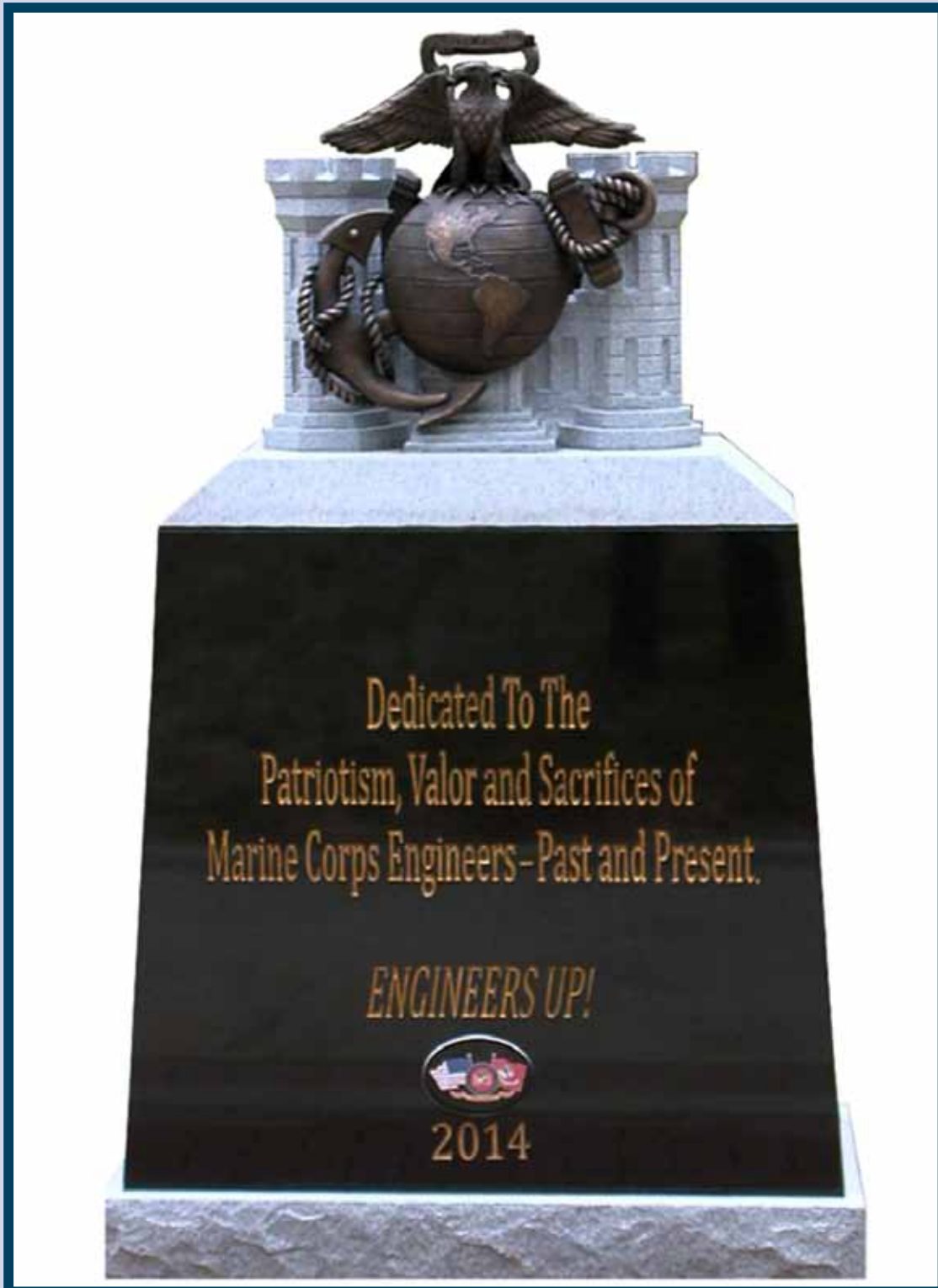




# ENGINEERS UP!

2021 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, '18. Orlando, FL '13; Pala, CA '14, '16; Fredericksburg, VA '17; San Antonio, TX '19

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## “Improvise, Adapt, and Overcome”

I'm certain that no one is surprised when I say that 2020 was unique! I also suspect that few will be surprised when I predict that 2021 will also be substantially different. As warfighters we shouldn't be shocked by fluid situations that reflect high levels of uncertainty.

Your Executive Committee “rolled” into 2020 fully engaged for a typical year. By March it was clear that nothing was going to be typical in 2020. Our first action was to cancel the 2020 Reunion and Awards Banquet. Every prediction was that weathering the COVID-19 pandemic would require at least a year, so cancellation was a “no-brainer.” The Sapper Squad Competition soon followed, the casualty of extensive travel restrictions by DoD. However, HQMC continued with the annual Awards, just without a banquet, but more on that later. Expeditionary Warfare School, like most of academia, adjusted to “distance learning” and continued on. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the photographic evidence that following a virtual graduation ceremony, the Martin Award was made in a “drive by.”



Supporting the Annual Awards proved to be a significant challenge for all concerned. Instead of just shipping all the plaques, shirts, and membership material to Reunion, we were faced with some 30 awards and presentations that needed to be grouped by command (insofar as possible) and mailed separately. This included the need to track individuals who had made PCS moves since Award submission, providing recommendations to commands for presentation, and then tracking all those through a postal system also in turmoil due to the pandemic. The whole process that normally occupied a couple of weeks following Reunion for those unable to attend stretched out over nearly three months as package deliveries were delayed. The actual presentations ranged from small events with only three or four in attendance to battalion/squadron formations spread over wide areas with masked attendees. Again, photos memorializing the unique nature of these are elsewhere in this newsletter.

On a totally positive note, we received a very generous, anonymous donation that allowed us to complete the Unit Bricks at our Monument. The hundreds of Marine engineers and EOD who have personal bricks are now surrounded by the distinct names of EVERY independent engineer unit the Corps has ever had! (Note: By independent I mean the unit was not a part of a larger engineer unit.)

While the Treasurer's Report for 2020 is elsewhere in this newsletter, I should mention that in spite of all that 2020 threw at us, we ended up with essentially a “break-even” year. That was no small feat as this year proved to be difficult and even devastating for many non-profits. Primary thanks must go to our Award Sponsors who continued their support in spite of the very different circumstances. Without that support, MCEA would have survived, but would have needed to dip into our reserve to keep going.



So, what does 2021 look like? It too is likely to be unique as some things return to “normal” with others find a “new normal” and others undergo major changes. Besides the obvious uncertainty of the pandemic as both vaccination and evolving mutations of the virus make for a fluid situation, I see two things that will impact how MCEA functions in the future. The first is General Berger’s “course” for our Corps. The second is the impact of technology on communication, meetings, and travel.

The Commandant’s vision is a major change, to be sure. But I have on good authority that engineer capability is not only “tolerated” but is specifically desired. Exactly what that means only time will tell. The structure of engineers in the future Marine Corps will be different. We need to be prepared for changes that may well impact on our Awards program. Almost certainly there will be impacts on our Course Sponsorship program as academic instruction is revised to support new structure. We also may find that our Unit Bricks will have to be added to in order to reflect new names and new organizations. All I can say is, “Standby for changes.”

The impact of technology is both easier to describe and equally difficult to analyze for its impact on MCEA. Across the whole spectrum of human endeavor, from family to social/religion to education to business to government, we are learning what can and cannot be accomplished using technology. Many things that used to “require” travel are now being seen as equally effective using all the remote tools technology offers. Even when they aren’t totally equal (we all have had the experience of attending a school or conference where there was equal or greater value to the informal discussions over meals or just visiting in the evening) the question of value versus cost has to enter in. On the plus side, I see opportunities for us to share things like our business meeting and Awards Banquet using live streaming for those who cannot attend in person. On, what is to me a downside, there is a realistic possibility that our Award recipients may be denied funded travel and our ceremony must be virtual or a mixture of virtual and in person.

So, where is 2021 headed? As of the time this is written (early February) the Reunion and Awards Banquet is “on” (possibly subject to restrictions). Sapper Squad Competition is being planned. EWS has a new class in session. And, Course Sponsorship continues with limited classes and numbers. But all of that is subject to change. Some of these questions may be answered by the time this newsletter is published but I doubt even a majority will be. What is in store for our Corps and the MCEA is uncertain. All we can do is improvise, adapt, and overcome.

***God Bless and Semper Fi. Engineers UP!***

***George***



# NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS



**Dear Fellow Marine Corps Engineers, MCEA Supporters, & Readers,**

It is my pleasure to coordinate the publishing of the MCEA Newsletter. This issue is my fifth one. It seems like only yesterday that Ken Frantz asked me if I could help out. I am glad I did because it took me from standing on the sidelines to becoming actively involved with the Marine Corps Engineer Association. I have truly found it inspiring to work with the MCEA members, many of whom I knew from my active-duty days. Naturally, I have met many other dedicated individuals through association activities. I strongly recommend volunteering to help.

Personally, there are two things that MCEA does which make me very proud. First is the concerted effort that the Associate Directors make to personally contact every member in their assigned region and to check on the individual's welfare. This year their efforts have been even more important as many of us have become isolated by the corona virus pandemic. Personal contact means a lot! Contact sometimes results in learning of a member passing. When that happens, MCEA tries to inform the membership via email with the weekly Sunday Missive and by highlighting their service to Corps and country in the In Memoriam section of the newsletter.

The second thing that MCEA does which makes me very proud is to recognize outstanding active-duty Marines in the engineer, utilities, bulk fuel and EOD occupational fields. Normally, the outstanding Marine and engineer unit awards are presented at the annual reunion awards banquet, and the awardees' citations are published for all attendees to read. Unfortunately, last year's banquet had to be cancelled and, consequently, no one was able to meet the awardees or even to read about their accomplishments. To make up for that, the 2021 MCEA Awardees' citations are included in this newsletter. I encourage everyone to take the time to read what today's Marines are doing. I know you will be thoroughly impressed; in fact, you will be gob smacked! In lieu of the standard photos, you will see pics of masked & unmasked awardees "in every clime & place."

I am pleased to report that this year there is a separate History Supplement. It is a must read! Our MCEA Historian, Phil Martin, has been hard at work. He dug into historical records to provide additional information about day-to-day engineer company level operations in the evacuation from the Chosin Reservoir. You will also find an article on the history of Wing Engineer Squadron 17. Phil was able to get several Marines to write personal memories about serving in WES 17.

As we go to press, the Annual Reunion is being planned for September. I hope to see you there.

*Happy Reading,  
Joel Cooley, MCEA Newsletter Coordinator*



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The Associate Directors for the MCEA are the principal means of maintaining contact with the membership. We have 20 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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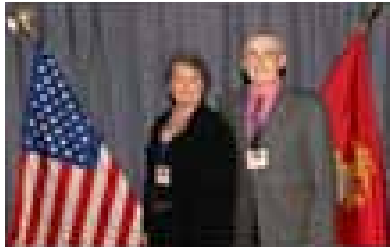
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These Marines give up their time to continue serving, if they contact you by phone, email, or letter, please respond in some way to let them know you are in good health and your contact information is correct.



