj USMC (ret)
Mayfield, Allen
McCarthy, Mike Col USMC (ret)
McMichael, Richard (vet)
Miller, Caleb Cpl USMC
Moree, Jack Ltcol USMC (ret)
Mueller, Richard (vet)
Nappi, Lou Ltcol USMC (ret)
Nelson, Elizabeth (spouse)
Norman, Dennis Ltcol USMC (ret)
O'Kelley Jr, Jim Col USMC (ret)
Pankey, Paul Col USMC (ret)
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Price, Don Mgsqt USMC (ret)
Raniszewski, Tony Ltcol USMC (ret)
Schlenk, Bernard Ist 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 Maj USMC (ret)
Vogelsinger, Bruce Ltcol USMC (ret)
Waterhouse, Mark Col USMC (ret)
Wilson, Nate Cwo 3 USMC (ret)
Wing, Jack Cwo 3 USMC (ret)
Young, John Ltcol USMC (ret)

Make Checks Payable to MCEA & Mail to: MCEA, 6998 Highway 64E, Wartrace, TN 37183-3057
Brick Program

It has now been five 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 affirm our Esprit de Corps with Marines, past, present and future who risk their lives to insure our freedom. Each purchaser receives a Certificate of Registration acknowledging their contribution and confirming the engraved inscription as it will appear on the brick. Additionally, each purchaser has 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 progressed steadily with 236 bricks already purchased and 204 of those already installed. Our next installation date for 4 bricks is April 2019. MCEA is continuing this program with periodic purchases approximately three times per year. Our next deadline for purchasing a brick is April 25, 2019 with a follow-on date of late December 2019.

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 the 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.
MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION
2019 REUNION ITINERARY

San Antonio, TX ~ September 12 – 14, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn Hotel & Live Oak Conference Center
8101 Pat Booker Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78733; (210) 412-5923

Hotel Rates Between September 11 and 14, 2019:
Check in after 3 p.m. Take advantage of the hotel discount rate for our association. ($115 available for our event) Parking is complimentary.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
• Welcome to the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel & Live Oak Conference Center; Check-in after 3 p.m.; $115 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 13TH
• Breakfast on your own
• 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. Association Business Meeting. 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 4, 2019)
• 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner served, followed by Awards Program

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
• Breakfast on your own
• 9:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel for downtown San Antonio to tour The Alamo and River Walk. Register early to ensure a spot for the limited number of seats on the bus! Casual attire/walking shoes are suggested and we will be walking between the Alamo and River Walk tourist attractions so walking mobility is required. Lunch will be on your own at your choice of many reputable restaurants at the River Walk. We will be making reservations for our group on the river cruise. Cost = $20 per person to cover entry charges and river cruise.
• 3:00 p.m. Bus returns to hotel.

Hotel check out time is 12 p.m.

Registration Form available on line at www.marcorengasn.org
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 using iContact bulk emails, 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.

Many of you may not be aware of the consequences of the various choices when you opt to “manage subscriptions” at the bottom of one of our iContact bulk emails. When we send out an email you have several options:

1. Read and save or delete at your discretion. This has NO effect on your address on iContact.
2. Delete without reading. This has NO effect on your address on iContact.
3. “Unsubscribe” using the “manage your subscription” at the bottom of the email. This removes that email address from that list, but only that list, PERMANENTLY! It does NOT affect any other lists you may be on but you cannot be reinstated on a list you unsubscribe to.
4. Chose “Do Not Contact” using the “manage your subscription” at the bottom of the email. This is something like the “do not call” list for phones, only iContact enforces it. That email address is unusable on iContact forever! The only way you can get you on any list is for you to provide an alternative email address.

The bottom line here is that both “unsubscribe” and “do not contact” are IRREVERSIBLE actions! There is a “work-around” for “unsubscribe,” but “do not contact” requires a different email address!

Our 12-14 September 2019 reunion will find us at the Hilton Garden Inn & Live Oak Conference Center in San Antonio, Texas. Room rates are $115. 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 2019 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.

“I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. ‘Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death.”

--Thomas Paine
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

The simplest statement of the MCEA financial position is that we are in excellent financial condition. We continue to maintain a “reserve” that would allow MCEA to continue to operate with absolutely no revenue for at least three years beyond the current year. Very few entities, either for profit or non-profit, can say that. Your Executive Committee continues to monitor our finances monthly and the result is that we continue to “tweak” operations to maintain a solid financial basis. In the process, we have been able to maintain our dues structure with no increases over more than ten years. That alone is an achievement. We continue to do all we were doing ten years ago, but have added Course Sponsorship, Sapper Squad Awards, and periodic donations to other related military non-profit endeavors. All this is ultimately made possible by literally thousands of volunteer hours each year on the part of both the Executive Committee and the Associate Directors. Marine engineers (and EOD) are used to a “get it done” mentality and that is evident in the leadership that supports MCEA in every way possible.
MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEETS  
December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018

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MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION  
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT 2018

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MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2018

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08:30 – Call to order

I. The following issues were discussed as outlined in the Business Meeting Agenda provided by MCEA President Charlie Dismore.

