



# ENGINEERS UP!

2013 Newsletter





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An old Chinese curse intones “May you live in interesting times” and who among us can say that the last year and the upcoming year do not fit that description. For your Association, this year will be one full of events that will make 2013 memorable, significant, and professionally rewarding. As members we can look forward to several great events this year; the continuing evolution of the Marine Corps Engineer monument at the National Museum of the Marine Corps; the return of the TD 18 to Courthouse Bay; the Reunion in Orlando in September; and a very successful membership drive in which we will all have a significant role.



It is said that a monument or memorial is the present's gift to the future. And so it is with our Marine Corps Engineer Monument whose progress toward emplacement and dedication at the NMMC is accelerating with dedication presently planned for the spring of 2014. The design phase is complete and currently bids are being sought among several contractors. Read the included article, get all the details and make your contribution NOW!

The return of the TD18 to Courthouse bay is also finally making progress and while not a memorial or a monument, it is a celebration in steel of one of the tools that helped cement our reputation as a can-do group of Marines. While not all the details are worked out, there will be plenty of opportunities for all members to be part of the return, refit, and emplacement in its too long empty place. An annual celebration of maintenance involving frosty libations and brats will be planned. See our enclosed Resolution

The Reunion in Orlando, FL. this September promises to be an excellent one, and as with successful home sales, “Location, Location, Location” so it is with this reunion. The area is full of interesting venues and fun places; from the juggernaut of Disney, to other activities in the planning stages, no one will be bored. The highlight of the reunion of course will be our Awards Banquet where we recognize and meet some of the best of the best and get to celebrate that and the outstanding work they have done and continue to do. Complete the enclosed reunion registration and make your hotel reservations.

The membership drive beginning mid-May and ending on June 30th 2013 will have several incentive prizes for the members who bring in the largest number of new members. Among the prizes will be an Apple IPAD, a series of engineer related photographs suitable for framing donated by a member and his son, and other decorative items which will enhance the home of any recipient. Members who want to donate other prizes are welcome, please contact me and we'll talk. Gift precedence will be awarded on the following basis. For the IPAD a member must recruit five or more new members, for the Engineer Art Photography Portfolio, at least three but less than five new members, and for the floral arrangement two new members, and for one new member a letter of accomplishment and gratitude from the MCEA president. Ties of recruiting accomplishments, as an example, several members who recruit the same number of new members will be resolved by a random drawing within the prize group.

But looming over all these great things is the planned shrinkage of DoD and indeed our beloved Marine Corps and the return to the states of a large number of our brothers and sisters for discharge and return to the civilian sector occurs. We know that the train is coming, how should your association be involved? What can we do as an organization that will facilitate the successful integration of our returning veterans into an increasingly turbulent society? We can make a significant difference in a Marine's life and your association with your good ideas will make that happen. Let us hear from you.

It is going to be a great year!





# MCEA OFFICIALS & KEY SUPPORTERS

## Executive Committee (elected 27 Oct 2011)

President:	Capt Helmut Feifs, USMC Vet (assumed billet 1 Dec 2012)
Vice President:	Vacant
2d Vice President:	Vacant
Treasurer:	LtCol George Carlson, USMC (Ret)
Chaplain:	Cpl Doug Kirk, USMC (Ret)
Historian:	MSgt Phil Martin, USMC (Ret)
Secretary:	Col Ken Frantz, USMC (Ret)
Executive Director (Appointed)	Col Ken Frantz, USMC (Ret)
Permanent Associate Director (Founder):	Col Jim Marapoti, USMC, (Ret)
Permanent Associate Director	Col Hank Rudge, USMC (Ret)
Permanent Associate Director	Col Jerry Goodwine, USMC (Ret)
Assistance Fund Committee	
Chairman	Col Jim Marapoti, USMC (Ret)
Assistant Chairman	Col Terry Babin, USMC (Ret)
Treasurer	LtCol George Carlson, USMC (Ret)
Secretary	Col Mike McCarthy, USMCR
Other	
Webmaster	Vet, Geoff Nicely, USMC
Obituary search	Pam Jeans
TWS profile of fallen Engrs	Vet, Judy Coy and Pam Jeans

Fellow Marine Corps Engineers,  
God's peace and grace be upon us all.

It has been a long and sometimes difficult year for MCEA members as many have gone on to their final rest. To each of them we say "well done my good and faithful servant." A final Semper Fidelis.

Many in our association continue to face medical challenges of all kinds. To them we pray for God's grace to continue to give them healing and comfort as they recover. To the families of our lost and ill members we pray for God's comforting embrace and lift you each up to him daily.

Prayer changes things. We pray for all our leaders, troops and each of you daily.

As we enter 2013 my prayer is for each of us to make a significant difference in the lives of many people. God created us to bring his kingdom here to this earth and represent his glory and power.

You can bring a smile to a face and change their whole day. You can say a few kind words to a stranger and save a life. You can meet a need in the life of someone God brings into your path and effect generations of people.

Never discount the effect; positive or negative you have on people you don't even know. Love a stranger on the God kind of love.

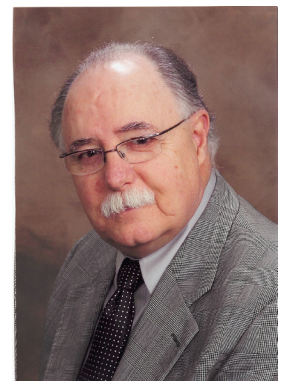
The world is so full of need and we are God's instruments for demonstration of his love.

May your 2013 bring you peace, love, health and fulfillment in HIS work and may he say to each of us when we stand the final muster; "Well done my good and faithful servant" Enter God's rest this year by demonstrating his kingdom here on earth.

May the Lord bless and give his wisdom to our leaders. May we each find peace and love. May we make a difference and may we prosper with health and long life all from your glorious hands Lord.

AMEN!

Doug Kirk  
Chaplain



## ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

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

JUDY COY of Barton, VT. CHAIRPERSON AND VT. AD. AD since 2007

The Associate Directors are the main contacts to our members. Each year we verify the members' contact information and offer Birthday wishes. Through contact, we seek input on how to improve the association and always encourage former members to reinstate their membership. The AD's offer condolence calls to family members when needed and encourage them to remain in contact with the Association. The AD's advise members, sponsors and organizations about our Fellows Program and Assistance Fund. All members are encouraged to visit our website for ongoing information and updates. More AD's are needed and always welcome.



COY



Scott Arnold of Lebanon, MO. covers Missouri and Iowa

ARNOLD

JOHN CHAMPEAU of Virginia Beach, VA. One of the four VA ADs.

GRANT CUCCI, active duty Captain currently assigned at Marine Corps Engineer School is one of our two ADs for our active/reserve duty MCEA members.



SOAPY



DEHART

JOE DeHART of Bedford, VA assists with our Virginia members.

Since last report, I was able to get a better handle on my duties as AD, still working out a few issues as to the passing of information. Was able to contact all members in this region by e-mail and did talk to all by phone. Attained a new member for this period, LtCol R. Turpin. Have several others that I feel will join once I am able to contact them. Number of hours spent on MCEA for the past period has been approximately 16 hours per month. With the exception of Jan. and Feb. 2013. For those months spent a total of 364 Hrs in the preparation and execution of the Gathering for this region at Quantico.

The Gathering: Due to the weather conditions, the turnout was not the great. I want to commend those at the Marine Corps Museum, and the Holiday Inn, for the work they did and being able to adjust to the situation of low numbers. They still were able to provide a very professional setting for the event. I want to thank Col. Mike Boyd for the information he brought as to the Status of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Engineer field. As it turned out there was a very good discussion that took place for the event. I feel that this event was a success in that there was an interest from all to have an event where we could all meet and share a fellowship of being a Marine Corps Engineer. There will be another Gathering later this year and hopefully weather will be with us.



FEIFS

HELMUTS FEIFS of Durham, NC. One of only three NC ADs. 2012 was spent learning the requirements for two different positions within the organization and working to meet their demands. I wrote letters of condolence and sympathy to members who had suffered personal losses and health



insults and also wrote letters of condolence to a member's family after a member transferred to a more permanent unit. Calls to members about their membership status, the purpose of which was to review and update their demographic information were made on several occasions. I attended the Reunion in Branson. Outreaches to the independent battalions were made with limited success. Discussions with members and soon to be members about membership issues were made and will continue. I have reached out to the Women Marine Association in messages but so far, sadly, no response. My work on the Engineer Monument took time and energy. I am sure that there were other deeds and actions but they were no different than what the other members of the EC did and continue to do.

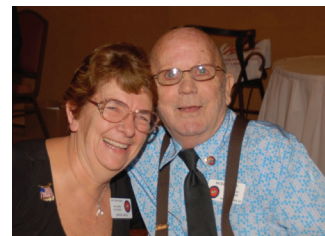


HILLIARD

JOHN HANCOCK of Belle, W. VA covers SC and W. VA.

TONY HILLIARD of Tucker, GA. Continues serving as our only GA. AD.

DUEL AND PAM JEANS of North Fork, CA continue to provide superb support to our engineer brothers and others on the website Together We Served.



JEANS

JAY KERLIN of Vernal, Utah handles Associate Director duties for members from: Colorado, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Wyoming! Good thing he uses email and the phone to cover this vast region!



KERLIN



LITTELL

DAVE LITTELL of Oxnard, CA. One of our 3 California ADs.

Every month I'm making calls or writing to members of my group who have birthdays. Much of my time is spent running down out of contact members for current phone numbers and/or addresses. As well, when dues are being collected at the end of the year is another time when a fair amount of time is spent contacting members who have not responded to "All Hands" e-mail messages to make their payments. Other time is spent on general inquiries from the executive committee members. Some of the rewarding part is the chance to chat for a while to the members in my group on their birthdays.

MIKE MAGEE of North Fork, CA. One of our 3 California ADs.

Contact with those members assigned to this Associate Director has been initiated between 18 February and 23 February. The results of these contacts have identified the following: three members whose phone numbers are no longer in service and for whom a new phone number was not available. Efforts through research of the various web "White Pages" provided no updated information as to phone number or address. One member with an email address was sent a request for a response, and as yet no response. One member recently added to my roster, whose address was given as being in California, has in fact lived in Missouri for years. All other members contacted indicated all contact information



MAGEE

was correct and current, with the one exception. Those members contacted were again advised the MCEA is available to provide assistance in time of need. Several members I spoke with made mention of their appreciation of Colonel Frantz and the MCEA for being there for the Engineers,





and enjoy the Colonel's emails. Phone conversations with the members I contacted were of two lengths, brief or lengthy. There were contacts made that lasted only the length of time taken to verify contact information, other contacts lasted from 10 to 15 minutes in conversation. Total time spent in conversation was approximately 90 minutes. The time spent in actually making the calls, which included numerous call back attempts required to make contact, was not noted.

My efforts in recruitment were extremely limited, but I did speak to one enlisted member of 7th ESB who expressed interest in joining the MCEA. (He stated he was a nominee last year for an MCEA Award). However, he requested all information for joining be sent to his grandfather who is a Marine Corps League National Officer.



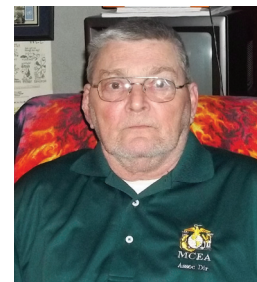
MARTIN

PHIL MARTIN of Springfield, MA is our only AD for Mass.

Associate Directors are pretty busy making birthday phone calls, updating members' files and all related jobs assigned by the Executive Director and the Associate Director Chairman. I have made a few friends by making the phone calls and lost one member for making too many phone calls to him! Recruiting is also a part of our job that remains a daunting task. I know new members are out in the local community but there are very few joiners at this time. New incentives have to be made to entice these Marines to become members.

RON MENKE of Sneads Ferry, NC. One of only three NC ADs.

I made contact with all my members in reference to updating their info on the members' roster and also all members needing to renew their dues have done so and submitted their checks.



MENKE

JIM MURPHY of Los Osos, CA. One of our 3 California ADs.

Not only as a MCEA AD but otherwise Marine, I have at least one retired Marine living not too far from here and he and I get together from time to time to share sea stories. In addition I try to review the listings I receive from Judy and generally am successful in contacting those on my contact roster. Some I call and wish them well; others I try to send a handwritten note.



MURPHY

LOU NAPPI of Haymarket, VA. One of our VA. ADs.

KEN OSTERMAN of Martinsville, NJ. Only NJ AD.

BRAD PATCH of Fredericksburg, VA. One of the four VA ADs.

I participated in presenting a MCEA retirement gift to LtGen Frank Panter, A/C I&L, in an informal presentation at HQMC (Pentagon) on the 26th of September, 2012. And, I helped in the solicitation of late MCEA annual dues payments and reminders for same. In addition, I took pleasure in saying "Happy Birthday" to the many Marines under my purview.



OSTERMAN

LARRY PRICE of Snohomish, WA. Is our Associate Director for members in Washington and Oregon.



PATCH





SAENZ

GEORGE SAENZ of Woodbridge, VA. One of two active duty members who share responsibility for all of our active/reserve duty MCEA members.

RICH WILMES of Goodyear, AZ is responsible for our Arizona members.

JACK WING of Apopka, FL. Our only Florida Associate Director.



WING



WULFECK

FLOYD WULFECK of Millford, Ohio. One of NC ADs, plus he covers Kentucky. While serving as an Associate Director, I have accomplished the following:

1. Introduced myself by letter, email and/or phone.
2. Verified addresses, phone numbers and other data by letter, email or phone. I personally called and talked to the widows of our deceased members. I felt that was more appropriate than an impersonal email.
3. Provided "Happy Birthday" messages each month.
4. Provided notices pertaining to our MCEA Reunion by email or phone.
5. Emailed members whose dues expire in 2012 and encouraged them to send in their dues and remain current.



ZACCHEA

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

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*Suggest what is right, oppose what is wrong. What you think, speak. Satisfy yourself and not others. If you are not popular, you will at least be respected. Popularity lasts but a day. Respect will descend as a heritage to your children.*

*– Thomas Chandler Haliburton, judge, writer (1796-1865)*



## LT. GENERAL FRANK A. PANTER, JR. - Retired

**Lieutenant General Panter's last assignment on active duty was Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics, Washington, DC.**

Enlisting in the Marine Corps in August 1968, he served until 1972. This included a tour in the Republic of Vietnam with the 1st Marine Division. After graduating in 1975 from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology, he entered Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps in July 1975.