# 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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LAWLESS, EDWARD N. MSGT (RET)  
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LEAHY, EDWARD P. VET  
LEAKE, NORMAN G. GYSGT (RET)  
LEWIS, J. C. MSGT (RET)  
LIGGETT, JAMES E. MSGT (RET)  
LINDSEY, JOEL (FRANK) CAPT (RET)  
LIVEZEY, JAMES W. MAJ (RET)  
LOVE, RAEFORD N. GYSGT (RET)  
LOY, WILLIAM CAPT (RET)  
MACHA, JAMES F. MSGT (RET)  
MacKENZIE, JAMES M. LTCOL (RET)  
MACKAY, MARION L. GYSGT (RET)  
MADER, JOHN F. COL (RET)  
MARJANOV, JOHN MGYSGT (RET)  
MARKUS, HOWARD M. MAJ (RET)  
MASON, PAUL M. GYSGT (RET)  
MASTICE, JOSEPH VET  
MATAVA, ROBERT J. VET  
MATTHEWS, DREW I. LTCOL (RET)  
MAXWELL, LEO F. GYSGT (RET)  
McCANDLESS, JOHN R. MSGT (RET)  
McCARTER, LARRY A. CWO4 (RET)  
McCLURE, GARY L. LTCOL (RET)  
McCOY, JAMES F. MGYSGT (RET)  
McCREA, DONALD S. VET  
McDOWELL, GERALD VET  
McGILL, DENNIS C. VET  
McLANE JR, DONALD C. MAJ (RET)  
McLAUGHLIN JR, HOWARD N. VET  
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McLAWHORN, LEON CAPT (RET)  
MEEKER, ERMINE L. COL (RET)  
MENKE, RONALD M. SSGT (RET)  
MENTZER, JOHN F. COL (RET)  
METCALFE, EDWIN A. CAPT (RET)  
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MILLICE, KEN COL (RET)  
MILLS, DAVID C. LTCOL (RET)  
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MONROE, RICHARD D. CAPT (RET)  
MOOREFIELD, HUBERT (BO) L. MAJ (RET)  
MOYER, GERALD E. SGTMAJ (RET)  
MURPHY, JOHN M. SSG (US ARMY)  
MURPHY, ROBERT F. MSGT (RET)  
MYERS, JOHN D. VET  
NAHRGANG, DONALD V. LTCOL (RET)  
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NICE, LLOYD (NICK) B. LTCOL (RET)  
NIEHOF, HARRY H. VET  
NOGGLE, JAMES M. VET  
NORRIS, LENVER E. TSgt (USAF RET)  
NOVAK, WILLIAM F. VET  
NUNN, GRANT P. GYSGT (RET)  
OAKLEY, JOHN D. COL (RET)  
O'CONNOR, JACK F. MAJ (RET)  
O'CONNOR, JOHN B. VET  
OLSON, FREDRIC O. COL (RET)  
O'MAHONEY, MICHAEL J. MAJ (RET)  
PALMER, RALPH CWO2 (RET)  
PALMER, ROBERT M. CWO3 (RET)

PARKER, PETER W. VET  
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PEHOWIC, STANLEY A. GYSGT (RET)  
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PEREZ, RICHARD T. GYSGT (RET)  
PERRY, JAMES L. SSGT (RET)  
PHANEUF, JOSEPH R. LTCOL (RET)  
PHELPS, WILLIAM E. LTCOL (RET)  
PICCIONE, JOSEPH M. VET  
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POPE, FRANK G. VET  
PORTWOOD, TROY G. VET  
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PRICE, DONALD L. MSGT (RET)  
PUGH, ROBERT C. GYSGT (RET)  
QUALLS, MENTRAL (BOB) GYSGT (RET)  
QUEEN, WAYNE A. MGYSGT (RET)  
RATLIFE, CURTIS L. VET  
RAU, HARVEY L. MAJ (RET)  
RAU, ROLAND A. GYSGT (RET)  
READ, JOE H. CWO2 (RET)  
REFFELT, EDWIN L. CAPT (RET)  
REID, KENNETH R. VET  
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REYNOLDS, PAUL C. MSGT (RET)  
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ROCKWELL, NOEL VET  
RODEBAUGH, ROBERT G. MSGT (RET)  
ROSE, MURRAY F. COL (RET)  
ROZICH, FRANK J. VET  
RUBADUE, WILLIAM J. VET  
RUBIO, JOSE R. MSGT (RET)  
RUDAT, JUNIOR D. GYSGT (RET)  
RUSHING, EDWIN K. VET  
RYNDERS, RUSSELL L. VET  
SARDO, EUGENE VET  
SAULNIER, JOHN L. CAPT (RET)  
SCHEER, CARL E. MGYSGT (RET)  
SCHULTZ, JACK T. MAJ (RET)  
SCHWENK, KEITH A. VET  
SCULLY, TERENCE J. CWO2 (RET)  
SHAFER, ROGER L. LTCOL (RET)  
SHANNAHAN, JOHN K. MAJ (RET)  
SHARKEY, LEO J. VET  
SHAWARYN JR, EUGENE T. VET  
SHELKOFISKY, EARNEST L. MSGT (RET)  
SHELTON, OTEY H. CWO4 (RET)  
SHEPPARD, WILLIAM A. GYSGT (RET)  
SHIELDS, JIMMIE R. VET  
SHORES III, GEORGE W. VET  
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SIMONSON, ARTHUR K. VET  
SMITH, CONWAY J. LTCOL (RET)  
\*SMITH, GORDON F. LTCOL (RET)  
SMITH, MICHAEL J. SGT (RET)  
SMITH, RAYMOND C. VET  
SMITH, RAYMOND K. MGYSGT (RET)  
SNYDER, GUY MSGT (RET)  
SOFRONAS, GEORGE P. VET  
SOGHOIAN, AVEDIS H. MSGT (RET)  
SOLTER, HARRY L. COL (RET)  
SOUZA, JOSEPH W. VET  
SOWA, JEROME J. MGYSGT (RET)  
SPIESE, PAULA A. VET  
SPIKERMAN, JACK L. MAJ (RET)

STANCHEK, JOHN VET  
STANDIFER, BENNIE W. VET  
STANDISH, PETER J. VET  
STASIO, DR. ANTHONY VET  
STERN, HERBERT GYSGT (RET)  
STEVENS II, STEVEN P. LCPL KIA  
STEWART, BILLY K. GYSGT (RET)  
STOCKSTILL, PAUL R. VET  
STOKES, RUFUS R. MSGT (RET)  
STONE, RUSSELL M. VET  
STUBBLEFIELD, ROBERT E. VET  
STURGEON, WILLIAM R. VET  
STURZA, RAYMOND P. CAPT (RET)  
SULLIVAN, JOHN W. VET  
SUMNER, DONALD W. CAPT (RET)  
SURKAMP, RICHARD E. VET  
SUTTON, GERALD F. CAPT (RET)  
SVILKA, ALIUS J. VET  
SWENSON, KENNETH G. VET  
SWINDALL, THOMAS E. VET  
TERRY, EDWARD MSGT (RET)  
THOMAS, RAYMOND W. VET  
THOMASON, RONALD M. VET  
TOBIN, JOHN W. GYSGT (RET)  
TOMPKINS SR, ROBERT J. VET  
TOTH, FRANCIS A. MAJ (RET)  
TUCK, CALVIN C. 1STSGT (RET)  
TURNER, BLAINE L. VET  
TURNER, GEORGE W. MSGT (RET)  
TURPIN, RUSSELL B. LTCOL (RET)  
ULSH, AMMON J. SSGT (RET)  
VEGA, MANUEL M. SGTMAJ (RET)  
VIERS JR., W. GUS LTCOL (RET)  
\*VINAL, KENNETH E. VET  
VOAKLANDER, ARCHIE 1STSGT (RET)  
VOORHEES, JOHN D. CWO2 (RET)  
VROOMAN, LYNDON F. CAPT (RET)  
WAGES, EDWARD J. MAJ (RET)  
WALL, CALEB N. LTCOL (RET)  
WALLEN, ALPHONSE I. VET  
WATTERS SR, RONALD T. (MESSIO) MGYSGT (RET)  
WEAVER, RALPH (BO) L. VET  
WEIGHTMAN, ROBERT L. 1STSGT (RET)  
WELCHERT, JERRY W. VET  
WELDEN, MAX L. VET  
\*WHITT, ELLIS H. VET  
WICKHAM, JOHN D. VET  
WIDEMAN, WILLIAM VET  
WIECZOREK, ALFRED S. VET  
WIGGINS, ANDREW J. GYSGT (RET)  
WILCOX, LEE ROY MGYSGT (RET)  
WILDER, WALLACE W. VET  
WILKINSON, ROY E. GYSGT (RET)  
WILLEY, CLAUDE E. MSGT (RET)  
WILLIAMS, KENNETH W. GYSGT (RET)  
WILLIAMS, STEVE L. CAPT (RET)  
WILLIAMSON, MELVIN R. GYSGT (RET)  
WINOSKI, WALTER M. COL (RET)  
WITKOWSKI, ROBERT R. VET  
WOLF, RICHARD L. VET  
WOOD, GARY M. VET  
WOODWARD, LEEMAN E. MGYSGT (RET)  
WORKMAN, JOHN L. VET  
WRIGHT, RICHARD M. CAPT (RET)  
YEAMAN, DONALD W. VET  
YORK, CLIFFORD T. SSGT (RET)  
YORK, WALLACE E. CAPT (RET)  
YOUNG, LAURITZ W. LTCOL (RET)  
YOUNGHANS, ROBERT A. SGTMAJ (RET)  
ZACK, CHARLEST. VET  
ZANCK, EUGENE D. SGT  
ZEMATIS, WALTER J. MGYSGT (RET)  
ZIMMERMAN, JAMES N. VET  
ZYSK, FRANK L. VET

The \* indicates additions since last year's newsletter.



# IN MEMORIAM

## REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED ENGINEER BROTHERS

Below is a listing of MCEA members who have recently passed away. We include members who we have been belatedly notified of their deaths. We honor and highlight their service, achievements and dedication to Country and Corps. Our prayers and condolences are offered to their survivors. After each name is their Together We Served (TWS) file number. A concerted effort has been made by Pam Jeans, our TWS/Obituary Coordinator, to insure every deceased MCEA member has been entered in TWS, where an individual's service record, units, organizations, medals and career highlights can be recorded for posterity. You can read a deceased member's TWS entry by simply clicking on the individual's name in the FYI/Honor Roll page on our website, [marcorengasn.org/fyi/honor-roll/](http://marcorengasn.org/fyi/honor-roll/). All MCEA members are encouraged to join TWS, <https://marines.togetherweserved.com/>, and record their military service. It is a meaningful way to document history from a personal viewpoint and it is a wonderful legacy to leave for your family.

### **\*BETTS, MICHAEL R. VET TWS 65495**

Michael R. Betts, 70, of Phoenix, Arizona passed away on November 6, 2020.

Michael was born on November 23, 1950 in Pueblo, Colorado to John and Gloria Betts.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1967.

He served in Vietnam with the 9th Engineer Battalion as an engineer equipment operator and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for shrapnel wounds.

He was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1971.

He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

Following his service, Michael worked as a diesel mechanic and as a postal worker in the Phoenix area, married his loving wife Cynthia and raised his son, James. Michael succumbed to cancer probably caused by Agent Orange. He was a good man and a proud Marine and was especially proud of James who also became a Marine and served in Iraq. Michael's cremated remains will be inurned at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, AZ.



### **\*BILLICH, EMIL J. VET TWS 483374**

Emil Joseph Billich, 90, of Somerset NJ passed away on November 20, 2017 at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick surrounded by his loved ones. Born on August 29, 1927, in Perth Amboy NJ. Emil is preceded in death by his mother Elsa (Dieter) Billich and father Emil Billich Sr. both of Perth Amboy and his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dieter of Germany.

Emil was a true patriot who joined the Navy where he proudly served his country as a SeaBee during World War II. He later joined the United States Marine Corps during The Korean War where he again proudly served his country with the 7th Engineer Battalion as a combat engineer. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

Emil dedicated over 40 years with The Punia and Marc Company and over 15 years with The KRE Group as their Director of Construction. Emil was a very intelligent and witty man who was loved and admired dearly by his family. He enjoyed building models, spending time and sharing laughs with his family and dear friends, watching old John Wayne movies and playing a good game of solitaire.



Emil is survived by his loving wife Gay, his daughter Donna Billich, his step children: William Van Pelt and his wife Sherrie; Lauralee Van Pelt and her significant other Walter Childs; Donna Benner and her husband Rick; and James Van Pelt III (predeceased) and his wife Paytra. Emil was also survived by his five grandchildren along with his three great-grandchildren. Entombment was on November 24, 2017 at the Somerset Hills Memorial Park & Chapel Mausoleum in Basking Ridge, NJ.

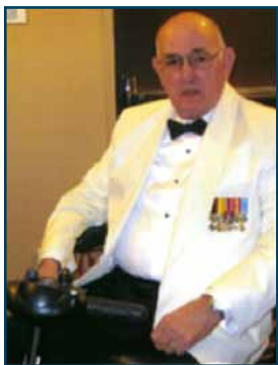


**\*BONNER, D. L. VET TWS 178887**

D L Bonner, 91, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and Marine Corps veteran passed peacefully with his wife by his side on October 30, 2020. D L is survived by his wife of 69 years, Camelia Louise; his sons, Gary (Pamela) Bonner, Mark (Linda) Bonner, Kirk (Kirstin) Bonner, and Darren (Michele) Bonner; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

D L was born October 20, 1929 in Killeen, Texas to Binkley and Ruby Bonner. D L served in the Marine Corps for just over 7 years reaching the grade of staff sergeant. He fought in the Korean War and was honorably discharged as one of the Chosen Few. He finished his career as a civilian (GM-15) for the Marine Corps as the Director of Installations and Logistics at Marine Headquarters. He was an active Mason, home lodge Killeen Texas, with a 50-year pin, and an early member of the Maryland Virginia Sports Club and a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. D L and Camelia retired to “the Farm” in Fluvanna County, Virginia where they both volunteered with the Scottsville Rescue Squad.

Those who knew D L will always keep his resounding voice, strong handshakes and tight hugs close to their heart. A funeral service was conducted at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at Thacker Brothers Scottsville Funeral Home. Interment immediately followed at Scottsville Cemetery



**\*BURCH, VERLE E. CAPT (RET) TWS 256096**

Verle E. “Joe” Burch, Captain, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), age 92 of Spokane, Washington, passed away on October 20, 2020 at Touchmark Skilled Nursing Facility where he resided for the last three years. Joe was born in Eloika Lake, WA to William and Alberta Burch on February 26, 1928. He attended Chattaroy Elementary School before moving to Walla Walla where he graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1946. After graduation, he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he proudly served our Nation for 24 years. During his time as a Marine, he saw action in China, Korea & Vietnam. He earned the distinction of being called a Mustang, a Marine whose career spanned both the enlisted and office ranks. He retired from active duty in 1972 at the

rank of Captain. Despite being retired, Joe continued to remain a loyal Marine throughout his entire life.

