



# ENGINEERS UP!

**2015 Newsletter**





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Looking Back and Looking Forward

Almost a year ago now, our Marine Corps Engineer Association plan to design, construct and dedicate a monument devoted to honoring Marine Corps Engineers, past and present, as well as our affiliated service partners concluded in superb fashion. Located in Semper Fidelis Memorial Park adjacent to the National Museum of the Marine Corps, our heritage has been honored in stone to serve as an eternal emblem of pride and accomplishment. We are each and every one of us “commemorated” - if I may be so bold as to use that term - with a tangible vestige of who we were, who we are, and who Marine Engineers will always be.



Through the vision of a talented group of leaders in your Executive Committee, with special attribution to our Executive Director, Ken Frantz, and Treasurer, George Carlson, project officer Jim Marapoti, and our Monument Committee, we attained a seminal achievement. If you have not visited our monument or had the opportunity to review the website documentation and videos of the event, please do so. You will be honored and impressed with how you and your achievements have been recognized. Former Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Al Gray, and a host of members and guests attended the event.

Fast forward to our 2014 reunion in Pala, California, in September. What a wonderful event that turned out to be with a successful set of briefings from active duty representatives about what our current Marine Corps Engineers are doing and how they are doing it. Our corporate sponsors were present and took an active part in all our activities. We held our annual business meeting, counted our money through the detailed guidance of our Treasurer, closed out old business and opened new ideas for future initiatives.

We currently have ongoing initiatives for the MCEA Monument Brick Program - you will learn more about that in this newsletter - our 2015 Membership Committee, and new activities targeted to advancing our Publicity Campaign. Would you be energized to join one of these groups to increase manpower efforts to improve ourselves? All you need to do is let us know and we will ensure you are engaged.

Plans are being finalized for our 2015 reunion in Jacksonville, NC and you'll find the agenda and gathering details elsewhere in our newsletter. We sincerely hope you will plan to join us if you possibly can. Your Association provides an outstanding platform for ongoing service, an opportunity to participate in your Association with new ideas and projects, and devoting yourself to furthering our engineer heritage in new directions.

Thank you for your membership, your continuing interest in things Marine Corps Engineer, and in blessing our mutual benefit with your thoughts, prayers and service.

God Bless and Semper Fi. Engineers Up!

Charlie



# MCEA OFFICIALS & KEY SUPPORTERS

## Executive Committee

President:	Major Charlie Dismore, USMC (Ret)
Vice President:	LtCol Tony Raniszewski, USMC (Ret)
2d Vice President:	MSgt Joe DeHart, USMC (Ret)
Treasurer:	LtCol George Carlson, USMC (Ret)
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Historian:	Col Robin Gentry, USMC (Ret)
Secretary:	Col Ken Frantz, USMC (Ret)
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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)
Permanent Associate Director:	MSgt. Phil Martin, USMC (Ret)
<u>Other</u>	
Webmaster:	Vet, Geoff Nicely, USMC
Obituary search:	Pam Jeans
TWS profile of fallen Engrs:	Vet, Judy Coy and Pam Jeans

## ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

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



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

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

COY

JOHN CHAMPEAU of Virginia Beach, VA. One of our VA ADs. During the past year, I maintained contact with those members in my region and provided updates to our records, made birthday calls and encouraged our members to attend the Monument dedication at the NMMC as well as soliciting others to donate to this monument. The dedication ceremony was awesome and I had a chance to reconnect with many engineers that I served with. Seeing Gen. Al Gray again was a plus. I encourage those who can, to visit this fine memorial and to do so as often as you can. I guarantee you will be inspired!!



SOAPY



ROGER COHOE of Lewiston, MI has assumed AD duties for MI, MN, OH

JOE COOMBS of West Jefferson, NC; one of our NC ADs.

GLENN DAEHNKE of Westhampton, NJ has assumed AD duties from Ken Osterman.



DEHART

JOE DeHART of Bedford, VA assists with our Virginia members. Since last report, I was able to get a better handle on my duties as AD, still working out a few issues as to the passing of information. Was able to contact all members in this region by e-mail and did talk to all by phone.

Bill Ford of Corvallis, OR I was notified of my appointment as Assistant Director by Ken November 25, 2014 and worked about 6 hours since then reviewing the roster of the MCEA members in the States of Oregon and Washington. I created my own data base with sorts by State, Birthdays by month, and phone numbers of the 27 members in my assigned states. Of course this was all unnecessary because Ken is so well organized and sends sorted rosters out which are sorted and updated to assist in the calls.