Following The Basic School in 1976, Second Lieutenant Panter attended the Basic Combat Engineer Course. He then served as a Combat Engineer and Shore Party Platoon Commander, Alpha Company, 3D Combat Engineer Battalion, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii participating in several deployments throughout the Western Pacific. Transferred in July 1979 to the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia, Captain Panter served as the Commanding General's aide-de-camp until 1982. Captain Panter then served as Inspector-Instructor for Headquarters & Service Company and Assistant Battalion Inspector-Instructor, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Portland, Oregon until 1986. He was later assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington D.C. as an Acquisition Project Officer for engineer equipment.



In 1990 Major Panter was transferred to Okinawa, Japan and served as the Operations Officer and later as the Executive Officer for 3d Combat Engineer Battalion, 3d Marine Division. After being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, he assumed command of the 3d Combat Engineer Battalion. While at 3d Combat Engineer Battalion he participated in Operation FIERY VIGIL, providing disaster relief assistance in the Philippines after the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo.

In 1993 Lieutenant Colonel Panter was transferred to United States Central Command, Tampa, Florida and served as the Branch Chief, Exercise Branch, Logistics and Security Assistance Directorate (J4) and also as the Humanitarian Assessment Survey Team (HAST) Chief.

During 1997 he was transferred to Naples, Italy, where he served as the Military Assistant and Senior Special Assistant to the Commander-in-Chief, United States Naval Forces Europe / Commander, Allied Forces Southern Europe.

In July 1998, Colonel Panter was transferred to United States Atlantic Command, Norfolk, Virginia where he served as the Deputy Chief and later Chief of the Current Operations Division, Operations Directorate (J3). During August 1999 Colonel Panter was transferred to the 2D Marine Aircraft Wing and served as the 2D Marine Aircraft Wing Inspector until assuming command of Marine Wing Support Group 27, which he commanded for two years.

From July 2002 until August 2003, Brigadier General Panter served as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab in Quantico, VA and the Vice Chief, Office of Naval Research.

In September 2003 he assumed command of the 3d Marine Logistics Group. During this tour he commanded the Combined Support Group-Sri Lanka, Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE, which was responsible for U.S. military tsunami disaster relief assistance in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Also during this tour, Brigadier General Panter deployed forces to Pakistan for earthquake disaster relief efforts as well as commanding the U.S. forces in Indonesia for earthquake disaster relief operations.

During August 2006 Brigadier General Panter was transferred to Headquarters, Marine Corps where he assumed duties as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Plans, Policy and Strategic Mobility).

From 2007 to 2009, Major General Panter served as the Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Korea and Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategy and Plans, U/C/J-5, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea.

Lieutenant General Panter is a graduate of the United States Army's Advance Engineer Officer's Course, the Marine Corps' Command & Staff College, the Naval War College and the Air Force's Air War College (non resident). He has a Master of Education degree in Secondary Mathematics and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies.

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Since I have retired, I have had a chance to reflect on how lucky I was to have served as a Marine for over 41 Years. Every day on active duty when I put on our honored uniform, and had the privilege to serve with our wonderful Marines, provided a great sense of worth. I never had any doubt that what we were doing contributed to the defense of our nation in some way. I have been blessed to have served with such great Americans such as you.

Being a Marine Engineer was also very rewarding--in both peace and conflict. It gave me a chance early on as a young enlisted Marine, and later as a young officer, to see many parts of the world, be involved in some





interesting operations and have responsibility for fantastic Marines and large quantities of equipment. Looking back, I don't believe any other MOS would have been as rewarding.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for your dedicated service as U.S. Marines. It has been a great honor to have served as a fellow Marine, and Engineer, with you.

Semper Fidelis Marines!

Frank Panter



Our sincere thanks to MCEA member, Col Mike Boyd, USMC (Ret) Deputy LPE, HQMC for the following comments:

*We Marine Engineers owe Lieutenant General Frank Panter, Jr. an eternal debt of gratitude for the enduring impact he has had on our Engineer Community in his 42 years of distinguished service to Country and Corps. The epitome of a "Marines' Marine", he demonstrated his passion to continuous quality improvement throughout his professional life, serving in peace and war,*

*and rising from Engineer Equipment Operator in Viet Nam in 1968 to the Marine Corps' senior Logistician as the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics. He espoused diversity in his career, fully embracing the "total MAGTF" Engineer as he completed multiple tours in every element as both a commander and staff officer, and served several tours as a Joint officer, representing and maintaining the best interests and equity of our Corps. He truly brought the full range of engineering and logistics expertise and experience to his efforts as DC, I&L, always focusing his sight to ensure every action improved support to the warfighter on the front lines.*

*As the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, he fully embraced his role as the Engineer and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Advocate, providing his guidance and the resources and energy that enabled LPE to create two seminal works in support of the Commandants' 2010 Marine Corps Service Campaign Plan (MCSCP), specifically the **Engineer and EOD Roadmap**, and the **Engineer and EOD Advocate Campaign Plan**. These two documents outline the Engineer and EOD roles and missions for the present while setting the course for analysis and review to establish the course for the Engineer and EOD community out beyond 2025*

*Additionally, recognizing the special synergy brought to our expeditionary operations from our habitual relationship with the Seabees, he sponsored the **Naval Engineering Capability** and the **Naval Engineering Requirements Capacity Studies**, enabling the communities to fully examine and explore recommendations for future organizing, training and equipping for contingency operations involving Navy-Marine Corps engineering interoperability.*

*Lastly, he chartered the Executive Engineer Steering Group (EESG), comprised of senior Marine engineer and EOD Officers, who meet routinely to discuss significant issues, vet and tee them up for DC, I&L review and action as needed. In the same mode, he supported the charter of the Navy/Marine Corps Engineering Interoperability Working Group (IWG) to establish a venue for the Seabees and Marine Engineers to work through interoperability issues of mutual interest in improving the Naval Engineering synergy.*

*As we know, the resetting of the Marine Corps in the current Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) redeployment period is challenging to ensure we have the most capable, yet fiscally affordable "Middle Weight Force" Marine Corps to "be ready when America is the least ready". Maintaining the optimal engineer and EOD capabilities and capacities to ensure contingency operational success is particularly challenging, but Lieutenant General Panter's vision and foresight have positioned us for tremendous success to ensure that Engineers and EOD capabilities and requirements are appropriately sized to support the range of military operations expected of our Marine Corps in this new millennia.*





Within the Engineer and EOD Branch, we are transitioning between Advocate Branch Heads as Colonel Robert A. Couser departed the first of March to Camp Lejeune, NC to the Commanding General's staff at Second Marine Logistics Group. Since he assumed the branch head duties in July 1011, he has been a dynamic and charismatic leader, instrumental in advancing and emphasizing Engineer and EOD advocate role at HQMC, creating the Engineer and EOD Roadmap and Advocate Campaign Plan, implementing the formulation of the Engineer Executive Steering Group, The Navy/Marine Corps Engineer Interoperability Working Group, supporting the Post-Force Structure Review Group (FSRG) implementation as well as leading the Engineer and EOD Force Optimization Review Group (FORG) Engineer project initiative as the Marine Corps continues to position itself for the current and future fights with optimized capabilities to conduct contingency operations across the range of military operations. His efforts have paid off tremendously in advancing advocacy for the our Engineer and EOD Community, and we wish Rob and his family

tremendous success as he returns to a much deserved tour in the Operating Forces.



By way of introduction, we welcome aboard Colonel (select) Phillip N. Fietze as our incoming Branch Head, coming to us from the Argentine Defense War College (Top Level School). Phil has served in every element of the MAGTF with multiple deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan as a commander and staff officer, most recently as the Seventh Engineer Support Battalion Commander to Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom 9.2/10.1 in the Helmand Valley, and he brings with him a wealth of Joint and operational engineering experience. Energetic, driven, and proactive, he already forcefully carries the torch to improve engineer and EOD advocacy in trying times as DoD works through the OEF resetting efforts in a fiscally-constrained environment. Phil and his family are excited to be here, and he is already digging in to ensure that engineer and EOD advocacy continues to flourish.

## BRIGADIER GENERAL NIEL NELSON

### Commanding General, 3d Marine Logistics Group

Following commissioning, Brigadier General Nelson attended The Basic School followed by the Engineer School and was assigned to 8th Engineer Support Battalion, where he served as an Engineer platoon commander, company executive officer and company commander. His next tour took him to Inspector-Instructor duty in Bakersfield, CA where he served as the I-I. Brigadier General Nelson then attended, and was a Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Army Engineer Officer Advance Course.

Returning to the Fleet Marine Force in 1991, he became the S4 and Support Company Commander for 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion and the operations officer of 3rd Special Operations Training Group.

In 1994, Brigadier General Nelson reported to the Marine Corps Systems Command where he was the Mine Countermine Project Officer with PM Engineers.

Brigadier General Nelson then attended Marine Corps Command and Staff College followed by the School of Advanced Warfighting. In 1999, he reported to II Marine Expeditionary Force G5 as the Southern Command Plans officer and subsequently assumed command of 8th Engineer Support Battalion. This unit served with Task Force Tarawa and 1st Marine Division as an Assault Bridge Battalion during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM I.

Following battalion command, Brigadier General Nelson attended the U.S. Army War College and was assigned to U.S. Pacific Command J4 as the Regional Engineer Plans officer for Oceania and Southeast Asia. Following this tour he commanded The Marine Corps Engineer School from 2006 to 2008, after which he became the Chief of Staff, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) and returned to Iraq with the last Multinational Force - West (MNF-W). Upon completion of this tour with MNF-W, he became the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (DC I&L), and then went on to be the Commanding General, Training Command from 2011-2012.

Brigadier General Nelson graduated from San Diego State University receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also holds M.S. Degrees in Systems Management, Military Science and International and Strategic Studies from Capitol College, Marine Corps University and Army War College respectively. Additionally, Brigadier 12 - Engineers Up!





General Nelson is a graduate of The Basic School, Basic and Advanced Engineer Officers Courses, Airborne School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, USMC School of Advanced Warfighting, Joint Forces Staff College and the Army War College.

Brigadier General Nelson's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with 2 Gold Stars, Bronze Star with V Device, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 1 Gold Star, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 2 Gold Stars, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Brigadier General Nelson is married and has two children, both Marine Corps Officers.

## **BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD D. BANTA**

### **Commanding General, 2d Marine Logistics Group**

Brigadier General Banta was raised in California and Connecticut before graduating from Colgate University in 1986. Commissioned through the Officer Candidate Course program in December 1986, he attended The Basic School and Combat Engineer Officer Course prior to reporting for duty with 9th Engineer Support Battalion on Okinawa, Japan. From October 1987 through October 1988, he served as a Platoon Commander, Executive Officer, and Commanding Officer of Bridge Company.

Reassigned in November 1988 to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California, BGen Banta served as the Combat Engineer Representative with the Combined Arms Exercise Program's Tactical Exercise Evaluation Control Group. From August 1990 through March 1991, he deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM, serving with 3rd Light Armored Infantry Battalion and the I Marine Expeditionary Force Commanding General's jump command post.

In July 1992, BGen Banta reported to the Army Engineer Officer Advanced Course in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Upon graduation he was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and Camp Pendleton, California, serving as Battalion Operations Officer and Commanding Officer, C Company from February 1993 through May 1996.

From July 1996 through December 1997, BGen Banta attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he received a Master of Science degree in Systems Management. Upon graduation he was reassigned to the Programs and Resources Department, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, DC, where he served as a program analyst until August 2000.

In September 2000, BGen Banta reported to Marine Wing Support Group 17 (MWSG-17), 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and assumed duties as the Group Operations Officer through June 2003. Reassigned to 3d Marine Aircraft Wing in San Diego, California, he commanded Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 (MWSS-373) from July 2003 through May 2005. During this period he deployed with MWSS-373 to Iraq for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM II. Upon completion of his command tour, he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, DC, and was subsequently assigned as a force structure analyst with the Force Structure, Resources and Assessment Directorate (J8) on the Joint Staff.

BGen Banta returned to Okinawa to command MWSG-17 from July 2008 to June 2010 followed by serving as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations for 3d Marine Logistics Group. In April 2011 he returned to Washington to assume his duties as Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy. In August of 2012 he assumed his current duties as 2d MLG Commanding General.

BGen Banta's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



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From my seat here at 2d Marine Logistics Group I am pleased to report that your Marines continue to excel across the spectrum of engineer missions. Marine engineers from throughout II MEF are forward deployed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, providing critical mobility, countermobility, survivability and general engineering support to II MEF (Fwd) forces in Regional Command Southwest. Of





note is their mission in assisting with the closure and de-militarization of bases and combat outposts as the Marine Corps moves towards completion of our mission in Afghanistan in 2014. In addition to the conventional formations sourced from 2d MLG, 2d Marine Division and 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, your Marine engineers support a variety of individual augmentees and security force assistance advisor team billets critical to the successful transfer of responsibility to our Afghan partners.

Your II MEF Marine engineers are also distinguishing themselves at home station, around the country, and elsewhere around the globe. I am particularly proud of the support rendered by our Marines from 8th Engineer Support Battalion to our communities and citizens impacted by Hurricane Sandy in November 2012. Operating under the appropriate name of Task Force Pump, a task organized team of engineers, bulk fuel specialists, utilities Marines, heavy equipment and motor transport operators, and other MOSs deployed on extremely short notice to New York and New Jersey to assist federal and local authorities with de-watering, debris clearance, and civil support operations. Under the leadership of Major Craig Clarkson, they worked for nearly three weeks in sub-freezing temperatures to assist fellow Americans in the devastated neighborhoods in Queens and Rockaway Beach. Among their many accomplishments, they cleared over 850,000 pounds of debris, moved over 950,000 pounds of cargo, and pumped over five million gallons of water from countless homes and businesses in the affected area. One of your Marines, LCpl Gregory Hunt, a 1391 Bulk Fuel Specialist recently returned from Afghanistan, found himself literally knee deep in water helping pump out basements not far from his native Bloomfield, New Jersey. His comments in the New York Post captured the sentiments of his fellow Marines: "I am excited about being here and serving my country in a whole new way. I look forward to completing this mission and hopefully being sent on more like this throughout my career in the Marine Corps. "

Thank you for your continued support of our Marine Corps engineers and their families through the Marine Corps Engineer Association. Rest assured that they will continue to make you and the rest of the nation proud, as they step up to the task at hand every day and make the seemingly impossible look easy. Semper Fidelis and Engineers up!

