



# ENGINEERS UP!

2012 Newsletter





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past four months since I assumed the mantle of your president from Col Ken Frantz have been very interesting. The seven major goals that were established in 1991 are still valid and provide our association with targets for which we can identify and seek to work toward. In summary:

1. Promote professionalism & fraternalism...
2. Renew/Perpetuate fellowship...
3. Locate those who served...
4. Preserve Memory of those who served...
5. Preservation of historical account of ...engineering & contributions...
6. Foster solidarity...
7. Recognize & honor outstanding leadership...



This last goal has been the hallmark and most significant aspect of our annual meetings. As many know, this is where we have honored the finest of the finest engineers in our Corps. The other six are extremely important as well, and we continue to evaluate what we are doing to address these. I am not going to go into great detail regarding each of these goals, hence the extension of 'dots' to reflect there is a great deal of information available to help our members as we collectively work to support these goals. I encourage every member to review the details of these goals and help us all to work toward achieving them. We are one brotherhood because we have common goals and experiences. (If you need more detailed information, please let me or our Executive Director know and we will be happy to get that information to you.)

One way we can more carefully address a couple of these goals is through our Associate Directors (ADs). We have had several who have dropped out of this assignment and several others added to the group. You know, not only from your Marine Corps service but perhaps your civilian business experience as well that a chain of command, or delegation of authority makes every job easier and more attainable. In the next few months someone from our Executive Committee will be contacting you and seeking your willingness to take on the AD job in your area.

We have in place a system of communication through the ADs wherein member contacts are provided so the AD can contact a few members to wish them "Happy Birthday", or to verify our data base, or to remind them and invite them to our annual meeting. This is not a time-consuming effort and I have found it gives me a great opportunity to speak directly with our members (email is also a great way of keeping the lines of communication open!) I have been fascinated that while I didn't know a fellow Marine, we each knew a common friend! Then we had a lot to talk about! (Sea stories?)

The big news for this year is the design, fund raising and installation of a monument to our Marine Corps engineers on the grounds of the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) at Triangle, Virginia. As many know who attended our annual meeting in 2010, we visited the Museum twice: Once on a tour, and later for our awards banquet. So we know the excitement of that location. We are soliciting design options for this monument, intended to reflect the real role of engineers over time. We placed no restrictions on the design other than placed by the Foundation and the Museum (size of footprint, height, and such.) By the time you read this we should have moved well beyond the design stage and on to the cost issues. Interestingly enough, while we had not initiated a fund drive, we have already received funds for this purpose. Our financial guru George Carlson has already established separate accounting funds to isolate contributions for the monument so by now your contributions are accepted (non-profit, tax exempt.) This will be a major event for our association and all engineers, and I am looking forward to your support and seeing this to completion, soonest!

The Museum is also looking to develop the next phase of its museum which is expected to include a significant display of our engineers. There are many details to be worked out, and as we have a liaison with the museum so hopefully our interests and concerns will be heard. It's early, but we'll keep you informed as the progress of this stage.

Finally, there are many of our organization that we often skip over: I can't identify all at this time, but we have many sponsors, corporate sponsors and through our Fellows Program that reach out to support our programs. We offer assistance to our Marines who are in financial need as well as others in personal conflict. We identify member and corporate donors in the Fellows Program as Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze. As your contributions are deductible, consider a good value for your charity!

I am pleased and honored to represent our association and look forward to an open line of communication. Please call me or send me a note of your interests and concerns as to how we can continue to make our association even stronger and better!

May God go with you, and Semper Fidelis!

Jim Murphy  
President



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As every Marine, particularly a Marine Corps engineer knows, prior planning is often the difference between success and failure. Now as the current combat situation resolves and more and more of our troops come home, prior planning is central to make a Marine's homecoming and transition to a different life a success. My comments are not to be seen as exhaustive or prescriptive but suggestive of a possible course of action to be taken by the family of the returning veteran,



1. Take the time to make an inventory of the changes that you have experienced during your veteran's absence. You've changed! You had to deal with situations that were new and challenging and you learned and surmounted them. Your relationship with your family has changed as well. You not only have kept the home fires burning you have been the authority figure and the safety figure. Ask the question: What was my relationship with my Marine before deployment? What do you expect it to be post deployment? These are tough, tough questions but they need to be answered.
2. Make a list of what you remember about who your Marine was prior to deployment. What were his/her likes, what were some of his habits in regard to sleeping, eating, social interaction, and others. Absence can gloss over some habits and expand the memory of other habits. When you have this picture in your mind and on paper realize that that pre deployment person no longer exists, his /her absences from the family and cumulative experiences in a combat zone have made indelible changes to him. As you should now realize, this time has changed you as well.
3. Not all changes in your Marine's behavior are PTSD or a consequence of TBI. Some changes are to be expected, some will be subtle some overt. Some of the changes may be in:
  - a. Sleep habits,
  - b. Spending habits,
  - c. Social interactions with you, your children , neighbors,
  - d. Mood swings,
  - e. Eating habits.

Changes however, that appear to be destructive of the basic character of your Marine are not to be ignored but documented and assistance sought in a timely manner.

4. Identify what the support/assistance resources are available in your community and make contact with them. Find out how you and your family might qualify for their assistance. Get contact names, and phone numbers (daytime and night); fill out any forms needed. Your veteran will be inundated with administrative requirements such as separation seminars which you may be able to attend, upon his return and this can be overwhelming. Take notes, paying particular attention to deadlines and required documentation.
5. Absolutely essential, if your veteran is planning to leave the service is to get logged into the Veterans Administration and get a number and get evaluated. The objections from your veteran may be that he/she does not want to be benefit hunting or have anything more to do with the government. Things change as we grow older, just ask the Vietnam veterans who too late discovered ravages of Agent Orange. Although the VA has been characterized as a giant administrative sloth, it finally may be moving in the right direction with its outreach programs for veterans and their families.
6. If your veteran is leaving the service ensure that he/she has a complete medical record of his health status at time of discharge. Hearing tests, eye exams, and suspected medical anomaly need to be identified, documented in writing, and you should have an authenticated certified copy. Any condition caused as a result of service need to be documented. Do not let your veteran leave the military without it.
7. When he comes home, sit him down and make him list all the places, units and times of his service, record books do not always have the right information. And he may at some time in the future, need to be able to list where he was, who he was with, and what he did. Keeping a copy of "original orders" is a good start. Memories fade. These are some things that can and should be done prior and subsequent to your veteran's return. If you don't know how, learn to use the internet. It can provide essential needed information. Persistence and prior planning will to a large measure determine the direction and quality of your family's life.

Helmuts Feifs  
Vice President



## **MCEA OFFICIALS & KEY SUPPORTERS**

### **Executive Committee (elected 27 Oct 2011)**

President:	Maj Jim Murphy, USMC (Ret)
Vice President:	Capt Helmut Feifs, USMC Vet
2d Vice President:	Col Steve Heesacker, USMC (Ret)
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
Missing Member Research	1stSgt Bob Canright, USMC (Ret)
Obituary search	Pam Jeans
TWS profile of fallen Engrs	Vet, Judy Coy and Pam Jeans

## **ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS**

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



COY

JUDY COY of Barton, VT. CHAIRPERSON AND VT. AD. AD since 2007. Through the diligent efforts of our Associate Directors, we maintain contact with members offering Birthday wishes and condolence calls to family members when appropriate. Contact information is updated at least annually and we seek input from members on how we can improve the association. AD's encourage former members to reinstate their membership and we advise members, sponsors and other organizations about our Fellows Program. More AD's are needed and always welcome.





**BRAD PATCH** of Fredericksburg, VA. One of the four VA ADs. “Bulk Fuel, POL. How we gonna get it there, we won’t tell”.

**PATCH**

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

**DUEL AND PAM JEANS** of North Fork, CA. For three years, they have continued their superb work on the website, Together We Served, by creating and maintaining profiles for our deceased members and fallen heroes; in addition to obtaining obituaries for both groups. This photo was



taken about 1947-1948 in China. The young Marine with hand toward the dog is PFC Duel N Jeans. The dog was a mascot, Casey. The little Chinese boy, is a house boy, Jackson Lee. Not sure what happened to Casey, hope he had a long and happy life. As for Jackson Lee, he was sent by this company of men to Hong Kong to escape Communism and possible death. Jackson Lee became a guide and is in the travel industry. Duel met up with him when he traveled to Hong Kong some years later.



**LITTELL**

**DUEL & PAM JEANS**

**FLOYD WULFECK** of Reidsville, NC. One of NC ADs, plus he covers Kentucky. I served our country as a Marine, as a Past Commandant for a Marine Corps League Det., as well as the Past President and current VP for the MC Bulk Fuel Assn. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as an Associate Director for the Marine Corps Engineer Assn.



**WULFECK**



**GEORGE SAENZ** of Woodbridge, VA. I’m very pleased that Capt George Saenz, Cbt Engr Off of the year for 2008 is able and willing to serve as our only Associate Director for all of our active duty Marines!

**SAENZ**

**HELMUTS FEIFS** of Durham, NC. One of four NC ADs.

**JACK WING** of Apopka, FL. I have been calling/e-mailing the Florida Engineers on their birthdays. I discovered that some have bad phone numbers, but I will keep ‘plugging’. One older Veteran as we know is Henry Gerow, a veteran of the battle of Iwo Jima. I have contact with his daughter Nancy and she has been very helpful to our Association. I have had a couple of calls to Henry. He is a tough Marine but the talks were very brief. I have also had contact with an Engineer from my home town of Apopka, FL. One of these days we will meet face to face.



**WING**

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



**FEIFS**



**MURPHY**

**JOHN CHAMPEAU** of Virginia Beach, VA. One of the four VA ADs. One of the highlights of the past year for me was that I had an opportunity to enroll my brother-in-law, GySgt Bill Joyce USMC (Ret) in the association. Although I am no longer married to his sister, we have remained close and he is truly a brother to me! I recall sitting on a seabag (dozing was more like it) outside of the processing center at Freedom Hill about 0600 during my first two hours in







SOAPY

Vietnam, when I am startled by two beeps from a jeep horn and I hear a familiar voice say... "OK Lt., get off your ass and lug that seabag over here. I'm driving not carrying!!" There was Bill, cigar clutched between his teeth and a smile welcoming me to Vietnam! I knew I would be alright!!

KEN OSTERMAN of Martinsville, NJ. Only NJ AD.



OSTERMAN



HARTLEY

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

MIKE HARTLEY of Morganton, NC. One of four NC ADs.

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



MAGEE



ZACCHEA

MIKE ZACCHEA of Floral Park, NY is our only NY AD. I am honored to serve the MCEA as the AD for NY. My association with the MCEA and my fellow engineers makes me prouder yet to be a Marine.

PHIL MARTIN of Springfield, MA. Bulk Fuel and Mass. AD for 4 years. Associate Director for the Marine Corps Engineer Association is a good position for Marine Engineers who like people. The best part of being an AD is making the Birthday Calls to the members regardless what state they live in. The beginning of the call usually

is answered with a grumpy yeah but when I tell the Association member who I am and why I am calling I usually get a friendly thank you for the call, I really appreciate it. Most calls stop there but others end about a half hour later when the conversation between the two parties ends with both members having enjoyed the conversation. A lot can be gleaned from the phone calls such as is the person ill or just lost a loved one and check to make sure the person's information is correct. Twice this year I have received a reply similar to "I'm sorry but John passed on several months ago". This is when the fun stops and the business begins by finding out when John passed on and finding out if the widow would like to continue getting the newsletter and would she like to be kept informed on the plans for the upcoming Awards Banquet. All of this information has to be passed on to the Executive Director so he can update his files and contact the widow as needed.



MARTIN

I have three Marine Corps Reserve units and I have to make trips to pay my respects to the units even if two are not Engineer units. I also have a SEABEE unit I keep in touch with but the going is slow as I don't get to see the units as much as I should. Another contact I have is with the Marine Corps League and the local recruiting station. New members can come from any of these sources as a Marine may have a job in construction, the building trades, or manufacturing. If the Marines don't work any of the trades they may have a brother, sister or parent who was a Marine and these individuals can be approached as a prospective member. One thing I must do is keep track of all visits and to whom I spoke with. The Associate Director position can be what one makes it. It can be fun but always remember we represent the Marine Corps Engineer Association and should dress and act the part when making a call on any Marine, Active, Reserve, Retired or someone just interested in talking to us about our Association. The work is not that hard, just demanding of one's time and patience.







RON MENKE of Sneads Ferry, NC. One of four NC ADs.

HILLIARD

TONY HILLIARD of Tucker, GA. Continues serving as our only GA. AD. I am involved with an organization of Vietnam veterans who have decided to leave a “Legacy” for the group and for Vietnam vets in the greater Atlanta area. We have been working with the Library of Congress (LOC) for their “Veterans History Project”. The project is aimed at collecting the stories of veterans from all the nations conflicts and making them part of the national historical record in the LOC. We have had 90 of our members sign on to do interviews and to date, we have completed 40. Also, other RVN Vets in the area have become aware of the project and have asked to participate. The website for the Project is [www.loc.gov/vet](http://www.loc.gov/vet) . Those interested can find an organization that works with the project in “Partners” page. Everyone who has participated has found the experience very rewarding. With all of the bad press the military received in the ‘60’s and ‘70’s, the Project provides an opportunity to record for posterity what actually happened during that conflict. It is not about medals, heroism or awards; it is about each person speaking about what his or her life was like in RVN. The Project is also open to vets of all conflicts. It is worth doing. The website above shows how and where to get involved.

Our group also works with the Atlanta USO to welcome troops coming for R&R. Atlanta is one of the hubs for processing service men and women returning for R&R and for processing back to theater. Working with these men and women is one of the most rewarding experiences one can have. I recommend that we all try to do something to show these active duty people that someone cares about them. I am sure that every community has some group or organization that is doing something to support the troops. Even, small communities have active organizations. We should find some way to get involved and participate. It would be great if there were some way to “support” USMC engineer units at home or deployed. I sent E Christmas cards to the Georgia MCEA members this year. Had only 2 bounce.

Doug Kirk of New Albany, Ohio is our sole AD for Ohio.



DEHART

Joe DeHart of Bedford, VA has recently volunteered to join our growing number of Associate Directors. Joe assists with our Virginia members.

John Hancock of Belle, WVA, is another recent volunteer and covers both WVA and South Carolina members.



KIRK

Dave Ogden of Springfield, VA has recently agreed to assume responsibility for our members in Maryland.

Larry Price of Snohomish, WA has joined our AD team and will cover Washington and Oregon.

Rich Wilmes of Goodyear, AZ has graciously assumed AD responsibilities for AZ.

We can do more, but we need your help. If you have an hour a week or per month and are willing to help on a recurring basis or with a specific project, notify Frantz.



## CHAPLAIN LETTER

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 Gods 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 2012 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.

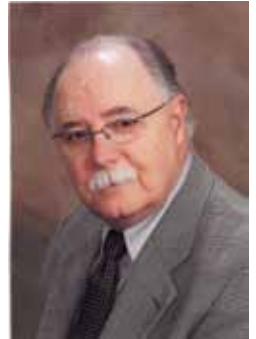
May your 2012 bring you peace, love, health and fulfillment in HIS work and may he say to each of us when we stand the final muster; "Well done my good and faithful servant" Enter Gods rest this year by demonstrating his kingdom here on earth.

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



*Differing views, opinions, and beliefs add texture and color to the world's tapestry...*

*Controversial times, while difficult to weather, can change the world.*

– Michelle Sedas



# **LIEUTENANT GENERAL FRANK A. PANTER, JR.**

## **Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics**

Lieutenant General Panter is presently serving as the 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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Thank you for the opportunity to update our engineer brotherhood on the great things happening in our Engineer and EOD community. It's an exciting time to be a Marine, and especially a Marine Corps Engineer or EOD Marine as we move on from OEF to the next chapter of Marine Corps history.

From combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, humanitarian assistance missions in Pakistan, and disaster relief in Japan, the Marine Engineer's stock has never been higher and relevance never greater. While engineers continue their heroic expeditionary engineering in support of combat operations, they are equally essential to redeployment efforts, as expeditionary basecamps are returned to pre-contingency conditions. Our young Marines' continuing successes on the battlefield have exemplified the very best in soldierly virtues and highlight the unique ability of the Marine Corps. The tremendous support Seabees provide to the Marine Corps continue to compliment the expeditionary nature of our Naval Forces. Seabees will celebrate their 70th Anniversary next month, and I want to thank the Association for recognizing them in your annual awards program as they build and fight side-by-side with Marine Engineers. We continue to build on our relationship with Seabees through the Interoperability Working Group (IWG). We are also sponsoring a Naval Engineering Study through the Marine Corps Combat Development Command's Operational Assessment Division to help shape the Naval Engineer capabilities required for 2025.



As I approach 41 years of service, it is my opinion that Engineer and EOD equipment readiness is better than ever. Over the last few years, Marine Corps Systems Command (MCSC) garnered enough funds to reset and reconstitute engineer and EOD equipment from Iraq. Now our focus is resetting the equipment from Afghanistan.

The rapid development, procurement and fielding of urgently needed contingency items – such as non-standard bridging, armoring kits, robots, mine and metal detectors, mine rollers, and route reconnaissance and clearance (R2C) sets – saved lives and made us more effective. Probably the best example of rapid development



is expressed by our success in taking the POM 02 initiative for the Assault Breacher Vehicle (ABV) to its combat deployment in December 2009. Critical in the fight during combat operations in Helmand Province, the ABV has proven itself as the tool for assured mobility and has no doubt saved lives these past few years. The last of the 52 ABV's was just delivered to completely outfit our warfighters with a cutting edge breaching apparatus that is unmatched within the Department of Defense.

Through a formal review of EOD training, Training and Education Command (TECOM) identified the need for advanced EOD training, and established an EOD Advanced Training Center





(ATC) at 29 Palms. I am proud to announce that the first EOD Supervisor's Course will be conducted next month. The Marine Corps Engineer School (MCES) is developing the Engineer Training capacity to provide optimal Engineer training for the operating forces. Through the constant development of Counter-IED training courses, and use of mobile training teams (MTTs), we achieve the optimal blend of Engineers and EOD expertise in the Regimental Combat Teams (RCTs) prior to deploying into combat. MCES aggressively supports development and revision of doctrine and training, reaching out to external agencies such as Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), Marine Corps Combat Development Center (MCCDC) and the other Services. The schoolhouse expanded its structure, roles, and missions over the past eight years, creating the MAGTF Engineer Center (MEC), and more recently an energy cell to help the Commandant's Energy Efficiency Office (E2O) institutionalize energy efficiency as Marine ethos.

While we celebrate past and present successes, we must also focus on future opportunities. As Operation Enduring Freedom draws down and we yield control to the Afghan Government, we will see an emphasis on fiscal austerity across DOD. With our reputation as good stewards of tax payer's money, Marines must decide which capabilities to keep and which to divest, while still meeting the Commandant's priorities and future Combatant



Commander requirements. We must be prudent about what capabilities, training, and material solutions we develop and maintain for the Marine Corps of 2025 – particularly in light of “Middleweight Force” constructs and our Commandant's goal to reinforce our Naval and Amphibious roots for relevancy in a Post-OEF era.

As the Marine Corps evolves to meet the demands of the future security environment, so must the Engineer Community. We cannot afford to fight the last war again, re-learn lessons of the past, and merely react to contingencies. We must be proactive, prepared for the full Range of Military Operations (ROMO).