Following his 24-year career in the Marines, he served another 24 years as an accountant for the Oceanside School District in Oceanside, CA. He was also a longtime member of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Spokane.

Joe was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Dorothy Jean Burch (nee McKercher), by both his parents, his sisters, Wilma Lungo and Maxine Malone as well as by his brother, Laverne Burch. He is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Kathie Allen Burch (nee Hussey), his son Ronald of Mount Shasta, CA and Daniel of Oceanside, CA, and by his daughter Debra of Spokane, WA. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Travis of Ladera Ranch, CA, Jessica of Salt Lake City, UT and Cameron of Houston, CA, two great grandsons, Cole & Max and the newest great grandchild, born just before Joe passed. His two stepchildren, Bethany Allen and Eric Allen also reside in Spokane, WA.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors at the WA State Veteran’s Cemetery will be held at a later date.





**\*CUKROWICZ, CHESTER EUGENE CWO4 (RET) TWS 504969**

Chester Eugene Cukrowicz, Chief Warrant Officer-4, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), 84, of Roseboro, North Carolina passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at his home. Chester was born on May 22, 1936 in South Bend, Indiana, the son of Sigmund and Anna Cukrowicz.

He is survived by his wife, Amy H. Cukrowicz; daughter, Evelyn Strickland and husband, Tony of Clinton; two sons, Michael Cukrowicz and wife, Jennifer of Autryville and Eric Cukrowicz of Salemburg; brother, Richard Cukrowicz of South Bend, IN; 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Chester served in the Marine Corps from 1954 to 1974 and worked his way up through the ranks as a combat engineer serving with the 1st Pioneer Battalion and with the 11th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

A funeral service was held on July 16 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clinton, NC with Father Joseph Dionne officiating. Burial followed in the Roseboro Cemetery. Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro coordinated the services.

**\*DAVIDSON, DARRELL COL (RET) TWS 30392**

Darrell U. Davidson, Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) of Jekyll Island, Georgia, son of John and Gladys Davidson of Osage, Iowa, died on July 22, 2020 at the age of 90. Darrell was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Huenefeld Davidson of Gregory, Arkansas who died in 1986. He leaves behind his loving wife of thirty years, Sharon Davidson; daughters Kimberlee Schifrin (Mark), Beverly Ungerer (Robert), Barbara Davidson (Jack Shea), and Kimberly Hoy; son John Davidson (Donna); eight grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; and a sister, Joan Bateman.



A civil engineer, Darrell served in the Marine Corps from 1953 to 1980. He was a veteran of both the 1958 Lebanon Crisis and the Vietnam War. He and his family traveled widely as part of his military career, including tours in Taipei, Taiwan and Yokosuka, Japan where he served as the Naval 7th Fleet Marine Officer. Darrell's military assignments included commands at the platoon, company and battalion levels. In Vietnam, he commanded the 9th Engineer Battalion (1968-1969). He ended his military career as Executive Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Robert Barrows.

Darrell, whose military decorations include two Legion of Merit awards with combat "V", the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, enjoyed a full second career as a business consultant and accountant. In retirement, he served as Treasurer for numerous charitable organizations. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. Inurnment was at Arlington National Cemetery.

**\*DOUGHERTY, DANIEL F. SGTMAJ (RET) TWS 512190**

Daniel Francis 'Doc' Dougherty, Sergeant Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), age 93 years, passed away at home in Jacksonville, North Carolina with his family by his side on December 27th, 2020 after a brief illness. Born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on September 18, 1927, 'Doc' enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1945, just before his 18th birthday. He served in the Korean War in 1952 and later became a Drill Sergeant at Camp Pendleton, California. There, he met his future wife, Phyllis Deffley who was serving in the U.S. Navy. He later served two tours in the Vietnam War in 1964-65 and 1968-69. He was promoted to the grade of Warrant Officer W-1 in 1966 and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" in 1970. 'Doc' was stationed at Camp Lejeune in 1951, 1954, 1966, and finally in 1969 until his retirement as a Sergeant Major after 28 years.





On retirement, 'Doc' attended the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, graduating in 1975 with his Bachelor of Science in Finance. He was the first man in his family's history to graduate from college. 'Doc' was an avid sportsman who said he "was born to do sports" and was passionate about golf with a 5 handicap. He won the MCAS Kaneohe, Hawaii Golf Championship in 1960 and was Camp Lejeune Paradise Point Men's Champion in 1982 and Men's Senior Golf Champion in 2000. He scored his first Hole-in-One in 1960, then again in 1994 and yet again in 2004. As a young athlete in Philadelphia, he captained his 3 high school sports teams to championships. He played and coached basketball, baseball, and football leading his teams to championships in 1947, 1948, 1950 (West Coast Football Championship-Quarterback), 1953 (CL Football Championship-Head Coach-Player), 1967, and 1971 (East Coast Basketball Championship-Head Coach-Player). When he no longer played or coached, he became an umpire and referee, supervisor, and booking agent for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. He led North Carolina's first 6-man officiating crew in 1997 and first 7-man officiating crew in 1998. He later officiated with distinguished service for the East Carolina Officials Association. He also officiated the North Carolina High School Golf Championships for 16 years, the last one in Pinehurst. In 2012, he was presented with the coveted Golden Whistle Merit Award from the NCHSAA. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

'Doc' and his beloved wife Phyllis are survived by their family: Dr Phyllis Ann Dougherty of Florida, Carolyn Dougherty Koonce of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina, and Denise Dougherty Kenyon and her husband, Dr Steven Kenyon of Coventry, Rhode Island. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Danielle Koonce Cecil, CRNA and her husband, Dr Chad Cecil and by his great-granddaughter, Ava Cecil, age 9 years of Apex, North Carolina.

A mass of Christian burial was held at Infant of Prague Catholic Church on January 11th, 2021 followed by a burial with full military honors at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery where he rests next to his beloved wife of 66 years, Phyllis Aleene.



**\*ELLIOTT, RICHARD M. LTCOL (RET) TWS 52979**

Richard Morrow Elliott, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), age 99, passed away August 3, 2019. He was born in 1920 in Brickton, KS. He lived in Vernon, Texas and graduated from Vernon High School in 1937. He attended Rice University and Texas A & M. In 1940 he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was called to active duty in April of 1942. LtCol Elliott spent most of WWII in the South Pacific participating in the Marine campaigns as a Combat Engineer. He also served as Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Midway at the time of her commissioning. During the Korean Conflict he was involved in the Wonsan amphibious landing and the battle of the Chosin Reservoir.

During the war while in San Diego he met Nettie V. Peterson and they were married in Annapolis, MD in March 1947. Richard and Nettie were married 72 years and have three children, Barbara, Richard, and Kathryn. They also have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

LtCol Elliott completed his military career participating in the nuclear testing in the American desert and the South Pacific. While stationed in Albuquerque, NM he completed his college degree that was interrupted by WWII, earning a BBA from the University of New Mexico. He retired in 1962 after 23 years, 2 months and 22 days as a U.S. Marine. He then went to work for Texas Instruments for the next 25 years. He enjoyed many hobbies after retirement and traveled with his wife. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

A funeral service was held on Aug. 12, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church, 271 Walton Street, in Richardson, TX with internment at the Dallas/Ft Worth National Cemetery, Grand Prairie, TX.





**\*ELSTON, RICHARD E. MSGT (RET) TWS 506746**

Richard “Dick” E. Elston, Master Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), age 90, of Dyer, Indiana, passed away June 18, 2020. He was born August 3, 1929 in Illinois to Lowell C. and Signe M. Elston. He joined the Marine Corps in 1947 and retired in 1967 as an Engineer Operations Chief. He was a Korean War veteran and served with the 1st Engineer Battalion in Vietnam.

Dick was the beloved husband of the late Doris, loving father of Scott Elston and Cynthia (Terry) Phillips, devoted grandfather of Terriko (Michael) Griffin and Richard Elston and great-grandfather of Kristin, Joseph, and Yumi, dear brother of the late Charles Lowell Elston. He was a member of the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) in Highland, a member of the Dyer VFW Post #6448, the American Legion Post #66 Griffith, IN, the Calumet Detachment Marine Corps League and a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.



**\*FLYNN, JOSEPH FRANCIS (VET) TWS 495708**

Joseph Francis Flynn of Firth Street in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, age 92, died peacefully at home after a brief illness on January 5, 2018. Born on March 28, 1925, he was the oldest of seven children of Francis Thomas and Blanche (Cantrel) Flynn. Joe graduated from high school at Saints Philip and James School in 1942 and joined the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the 5th Engineer Battalion, 5th Marine Division, in the Battle of Iwo Jima and later in the Occupation of Japan. He was promoted to Corporal but passed up an offer for Officer Candidate School to return home and marry his high school sweetheart, Rita Marie Singley of Easton with whom he raised five sons. Starting work on the night shift in 1947 at Mack Printing Co., Joe rose through the ranks to become plant superintendent over a 40-year career before retiring in 1987. A longtime homeowner on South Side Easton, he and his family were members of the now-closed St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. Joe enjoyed reading, painting and traveling in his retirement. His wife predeceased him in 1993.

In 1996, Joe married Grace Brennan of Phillipsburg and moved across the river, taking up residence just a block and a half from the house in which he was born and raised. His second wife died in 2000. “Once a Marine, always a Marine,” Joe was active in the Marine Corps League, serving as a past commandant of the Northampton County Detachment No. 298. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. He was also a past member of the Serra Club, which is dedicated to fostering and promoting vocations to the consecrated religious life. In his younger days, well before computer technology, Joe enjoyed experimenting with 8mm trick photography with the 88 Camera Club.

Joe is survived by a large extended family that includes four sons and their wives: Michael Flynn and Margie (White) of Easton, Kevin Flynn and Harriet (Novak) of Denver, CO, Sean Flynn and Dana (Shusta) of Haverford, PA, and Patrick Flynn and Patricia (Garrett) of Highlands Ranch, CO; seven grandchildren: Sara Flynn of Easton, Dennis Flynn of Anchorage, AK, Brendan Flynn of Spokane, WA, Elisabeth Flynn Marcus and her husband, Dave Marcus, of Evergreen, CO, Brian Flynn of Denver, Connor Flynn of Highlands Ranch and Christopher Flynn of Durango, CO; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Daniel Flynn of Phillipsburg and John Thomas Flynn of Nazareth, PA, and sisters, Mary Lilly, Patricia Flynn and Blanche “Sissy” Gebhardt, all of Phillipsburg. In addition to his wives, Joe was predeceased by a son, Dennis Flynn, and a brother, Francis “Salem” Flynn. Burial was in St. Joseph’s New Cemetery in Easton, PA.



**\*KETTLER, ALEX V. VET TWS 502946**

Alex Victor Kettler of St. Louis, Missouri, age 87, passed away on April 5, 2020. He was born on July 16, 1932, spent his early years in a variety of orphanages and foster homes in St. Louis and Washington, MO. Father Dearman of St. Joseph's Orphanage in Washington cared for Alex and introduced him to his adoptive parents. Herbert and Lisetta Kettler adopted Alex and raised him on their farm near Dutzow, Missouri. The Roman Catholic Church played an essential role in Alex Kettler's life, taking him in as an orphan, caring for him, and finding a loving family for him.

The month Alex turned 18, the Korean War broke out on the other side of the world. A patriot all his life, Alex joined the U.S. Army and spent 2 years in Korea. He served in combat until he got wounded, at which point he spent the rest of his time driving a truck to pick up soldiers to bring them to the MASH unit. In his later years, when asked about his military service, he would brim with pride and say he would do it again. After returning from military service in 1954 as a Corporal, Alex worked his entire career for a dry wall business in St. Louis. He always loved baseball and football, following the Cardinals his whole life and the Rams during their years in St. Louis. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

Alex had two children, Roy and Luann and 4 grandchildren (Janis Kimmel, Jamie Bass, Jennifer Ruwisch and Jonathan Kettler) all of whom loved their grandpa. Alex had Parkinson's the last ten years of his life, and on Palm Sunday of 2020, he succumbed to the illness and breathed his last. A true Catholic, a loving father and grandfather, and a proud American who bled Cardinal red, Alex Victor Kettler will be remembered in the hearts of the scores of people whose lives he touched.

Alex is survived by his son Roy and his wife Vicky, his daughter Luann Haberberger and her husband Tim, 4 grandchildren, Janis Kimmel, Jamie Bass, Jennifer Ruwisch and Jonathan Kettler and 9 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his very dear friends Angie Vitale and Pat Hasler. Burial with full military honors was held on July 28, 2020 at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Lemay, St. Louis County, Missouri.