## *Quotes to Ponder*

*We shouldn't give up on our pursuit of perfection, but we also shouldn't wait till we're perfect to teach what we know and believe is right.*

*– Michael Josephson*

*There is sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.*

*– Washington Irving (1783-1859)*

*Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it."*

*– Thomas Paine*



# HONOR ROLL

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

*AIKENS, DAVID MSGT (RET)	DRISCOLL, BERNARD E. LTCOL (RET)	LANGLEY, JOSEPH A SGTMAJ (RET)	*SHAHER, ROGER LTCOL (RET)
ALO, THOMAS T. GYSGT (RET)	DUDDY, ROBERT J. VET	LANIER, LUTHER L MSGT (RET)	SHARKEY, KEO J VET
AMSTER, ALVIN A. VET	*DUFFY, LEROY (JOHN) LTCOL (RET)	*LAWRENCE, RICHARD GYSGT (RET)	SHELOKFSKY, EARNEST L MSGT (RET)
ANDERSON, DAVID LTCOL (RET)	DUHE, CLARENCE VET	LEAKE, NORMAN GYSGT (RET)	SHELTON, OTEY CWO4 (RET)
ANDERSON, JESSE LTCOL (RET)	DUNCAN, DAVID N. CWO4 (RET)	LEWIS, JC. MSGT (RET)	SHEPPARD, BILL GYSGT (RET)
ANDERSON, LOUIS SSGT (RET)	DUFFY, LEROY LTCOL (RET)	LIGGETT, JAMES E MSGT (RET)	SHIELDS, JIMMIE R VET
ANGELL, HENRY SSGT (RET)	DYBES, FRANK VET	*LINDSEY, JOEL "FRANK" CAPT (RET)	SHOVAR, ROBERT J SGTMAJ (RET)
ARMITAGE, GEORGE L CAPT (RET)	ECHOLS, JAMES CAPT (RET)	LIVEZEY, JAMES W MAJ (RET)	SILVERMAN, ALBERT VET
ARMSTRONG, MILT SSGT (RET)	EVANS, RAY MGYSGT (RET)	LOY, WILLIAM CAPT (RET)	SIMONSON, ARTHUR K VET
BACHE, TERRANCE VET	FADICK, CARL VET	MacKENZIE, JAMES M LTCOL (RET)	SMITH, CONWAY J. LTCOL (RET)
BALLANCE, HENRY G. MSGT (RET)	FAUST JR., RUDOLPH MAJ (RET)	MACHA, JAMES F MSGT (RET)	SMITH, RAYMOND C VET
BANISH, THEODORE VET	FAY, CHARLES MAJ (RET)	MACKEY, MARION GYSGT (RET)	SMITH, RAYMOND K MGYSGT (RET)
BARDIN, JAMES "LANCER" VET	FELLINGER, BARRY MAJ (RET)	MADER, JOHN F COL (RET)	SNYDER, GUY MSGT (RET)
*BARKE, ARTHUR J VET	*FERGUSON, HARRY VET	MARIANOV, JOHN MGYSGT (RET)	SOFRONAS, GEORGE VET
BARKER, LAWRENCE S MAJ (RET)	FERRARO, STEPHEN L. MR (VET)	*MATTHEWS, DREW LTCOL (RET)	SOGHOIAN, AVEDIS H MSGT (RET)
BARNETSON, WILLIAM H MAJ (RET)	FEUER, HENRY O. CWO2 (RET)	MAXWELL, LEO F GYSGT (RET)	SOUZA, JOSEPH W VET
*BARRON, REYNOLDS MSGT (RET)	FIANDER, WILLIAM MAJ (RET)	MASTICE, JOSEPH VET	SOWA, JEROME MGYSGT (RET)
BATEMAN, JOSEPH S. VET	FIELDING, JOHN M. MSGT (RET)	*McCANDLESS, JOHN MSGT (RET)	SPIKERMAN, JACK MAJ (RET)
BAUBLITZ, JOHN VET	FISH, ROY MR VET	McCARTER, LARRY CWO 4 (RET)	STANDISH, PETER VET
BENSTEAD, DARYL E. COL (RET)	*FLECK, EDWARD CWO2 (RET)	McCLURE, GARY L LTCOL (RET)	STASIO, ANTHONY DR
BERNIER, RICHARD J CWO4 (RET)	FLOYD, JOSEPH C. MAJ (RET)	McCOY, JIM MGYSGT (RET)	STERN, HERBERT GYSGT (RET)
*BIBBEY, BRUCE VET	FOLEY, THOMAS VET	McGILL, DENNIS VET	STEWART, BILLY GYSGT (RET)
BIGITSCHKE, UWE VET	*FOSTER, DANIEL MSGT (RET)	*McLAUGHLIN JR, HOWARD VET	STOCKSTILL, PAUL R VET
BLUME, CARL VET	FRANKOWSKI, JOSEPH MGYSGT (RET)	McLAUGHLIN, RICHARD CAPT (RET)	STOKES, RUFUS R MSGT (RET)
*BOTELHO, RODNEY LTCOL (RET)	FREY, HUBERT LTCOL (RET)	McLAWHORN, LEON CAPT (RET)	STUBBLEFIELD, ROBERT VET
BOTTS, LAURANCE CWO 2 (RET)	FUNDERBURK, RAY LTCOL (RET)	*METCALFE, EDWIN CAPT (RET)	STURGEON, BILL VET
BOURQUE, RAYMOND D MAJ (RET)	GALBREATH, ROBERT VET	MILLS, DAVID C LTCOL (RET)	STURZA, RAYMOND CAPT (RET)
BOYER, JASPER MSGT (RET)	GALLAGHER, JOHN F MGYSGT (RET)	*MONROE, RICHARD CAPT (RET)	SULLIVAN, JOHN VET
BRANDEL, RALPH E COL (RET)	GANGEWERE, KENNETH SSGT (RET)	MURPHY, ROBERT F MSGT (RET)	SURKAMP, RICHARD VET
BREAKFIELD, BRODUS GYSGT (RET)	*GANGL, CHARLES GYSGT (RET)	NAHRGANG, DONALD V LTCOL (RET)	SVILKA, AL VET
*BRISBOIS, DONALD CAPT (RET)	GATES JR, ALBERT VET	NIEHOFF, HARRY VET	SWENSON, KEN VET
BROWN, MIKE VET	GAZZA, HENRY J VET	NOVAK, WILLIAM VET	SWINDALL, THOMAS MR VET
BRUTSMAN, DONALD MR	GEORGE, JAMES E VET	NUNN, GRANT P GYSGT (RET)	TERRY, EDWARD MSGT (RET)
BUCY, CLYDE T MGYSGT (RET)	GIBSON, CHARLES R LTCOL (RET)	O'CONNOR, JACK F MAJ (RET)	*THOMAS, RAYMOND VET
*BUFFINGTON, CARL VET	GILBO, PATRICK F VET	O'CONNOR, JOHN B VET	*THOMASON, ROLAND VET
BUTLER, FRANKLIN D GYSGT (RET)	GILES, SAM E	OLSON, FREDRIC COL (RET)	*TOBIN, JOHN GYSGT (RET)
CALLAHAN, BILL SSGT KIA	GIRAFFE, FRANK CPL (VET)	O'MAHONEY, MIKE MAJ (RET)	TOMPKINS, ROBERT VET
CALLAHAN JR., FRANCIS VET	GLENN, CARL J GYSGT (RET)	PALMER, RALPH CWO2 (RET)	TURNER, BLAINE L MR
CALLOWAY, FRED VET	GOETZ, ARTHUR WO (RET)	PALMER, ROBERT M CWO3 (RET)	ULSH, AMON SSGT (RET)
CAMPBELL, KENNETH B CWO (RET)	GOINS, ROBERT LTCOL (RET)	PARKER, PETER VET	VEGA, MANUEL SGTMAJ (RET)
CAREY, JAMES MSGT (RET)	GOSS, EUGENE W MYGYSGT (RET)	PEAGLER, JOE LTCOL (RET)	VIERS JR, W.GUS LTCOL (RET)
CAREY, RALPH J VET	GRADL, MICHAEL J VET	PEHOWIC, STANLEY A GYSGT (RET)	VROOMAN, LYNDON F CAPT (RET)
CAROTA, MARTIN ISTSGT (RET)	GREER, GENE MSGT (RET)	PENDERGAST, RICHARD L GYSGT (RET)	WAGES, EDWARD MAJ (RET)
CARPENTER, JACK (VET)	*GREIVES, WILLIAM VET	PEREA, HANK COL (RET)	WALLEN, ALPHONSE VET
*CATALOGNE, PAUL (CHIPS) LTCOL (RET)	*GRZANKOWSKI, WALTER VET	PHANEUF, JOSEPH LTCOL (RET)	WATTERS, RON T (MESSIO) MGYSGT (RET)
CLARK, ELMO A. CAPT (RET)	GUBALA, TIMOTHY LTCOL (RET)	PHELPS, WILLIAM E LTCOL (RET)	WEAVER, RALPH BO VET
CLINE, PAUL L. CAPT (RET)	*HAENTGES, RUSSELL VET	PICCIONE, JOSEPH M VET	WEIGHTMAN, ROBERT ISTSGT (RET)
CLUKA, DANIEL MSGT (RET)	HAGERLING, SID COL (RET)	PORTWOOD, TROY G VET	WELCHERT, JERRY VET
*COCHRAN, BUEL VET	*HALL, DAVID VET	PUGH, ROBERT GYSGT (RET)	WELDEN, MAX VET
COLANGELO, NICK E. MGYSGT (RET)	*HART, DAVID MSGT (RET)	*RAU, ROLAND GYSGT (RET)	WICKHAM, JOHN D MR VET
COLE, JAMES MSGT (RET)	*HAVERSTOCK, ELDEN VET	READ, JOE CWO 2 (RET)	WIDEMAN, WILLIAM VET
COMPTON, JOSEPH MAJ (RET)	HERR, KENNETH VET	REFFELT, EDWIN CAPT (RET)	WIGGINS, ANDREW J GYSGT (RET)
*COOK, BILL MSGT (RET)	HODIN, JOHN VET	REID, KENNETH R VET	*WILCOX JR, LEE ROY MGYSGT USMC (RET)
COOPER, FRANCIS MGYSGT (RET)	HOLLINGSWORTH, JAMES K CWO4 (RET)	*REITMEIER, WALT ISTLT (RET)	WILDER, WALLY VET
COROMELAS, NICK VET	HOLZINGER, BERNARD MAJ (RET)	REYNOLDS, PAUL MSGT (RET)	WILLIAMS, KENNETH W GYSGT (RET)
CRAIG, JACK RAY CWO 2 (RET)	HORNE, WILLIAM MGYSGT (RET)	RINGER, ED VET	WILLIAMS, STEVE CAPT (RET)
CRESAP, CHARLES C. LTCOL (RET)	HORTON, EVERAD VET	RITTER, JOE GYSGT (RET)	WILLIAMSON, MELVIN GYSGT (RET)
CREWS, JR., DUANE D. COL (RET)	HOWARD, ANDREW J. VET	ROBERTS, JOHN SGTMAJ (RET)	WINOSKI, WALTER M COL (RET)
CROFT, EARL G. SSGT (RET)	HUNTZINGER, HENRY J LTCOL (RET)	ROBERTS, KENNETH VET	WOODWARD, LEEMAN MGYSGT (RET)
CROMWELL, MELVIN E VET	JACOBSON, MILTON R GYSGT (RET)	ROBERTS, LONNIE MSGT (RET)	WRIGHT, RICHARD CAPT (RET)
CROSBY, ARTHUR GYSGT (RET)	JACQUES, MAURICE SGTMAJ (RET)	ROCKWELL, NOEL VET	YEAMAN, DON VET
CUMMINS, MARTIN R. MSGT (RET)	JARVIS, JOHN VET	RODEBAUGH, ROBERT MSGT (RET)	*YOUNG, LAURITZ LTCOL (RET)
CUNNINGHAM, CHARLES R ISTSGT (RET)	JOHNSON, GUSTOF VET	*ROSE, MURRAY COL (RET)	*YOUNGHANS, ROBERT SGTMAJ (RET)
DABROWSKI, WALTER VET	JOHNSON, STEPHEN J CAPT (RET)	RUBIO, JOSE R MSGT (RET)	ZACK, CHARLES VET
DAMON, ROBERT K. LTCOL (RET)	JOHNSON, WARREN MGYSGT (RET)	RUDAT, JUNIOR D GYSGT (RET)	ZEMATIS, WALTER J MGYSGT (RET)
DAVIDSON, RUSSELL MSGT (RET)	JONES, THOMAS W LTCOL (RET)	RUSHING, EDWIN VET	ZYSK, FRANK L VET
DENNIS, NICHOLAS J COL (RET)	KELLEY, GEORGE E. GYSGT (RET)	RYNDERS, RUSSELL VET	
DENORMANDIE, FRANK COL (RET)	*KLEIN, ROBERT VET	SARDO, EUGENE VET	
DERRICK, LEWIS C VET	KOENIG, CHARLES G. SGTMAJ (RET)	SAULNIER, JOHN L CAPT (RET)	
DESKIEWICZ, GARY VET	KROPINAK, ROBERT C MAJ (RET)	SCHEER, CARL MGYSGT (RET)	

Those with an asterisk by their name are new additions.



## IN MEMORIUM

### *IN MEMORIUM OF OUR RECENTLY DEPARTED ENGINEER BROTHERS*

**Aikens, David William**, 81, of Maple Hill, NC passed away on Jan. 29, 2012, at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. Services were held on Friday, Feb. 3 at Johnson Funeral Home, Jacksonville, NC. Interment followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Silence Aikens of Maple Hill; sons, Chris B. Aikens and David R. Aikens, both of Kingman, Ariz.; daughter, Donna Aikens Lee of Jacksonville; brother, Arthur "Butch" Aikens of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

**Barke, Arthur Joseph**, 78, of Kerrville, MD passed away on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007. As a young man, he attended Fork Union Military Academy in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. He later attended the University of Ohio, but was always a loyal Washington Redskins fan. It was not unusual for him to burst into the Redskins fight song while traveling on vacation.