Like some of you, the word “retired” will soon follow my rank and name later this year. But know that my interest and commitment to the Marine Corps Engineer and EOD community will always remain constant. On behalf of all Marine Corps Engineers and EOD technicians, thank you for your continued support and recognition of these fine young Americans. Engineers Up!

F. Panter

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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)

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# **LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN E. WISSLER**

## **Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources**

Lieutenant General John E. Wissler is currently serving as Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington DC.

Lieutenant General Wissler was born at Camp Pendleton, California and raised across the country, settling in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. He graduated with honors from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Ocean Engineering and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 7 June 1978.



Lieutenant General Wissler's command assignments began with service commanding landing support (shore party) and combat engineer platoons, completing two 31st Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean. He deployed with MAU Service Support Group (MSSG) 31 with the MSSG Landing Support Platoon supporting OPERATION EAGLE CLAW in the Persian Gulf, and next commanded the Battalion Landing Team 3/3 Combat Engineer platoon. Lieutenant General Wissler also served as the Executive Officer, Engineer Company, Brigade Service Support Group, 1st Marine Brigade. His next command assignments occurred in 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, where he served as Commanding Officer for Headquarters and Service Company, "B" Company, and Engineer Support Company; deploying to Honduras with "B" Company and 2d Battalion 5th Marines as part of the I MEF Air Contingency Battalion. Field Grade command assignments began with service as the Executive Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group (MWSG) -17, 1st MAW, Okinawa, Japan; and continued with his assignment as Commanding Officer, 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, 2d Marine Division. Lieutenant General Wissler commanded twice as a Colonel, commanding 2d Transportation Support Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group (FSSG), which served as the nucleus of Task Force Pegasus, providing operational and tactical level battlefield distribution capabilities in support of I Marine Expeditionary Force during Operation Iraqi Freedom during the liberation of Iraq; and as Commander, 2d FSSG Forward, II MEF Forward (MNF-W) for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 04-06. General Officer command assignments have included Commanding General, 2d FSSG (Fwd) and 2d Marine Logistics Group, II MEF; Deputy Commanding General, MNF-W during OIF 09; Deputy Commanding General, II MEF; and Commanding General, 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade.

Lieutenant General Wissler's staff assignments include Facilities Maintenance Officer for Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego; Battalion Operations Officer, 1st Combat Engineer Bn; Commandant of the Marine Corps' Amphibious Plans Study Group in support of Operation Desert Storm; Marine Corps Aide to the President from July 1991 to August 1993 serving Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton; Operations Officer and Executive Officer for MWSG-17, 1st MAW; Division Engineer, 2d Marine Division, II MEF; Deputy Director and Director, Strategic Initiatives Group, Plans, Policies & Operations Department, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps where he headed the War Room for General James L. Jones, 32d Commandant of the Marine Corps; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 2d FSSG; and Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense (The Honorable Gordon England). While serving the Deputy Secretary of Defense, at the request of the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Lieutenant General Wissler deployed to Iraq for two months in support of the Joint Forces Command Enabling Force Study that preceded "The Surge."

Lieutenant General Wissler has completed the Amphibious Warfare School non-resident program while in the Special Education Program; graduated with honors and was identified as a Distinguished Graduate at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), receiving a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering and being awarded the AFIT Commandant's award for exceptional thesis research; is a distinguished graduate from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College Resident Program; completed the Armed Forces Staff College (now Joint Forces Staff College) at Norfolk, Virginia; and served as a Commandant of the Marine Corps and Federal Executive Fellow at The Brookings Institution in the Foreign Policy Studies Branch.



## **BRIGADIER GENERAL NIEL NELSON**

Brigadier General Nelson is currently serving as Commanding General, Training Command, Quantico, VA.

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 for Advance 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 Installation and Logistics (DC I&L) and served in this capacity until taking command of Training Command on 12 August 2011.

Brigadier General Nelson graduated from San Diego State University in 1984 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 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 for 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.

Time is the coin of your life.  
Only you can determine how it will be spent.  
– Carl Sandburg



## BRIGADIER GENERAL BANTA

Brigadier General (Select) 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 (Sel) 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 (Sel) 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, 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 (Sel) 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 (Sel) 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 (Sel) 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 current duties as Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy.

BGen (Sel) 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.

Let's face it. Personal trauma and tragedy - like illness or injury, death of a loved one, loss of a job, or an unexpected breakup of a relationship - are unavoidable. The question is : Will these private calamities erode our capacity to be happy or help us become stronger and better able to live a meaningful and fulfilling life?

– Lessons from a Carrot, Egg, and Coffee Bean, 584.1





# HONOR ROLL

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

ALO, THOMAS T. GYSGT (RET)  
AMSTER, ALVIN A. VET  
ANDERSON, DAVID LTCOL (RET)  
ANDERSON, JESSE LTCOL (RET)  
\*ANDERSON, LOUIS SSGT (RET)  
ANGELL, HENRY SSGT (RET)  
ARMITAGE, GEORGE L. CAPT (RET)  
ARMSTRONG, MILT SSGT (RET)  
BACHE, TERRANCE VET  
BALLANCE, HENRY G. MSGT (RET)  
BANISH, THEODORE VET  
BARDIN, JAMES "LANCER" VET  
BARKER, LAWRENCE S. MAJ (RET)  
BARNETSON, WILLIAM H. MAJ (RET)  
BATEMAN, JOSEPH S. VET  
BAUBLITZ, JOHN VET  
BENSTEAD, DARYL E. COL (RET)  
BERNIER, RICHARD J. CWO4 (RET)  
BIGITSCHKE, UWE VET  
BLUME, CARL VET  
\*BOTTS, LAURANCE CWO 2 (RET)  
BOURQUE, RAYMOND D. MAJ (RET)  
BOYER, JASPER MSGT (RET)  
BRANDEL, RALPH E. COL (RET)  
BREAKFIELD, BRODUS GYSGT (RET)  
BROWN, MIKE VET  
BRUTSMAN, DONALD MR  
BUCY, CLYDE T. MGYSGT (RET)  
BUTLER, FRANKLIN D. GYSGT (RET)  
CALLAHAN, BILL SSGT KIA  
\*CALLAHAN JR., FRANCIS VET  
CALLOWAY, FRED VET  
CAMPBELL, KENNETH B. CWO (RET)  
CAREY, JAMES MSGT (RET)  
CAREY, RALPH J. VET  
\*CAROTA, MARTIN 1STSGT (RET)  
CARPENTER, JACK (RET)  
CLARK, ELMO A. CAPT (RET)  
CLINE, PAUL L. CAPT (RET)  
\*CLUKA, DANIEL MSGT (RET)  
COLANGELO, NICK E. MGYSGT (RET)  
COLE, JAMES MSGT (RET)  
COMPTON, JOSEPH MAJ (RET)  
COOPER, FRANCIS MGYSGT (RET)  
COROMELAS, NICK VET  
CRAIG, JACK RAY CWO 2 (RET)  
CRESAP, CHARLES C. LTCOL (RET)  
CREWS, JR., DUANE D. COL (RET)  
\*CROFT, EARL G. SSGT (RET)  
CROMWELL, MELVIN E. VET  
CROSBY, ARTHUR GYSGT (RET)  
CUMMINS, MARTIN R. MSGT (RET)  
CUNNINGHAM, CHARLES R. 1STSGT (RET)  
DABROWSKI, WALTER VET  
DAMON, ROBERT K. LTCOL (RET)  
DAVIDSON, RUSSELL MSGT (RET)  
DENNIS, NICHOLAS J. COL (RET)  
DENORMANDIE, FRANK COL (RET)  
DERRICK, LEWIS C. VET  
\*DESKIEWICZ, GARY VET  
DRISCOLL, BERNARD E. LTCOL (RET)  
DUDDY, ROBERT J. VET  
DUHE, CLARENCE VET  
DUNCAN, DAVID N. CWO4 (RET)  
DYBES, FRANK VET  
ECHOLS, JAMES CAPT (RET)  
EVANS, RAY MGYSGT (RET)  
FADICK, CARL VET  
FAUST JR., RUDOLPH MAJ (RET)  
FAY, CHARLES MAJ (RET)  
FELLINGER, BARRY MAJ (RET)  
FERRARO, STEPHEN L. MR (RET)  
FEUER, HENRY O. CWO2 (RET)  
FIANDER, WILLIAM MAJ (RET)  
FIELDING, JOHN M. MSGT (RET)  
FISH, ROY MR VET  
FLOYD, JOSEPH C. MAJ (RET)  
FOLEY, THOMAS VET  
FRANKOWSKI, JOSEPH MGYSGT (RET)

\*FREY, HUBERT LTCOL (RET)  
FUNDERBURK, RAY LTCOL (RET)  
GALBREATH, ROBERT VET  
GALLAGHER, JOHN F. MGYSGT (RET)  
GANGEWERE, KENNETH SSGT (RET)  
GATES JR., ALBERT VET  
GAZZA, HENRY J. VET  
\*GEORGE, JAMES E. VET  
GIBSON, CHARLES R. LTCOL (RET)  
GILBO, PATRICK F. VET  
GILES, SAM E.  
GIRAFFE, FRANK CPL (RET)  
GLENN, CARL J. GYSGT (RET)  
\*GOETZ, ARTHUR WO (RET)  
GOINS, ROBERT LTCOL (RET)  
GOSS, EUGENE W. MGYSGT (RET)  
GRADL, MICHAEL J. VET  
GREER, GENE MSGT (RET)  
GUBALA, TIMOTHY LTCOL (RET)  
HAGERLING, SID. COL (RET)  
HERR, KENNETH VET  
HODIN, JOHN VET  
HOLLINGSWORTH, JAMES K. CWO4 (RET)  
HOLZINGER, BERNARD MAJ (RET)  
HORNE, WILLIAM MGYSGT (RET)  
HORTON, EVERAD VET  
HOWARD, ANDREW J. VET  
HUNTZINGER, HENRY J. LTCOL (RET)  
JACOBSON, MILTON R. GYSGT (RET)  
JACQUES, MAURICE SGTMAJ (RET)  
JARVIS, JOHN VET  
JOHNSON, GUSTOF VET  
JOHNSON, STEPHEN J. CAPT (RET)  
JOHNSON, WARREN MGYSGT (RET)  
JONES, THOMAS W. LTCOL (RET)  
KELLEY, GEORGE E. GYSGT (RET)  
KOENIG, CHARLES G. SGTMAJ (RET)  
KROPINAK, ROBERT C. MAJ (RET)  
LANGLEY, JOSEPH A. SGTMAJ (RET)  
LANIER, LUTHER L. MSGT (RET)  
LEAKE, NORMAN GYSGT (RET)  
LEWIS, JC. MSGT (RET)  
LIGGETT, JAMES E. MSGT (RET)  
LIVEZEY, JAMES W. MAJ (RET)  
LOY, WILLIAM CAPT (RET)  
MacKENZIE, JAMES M. LTCOL (RET)  
MACHA, JAMES F. MSGT (RET)  
MACKEY, MARION GYSGT (RET)  
MADER, JOHN F. COL (RET)  
MARJANOV, JOHN MGYSGT (RET)  
MAXWELL, LEO F. GYSGT (RET)  
MASTICE, JOSEPH VET  
McCARTER, LARRY CWO 4 (RET)  
McCLURE, GARY L. LTCOL (RET)  
McCOY, JIM MGYSGT (RET)  
McGILL, DENNIS VET  
McLAUGHLIN, RICHARD CAPT (RET)  
McLAWHORN, LEON CAPT (RET)  
MILLS, DAVID C. LTCOL (RET)  
MURPHY, ROBERT F. MSGT (RET)  
NAHRGANG, DONALD V. LTCOL (RET)  
NIEHOFF, HARRY VET  
\*NOVAK, WILLIAM VET  
NUNN, GRANT P. GYSGT (RET)  
O'CONNOR, JACK F. MAJ (RET)  
O'CONNOR, JOHN B. VET  
OLSON, FREDRIC COL (RET)  
O'MAHONEY, MIKE MAJ (RET)  
PALMER, RALPH CWO2 (RET)  
PALMER, ROBERT M. CWO3 (RET)  
PARKER, PETER VET  
PEAGLER, JOE LTCOL (RET)  
PEHOWIC, STANLEY A. GYSGT (RET)  
PENDERGAST, RICHARD L. GYSGT (RET)  
PEREA, HANK COL (RET)  
PHANEUF, JOSEPH LTCOL (RET)  
PHELPS, WILLIAM E. LTCOL (RET)  
PICCIONE, JOSEPH M. VET  
PORTWOOD, TROY G. VET

\*PUGH, ROBERT GYSGT (RET)  
READ, JOE CWO 2 (RET)  
REFFELT, EDWIN CAPT (RET)  
REID, KENNETH R. VET  
REYNOLDS, PAUL MSGT (RET)  
RINGER, ED VET  
RITTER, JOE GYSGT (RET)  
ROBERTS, JOHN SGTMAJ (RET)  
ROBERTS, KENNETH VET  
ROBERTS, LONNIE MSGT (RET)  
ROCKWELL, NOEL VET  
RODEBAUGH, ROBERT MSGT (RET)  
RUBIO, JOSE R. MSGT (RET)  
RUDAT, JUNIOR D. GYSGT (RET)  
RUSHING, EDWIN VET  
\*RYNDERS, RUSSELL VET  
SARDO, EUGENE VET  
SAULNIER, JOHN L. CAPT (RET)  
SCHEER, CARL MGYSGT (RET)  
SHARKEY, KEO J. VET  
SHELKOFESKY, EARNEST L. MSGT (RET)  
SHELTON, OTEY CWO4 (RET)  
SHEPPARD, BILL GYSGT (RET)  
SHIELDS, JIMMIE R. VET  
SHOVAR, ROBERT J. SGTMAJ (RET)  
SILVERMAN, ALBERT VET  
SIMONSON, ARTHUR K. VET  
\*SMITH, CONWAY J. LTCOL (RET)  
SMITH, RAYMOND C. VET  
SMITH, RAYMOND K. MGYSGT (RET)  
SNYDER, GUY MSGT (RET)  
SOFRONAS, GEORGE VET  
SOGHOIAN, AVEDIS H. MSGT (RET)  
SOUZA, JOSEPH W. VET  
SOWA, JEROME MGYSGT (RET)  
SPIKERMAN, JACK MAJ (RET)  
STANDISH, PETER VET  
STASIO, ANTHONY DR.  
STERN, HERBERT GYSGT (RET)  
STOCKSTILL, PAUL R. VET  
STOKES, RUFUS R. MSGT (RET)  
STUBBLEFIELD, ROBERT VET  
STURGEON, BILL VET  
STURZA, RAYMOND CAPT (RET)  
SULLIVAN, JOHN VET  
SURKAMP, RICHARD VET  
SVILKA, AL VET  
SWENSON, KEN VET  
SWINDALL, THOMAS MR VET  
TERRY, EDWARD MSGT (RET)  
TOMPKINS, ROBERT VET  
TURNER, BLAINE L. MR  
ULSH, AMON SSGT (RET)  
VEGA, MANUEL SGTMAJ (RET)  
VIERS JR., W. GUS LTCOL (RET)  
VOORHEES, JOHN CWO2 (RET)  
VROOMAN, LYNDON F. CAPT (RET)  
\*WAGES, EDWARD MAJ (RET)  
\*WALLEN, ALPHONSE VET  
WATTERS, RON T. (MESSIO) MGYSGT (RET)  
WEAVER, RALPH BO VET  
WEIGHTMAN, ROBERT 1STSGT (RET)  
WELCHERT, JERRY VET  
\*WELDEN, MAX VET  
WICKHAM, JOHN D. MR VET  
WIDEMAN, WILLIAM VET  
WIGGINS, ANDREW J. GYSGT (RET)  
WILDER, WALLY VET  
WILLIAMS, KENNETH W. GYSGT (RET)  
WILLIAMS, STEVE CAPT (RET)  
WILLIAMSON, MELVIN GYSGT (RET)  
WINOSKI, WALTER M. COL (RET)  
WOODWARD, LEEAN MGYSGT (RET)  
WRIGHT, RICHARD CAPT (RET)  
YEAMAN, DON VET  
ZACK, CHARLES VET  
ZEMATIS, WALTER J. MGYSGT (RET)  
ZYSK, FRANK L. VET



Those with an asterisk by their name have been added since last year's newsletter.

## IN MEMORIUM

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

**Anderson, Louis S. “Andy”**, 70, of Hubert, NC. Died Dec. 12, 2009 at his home. A graveside service was held Dec. 16 at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie D. Anderson of the home; two brothers, Frank Anderson and Richard Anderson, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Catherine Garvin and Barbara Sue Langley, both of Jacksonville, Fla.

**Botts, Laurance Bracey “Larry”**, 83, of Wilmington, NC, passed away October 20, 2011. He was a Retired Chief Warrant Officer with the United States Marine Corps having served 24 years including service during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Following his service, he worked for Diamond Shamrock Chemical Company. He was a member of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church where he served in many capacities including deacon, Sunday school teacher, choir member, and often taught special Bible Study classes. Mr. Botts found his calling when he became a coordinator for the North Carolina Baptist Lay Witness Foundation. Larry was also a Life member of the Marine Corps Engineer Association. He was an avid hunter and fisherman which he learned as a young boy growing up on the banks of the St. John’s River in Deland, FL. He also enjoyed woodworking, working in his vegetable garden and never missed an opportunity to tell a story.

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Billie Raper Botts; son, Michael Botts of Tampa, FL; daughters, Terry Bulla of St. Augustine, FL, Pamela Decker of Lake Helen, FL, and Nancy Stein of Lake Helen, FL; sisters, Nita Pitts of Jacksonville, FL, and Jane Ogletree of Beaufort, SC; 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were October 24, 2011, at Myrtle Grove Baptist Church with interment in the Veterans Field of Honor at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

**Callahan, Jr. Francis H.** 87, husband of 50 years to the late Eileen Coyle Callahan, passed away peacefully in Connecticut Hospice, Sept 18, 2011. He was born in New Haven Feb 25, 1924, son of the late Francis H. Sr. and Bertha Stenner Callahan and was a long time resident of Hamden before moving to Gufford in 2001. He is survived by his children and their spouse, Robert F. and Gretchen Callahan of Hamden, Nancy A. and Michael Johnston of Mifflord, Kevin P. and Lisa Callahan of Lighthouse Point, Fl. Francis H. III and Kathleen Callahan of Easton. Also survived by fourteen grandchildren.

Francis graduated from Hamden High School class of 1943 where he was an all-state football and hockey player, captain of both teams and recipient of the Hugh Young Award for Sportsmanship. In 1951, he graduated from the University of Connecticut and had continued his passion for UConn sports. He received an appointment to the West Point Military Academy and instead chose to enlist and proudly serve in the U.S. Marine Corps. As a member of the 5th Engineer Bn, he was wounded in the battle of Iwo Jima and was awarded a Purple Heart.

A former semi-professional hockey player and longtime coach, he was inducted into the Hamden High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. After working for years in local industry, Francis pursued a career in teaching. He retired from the Eli Whitney Technical School in 1989. Francis was one of the founding members of the Hamden Youth Hockey Association and Hamden Fathers Baseball, a member of the St. George Church, Gufford, the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and former member of the High Lane Club and St. Rita Church in Hamden. Fran was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many and he will be truly missed. Internment was 23 Sept in St. Mary Cemetery.