**\*KING, CHARLES L. VET TWS 503872**

Charles Lincoln King, "Charley", 92, passed away on January 27, 2020. He was a much-beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother, brother-in-law and friend. Charley was born July 8, 1927 to Maria and Jefferson Paul King in Mexico City where he lived with his family throughout his childhood and early adulthood. He attended Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio and Shriner Institute in Kerrville. He later studied business and law at Baylor University where he earned his BBA. At the age of 17, Charley was invited to serve as a junior ambassador at the United Nations Conference on International Organization. Delegates from 50 nations gathered in San Francisco to set up the organization which would preserve peace and help build a better world. At this conference, the Charter of the United Nations was signed by delegates from the 50 countries. Charley got to

experience the formation of the United Nations at that conference, and always talked about how exciting it was for him and a few other junior ambassadors to witness the event. He always kept a framed letter from President Truman on his wall, which thanked him for his service at the UNCIO conference.

Charley enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1946. He proudly served in Company A, First Engineer Battalion, First Marine Division just after WWII. He loved to share the incredible stories of serving in Guam, Saipan, Pagan Island and Northern China. He attained the grade of corporal prior to discharge. In 1950, Charley met the love of his life, Margaret "Margie" Rosenfeld. They enjoyed 63 loving years together, raising their four children, and making their home in Waco, Memphis, Brownsville, Mexico, Pasadena, Houston, and finally Pearland.

Charley had many interests and accomplishments. As a young man, he developed a love for horses and was an accomplished equestrian competitor. Charley also loved to fly his Cessna 152.



His love of aviation had to be put on hold later in life as his vision suffered, but he never forgot how much he enjoyed being a pilot.

As a member of the China Marine Association and a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association, Charley and his beloved wife Margie enjoyed traveling all over the country to attend the reunions. Charley is preceded in death by his parents, his wife and his brothers Paul King and Robert King.

He is survived by his children: Charles L. King and wife Rose, Robert E. King and wife Deborah, David P. King and Lyuda Wales, and Margaret M. Timmins and husband Dan. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. A private grave-side service was held.

**\*MOCKLER, THOMAS J. VET TWS 484399**

Thomas James Mockler, age 86, of Norwalk, Ohio, passed away on Friday, October 21, 2016 with his family by his side. Thomas was born July 28, 1930, the son of Thomas J. and Ruth Thelma (Krause). He served three years as a United States Marine during the Korean War Conflict. From 1951 to 1952 he was a Combat Engineer with the 1st Engineer Battalion in Korea and then with Marine Air Base Squadron 24 in 1953 and was honorably discharged as a sergeant. He married Mary Esther Sherwood of Milan, OH on April 27, 1957. He and Mary had several children and grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Paul Catholic Church in Norwalk with Monsignor Kenneth Morman officiating. Burial was at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Milan, OH. Thomas was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

**\*NEWELL, JAMES F. CAPT (RET) 510971**

James F. Newell, Captain, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), age 97, of Fallbrook, California passed away on November 28, 2020. He was born March 23, 1923. He joined the Marine Corps In July 1943 and was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam serving from 1943 to 1969. He rose through the ranks and was commissioned in 1954 and promoted to captain in 1959. The 1st and 7th Engineer Battalions were among the many units he served with during his career. James and his wife Susie were long time residents of San Diego and later Fallbrook. He was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.



**\*PATCH, BRADLEY PAUL CWO-4 (RET) TWS 295107**

Bradley Paul Patch, Chief Warrant Officer-4, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), 73, passed away peacefully on July 28, 2020. Born on October 26, 1946 in Toledo, Ohio to Albert (Al) and Doris Patch, he grew up in Six Lakes, Michigan with his sister, Vicki, and brother, Mark.

He joined the military in 1966 and dedicated his life to serving his country for 30 years and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer-4 in the United States Marine Corps. As a Bulk Fuel Officer, he served in Vietnam, Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Mogadishu, Somalia.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Chapman University with a degree in English and a Master's Degree in Systems Management from the University of

Southern California.

After retirement from the Marine Corps, he worked as a Senior Logistics Analyst at RADIANT, a Senior Analyst at CALIBRE Systems, and a Program Manager at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) in Washington D.C.

He is survived by his two daughters, Danielle and Shannon, and his two granddaughters, Katelyn and Kelly. He was preceded in death by his father, Albert (Al), mother, Doris, brother, Mark, and wife of 33 years, Bonnie. Services have been arranged at Arlington National Cemetery.





**\*RICE, WILLIAM MARLING LTCOL (RET) TWS 509713**

William Marling Rice, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) died peacefully at his home in Beaufort, South Carolina on November 9, 2020 at the age of 76.

Bill was born November 16, 1943 in Chadron, NE to David and Kathryn Rice, the third child behind David and Sandy, along with his younger brother Larry. Bill developed his love for hunting and fishing. Bill joined the Boy Scouts of America. Scouting fostered his love of his country, his God, and his sense of service to others which he carried out to his final breath. Bill earned his Eagle Scout Award in 1959. During his four years at Chadron High School, he earned three letters for football, baseball, track and field and two more for basketball. His senior year he led Chadron

High School to a Class "B" Basketball State Championship in 1961. That following spring he, also, won the Nebraska State high jump championship.

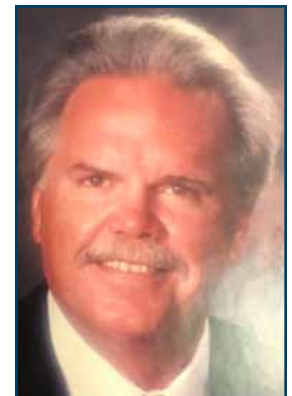
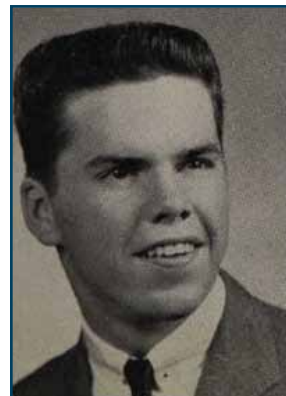
Bill received an athletic scholarship to the University of Montana for Basketball and Track and Field. Bill majored in Wildlife Biology. He was a 4-year letterman in track and field and basketball. In 1965, he met Jackie Cooper, who became his wife of 55 years. Bill joined the Marine Corps in 1966 serving in Vietnam, Philippines, Okinawa and various US military bases, finally retiring in Beaufort, South Carolina. In retirement, this was the birth of Bill's Lawn Service. Bill was a very active member of the AmVets Post 70 and the Free Masons. Bill's true passion in life was his family.

Bill is predeceased by his parents and brother David.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie of Beaufort, SC, his three children, Bill Rice (Gina) of Huntsville, AL, Darin Rice (Karla) of Greenwood, SC, and Kelly Rice Olson (Chris) of Atlanta, GA, his siblings, Sandy Vassar of Bellevue, NE and Larry Rice (Tera) of Glenrock, WY, his 10 grandchildren, and his sweet basset hound, Miley Mae. Services will be held at Beaufort National Cemetery in the summer of 2021.

**\*SHUMAKER, JAMES C. CAPT (RET) TWS 512998**

James C. Shumaker, Captain, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), age 78, of Elizabeth Township, Pennsylvania, passed away on Sunday, August 16, 2020 in Jefferson Hospital. Born January 2, 1942 in South Park, PA he was a son of the late Ira and Rita (Collins) Shumaker. As a young man, James earned a football scholarship to the Virginia Military Institute and earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, then served from 1964 to 1975 as a Combat Engineer Officer. During his career he held several billets in the 2nd Engineer and 7th Engineer Battalions. He served in Vietnam and attained the rank of Captain when he was injured in the line of duty and retired. After returning



to the United States, James took a job as a supervising plant manager for Fleetwood in Riverside, CA, handling Fleetwood's plants in fifteen states and Canada. Upon returning to Pennsylvania, he served as a supervising manager for Greenman Peterson Construction and retired from Johnson Mirmiran & Thompson where he supervised infrastructure projects such as bridges in the area and Routes 43 and 376. James also was a self-employed home inspector. He is survived by his wife of 27 years Carolyn (Cerqua) Shumaker, his daughters Kelli Hill of Cayucos, CA and Kristen (Michael) Nehus of Wylie, TX, his granddaughter Hannah Hill of San Diego, CA, his brothers Ira and William Shumaker, and also nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, James was preceded in death by his son James C. Shumaker, Jr. and sister Patricia Shumaker Kling. James was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.





**\*SMITH, GORDON F. LTCOL (RET) TWS 503868**

Gordon Ferrell Smith, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), age 78, of Carrier Mills, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 in Olathe, Kansas. He was born on July 7, 1940 to Arthur and Lucile (Sailsbury) Smith in Ridgway. Gordon grew up in Junction and graduated from Equality High School in 1958. On December 30, 1960 he married his high school sweetheart, Mari Lou (Moore) Smith.

Immediately after his graduation in 1962 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Gordon joined the Marine Corps and became a Combat Engineer Officer. His stateside orders moved his small family to Quantico, Virginia, Camp Pendleton, California, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Marine Corps headquarters in Washington, D.C., Kansas City, Missouri and Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, earning numerous medals and commendations, including the Bronze Star with the Combat "V." He also served on the select security team sent to Beirut, Lebanon after the bombing of the Marine Corps barracks there in 1983. Gordon was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

After his retirement from the Marine Corps in 1985, Gordon went on to oversee the construction of a scientific research facility in the Norfolk, Virginia area. He retired for good in 2001 and returned to his native southern Illinois to enjoy his grandkids, restore old cars and continue transforming an old Trailways bus into a state-of-the-art RV. Gordon's favorite pastime was deep-sea fishing. His proximity to the ocean in his post-military years allowed him to regularly travel to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, where he kept his boat.

Gordon is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Mari Lou Smith, now living in Olathe, Kansas; son, Mike (Sally) Smith of Olathe; four grandchildren and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Marilyn (Smith) Potts. A memorial service was held on October 27, 2018 followed by interment at the Jackson Cemetery near Ridgway with military honors by the Ridgway American Legion Post #596 and a Marine Corps Honor Team.



**\*VINAL, KENNETH E. VET TWS 506734**

Kenneth Edmund Vinal, age 90, a longtime Tewksbury, Massachusetts resident, passed away on August 10, 2020 at the Heatherwood Independent Living Community in Tewksbury. Born in North Chelmsford on September 21, 1929, he was the son of the late Walter and Bertha (Morrison) Vinal. Ken attended Chelmsford schools and graduated from Chelmsford High School. Following his high school years, he served in the U.S. Navy Reserves. In 1951, he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps and served during the Korean War with the 1st Marine Division. He received several decorations including the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged as a sergeant in 1954.

He was the beloved husband of Ilene Ruth (Wylie) Vinal, who passed away on June 5, 2009. Ken worked as a Letter Carrier in Tewksbury and eventually retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Ken was a member of the Wamesit Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Tewksbury, where he served as Past Master, and an integral member of the Building Committee which oversaw the design and construction of the present Lodge located on Victor Drive. In 1990, he and his late wife retired to Southern Pines, NC, where he joined the Marine Corps League and oversaw the Toys for Tots Program. Ken enjoyed military history and was a life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda R. Holden and her husband Mark of Tewksbury; his grandson, Andrew Holden and his wife Caitlin of Nashua, NH; his sister, Ruth Bisbee of Laurinburg, NC; his three nieces and two nephews. Ken was the brother of the late Harold Vinal. Interment was at Tewksbury Cemetery.





**\*WHITT, ELLIS H. VET TWS 286398 4**

Ellis H. Whitt, age 90 of Birmingham, Alabama, formerly of Anniston passed away on August 11, 2020. Mr. Whitt was born on February 10, 1930 in Whitesboro, Etowah County, AL and grew up in the Whitesboro Community. He graduated from Sardis High School in 1948. Mr. Whitt worked for two years at Republic Steel, then in 1950, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served his country with honor for three years and was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the 1st Engineer Battalion as an engineer equipment mechanic. Following his discharge in 1953, he worked the evening shift at Republic Steel and attended Jacksonville State University during the day graduating with his bachelor’s degree in 1958. Mr. Whitt went on to work for Alabama Power and retired in 1994 as a hydro plant superintendent. He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Anniston and the

Marine Corps Engineer Association.

Mr. Whitt was preceded in death by his parents, Willie H. and Velma E. (Battles) Whitt; brothers, William H., Lowell, Bobby, and Alvin Whitt; and sisters, Imo Harris, Eloise Johnson, and Della Samples. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Genelle Lindley Whitt; and his sons, Jeffrey Whitt (Mary Jane) of Birmingham, AL, and Timothy Whitt of Montgomery. Graveside services were held on October 15, 2020 at Forestlawn Gardens, Anniston, AL with Rev. Rick Searle officiating

“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”*

**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 26 Warrior Angels. Anyone wanting information on the program please contact Joe DeHart at [Dmsgt123@gmail.com](mailto:Dmsgt123@gmail.com). Project for this year is to make a quilt, with each patch representing a lost Marine Engineer.



# FELLOWS PROGRAM

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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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# Brick Program



Tony Raniszewski

It has now been seven 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 contribute any amount to this effort and MCEA would combine the donations of all members and purchase a Unit brick from our listing. Since it's initiation all the Unit bricks have been purchased so this program is complete. There are still many individual bricks left for purchase.