**Barron, Reynolds** (MSgt. USMC Ret), 84, of Jacksonville died Tuesday 11/13/12 at Carolina East Medical Center, New Bern. Funeral services were held at Jones Funeral Home Chapel, in Jacksonville, on November 16, 2012. Burial with Military Honors followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. He was born January 27, 1928 in Coaldale, PA and was the son of the late Joseph and Viola Reynolds Barron. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Charlotte Early and Eleanor Brady. He served his country with the United States Marine Corps and was one of the "Chosin Few". He was a member of the FRA, Chosin Few, Marine Corps Engineer Association, China Marines, American Legion and the 1st Marine Division Association. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Esther Barron of the home, 2 daughters, Elizabeth Gill and her husband William of Jacksonville, Virginia Robinson and husband Thomas of Jacksonville, three sons, Reynolds Barron and wife Shelia of Irvington, AL, Keith Barron and wife Julie of Burlington, IA and Scott Barron of Jacksonville, NC; 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

**Bibbey Bruce F.**, of New York, NY, passed away on October 3, 2010. Always remembered in his heart his beloved pet and companion, the late Eric. Funeral was held in Winthrop on Friday, October 8, 2012 with interment in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). U.S. Marine Corps combat veteran of the Vietnam War.

**Botelho, Rodney W.**, 74, of Aiea, HI, a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel, passed away in Honolulu on 6 November, 2011. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by daughters Christiane Botelho and Adrienne Hart, brother, Alvin, and four grandchildren. Interment followed at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl.

**Brisbois, Donald J.** (Capt, USMC Ret), 89, of Mesa, Arizona, passed away on July 23, 2008, surrounded by his loving family. Don is preceded in death by his wife Betty Brisbois and is survived by his children Barbara Whitten, Kathy Baumann (George), and John Brisbois (Margaret) along with five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A memorial service was held in Mesa, AZ, followed by full military honors service at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ on Friday, August 1st.

**Buffington, Carl Jay**, 64, of Lancaster, PA passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2011 at the Veterans Medical Center in Lebanon. Carl enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1965 and retired on a disability discharge as a Staff Sergeant in 1977. Carl served as a Commander in the Disabled Veterans organization, as Commandant of the Lancaster Detachment of the Marine Corps League, and as an officer of the Devil Dogs. For his service in these organizations, Carl received awards, including the Distinguished Citizens Award from the Marine Corps League of the Department of Pennsylvania. The funeral service was held in Lititz, PA. Lancaster County Marine Corps League Chaplain Lewis B. Alston officiated. Interment with Military Honors at was held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

**Catalogne, Chips** (LtCol, USMC Ret) died 12 Oct, 2005 in Newton, PA. He was born Jan 17, 1940. No Obituary was found.

**Cochran, Buel Emmett**, 90, of Alderson, WVA. passed away Oct. 19, 2011, in the Summers Nursing & Rehabilitation, Hinton after a long illness. Born Jan. 27, 1921, in Jumping Branch, W.Va., he was the son of the late Robert G. and Edna Cole Cochran. Mr. Cochran was a lifelong resident of Alderson, was a World War II veteran, Corporal in the US Marine Corps, in the Battle of Iwo Jima and Occupation in Japan, and in 1991 legislation named the Highest Peak in Wolfcreek after him, "Boone's Peak" of 2763 feet. He was a member of the Alderson Baptist Church for over 30 years and was retired from the Federal Prison System. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Judith Ray Hertz; a sister, Glenna Lemons; and two grandsons, Kevin and Christopher. Survivors include his wife,





Beulah Cochran of Alderson; a daughter, Marsha Dale Ray of Alderson; a son, Richard Martin Sr. of Oak Hill; a sister, Virginia Tilley of Mullens; five grandchildren, Robert Flack II, Joseph Flack, Richard Martin Jr., Deborah Lee Martin and Cara Lee Evans; great-grandchildren, Katlyn, Alexandra, Shyanne, Megan, Erica and Kimberly and great-great-grandchild, Caleb Ray McMillion. Services on Oct. 23, 2011, at the Longanacre Funeral Home Chapel, Fairlea, followed by internment in the Fletcher Addition of the Alderson Cemetery.

**Cook, Bill**, (MSgt, USMC Ret), 84, passed away April 1, 2010 in Peoria, AZ. Bill was with the 5th Marine Division, a survivor of Iwo Jima and retired from the United States Marine Corps after 20 years of honorable service. Bill was a member of the 1st and 5th, Marine Division Retirees Association. He was also an active member of the Arizona State Retirees Association. Bill is survived by his son William "Buddy" Cook; daughter Sandra Corbin; 6 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Funeral service was held in Peoria, AZ. Graveside service with full military honors was in Glendale, AZ. To quote Bills family Doctor and friend, "It has been an honor and privilege to have known this great man."

**Duffy, LeRoy Mitchell** (LtCol, USMC Ret), 90, passed away peacefully at his home in Charlotte on Friday, April 20, 2012. Recruited by the Oakland A's baseball team, he opted for a life of public service by joining the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1943 he entered the naval aviation training program and in 1945 received his aviator wings. In 1945 Leroy was commissioned a 2nd Lt with service in China and Guam as a naval aviator. During the Korean War he landed on Inchon as platoon leader and served until 1951. His record reflects the following biographical data: 17th Marines, 1st MarDiv (Shore Party Bn) Aug 47-July 49; 2d Engr Bn May 50-Aug 50; 1st Engr Bn (Korea) Aug 50-April 51; 2D Engr Co, USMCR, I&I, Aug 51-Aug 54; 8th Engr Bn Aug 54-Aug 56; 1st Shore Part Bn, Okinawa Sept 56-Sept 57; 8th Engr Bn Aug 63-Sept 65; Base Maint Off, MCB Camp Lejeune Jul 68-June 70 when he retired. He was most proud of having the distinction of serving as a Marine in the air, on land, and at sea. LeRoy was a Life member of our Marine Corps Engineer Assn, having joined in May 1997. A service to honor LtCol Duffy was held in Charlotte NC.

**Ferguson Sr., Harry J.**, 81, of Waterford, NY, died Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Harry entered the U.S. Marine Corps serving in China as a tank driver. Harry was involved in many organizations. He was a Third Degree Knight with the K of C Council 237 in Waterford, a veteran member of the State Guard, a charter member of the VFW and was instrumental in the formation of Waterford Memorial Post 5800 in Waterford. He held many offices at the post including commander from 1973 to 1974. He assisted in the formation of the post Honor Guard, Color Guard and Firing Detail. He was a member of the Troy Marine Corps League, First Marine Division Assoc., Marine Corps Engineer Assoc., the American Legion Charles J. Brady Post in Waterford and an honorary member of the Battle of the Bulge #49 Association. Harry enjoyed and could be seen marching in and helping with several parades over the years and was a past grand marshal of the Waterford Memorial Day Parade. He was the coordinator of the Rensselaer County monthly "Honor a Deceased Veteran" Ceremony for 12 years, never missing a ceremony. He worked on various committees with the VA Hospital, Rock for Tots, and with the fundraiser for the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. Funeral services were held in Waterford, NY. Interment with military honors was held in Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

**Fleck, Edward**, (CWO 2 USMC Ret) 79, of Oceano, CA died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008. He was born 9 Oct, 1928. Edward Earl Fleck was a Life MCEA member since May 1994 and was an Engineer Equipment Officer. Served in Korea and Vietnam with the following assignments:

MCES 1951, Student and Instructor; 1st Engr Bn 52-53, Mechanic; MCB, CLNC Supply Dept, Mech; Base Maint, Quantico 54-56, Mech;

3rd Shore Party, 57-58, Maint Chief; 2d Shore Party Bn & MAG 13, 58-64; MCES 64-67, Shop Chief and Maint Off; 11th Engr Bn, A Co 67-68, Plt Ldr, Heavy Equip Off. Retired Nov 1968.

**Foster, Daniel H.** (MSgt. USMC Ret) died 21 April, 2004. Last known address was in Swansboro, NC. He was another of our unique engineers having served in WW II, Korean War and Vietnam. He joined MCEA 10 Jan, 2002. Date of birth: 13 Nov 1923. Service assignments:

Base Maint, MCB Quantico 48-51, surveyor and heavy equip; 1st Combat Service Group 51-52, heavy equip; 8th Engr Bn 52-55, surveyor, heavy equip; MarCor Supply Forwarding annex 55-57, heavy equip; New River Air Station, 57-59, Heavy equip; 1st Engr Spt Group 59-60, Heavy equip; MCES 60-64, instructor; RSS Columbus, OH 64-69 Recruiter; 1st LFC Vietnam 69-70, G-1; MCES 7-74, instructor. Retired July 1974. Buried in Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, NC.

**Gangi, Charles J.**, 72, of Raynham, MA, died September 18, 2003 at Morton Hospital in Tauton, MA. Mr. Gangi served as a Gunnery Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He received the Good Conduct Medal, 5th Award, 6th Award, 7th Award and the National Defense Medal, 2nd Award. He was a member of the 1st



and 2nd Marine Division Association and DAV of Brockton, MA. A funeral Mass was celebrated on September 23, 2003 in Raynham, MA. Burial followed in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

**Grieves, William Frederick**, passed away on September 25, 2009. A funeral service was held in Dundalk, MD. Interment was in Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

**Grzankowski, Walter S.**, 88, passed away March 20, 2012, in Edison, N.J. The funeral was held in Scotch Plains, NJ. Interment was in Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Doyle Cemetery in Arnetown, N.J. Mr. Grzankowski was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, having served as Sergeant with the 1st and 3rd Divisions of the 7th AAA Battalion United States Marine Corps. He also designed the emblem for the 7th AAA Battalion.

Haentges, Russell W., passed away on January 2, 2010 in Buffalo, NY. He was a true gentleman, a caring husband, gentle provider for eight children. Russell was a retired Buffalo policeman, veteran of the USMC serving in the Pacific theater in WW II, Member AmVets Post 14 (Buddy Knaus), current President of WNY Association Retired Law Enforcement Personnel, Inc., retired Civil Service employee, lifetime NRA Member, Tonawanda Sportsman's Club, Second Marine Division Association and the China Marine Association.

**Hall, David E.** died 30 Sept 2000. Last known residence was Lexington, VA. He was born 25 March, 1927 and was a MCEA Life member. He's buried in Mount Carvel Presbyterian Cemetery, Steeles Tavern, VA.

**HART, David Reese (MSgt. USMC Ret)**, passed away December 15, 2010 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Tucson, AZ, after a brief illness. MSgt Hart was born May 21, 1930, in Philadelphia, PA. He was raised in and attended Tucson schools. Before graduation he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve Unit in Tucson. For more than 28 years he served in the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve. He served in Korea and Vietnam as well as several training assignments in the Continental United States. After completing Recruiting School, he served as a recruiter in Chicago and northern Illinois. He also attended the Marine Security Guard School and upon graduation he was assigned to Embassy Duty in the Dominican Republic. Most of his 28 years was spent in the Combat Engineers as an Engineer Operations Chief or a Ground Nuclear Weapons Technician. MSgt Hart was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon for action in Vietnam and the Good Conduct Medal with a silver star and three bronze stars in lieu of nine awards. He was active in Veterans organization while on active duty and after retirement. In 1954 he joined the Marine Corps League and was active until his death. Mr. Hart held many offices including Commandant of the USS Arizona Detachment and The Department of Arizona. He also chaired many Department Conventions. He was honored by being invited to join the Military Order of The Devil Dogs, the Honor Society of the League. In 1987 he was chosen as the "Dog of the Year" at the National Convention. Mr. Hart was also a member of The Korean War Veterans Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Marine Aviation Association and Marine Security Guards Association. The past few years he joined and was active in The Navy League of the United States. The past several Christmas seasons Mr. Hart was active in Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps Reserve's programs to provide Christmas presents for less fortunate children. At his request, Mr. Hart was cremated and a Celebration of his Life was held February 10, 2011 at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The United State Marine Corps Reserve provided military Honors at the service.

**Haverstock, Elden Elmer**, 87, of Canton, OH passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2011. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine's 5th Division and took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima during World War II. Elden was present when the "flag raisers" raised the flag over Mount Surabachi and he was later wounded in action. He also was a member of the Sons of The American Revolution and Disabled American Veterans. Funeral services were conducted in Canton, OH. Burial followed in the Sunset Hills Burial Park.

Klein, Robert, 85, of Boca Raton, Fla., died Feb. 6, 2010 in his home. A native of Philadelphia, he was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

**Lawrence, Richard E.**, 70, passed away at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center, NY on Nov. 25, 2012. He graduated from Lake Placid High School and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served his country for 21 years to include a '67-'68 tour in Vietnam with the 1st Platoon, Charlie Company, 1st Combat Engineers, 1st Marine Division. He also served overseas in Japan, Okinawa, and aboard ship in the Mediterranean, Atlantic, and Pacific. He served his fellow North Country veterans and their families for over 30 years through various leadership positions in American Legion Post 504 in Au Sable Forks and Marine Corps League Detachment 219 in Plattsburgh. A funeral service was held at Whiteface Community United Methodist Church, Wilmington. A graveside ceremony with military honors followed at the Haselton Cemetery. "Home in Heaven -- see you soon. Semper Fi."

**Lindsey, Joel F. (Frank)**, (Capt, USMC Ret), 81, passed away on Saturday, 18 August, 2012 losing his courageous fight against cancer from exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. Frank joined the Marine Corps in July 1953 and served 20 years as a U.S. Marine. He graduated from Marine Warrant Officer Basic course in 1962, served two tours in Vietnam, and retired as a Captain. After retirement from the Marine Corps Frank served as Utilities Branch Chief, Fairfax County, Fairfax, Virginia for 10 years. Frank was highly respected as an 18 - Engineers Up!



authority on U.S. Military arms and an outstanding competitive marksman. Graveside and interment services took place on August 28th, 2012 at Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, VA.

**Matthews, Drew I.**, (LtCol, USMC Ret), 80, passed away on September 29, 2008, in Citrus Springs, FL. After completion of high school in 1946, Drew enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was sent to Boot Camp at Parris Island. While at Boot Camp, Drew was recognized for his leadership potential and was selected to attend university through the NROTC. Upon graduating from Dartmouth College with an Architectural degree, Drew served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps for 26 years, a career that saw tours of duty to Korea, Okinawa and Vietnam. Drew retired from the Corps in 1972. Memorial services were held in Citrus Springs, FL, on October 4, 2008 followed by internment in the Arlington National Cemetery.