**Carota, Martin L.** of Collegeville, PA, died 9 Sept. 2011. No obituary was published. Marty was a MCEA Life member and died at the age of 84. Marty's wife, Phyllis provided the following: A proud Marine until the end; I'll miss him so very much. Marty really enjoyed your emails and I did, too. Unfortunately, Marty left directives that there was to be no funeral or obituary posted. Marty outlived all his friends and family except another former Marine who we both still kept in touch with. I appreciate the condolences and I may not have served in the Corps, but I'll always be 1st Sgt Carota's Marine wife.

**Cluka, Daniel** , 78, of Las Vegas, NV. passed away July 20, 2007. He was born Nov. 12, 1928, in Milwaukee. Daniel was a retired Master Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served during World War II, Korean and Vietnam wars. Daniel had resided in Las Vegas for the last 37 years. He worked for the Frontier Hotel and the State of Nevada until his retirement in 1994. Daniel is survived by his sons, David, Dale, and Daryl; daughter, Deborah; grandchildren, Michael, Amy, Katie, Christine, Carley, Robyn and Shawna; and great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Christian. A funeral service was held July 25, at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City. Dan passed away peacefully and has now reported for duty in Heaven.

**Croft, Earl G.** of Melbourne, Fl. died July 10, 2011, at the age of 81. No obituary was published. He was a retired SSgt.

**Deskiewicz Sr., Gary S.** of Philadelphia, PA. died Aug. 10, 2011 at Aria Hospital. He was 60 and was a resident of Philadelphia and formerly of Andalusia. He will be sadly missed by his devoted daughter, Caryn Ess of Philadelphia, with whom he resided, and his son, Gary S. Deskiewicz Jr. of Idaho. He is also survived by two brothers, one sister and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral service and interment were held privately with the memorial service for him at Washington's Crossing national Cemetery, Newtown, PA. 15 August.

Ski served 4 years (1970-'74) as a Marine Corps combat engineer assigned to 8th Engr Spt Bn with A and D Companies. He's been a life member of our engineer brotherhood for 11 years.

**Frey, Hubert I.** August 10, 1924 to July 3, 2011 of Solano Beach, CA. Born in Kalamazoo, MI., Hubert enjoyed a 34 year career in the USMC. He lost a battle with pneumonia, but passed quietly and without pain. He is survived by his sons, Michael and Robert. A Memorial Service was held on July 16th, at St. Peters Episcopal Church in Del Mar.

Hub enlisted in 1942 and served as a tank crewman with 6th Tank Bn. Upon obtaining a commission, he attended the Armor school at Ft. Knox, then Co XO and CO at 1st tank Bn and instructor at Cold Weather Bn. 1955-57 he was a Co Cdr at MCRD San Diego. Following that assignment, he switched to the engineer field and attended Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir then was Co Cdr for Bravo Co, 2d Pioneer Bn '57-60; S-3 3rd Pioneer Bn; Director of Instruction at Engr School 61-64; Instructor, Landing Force section, Quantico Formal Schools 64-66; Bn XO 9th Engr Bn 66-67; Base Maintenance Off Parris Island 67-70; Maint Bn Cdr 3rd FSR 70-73; Squadron Cdr Wing Engr Transportation Sqd 73-74; Div Engineer 1st MarDiv 74-77. Retired 1 June 1977.

**George, James E. "Ed"** age 89, of Lenoir, NC died March 8, 2011 at home. He was born January 9, 1922 in Anderson, S.C. to the late James I. and Blake Littleton George.

Mr. George was retired from Duke Power Company and as planning inspector for the City of Lenoir. He was a member of United Presbyterian Church, Hibriten Masonic Lodge # 262, York Rite, Shrine, Lenoir City Council, Lions Club and Optimist Club. He was also a United States World War II Marine Corps Veteran who served in the 1st Marine Division in South Pacific.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ann Wilson Walker George of the home; two sons, James Michael George and Robert Edwin George and wife Anna, both of Lenoir; one step-daughter, Mrs. Leigh Ann Walker Young and husband Dennis of Charlotte; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Memorial services were March 11, 2011 at Greer-McElveen Funeral Home Chapel with private interment.



**Goetz, Arthur Herbert**, 82, of Salisbury, MD. died Oct. 24, 2010, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake. He was born May 29, 1928, in Bronx, N.Y., to Charles John Goetz and Jenny Watt Goetz.

Mr. Goetz served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 22 years, from 1945-67, serving in China from 1946-49, in Korea from 1952-53 and in various other posts in the U.S. and overseas. He was particularly proud to have served for four years as a ceremonial staff member at Marine Barracks in Washington D.C. Upon retiring from the Marine Corps, he completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and earned a master's degree in library science.

Mr. Goetz came to Salisbury in June 1978 to take over as the new director of the Wicomico County Free Library, retiring from this position in April 1995 at the age of 67. He was a member of the local Chamber of Commerce for nine years and served on various committees. In 1979, he began serving on the board of United Way as an area director and became campaign chairman in 1984 and board president in 1985.

He joined the Salisbury Rotary Club in 1978 and was chosen as Rotarian of the Year two years in a row. Mr. Goetz and John Culver started two new clubs, the Wicomico Club in 1989 and the Seaford/Nanticoke Club in 1990. He also served as treasurer from 1987-88, president from 1992-93, area representative for district governor from 1993-94, district governor from 1995-96 and chaired various committees throughout the 30 years of his membership, which included starting the Dictionary Project in the Salisbury club and the district. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 2006-07. Goetz also served on the board of Deer's Head Hospital in the 1980s and as its president in 1989.

Mr. Goetz served on the board of directors of the China Marine Association from 1993-2007, was president from 1999-2001, was secretary from 2002-07 and remained active as their historian and staff writer for their newsletter, writing articles about their service in North China. He is credited with having begun an archival collection of China service artifacts and publications at the Marine Corps University Archives in Quantico, Va.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy Marie Olsen Goetz of Salisbury; daughters, Diana Osborne and husband, Dan, of Garner, N.C., Dot Barber and husband, Mark, of Linville, N.C., Arlene Pace and husband, David, of Zebulon, N.C., Anita Goetz of Barnardsville, N.C., Jennifer Alberio and husband, Joe, of Delmar and Jean Nelson and husband, Bob, of Salisbury; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Novak, William F.**, 59, of McHenry, IL. died March 27, 2011, at Centegra Hospital – McHenry. He was born April 5, 1951, in Chicago, to Walter and Frances (Earl) Novak. On May 27, 1978, he married Mary D. Hum at St. Priscilla Catholic Church in Chicago.

He is a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps with the rank of corporal. He is a former member of VietNow. Formerly of Franklin Park, he lived in Wonder Lake from 1988 until moving his family to McHenry in 1995. He passed the federal exam in 1988 and was accepted as a clerk for the U.S. Postal System in the Woodstock office. He enjoyed bowling and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Mary; a son, William Novak of McHenry; and two brothers, Edward (Barbara) Novak of Lockport and Steven (Jennifer) Novak of Minooka. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The combined veteran's organizations conducted the funeral at the funeral home. Interment was in Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

**Pugh, Robert "Bob"**, 75, of Hubert, NC. passed away Sept. 15, 2011, at his home. Mr. Pugh was a Vietnam Veteran who served more than 20 years in the United States Marine Corps as a combat engineer, retiring as a gunnery sergeant. He worked in civil service for more than 17 years with Camp Lejeune (Tarawa Terrace) base maintenance division. He was an animal lover, an avid sports fan, a master woodworker and also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

He is survived by his loving caregiver and wife of 17 years, Peggy Pugh of Hubert; brother, Verdun





Pugh of Ogdensburg, N.J.; four sons, Robert “Rob” Pugh and his wife, Sandy Snider-Pugh of Liberia, Africa, Jeff and his wife, Dale Baquer of Peletier, Bryan Baquer of Woodbridge, Va., and James Matt of the home; daughters, Diana Gaskins of Jacksonville and Fedora Baquer of Woodbridge, Va.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Gladys Pugh; a brother, Tommy Pugh; and a sister, Mary Pugh. Bob touched the lives of many people with his trademark sense of humor, and his final days were spent with his family and friends. The family celebrated his life privately.

**Rynders, Russell L. “Russ”**, 76, of Kenosha, WI. passed away peacefully Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012, at Hospice House surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 10, at Proko Funeral Home. Mass was celebrated at St. Mary’s Catholic Church with full military honors. Interment was Feb. 14, at Southern Wisconsin Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery

Russ had been a MCEA member since 2008 and died of Cancer after 5 long years of battle. For those who have attended our reunions over the last several years, you’ve had an opportunity to meet Russ and DeDe. Russ served from 1954-1957 and spent his time as an engineer with 1st Engr Bn in Korea and then at Camp Pendleton. Fellow MCEA member Larry Varley and his wife Darnell, of Sheridan, Texas flew to be with Russ and said their farewells just an hour before Russ passed away and after DeDe told him it was ok to go; he had fought long enough and suffered too much.

**Smith, Lieutenant Colonel, USMC (Ret), Conway “Smitty” James**, 84, of East Leland, MI. passed away Feb. 25, 2011 at Tendercare of Leelanau. Conway was born in August of 1926 in Cleveland, Ohio the son of Walter and Agnes (Conway) Smith.

Lt. Col. Smith joined the United States Marine Corps in 1944 and served with the First Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (China Marines). He was presented with a Purple Heart (Okinawa), and a Silver Star (China) in 1945. He was presented with the Bronze Star (Viet Nam) in 1966. He also served tours in Guam, Puerto Rico and Cuba. He was decorated for leadership under heavy fire, for his engineering technical proficiency, for his development of a land mine warfare school, and for his development of civic action programs that included a village infirmary that treated more than 5000 civilians.

Lt. Col. Smith was a military engineer who attended the USMC Special Warfare School (1964), The USMC Command and Staff College (1969) and he trained with the 3rd Marine Division Airborne Terrain Appreciation School in Japan. He was a member of The Association of Former Intelligence Officers (1976) and The Association for Tactical Photographic Identification. The Embassy of the Republic of China awarded him the China Memorial War Medal (1978). Conway stated that his greatest honor as a veteran has been the continued recognition for his service by the local Tribal community.

In 1951, Conway concurrently completed two Bachelor of Science degrees at Michigan State University in Agriculture and Forestry. Conway completed a Master of Arts degree from The University of Maryland, under the supervision of Dr. Gordon Prang, leading researcher on Japanese Generals and author of “Tora, Tora, Tora”. Conway specialized in Asian history and he later taught military history at Columbia University’s ROTC program during the SDS anti-ROTC riots in 1969. In 1971, he retired and began a twenty-year career as a cherry farmer and high school teacher. Conway served on the Board of Cherry Growers, the Leland School Board, was an active member of the Suttons Bay Congregational Church, a founding board member of The Leelanau Children’s Center, and a regular at the Thursday morning coffee club. Conway was an avid learner, a great appreciator of people from all backgrounds. He inherited a love of dogs and children from his father and a deep spirituality from his mother. He was known across the region for his prolific storytelling.

Smitty is survived by a daughter, Pamela Smith-Bell of Suttons Bay, two sons, Blake (Lorri) Smith of Traverse City, Brook (Nancy) Smith of London, Kentucky; a sister, Carol (Gerry) Sheldon of Traverse City; five grandchildren, Rob (Stephanie) Bell, Greta Bell, Nielsen Bell, Haley Smith, Caleb Smith and one great-granddaughter, Olivia Rose Bell. He will be missed by his family and vast network of friends.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Holly Anne Renz-Smith on Feb. 2, 2006; and a brother, Richard Smith. Funeral service was March 5 at Suttons Bay Congregational Church. Burial was in East Leland Cemetery.

**Wages, Edward Jenkins**, 65, husband of Melody Wages, died April 22, 2011 at his residence in Myrtle Beach, SC. He was born April 29, 1945 in Charleston, South Carolina, the son the late Lawrence and Alma Graham Wages. He was a retired veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving in Vietnam. He was the manager of the National Rifle Association Shooting Range. Survivors including his wife and one son, Scott Wages of Atlanta, Georgia.

A funeral service will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

**Wallen, Alphonse I.** of Yarmouthport, MA. and formerly of Brockton, died November 10, 2011 at the age of 91. He was the son of Ignatz Wellinjeurtz and Annie Gauljos. He was the loving husband of the late Alyce (Dors) Wallen for over sixty five years. He leaves his daughter Carolyn D. Barnes and her husband Patrick of Fort Myers, Florida and two grandsons, Major Sean W. Barnes, USMC and his wife Dina and attorney Brendan H. Barnes of Plymouth and also many nieces and nephews.

Al was a decorated veteran of WW II and served as a Navy Seabee in the Solomon Islands.

Upon returning from war, he started his own candy business located in a small shop of Warren Avenue and Dover Street in Brocton. He then worked as a postal carrier for a short time but left to work at the ship yards as a welder on surface ships as well as submarines. He went off to work on the Plymouth nuclear power plant when the shipyards closed.

Even in his eighties you could find Al at 0430 fixing up the salad bar in Star market in Yarmouth. He will be sorely missed by family and friends. A private service was held with burial in the National Cemetery.

**Welden, Max**, resident of Rowlette, Texas, passed away on Sept. 13, 2011, at the age of 62. He was born on May 25, 1949, in Memphis, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Welden and daughter, Ashley Lavon along with a host of family and friends. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. His memory will be cherished in the hearts of many. A Memorial Service was held on September 24, 2011, at Family Cathedral of Praise, Mesquite Texas.



Last Rites for the Sergeant; by Kerr Eby, 1994, US Navy Combat Art Collection  
*"He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, and grow, and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it, he lives - in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."* Franklin Roosevelt



## **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).

### **PLATINUM**

BAE CORPORATION  
FORCE PROTECTION INDUSTRIES  
HNTB FEDERAL  
KALMAR RT CENTER, LLC  
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS  
TEREX CORPORATION

### **GOLD**

ANDERSON, VIRGIL (VET)  
CATERPILLAR CORPORATION  
CONCURRENT TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION  
DARK FORGE COMPANY  
DeGENNARO, ANTHONY A. CAPT USMC (RET)  
FRANTZ, KEN COL USMC (RET)  
GATEWOOD, JR. WAYNE MSGT USMC (RET)  
HARRIS-INMAN, TERRY LTCOL USMC (RET)  
LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES  
MARAPOTI, JIM COL USMC (RET)  
MARINE CORPS BULK FUEL ASSN  
MURPHY, JIM MAJOR USMC (RET)  
QUEEN, WAYNE A. MGYSGT USMC (RET)  
SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
TRAUM, GERALD (VET)

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CARLSON, GEORGE LTCOL USMC (RET)  
FOORE, BRAD LTCOL USMC (RET)  
HOWARD, ANDREW (VET)  
INGENIEUR EXECUTIVE SEARCH  
JONES, JUNIOR MGYSGT USMC (RET)  
MENTZER, JOHN COL USMC (RET)  
NEREIM, MONTY LTCOL USMC (RET)  
OLF, NELSON LTCOL USMC (RET)  
RODEBAUGH, ROBERT MSGT USMC (RET)

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BOUTRY, NORM (VET)  
CHECKERBOARD INDUSTRIES  
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MAY, ROLLAND MSGT USMC (RET)  
SHORTER, JAMES SSGT USMC  
TOWNSEND, ED MAJOR USMC (RET)



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MCEA, 142 AUTUMN FOREST LANE, CONROE, TX 77384***

## ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

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

**MCEA 142 Autumn Forest Lane, 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 includes our members with expired dues. Please help us to get them back in the active status & encourage them to join us for our reunions. Our deceased members 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 Oct 10-12, 2012 Reunion/Awards Banquet will be held in Branson, MO. Details & registration form are included. Hope to see you all there!

2013 will find us in Orlando, Florida at the Royal Plaza Hotel, located in the Walt Disney World Resort. Dates are 25-27 September and room rates are \$89. Details will be posted on our website and included in next year's newsletter.

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.

### **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 2012 Reunion Form for you to complete & return if you are planning on attending this years' reunion.

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

Please help us by spreading the word to your contacts who served with us as well as other associations about our 2012 "Gathering". Additionally, help us publicize our Assistance Fund and Monument Fund; we truly are "here to help"!





## **YOUR FEEDBACK REQUESTED:**

In the words of Ed Koch, past mayor of New York: "How are we doing?" No better time to ask than the beginning of a new year and with our newly elected Marine Corps Engineer Association Officers ready to advance! This is after all "your" organization and it should reflect the purpose, services, and benefits you desire. So, in order to afford all of you an opportunity to provide your input, please take a minute and reply to our Executive Director (execdir@marcorengasn.org) with your response to the below questions, along with any other feedback you may deem appropriate. This is an important service that you can provide to MCEA; please take the time. We look forward to your responses.

1-In areas such as: reunions, communications with members (to include our website), facilitation of professional growth, and the provision of linkages to other organizations and opportunities, how are we doing?

2-What other services could MCEA provide or expand that would maximize and add value to your membership? Please be specific as possible.

3- We know that many are involved with other military related organizations that provide disparate services and benefits from our own. What of these benefits and services do you find useful and add value to your membership? Please share the name of the organizations that you belong to so we can ensure we're communicating and coordinating with them.

4-We currently have 23 Associate Directors that cover over 500 of our members. That leaves several hundred members in half the states with no Associate Director. If you have a couple of hours a month available, then we have an opportunity for you to assist our Associate Director team communicate with our members. Let us know if you can help or need more information.

## **MARINE CORPS ENGINEER MONUMENT UPDATE**

**From 2dVP, Steve Heesacker**

Getting United States Marine Corps Engineers appropriate recognition at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) is moving closer to reality. Major General (Retired) Mike Lehnert is the Honorary Chairman of the effort, a monument design contest has been completed, and a committee has been formed to review the submissions and select a design.

After the design is selected, we will solicit cost estimates from artists or vendors and begin a fund raising campaign. Simultaneously, we will formally submit a proposal for construction to the NMMC. It's too early in the process to forecast a completion date, but the goal is to move as quickly as possible. The intent is to construct a monument that pays tribute to all Marine Corps Engineers – past, present and future, regardless of unit or MOS.

## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

### **MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION**

UPDATE

10 APRIL 2011

**Treasurer's Report:** As of: 31 March 2011--GF: \$74,798.33    AF: \$11,990.06    **TOTAL: \$86,788.39**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Assistance Fund:** AF Chairman Marapoti for action.