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 284 bricks already purchased and 283 of those already installed. Our last installation of three bricks was this spring. Our next installation will be this fall. MCEA is continuing this program with periodic purchases approximately three times per year.

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 2021 REUNION ITINERARY

Fredericksburg, VA ~ September 23 – 25, 2021

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Hotel rate of \$105 between September 18 through September 30 (5 days prior and through 5 days after our event, inclusive: Check in after 3 p.m.)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

- Welcome to the Clarion Hotel & Suites Convention Center; Check-in after 3 p.m.; \$105 room rates
- Up to 2 free breakfast buffet meal tickets per room per night
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Registration/Reception** with cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres; biz casual attire. Cost = \$25 per person
- Dinner and rest of the evening on your own

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

- 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. **Awards Program** 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 1, 2021); No cost to active duty award recipients plus 1 guest thanks to Society of American Military Engineers.
- 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner service, followed by Awards Program

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

- Breakfast on your own
- 9:30 a.m. Trolley departs hotel for Historical Fredericksburg Tour. **Register early to ensure a spot for the limited number of seats on the Trolley!** Casual attire/walking shoes. Cost = \$20 per person
- 11:30 a.m. (approximate) Trolley returns to the hotel. Lunch on your own.
- Afternoon free to visit nearby Marine Corps Museum in Triangle (across from Quantico Marine Base main gate) on your own
- 4:30 p.m. – 6 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](http://www.marcorengasn.org)  
([2021 Reunion under the Reunions Tab](#))

Questions? Charlie Dismore, (512) 394-9333 land line; (512) 633-8880 cell; [cdismore@charliedismore.com](mailto:cdismore@charliedismore.com)



# ADMIN 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 December, but members will remain in good standing until 31 March. 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](http://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.

Our 23 – 25 September 2021 reunion will find us returning to Fredericksburg, Virginia. We will be at the Clarion Hotel and Suites Convention Center, formerly the Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center. Hope to see you 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 2021 Reunion Registration Form for you to complete and return if you are planning on attending this years' reunion. The form is also available on line at [www.marcorengasn.org](http://www.marcorengasn.org)  
(2021 Reunion under the Reunions Tab)

If you know of someone who is interested in joining MCEA and 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)

Gateway Group LLC

HNTB Corporation (Sponsor of MWSS 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

At the risk of sounding like a “broken record” (that term alone dates me and probably has no meaning for those “under 30”) MCEA continues to have a strong financial position. Our reserve would be the envy of nearly all non-profits and for-profit entities. The Executive Committee continues monthly monitoring of our operations to ensure that we stay “on track.” We have now gone more than 12 years with no increase in dues or corporate sponsorship rates.

This year reflects a net increase in equity of nearly \$3,000. However, when I subtract out the excess of one very generous donation for Unit Bricks above the cost of those bricks, we ended up at essentially a “break even.” I would suggest that with our very substantial reserve, “break even” should be our goal. The surplus from the Unit Brick donation may well be needed to augment the unit bricks as we proceed through General Berger’s revised direction for our Corps.



**MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION  
BALANCE SHEETS**

**31 December 2019 and 31 December 2020**

	<b>Dec 31, '19</b>	<b>Dec 31, '20</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Total Checking/Savings	146,055.39	145,844.07
Total Accounts Receivable	100.51	1,684.46
Total Other Current Assets	5,915.67	9,131.61
Total Current Assets	152,071.57	156,660.14
Total Fixed Assets	4,344.87	4,344.87
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>156,416.44</b>	<b>161,005.01</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Total Current Liabilities	100.51	1,684.46
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>100.51</b>	<b>1,684.46</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>156,315.93</b>	<b>159,320.55</b>

**MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION  
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT 2020**

	<b>2019 TOTAL</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Total 41000 · GF-Direct Public Support	18,278.54
Total 43000 · GF-Program Income	0.00
Total 47000 · GF-Investments Earnings	2,187.28
Total 48000 · GF-Sales Related Income	33.70
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>20,499.52</b>
<b>EXPENS</b>	
<b>E</b>	
Total 60000 · GF-General Management Expense	673.49
Total 60500 · GF-Contract Services	2,676.54
Total 61000 · GF-Recruiting and Goodwill	215.70
Total 65000 · GF-Operations	422.39
Total 67000 · GF-Program Expenses	13,517.56
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>17,505.68</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>2,993.84</b>

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Dues Current	1,377	(89.9% are War Veterans)
Dues Delinquent	450	
Deceased	426	
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>2,253</b>	



# 2020 MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	CAPT STEPHANIE L. DAMREN	8th Engineer Support Battalion
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	SSGT TYLER C. STRAWSER	7th Engineer Support Battalion
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	SGT DERRICK CRISTOVALE	1st Combat Engineer Battalion
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	LCPL ANDREW G. OHL	Marine Wing Support Squadron 373
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO2 JOSHUA L. GRIFFIN	8th Engineer Support Battalion
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	SSGT KALEN T. GALL	Engineer Instruction Company Ft. Leonard Wood
ENGR EQUIPMENT NCO	CPL JONATHAN VARGAS	th Engineer Support Battalion
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	LCPL GIOACCHINO A D'ACQUISTO	7th Engineer Support Battalion
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO3 KENNETH S. CAMPBELL	Marine Forces Special Operations Command
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT ELISSA A. PEDELTY	8th Engineer Support Battalion
UTILITIES NCO	SGT SAMUEL J. DONAHUE	1st Combat Engineer Battalion
UTILITIES MARINE	LCPL JENNIFER PEREZ	7th Engineer Support Battalion
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO2 JACOB C. ALMAGUER	9th Engineer Support Battalion
BULK FUEL SNCO	SSGT CLAYTON S. LEVERENZ	7th Engineer Support Battalion
BULK FUEL NCO	CPL ABRIL A. GARCIA-QUIRINO	Marine Wing Support Squadron 172
BULK FUEL MARINE	LCPL YEVGENIY A. CAZIER	Marine Wing Support Squadron 171
EOD OFFICER	CWO2 JOHN R. HALL	Task Force Southwest Afghanistan
EOD TECHNICIAN	GYSGT SETH A. STRAIT	Special Purpose MAGTF Central Command
COMBAT ENGINEER BN	1st COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION	1st Marine Division
ENGINEER SPT BN	9th ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION	3rd Marine Logistics Group
MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY	ENGINEER COMPANY, MWSS 171	1st Marine Aircraft Wing
S.A.M.E. OFFICER OF THE YEAR	MAJ KATIE R. PETRONIO	Combined Joint Engineer Branch Afghanistan
S.A.M.E. SNCO OF THE YEAR	MSGT ALEXANDER J. ABEL	Marine Wing Support Squadron 272



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR***

**CAPTAIN STEPHANIE L. DAMREN**

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE WHILE SERVING AS COMPANY COMMANDER, GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT MOBILITY PLANNER AND STANDARD MILITARY BRIDGE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT WITH 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. HER LEADERSHIP ABILITY, VISION, AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE WERE INDISPENSABLE TO THE BATTALION'S MISSION. CAPTAIN DAMREN PURSUED AN AGGRESSIVE TRAINING SCHEDULE THAT COMPLETELY ECLIPSED THOSE OF ADJACENT UNITS ACROSS THE MARINE CORPS, PROVIDING FLAWLESS STANDARD MILITARY BRIDGING SUPPORT TO THE FLEET MARINE FORCE. SHE DEMONSTRATED HER REMARKABLE TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AS THE LEAD ENGINEER IN SUPPORT OF NUMEROUS JOINT AND COMBINED NATO OPERATIONS, SPEARHEADING AN UNPRECEDENTED EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE THUNDER REINDEER 2019,

AND DEPLOYING BRIDGE COMPANY'S ENTIRE COMPLEMENT TO NORWAY TO TRAIN WITH NORWEGIAN COMBAT ENGINEERS. FORECASTING THE EVENTUAL DECOMMISSIONING OF MILITARY STANDARD BRIDGING ASSETS IN THE FLEET MARINE FORCE, CAPTAIN DAMREN HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY TO CHART A FUTURE COURSE FOR MILITARY BRIDGING IN THE CORPS. SHE PURSUED INNOVATIVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NONSTANDARD BRIDGING CAPABILITIES, SOUGHT CLOSER INTEGRATION WITH NAVAL AND ALLIED ENGINEERS, AND REMAINS A COMMITTED ADVOCATE FOR OUR ASSURED MOBILITY MISSION. CAPTAIN DAMREN'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, PERSONAL INITIATIVE, AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HERSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

Note that many of the award photos were taken by official USMC photographers. All 7th Engineer Support Battalion photos were taken by Cpl Jailine L. AliceaSantiago and all 1st Combat Engineer Battalion photos were taken by LCpl Aldo Sessarego.





THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***COMBAT ENGINEER STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR***

**STAFF SERGEANT TYLER C. STRAWSER  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS OPERATIONS CHIEF, COMPANY A, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. STAFF SERGEANT STRAWSER WAS ASSIGNED AS ACTING PLATOON COMMANDER DUE TO HIS CONSISTENT HIGH LEVEL OF PERFORMANE WHILE CONDUCTING COUNTER MOBILITY ENGINEER OPERATIONS DURING OPERATION BORDER SUPPORT AT THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO BORDER. HE IMPLEMENTED AN AGGRESSIVE TRAINING PLAN WHICH DROVE TRAINING STANDARDS FOR ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE, VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITIONS AND MOBILITY. HAND-SELECTED TO REPRESENT 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP AS AN ENGINEER PLANNER IN SUPPORT OF TASK FORCE KOA MOANA 20, HE TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDUCTED

MULTIPLE ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS. HIS ENGINEER EFFORTS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE REGION TO SHAPE THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION IN ORDER TO FOSTER POSITIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VARIOUS NATIONS IN THE REGION. HE PROVIDED SUPERIOR ENGINEER ADVICE TO ADVANCE CRITICAL CIVIL MILITARY OPERATION EFFORTS. WHILE SERVING AS AN ADVISOR TO BRITISH MILITARY ENGINEERS DURING EXERCISE GREEN DAGGER, HE SKILLFULLY PROVIDED COUNTLESS HOURS OF INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION ON THE TENETS OF URBAN MOBILITY, BREACHING, DEMOLITION EMPLOYMENT, AND ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE. STAFF SERGEANT STRAWSER'S PASSION FOR MISSION PREPAREDNESS AND READINESS WAS EVIDENT AS HE INDIVIDUALLY PLANNED TWO CERTIFICATION EXERCISES AS PART OF PRE-DEPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND HAS CONSTANTLY EXCELLED BEYOND EXPECTATIONS. STAFF SERGEANT STRAWSER'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***COMBAT ENGINEER NON-COMMISSIONED  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR***

**SERGEANT DERRICK CHRISTOVALE  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS SQUAD LEADER, 2D PLATOON, COMPANY C, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, SERGEANT CHRISTOVALE WAS ATTACHED TO 2D BATTALION, 7TH MARINES CENTRAL COMMAND 20.1 DEPLOYMENT. FOLLOWING REMARKABLE PERFORMANCES AT BOTH 2ND BATTALION, 7TH MARINES' COMBAT READINESS EVALUATION AND INTEGRATED TRAINING EXERCISE 5-19, SERGEANT CHRISTOVALE DEPLOYED TO KUWAIT. AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, HE WAS HAND-SELECTED TO EXECUTE A SURVIVABILITY MISSION IN IRAQ. FOLLOWING A MARKED INCREASE IN INDIRECT FIRE ATTACKS AT THE BAGHDAD EMBASSY COMPOUND, HE WAS TASKED WITH IMPROVING THE SURVIVABILITY OF ROOFTOP POSTS. HE PERSONALLY LED OVER 5,100 MAN HOURS IN CONSTRUCTION OF POSTS, WHICH