**McCandless, John Richard** (MSgt, USMC Ret), 86, died on March 11, 2010 in Escondido, Calif. On June 5, 1942, John joined the Marine Corps and retired as a Master Sergeant after 26 years of service. He saw action in WWII at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Okinawa and in China; in the Korean conflict at: Seoul, Inchon, and the Chosin Reservoir; and in Vietnam. He received 2 Purple Hearts, numerous commendations and unit citation awards. Graveside memorial was held on March 22, 2010 at Eternal Hills Memorial Park where his cremated remains were laid to rest with his wife of 29 years. McLaughlin, Howard Nichols (Mac), 86, peacefully passed on October 31, 2012 in Fortuna, CA. Upon graduating from McClatchy High School in Sacramento in 1943, Howard joined the Marine Corps. He was deployed to Iwo Jima in 1945 and fought a 35 day battle before being evacuated off the island. He was then involved with the occupation of Japan at Sasebo and the occupation of China. Howard was involved with the community as a volunteer for the Fortuna Police and a member of the Rotary Club, as well as the Marine Corp League. A celebration of life was held at the Fortuna River Lodge.

**Metcalfe, Edwin A.** (Capt USMC Ret) 81, of Jamestown, NY passed away April 16, 2012 in WCA Hospital. He was born July 1, 1930, in Dunkirk, N.Y., the son of the late Charles J. and Mildred Merrill Metcalfe. Edwin was a lifelong resident of this area with the exception of the time he served in the military. He was a combat engineer in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1948 to 1969 serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and earned the rank of Captain. Edwin described himself as a "gentleman farmer," and was at home working his land. He was a member of the John W. Tiffany Post VFW and Henry Mosher Post 638, American Legion and Marine Corps League. Surviving is his wife Roberta Russell Metcalfe of Jamestown whom he married Aug. 5, 1952, in Falconer; three children: Debra (James) Apperson of Ft. Washington, Md., Donna (Roy) Kanenberg of Sophia, N.C. and Charles (Breigh) Metcalfe of Elmira, N.Y.; seven grandchildren: Christopher Apperson, Matthew and Travis Stull, Ted, Scott, Claire, and Sarah Metcalfe, and their mother, Marcia Metcalfe; and two great-grandchildren: Michael and Justin Apperson. Burial was in Pine Hill Cemetery.

**Monroe, Richard D.** (Capt, USMC Ret), 84, of Graham, FL died at his residence on July 24, 2008. He was Commandant for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ft. Pierce, Fla., and a member of the Marine Corps League. The funeral service was conducted in Graham on July 27, 2008 with burial in Alamance Memorial Park.

**Rau, Roland A.** (GySgt USMC Ret) died 12 Dec, 2009. Last known address was in Rosebud, MT. He was born 28 Jan 1928. He served in the Marines from 1945 to 1970 in the motor transport and engineer equipment field and was a MCEA Life member.

**Reitmeier, Walter C.** Of Clarence Center, NY, died February 14, 2013; beloved husband of Diane B. (nee Brooks); dearest father of Jason (Kristen); grandfather of Alaina and Lily; son of the late Walter H. and the late Erma (nee Dussault); brother of Robert (Jane) and Pamela (Steven) Bunch; also survived by nieces and nephews. Services 18 Feb, from Good Shepherd Parish, St. Augustine Campus. Mr. Reitmeier was a member of J. Michael Hens VFW, Clarence Post No. 838 American Legion, The Marine Corps Engineer Assn. and the Marine Corps League. Walt was born 14 March, 1945 and served as a Combat Engineer Officer with C Company, 1st Combat Engineer Bn in Vietnam 69-70. He's been a MCEA member since December 2000.

**Rose, Murray Fontaine** (Col. USMCR Ret.), 90, of Ashby Ponds in Ashburn, VA. passed away March 15, 2012. He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara Field Rose; daughters, Patricia R. Guyette of Greenville, NC, and Beverly R. Horton of Herndon; and granddaughter Sarah Rose Horton of New York. He was predeceased by his grandson, James Fontaine Horton of Herndon, and his brother, Ronald S. Rose of Bracebridge, Ontario. Col. Rose was a veteran of Guadalcanal and other Pacific actions, and was sent to Japan with the occupation troops when WWII ended. He also took part in the Inchon Landing in the Korean Conflict. Col. Rose was employed as a civil engineer with the Defense Supply Agency in Alexandria for 20 years. Funeral services were held March 24, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Arlington. Graveside services with full military honors were held at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Shafer, Roger L.** (Lt.Col. USMC Ret.) died 20 Oct, 2007. LtCol Roger Shafer was a member of MCEA since August 2007. He was a veteran of the Vietnam conflict, having served 1957-1977, and resided in Alexandria VA. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Suzanne Shafer; son and daughter-in-law, Scott & Donna Shafer; daughter and son-in-law, Sara & Robert Ruiz; grandchildren, Nathaniel & Madison Shafer.

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Interment with full military honors followed funeral services conducted on 1 Saturday, April 28, 2012, following a lengthy illness. He graduated recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina, after then he went to Korea and mainland Japan. He spent many years at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where in 1964 he broke the range record for rifles with a 242 out of a possible 250. He was an Engineer Equipment Operator by MOS. In 1967, he was sent to Viet Nam. He cleared roads by sweeping for mines, graded for runways and excavated reservoirs. He helped construct a Viet Nam village at MCB, Quantico upon his return. He also served at Marine Base Quantico, Okinawa, Marine Corps Supply Activity, Philadelphia, and in 1974 retired from Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC. In 1975 he began worked as a civilian at Marine Corps Base, Albany where he retired again in 1989. Mr. Stewart was a member of VFW Post #2785 where he served as Commander 1983-84. He is also a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose #1285; Disabled American Veterans #27; BPO # 2481; American Legion Post #71; East Albany Chapter AARP; the Marine Corps Engineer Association; Third Marine Division Association and the Marine Corps League #1260.

**Thomas, Raymond W.** 59, died December 1, 2007 at Chalfont, PA. Ray grew up in the Kensington section of Philadelphia and completed his high school requirements in the Marine Corps. Ray was a proud Vietnam War veteran having served as a Corporal in the Marine Corps and recipient of the Purple Heart. He served two consecutive tours in Vietnam and upon his return home entered the Police Academy, and in 1977, he began his career as a Philadelphia police officer. He was soon after elevated to a Philadelphia Highway Patrolman and Drill Team member. He proudly served the Philadelphia Police force for over 10 years. In 1996, he moved to Chalfont and was an avid collector of police and Vietnam memorabilia. A funeral service was held in Chalfont, PA on December 6, 2007.

**Thomason, Ronald Maurice**, 66, of Las Vegas, NV. Passed away Jan. 2, 2012. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a retired sheriff. Services were private. Sgt Ronald M Thomason was a MCEA member since Nov 1997; Born 4/4/45; He served with 9th Engineer Bn in 1965-66 as Security guard and in the supply section and with 7th Engineers following that. He lived in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma after retiring from the Los Angeles County as a deputy sheriff.

**Tobin, John "Jack" W.** (GySgt. USMC Ret) 77, of Sneads Ferry, NC died March 16, 2010, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. A Mass of Christian burial was held at Infant of Prague Catholic Church, Jacksonville March 18, 2010. Burial followed at Onslow Memorial Park with military honors. He was interred in The Field of Honor. Jack retired in 1973 having served his country proudly in Vietnam. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Mintz Tobin and his son Timothy Tobin of Sneads Ferry; sister, Maureen Galatio of Canisteo, N.Y.; and his brother Thomas Patrick Tobin and sister-in-law Gail Tobin of Rochester, N.Y.; five nieces and nephews; and special friends, Susan Bolash and Dora Jones.

**Wilcox Jr., Lee Roy** of Quitman, Georgia passed away 31 August, 2012 at his residence. Mr. Wilcox was born 26 April, 1929 to the late Lee Roy & Amanda Watkins Wilcox, Sr. He retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Master Gunnery Sergeant and was a member of the First Baptist Church and Life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. Survivors include his wife, Josephine of Quitman; two sons & daughter in law, Roy & Lynn Wilcox, III of Conyers and Kenneth Lee Wilcox of Maryville, TN; five grandchildren, Jeremy Wilcox, Matthew Wilcox, Erin Hansen, Emily Tabb and Katie Wilcox; one sister, Mariella Anderson of Thomasville. Funeral services were 3 September at First Baptist Church and internment at Oak Hill Cemetery with full military honors.

**Young, Lauritz W.** (LtCol USMC Ret), died 16 July, 2012. Last known residence was Dumfries, VA. He was born 16 Sept, 1922.

**Younghans, Robert Allen** (SgtMaj, USMC Ret), 87, of Jacksonville, NC died April 27, 2012. The Sergeant Major enlisted in 1942 and was an engineer from '48 until his retirement in 1972. He served in WW II, Korea and Vietnam. He joined MCEA 16 Nov 1992. Among his many assignments, he was a Platoon Sgt with A Co, 1st Shore Party in Korea '52-'53; A Co, 1st Engr Bn '53-'55; NCOIC Carpenter Shop on K-Bay with MABS 13, MAG 13 '56-'59; Plt Sgt for B Co, 7th Engr Bn '60-'62; Ops Chief, Base Maint, Camp Butler, Oki '62-'63; MCEA instructor '63-'66; Cdr, Construction Plt 8th Engr Bn '66-'67; Plt Cdr Hq Co, 11th Engr Bn '67-'68; Plt Cdr D Co, 11th Engr (Dong Ha) 1968; S-3E, Demo Off, Task Force Hotel-Khe Sanh '68' S-3C, Hq Co, 1st Engr Bn, Danang '68; OIC, Range Safety, MCEA '68-'69; Sergeant Major, 2d AmTrac Bn, '69-'70; Sergeant Major, Maint Bn, 2d FSR '70-'72. During WW II, he attended Base Defense School at Camp Elliott in '42-'43, then in 1943 assigned duties at the First Base Depot, New Caledonia and he then served with 5th Defense Bn, 14th Defense Bn/14th AAA Bn as a Light AA gun crewman and later as fire control man in the Tulagi, British Solomon Islands and in the Guam campaign in '44; after that, barracks duty NAS Astoria, Oregon; Bremerton, WA, Bangor, WA in 1945. A funeral was held on 3 May in Jacksonville, NC. Interment followed at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.



## OUR BYLAWS STATE: ARTICLE XI - FELLOWS

The MCEA recognizes the importance of its members, partners and stakeholders who are a valuable and sustaining element of the Association. The MCEA is proud 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 501c (19), 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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## ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

*Please note that our mailing address has changed to:*

MCEA, 807 Carriage Hills Blvd, Conroe, TX 77384 Phone #: 936-273-4830/716-720-1206

Individual dues are: \$25 for 1 year; \$60 for 3 years; and \$500 for a lifetime membership. Corporate members' dues are \$400 per year.

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

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

Remember: 100% of your dues and contributions to MCEA, the Assistance Fund and the Engineer Monument Fund are tax deductible.

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

We are communicating weekly or more often via email, as well as updating our website: [www.MarCorEngAsn.org](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.

Our 25-27 Sept, 2013 reunion will find us in Orlando, Florida at the Royal Plaza Hotel, located in the Walt Disney World Resort. Room rates are \$89. Hope to see you all there!

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

We've loaded over a 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.

Due to the volume of information provided for this year's newsletter, we're providing a supplement which contains our Unit History update.

## 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 2013 Reunion Form for you to complete & return if you are planning on attending this year's reunion.

As mentioned in our President's letter, the membership drive will begin mid-May and end on June 30th 2013 and there will be prizes for the members who bring in the largest number of new members during that timeframe. Contact Frantz with any questions and if you have recruited new member(s).

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

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Please help us by spreading the word to your contacts who served with us as well as other associations about our upcoming reunions. Additionally, help us publicize our Assistance Fund and Monument Fund; we truly are “here to help”!

Elections are due this year. If you want your name on the ballot for any of the billets, notify Hank Rudge no later than 15 June 2013. 129 Turnbuckle Ct, Clemmons, NC 27012; rudge@salemglencc.net; Ph: 336-766-8723. See the following remarks from our Treasurer.

*Gentlemen and Ladies:*

*Once again we approach an up-coming business meeting that will elect new officers. As an organization, you all (yes, every one of you) have to face the very real underlying issue. MCEA has been fortunate to find the most of necessary number of individuals to fill offices. BUT, most of those have been (like myself) permanently retired folks. That’s not a bad thing, but it does have limits. Most importantly, we are all (or nearly so) at an age when the long-term prospects for our health or the health of our spouse is far from guaranteed. The vast majority of the offices do NOT require an extensive time commitment, nor one that is terribly time-sensitive. If you have 3-5 hours per week to give to YOUR association – and even that is fairly flexible, it can work with your second career – then please consider making yourself available for one of several positions. We will be seeking a new Vice President and 2nd Vice President (and we certainly will be happy to entertain anyone interested in being the President, Treasurer, Historian, Secretary or Chaplain). Incumbents have indicated a willingness to continue in those later positions but certainly would be happy to either turn over the duties to “new blood” or at least take on some help as an assistant or “trainee.”*

*Bluntly, your current officers are not getting any younger. The long-term survival and growth of MCEA depends on finding new individuals to take on the mantel of leadership. Our limited numbers of active duty members, I know, are already stretched to the max. Recent retirees are similarly stretched as they take on second careers. But I would like to make an appeal directly to those of you who are established in your second careers. The positions we are seeking are not demanding major time commitments and what they need is fairly flexible to work with your current job demands. The biggest commitment is to stay connected by e-mail in a reasonable, but flexible, time turn-around. I will ask each of you one simple question. What is 168? I won’t answer that question here, but if you contact me, I’ll let you know why I asked it.*

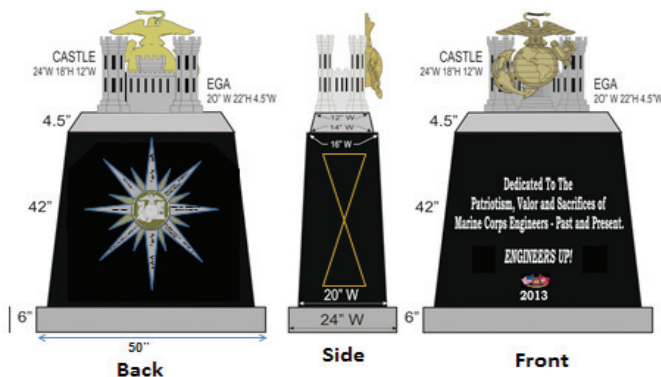
*Please consider offering your services for one of the offices noted above or as an Associate Director. MCEA NEEDS YOU! MCEA survives and is prospering due to folks much like you who decide that this Association is something they want to help foster and grow. Bluntly, it won’t ultimately survive if you don’t give it thoughtful consideration.*

*George Carlson  
Treasurer, MCEA*



# NOW HEAR THIS! ENGINEERS UP!

As discussed and previously approved, The Marine Corps Engineer Association will pay tribute to all Marine Corps Engineers and related occupational specialties by sponsoring the design and construction of a monument to be placed within Semper Fidelis Memorial Park at the National Museum of OUR Marine Corps. Here is the selected design that has been provided to several contractors for cost estimates.