1/2. The Invocation and reading of members names who passed in the last year was given by Chaplain Paul Pankey. Chaplain Pankey will remain as Chaplain but the weekly Sunday missives will be provided by Tom Dalzell starting in two weeks.

3. The annual business meeting financial report was provided by Treasurer George Carlson. MCEA is financially sound enough that if we took in $0 dollars beginning this year we have the resources to survive for at least 3 years. That is something to note in a time when most veteran organizations are financially struggling. George also emphasized the need for involvement from post-Vietnam engineers in the association as well as the desire to increase our corporate sponsor members.

4. National Marine Corps Council report provided by VP Tony Raniszewski. NMCC is an organization of 30 plus members that are unit (1st MarDiv Assoc.) or MOS (MCEA) specific. Meetings are held semi-annually and include briefings by HQMC. This meetings news is the creation of a cyber command with many kinks still to be worked out.

5. 2018 MCEA Projects- In 2018 MCEA presented the first annual Lt. Martin award to the highest Engineer Officer graduating from the Expeditionary Warfare School (formerly AWS). It is named after a USMC Engineer Officer killed on Iwo Jima after the island was declared secure. Plans are in the works for future funding to be provided by a grant from MGysgt. Michael Aichele in honor of his father, Col. James Aichele. 2018 also saw the 3rd Annual Sapper Squad Competition conducted at Camp Lejeune featuring a handpicked squad from each CEB. MCEA presents awards to the winning squad. 4th CEB wishes to be involved as well in next year’s competition.

6. Membership Report- Year over year membership numbers increased from 2,134 in Oct. of 2017 to 2,148 in Sept. of this year. Our course graduate membership program, which includes a complimentary 3 year membership, brings in an additional 500 members each year. Those memberships yield us 5-7 renewals at the end of that period.

7. Warrior Angels Program is for the surviving spouses of deceased members, allowing them to maintain contact with the association and friendships made over the years.

8. Corporate Membership Report given by Bill Ford. Not too long ago we had 10 corporate sponsors but that fell to the current 4 during the recent budget cut years. A corporate membership is $400. They may also sponsor an award which includes banquet attendance. We have a new member of the Executive Comm. who is a S.A.M.E. member and hope to use him as a contact to find Marine Engineers who have separated and started their own business.
9. Our website was updated and modernized over the last year. If you see anything that is incorrect or missing please let us know.

10. HQMC brief by MGysgt. Garey Tucker reviewed the organization structure and current initiatives in LPE-1 and LPE-2. Some highlights were the moving of the bridging school from Ft. Benning to Ft. Leonard Wood, the innovation of 3D printers for replacement parts and buildings and CEB squads are back up to 13 men from 10 and will include a machine gunner and ‘rocket’ man.

11. MCES Brief by Maj. Aron Wisherd. Spoke about lack of consistency at HQMC with no MAGTF Engineer Advocate but three Deputy Commandants sharing responsibility with three different views of the engineer community and how MCES is working to help address this. Combat Assault Battalions to be decommissioned. MCES is running well graduating 2200 students each year.

12. S.A.M.E. is the Society for American Military Engineers and has 30,000 members from all branches as well as civilian engineers that work with the military.

13. Brick Program brief by VP Tony Raniszewski- The NMMC in Quantico has allowed us to place the bricks around the Engineer Monument as well as keep the $90 that the museum normally receives from the cost of a brick. These funds are used to purchase the unit bricks as well as sponsorship by individuals. We have funds on hand to purchase a unit brick which Tony proposed. It was voted on and passed by members in attendance.

14/15. Newsletter/Publicity brief by Joel Cooley- Article about last years awards banquet was placed in Leatherneck magazine. Material is always sent out to magazines but are at the whim of the publisher to be in the magazine. Newsletter and Historical Supplement are available on our website. We printed postcards with the Engineer monument on front and a statement about MCEA on the back. Take some with you and use them for recruiting.


17. Course Sponsorship Program- Many opportunities to sponsor a graduating class with their membership packets exist. Contact George if interested.

18. MCEA Leadership Reports- schools have a supply of new member packages on hand. Mike McCarthy keeps track of inventory. Ship stores sales have been slow this year. A nomination was made to add Tom Dalzell to the Executive Committee. Approved by a vote of the Committee present.

19. Election of Officers

George Carlson was nominated for President by Tony Raniszewski. Approved by a vote of all members present.

Meeting adjourned after the vote.

The best preparation for tomorrow is to do today’s work superbly well.