WERE ADOPTED AS THE EMBASSY'S STANDARD ROOFTOP POST DUE TO THEIR EXCEPTIONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP. SHORTLY BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FROM THE EMBASSY, THE COMPOUND CAME UNDER SIEGE FROM SEVERAL THOUSAND VIOLENT PROTESTORS. SERGEANT CHRISTOVALE ADAPTED RAPIDLY, IMMEDIATELY READING HIS SQUAD AND RUSHING TO THE FRONT LINES TO REPEL THE PROTESTORS. HE THEN USED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF COMBAT ENGINEERING TO RAPIDLY DEVELOP A ROBUST OBSTACLE PLAN AND QUICKLY TURNED-TO IN THE ACQUISITION OF SEVERAL THOUSAND METERS OF CONCERTINA WIRE. AFTER THEIR EVENTUAL RELIEF FROM 48 HOURS OF NON-STOP OPERATIONS, SERGEANT CHRISTOVALE MOTIVATED HIS SQUAD AS HE LED THEM IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF WIRE OBSTACLES AND BARRICADES THROUGHOUT THE COMPOUND WHICH EFFECTIVELY HINDERED AND DETERRED THE PROTESTORS. SERGEANT CHRISTOVALE'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***COMBAT COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE OF THE YEAR***  
**LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW G. OHL**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER ASSISTANT, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 373, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 37, 3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. WHILE ABOARD AL ASAD AIR BASE, IRAQ, LANCE CORPORAL OHL SERVED ON THE AIRFIELD DAMAGE REPAIR BREAKING TEAM AS A LEADER OF THE CUTTING TEAM AND SOLE SWEEPER OPERATOR. ALTHOUGH PRIMARILY EMPLOYED AS A COMBAT ENGINEER, HE USED HIS EXPERTISE AS A SURVEYOR TO ENSURE PROPER LEVELING AND QUALITY OF THE FINISHED PRODUCTS. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM AL ASAD, HE CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY ON A LANDING PAD AND RUNWAY IN SYRIA IN SUPPORT OF COALITION FORCES. WHILE CONDUCTING THE SITE SURVEY, HE FOUND DISCREPANCIES IN OPTIMAL PLACEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PROJECTS AND ADVISED THE TEAM'S LEADERSHIP ON DRAINAGE, OVERHEAD CLEARANCE, AND SECURITY ISSUES. IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING THE SURVEY, HE CONTINUED TO ADVISE AND ASSIST BOTH THE COALITION FORCES' LEADERSHIP AND EXPEDITIONARY AIRFIELD TECHNICIANS; HIS RECOMMENDATIONS BECAME PART OF THE FINAL DESIGN. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS ADVISORY ROLE IN SYRIA, HE ASSISTED IN ASSESSMENT OF THE SURVIVABILITY AND FORCE PROTECTION MEASURES FOR A REMOTELY LOCATED FORWARD OPERATING BASE IN IRAQ. WHILE ON SITE, HE ACCOUNTED FOR RESOURCES AND DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO BASE SECURITY. HIS EXPERTISE ALLOWED HIM TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVED SURVIVABILITY FOR ALL PERSONNEL DEPLOYED TO THE BASE. HE CONSISTENTLY PRODUCES HIGH QUALITY WORK AND HIS PERFORMANCE EXCEEDS THAT OF HIS PEERS. LANCE CORPORAL OHL'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR***  
**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JOSHUA L. GRIFFIN**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRIFFIN'S HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY HAS ALLOWED THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT PLATOON TO SET THE STANDARD IN II MEF AS IT RELATES TO HEAVY EQUIPMENT READINESS AND OPERATIONS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRIFFIN EXPERTLY LED A MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DETACHMENT OF MARINES IN CONSTRUCTING AN IMPROVED SURFACE ROAD AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT A REMOTE SECTION OF THE SOUTHWEST BORDER NEAR SASABE, AZ. THE ROAD HE CONSTRUCTED DECREASED RESPONSE TIME FOR U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL AGENTS TO INCURSIONS ENHANCING NATIONAL SECURITY. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER GRIFFIN'S ENTHUSIASM AND LEADERSHIP INSPIRED HIS MARINES TO

DELIVER UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE. LEADING 168 MARINES AND ENSURING THE READINESS OF 268 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS VALUED AT OVER 9 MILLION DOLLARS, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRIFFIN SUPERVISED 5,159 HOURS OF ENGINEERING OPERATIONS, MOVING 31,580,496 POUNDS OF CARGO IN SUPPORT OF FLEET MARINE FORCE AND INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 GRIFFIN'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PERSEVERANCE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***ENGINEER EQUIPMENT STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR***

**STAFF SERGEANT KALEN T. GALL  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

STAFF SERGEANT GALL HAS EXEMPLIFIED TIRELESS DEDICATION TO DUTY AND EXHIBITED THE ABILITY TO MANAGE MULTIPLE COMPETING PRIORITIES WHILE SERVING AS AN INSTRUCTOR AND CLASS ADVISOR FOR ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NCO MECHANICS COURSE, FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. AS AN ADVANCED COURSE INSTRUCTOR, STAFF SERGEANT GALL PERFORMED OVER 600 CONTACT HOURS WITH STUDENTS COVERING INFORMAL LECTURE, DEMONSTRATION, PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS. STAFF SERGEANT GALL'S INTRINSIC MOTIVATION LED TO HIS BECOMING THE PIONEER FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING WITHIN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT INSTRUCTION COMPANY AND THE MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT, ENSURING A FUTURE FORCE THAT WILL BE INNOVATIVE AND SELF-SUFFICIENT. STAFF SERGEANT GALL'S DEMAND FOR AN ALIGNMENT OF MARINE CORPS DOCTRINE AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS THROUGH HIS CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN CIVILIAN CERTIFICATION FOUNDATIONS LED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS FOUNDATION CERTIFICATIONS FOR MECHANICS. STAFF SERGEANT GALL HAS EXCELLED IN NUMEROUS AND DIVERSE ASSIGNMENTS AND CONTINUES TO BE A FORWARD-THINKER WHO IMPLEMENTS LONG-LASTING SOLUTIONS. STAFF SERGEANT GALL HAS PROVEN TO BE A TOP PERFORMER AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ENGINEER EQUIPMENT COMMUNITY. STAFF SERGEANT GALL'S INFLUENCE ON OUR ENGINEER EQUIPMENT COMMUNITY WILL HAVE A LASTING AND DEFINITE IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF MARINE CORPS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS.



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NON-COMMISSIONED  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR***

**CORPORAL JONATHAN VARGAS  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS PLATOON SERGEANT, OPERATIONS PLATOON, COMPANY B, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, CORPORAL VARGAS' OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AS AN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NCO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TWO INSTALLATION-LEVEL HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, TWO 400-MILE CONVOYS, AND THE VAST IMPROVEMENT OF COMPANY B'S MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. CONSTRAINED BY TIME AND RESOURCES AND WITH LIMITED RESUPPLY, CORPORAL VARGAS COMPLETED CRITICAL REPAIRS TO ENGINEER AND MOTOR TRANSPORT VEHICLES AT THE MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER WHICH ENABLED THE PLATOON TO REPAIR 6,100 FEET OF ROAD, INCREASING THE MOBILITY FOR EXERCISE UNITS AND TRAINING CENTER CADRE.

CORPORAL VARGAS CREATED AND CONTINUALLY IMPROVED COMPANY B'S MAINTENANCE PROGRAM INCREASING MATERIAL READINESS BY 55 PERCENT. AS A JUNIOR CORPORAL, HE WAS SELECTED ABOVE HIS PEERS TO SERVE AS PLATOON SERGEANT WHERE HE LED, MENTORED AND DEVELOPED 20 MARINES RESULTING IN A MARKED INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE PROFICIENCY AND AN AVERAGE OF 30 POINTS ON THE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST. CORPORAL VARGAS' DEVOTION TO DUTY AND EAGERNESS TO SUCCEED BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY IS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF HIS ALLEGIANCE TO OUR CORPS. CORPORAL VARGAS' INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR***  
**LANCE CORPORAL GIOACCHINO A. D'ACQUISTO**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, ENGINEER EQUIPMENT PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. AS PART OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF-CRISIS RESPONSE, HE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE DURING TRAINING IN TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA. HE SUCCESSFULLY DECONSTRUCTED BARRIERS AND PREPARED CONSTRUCTION SITES, WHICH ALLOWED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BARRIERS THAT ENHANCED TRAINING VALUE FOR UNITS. LANCE CORPORAL D'ACQUISTO ACCUMULATED MORE THAN 210 OPERATING HOURS IN A 14-DAY PERIOD, WHICH INCREASED DEPLOYMENT READINESS FOR THE ENTIRE ELEMENT. AS A MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY CRISIS CELL'S SEARCH AND CHASE TEAMS, LANCE CORPORAL D'ACQUISTO BECAME AN INDISPENSABLE ASSET LEADING HIS MARINES ON LOCATING AND IDENTIFYING ROLE PLAYERS EMPLACING IMPROVED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. HE DEPLOYED TO KUWAIT SERVING AS AN ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATOR WHERE HE QUICKLY EARNED THE REPUTATION AS THE MOST SKILLED AND RELIABLE OPERATOR ACROSS THE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE. HE BECAME AN IMPORTANT LIAISON WITH ADJACENT SERVICE BRANCHES AND FOREIGN MILITARIES AS HE TRAINED OTHER ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ON CIVILIAN CONTRACTED EQUIPMENT THAT IMPROVED FORCE PROTECTION ON BASES. WHILE IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE EAGER LION IN JORDAN, HE OPERATED A DEGRADED CATERPILLAR 140H MOTORIZED ROAD GRADER, IMPROVING FOUR MILES OF ROAD AND INCREASING THE SAFETY OF UNITS TRAINING. HIS EFFORTS FACILITATED THE MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR UNITS ACROSS UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND. HIS EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, UNRELENTING PERSEVERANCE AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR***  
**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 KENNETH S. CAMPBELL**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER AND UTILITIES OFFICER, MATERIAL READINESS BRANCH, G-4 LOGISTICS DIVISION, MARINE FORCES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CAMPBELL'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM AND TECHNICAL ABILITIES WERE INTEGRAL TO MANAGING RESPONSES TO A MYRIAD OF UTILITIES AND ENGINEER MAINTENANCE CHALLENGES FACED BY THIS UNIQUELY STRUCTURED AND DYNAMIC COMPONENT COMMAND AND SERVED TO ENHANCE THE COMBAT READINESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF MARINE SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES EXECUTING COMBAT MISSIONS WORLDWIDE. HIS UTILITIES, ENGINEER MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE AND TENACITY WERE CRITICAL TO MITIGATING ORGANIZATIONAL UTILITIES AND ENGINEER

STRUCTURE AND CAPABILITY SHORTFALLS AND MANAGEMENT OF GENERAL ENGINEERING CAPABILITY COMPRISED OF 94 UTILITIES AND ENGINEER MARINES AND 870 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. HIS EFFORTS AS LEAD CURRICULUM DEVELOPER AND INSTRUCTOR FOR THE MULTI-DISCIPLINE LOGISTICS OPERATIONS COURSE, PERSONALLY INSTRUCTING 120 COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT MARINES IN ELECTRICAL WIRING AND GENERAL ENGINEERING TO SUPPORT DEPLOYED DISTRIBUTED OPERATIONS, WAS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. ADDITIONALLY, HE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE MARINE CORPS EFFORT TO EXPLORE INNOVATIVE EXPEDITIONARY POWER STUDIES AND CAPABILITIES DEVELOPMENT LEADING TO EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION DESIGNED TO INCREASE FORCE POWER RESILIENCY, REDUCING FUEL CONSUMPTION AND ENERGY DEPENDENCE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 CAMPBELL'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PERSEVERANCE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.





THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***UTILITIES STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR***

**STAFF SERGEANT ELISSA A. PEDELTY  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS UTILITIES CHIEF, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 8TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 2D MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. WHILE SERVING AS THE TRAINING AND UTILITIES CHIEF FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE CRISIS RESPONSE-AFRICA 19.2, NAVAL STATION SIGONELLA, ITALY, STAFF SERGEANT PEDELTY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF ALL LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT'S REQUIRED TRAINING, TO INCLUDE PLANNING AND COORDINATING BI-LATERAL ENGINEERING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH FUTURE MARINE FORCES IN ITALY VIA THE DEFENSE ATTACHE IN ROME. SHE OPTIMIZED TWELVE POWER GENERATION SITES IN THREE COUNTRIES, PLANNED AND EXECUTED A FULL MISSION PROFILE AND ONE COOPERATIVE SECURITY LOCATION EQUIPMENT VALIDATION IN DAKAR,

SENEGAL. HER INITIATIVE TO CONDUCT POWER SITE IMPROVEMENTS LED TO CONTINUOUS CRISIS RESPONSE OPERATION CENTER POWER, ALLOWING FOR CONSTANT CONTACT WITH CRUCIAL EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN AREAS OF OPERATION. OUTSIDE OF HER ASSIGNED DUTIES, SHE ENCOURAGED THE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES OF 89 MARINES RESULTING IN 1,025 HOURS OF COMBINED COMMUNITY SERVICE, SUPPORTING SICILIAN COMMUNITIES AND ENHANCING THE MARINE CORPS' PUBLIC IMAGE. STAFF SERGEANT PEDELTY'S NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PERSEVERANCE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HERSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***UTILITIES NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR***