**2. Membership Status:**

Dues current:	578	301 of these are Life members
Dues expired for 2010:	60	
Dues expired 1992-2008:	1	
Deceased:	236	

**TOTAL:**

875

Dropped from rolls due to be non-payment, request or no contact= 349



- 3. Historian:** Steve Dunkin resigned effective 9 March 2011.
- 4. Combat Casualties:** Spreadsheet has been updated by Pam Jeans & has been posted to website. Judy Coy and Pam Jeans have created profiles for each Fallen Marine and Corpsmen from our list to the website-- Together We Served. Frantz for action.
- 5. Corporate Members:** Currently have 13 corporate members, of which 9 are award sponsors; working on several potential companies and sponsors. Frantz for action.
- 6. 2010 Annual Reunion:** 190 attended banquet and participated in the 5 day events, 20-25 Oct. Total income was \$32,925 and total expenses \$30,723.44. Of the income \$12,380 came from sponsors (incl SAME and Lindbergh). The remaining \$2,201.56 has been targeted to produce the replacement unit trophies. Average cost of Reunion & Banquet per attendee was \$173.58. Average cost paid by MCEA members was \$103.64 while sponsors picked up \$69.94. **Action complete.**
- 7. Marine Corps Engineer School/ECOE:** . Col Ramey for action.
- 8. Return of TD 18 to Courthouse Bay:** There is no solid interest in pursuing return of the TD18 at this time due to the stringent MCU requirements for loaning Museum items. Marapoti for action.
- 9. Fellows Program:** 27 individual and corporate members currently qualify. Latest additions: **Bronze:** Major Jim Murphy and Checkerboard Industries. Frantz for action.
- 10. Unit Trophies:** LtCol Coursey, MCEA XO has obtained recommendations from engineer units for proposed designs. LtCol Coursey & Marapoti for action.
- 11. Honor Roll:** Since the last report, the following MCEA members have been added to our Honor Roll: Capt. Paul Cline, GySgt. Herb Stern, Capt. Ed Reffelt, A.J. Howard, MGySgt Bill Horne, Bill Novak and GySgt Melvin Williamson. Pam Jeans has created a profile on 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.
- 12. Associate Directors:** Chairperson Judy Coy reports: currently have 24, with the addition of 14 on 18 Feb. All have been significant value to our brotherhood by communicating with current members, publicizing our Assn and recruiting new members. We still need more members to volunteer to cover their area/State or organization. Coy for action.
- 13. Website:** Thanks to the 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. 713 registered users and over 1.1 million page views since activation August 2008. Nicely for action.
- 14. 2011 REUNION:** Contracted with Crowne Plaza, San Diego for 26-28 Oct, 2011. Schedule: Wed, 26 Oct reception; Thurs. 27 Oct Biz mtg and Banquet; Fri: 28 Oct, tour MCRD and Miramar. Detailed schedule, hotel information and registration Form has been uploaded to website and disseminated via email, plus included in annual newsletter. Frantz for action.
- 15. 2012 REUNION:** Contract is signed with Radisson Hotel, in Branson, Missouri for 10-13 October. 7th Engr Assn will decide at their Sept 2011 reunion if they’ll co-locate with us. Frantz for action.
- 16. 2013 REUNION:** Location will be Orlando, Florida. 11 Engr Assn indicated they may co-locate with us. Frantz for action.
- 17. SAME:** During our Oct 2009 annual business meeting, Dr. Wolff recommended SAME & MCEA pursue possibility of Active Duty MCEA members also receiving SAME membership. SAME no longer offers free memberships. They now have offer membership for those in the military services—a one-time fee of \$60.00 for officers and NCOs which lasts as long as they are in uniform. MCEA is pursuing other options (see New Business item 1). **Action complete.**
- 18. SHIRTS:** Starting in 2009, MCEA procured red golf shirts for award recipients; embroidered with the EG&A superimposed on engineer castle logo, the initials “MCEA” and the year. We felt that this would provide a source of recognition among award recipients without appearing as a “me wall” display. The shirts were well received and plan to continue the program in future years. In 2010, The Executive Committee approved procurement of a dark green shirt for Executive Committee and Associate Directors and dark blue shirts for Corporate Members. Plan to continue this program in future years. At the same time, we



pursued t-shirts for both award recipients and for Ship's Store sales. Ordered in a quantity of 100 in assorted sizes, those cost us about \$5.50 each (2X and 3X are slightly higher than the basic \$4.60 price for other sizes). These shirts have the EGA/castle logo on the front and "Engineers Up!" across the back. Our hope is that they become an attractive running/PT shirt for active duty engineers and help publicize MCEA throughout that community. Carlson for action.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. RECRUITING ACTIVE/RESERVE DUTY PERSONNEL:** 19 Jan 2011, Frantz emailed Rudge's request for input to 74 Ac/R MCEA members. Letter contained the 4 options being considered by the Exec Comm for implementation to recognize honor grads at formal schools; separating Marines; Marine/NCO of Qtr; meritorious promotions. Carlson has identified financial cost of each option; LtCol Coursey, MCES, has provided quantity of classes. Recommendations will be provided to membership for vote prior to implementation. Rudge for action.
- 2. BULK FUEL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** The Bulk Fuel Assn will decide at their May 2011 reunion if they will become award sponsor. CWO4 Nate Wilson for action.
- 3. ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF MARTIN AWARD:** Current Expeditionary Warfare School class will graduate 12 May. Will need to continue coordination with Mr. Brad Gates, EWS POC, and procure engraved clock for presentation at graduation. BGen (select) Nelson will represent MCEA and make the award presentation. Frantz for action.
- 4. ENGINEER WARFIGHTING WORKSHOP:** Dr. Bob Wolff, Exec Dir of SAME will host an inaugural EWW in conjunction with our Oct 2011 reunion. Plan is to have a one day event on 27 Oct for active/reserve duty from all services. The attendees are invited to attend the Awards Banquet that night. Rudge for action.
- 5. NAMING OF SAME AWARDS:** Frantz submitted the Exec Comm recommendations on 14 Nov 2010, to HQMC (BGen (select) Nelson & Mike Boyd). Recommendation was: Name the USMC Engineer Officer of the Year as: **Bonnyman Medal** and Name the USMC Engineer SNCO of the Year as: **Bordelon Medal**. Feedback from Brigadier General Nelson is that assigning individual names to awards is very problematic, especially since CMC must personally approve each one. **Action complete.**
- 6. 2011 AWARDS:** 29 Dec, 2010, Frantz provided Boyd draft MarAdmin. 10 Feb, 2011 MarAdmin released soliciting nominations for this year's award board. Input due 30 April, then board will convene to select the "best of the best" in each of the 22 categories. Frantz for action.
- 7. 2011 NEWSLETTER:** Frantz has provided all contents to publisher; anticipate dissemination in late April/ May timeframe. Frantz for action
- 8. 2011 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** New slate of Officers will be elected at the 27 Oct, 2011 annual business meeting. Marapoti for action.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Frantz  
President/Secretary

## **MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**27 OCTOBER 2011**

**0807** President calls meeting to order and conducts Pledge of Allegiance

Briefings presented by:

CO, MCES-Col. Ramey

Force Protection Inc-Tommy Pruitt

Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Assn-Nate Wilson, President

HQMC, Engr Advocacy Branch-Col. Couser

**1015: Treasurer's Report:** As of 30 Sept 2011: General Fund- \$90,534.37; Assistance Fund- \$12,134.63

**TOTAL= \$102,669.00**



## OLD BUSINESS:

**1. Assistance Fund:** Chairman Marapoti reports: \$1500 grant will be mailed to Wounded Warrior Regiment. Based on Exec Comm meeting, AF committee will re-evaluate the applications, data required from applicant and who is eligible. Marapoti for action.

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

Dues current:	635	295 of these are Life members; 93 are active duty/reserve
Dues expired for 2010:	56	will be removed from rolls 1 Jan 2012
Deceased:	247	

**TOTAL:** 938

Dropped from rolls due to be non-payment, request or no contact= 349

**3. Historian:** Steve Dunkin resigned effective 9 March 2011. Phil Martin graciously agreed to assume the duties and was approved 4 June 2011. We have the opportunity to create the most comprehensive and extensive collection of information pertaining to USMC engineers and our related occupational fields. The effort has been on-going for years, but with limited success. Goal is to complete the review and update of all the USMC engineer units by 1 March 2012 and include in the Spring 2012 newsletter. This will need to be an all hands effort to ensure it is accurate and completed on time. Littell needs info on WES 17 and help contacting Major Harvey Rau. Wuerch recommends MCEA website have separate page for history and in particular, links to the multitude of other resources. Martin for action.

**4. Combat Casualties:** Spreadsheet has been updated and posted to website with total of 882. Judy Coy and Pam Jeans have created profiles for each Fallen Marine and Corpsmen from our list to the website-- Together We Served. Frantz for action.

**5. Corporate Members:** Currently have 12 corporate members, of which 8 are award sponsors; working on several potential companies and sponsors and can always use more. Frantz for action.

**6. Marine Corps Engineer School:** No input received. Col Ramey for action.

**7. Return of TD 18 to Courthouse Bay:** No Change. There is no solid interest in pursuing return of the TD18 at this time due to the stringent MCU requirements for loaning Museum items. Need to provide emphasis to CO, MCES to make this happen. Marapoti for action.

**8. Fellows Program:** 32 individual and corporate members currently qualify. Latest additions: **Silver:** Major Jim Murphy; Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Assn. **Bronze:** LtCol Monty Nereim, Ingenieur Executive and Checkerboard Industries. Frantz for action.

**9. Unit Trophies:** Marapoti reports: New Unit Trophies were produced for CEB, ESB and Engineer Company, MWSS, and pictures are displayed in this year's Reunion Program of all 4 unit awards. The trophies are on permanent display at Marine Corps Engineer School. **Action complete.**

**10. Honor Roll:** Since the last report, the following MCEA members have been added to our Honor Roll: MSgt. Paul Reynolds; Col Hank Perea; LtCol Hub Frey; Maj Ed Wages; MSgt. Dan Cluka; WO Art Goetz; LtCol Conway Smith, Gary Deskiewicz, Max Welden, GySgt Robert Pugh, Francis Callahan, Jr and 1stSgt. Martin Carota. Pam Jeans has created a profile on 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.

**11. Associate Directors:** Chairperson Judy Coy reports: Currently have 23 AD's. More are needed in other states. All ADs were welcomed aboard and given a listing of AD duties and a fact sheet about the association as well as a spread sheet containing a listing of the members that they are responsible for. A lengthy member update and verification process was undertaken this past winter/spring prior to the mailing of the annual newsletter. This assisted in updating and correcting personal information for members. ADs are asked monthly to send Birthday greetings to members in their area. Periodic roster updates are disseminated to ADs so that they have current info. Jack Butler volunteered to assist with North Carolina. Coy for action.

**12. 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. 808 registered users and over 28 - Engineers Up!





1.3 million page views since activation August 2008. Multiple members expressed frustration with accessing the site. Nicely for action.

**13. 2011 REUNION:** 131 registered and over 200 attended our 3 day San Diego event. Frantz & Carlson to provide after action report.

**14. 2012 REUNION:** Contract is signed with Radisson Hotel, in Branson, Missouri for 10-12 October. 7th Engr Assn decided at their Sept 2011 reunion not to co-locate with us. Frantz asked for input regarding possible group tours on the last day, but no recommendations. Frantz for action.

**15. 2013 REUNION:** Location is Orlando, Florida. 11th Engr Assn indicated they may co-locate with us. 27 hotels have submitted bids; narrowed down to 3 which are being further reviewed. Frantz for action.

**16. SHIRTS:** Starting in 2009, MCEA procured red golf shirts for award recipients; embroidered with the EG&A superimposed on engineer castle logo, the initials "MCEA" and the year. At the same time, we obtained t-shirts for both award recipients and for Ship's Store sales. These shirts have the EGA/castle logo on the front and "Engineers Up!" across the back. Our hope is that they become an attractive running/PT shirt for active duty engineers and help publicize MCEA throughout that community. This year's requirements are: Awardee shirts 28, Off/AD/GoH 24, Corp Rep 10, T's 35 (29 Award/GoH, 6 stores) for \$1,699.17. Cost is slightly lower with reduction of 1 shirt and quarter percent lower local sales tax now that Checkerboard is officially in another county. Carlson for action.

**17. RECRUITING ACTIVE/RESERVE DUTY PERSONNEL:** Frantz reports 14 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. Frantz for action.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2011 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** New slate of Officers has been disseminated via email to all members and has been approved:

President: Jim Murphy  
Vice President: Helmut Feifs  
2d Vice President: Steve Heesacker  
Treasurer: George Carlson (incumbent)  
Chaplain: Doug Kirk (incumbent)  
Historian: Phil Martin (appointed 4 June 2011)  
Secretary: Ken Frantz (incumbent)

Outgoing Officers, Hank Rudge and Jerry Goodwine have graciously agreed to continue to serve as Permanent Associate Directors.

**2. Monuments/Memorials:** Steve Heesacker provided power pt presentation: There is currently no Marine Corps Engineer memorial or monument that represents the entire community. The Marine Corps Engineer Center is taking the lead on getting an Engineer Memorial built aboard Camp Lejeune. This will honor fallen Marine Engineers. The MCEA will take the lead in designing and funding a monument to Marine Corps Engineers at the NMMC. This is proposed to be a tribute to all Marine Engineers. Refer to power point presentation for all the details. Qualls moved that a separate fund be established for the MCEA Engineer Monument; discussion ensued regarding dissolution of separate fund and how to address the concerns. Heesacker for action.

**3. 2014 Reunion:** Frantz recommended & received concurrence that we focus on Camp Pendleton area during our next west coast reunion. Frantz for action.

**4.** Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 1220.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Frantz  
Secretary



# MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

## MARCH 2012 UPDATE

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 29 Feb, 2012: General Fund- \$84,450.38; Assistance Fund- \$11,285.58; Monument Fund-\$ 3,435.00

**TOTAL= \$99,170.96**

### OLD BUSINESS:

**1. Assistance Fund:** Chairman Marapoti reports: \$1500 grant was mailed to Wounded Warrior Regiment during 2011. Exec Comm is reviewing the proposed changes provided by the AF committee. Marapoti for action.

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

Dues current:	570	292 of these are Life members; 68 are active duty/reserve
Dues expired for 2011:	65	Have been removed from active rolls as of 10 March 2012
Deceased:	258	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>893</b>	

Dropped from rolls due to be non-payment, request or no contact= 355

**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 includes 1st-5th Engineer Bns. This will need to be an all hands effort to ensure it is accurate and completed on time. Martin for action.

**4. Combat Casualties:** Spreadsheet has been updated and posted to website with total of 887. Judy Coy and Pam Jeans have created profiles for each Fallen Marine and Corpsmen from our list to the website-- Together We Served. Frantz for action.

**5. Corporate Members:** Currently have 12 corporate members, of which 7 are award sponsors; working on several potential companies and sponsors and can always use more. Frantz for action.

**6. Marine Corps Engineer School:** No input received. Col Ramey for action.

**7. Return of TD 18 to Courthouse Bay:** No Change. There is no solid interest in pursuing return of the TD18 at this time due to the stringent MCU requirements for loaning Museum items. Need to provide emphasis to CO, MCES to make this happen. Marapoti for action.

**8. Fellows Program:** 36 individual and 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: SSgt Louis ANDERSON, CWO 2 Laurance BOTTs, SSgt Earl CROFT, James GEORGE, GySgt George KELLEY, William NOVAK, Russell RYNDERS, and Alphonse WALLEN. Pam Jeans has created a profile on 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:** Chairperson Judy Coy reports: Currently have 24 AD's. More are needed in other states. All ADs were welcomed aboard and given a listing of AD duties and a fact sheet about the association as well as a spread sheet containing a listing of the members that they are responsible for. A lengthy member update and verification process was undertaken this past winter/spring prior to the mailing of the annual newsletter. This assisted in updating and correcting personal information for members. ADs are asked monthly to send Birthday greetings to members in their area. Periodic roster updates are disseminated to ADs so that they have current info. Jack Butler volunteered to assist with North Carolina. 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. 808 registered users and over 1.3 million page views since activation August 2008. Nicely for action.



**12. 2012 REUNION:** Contract is signed with Radisson Hotel, in Branson, Missouri for 10-12 October. 7th Engr Assn decided at their Sept 2011 reunion not to co-locate with us. Detailed schedule and registration form uploaded to website and disseminated to members via email and included in the newsletter. Frantz for action.

**13. 2013 REUNION:** Location is Orlando, Florida. 11th Engr Assn indicated they will not co-locate with us. Contract is signed with The Royal Plaza Hotel in Walt Disney World with \$89 room rent for 25-27 Sept, 2013. Frantz for action.

**14. RECRUITING ACTIVE/RESERVE DUTY PERSONNEL:** Frantz reports 16 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. Frantz for action.

**15. MONUMENTS/MEMORIALS.** Getting United States Marine Corps Engineers appropriate recognition at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) is moving closer to reality. Major General (Retired) Mike Lehnert is the Honorary Chairman of the effort, a monument design contest has been completed, and a committee has been formed to review the submissions and select a design. After the design is selected, we will solicit cost estimates from artists or vendors and begin a fund raising campaign. Simultaneously, we will formally submit a proposal for construction to the NMMC. It's too early in the process to forecast a completion date, but the goal is to move as quickly as possible. Our mission is to construct a monument that pays tribute to all Marine Corps Engineers – past, present and future, regardless of unit or MOS.

**16. 2014 REUNION:** Frantz recommended & received concurrence that we focus on Camp Pendleton area during our next west coast reunion. Frantz for action.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. 2012 Awards.** The MarAdmin announcing this year's solicitation for awards was released 17 Jan, 2012. Due date is 30 April, 2012; after which, the Awards Board will commence to select the "best of the best". Frantz for action.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Frantz  
Secretary

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## ***– Quotes to Ponder –***

*It is one of the most beautiful compensations in life...we can never help another without helping ourselves.*  
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Commitment is what transforms a promise into a reality.*  
– Abraham Lincoln

*Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price,  
bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe in order  
to ensure the survival and success of liberty!"*  
– JFK



# FINANCIAL REPORT



We experienced the following differentials based on our original budget estimates:  
 General Fund: Income 139% of budget with all areas exceeding budget except Ship's Store Sales  
 Expenses 117% of budget with the bulk of the overage occurring in Reunion costs (mostly in the Awards Banquet)

## MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION Consolidated Income Statement 2011

	GENERAL FUND	ASSISTANCE FUND	MCEA TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>			
Memberships	\$ 11,415.00		\$ 11,415.00
Donations	\$ 3,939.77	\$ 760.00	\$ 4,699.77
Corporate Sponsorship	\$ 14,645.00		\$ 14,645.00
Reunion Fees	\$ 11,135.00		\$ 11,135.00
Interest Income	\$ 805.53	\$ 127.27	\$ 932.80
Ship's Stores Net Sales	\$ 63.04		\$ 63.04
Advertising Income	\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00
Shipping Fees	\$ 35.50		\$ 35.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 42,738.84</b>	<b>\$ 887.27</b>	<b>\$ 43,626.11</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Grants		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Charitable Donations	\$ 2,075.88		\$ 2,075.88
Awards	\$ 2,509.99		\$ 2,509.99
Reunion	\$ 17,044.92		\$ 17,044.92
Newsletter Printing & Mailing	\$ 2,637.45		\$ 2,637.45
Internet Expense	\$ 1,097.68		\$ 1,097.68
Other Print, Pub, Postage	\$ 942.74		\$ 942.74
Office Expense	\$ 1.32		\$ 1.32
Advertising	\$ 481.25		\$ 481.25
Gratis Issue-Ship's Stores	\$ 401.03		\$ 401.03
Inventory Loss/(Gain)	\$ 39.31		\$ 39.31
Misc Expense	\$ 596.70		\$ 596.70
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 28,094.67</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,594.67</b>
<b>INCREASE IN EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 14,672.17</b>	<b>\$ (612.73)</b>	<b>\$ 14,059.44</b>

Net Increase in Equity 213% of budget, thanks to the Income overage

### Assistance Fund

Income 40% of budget due to lower than anticipated donations

Disbursements 83% of budget since the committee held to \$1,500 rather than 15% of estimated balance

Net Decrease in Equity of \$612 as opposed to budgeted increase of \$400.