---Sir William Osler
# 2018 REUNION AND AWARDS

## 2018 MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

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MCEA OUTSTANDING ENGINEER AWARDS:

COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CAPT ZENOR
Award presented by BG Schroedel, Guest of Honor

COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO OF THE YEAR
SSGT ROMENESCO
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO OF THE YEAR
CPL RICKETTS

COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE OF THE YEAR
CPL GARCIA
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CWO4 POLLEY

ENGINEER EQUIPMENT SNCO OF THE YEAR
GYSGT HAMAKER
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NCO OF THE YEAR
SGT OROZCO

ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR
LCPL JELLISON
UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CWO2 LANE

UTILITIES SNCO OF THE YEAR
SSGT LARIOS
UTILITIES NCO OF THE YEAR
SGT BERRINISHANER

UTILITIES MARINE OF THE YEAR
CPL RICO
BULK FUEL OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CWO3 CAMPBELL

BULK FUEL SNCO OF THE YEAR
SSGT WOOLARD
BULK FUEL NCO OF THE YEAR
CPL VANDER LANN

BULK FUEL MARINE OF THE YEAR
LCPL VELASQUEZ
EOD OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CWO2 COYNE

EOD TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR
GYSGT CONNOR
**COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION OF THE YEAR**
1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION
The Commanding Officer, 1st CEB accepts the award sponsored by Trudie Latka in memory of Captain Donald W. Sumner USMC (Ret.).

**ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION OF THE YEAR**
6TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION
The Commanding Officer and Sergeant Major accepting the award.
Suggest what is right, oppose what is wrong. What you think, speak. Satisfy yourself and not others. If you are not popular, you will at least be respected. Popularity lasts but a day. Respect will descend as a heritage to your children.

– Thomas Chandler Haliburton, judge, writer (1796-1865)
THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS AWARDS:

S.A.M.E. USMC ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR
CWO4 MCCABE

S.A.M.E. USMC ENGINEER SNCO OF THE YEAR
SSGT LEATHERWOOD
Outgoing MCEA President thanking our Guest of Honor, BG Joe Schroedel USA (Ret.)
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AWARDS BANQUET

The Welcome Reception Was Well Attended
The Piper & The Color Guard Opened the Ceremony
It Was a Time to be Thankful & A Time to Remember
A Time for Speeches

Recognizing the Awardees
The Meal was Delicious and Plentiful

Friendships were Made and Renewed
Team Dismore

Thank you, Mr. President. Congratulations, Mr. President
SCENES FROM THE 2018 MCAS MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

Reunion attendees had the opportunity to attend the 2018 Air Show hosted by Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California featuring the Blue Angels

Hurry Up and Wait!

A Beautiful Day for an Air Show
Welcome to MCAS Miramar

“New Breed” Marine Corps Aviation
The Blue Angels
The 1stLt Harry L. Martin Award is an MCEA sponsored award named in remembrance of the 5th Pioneer Battalion, 5th Marine Division, Medal of Honor recipient who was killed during the Battle of Iwo Jima. The Award is presented to the outstanding USMC engineer officer graduate. Pictured above is Captain Bryan S. Peterson receiving the award from EWS Director, Colonel Robert Fulford, while Joel Cooley representing MCEA looks on.
The competition was held at Camp Lejeune during April. It ended with 2nd CEB placing first and earning the title of Sapper Squad of the Year, and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, followed by 1st CEB in second place, 3rd CAB in third place, and 4th CEB in fourth place. Other awards included “The Staff Sergeant Borderlon Award” for the most outstanding squad leader, presented to Sgt. Brent Hawkins, a squad leader with 1st CEB, 1st Marine Division. “The Private First Class Phipps Award” for the most outstanding combat engineer was presented to Lance Corporal Zachary Driscoll with 1st CEB.

The Sapper Squad Competition utilizes realistic missions to determine the best combat engineer squad in the Marine Corps. The goal is to test the squad’s ability to conduct mobility, counter-mobility, and survivability tasks with realistic combat missions oriented on supporting a division unit. The competition is designed to challenge the squad leader and the squad’s ability to efficiently utilize their equipment and resources. The forum for the evaluation is a competition consisting of nine graded events with intermediate informal training objectives incorporated. The evaluated events are in line with squad, team, and individual training and readiness standards for engineers as well as secondary provisional infantry standards.

The inaugural competition was held in 2016 with 2d CEB hosting the units at the battalion’s new facilities at Courthouse Bay, Camp Lejeune, NC. As outlined in the Sapper Squad of the Year Guidelines, the Marine Corps Engineer Association (MCEA) responsibilities are to provide:

- the permanent “Outstanding Sapper Squad” Award for display at MCES.
- the permanent “Outstanding Sapper Squad” Unit Award provided annually to the winning parent combat engineer unit.
- Individual Awards for Winning Squad Members presented annually.
- the SSGT Bordelon Award presented annually to the Outstanding Combat Engineer Squad Leader.
- the PFC Phipps Award presented annually to the Outstanding Combat Engineer.

MCEA also provides a three-year complimentary membership package to each member of the winning squad which is presented at the awards ceremony.
**SHIPS STORE ITEMS**

**Merchandise for Sale**

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*For further information and to submit your order, contact George Carlson at treasurer@marcorengasn.org or 931-307-9094.*
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; San Antonio, TX Sep 2019

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