**SERGEANT SAMUEL J. DONAHUE  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS ENGINEER MAINTENANCE CHIEF, ENGINEER PLATOON, HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINE REGIMENT, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE- CENTRAL COMMAND AND PLATOON SERGEANT FOR UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2019 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, SERGEANT DONAHUE PROVIDED LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE. IN THE COURSE OF THE FIRST 60 DAYS OF THE DEPLOYMENT, HE ASSESSED 200 PRINCIPLE END ITEMS VALUED AT 2.3 MILLION DOLLARS AND QUICKLY IDENTIFIED THAT THE ITEMS WERE IN A POOR STATE OF REPAIR. TAKING SWIFT AND DECISIVE ACTION UTILIZING HIS LEADERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SKILLS, HE EXPERTLY INCREASED THE MAINTENANCE READINESS FROM 70 PERCENT TO OVER 90 PERCENT, WHICH IMPROVED UNIT LETHALITY AND ABILITY TO SUPPORT. FURTHERMORE, UPON BEING TASKED TO SUPPORT THE MAGTF NORTH, SERGEANT DONAHUE SPENT OVER A MONTH AT THE SITE SUPPORTING 50 PERSONNEL. HE IMPROVED THE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THOSE INHABITING THE BASE AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UTILITIES SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE TASK FORCE'S COMMAND AND CONTROL OPERATIONS. SERGEANT DONAHUE'S DEPTH OF CONCEPTUAL UTILITIES KNOWLEDGE HAS PROVEN TO BE EXCEPTIONAL. HIS ABILITY TO TRAIN HIS MARINES AS A TEAM AND GENUINE DESIRE TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE DOWN TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IS INSPIRATIONAL. SERGEANT DONAHUE'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***UTILITIES MARINE OF THE YEAR***  
**LANCE CORPORAL JENNIFER PEREZ**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS A WATER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN, UTILITIES PLATOON, ENGINEER SUPPORT COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MEF FROM 1 APRIL 2019 THROUGH 31 MARCH 2020. LANCE CORPORAL PEREZ WAS HAND-SELECTED TO DEPLOY WITH COMBAT LOGISTICS DETACHMENT 17 TO THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF CENTRAL COMMAND CRISIS RESPONSE 19.2. DUE TO HER STRONG MAINTENANCE ACUMEN, SHE WAS ASSIGNED AS ENGINEER PLATOON MAINTENANCE CHIEF, A BILLET TYPICALLY ASSIGNED TO A STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER. SHE AGGRESSIVELY SPEARHEADED THE CHALLENGING TASK OF MANAGING MAINTENANCE OF 35 PRINCIPAL END ITEMS WORTH OVER THREE MILLION DOLLARS, MAINTAINING EQUIPMENT READINESS ABOVE 90 PERCENT, WHICH ENABLED A RIGOROUS

OPERATIONAL TEMPO. SHE IMPROVED THE MAINTENANCE SOP AND STREAMLINED EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CYCLES TO REDUCE OVERALL REPAIR TIME. SHE WAS AGAIN HAND-SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MAGTF FEMALE ENGAGEMENT TEAM. SHE SPENT OVER 200 HOURS INSTRUCTING TEAMMATES ON PROPER PROCEDURES FOR TACTICAL SEARCH AND SEIZURE. HER PARTICIPATION MEANINGFULLY IMPROVED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COALITION FORCES AND LOCAL NATIONALS. SHE PLAYED AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN FORTIFICATION OF STORAGE CONTAINERS WITH THE COMBAT ENGINEERS. HER SUCCESS AND EAGERNESS TO WORK OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF NORMAL DUTIES RESULTED IN ENHANCED SURVIVABILITY FOR MARINES AND ULTIMATELY WORKED TOWARD ACOMPLISHING STRATEGIC GOALS. LANCE CORPORAL PEREZ'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HERSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***BULK FUEL OFFICER OF THE YEAR***  
**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JACOB C. ALMAGUER**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN FUELS OFFICER AND PLATOON COMMANDER, BULK FUEL COMPANY, 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. WHILE SERVING AS THE FUELS OFFICER FOR MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN 19.2, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER ALMAGUER’S STRONG MANAGEMENT ACUMEN ENABLED THE CONSOLIDATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DETAILED GROUND AND AVIATION FUEL REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEFENSE ENERGY SUPPORT CENTER POLICY, AND EXERCISE AND CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS PROCEDURES, EFFECTIVELY SUPPLYING 488,762 GALLONS OF JET PROPULSION FUEL-8 WORTH 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS. HIS IRREPLACEABLE EXPERIENCE ALLOWED HIM TO AUTHOR STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPILL PREVENTION CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE PLANS,

ALONG WITH BULK FUEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN 19.2 EXERCISE ORDER. HIS EFFORTS ULTIMATELY PROVIDED LONG TERM PROCEDURES FOR ALL FUTURE EXERCISES. AS A PLATOON COMMANDER, HIS UNPARALLELED LEADERSHIP RESULTED IN THE SUCCESSFUL DEPLOYMENT AND REFINEMENT OF FOUR CONCEPTUAL TACTICAL MODULAR FUEL SYSTEMS IN DISAGGREGATED LOCATIONS TO THE CENTRAL TRAINING AREA IN PREPARAATION FOR A BATTALION FIELD EXERCISE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ALMAGUER’S TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL EPERTISE ENABLED INCREASE OF OPERATIONAL READINESS OF 50 MARINES IN THE COMPANY AND THE REFINEMENT AND DATA COLLECTION OF CONCEPTUAL SYSTEMS FOR FUTURE BULK FUEL DOCTRINE. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 ALMAGUER CONTINUES TO LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE UNIT AND ALL THE MARINES HE SERVED WITH. HIS INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***BULK FUEL STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR***

**STAFF SERGEANT CLAYTON S. LEVERENZ  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS OFFICER IN CHARGE, FIRST PLATOON, BULK FUEL COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. AS THE STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE ON MULTIPLE TACTICAL BULK FUEL EXERCISES, HE DEMONSTRATED UNPARALLELED ABILITY TO PLAN, EXECUTE, LEAD AND TRAIN THE MARINES UNDER HIS CHARGE. IN JUNE OF 2019, STAFF SERGEANT LEVERENZ DEMONSTRATED THE COMPANY'S ABILITY TO PLAN AND EXECUTE A HOSE LINE TRACE IN ACCORANCE WITH COURRENT DOCTRINE, SEAMLESSLY DISTRIBUTING EQUIPMENT TO ITS APPROPRIATE LOCATION TO ESTABLISH AN INCREDIBLY EFFICIENT PUMPING ORDER THAT SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFERRED PRODUCT OVER RUGGED AND STEEP TERRAIN. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2019, STAFF LERGEANT LEVERENZ PARTICIPATED IN A JOINT

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS EXERCISE THAT DEMONSTRATED THE NAVY'S CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT JOINT LOGISTICS OVER THE SHORE BY WAY OF AN OFFSHORE PETROLEUM DISCHARGE SYSTEM. HIS PLANNING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A BEACH UNLOADING SITE AND FUEL STORAGE TANK FARM ALLOWED FOR OVER 200,000 GALLONDS OF PRODUCT TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM A VESSEL AT SEA TO THE MARINE CORPS. DURING THIS PERIOD, STAFF SERGEANT LEVERENZ DISPLAYED A SUPERIOR DEVOTION TO THE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINES OF BULK FUEL COMPANY, FOCUSED ON DISAGGREGATED OPERATIONS IN LITTORAL ENVIRONMENT TRAINING AND IMPLENTED EMERGING WAR FIGHTING DOCTRINE. STAFF SERGEANT LEVERENZ'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***BULK FUEL NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR***

**CORPORAL ABRIL A. GARCIA-QUIRINO  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HER DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS MAINTENANCE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE, AIRFIELD OPERATIONS COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 172, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 36, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, SHE DISTINGUISHED HERSELF AS AN EXPERT IN BULK FUEL MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT AND EQUIPMENT EMBARKATION BY SUSTAINING EQUIPMENT READINESS FOR 120 PRINCIPAL END ITEMS. SHE

INITIATED THE SUBMISSION OF 222 SERVICE REQUESTS IN GLOBAL COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEM MARINE CORPS, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS AND LOCAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES WHILE ENSURING THAT ALL EQUIPMENT WAS SERVICED AND PREPARED TO SUPPORT 13 EXERCISES WITHIN THE INDO-PACIFIC THEATER. HER SUPERIOR INITIATIVE AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL CONTRIBUTED TO SAFE AND RESPONSIVE ISSUANCE OF 351,625 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUEL TO 685 MARINE CORPS AND JOINT FORCES AIRCRAFT, CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TO FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MAJOR EXERCISES AND TRAINING. HER TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF RETAIL SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES WERE ESSENTIAL IN PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF TRAINING DURING KOREAN MARINE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 19.3. DURING THIS EXERCISE, SHE SERVED AS THE ASSISTANT FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINT TEAM LEADER, ENHANCING BILATERAL TRAINING, INTEROPERABILITY ON TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS, AND CRITICAL PARTNER RELATIONS. A TRULY DEPENDABLE, VERSATILE, PROFESSIONAL MARINE, CORPORAL GARCIA-QUIRINO'S ACUMEN ADDED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SQUADRON. CORPORAL GARCIA-QUIRINO'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HERSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***BULK FUEL MARINE OF THE YEAR***  
**LANCE CORPORAL YEVGENIY A. CAZIER**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS BULK FUEL SPECIALIST, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, III MEF FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. LANCE CORPORAL CAZIER PROVED TO BE A VERSATILE MARINE THROUGH HIS DISPLAY OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, ENTHUSIASM, AND ESPRIT DE CORPS. DURING THIS PERIOD, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING DIRECT SUPPORT OF III MEF EXERCISES. WHILE DEPLOYED TO MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE – DARWIN, AUSTRALIA, HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ISSUING 503,253 GALLONS OF JET PROPELLANT-8 FUEL TO 985 ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT AND TACTICAL EQUIPMENT FROM MULTIPLE U.S. ARMED FORCES UNITS AS WELL AS THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE. HE TOOK CHARGE OF THE FUEL QUALITY SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM, ASSURING ALL FUEL PROVIDED MET MILITARY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS. HIS DEPENDABILITY PROMPTED ASSIGNMENT TO VEHICLE COMMANDER WITH RESPONSIBILITIES WELL ABOVE HIS GRADE, WHERE HE SUCCESSFULLY DIRECTED HIS VEHICLE OVER 368 MILES OF IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED TERRAIN DURING FOUR LOGISTICAL MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA’S NORTHERN TERRITORY. DURING ACTIVE SHIELD 20 ABOARD MCAS IWAKUNI, HE TOOK CHARGE OF 30 PEERS AND GUIDED CONSTRUCTION OF A FUNCTIONING TACTICAL AIRFIELD FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM. FURTHERMORE, LANCE CORPORAL CAZIER HAS DISPLAYED SELFLESSNESS THROUGH VOLUNTEERING FOR TWO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT EVENTS IN IWAKUNI, JAPAN. AS A LANCE CORPORAL, HE HAS GENERATED OPERATIONAL-LEVEL RESULTS ACROSS THE INDOPACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. LANCE CORPORAL CAZIER’S INITIATIVE, STRONG WORK ETHIC, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR***

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JOHN R. HALL  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JOHN R. HALL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY DEMONSTRATING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP, TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING IN A FORWARD DEPLOYED COMBAT ZONE AS EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OFFICER, STRIKE DIRECTOR AND BATTLE CAPTAIN FOR TASK FORCE SOUTH WEST, AFGHANISTAN FROM APRIL 2019 TO FEBRUARY 2020 AND EOD COMPANY OPERATIONS OFFICER FROM FEBRUARY 2020 TO MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HALL SUPERVISED ALL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS, ADVISING, DIRECTED FIRES AND KINETIC STRIKES ON ENEMY COMBATANTS, AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLOITING AND PROCESSING EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE ITEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES FOR TASK FORCE SOUTH WEST. HIS DIRECT ACTIONS AND THAT OF HIS MARINES LED TO THE EXECUTION OF 32 KINETIC STRIKES, 39 ENEMY KILLED, FIVE

ENEMY WOUNDED, THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE TUNNEL SYSTEM, 40 POUNDS OF HOME-MADE EXPLOSIVES AND 1,000 POUNDS OF NARCOTICS. HE DEVELOPED AND AUTHORED EOD GOVERNING DIRECTIVES FOR TASK FORCE SOUTH WEST AND ENSURED THE PROPER ACCOUNTABILITY AND RETROGRADE OF OVER 2 MILLION DOLLARS IN EOD MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT. AS THE EOD COMPANY OPERATIONS OFFICER CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HALL AIDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW COURSE INSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES WITH DIGITAL MEANS AT NO COST TO THE GOVERNMENT. THIS NEW CAPABILITY HAS ALLOWED MARINES TO TRAIN AND DEVELOP NEW CAPABILITY DESPITE CURRENT TRAVEL AND TRAINING RESTRICTIONS. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 HALL'S EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND LOYAL DEVOTION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.





THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN  
OF THE YEAR***

**GUNNERY SERGEANT SETH A. STRAIT  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES WHILE SERVING AS EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL RESPONSE ELEMENT LEADER, SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR GROUND TASK FORCE-CRISIS RESPONSE-CENTRAL COMMAND IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS TASK FORCE-SYRIA, OPERATIONAL DETACHMENT ALPHA FROM APRIL 2019 TO OCTOBER 2019. GUNNERY SERGEANT STRAIT PROVIDED ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE AND TRAINING TO UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONAL FORCES, CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND LOCAL SECURITY PERSONNEL, WHICH SERVED TO DRAMATICALLY ENHANCE PARTNER NATION COMBAT READINESS AND DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF 64 PATROLS AND RAIDS. DURING THESE OPERATIONS, HE LED THREE COUNTER OIL SMUGGLING OPERATIONS, CONDUCTED A SUICIDE VEHICLE-BORNE IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE POST BLAST ANALYSIS, AND EXPLOITED THE

LARGEST ENEMY EXPLOSIVES CACHE IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, GREATLY DIMINISHING THE ENEMY'S ABILITY TO MOUNT NEW ATTACKS. HIS DEDICATED EFFORTS SERVED TO ASSIST LOCAL SECURITY FORCES BY EXPLOITING OVER 20 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE COMPONENTS AND ELECTRONICS FOR BIOMETRIC DATA WHILE ALSO IMPROVING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LOCAL SECURITY FORCES, SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AND THE LOCAL POPULACE. ADDITIONALLY, GUNNERY SERGEANT STRAIT LOCATED, RECOVERED, AND CONDUCTED EXPLOITATION OPERATIONS ON A FOREIGN AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE IN ORDER TO GAIN CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR THE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL AND INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITIES. HIS ACTIONS LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON ALL PERSONNEL HE SUPPORTED AND ADVISED. DURING SEVERAL HIGH RISK OPERATIONS, GUNNERY SERGEANT STRAIT'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION  
OF THE YEAR***

**1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**

FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION CONTINUED DYNAMIC INNOVATION, COMBAT READINESS, AND VISIONARY DOCTRINAL RESURGENCE THAT OCCURRED AMIDST A RAPID AND UNYIELDING OPERATIONAL TEMPO BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. WITH RESPECT TO REAL WORLD OPERATIONS, THE BATTALION PROVIDED SPECIALLY TASK ORGANIZED ENGINEER PLATOONS TO BOTH WEST COAST AND 31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNITS, TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE MARINE AIR-GROUND TASK FORCE CRISIS RESPONSE CENTRAL COMMAND, AS WELL AS THE MARINE ROTATIONAL FORCE-DARWIN. AFOREMENTIONED FORCES DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL COMMAND AND INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY PROVIDING ENGINEER SUPPORT ACROSS THE FULL SPECTRUM OF MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION TO KINETIC ACTIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY. DURING BATTALION FIELD EXERCISES, 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION EXECUTED MOBILITY, COUNTER MOBILITY, SURVIVABILITY, ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE, AND LIMITED GENERAL ENGINEERING TO INCREASE COMBAT EFFICACY IN THE SUPPORT OF MANEUVER FORCES. 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, ACTING AS THE VOICE FOR THE DIVISION COMBAT ENGINEERS, PROVIDED CRITICAL INPUT INTO THE SUNDOWN PLAN FOR ROUTE RECONNAISSANCE AND CLEARANCE LEGACY EQUIPMENT, EXPLOSIVE HAZARD AND MINE COUNTERMEASURE FUNCTIONAL CONCEPT, AND KEY CAPABILITIES REQUIRED TO EXECUTE JOINT FORCIBLE ENTRY OPERATIONS. THE BATTALION ALSO SERVED AS THE LEAD VOICE IN THE NEED FOR LETHAL AREA DENIAL, ENGINEER RECONNAISSANCE FOR DIVISION, AND ALIGNING ENGINEER FORCES ACROSS ALL ELEMENTS OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION. DURING THIS PERIOD 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION WON THE COMBAT ENGINEER SAPPER SQUAD COMPETITION. 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION'S INITIATIVE, PERSEVERANCE, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



LtCol Seth E. Dewey, CO, 1st CEB receiving award from CG, 1stMarDiv, MGen Robert F. Castellvi  
USMC photo by Cpl J. L. AliceaSantiago



THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION  
OF THE YEAR AWARD***

**9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE PROVIDING UNMATCHED COMBAT AND GENERAL ENGINEER SUPPORT TO III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION SUPPORTED 27 NAMED EXERCISES INVOLVING 11 NATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, GREATLY IMPROVING ENGINEER INTEROPERABILITY IN THE REGION THE BATTALION CONTRIBUTED TO HUMANITARIAN CIVIC ASSISTANCE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PACIFIC, PARTICIPATING IN 2 ENGINEER CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM EXERCISES AND CONSTRUCTING 3 SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND REPAIRING OTHERS. THE BATTALION ALSO PROVIDED TRAINING, EXPERTISE, AND INCREASED CAPABILITY TO THAILAND, CAMBODIA, AND LAOS

THROUGH 6 ITERATIONS OF HUMANITARIAN MINE ACTION PROGRAM TRAINING TEAMS, AND 4 ITERATIONS OF DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY DEPLOYMENTS. DURING KEMP 19-2, 9TH ESB SERVED AS THE LOGISTICS COMBAT ELEMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, PROVIDING LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO ALL MAGTF ELEMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXERCISE. ADDITIONALLY, 9TH ESB SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED INTEGRATED ENGINEER TRAINING, INCORPORATING APPROXIMATELY 350 SERVICE MEMBERS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORPS AND U. S. ARMY MULTI-ROLE BRIDGE COMPANY IN MOBILITY, COUNTER-MOBILITY, SURVIVABILITY AND BULK FUEL TRAINING. FOR THE FIRST TIME, 9TH ESB SERVED AS THE LEAD PLANNING ELEMENT FOR THE COMBINED JOINT CIVIL MILITARY OPERATIONS TASK FORCE AND HUMANITARIAN CIVIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR COBRA GOLD 20, PLANNING 7 JOINT/COMBINED ENGINEER CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM PROJECTS, 12 COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS, AND 7 COOPERATIVE HEALTH ENGAGEMENTS. THROUGH THEIR NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PROFESSIONALISM, AND DEDICATION TO DUTY, THE MARINES AND SAILORS OF 9TH ENIGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION PROVIDED UNMATCHED GENERAL ENGINEERING SUPPORT ACROSS THE PACIFIC WHICH REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



**THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING**

***MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON  
ENGINEER COMPANY  
OF THE YEAR  
ENGINEER COMPANY,  
MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171***

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AS ENGINEER COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020. DURING THIS PERIOD, ENGINEER COMPANY DISPLAYED EXCEPTIONAL PERSEVERANCE AND INGENUITY IN THE EXECUTION OF 11 EXERCISES ACROSS THE INDO-PACIFIC AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND IN PROVIDING SUSTAINED ENGINEER SUPPORT ABOARD MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI. IN TOTAL, THE MARINES OF ENGINEER COMPANY EXECUTED 14 DRAFTING AND SURVEY MISSIONS AND 513 HEAVY EQUIPMENT MISSIONS, HANDLED OVER 9 MILLION POUNDS OF CARGO, GENERATED OVER 11 MILLION WATTS OF UNINTERRUPTED POWER, PURIFIED OVER 200,000 GALLONS OF WATER, AND

PERFORMED OVER 10,000 MAN-HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION. FURTHERMORE, ENGINEERS IMPROVED MOBILITY, COUNTER MOBILITY, SURVIVABILITY, AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SKILLS IN A RESTRICTIVE TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD, CULMINATING IN A TOTAL DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM COMPLETION OF 78%, SUSTAINING A MAINTENANCE READINESS RATING EXCEEDING 90% FOR OVER 400 PRINCIPAL END ITEMS. ENGINEERS MAINTAINED EQUIPMENT SUPERBLY IN A HIGH OPERATIONAL TEMPO AND CHALLENGING LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENT. IN THE EXECUTION OF A RIGOROUS TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL REGIMEN, ENGINEER COMPANY NEVERTHELESS SUCCESSFULLY EXPANDED ITS FOOTPRINT IN EXERCISES COPE NORTH 20 AND ACTIVE SHIELD 20, FURTHER IMPACTING ENGINEERING PROFICIENCY ACROSS THE REGION. MARINES OF ENGINEER COMPANY ALSO IMPLEMENTED NEW TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT, BENCHMARKING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE ENGINEERING MISSION SPECIFIC TO THE MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON. ENGINEER COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT, INNOVATION, AND TOTAL DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***OUTSTANDING MARINE ENGINEER OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR***

**MAJOR KATIE R. PETRONIO  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



MAJOR KATIE R. PETRONIO DISTINGUISHED HERSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE UNDER COMBAT CONDITIONS AS ENGINEER ADVISOR AND SENIOR PLANNER TO THE COMBINED JOINT ENGINEER BRANCH, COMBINED SECURITY TRANSITION COMMAND-AFGHANISTAN, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN FROM MARCH 2019 TO NOVEMBER 2019. DURING THIS PERIOD, MAJOR PETRONIO WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF JOINT AND COMBINED ENGINEERING EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL AND OPERATION RESOLUTE SUPPORT. HER BILLET RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS ROLE WERE COMPLEX AND FAR REACHING, INVOLVING MILITARY, POLITICAL, AND CIVIC INTERACTIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF THE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. SHE ASSUMED DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THEATER-WIDE FUNDING FOR SURVIVABILITY AND GENERAL ENGINEERING IN SUPPORT OF AFGAN

MILITARY OPERATING BASE AND FIELD HEADQUARTERS FORTIFICATIONS, INCLUDING A "FACTORY TO FOXHOLE" MANAGEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS, PROCUREMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT. SHE DEVELOPED SURVIVABILITY DOCTRINE AND COURSEWARE FOR THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVING AFGHAN MILITARY ENGINEER CAPABILITIES AND ENABLING THE STAND UP OF ENGINEER FORCES THAT DID NOT EXIST PRIOR TO HER EFFORTS. SHE DEVELOPED RESOURCING AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR BATTLE POSITIONS ACROSS AFGHANISTAN, FURTHER ENSURING THE INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY OF 52 AFGHAN ENGINEER COMPANIES. THESE EFFORTS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN MITIGATING UNSUSTAINABLE ATTRITION RATES SUFFERED BY AFGHAN FORCES DUE TO POORLY DESIGNED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND LIMITED TECHNICAL TRAINING; HER LEGACY MADE STRATEGIC IMPACTS ON THE ENGINEER FORCES OF AN ENTIRE NATION. MAJOR PETRONIO'S FAR- REACHING, DISTINCTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HERSELF, THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.



THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING

***OUTSTANDING MARINE ENGINEER SENIOR STAFF NCO  
OF THE YEAR AWARD***

**MASTER SERGEANT ALEXANDER J. ABEL  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

**FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:**



FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020 WHILE SERVING AS COMPANY OPERATIONS CHIEF AND SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR, ENGINEER COMPANY, MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 272, MARINE WING SUPPORT GROUP 27, 2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING. DURING THIS PERIOD, MASTER SERGEANT ABEL DEMONSTRATED HIS ENGINEERING EXPERTISE IN THE PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND SUPERVISION OF MORE THAN A DOZEN SUCCESSFUL VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. DURING THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE SEASON, HE SHOWCASED HIS ABILITY TO COORDINATE AND LEAD COMPLEX AND DIVERSE CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS WHILE SERVING AS MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM STAGING COORDINATOR. MASTER SERGEANT ABEL'S TEAM WAS ACTIVATED IN SEPTEMBER 2019 TO PROVIDE MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER WITH ENGINEER AND MOTOR TRANSPORT

SUPPORT DURING AND AFTER HURRICANE DORIAN. HIS TENACITY AND DEDICATION RESULTED IN BASE SERVICES RETURNING TO NORMAL OPERATIONS LESS THAN 12 HOURS AFTER THE HURRICANE PASSED DIRECTLY OVER THE AREA. IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2020, HE DEPLOYED WITH ENGINEER COMPANY TO YUMA, ARIZONA IN SUPPORT OF WEAPONS AND TACTICS INSTRUCTOR COURSE 2-20, FACILITATING THE COORDINATION OF VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND ESSENTIAL ENGINEERING SERVICES OF SHOWERS, LAUNDRY AND POWER DISTRIBUTION TO AUXILIARY AIRFIELD II. FURTHERMORE, HE COMPLETED DUST ABATEMENT PROJECTS ON 20 FORWARD ARMING AND REFUELING POINTS AND REPAIRED 23 KILOMETERS OF ROAD LEADING TO TRAINING AREAS AND LANDING ZONES. BY HIS EXPERIENCE, EXPERTISE AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY, MASTER SERGEANT ABEL REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



# The First Lieutenant Harry L. Martin USMCR Memorial Award

This prestigious award is presented annually by MCEA to the Engineer Honor Graduate of the Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS) at Quantico. 1stLt Martin, a Marine Corps engineer officer, was a Medal of Honor recipient who gave his life on Iwo Jima attempting to rescue several of his men who were lying wounded in positions overrun by the enemy. The EWS awardee is presented with a unique ammo box and his name is placed on a plaque that resides permanently in Geiger Hall, MCB Quantico, home of EWS. The 2020 recipient was Captain Thomas H. O'Brien, USMC.



Pictured above is Major Brandon Cooley, EWS Staff, presenting the Ammo Box to Captain O'Brien. A drive-by award presentation was necessitated by covid restrictions.





1st CEB CO & SGT Christovale



7th ESB Awardees







CWO Almaguer Bulk Fuel Officer



8th ESB Marine Corps Engineer Association Awardees





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Major Petronio briefing the Chief of Staff of the Afghanistan Army



SSGT PEDELTY with Family



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