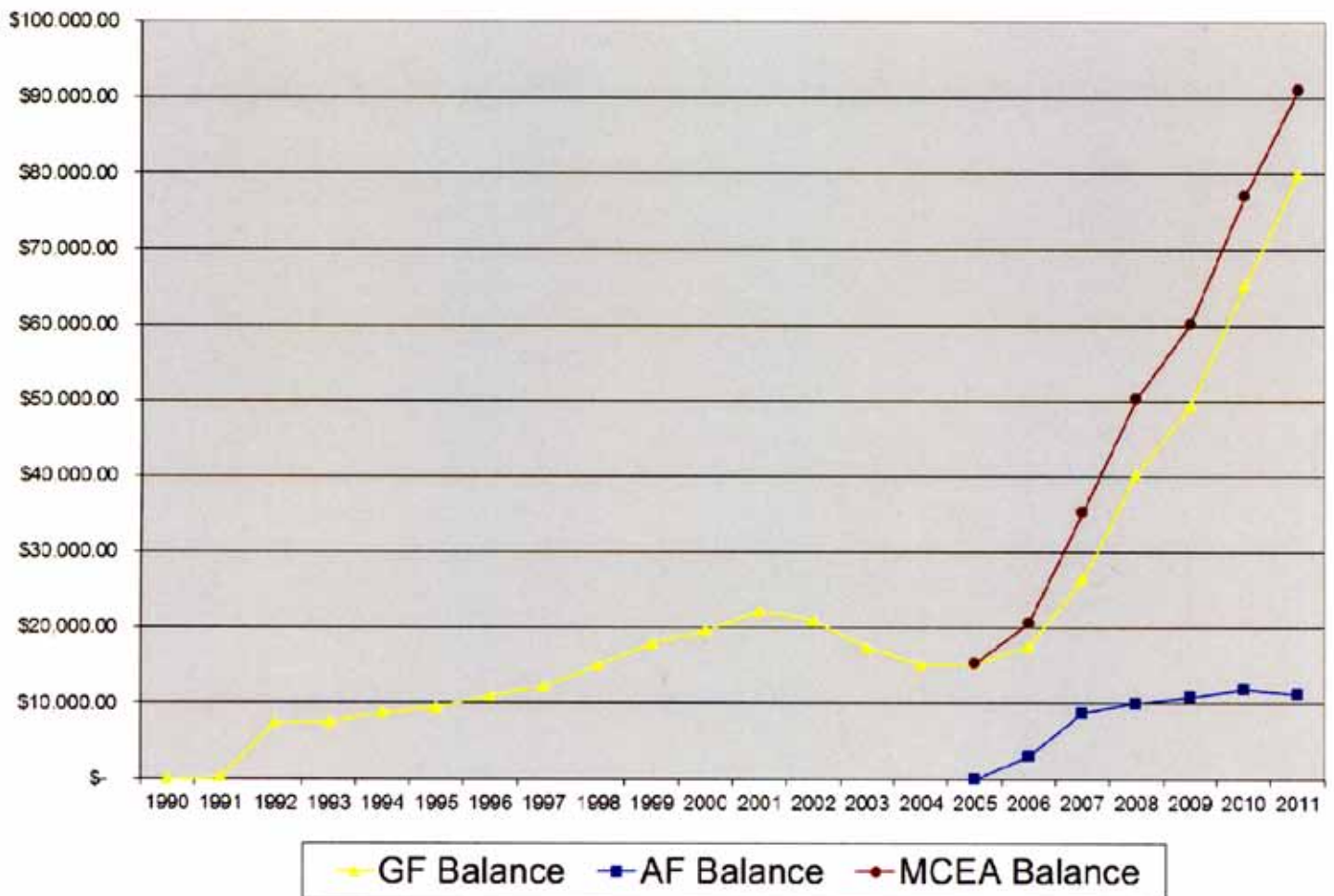


# MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

### 31-Dec-11

	GENERAL FUND	ASSISTANCE FUND	MCEA TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Bank & Cash Accounts	\$ 72,686.14	\$ 11,268.60	\$ 83,954.74
Fixed Assets	\$ 6,953.21	\$ -	\$ 6,953.21
Prepaid Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 79,889.35</b>	<b>\$ 11,268.60</b>	<b>\$ 91,157.95</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 79,879.35</b>	<b>\$ 11,268.60</b>	<b>\$ 91,147.95</b>



## **CORPORATE MEMBERS**

CATERPILLAR INC. DEFENSE & FEDERAL PRODUCTS  
ACCOUNT MANAGER: SCOTT TOMBLIN  
SPONSOR OF ENGR SPT BN TROPHY

CONCURRENT TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION  
REPRESENTATIVE: ROD PADGETT, SENIOR DIRECTOR  
SPONSOR OF UTILITIES INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

FORCE PROTECTION INDUSTRIES  
REPRESENTATIVE: TOMMY PRUITT, SR COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR  
SPONSOR OF COMBAT ENGR BN, COMBAT ENGR & EOD INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

HNTB FEDERAL  
REPRESENTATIVE: DAVID McMILLER, VP HNTB FEDERAL  
SPONSOR OF MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY TROPHY

KALMAR RT CENTER  
REPRESENTATIVE: DAVE PEACOCK, EXEC VP AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
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MARINE CORPS BULK FUEL ASSN  
REPRESENTATIVE: NATE WILSON, PRESIDENT  
SPONSOR OF BULK FUEL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS  
REPRESENTATIVE: DR. BOB WOLFF; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEREX CORPORATION  
REPRESENTATIVE: TOM MANLEY, VICE PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS  
SPONSOR OF NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE UNIT AWARD

INGENIEUR USA  
FOUNDER AND PRINCIPAL: MS. SAMANTHA SFERAS

PEARSON ENGINEERING  
REPRESENTATIVE: JOHN CROMPTON

QUALITY SUPPORT, INC  
REPRESENTATIVE: WAYNE GATEWOOD, JR; FOUNDER/OWNER

SCIENCE APPLICATIONS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
REPRESENTATIVE: ROBERT (SHANE) EVANS, DIV MGR, VP EXPED WARFARE & LOG

SEA BOX INCORPORATED  
REPRESENTATIVE: JAMES BRENNAN, JR; PRESIDENT

TACTICAL & SURVIVAL SPECIALTIES INC  
REPRESENTATIVE: BILL STRANG, PRESIDENT/CEO



## 2011 REUNION AND AWARDS

### *2011 REUNION*

Since 1998, our Association has coordinated with Headquarters, Marine Corps to conduct the Annual Awards Program which recognizes the Active and Reserve Marine Corps engineers, EOD personnel and USMC and Navy engineer units.

Last year's Reunion and Awards Banquet was held in San Diego 26-28 Oct. Award recipients and their family members came from all over the world to receive their justly deserved recognition from the 192 in attendance.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Guest of Honor, Brigadier General Niel Nelson for his sustained support and attendance.

Huge thanks are due to George Carlson, Jim Marapoti, Hank Rudge and Brad Foore for all the detailed support and preparation for our 3 day event. The level of success achieved is in direct relation to their attention to detail and diligence.

For the fourth year, the Society of American Military Engineer Assn paid the banquet fees for all of our award recipients and one guest each. Our special thanks to Dr. Bob Wolff, Executive Director of S.A.M.E. For the first time, SAME presented their USMC Engineer Officer and SNCO of the year awards at our banquet. Congratulations are offered to recipients: CWO 3 Tony Reiter and GySgt. Jerry Morris.

**Crowne Plaza Hotel:** The best, full-service hotel we've had! Having a hospitality room to accommodate our welcome reception, biz mtg and informal gatherings provided a very convenient setting. We had blocked 150 room nights, based on initial numbers who would attend, but actually used 63 rooms for total of 194 room nights. I've provided individual recognition to the Crowne Plaza Corporation as well as our total satisfaction with their facility and support of their personnel. The only negative comment I heard was regarding the free, all American breakfast buffet not being hot enough.

**Welcome Reception:** 77 registered, attended and enjoyed the time to get reacquainted, meet new members and family and enjoy the light hors d'oeuvres. Total income \$770; Total expense \$1057.86 (\$287.86 loss)

**Biz Meeting:** 41 registered to attend which included our briefers. The minutes are posted to our website and included elsewhere in this newsletter. Total income \$820; Total expense \$935.87 (\$115.87 loss)

**Awards Banquet:** Total of 192 attended our gala event held in the Hanalei Convention Center adjacent to the hotel. 186 paid to attend which includes the awardees & one guest each whose fees were paid by SAME; 6 were MCEA Guests. The catered meal, set up and ceremony was excellent. The Color Guard from HQSVC BN, MCRD, San Diego kicked off the event in grand style and after a delicious buffet meal, the raffle was held and Jim Newton's customized e-tool was won by Larry Varley of Sheridan, Texas. Following that was the highlight of the evening, the presentation of the awards to our individual Marines and the USMC & USN unit award recipients. And for the first time, Dr. Bob Wolff, Executive Director of the Society of American Military Engineers presented the annual USMC engineer service awards, along with RADM Handley, to CWO3 Tony Reiter and GySgt. Jerry Morris. For the previous two years, these awards were presented at SAME's JETC, held in May. Total income \$12645; total expenses \$12,169.07 (\$475.93 Net gain) The superb 289 pictures, taken by our professional photographer, Rich Carmer, PicturePhoenix@cox.net, who supported our 3 day event free of charge, can be viewed/downloaded from our website.

**Friday bus tour:** 47 registered to participate in the daylong event beginning with a guided tour of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum; followed by attendance at the weekly recruit graduation where 557 recruits finally earned the title MARINE! A stirring time for all of us who were fortunate to witness this superb, emotional and important event in the lives of these Marines and all their families and friends who came from all over the Country and indeed the World to witness this ceremony. Our very own BGen Nelson was the Parade Reviewing Officer. Lunch at the Bay View Club (previously O'Club) followed with a visit by MCRD CG, BGen Yoo and BGen Nelson, prior to his departure. After a windshield tour of the Depot, we dropped a few of our attendees off at the hotel and then proceeded to MCAS Miramar where we were treated to an engineer equipment display from the Marines of Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, the recipient of the MWSS Engr Co of the year award. Total income \$1175; total expense \$1052.69 (\$122.31 net gain)



**Sunday Morning, 30 Oct:** Those who remained through the weekend joined together for our last breakfast and many started their journey home that day.

**Financials:** Total income was \$27,015 and total expenses \$21,023.94. This includes award costs and sponsorship income. Of the income, \$14,245 comes from Corporate & individual sponsors. Net gain, excluding awards costs and sponsorship income was \$84.17.

Attendance roster

CATEGORY	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ATTEND	STATE	GUESTS NAMES
GUEST	1ST CEB		10	CA	
MBR	Anderson	Virgil	2	CA	PEARL FOLLETT
AWD	Battles	Robert	2	CA	CLARISSA BATTLES
AWD	Benedict	Daniel	5	CA	ANNMARIE STUMP, HEATHER & GADE WILKINSON
GUEST	Blenkle	Andy	1	CA	
MBR	Boutry	Norm	2	CA	BETTY SULLI BOUTRY
GUEST	Bowen	Edmund	1		
MBR	Butcher	Greg	1	CA	
MBR	Butler	Jack	2	NC	DEBBY BEALS
AWD	Caldwell	Robert	1	CA	
MBR	Carlson	George	2	TN	MIKKI CARLSON
GUEST	Carmer	Richard	1	AZ	
GUEST	Cochran	Veney	1	NC	
GUEST	Color Guard		4	CA	
AWD	Conkins	Dane	3	NC	BRIAN, BETTY CONKINS
MBR	Couser	Robert	1	VA	
MBR	DeHart	Joe	2	VA	DEBORAH DURNEY
AWD	Downs	Christopher	2	NC	MRS. DOWNS
AWD	Falu	Olumbey	2	OKI	JENNIFER SOTO
GUEST	Featherstone	Capt Robert	1	VA	
MBR	Feifs	Helmuts	1	NC	
AWD	Fletcher	Daniel	2	OKI	JENNY FLETCHER
MBR	Flowers	Jim	2	CA	CINDY
MBR	Foore	Brad	2	CA	KAREN
MBR	Ford	William	1	OR	
CORP	Frame	John	1	IL	
AWD	Francis	Capt	2	CA	1ST SGT STENNETT REY
MBR	Franklin	Dave	1	CA	
MBR	Frantz	Ken	5	NY	DIANA, TAMMY DIPOLITO, KRISTEL LEMEN, DAVE
MBR	Galloway	James	1		
AWD	Gonzales	Christian	2		RACHEL GONZALES
AWD	Gonzalez-Ramirez	Oscar	1	CA	
GUEST	Griffin	Jeff	1	CA	
GUEST	Handley	RADM	1	CA	
MBR	Harper	James	1	CA	
AWD	Harvey	Timothy	1	CA	
GUEST	Hecox	Capt Patrick	1	CA	





GUEST	Hermann	Greg	2	AZ	ROBERTA PURRIER
AWD	Hermann	John	2	CA	JENNIFER HERMANN
MBR	Hilliard	Tony	2	GA	PEGGY HILLIARD
MBR	Hoffmann	Ron	2	CA	MRS. HOFFMANN
GUEST	Howk	Wade	1	VA	
MBR	Irvin	Mel	1	CA	
MBR	Jeans	Duel	2	CA	PAMELA JEANS
MBR	Jones	Junior	3	CA	JENNIE JONES, MARY NEWMAN
GUEST	Karman	Alexander	1	FL	
GUEST	Kerlin	Jessel	1	UT	
MBR	Land	William	2	OH	MARY
MBR	Littell	David	1	CA	
MBR	Magee	Michael	3	CA	ESTHER MAGEE, CHRISTINA
MBR	Marapoti	Jim	4	NC	BARB, TRICIA; JASON JAKSHA
GUEST	McKenna	SgtMaj Paul	1	VA	
CORP	McMiller	Dave	2	VA	PAULA McMILLER
GUEST	Merino	Gayle	1	CA	
AWD	Montedoro	Joseph	2	NC	JANE MONTEDORO
AWD	Morris	Jerry	2	HI	TIMOTHY MORRIS
AWD	Morris	Michael	1	NC	
MBR	Murphy	Jim	2	CA	MYRA
GUEST	MWSS 372		7	CA	
GUEST	MWSS 373		10	CA	
GOH	Nelson	Niel	2	VA	1ST LT ASHLEE NELSON
GUEST	Newell	Jim	2	CA	
AWD	Niebel	Andy	1	CA	
GUEST	O'Leary	Brian	1	CA	
MBR	Olf	Nelson	1	CA	
GUEST	O'Neill	James	1	AZ	
GUEST	Osborne	John	1	VA	
AWD	Pruitt	George	1	NC	
CORP	Pruitt	Tommy	1	SC	
MBR	Qualls	Bob	3	CA	JULIE, NITA ERICKSON
MBR	Ramey	Pete	1	NC	
AWD	Reich	Robert	1		
AWD	Reiter	Anthony	10	OKI	
GUEST	Riquinha	Carlos	2	MA	JUNE RIQUINHA
AWD	Riquinha	Kevin	2	OKI	KATHERINE OSTIGUY
MBR	Rudge	Hank	5	NC	TINA RUDGE, CHARLIE & CAROLYN WITWOR
MBR	Rynders	Russell	2	WI	DeDe RYNDERS
MBR	Saenz	George	1	VA	



AWD	Simburger	SgtMaj Karl	2	CA	SHERRY SIMBURGER
MBR	Sinclair	Wayne	1	CA	
AWD	Sites	SgtMaj Robert	1	CA	
MBR	Skidmore	Kristofer	1	CA	
MBR	Solter	Harry	2	CA	ELAINE SOLTER
GUEST	Stackpole	LtGen Hank	1	HI	
MBR	Sumner	Don	3	CA	TRUDIE LATKA, VIRGINIA PLETTINCK
CORP	TEREX	Corp	1	CA	NIC NICHOLSON
GUEST	Torgerson	Ronald	1	CO	
MBR	Townsend	Ed	2	CA	SHELBIE TOWNSEND
MBR	Varley	Larry	2	TX	DARNELL VARLEY
AWD	Vazquez	Gabriel	2	CA	SARAH VASQUEZ
MBR	Wallace	Mike	2	CO	BECKY WALLACE
AWD	Willer	David	2	CA	SHELLY WILLER
CORP	Wilson	Nate	2	VA	EILEEN WILSON
CORP	Wolff	Robert	1	VA	
MBR	Wuerch	George	2	AK	BRENDA WUERCH
MBR	Wulfeck	Floyd	2	NC	JUDY WULFECK

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## 2011 AWARD RECIPIENTS

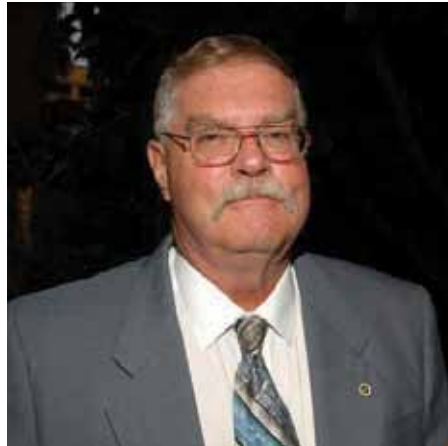
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	CAPT. J.R. MONTEDORO	8TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	GYSGT. J.G. MORRIS	CLB 3
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	CPL. D.R. BENEDICT	1ST CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	LCPL J.M. PEREZ	2D CEB
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO3 A.J. REITER	3D MAINT BN
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT SNCO	SSGT. D.J. FLETCHER	9TH ESB
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NCO	CPL. O.J. GONZALEZ-RAMIREZ	1ST CEB
ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MARINE	CPL. D. E. CONKINS	8TH ESB
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO4 M.S. MORRIS	8TH ESB
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT. J.L. HOFFMAN	1ST CEB
UTILITIES NCO	SGT. R.E. BATTLES	1ST CEB
UTILITIES MARINE	LCPL K.L. GORMAN	1ST CEB
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO4 B.T. CADIZ	MWSS 172
BULK FUEL SNCO	GYSGT. G.C. PRUITT	8TH ESB
BULK FUEL NCO	CPL. K.A. RIQUINHA	9TH ESB
BULK FUEL MARINE	LCPL. O.Y. FALU	9TH ESB
EOD OFFICER	CWO2 J.W. HERMANN	1STSPOPSBN
SSGT WILLIAM CALLAHAN MEMORIAL EOD TECH AWARD	GYSGT D.G. BENDER	7TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION	1ST CEB	1ST MARDIV
	3RD CEB	1ST MARDIV
ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION	8TH ESB	2D MLG
MWSS, ENGINEER COMPANY	MWSS 373	3RD MAW
NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE UNIT	NMCB 5	1ST NCD



## ***REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION***



*Brad & Karen Foore*



Dave Franklin



*Founder, Jim & Barb Marapoti*



Barb Marapoti & Diana Frantz



Ken Frantz



Jim Marapoti



George Carson



# *AWARDS BANQUET*



SgtMaj & Sherry Simburger



Hank & Tina Rudge



Ron & Mrs. Hoffmann



Larry & Darnell Varley



Norm & Betty Boutry



Russ & DeDe Rynders



Bill Ford & Dave Littell



Harry & Elaine Solter



Master Chief Gabe & Mrs. Vasquez



Jack Butler & Debby Beals







Joe DeHart & Deborah Durney



Mike & Becky Wallace



George & Brenda Wuerch



Virgil Anderson & Pearl Follett



Tony & Peggy Hilliard



Helmuts Feifs



Capt. & Jane Montedoro



Jennifer Soto & Olumbey Falu



Katherine Ostiguy & Kevin Riquinha



Julie & Nita Erickson with Bob Qualls





Trudie Latka, Virginia Plettinck, Don Sumner



June, Kevin & Carlos Riquinha



SgtMaj. Veney Cochran



Dave Frantz with Kristel Lemen



Charlie & Carolyn Wittwor



Hank & Tina Rudge



Gabe & Sarah Vasquez



Junior & Jennie Jones



Mike & Becky Wallace



Christina & Mike Magee







Mike & Esther Magee



Pam & Gino Jeans



Deborah Durney with Joe DeHart



Tony & Peggy Hilliard



Virgil Anderson with Pearl Follett



Ron & Mrs. Hoffmann



Russ & DeDe Rynders



Roberta Purrier with Greg Hermann



Larry & Darnell Varley



John & Jennifer Hermann





Dan & Jenny Fletcher



Dane, Brian and Betty Conkins



John & Jane Montedoro



Floyd & Judy Wulfeck



Nate & Eileen Wilson



MCRD Color Guard



Exec. Director, Ken Frantz



The Frantz Clan



Tony Reiter



Timothy & Jerry Morris







Greg & John Hermann



Jennifer & John Hermann



Roberta Purrier with Greg Hermann



Founder, Jim Marapoti accepting his well deserved award



Outgoing VP, Hank Rudge accepting his hard earned award



Incoming President, Jim Murphy



Guest of Honor BGEN Nelson -  
Thanks soooo much, Boss!