It is very timely that we begin our fundraising campaign on the centennial anniversary of the first official recognition of engineers in our beloved Marine Corps! This is an opportunity, perhaps a once in a lifetime, for all of us to provide our support to this extremely worthy project by contributing to the MCEA Monument Fund. As a HQMC sanctioned, tax-exempt, nonprofit organization, IRS 501 (c) (19), incorporated in NC, in 1991, all contributions fully qualify for a tax deduction. However, actual deductibility will depend on your personal tax situation. Please consult your tax professional if you are in doubt.

Checks should be made payable to MCEA with Monument Fund in the “for line” and mailed to: MCEA 807 Carriage Hills Blvd., Conroe, TX 77384 or contribute via our MCEA website using your credit card or PayPal account. Funds contributed in excess to our requirement will be transferred to the MCEA Assistance Fund to help those in need.

## ALL CONTRIBUTORS WILL:

- Have name listed on MCEA website;
- Receive a copy of the dedication program;
- Have their name included in the Engineer Monument dedication program;
- Have their donation added to our MCEA Fellows Program.

## SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- \$10 to \$99 Monument commemoration coin;
- \$100-\$699 will receive Monument commemoration coin and a certificate of appreciation;
- \$700 or more will receive a Monument commemoration coin, a certificate of appreciation and unique Engineer Monument memento.

Make no mistake about our efforts; we fervently believe that our Marine Corps Engineer Association continues to make a positive difference for our members, our active/reserve duty Marine Corps engineers, Bulk Fuel and EOD plus our Seabee brothers! This is a superb opportunity for you to be part of a lasting tribute to honor all Marine Corps Engineers, past, present and future, by donating to this worthy cause and encouraging others to participate. This will be a significant part of our MCEA legacy!



Major General Michael R. Lehnert  
United States Marine Corps (Retired)  
Honorary Chairman  
Marine Corps Engineer Monument Committee

24 February 2013

Dear Fellow Marines and Friends of Marines;

As the Honorary Chairman of the Marine Corps Engineer Monument Committee, I am asking for your support. With the Marine Corps Engineer Association leading the charge, we are raising money to construct a long overdue monument at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC). To be located within the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, this monument will pay tribute to all past, current and future Marine Corps Engineers from every occupational specialty and unit.

Marine Corps Engineer history is long and storied. Initial engineer organizations began in 1913 with the formation of Company H, 1st Regiment, 1st Advance Base Brigade. Following in the 1920s was the first "Engineer Battalion" which was short lived, but paved the way for the 1st and 2d Engineer Companies to serve our Corps in the 1930s. Engineer Training was formalized in Quantico at the "Engineer Training Center"-a forerunner to our current Marine Corps Engineer School.

During World War II, over 30 engineer battalion or larger units joined the fight including the 1st and 2nd Engineer and Pioneer Battalions. They became part of the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Marines, which included Naval Construction Battalions as well as the 1st and 2d Aviation Engineer Battalions.

Throughout the years, the Corps has employed engineers in many different roles and combat formations. Regardless of the title of the unit, the critical role of the engineer as a combat multiplier was recognized by our fellow Marines and in the heat of battle the call "Engineers Up!" has gone out over the generations. Our Engineers in Iraq and Afghanistan have continued the proud traditions begun by those who have gone before us.

The history and sacrifices of those who served, as well as those who continue to serve, warrant a fitting tribute to their contributions. I hope you will agree that a Marine Corps Engineer monument is long overdue.

Please consider joining me in supporting this important effort to recognize our Marine Corps Engineers. Our goal is \$35,000 and our fundraising efforts have begun well. Donations can be made on line at: <http://www.marcorengasn.org/modules/Monument/index.htm> or checks should be made payable to MCEA with Monument Fund in the "for line" and mailed to: MCEA, 807 Carriage Hills Blvd, Conroe, TX 77384. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

This is a superb opportunity to support this worthy project!

Thank you and Semper Fidelis,

*M.R. Lehnert*

M. R. LEHNERT

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## ***MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION ASSISTANCE FUND***

The Marine Corps Engineer Association Assistance Fund was created in 2006 as a result of the MCEA's long-time desire to establish a means to support the Marine Corps Engineer community. This is Your Assistance Fund. The Assistance Fund has provided monetary assistance to three of our Marine Corps' engineer family and provided travel expenses to the family of SSgt William Callahan, (killed in action in 2007), to attend the presentation of the SSgt William Callahan Outstanding EOD NCO Award, during the 2007 Awards Banquet. In 2010 and 2011, the MCEA AF contributed \$1,500 to the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment. More information is available on our website at [www.MarCorEngAsn.org](http://www.MarCorEngAsn.org). With your help, we have the potential to help many more in the future.

- Your donation is 100% tax deductible. The Marine Corps Engineer Association Assistance Fund is a subsidiary of the MCEA and is chartered in the state of North Carolina. As such, it is a non-profit organization exempt from federal income taxes under 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code.





- 100% of your donation goes directly to support eligible personnel and their families-not one cent pays for salaries, wages or overhead expenses. The MCEA is a totally volunteer organization and any expenses incurred relate directly to the functioning of the Association. You can be assured that every penny of your donation will be used to provide financial support to assist eligible, needy and well-deserving recipients.
- The eligibility requirements are posted on our website at [www.MarCorEngAsn.org](http://www.MarCorEngAsn.org).
- The Assistance Fund grants are announced at the MCEA Reunion.
- We are deeply appreciative for the generous contributions of our donors.

We ask you to assist us to help less fortunate members of our community and those who served with them. The Fund was created by you because you know the need and we desperately need your help to sustain this initiative. Please contribute! Make your check payable to the MCEA Assistance Fund and mail to:

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*LT. GEN FRANK PANTER PRESENTS \$1500 CHECK FROM THE ASSISTANCE FUND TO COL. JOHN MAYER, COMMANDING OFFICER, WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT.*

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Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best. Strive for excellence, not perfection.

-- H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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# BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

## MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

March 2013 update

**Treasurer's report.** As of 28 Feb, 2013; General Fund= \$96,483.98; Assistance Fund= \$14,074.40;  
Monument Fund= \$11,234.13 TOTAL EQUITY= \$121,792.51

### OLD BUSINESS:

**1. Assistance Fund:** Chairman, Jim Marapoti states: AF Committee will update AF Purpose and Guidelines. Recommend the revised Financial Assistance Application be used for several years - then re-assess the program. Marapoti for action.

**2. Membership Status:** Frantz reports:

Dues current:	556	297 of these are Life members; 69 (12.4%) are active duty/reserve
Dues expired for 2012:	56	
Deceased:	277	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>889</b>	

**3. Historian:** Phil Martin's efforts continue to improve our historical files, especially with our engineer units. Goal is to complete the review and update all the USMC engineer units and include in the annual newsletters and upload to our website. The 2012 newsletter edition included 1st-4th Engineer Bns. The 2013 newsletter will include: MCES, 5th-9th Engineers. Martin for action.

**4. Combat Casualties:** Spreadsheet has been updated and posted to website with total of 895. Judy Coy and Pam Jeans have created profiles for each Fallen Marine and Corpsmen from our list to the website-- Together We Served. Request all hands review the roster and help fill in the blanks and add the names of others. Frantz for action.

**5. Corporate Members:** Waiting replies from our 12 corporate members and 2 sponsors regarding funding for Calendar Year 2013; invoices were provided 26 Feb, 2013, which included Engineer Monument Fund. Frantz for action.

**6. Marine Corps Engineer School:** The Instructor of the Year Awards were supported across the formal schools; however, did not make the cut for this year's call for awards. MCES will reengage with HQMC (LPE) and request that the engineer MOSs recognize an Officer, SNCO, NCO, plus EOD (4 awards) for next year. The MWSS MCEA sponsored plaque is complete with all coin represented. MCES is still considering options of building an Engineer Memorial at Court House Bay. It would essentially be the design submitted for the NMMC memorial that was determined to be too large.

Return of TD 18 to Courthouse Bay: The CO, MCES is coordinating w/NMMC regarding options on restoring and returning the TD-18 to Courthouse Bay. The TD18 will again be outside BB28 and will be refurbished to "display condition" (not fully functional museum condition) with "Marine Corps Engineer School" written across its bull blade in old English script. The TD-18 will be on loan from the Marine Corps Historic Program of the NMMC. Details of moving, restoring and maintaining the TD-18 are underway. This is the best option because NMMC rep indicates there is no near term opportunity for the TD 18 to be displayed at the Museum. Col Johnson for action.

**7. Return of TD 18 to Courthouse Bay:** During our 11 Oct, 2012 business meeting, George Wuerch made a motion that the MCEA Executive Committee draft a resolution supporting the return of the TD 18 to MCES. Members in attendance at the biz meeting voted unanimously for continued support of return of TD18 to MCES as a permanent display. The Resolution was published on 2 Feb, 2013. Jim Marapoti is coordinating with MCES to ascertain what support is required from MCEA. Marapoti for action.



**8. Fellows Program:** 29 individual and 15 corporate members currently qualify. Frantz for action.

**9. Honor Roll:** Since the last report, the following MCEA members have been added to our Honor Roll: LtCol Lauritz Young, Howard McLaughlin, MSgt Reynolds Barron, GySgt Richard Lawrence, 1stLt Walt Reitmeier. Pam Jeans has created a profile on the website Together We Served for all of our deceased members. Webmaster, Geoff Nicely has included the hyperlink on our MCEA website Honor Roll listing, so you can click on the name and be taken to their TWS profile and return to the MCEA Honor Roll page. Frantz and team for action.

**10. Associate Directors:** Chairman Judy Coy reports: Our Associate Directors finished another successful year of overseeing members in their states (and/or areas). Members were contacted during their Birthday month and wished a Happy Birthday. This important gesture gives the Association an opportunity to convey support to our membership. Many calls were made as well as Birthday wishes via mail and email. Support, friendship and condolence calls were also made to members by Associate Directors offering assistance where needed. The Associate Directors worked diligently on the annual update of the membership roster and contact information was validated. Outreach calls were made to dues expired members to encourage rejoining of the association. Information and reminders was disseminated about the annual reunion. Coy for action.

**11. Website:** Thanks to the superb efforts of Geoff Nicely, the site allows members to upload articles, pictures, participate in forums and a “members’ only” section. Newest capabilities added include the shout box for quick messaging and a current events blog. 908 registered users and almost 2.5 million page views since activation August 2008. Nicely for action.

**12. 2012 REUNION:** After action report published 31 Oct, 2012 and photos uploaded to our website. Completed.

**13. 2013 REUNION:** Location is Orlando, Florida at The Royal Plaza Hotel in Walt Disney World with \$89 room rent for 25-27 Sept, 2013. Schedule, Registration form and details published to website and via email. Frantz for action.

**14. RECRUITING ACTIVE/RESERVE DUTY PERSONNEL:** Frantz reports 23 active duty Marines have joined since the new initiatives were implemented in June 2011. Flyers, letters, certificates, decals and lapel pins were mailed to Engr. related MOS schools for presentation to Honor Grads. Additionally, four units requested the material to present to their NCO/Marine of the Year/Qtr and retiring Marines. Given the strictures concerning recruitment of active duty personnel by external organizations Helmut is suggesting the formation of a Strategies of Membership Enhancement, SOME. This small action group, solicited from our membership, will review extant strategies for active duty and recently retired Marine Engineers for their effectiveness and will be tasked to develop new strategies and actions to increase our enrollment in this vitally critical area. Members with marketing experience are keenly solicited for membership in this action group. Feifs for action.

**15. MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS.** On 25 Feb, 2013, the approved design was included in the fundraising letter and along with Major General Lehnert’s letter, was disseminated to all members with email and posted to our website. Concurrently, Jim Marapoti provided the design and all specifications to four contractors for cost estimate. Once those estimates are received, the Executive Committee will evaluate and determine which contractor will complete the project. Anticipate formal dedication during Spring 2014. Marapoti for action.

**16. 2014 REUNION:** Contract executed with The Pala Casino Resort and Spa, Pala, CA. for our Oct 20-23, 2014 gathering. Events will include reception, business meeting, awards banquet and tour of Camp Pendleton engineer units. Frantz for action.

**17. Membership committee:** Helmut Feifs is the Chairman. Specific plans are being formulated to include maintenance of existing members, both individual and corporate, as well as recruiting efforts. We expect to reach out to the Associate Directors and seek their advice, assistance and help in formulating specific goals and objectives. Feifs requests all members provide him your ideas and recommendations. Helmut also stated that we need emphasis on our younger Marines, both active duty and veterans, plus all the minorities. Bob Edwards pointed out that once again, he was the only black member present at the reunion and questioned why so few members are black and stated this problem is not unique to our engineer brotherhood, but still a problem Marine Corps wide. Murphy





stated we need to clearly articulate and publicize the members' benefits that MCEA provides.

There will be a membership drive beginning mid-May and ending on June 30th 2013, which will have several incentive prizes for the members who bring in the largest number of new members. Among the prizes will be an Apple IPAD, a series of engineer related photographs suitable for framing donated by a member and his son, and other decorative items which will enhance the home of any recipient. Members who want to donate other prizes are welcome, please contact me and we'll talk. Gift precedence will be awarded on the following basis. For the IPAD a member must recruit five of more new members, for the Engineer Art Photography Portfolio, at least three but less than five new members, and for the floral arrangement two new members, and for one new member a letter of accomplishment and gratitude from the MCEA president. Ties of recruiting accomplishments, as an example, several members who recruit the same number of new members will be resolved by a random drawing within the prize group. Feifs for action.