Jim & Myra Murphy with Special Guest,  
LTGEN Hank Stackpole



***Combat Engineers of the Year with Corporate Sponsor,  
Force Protection Industries, Mr. Tommy Pruitt***



LCPL Perez was unable to attend.

***EOD Marines of the Year with Corporate Sponsor,  
Force Protection Industries, Mr. Tommy Pruitt***



GYSGT Bender was unable to attend. Capt. Francis accepted his award.



## *Engineer Equipment Marines of the Year*





## *Utilities Marines of the Year*



SSGT. Hoffman was unable to attend: CWO Gonzales and Mr. Reich accepted on his behalf. LCPL Gorman was unable to attend, and CWO & Mrs. Gonzales accepted his award.



***Bulk Fuel Marines of the Year with sponsor,  
Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Assn, Mr. Nate Wilson***



CWO Cadiz was unable to attend.



***Co-Winners of the Combat Engineer BN of the Year with  
Corporate Sponsor Force Protection Industries***



***Society of American Military Engineer Awards Presented to CWO 3  
Tony Reiter and GYSGT. Jerry Morris.  
Presented by RADM Handley and Dr. Bob Wolff.***



***Engineer Support BN of the Year with Corporate Sponsor  
Caterpillar Inc. Representative, Mr. John Frame***



***Marine Wing Support Squadron, Engineer Company of the Year  
with Corporate Sponsor HNTB Representative, Mr. Dave McMiller***



***Naval Construction Force Unit of the Year with Corporate Sponsor  
Terex Representative, Mr. Nic Nicholson***



## 2012 REUNION

The Branson Radisson, 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson Missouri 65616, is our headquarters for the 2012 reunion and awards banquet. 13 miles from the Branson Regional Airport. We have \$90 run of the house room rates effective 7-15 Oct. Make your reservations now; cutoff date is 10 Sept. Nestled in the Ozarks, the Radisson hotel boasts a range of amenities to help guests enjoy a comfortable, relaxing getaway. Our hotel's services and facilities include an indoor/outdoor pool, wireless Internet access in all rooms and public areas, hot tub and sauna, full-service concierge desk, Fitness Center and a Business Center.

**Wednesday night reception 10/10/12, 1800-2100; \$10/person.** Cold snacks and sodas. Drawing at 1930; Western attire preferred, so wear your boots and blue jeans or civilian casual attire.

**Thursday Biz mtg 10/11/12, 0800-1300; Continental breakfast at \$25/person;** business casual

**Thursday tour to Downtown Branson:** 0830-1400; \$8; minimum of 14 and maximum of 21 for those not attending our business meeting. Casual attire and good walking shoes, with pick up at 8:30 am - drop guests off at Dick's Five & Ten in Historic Downtown Branson and then return to pick up guests at 2:00 pm at Belks (about five blocks away at the north end of the Landing). There is a free trolley that runs between downtown and the Landing. This way - you can explore both areas and spend as much time at each as you want to and have lunch wherever you want. You'll be provided a map of both the downtown shops and the Landing shops, with lists of the restaurants and the trolley route map plus a discount coupon book. This is all included in the \$8 per person fee.

**Thursday night banquet 10/11/12, 1800-2130:** We'll have the Land & Sea buffet with 3 entrees at \$45/person. Coat & tie; mini ribbons optional; MCL Red Blazer; Svc A uniform; informal evening attire for the ladies. 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner served, followed by Awards Banquet.

**Friday tour:** minimum of 24 required; 0830-1015 \$15 for round trip to Veteran's Memorial Museum (admission cost included) 1015-1430: \$59 Round trip to Branson Belle noon lunch, Lake Cruise and live music show; (price includes admission, but not gratuity) **OR** 0830-1430, \$67 for the combination of Veteran's Memorial Museum and Branson Belle lunch and cruise

*Reservations for Thursday and Friday's tour must be received prior to 1 September in order to ensure we have the minimum of paid attendees. Refunds for cancellations after 1 September will be based on our ability to cover minimum reservation requirements.*

### ***Showboat Branson Belle 2-hour Cruise on beautiful Table Rock Lake.***

*Our Memorial Service is held an hour prior to our cruise  
and it is a 10-15 minute long program.*

#### ***Showboat Branson Belle provides:***

- *Lectern, Microphone & Sound System*
  - *Marine Hymn on CD*
  - *Memorial Wreath & Stand*
- *All the "Branches of Service" Flags & USA Flag*
- *POW MIA Flag upon request*



### **\*\*\*PROGRAM\*\*\***

*We play the Star Spangled Banner/National Anthem on CD*

*We lead the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Play Marine Hymn on CD*

*At this time someone from our Group will  
say a few words followed with a closing prayer.*

*We close the Service with Amazing Grace and TAPS on CD..*

*Group dismissed to board the Showboat Branson Belle for cruise.*

The number one attraction in Branson for the past 50 years is Silver Dollar City. It is not to be missed. It is pretty much a full day activity though and you have to be okay with a certain amount of walking. <http://www.silverdollarcity.com/>.

Another draw is the new Branson Landing shopping and dining district which is located on the Lake Taneycomo waterfront and is right next to the Historic Downtown Branson area. More than 90 upscale shops and restaurants, street performers, fountains set to music, floating restaurants and more. It is fun place to spend a few hours.

Not to be missed is Dick's 5 & 10 just two blocks west of Branson Landing: <http://www.dicksoldtime5and10.com/>.

And of course, The Titanic, World's Largest Museum Attraction: <http://www.titanicbranson.com/>.

Marine Corps Bulk Fuel Assn: 2012 reunion is in Beaufort, SC, 3 thru 6 May at the Hilton Garden Inn. We will attend graduation at MCRD PI Fri. morning and meet for a pay as you go dinner Fri. afternoon (1630) at the Dockside Restaurant in Port Royal. Banquet and business meeting will be Sat. night at the Hilton. Social hour starts at 1700, dinner at 1800 and meeting to follow. For additional info. contact Floyd Wulfeck at [floydwulfeck@yahoo.com](mailto:floydwulfeck@yahoo.com) or Nate Wilson at [natewilson@aol.com](mailto:natewilson@aol.com) or call Nate at 918-605-2307.

9th Engineer Bn Association will meet 6-9 May, at the Palace Station Hotel in Las Vegas. Contact: [hshaw@bellsouth.net](mailto:hshaw@bellsouth.net)





## ENGINEER UNIT HISTORY



It has been 5 years since we published detailed information regarding our USMC Engineer units. Beginning this year, we'll include an update on several of our units and continue until we have them completed. A major contributor to this important project is our MCEA Historian, Phil Martin. Below is what Phil has to say. If you have memoirs, articles, pictures, etc that you can contribute, please contact Phil.

On or about 15 July 2011, I was informed I was being appointed as MCEA Historian. I agreed with this. Little did I know what I was walking into as documents began to come to me from every place in the U.S. I now have a lot of material stacked by writer so I can easily find the information to make a History Matrix. The History Matrix when finished will allow an individual

to follow a unit or battle from beginning to end. I now have four Excel sheets dedicated to be the base of the matrix and will start assembling this information very soon.

A lot of information has yet to be taken off of the CD I received from Col. Ken Frantz. Most of my hidden information can be found in Col. Jim Marapoti's history. I still have several units to enter on my matrix and I have yet to find their unit CO's and the information on the progression of a few of the units (Name changes, and legal movements or activation or deactivation). Aviation and Pioneer units are the hardest to find.

There are several sources of finding the information needed. The University of Texas Virtual Viet Nam, the Gray research Center at the Marine Corps University at Quantico, the internet, encyclopedias and Marines who were there should be tasked to remember what they can about their time spent in their respective units. Photos and artifacts are extremely useful in telling the Marine Corps story. Historical movies and documents are but a few resources at ones disposal. One other good source is the World Almanac of World War II. Included in my list of references: WW II Engineer Doc: FMRP 1252 : a Chronology of the USMC 1935-1946.

Finding the information for all of the units has become a little tough as in most cases I am being held up by other sources, such as Marine Corps Reserve Units, and the history section at Quantico is way under staffed and can only provide material to assist us when they have a minute to spare. I have been lucky, in that respect, due to locating sources of information coming from other Historians and Marines who served with a unit or was with the unit when a particular action occurred. I have really enjoyed speaking with these Marines and I have had an opportunity to learn a lot and gained a better insight to what actually happened in the past. Please contact me if you have information to provide, can assist in our historical efforts or questions about our projects.

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## ***1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION***

On 24 February 1941, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, then known as 1st Engineer Battalion, the unit was activated with the formation of the Headquarters and Service Company. All companies of the battalion were activated by 15 December 1941, just eight days after Pearl Harbor was attacked.

In August 1942, the battalion landed on Guadalcanal with the 1st Marine Division. Facing severe shortages of engineer equipment, the battalion used captured Japanese bulldozers and trucks to help complete the airfield and the defenses along the Marine perimeter. Serving as infantry at night, the engineers were kept busy repairing damage from Japanese bomber attacks.

The 1st Engineer Battalion fought in four other World War II campaigns: Eastern New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu, and Okinawa. Typical of the role the engineers played was an attack that “C” Company participated in on New Britain in 1944. Facing a well-entrenched enemy in swampy terrain, the engineers spent a torturous day building a corduroy road under direct enemy fire. In late afternoon, tanks were brought forward to lead the attack, but were unable to negotiate a 12 foot stream bank directly in front of the Japanese positions. Called upon to breach the final obstacle, two engineers moved forward on an unarmored bulldozer. Both were quickly killed, but another young engineer leaped aboard and managed to clear the way. That evening, the attack succeeded.

Following World War II, the battalion served in China on occupation duty, and then relocated to Camp Pendleton in 1947.

First Combat Engineer Battalion deployed to Korea in 1950 and participated in the brilliant landing at Inchon. During that conflict, the engineers participated in ten campaigns, but were best known for helping to lead the famous “breakout” at the Chosin Reservoir.

On 1 May 1957, the battalion was redesignated as the 1st Pioneer Battalion. In October 1962, elements of the battalion took part in the Cuban missile crisis. On 1 May 1963, the battalion was redesignated as 1st Engineer Battalion.

The battalion sailed for Vietnam in 1965, remaining there until 1971. Providing a variety of close combat engineer support throughout I Corps, the battalion also took part in the battle for Hue City. On 31 March 1976, not long after its return to Camp Pendleton, the battalion was redesignated 1st Combat Engineer Battalion which more closely reflects its specific mission.

On 17 August 1990, the battalion arrived in Saudi Arabia and began unloading MPF shipping and preparing defensive positions during Operation Desert Shield. Six months later, the engineers breached Iraqi minefields and obstacles as they attacked into Kuwait on 24 February 1991, in Operation Desert Storm. The liberation of Kuwait was secure on 28 February 1991 and the engineers prepared to return to the United States.

First Combat Engineer Battalion returned to San Mateo on 1 April 1991 and continued to provide engineering support to the 1st Marine Division.

From 29 December 1992 to 2 February 1993, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (-) (Fwd) deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia, in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE. During this period the battalion participated in the relief and security effort in Somalia. Elements of 1st CEB fortified positions and improved defenses at the US Embassy, Mogadishu Airport, and Mogadishu Stadium. Accomplishments during Operation RESTORE HOPE included 27 mines detected and recovered, 4 bridges reconnoitered, 55 road



culverts constructed and emplaced, and 127 miles of road work and repair.

During 1994, 1st CEB conducted several significant operations and training exercises. 3rd Plt, Company A, deployed with 2/9 to Ft. Sherman, Panama, from 6-30 January. Company B supported 5th Marines and 23rd Marines during GOLDEN PHEASANT '94 from 24 to 27 February. 1st CEB deployed 18 Marines to Kuwait from 6 to 24 April to participate in NATIVE FURY with 3/7. 1st CEB engineers constructed a mobile assault course at the Udari Range Complex, provided 3/7 with mobility/countermobility support and conducted cross training with the Kuwaiti Army Engineers.

In August of 1994, 1st CEB provided a company (rein) to the Wenatchee National Forest in Yakima, Washington, and the Kootenai National Forest in Libby, Montana, in support of Task Force Wildfire. This support was to help efforts in containing the wildfires in Tyee, Washington, and Koocanusa, Montana. A section of Marines were also deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation VIGILANT WARRIOR, I MEF's response to Iraq's military maneuvers on the Kuwaiti border.

A platoon (REIN) was deployed to Chilliwack, Canada, in January 1994 in support of the Royal Canadian Engineers. They conducted winter survival skills training, downhill skiing, and tactical movement in Arctic conditions. In April of 1996, the Battalion deployed to the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) in Bridgeport, California, to conduct Mountain Warfare Training Course 4-96. In May of 1996, elements of 1st CEB conducted JTF-6 missions in Imperial Desert, California. The Marines were responsible for the capture of over 300 illegal aliens and over 500 pounds of Marijuana during the mission. In September of 1996, a company-sized element from the Battalion deployed to the Umatilla National Forest in Oregon to fight wild land fires as a part of a disaster relief task force (DRTF) to the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC).

In December 1996, 1st CEB deployed two full line companies, Support Company, and elements of H&S Company for Operation STEEL KNIGHT VI. This operation took place at Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC) 29 Palms, and involved over 6000 Marines from every major unit comprising the ground combat element (GCE) of the I MEF MPF.

The battalion deployed two platoons in July of 1999 to support BRIGHT STAR Exercise in Egypt, providing force protection to the ground troops participating in the exercise. In June 2001, the battalion supported exercise RED REEF, Saudi Arabia, with one combat engineer platoon. During the exercise the platoon conducted bilateral live fire training with the Saudi engineers from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, Royal Saudi Marine Forces (RSMF). Additionally, the platoon landed in Aqaba, Jordan, for exercise INFINITE MOONLIGHT.

Following the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, a platoon with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) deployed to Afghanistan and supported the seizure of Bagram Airbase during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In early 2003, 1st CEB deployed to Kuwait for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In March, 1st CEB combined with 2nd CEB as the combat engineer element for the 1st Marine Division (REIN) and moved into Iraq in support of I MEF's march to Baghdad. Four combat engineer platoons remained in Iraq until late 2003 to provide support to the infantry battalions still located in the cities of Karbala, Diwaniyah, An Najaf, and As Samawah for Stability and Support Operations (SASO). By October 2003, all of the remaining platoons redeployed back to Camp Pendleton from Iraq.

1st CEB's companies returned to Iraq in March of 2004. Both Company C (REIN) and Company B (REIN) supported 1st Marine Division's Regimental Combat Teams (RCTs) 1 and 7 in Al Anbar Province. Two reinforced engineer platoons attached to MEUs also supported combat operations in Iraq. In July, the Battalion deployed a detachment to provide advanced IED training in theater. By October 2004, Company C and Company B redeployed back to Camp Pendleton, CA.

In 2005, 1st CEB platoons with both the 11th and 15th MEUs supported combat operations in Iraq. In March, an additional platoon joined combat operations in country. In September, Company C (REIN) deployed to western Al Anbar Province in support of RCT-2. Company C participated in Operation STEEL CURTAIN and operations in the vicinity of Haditha, Hit, Haqlaniyah, and Barwanah. In February 2006, Company B deployed to Al Anbar Province in support of RCT-5. Company C returned to



Camp Pendleton in March 2006, and subsequently deployed back to Iraq in August/September to relieve Bravo Company in Fallujah in support of both RCT 5 and 6.

From January to December of 2007, two line companies, Company C (rein) and Company B (rein), were deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Company C (rein) deployed ISO RCT-5 headquartered out of Camp Fallujah and Company B (rein) deployed ISO RCT-2. 3rd and 1st Platoons from Company A were also deployed in support of OIF while attached to the 15th and 13th Marine Expeditionary Units (Special Operations Capable) MEU (SOC), respectively. Through coordination and direction from Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC), the Battalion began forming a new company – Mobility Assault Company (MAC), formerly Company D (a cadre line Company) but with a new mission of armored assault breaching, motorized route clearance and gap assault gap crossing.

From January through June 2008, Company C (rein) and Company A 3rd CEB (rein) were deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). 3d CEB was in the process of being formed in 29 Palms CA, while 1st CEB managed initial equipment sets and personnel. Company C (rein) deployed in support of RCT-2 in Al Anbar Province, ending their deployment by being relieved by Company A 3rd CEB (rein).

In July 2008, the battalion executed Exercise Summer Heat, a multi-battalion Alternate Training Venue in 29 Palms, CA. During this month, Third Platoon, Company A, was deployed with the 15th MEU and en-route to Jordan. Company C began reorganization, forming two line platoons (1st and 2nd Platoons). 1st Platoon and Support Platoon, Company A, 3d CEB, conducted military operations in Iraq to include Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (AT/FP) improvements and demilitarization efforts. 2nd and 3rd Platoons, Company A, 3d CEB, conducted missions in Afghanistan to include raids, route clearance, cache sweeps, and AT/FP improvements.

In January 2009, the battalion was officially notified that they would be deployed to Afghanistan in support of operation ENDURING FREEDOM. This would be the first time since Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) 1 that the battalion headquarters would be deployed ISO Combat Operations. The Battalion Sappers conducted Sapper Squad Leader Course 01-09. 1st and 2nd Platoons of Company C began their deployment in support of OIF. Company B 1st and 2nd platoons and the company headquarters remained deployed to Iraq in support of OIF 08.2.

During the months of July through October 2009, the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion (1st CEB) operated with a Headquarters and Service Company (H&S), an Engineer Support Company (Supt Co), and a Mobility Assault Company (MAC) at Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan.

In February 2010, Company B deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Its primary mission was to provide mobility, counter mobility, and survivability support to Regimental Combat Team – 2. During the month of May 2010, Company A, 3rd Platoon deployed with the 15th MEU.

In October of 2010, 1st CEB deployed as a cohesive battalion to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM 10.2. During this rotation the battalion remained intact, employed in General Support to the Division, providing Direct Combat Engineer Support to the Regimental Combat Teams. The battalion deployed with Company C, Mobile Assault Company, Engineer Support Company, and Headquarters and Service Company. In addition, the Battalion was augmented with a company headquarters staff from Combat Engineer Company, Combat Assault Battalion, Okinawa Japan, and augmented with the 309th US Army Reserve Engineer Company based out of Arden Hills, Minnesota serving in a Route Reconnaissance and Clearance (R2C) role.

On 8 May 2011, 1st CEB returned from Afghanistan to begin their pre-deployment training for the next deployment in support of OEF 12.1. 1st CEB conducted a battalion exercise at Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) in Bridgeport, CA from 8 September to 7 October. 1st Platoon, Company A deployed in support of the 11th MEU on 14 November. 1st Platoon, Company B deployed to Afghanistan in support of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment on 27 November and 3rd Platoon, Company B deployed to Afghanistan in support of 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment on 3 December.

In April of 2012, 1st CEB again returned to Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM 12.1.



# **COMMANDING OFFICERS OF 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First IN</b>	<b>MI</b>
1939-1941	1st Lt	Riley	T	S
1941-1942	2nd Lt	Burnham	L	W
1942-1942	Capt	Frazer	J	G
1942-1944	Maj	Crockett	H	H
1944-1944	Maj	McGuinness	J	P
1944-1944	LtCol	Smith	C	W
1944-1946	Maj	Drummond	T	E
1946-1946	LtCol	Williams	E	M
1946-1946	LtCol	Shuey	C	M
1946-1949	LtCol	Brewer	J	C
1949-1950	LtCol	Figures	H	H
1950-1950	LtCol	Moore	F	R
1950-1951	LtCol	Partridge	J	H
1951-1952	LtCol	Kelsey	J	V
1952-1952	LtCol	Clark	H	D
1952-1953	LtCol	Augustine	F	W
1953-1954	LtCol	Joyner	J	M
1954-1955	LtCol	Coutts	L	G
1956-1958	LtCol	Witt	F	X
1958-1959	LtCol	Butler IV	J	J
1960-1961	LtCol	Turner	B	C
1961-1962	Maj	Hill	W	L
1962-1963	LtCol	Elliot	R	M
1963-1964	LtCol	Heinemann	H	
1964-1965	LtCol	Hetrick	L	W
1965-1966	LtCol	Aichele	J	R
1966-1967	Maj	Newton	C	O
1967-1968	LtCol	Cassedy	L	
1968-1969	LtCol	Hildebrand	D	H
1969-1969	LtCol	Mader	J	F
1969-1970	Maj	Winoski	W	M
1970-1971	LtCol	Glowicki	W	F
1971-1971	LtCol	Benstead	D	E
1971-1971	Maj	Harris	T	E
1971-1971	Maj	Solter	H	L
1971-1971	Maj	Schultz	J	T
1971-1973	Maj	Wall	C	N
1973-1976	Maj	McKeon	T	K



1976-1977	LtCol	Bernotas	A	A
1977-1978	LtCol	Lifset	E	W
1978-1980	LtCol	Smith	P	J
1980-1982	LtCol	Falkenbach	R	W
1982-1984	LtCol	Dumont	T	J
1984-1986	LtCol	Polyascko	G	J
1986-1988	LtCol	Cahill	R	E
1988-1989	LtCol	Kyle	W	P
1989-1991	LtCol	Kebelman III	F	C
1991-1993	LtCol	Holmquist	G	R
1993-1995	LtCol	Ellis	R	W
1995-1997	LtCol	Musca	J	I
1997-1999	LtCol	Wendel III	A	J
1999-2001	LtCol	Lottie	R	W
2001-2003	LtCol	Cyr	P	M
2003-2003	Maj	Jernigan	M	
2003-2004	LtCol	Hellman	R	S
2004-2006	LtCol	Couser	R	A
2006-2007	LtCol	Sinclair	W	A
2007-2008	Maj	Dwyer	B	M
2008-2010	LtCol	Callanan	M	J
2010-present	LtCol	Niebel	A	M

### **LINEAGE OF 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION**

1941-1949

DATED 24 FEBRUARY 1941 AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, AS THE 1ST ENGINEER BATTALION,  
1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1941 TO PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

RELOCATED DURING SEPTEMBER 1941 TO NEW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA

DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1942 TO WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

REDESIGNATED 12 JANUARY 1943 AS THE 1ST BATTALION, 17TH MARINES, 1ST MARINE  
DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 30 JUNE 1944 AS THE FIRST ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION,  
FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

GUADALCANAL

EASTERN NEW GUINEA

NEW BRITAIN

PELELIU

OKINAWA

DEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1945 TO TIENTSIN, CHINA





RELOCATED DURING JUNE 1947 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

1950-1964

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1950 TO KOBE, JAPAN, AND JOINED THE 1ST PROVISIONAL  
MARINE BRIGADE, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REDEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1950 TO INCHON, KOREA, AND JOINED THE 1ST MARINE  
DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT, OPERATING FROM

PUSAN PERIMETER

INCHON-SEOUL

CHOSIN RESERVOIR

EAST-CENTRAL FRONT

WESTERN FRONT

PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE, AUGUST 1953 –  
APRIL 1955

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1955 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

REDESIGNATED 1 MAY 1957 AS THE 1ST PIONEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET  
MARINE FORCE

REDESIGNATED 1 MAY 1963 AS THE 1ST ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET  
MARINE FORCE

1965 – 1975

REDEPLOYED DURING SEPTEMBER 1965 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

REDEPLOYED DURING JANUARY 1966 TO CHU LAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, JANUARY 1966 – APRIL 1971 OPERATING FROM  
CHU LAI

DA NANG

RELOCATED DURING APRIL 1971 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION NEW ARRIVAL, THE RELOCATION OF REFUGEES FROM  
INDOCHINA, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, APRIL – NOVEMBER 1975

1976 – 1999

REDESIGNATED 31 MARCH 1976 AS THE 1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION, 1ST DIVISION  
SUPPORT GROUP, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

REASSIGNED DURING MAY 1978 TO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA,  
AUGUST 1990 – MARCH 1991

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION RESTORE HOPE, SOMALIA, JANUARY – FEBRUARY 1993

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN FIRE-FIGHTING EFFORTS, WESTERN UNITED STATES, AUGUST-  
SEPTEMBER 1994

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION VIGILANT WARRIOR, KUWAIT, OCTOBER-  
NOVEMBER 2003

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 2004 – 2009

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, MARCH 2009-APRIL 2012



# **1ST COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION**

## **HONORS AWARDED**

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS

WORLD WAR II

GUADALCANAL – 1942

PELELIU – 1944

OKINAWA – 1945

KOREA

1950

1950

1951

VIETNAM

1966 – 1967

1967 – 1968

IRAQ

2003

JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD STREAMER

SOMALIA

1993

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

KOREA

1952 – 1953

SOUTHWEST ASIA

1990 - 1991

MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

VIETNAM

1969 – 1970

1986 – 1988

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND ONE BRONZE STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH “ASIA”

CHINA SERVICE STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER STARS

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND TWO BRONZE STARS

SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER

KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER

VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER





## ***2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION***

The 2d Combat Engineer Battalion was activated on 1 November 1940 in order to support 2d Marine Brigade. With existing Company A and the activation of the Headquarters and Service Company, Companies B and C were organized 6 December 1940 in San Diego, California. On 1 April 1941, the Engineers were assigned to Division Special Troops of the 2d Marine Division. On 4 November 1941, 2d Engineer Battalion was relocated to Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Upon Arrival, Headquarters and Service Company and Company A were assigned to construct Camp Caitlin, Oahu.

The 2d Engineer Battalion was relocated on 13 May 1942 to Camp Elliot, San Diego. From here, Engineers from Company A embarked for Guadalcanal, and participated in the landing on that island. On 8 September 1942 2d Engineer Battalion was redesignated as First Battalion, 18th Marines. During World War II, the Engineers of 18th Marines participated in Campaigns on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. 18th Marines was redesignated 16 August 1944 as the 2d Engineer Battalion. On 23 September 1945, 2d Engineer Battalion was redeployed to Nagasaki, Japan to begin its duty as on Occupational Force.

The 2d Engineer Battalion relocated to Camp Lejeune, during July 1946. A major redesignation took place on 17 May 1958 with 2d Engineer Battalion becoming the 2d Pioneer Battalion, 2d Marine Division. Engineers with BLT's 1/8, 3/6, and 2/2 landed in Lebanon during the summer of 1958. The 2d Pioneer Battalion maintained a combat-ready posture during the October/November Cuban Missile Crisis while on maneuvers in the Caribbean. Another change took place on 1 April 1976 when the 2d Pioneer Battalion returned to its former designation as the 2d Engineer Battalion. During the spring of 1965, Marines from 2d Engineer Battalion landed in the Dominican Republic on a peace keeping mission. Also, training exercises in numerous European and South American Countries were supported by Marines from 2d Engineer Battalion, who participated in civic action projects. On 15 April 1976 the 2nd Engineer Battalion was designated as 2d Combat Engineer Battalion.

In the 1970's and early 1980's the Battalion furnished Combat Engineer Support to the Battalion Landing Teams (BLT) in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, 29 Palms, Norway, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. From August 1982 to February 1984 Marines from 2d Combat Engineer Battalion were part of the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut, Lebanon. Late in October 1983, Combat Engineers landed and occupied the island of Grenada with the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit. The Battalion continued to provide Combat Engineer Platoons to the BLT's of the 22nd and 26th Marine Expeditionary Units and support elements of the Division throughout the world. During April 1990, elements of the Battalion supported Division units attached to Marine Forces Panama and participated in Operation "Just Cause". In August 1990, Company D, while deployed aboard the USS Barstable County off the coast of West Africa participated in Operation "Sharp Edge" assisting in the evacuation of civilians from Liberia. During Operations Desert Shield/Storm the Battalion deployed in support of the 4th MEB and the 2d Marine Division leading the Division through the myriad of obstacle belts into Kuwait. Engineers have participated in military operations in Bosnia, Haiti, and Cuba, and most recently, participating in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



**HONORS AWARDED**  
**PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION WITH ONE BRONZE STAR**  
**WORLD WAR II**  
**TARAWA – 1943**  
**IRAQ**  
**2003**  
**NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER**  
**SOUTHWEST ASIA**  
**1990 – 1991**  
**AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR**  
**ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND BRONZE STAR**  
**WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER**  
**NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH “ASIA” AND “EUROPE”**  
**NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS**  
**ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER**  
**SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS**  
**GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER**  
**GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER**

***Medal of Honor Recipients:***

First Lieutenant Alexander Bonnyman Jr. (Posthumously awarded. For actions against enemy forces on the island of Tarawa)

Staff Sergeant William J. Bordelon (Posthumously awarded. For actions against enemy forces on the island of Tarawa)

**COMMANDING OFFICERS**

Lt.Col August L. Vogt	16 August 1944 - 6 February 1945, 10 July 1945 - 24 July 1945
Lt.Col Joseph S. Reynaud	7 February 1945 - 9 July 1945
Maj. Richard D. Kirkpatrick	25 July 1945 - 5 October 1945
Lt.Col John H. Partidge	6 October 1945 - 17 April 1946
Maj. Harry D. Clarke	25 June 1946 - 20 October 1946
Lt.Col William W. Lewis	21 October 1946 - 21 April 1947
Maj. (Lt.Col) Robert L. Smith	22 April 1949 - 25 July 1950, 30 August 1950 - 4 April 1951
Maj. Emile P. Moses	26 July 1950 - 5 August 1950
Lt.Col James M. Joyner	5 April 1951 - 28 July 1952
Lt.Col George L. H. Cooper	29 July 1952 - 23 December 1953
Maj. Thomas F. Savage Jr.	20 May 1954 - 8 July 1954
Lt.Col Nathaniel Morganthal	9 July 1954 - 28 February 1955
Lt.Col William L. Batchelor	1 March 1955 - 4 May 1956
Maj. Charles C. Cresap	5 May 1956 - 23 July 1956
Lt.Col W. V. Schwebke	24 July 1956 - 20 October 1958





Lt.Col H. R. Gingher	21 October 1958 - 1 July 1959
Lt.Col J. W. Love	2 July 1959 - 3 June 1960
Lt.Col J. G. Dibble	4 June 1960 - 30 June 1961
Lt.Col J.F. Mentzer	1 July 1961 - 1 October 1962
Lt.Col R. E. Brandel	2 October 1962 - 1 April 1963
Maj. E. H. Jones	2 April 1963 - 17 September 1963
Lt.Col F. R. DeNormandie	18 September 1963 - 9 January 1966
Maj. J. J. Harp	11 May 1966 - 31 July 1966
Lt.Col E. A. VonOrde Jr.	1 August 1966 - 26 June 1967
Lt.Col J. F. Mader	27 June 1967 - 13 June 1968
Maj. T. W. Jones	14 June 1967 - 9 July 1968
Lt.Col G. B. Cornwall	10 July 1968 - 19 February 1970
Lt.Col W. W. Winder	26 February 1971 - 14 June 1973
Lt.Col C. F. Dininger Jr.	15 June 1973 - 8 July 1974
Maj. J. P. Burke	9 July 1974 - 7 August 1974
Lt.Col C. D. Wood	30 August 1974 - 15 August 1975
Lt.Col W. M. Winoski	16 August 1975 - 31 August 1977
Lt.Col J. G. Dixon	1 September 1977 - 18 June 1979
Lt.Col R. H. Huckaby	19 June 1979 - 1 July 1981
Maj. M. L. Ogilvie	2 July 1983 - 6 June 1985
Lt.Col K. D. Pricer	7 June 1985 - 18 December 1986
Lt.Col J.A. Marapoti	19 December 1986 - 21 July 1988
Lt.Col K. O. Randel	22 July 1988 - 15 December 1989
Lt.Col J. D. Winchester	16 December 1989 - 12 June 1991
Lt.Col M E. Swanstrom	13 June 1991 - 12 January 1993
Lt.Col J. H. Peagler.	13 January 1993 - 27 May 1994
Lt.Col J.C. Trealease	28 May 1994 - 15 June 1995
Lt.Col J. M. Jennings	16 June 1995 - 16 January 1997
Lt.Col Wissler	17 January 1997 - 25 July 1998
Lt.Col Anderson	26 July 1998 - 19 July 2000
Lt.Col Smith	20 July 2000 - 19 June 2002
Lt.Col Micucci	20 June 2002 - 22 June 2004
Lt.Col Ottignon	23 June 2004 - 23 June 2006
Lt.Col Brennan	23 June 2006 – 23 June 2008
LtCol Cordova	23 June 2008 – July 2010
LtCol Quehl	July 2010 – Present



*The 2d CEB Memorial & presentation of the MCEA Outstanding Cbt Engr to (then) L/Cpl Perez. BnCdr-LtCol Quehl, Cpl Perez, and Jim Marapoti. The memorial commemorates the twenty six Marines who have died during combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.*





## ***3D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION***

The Battalion began service to our Corps as 1st Bn, 19th Marines in September 1942 and was redesignated 3d Engineer Battalion two years later. From August 1957 till January 1962, the Battalion served as the 3d Pioneer Battalion, and then reverted back to 3d Engineer Battalion until September 1975 when redesignated to 3d Combat Engineer Battalion.

Tested under fire in every clime and place, 3d CEB continued to “Engineer the Best Fight.” Over the years, the Battalion has been employed throughout the western Pacific while remaining home ported at Camp Hansen, Okinawa. Deploying in support of Division and III MEF exercises to the Republic of Korea was a normal battalion annual event for “Team Spirit” and “Valiant Blitz.” The flag deployed on a variety of engineer exercises to the Philippines, Tinian, and Thailand and deployed to Camp Fuji, Iwo Jima, and the Marianas Islands. During its existence, 3d CEB’s companies or platoons provided support to the 4th and 9th Marine Regiments in the Republic of Korea, mainland Japan, the Philippines, and Thailand.

Mobility, countermobility and survivability training was the battalion’s main emphasis ensuring a high degree of combat readiness. The 1980s and 1990s saw an increase in disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and civic action operations.

3d CEB provided three companies to operations “Desert Shield/Desert Storm” between August 1990 and March 1991. “Alpha” Company deployed from Hawaii with the 1st MEB, “Bravo” Company deployed via amphibious shipping 15 August 1990 from Okinawa, and “Charlie” Company flew to “Desert Shield” and landed five days before the air war began. The Marines from 3d CEB raised the esteem and pride of the battalion through their efforts and sweat. Leading the way, engineers from 3d CEB participated in breaching operations with “Task Force Grizzly” and “Papa Bear.” Lance Corporal Kasey A. Krock of Bravo Company, attached to Alpha Company, 1st CEB, was awarded the Silver Star for his heroic actions during operation “Papa Bear.”

The 1993 Command Chronology shows Company B as Cadred but the rest of the Battalion continuing its high state of training and readiness. Company D was deactivated 9 February 1995. Headquarters & Service Company and Company C were deactivated 5 April 1995 and Engineer Support Company deactivated 6 Jun 1995.

As the 3d Combat Engineer Battalion units were being deactivated, Combat Engineer Company was manned and equipped and placed under the operational control of Combat Assault Battalion, 3d Marine Division on 24 April 1995. During this time, Combat Engineer Company (CEC) provided all the mobility, countermobility and survivability support to all of the 3d Marine Division no matter where the training or operations took them. A good example of this was the combat engineer platoon assigned to Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 1/3, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). On short notice, this unit deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2-2. The engineer platoon played a vital role in Operation Al-Faljr (New Dawn). The mission of the operation was to clear the city of Fallujah of insurgents and provide a secure and stable environment for the populace. The heroic battle was the largest urban assault that the Marine Corps had participated in since Seoul, Korea.

The Marines played a critical role in the assault beginning with a breach on D+2 for Regimental Combat Team 7. A mechanized breach was conducted to provide a lane through numerous mines and Improvised Explosive Devices. Throughout the next two months, the engineers conducted



upwards of 20 urban breaches a day in support of clearing operations. Numerous weapons caches were located by the platoon and destroyed. The Marines performed with honor, valor, and immense courage in this complex asymmetrical battle. After the assault, it was commonly remarked that Falluja, once the heart of the insurgency, was now the safest city in Iraq.

In October 2007, Company A was activated aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California. Platoons deployed in support of both Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

On 21 August 2009, 3d Combat Engineer Battalion (-) was reactivated under 1st Marine Division (Rein) on Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California. During October 2009 to February 2010, Company B deployed to Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) to provide Route Clearance and Reconnaissance (R2C) support. From April 2010 to November 2010, the battalion deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM 10.1 in Afghanistan under 1st Marine Division (Forward). This marked the first time since the Vietnam War that the battalion deployed as a whole. During this period, the battalion provided combat engineer platoons in direct support of infantry battalions, company headquarters in direct support of the Regimental Combat Teams, and Route Clearance and Reconnaissance companies to clear Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) from roadways. Company C, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion was attached to 3d CEB and served as straight-leg combat engineers; while Company A, 1st Tank Battalion was attached to 3d CEB serving as a R2C company. From October 2011 to April 2012, the battalion deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM 11.2 in Afghanistan under 2d Marine Division (Forward). Again, the battalion provided combat engineer platoons in direct support of infantry battalions, company headquarters in direct support of the Regimental Combat Teams, and Route Clearance and Reconnaissance companies to clear Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). Company A, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion was attached to 3d CEB and served as straight-leg combat engineers; while Company C, 1st Tank Battalion was attached to 3d CEB serving as a R2C company.