The membership committee being formed will be tasked to formulate, develop and report to the EC and our membership their medium range , by 2016 and their long range vision by 2020 for MCEA. This important group will need to wrestle with the central idea of what MCEA should look like in the medium and long range, what should our member profile look like, what kinds of services should we offer, what kinds of services should we drop in the future, and what should the organizations fiscal goals be . In the current societal and political climate these are central questions to organizational growth, maintenance, and survival. Visionaries with experiences in and understating of organizational structures and functioning are sought to join this group. Be there, we need you (have we heard that before).

**18. 2015 reunion:** Midwest locations are being investigated for: New Orleans; Baton Rouge; San Antonio; Chicago; Nashville; Corpus Christi. Frantz will provide recommendations to the Executive Committee for decision. Frantz for action.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2016 reunion:** Due for east coast location. Consensus is for a Camp Lejeune area gathering and extending invitation to our brother units to co-locate. Feifs and Frantz for action.

**2. Annual Awards:** MarAdmin 33/13 was published 15 Jan, 2013. All nominations due 30 April. Anticipate convening email awards board late May/early June. Award presentation will be 26 Sept, 2013 during our Orlando, FL. Reunion. LtGen Neller, CG, MarCent, has accepted our invitation to be Guest of Honor and award presenter. Frantz for action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Frantz  
Secretary

## **RESOLUTION OF THE MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **TOPIC: Return of TD 18 to Courthouse Bay**

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT- the TD18 was outside Marine Corps Engineer School Headquarters, Bldg: BB28 for over 4 decades.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT- thousands of graduates of nearly 30 courses of instruction took graduation photos in front of the TD-18.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT- as a long remembered "fixture" at MCES, with "Marine Corps Engineer School" written across its bull blade in old English script, its home is at MCES.

RECOGNIZING- Col. Johnson's reiteration at the 11 Oct. 2012, business meeting that his most recent discussion with the NMMC representative indicates there may still be an opportunity for the TD 18 to be



displayed at the Museum.

BEARING IN MIND- any display equipment at NMMC most likely will be best received/most popular if it were painted w/operational colors/camouflage.

RECALLING- the TD18, or TD24, (unpopular) EIMCO or 8230 TEREX – were all painted in Marine Corps #23 Green (standard green paint color) since WWII.

AND RECALLING- the CAT D7 with Camouflage paint– served our Marine Corps Engineers from ~1982 thru ~2010/11.

WE APPAULD- the recommendation made by Mark Swanstrom during our MCEA 11 Oct. 2012, business meeting that we recruit Engineer General Officers to support the relocation of the TD 18 to Courthouse Bay.

WE APPAULD- the motion made by George Wuerch during the 11 Oct. 2012, business meeting that the MCEA Executive Committee draft a resolution supporting the return of the TD 18 to MCES.

AND WE AFFIRM- all Members in attendance at the 11 Oct. 2012, business meeting voted unanimously for continued support of return of TD18 to MCES as a permanent display.

***THEREFORE, the Executive Committee strongly endorses the return of the TD-18 to Courthouse Bay and that the project should be a high priority for all concerned.***

*Helmut Feifs*  
**PRESIDENT, MCEA**  
**1 FEB, 2013**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

In 2012, MCEA continued to maintain a sound financial position. Our Reunion and Awards Banquet is self-supporting. Our membership dues cover the cost of our newsletter and website. Our generous corporate sponsors fully underwrite the cost of all of our awards, both those at the Awards Banquet and those presented on our behalf at the various formal schools. Our Assistance Fund remains healthy, though still limited in what it can undertake. Finally, the decision by the Executive Committee to start working toward an Engineer Monument at the National Museum of the Marine Corps has been met with an excellent start of fund-raising (though just a start).

Any questions or comments can be addressed to the Treasurer at [VistanTN@Blomand.net](mailto:VistanTN@Blomand.net).

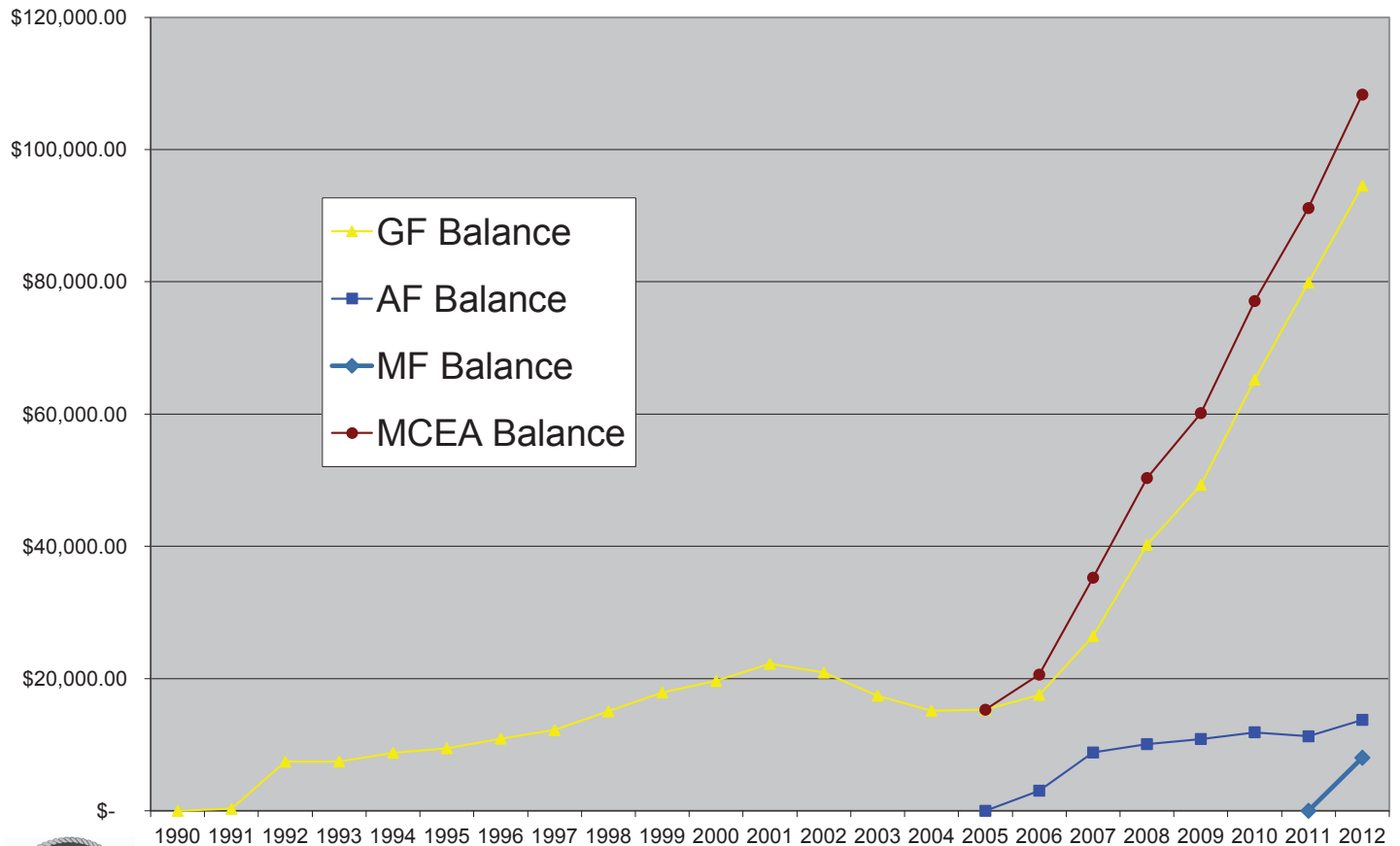


# MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

### 31-Dec-12

NET WORTH as of 31 Dec 2012					
		GF	AF	MF	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>					
	Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 91,926.82	\$ 13,757.39	\$ 4,151.86	\$ 109,836.07
	Interfund Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,875.58	\$ 3,875.58
	Fixed Assets	\$ 6,506.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,506.99
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$ 98,433.81</b>	<b>\$ 13,757.39</b>	<b>\$ 8,027.44</b>	<b>\$ 120,218.64</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
	Interfund Payable	\$ 3,875.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,875.38
	Engineer Bucks Payable	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>\$ 3,885.38</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,885.38</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>		<b>\$ 94,548.43</b>	<b>\$ 13,757.39</b>	<b>\$ 8,027.44</b>	<b>\$ 116,333.26</b>





## CORPORATE MEMBERS

### Corporate Members/Sponsors

Caterpillar Inc. Defense & Federal Products (Sponsor of Engr Spt Bn Trophy)  
Checkerboard Industries, non mbr-provides Golf & T shirts  
General Dynamics Land Systems-Force Protection  
(Sponsor of CEB trophy, Cbt Engr & EOD ind awd categories)  
HNTB Federal (Sponsor of MWSS ENGR Co Award)  
Ingenieur Executive Search Consulting  
Kalmar RT Center, LLC (Sponsor of Engineer Equipment Individual Awards)  
Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Assn (Sponsor of Bulk Fuel individual awards category)  
Pearson Engineering  
Quality Support, Inc.  
Science Applications International Corp.  
SEA Box Inc.  
Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) (Sponsor of Awardee Banquet Costs)  
Tactical and Survival Specialties, Inc.  
Terex Corporation (Sponsor of Naval Construction Force Unit Award)  
Terragroup Corporation (Sponsor of Utilities individual awards category)

## 2012 REUNION AND AWARDS

### *2012 REUNION*

The Branson, Missouri Radisson Hotel was our headquarters for the 2012 reunion and awards banquet. We had \$90 run of the house room rates effective 7-15 Oct. Nestled in the Ozarks, the Radisson hotel boasts a range of amenities to help guests enjoy a comfortable, relaxing getaway.

**Wednesday night reception** 10/10/12, 1800-2100; \$10/person. 45 attended the western themed gathering and enjoyed meeting new members, award recipients and their families, plus the cold snacks and sodas. Door prizes were presented at 1930. \$383.61 profit

**Thursday Biz mtg** 10/11/12, 0800-1200; Continental breakfast at \$25/person and 25 members attended to hear the briefings from HQMC, Engr Section, the Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps Engineer School and the President of the Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Association, CWO 4 Nate Wilson, USMC (Ret), plus the detailed discussion regarding all the items included during our annual business meeting. See the Meeting minute page for the report. \$21.05 profit

**Thursday tour to Downtown Branson:** 0830-1400; 11 members and spouses were picked up at 8:30 am and dropped off at Dick\’s Five & Ten in Historic Downtown Branson and after a walking  
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tour of historic downtown, plus lunch, were picked up at 2:00 pm and returned to the hotel in plenty of time to prep for the Awards Banquet. \$2 loss

**Thursday night banquet** 10/11/12, 1800-2130: We had the Land & Sea buffet with 3 entrees at \$45/person. 137 attended and after the reception, we began the ceremony at 7 p.m. followed by the Buffet Dinner, and then the highlight of the reunion, our Awards Banquet, with our Guest of Honor and award presenter, BGen Banta, Commanding General of 2d Marine Logistics Group. \$762.38 loss

**Friday tour:** we had 10 attendees participate in the 0830-1015 round trip to Veteran's Memorial Museum only. \$49 profit

0830-1430: 28 attendees participated in the daylong tour, which included the Vet's Museum, plus the Branson Belle noon lunch, Lake Cruise and live music show. The Memorial Service prior to boarding the Belle was cancelled due to heavy thunderstorms. \$25 loss

We finished our scheduled events Friday night with an informal get together in the hospitality suite and said our final goodbyes until we meet again, 25-27 Sept, 2013 in Orlando, Florida!

#### NET FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Awards=	\$5302.05
Reception=	\$383.61
Business mtg=	\$21.05
Banquet=	(\$762.38)
Tours=	\$22
Admin=	\$680.40
Stores=	(\$10.77)
Shirts/postage=	(\$498.04)

<b>COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNTING</b>	\$5137.92
Less Sponsorship Surplus	(\$5302.05)
Net on Fees	(\$164.13)

**TREASURER'S COMMENTS:** Overall, we're ahead – BUT that counts all the sponsorship revenue against the awards. If I take the sponsorship excess out, we end up with a loss of \$164.13. That's with refunding the cancellations that were early and/or illness related but including the revenue from the late corporate member cancellations that were offered as donations. Bottom line: it could not have been planned any closer!

#### ATTENDANCE = 137

Awardees=20+50 guests=70  
Corporate members=4+1 guest=5  
Guests=7  
Members=27+28 guests=55

*Many more photos are on our website, 2012 reunion page.*



# ATTENDEES

CATEGORY	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ATTEND	STATE	GUESTS NAMES
MBR	Arnold	Scott	3	MO	Amelia , Laarni DeBelen
AWD	Baldwin	Scott	6	OKI	See reg form for guest's names
GOH	Banta	BGen	1	NC	
AWD	Barton	Ryan	2	OR	Hope
AWD	Bridges	Archie	2	CA	Connor (Son)
GUEST	Bridges	Archie	1	NC	ARCHIE G. BRIDGES SR
GUEST	Brown	Paula (RAdm)	1	OR	
AWD	Buchanan	Stafford	4	NC	Steven & Marri Buchanan; Kaye Santos Mikki
MBR	Carlson	George	2	TN	
GUEST	Color Guard		4	MO	
GUEST	Cook	David	2	NC	Sgt Maj George Young
AWD	Cordes	Richard	2	CA	Tam Ike
MBR	Couser	Robert	1	VA	
MBR	DeHart	Joe	2	VA	Debarah Durney
GUEST	Demaline	Julie	4	OH	JULIE & RUSSELL; CAROLYN & CABLE LANE LAURA
MBR	Edwards	Robert	2	NC	Frances
MBR	Elliott	Marion	2	IA	
MBR	Feifs	Helmuts	1	NC	
AWD	Foley	Adam	3	NC	LTCOL PATRICK HITTLE; SSGT William Rueppel DIANA;CARL PYPER
MBR	Frantz	Ken	3	TX	Nate, Heather, Adeline (SHOPTAW GUESTS)
AWD	Geoghagan	Jay	4	AR	Rueben & Rennie Gonzales; Joe Boylan
AWD	Gonzales	Christian	4	VA/CA	SSgt LaTashia Tolbert Marianna "Sam" Gooding
AWD	Gooden	Kerry-Ann	2	OKI	
MBR	Gooding	Bill	2	VA	
MBR	Groves	Harold	1	TN	
AWD	Hegmann	Robert	2	OKI	Amanda Hegmann
MBR	Hoffmann	Ron	2	CA	Grace
GUEST	Humphrey	Dave	1	AR	
MBR	Johnson	Jeffrey	2	NC	DANA JOHNSON
AWD	Jones	Jeffrey	2	AZ	Kelly Jones
AWD	Kilian	Jeffrey	2	OKI	CMDCM ANTHONY TEART
AWD	Lange	Nathaniel	2	WI	MELISSA FRANZ
CORP	Little	Tom	1	VA	
MBR	Luce	Jim	1	MI	
AWD	Lukas	Christopher	2	NC	Donald Lukas
GUEST	Lukas	Donald	1	NC	MARCIA LUKAS
CORP	McMiller	Dave	2	VA	PAULA McMILLER
AWD	Miller	Randall	2	CA	VANESSA
GUEST	Miller	JoAnn	2	AZ	Joann & Alan Miller (family of Sgt Miller)
MBR	Murphy	Jim	2	CA	Myra