### **LINEAGE OF 3D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION**

1942-1946

ACTIVATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1942 AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORINA,  
AS 1ST BATTALION, 19TH MARINES AND ASSIGNED TO 3D MARINE DIVISION  
RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1942 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORINA  
DEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1943 TO AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND  
PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II CAMPAIGNS

BOUGAINVILLE

GUAM

IWO JIMA

REDESIGNATED 7 SEPTEMBER 1944 AS 3D ENGINEER BATTALION  
RELOCATED DURING DECEMBER 1945 TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA  
DEACTIVATED 12 JANUARY 1946

1946 - 1952

REACTIVATED 5 MARCH 1952 AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA, AS 3D ENGINEER BATTALION AND ASSIGNED TO  
3D MARINE DIVISION

DEPLOYED DURING AUGUST 1953 TO KOBE, JAPAN  
REDEPLOYED DURING FEBRUARY 1955 TO TENGAN, OKINAWA  
RELOCATED DURING JANUARY 1956 TO CAMP KAWASAKI, OKINAWA  
REDESIGNATED 28 JULY 1958 AS 3D PIONEER BATTALION  
RELOCATED DURING AUGUST 1958 TO CAMP KOZA, OKINAWA  
REDESIGNATED 1 MAY 1963 AS 3D ENGINEER BATTALION

1965 - 1995



DEPLOYED DURING JUNE 1965 TO DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
PARTICIPATED IN THE WAR IN VIETNAM, JUNE 1965 – OCTOBER 1969

OPERATING FROM

DA NANG

DONG HA

GIA LE

QUANG TRI

CUA VIET

CAMP CARROLL

CAM LO

VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE

REDEPLOYED DURING OCTOBER 1969 TO CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA

RELOCATED DURING NOVEMBER 1970 TO CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA

REDESIGNATED 15 MAY 1976 AS 3D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION FIERY VIGIL, PHILIPPINES,

OCTOBER 1990 – SEPTEMBER 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION DESERT STORM, SOUTHWEST ASIA,

JANUARY – APRIL 1991

ELEMENTS PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION SEA ANGEL, BANGLADESH,

MAY – JUNE 1991

DEACTIVATED 6 JUNE 1995

2007 – 2009

COMPANY A REACTIVATED 1 OCTOBER 2007 AT TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA, AND AS-  
SIGNED TO

1ST MARINE DIVISION (REIN)

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, 2008

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, 2008

ELEMENT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, IRAQ, 2009

APRIL – NOVEMBER 2010

PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AFGHANISTAN, 2010

### **HONORS AWARDED**

3D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION Battle streamer History

Third Combat Engineer Battalion has a long and decorated history. This is made evident by each Battle streamer attached to our Battalion Colors. Each Streamer is a testament to Third Combat Engineer Battalion's participation in battle ranging from World War II to our current participation in Afghanistan. These streamers embody the men of 3d CEB that stand before on the parade field and the many men who have given the ultimate sacrifice under our colors.

The streamers you see on our Battalion Colors signify the following awards and citations:

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND FOUR BRONZE STARS

NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER STAR

WORLD WAR II VICTORY STREAMER

NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE STREAMER WITH "ASIA" CHINA SERVICE STREAMER

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS

KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION STREAMER

KOREAN SERVICE STREAMER WITH ONE SILVER AND FOUR BRONZE STARS

ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER





VIETNAM SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO SILVER AND THREE BRONZE STARS  
 SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE STREAMER WITH TWO BRONZE STARS  
 VIETNAM CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM STREAMER  
 VIETNAM MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION CIVIL ACTIONS STREAMER  
 NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION STREAMER  
 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY STREAMER  
 GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE STREAMER  
 IRAQ CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH THREE BRONZE STARS  
 AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN STREAMER WITH ONE BRONZE STAR

**COMMANDING OFFICERS OF 3D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION  
 SINCE REDESIGNATION 1 MAY 1963**

Maj WL Persec	Jan 62-May 62
LtCol JH Cavallero	May 62-Jun 63
LtCol JR Einum	Jun 63-Aug 63
LtCol CC Cresap	Aug 63-Aug 64
LtCol CN Wann, Jr	Aug 64-May 65
LtCol NJ Dennis	May 65-May 66
Maj CJ Smith	May 66-Jun 66
Maj CD Wood	Jun 66-Sep 66
LtCol GM Pearce, Jr	Sep 66-Feb 67
LtCol JH Reid, Jr	Feb 67-Oct 67
LtCol RC McCutchan	Oct 67-Nov 67
LtCol JW Perrin	Nov 67-Mar 68
Maj RS Krolak	Mar 68-Sep 68
LtCol WA Persec	Sep 68-Apr 69
LtCol JR Lilley	Apr 69-Aug 69
LtCol RC Damm	Aug 69-Sep 69
LtCol JW Medis	Sep 69-May 70
LtCol EK Maxwell	May 70-Aug 70
LtCol DD Crews, Jr	Aug 70-May 71
LtCol CR Gibson	May 71-Jan 72
Maj RF Goins	Jan 72-Aug 72
Maj WH Long	Aug 72-Jun 73
LtCol PJ Shank	Jul 73-Sep 73
LtCol JW Marks	Sep 73-Aug 74
Maj RK Wiederhold	Aug 74-Aug 74
LtCol JC Thorp	Aug 74-Sep 75
LtCol LT Nappi	Sep 75-Oct 76
LtCol KP Millice, Jr	Oct 76-Oct 77
Maj RJ Gadwill	Oct 77-Dec 77
Col JB Townsend	Dec 77-Nov 78
Col DR Mabry	Nov 78-Jul 79
LtCol JJ Kirkpatrick	Jul 79-Jul 80
LtCol CE Barnett	Jul 80-Jul 80
LtCol GR Melbaum	Jul 80-Nov 80
LtCol HL Luttrell	Nov 80-Jul 81
Maj RG Wilmes	Jul 81-Jun 82

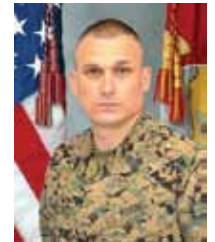


Maj HG Rudge	Jun 82-Jul 82
LtCol PR Catalogne	Jul 82-May 83
Maj AE Flores	May 83-Jun 83
LtCol DE Crais	Jun 83-Jul 84
LtCol RW Schumacher, Jr	Jul 84-Jul 86
LtCol MD Kolar	Jul 86-May 88
Ltcol JD Terry	May 88-Nov 89
LtCol KD Frantz	Nov 89-Jun 90
LtCol WA Spencer	Jun 90-Jan 92
LtCol FA Panter, Jr	Jan 92-Jun 93
LtCol R Tiberg	Jun 93-Jun 95
LtCol JH Bain	Aug 09-Jun 11
LtCol JP Sullivan, Jr	Jun 11-Present



## ***4TH COMBAT ENGINEER BN***

Lineage  
1943-1945



Activated 25 August 1943 at Camp Pendleton, California, as Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 20th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. Deployed During February 1944 to the Pacific Area. Redesignated 31 August as Headquarters and Service Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. Participated in the Following World War II Campaigns:

KWAJALEIN  
SAIPAN  
TINIAN  
IWO JIMA

Redeployed During October 1945 to Maui, Territory of Hawaii. Relocated During November 1945 to Camp Pendleton, California Deactivated 15 November 1945.

1951-Present

Reactivated 1 November 1951 at Baltimore, Maryland, as Headquarters Company, 1st Engineer Battalion, USMCR. Redesignated 1 July 1962 as 4th Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, USMCR.

Redesignated 1 June 1976 as 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, USMCR. Participated in Numerous Training Exercises throughout the 1970's and 1980's. Called to Active Duty 22 January 1991 to Participate in the Persian Gulf War. Released from Active Duty 1 April 1991. Participated in Numerous Training Exercises Throughout the 1990's.



In January 2003 the Battalion activated and deployed personnel in support of the Global War on Terror. Marines from the Battalion's line companies as well as the Battalion Staff deployed to the Horn of Africa, Kuwait and Iraq. Marines deploying to Africa served as a Provisional Rifle Company. Marines deploying to Kuwait and then into Iraq Served as the I MEF Engineer Group Staff, traditional engineers attached to Regimental Combat Teams and as the 5TH Provisional Civil Affairs Group during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In addition to supporting the Global War on Terror, Marines from 4th CEB are highly active in supporting their local communities and upholding the highest traditions of our Corps. Marines from 4th CEB have been involved in a highly successful Toys For Tots program, supporting funerals for our fallen comrades in arms, representing the Unit at formal events and just recently supported a meal for injured Marines and Sailors families at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Marines also continue to complete annual training requirements, attend two week annual training exercises and observe the tradition of the Marine Corp's Birthday Ball.

2006-Extensive OCONUS pre-deployment training; Multiple deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; Annual Training in Morocco in support of African Lion

2008-Exercise BEYOND THE HORIZON CENTRAL AMERICA (HONDURAS); Deployed to Pisco, Peru, to assist with rebuilding a city devastated by an earthquake, both in support of Partnership of the Americas 2008; Multiple deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with 1st Bn, 2D Marines; Multiple deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom conducting route clearance and C-IED operations; deployment to Australia and participate in Exercise TALISMAN SABER with III MEF

2009-Continued support of Overseas Contingency Operations supporting Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom with over 200 Marines and Corpsmen deployed to MNF-W's mission in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq and in support of ISAF forces throughout Afghanistan; Deployed to Australia and participate in Exercise TALISMAN SABER; Deployed to the Dominican Republic in support of Exercise BEYOND THE HORIZON.

2010-Multiple deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; Humanitarian efforts in Alaska rebuilding infrastructure.

2011-Multiple Deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; Annual Training in Morocco in support of African Lion

## COMMANDING OFFICERS

LtCol N.A. Canzona	1965 - 1966
LtCol M. Shaw	1966 - 1971
LtCol C.M. Schmieg	1971 - 1971
Maj J.C. Beazell	1971 - 1972
LtCol W.R. Bosley	1972 - 1975
LtCol R.B.D. Crawford	1975 - 1976
Maj H.R. Sullivan	1976 - 1977
LtCol R.E. Nippard	1977 - 1979
LtCol A.F. Schuster	1979 - 1981
LtCol H.R. Sullivan	1981 - 1983
LtCol W.M. Kerr	1983 - 1985
LtCol M.C. Hickey Jr.	1985 - 1987
LtCol M.W. Henig	1987 - 1989
Col W.E. Sanders	1989 - 1991
Col G.W. Enders	1991 - 1993
LtCol T.M. Cook	1993 - 1995
LtCol R.B. Turpin	1995 - 1997
LtCol R.L. Miller	1997 - 1999
LtCol F.D. Shroyer	1999 - 2001



Col M.C. Howard	2001 - 2004
LtCol C. S. Wessinger	2004 - 2006
LtCol L. F. Henigan	2006-2008
LtCol P.J. Finan	2008-2010
LtCol B. Richmond	2010-Present

## **INSTRUCTOR INSPECTOR**

LtCol L. Cassidy	1968 - 1970
LtCol J. M. Butler	1971 - 1973
LtCol W. E. Phelps	1973 - 1976
LtCol K. P. Millice	1976 - 1979
LtCol C. A. Sakowicz	1979 - 1980
LtCol J. S. Walker	1980 - 1983
LtCol T. L. Koscia	1983 - 1985
LtCol R. I. Edwards	1985 - 1987
LtCol K. D. Pricer	1987 - 1988
LtCol F. C. Winter	1988 - 1990
LtCol D. C. Kleveno	1990 - 1992
LtCol E. J. Maguire	1992 - 1993
LtCol M. J. Perry	1993 - 1995
LtCol S. E. Ferguson	1995 - 1997
LtCol D. B. Bixler	1997 - 1999
LtCol M. L. Haskett	1999 - 2001
LtCol R. G. Gentry	2001 - 2003
LtCol K. J. Wall	2003 - 2005
LtCol D. E. Humpert	2005 - 2007
LtCol J. Miller	2007-2009
LtCol D. Kramer	2009-2011
LtCol J.W Garza	2011-2013

### *Courage is...*

Following your conscience instead of “following the crowd”.

Refusing to take part in hurtful or disrespectful behaviors.

Sacrificing personal gain for the benefit of others.

Speaking your mind even though others don’t agree.

Taking complete responsibility for your actions...and your mistakes

Following the rules - and insisting that others do the same.

Challenging the staus quo in search of better ways.

Doing what you know is right - regardless of the risks and potential consequences.





# From a Dream to Reality

Compiled by Phil Martin with input from Founder, Jim Marapoti and plank holder, Jack Moore

Dreams do not always take the shape we desire; such was the case of our Marine Corps Engineer Association. This dream had been discussed by several Officers and SNCO's (Staff Non Commissioned Officers). One or two people do not necessarily constitute an association. Col. Jim Marapoti had dreamed of an Association for Marine Engineers. In 1991 Col. Jim Marapoti, MGySgt George Hillebrand, MGySgt John Gallagher and others decided to make the dream a reality. The biggest obstacle to overcome was to get other Marines to also believe in the dream. A lot of things had to go right for this venture to happen. Col. Marapoti and others finally convinced many Marines of the benefits of awarding those Marines in the Engineering and Utilities fields. There were several obstacles to overcome before the Association could become a reality. Here's what Jim has to say:

"For many years, there were discussions about joining past and present Marine Corps Engineers together fraternally and professionally. There were a few engineer battalion organizations and the ad hoc engineer organization in SoCal. Contacting these organizations, there was no interest in a broad based MCEA.

Upon returning from deployment to MarCent during ODS, and mindful of the critical role and illustrious performance of Marine Corps engineers, I set about to push hard for starting an organization for Marine Corps Engineers. After looking at several sets of bylaws of Marine Corps sponsored associations, I chose to use Mustang, Reconnaissance and Marine Corps Aviation Bylaws as a template for a Marine Corps Engineer Association. While interest within the Active Duty Establishment was lukewarm, and given the scope and depth of organization challenges, several retired Marines in the Jacksonville area enthusiastically supported such an effort, significant of which were George Hildebrand and John Gallegher (Iwo Jima vet). Additionally, the effort was supported by several active duty including Mike O'Mahoney, Tim Foley and Jack Moore, Tim and Jack being on the MCES Staff.

Tim Foley proof read and edited the ByLaws and correspondence to HQMC regarding Sanctioning of a "Marine Corps Assn using the Official Eagle Globe and Anchor. Jack Moore developed our MCEA lapel pin from the US Army engineer castle lapel pin and a miniature EG&A. Jack also was instrumental in gathering a wide range of Marine Corps equipment and captured Iraqi vehicles for display at the MCES as an engineer equipment display and assisted w/the first reunion.

George Hildebrand reviewed and edited the IRS 501C19 (veterans org) application while John Gallagher put together our NC Articles of Incorporation. Col (Ret) Fred Olson provided "Grey Beard" advice on organizational and USMC and II MEF coordination matters.

After a couple meetings of interested retirees, Mike O'Mahoney and several MCES staff, and successful applications required to get the assn started, an Executive Committee was formed and plans were made to hold an inaugural Reunion in May, 1992.

We conducted our first Reunion at Camp Lejeune in 1992 and were supported by several Corporate Sponsors. The Reunion was successful and provided a platform for improvements and expansion of the MCEA.

The Engineer Equipment Display at MCES, including 4 species of dozers, mine and gap breaching equipment, generators and the last surviving well drilling set lasted a couple years but were sent to DRMO due to reduced interest in maintaining the visual aspects of the museum (wire brushing rust and applying green paint)

During 1996-1998, the MCEA Awards program was formulated. It was patterned after the MC Aviation Assn's awards program. I drafted awards for all MOSs as well as outstanding Formal School Instructors and Research, Development and Acquisition Officer. It took nearly 2.5 years to get a solid consensus on the Awards Program. HQMC assistance was provided by Dave Kramer to staff the awards Marine Corps wide, as well as ALMAR procedures. The first awards were issued in 1998 and have expanded over the years."

MCEA member, Jack Moore, LtCol USMC (Ret) offered the following: As far back as my days as a 2nd Lt, Then Capt Marapoti DEMANDED all new Engineer Officers become Members of the Local Society of American Military Engineers Chapter while at MCES. It was a stroke of genius



and a superb professional organization. He got us off on the right foot. One of the early steps was to have the Association Incorporated in North Carolina. A 501 (c) 19 status as a nonprofit military Veterans Association was requested by John Gallagher and George Hillebrand, and received from the State of North Carolina. A Logo was needed and the creative minds of the founders came up with the perfect design. I know all about the Logo. Col Marapoti picked up a Magazine on an airline while returning from a TAD Trip to Israel and IMI (Israeli Military Industries, manufacturer of the Towed Assault Bridge and the Desert Eagle Pistol) which advertised a company which would make Lapel Pins for your Company or organization. Yours truly got the job of getting them made for MCEA. I still have several of the originals. The MCEA logo was made from the logo done for the Marine Corps Engineer School which was made for the building BB28 cupola which was reinstalled after over ten years without it on the roof. A request had to be sent to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps to request permission to use the Marine Corp logo with a modification so the emblem could be put on the Castle logo.

Jim Marapoti NEVER sleeps !! He has ALWAYS got something going on and/or in the works to improve Combat Engineering in the Corps. Tim Foley and I would go run with him at MCES at the Noon Hour. We all would get talking, The runs would last for over an hour and cover over 10 miles of Tank Trails. Col Marapoti ALWAYS returned having fully discussed issues and reached a decision! Talk about “Multi-Tasking” ! The Engineer Association went from a dream of a few to the Association it is today with about 900 members. The original members had to jump through a lot of hoops and due a lot of research to make this Dream a reality.

Col Ken Frantz has REALLY pushed things along as well and gotten us on the WEB and organized the Email awards boards for selecting the award nominees. Another superb leader with whom I have served, he literally has taken the association into the 21st Century. Our VP, Capt Helmut Feifs (Viet Nam decorated Vet) is after many of us with tasking as well. Today the Engineer Association has a decent war chest to meet the demands of improving and building a super fine Engineer Association with a large number of dedicated members to assure its success.

It has now been twenty years since the start of Jim Marapoti’s Marine Corps Engineer Association and a lot of improvements have been made. A lot of work goes into improving the Association yearly and the dividends are easily seen in the young Engineers eyes as they receive their awards. In addition to individual awards the MCEA recognizes the outstanding units of the year. The Association also has an Assistance Fund to assist members and their families through some of the hard times. In conclusion the Engineer Association has been transferred from an idea to a living, vibrant association that is here to assist its members and seeing the Marine Corps’ best Engineers prosper into the leaders of tomorrow.

	5/92	9/92	3/96	6/98	1/01	5/04	10/05	6/06	4/07	10/07	10/09	10/11
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## "A TOAST TO THE FLAG"

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Here's to the Red of it –  
There's not a thread of it,  
No, nor a shred of it  
In all the spread of it,  
From foot to head  
But heroes bled for it,  
Faced steel and lead for it,  
Precious blood shed for it,  
Bathing it Red!

Here's to the White of it –  
Thrilled by the sight of it,  
Who knows the right of it  
But feels the might of it  
Through day and night?  
Womanhood's care for it  
Made manhood dare for it;  
Purity's pray'r for it  
Keeps it so White!

Here's to the Blue of it –  
Beauteous view of it,  
Heavenly hue of it,  
Star-spangled dew of it  
Constant and true;  
Diadems gleam for it,  
Liberty's beam for it  
Brightens the Blue!

Here's to the Whole of it –  
Stars, stripes and pole of it,  
Body and soul of it,  
O, and the roll of it,  
Sun shining through;  
Hearts in accord for it  
Swear by the sword for it,  
Thanking the Lord for it,  
Red, White and Blue!