MBR	Nereim	Monty	2	NV	SHARON PAXTON NEREIM
MBR	Nicely	Geoff	2	OH	Susan
CORP	Nicholson	William	1	CA	
MBR	Qualls	Bob	6	CA	Julie & Nita Erickson; Gary, Vicki & Wendy Hignight
MBR	Raniszewski	Tony	2	VA	Chris
AWD	Robertson	Wyatt	2	TX	Darby Robertson
MBR	Rosenfield	Marty	2	FL	Sandy
MBR	Rynders	DeDe	1	WI	
AWD	Shoptaw	Scott	2	NC	ALLYSON AND ALEAH JUNE
GUEST	Shoptaw	Basil	2	AR	June
GUEST	Shoptaw	Mike	2	AR	MELODY
AWD	Siggins	Joseph	2	OKI	Steve Sicovitch
AWD	Stangle	Zachary	5	IN	Lynn Stangle; Shannan, David Brunton; Kendra Lanam
MBR	Swanstrom	Mark	2	VA	Paulette Swanstrom
CORP	Tomblin	Scott	1	IL	
MBR	Varley	Larry	2	TX	Darnell Varley
GUEST	Villarreal	Carlos	2	NC	SGT MATTHEW RENTFROW (LUKAS RESV)
MBR	Wilson	Nate	2	VA	Eileen Wilson
MBR	Wolff	Robert	2	VA	RADM GARY ENGLE
MBR	Workman	John	2	FL	JUDY WORKMAN
MBR	Wuerch	George	2	AK	Brenda
MBR	Wulfeck	Floyd	2	OH	Judy
AWD	Young	Justin	2	OR	Maria Young

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## 2013 REUNIONS

The Royal Plaza Hotel, 1905 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830, is our headquarters for the 2013 MCEA reunion and awards banquet. We have \$89 run of the house room rates effective 23-28 Sept. Traditional room rates for this timeframe are over \$149. Make your reservations now; cutoff date is 23 August. Government rate is \$97, so take advantage of our MCEA group rate. \$16 Resort fee is waived. Complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms. \$10 self-parking fee is reduced to \$6/night. 17 miles from the Orlando International Airport. From airport, take Central Florida Greenway (417) to Exit 6. Follow to the second traffic light (State Road 535). Turn right and continue to Hotel Plaza Boulevard where you will turn left (big Mickey Mouse welcoming you at the entrance). The Royal Plaza is the second hotel on the Left. Airport shuttle available for a fee.

**Wednesday night reception** 25 Sept, 1900-2200; No event fee! Cash bar, no food. Drawing at 2000. Only those who pre-register to attend the reception will have their names eligible for the door prizes. Business casual attire.

**Thursday Biz mtg** 26 Sept, 0800-1200 Continental breakfast at \$25/person; Business casual attire.

**Thursday night banquet** 26 Sept, 1800-2130: 1800 cocktails. 1900-Buffer Dinner with 2 entrees at \$55/person. Coat & tie; mini ribbons optional; MCL Red Blazer; Svc A uniform; informal evening attire for the ladies. Awards Banquet begins immediately after dinner.



Possible tours are being evaluated.

THE ROYAL PLAZA is a business-friendly hotel located in Lake Buena Vista's Downtown Disney® area/Lake Buena Vista neighborhood, close to Little Lake Bryan, Downtown Disney® area, and Epcot®. Additional points of interest include Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine and Lake Bryan.

### *Hotel Features*

Dining options at Royal Plaza Hotel include a restaurant and a coffee shop/café. A poolside bar and a bar/lounge are open for drinks. Room service is available during limited hours. Recreational amenities include an outdoor pool, a spa tub, and a fitness facility. This 3.5-star property has a business center and offers small meeting rooms, limo/town car service, and audiovisual equipment. This Lake Buena Vista property has event space consisting of banquet facilities, conference/meeting rooms, a ballroom, and exhibit space. The property has a theme park shuttle, which is complimentary. Additional amenities include a concierge desk, an arcade/game room, and multilingual staff. This is a smoke-free property.

## Guestrooms

394 air-conditioned guestrooms at Royal Plaza Hotel feature coffee/tea makers and safes. Beds come with pillowtop mattresses and premium bedding. Furnishings include desks and sofa beds. Bathrooms feature shower/tub combinations, designer toiletries, and hair dryers. In addition to complimentary weekday newspapers, guestrooms offer phones with voice mail, as well as free local calls (restrictions may apply). Televisions have pay movies. Rooms also include ceiling fans, windows that open, blackout drapes/curtains, and electronic check-out. Guests may request a turndown service, hypo-allergenic bedding, and extra towels/bedding. Housekeeping is available daily.

**COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM AND  
MAIL IN OR REGISTRATION VIA OUR WEBSITE: MCEA 2013 REUNION**

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**Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Assn Reunion:** 2-4 May, 2013 at the Hyatt Hotel, Richmond/Chester, VA. POC: Howard Huston, 328 Pine Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234; PH: 609-927-3857; hhust61@aol.com

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**7th Engineer Bn. Viet Nam Veterans 2013 Reunion** will be held at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego, California on September 19th-22nd. (Thursday - Sunday)

Contact Doug McMackin at [gunnymac@hotmail.com](mailto:gunnymac@hotmail.com) for information.


We have begun our fundraising efforts in order to have the plaque prepared and installed at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. When completed we will have a lasting memorial to our casualties. That was our mission. Contact Doug McMackin for details.

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**9th Engineer Bn. Assn 2013 Reunion** will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Jacksonville, NC; 21-25 April. POC: Herb Shaw, 752 Harper St. Jesup, GA 31546

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11th Engineer Bn Assn reunion: 11-15 June, 2013, Pensacola, FL.  
POC: Gary Gratton, 1241 Manchester Dr. Montrose, CO. 81401,  
grattondsl@msn.com





## ***2012 AWARD RECIPIENTS***

COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	1STLT MAX R. WINELAND	2D CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	SSGT MICHAEL S. SHOPTAW	2D CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	SGT ZACHARY T. STANGLE	1ST CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER	LCPL ALEXANDER A. MICCICHE	2D CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO3 JUSTIN D. YOUNG	6TH ESB
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	GYSGT ARCHIE G. BRIDGES	7TH ESB
ENGR EQUIPMENT NCO	SGT RANDALL S. MILLER	3RD CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	LCPL RYAN A. BARTON	6TH ESB
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO3 CHRISTIAN C. GONZALES	1ST CEB
UTILITIES SNCO	GYSGT WYATT S. ROBERTSON	7TH ESB
UTILITIES NCO	SGT JONATHAN J. BARRIGA	2D CEB
UTILITIES MARINE	CPL KERRY-ANN S. GOODEN	9TH COMM BN
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO3 RICHARD L. CORDES	7TH ESB
BULK FUEL SNCO	SSGT JOSEPH S. SIGGINS	9TH ESB
BULK FUEL NCO	SGT ROBERT A. HEGMANN	9TH ESB
BULK FUEL MARINE	LCPL NATHANIEL W. LANGE	6TH ESB
EOD OFFICER	WO JEFFREY T. JONES II	MWSS 371
SSGT WILLIAM CALLAHAN MEMORIAL EOD TECHNICIAN	SSGT CHRISTOPHER P. LUKAS	8TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION		2D CEB
ENGINEER SPT BATTALION		9TH ESB
MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY		MWSS 272
NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE UNIT		NMCB 4

### ***THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEER AWARDS:***

#### ***USMC ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR***



1ST LT. STAFFORD A. BUCHANAN





## ***USMC ENGINEER SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR***



GYSGT. ARCHE G. BRIDGES, JR

## ***COMBAT ENGINEERS OF THE YEAR; SPONSORED BY FORCE PROTECTION INDUSTRIES***

LT. WINELAND AND LCPL MICCICHE WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND



SHOPTAW



STANGLE





***EOD MARINES OF YEAR  
SPONSORED BY FORCE PROTECTION INDUSTRIES***



JONES



LUKAS

***ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINES OF THE YEAR  
SPONSORED BY KALMAR RT CENTER***



YOUNG



BRIDGES



MILLER



BARTON





# UTILITIES MARINES OF THE YEAR

SGT BARRIGA WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND



GONZALES



ROBERTSON



GOODEN

# BULK FUEL MARINES OF THE YEAR

WITH SPONSOR, CWO4 NATE WILSON, MARINE CORPS BULK FUEL ASSN.



CORDES

SIGGINS







HEGMANN



LANGE



WILSON

***COMBAT ENGINEER BN OF YEAR WAS 2D COMBAT ENGINEERS WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND***

***ENGINEER SUPPORT BN OF THE YEAR WAS 9TH ENGINEER SUPPORT BN,  
WITH SPONSOR, MR. SCOTT TOMBLIN, CATERPILLAR CORP.***



9TH WITH TOMBLIN



***MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON, ENGINEER  
COMPANY OF THE YEAR WAS MWSS 272  
WITH SPONSOR, MR. DAVE McMILLER, HNTB FEDERAL***



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McMILLER

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***NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE UNIT  
OF THE YEAR WAS NMCB FOUR,  
WITH SPONSOR MR. NIC NICHOLSON, TEREX CORP.***



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# 2012 REUNION PHOTOS



*9th ESB*



*Buchanans*



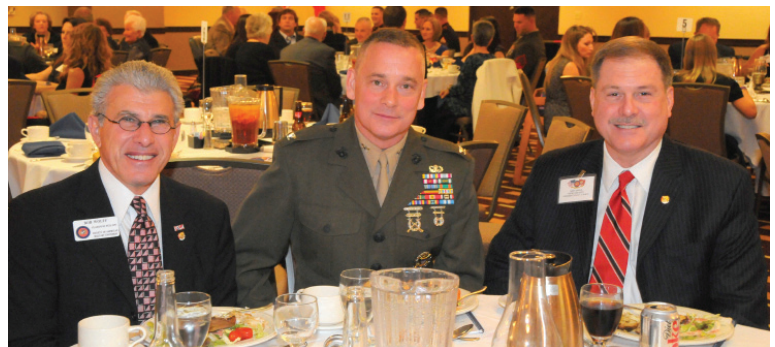
*Bill & Sam Gooding*



*Bridges 3 Generations*



*Bob & Laura Edwards*



*Dr. Wolff, Col. Couser, RAdm. Engle*



*Bob Qualls & Gary Hignight*



*EOD UP!*



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*Basil & June Shoptaw*







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*BGen Banta*



*Dr. Wolff*



*Dave & Paula McMiller*



*Colors*



*CFO*



*Floyd & Jody Wulfeck*



*Gonzales'*



*Geoff & Sue Niceley*



*George & Mikki Carlson*







*Head Table*



*Jeff & Kelly Jones*



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*Jim & Myra Murphy*



*John & Judy Workman*



*Joe DeHart & Debarah Durney*



*Jim Luce, Harold Groves, Joe DeHart*







*Justin & Maria Young*



*Ladydi*



*Kerry-Ann Gooden & SSgt. Tolbert*



*Larry & Darnell Varley*



*Larry Varley & DeDe Rynders*



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*Mark & Paulette Swanstrom*



*Monty & Sharon Nereim*



*Marty & Sandy Rosenfield*



*Nate & Eileen Wilson*



*MWSS 272*



*Pres., Jim Murphy*



*Miller's Team*



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*Nic & The Bees*



*Randy & JoAnn Miller*



*Richard & Tam Cordez*



*Qualls Squad*



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*Nic, Tom & MCPO Teart*



*Randy & Vanessa Miller*



*Lt. Col. Baldwin*







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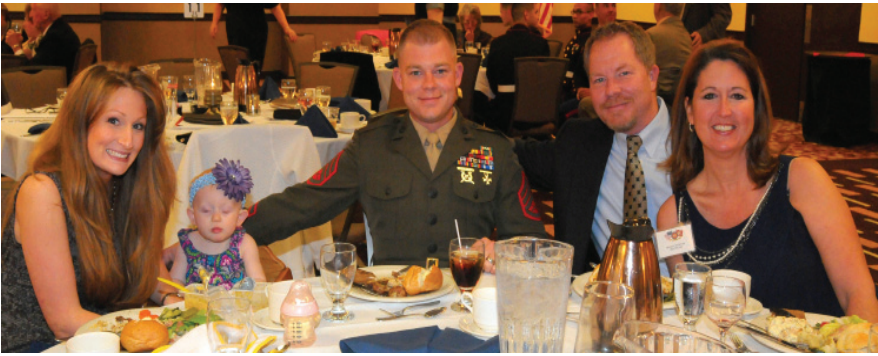
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**Aim for service and success  
will follow.**

**-- Albert Schweitzer**



## SHIPS STORE ITEMS

Merchandise for Sale	Cost	Postage
MCEA Logo Coin 1 ½ “ dia, color	\$3.00	\$0.85
MCEA Logo with Crossed Flags Lapel Pin 1.25” dia, color	\$2.50	\$0.85
Embroidered MCEA Logo Cloth Match 3” dia, color	\$1.75	\$0.85
MCEA Windshield Decal 4 ¼” dia, color	\$2.25	\$0.85
Money clip	\$5.00	\$0.95
Car Magnet (crossed flag)	\$4.50	\$1.00
Key Chain	\$5.00	\$0.95
Refrigerator Magnet	\$2.00	\$0.84
Seabee Medallion	\$4.00	\$1.50
Stickers, EG & A	\$2.00	\$0.10
T Shirt (small, med, large, Xlarge)	\$10.00	\$1.00
SHIPPING AND HANDLING PER ORDER	\$1.50	

If ordering multiple items, contact Frantz for accurate postage charge.