FORD

While I spoke to most of the members and verified the information and introduced myself, on several I had to leave messages with my home number and cell number for any changes, updates and call backs. I will call them again on their birthdays.



FRANTZ

I look forward to continuing with contact with members this year and seeing as many as possible at the reunion in Camp Lejeune this September.

KEN FRANTZ of Conroe, TX has assumed responsibility for our members in the Lone Star State and a great group of patriots they are!

TONY HILLIARD of Tucker, GA. Continues serving as our only GA. AD. I was recently able to contact 6 of 9 MCEA members in Georgia. Mrs. Julie Hardison was very happy and impressed with the response of the MCEA members who sent her husband John, some Christmas and Get Well wishes during the holidays. John is suffering from dementia and has difficulty remembering things. However, the videos that Ken Frantz sent to him produced a noticeable reaction when he viewed them. The family is extremely grateful and proud to be part of the Marine family. Bravo Zulu to all who participated. Mrs. Hardison advised that Col. Harris, former CO of 7th Engrs stopped by the house on his way to FL. That was VERY IMPESSIVE and did wonders for all concerned.



HILLIARD

I also spoke with Mrs. Dixie Viers, wife of our deceased member, Lt. Col W. "Gus" Viers, who was a former CO of 8th Engrs. She is 100 years old and going strong. She wants to continue receiving the MCEA Newsletter to keep up with what is going on with the Marine Engrs. Both ladies are very gracious and were a pleasure to talk with.

MGySgt Bill Hamby sounds anxious to make the meeting in CLNC this fall. Highly motivated Engineer.



During 2014 and continuing thru 2015, the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Assn. ([www.avvba.org](http://www.avvba.org)), of which Bill Hackett and I are members, has joined with the Georgia Department of Veterans Service to recognize and honor Vietnam veterans during the 50 Anniversary period. The MCEA should also consider becoming a member of the DoD Vietnam 50th Anniversary recognition activities. No cost and some good bene's to member organizations. [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com)

Also, continuing to participate in the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Great experience helping to record veterans stories about service in conflicts from all era's. All of our members should become aware of this program which gives vets an opportunity to leave a recorded legacy to their families. If appropriate, it would be good to mention the VHP in the Newsletter or in one of the messages to the "troops" Check it out at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>.



JEANS

PAM JEANS of Imperial, CA continues to provide superb support to our engineer brothers and others on the website Together We Served, while coping with the death of her husband, Duel.

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



KERLIN



LITTELL

DAVE LITTELL of Oxnard, CA. Our only California AD! Actions for the year remain much the same, that is, birthday calls or e-mails to members, tracking down members who don't answer up to find out if their contact information is current and correct, as well as reminders for them to pay their dues if they don't respond to the executive director's e-mail to pay. I have been able to get my entire group onto an e-mail address; this helps with correspondence and the expense of hard copies being mailed out of the annual newsletter. Extra calls and messages went out this fall to get my CA group to attend the reunion at Pala. Out of curiosity, I did a little homework and found the average age of the members in my group to be 74. I think this might be a fair representation of the total membership and indicates to me that there are a bunch

of younger engineers out there that we need to recruit into the membership. To add a little class to my birthday greetings for my group, I had some stationery note cards made up with the MCEA logo on it. Ken sent me a copy of the logo that the printer was able to reproduce in color and they turned out nice. I'd encourage other AD to try it. If anyone is interest, send me an e-mail with your current "snail" mail address and I'll send you a sample. My sincere thanks and gratitude to the members who sent prayers my way regarding my prostate surgery. They worked, thank you Lord! My recovery moves forward and I get my first "postop" PSA later this week, January 22.

PHIL MARTIN of Springfield, MA is our only AD for Mass. Associate Directors have a lot to do. We verify our member's information twice a year, keep in touch with them by phone calls, e-mails and other means of contact. I have had the privilege of going to breakfast with one of my members and thoroughly enjoyed his company. We also make birthday calls to members to acknowledge their special day. We are always on the lookout for new members and do other duties as prescribed by our Executive Committee.



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MENKE

RON MENKE of Sneads Ferry, NC. One of only three NC ADs. I made contact with all my members in reference to updating their info on the members' roster and also all members needing to renew their dues have done so and submitted their checks. Also welcomed aboard new member, Erle Plunkett.

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

GEORGE SAENZ of Bluffton, SC. Our only active duty member to volunteer to serve as Associate Director for our active/reserve duty MCEA members. Selected for Major and will PCS this summer to Bahrain as MARCENT FWD Engineer Officer.



SAENZ



SEBASTIAN

Dave Sebastian of Stafford, VA.

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

JACK WING of Apopka, FL. Our only Florida Associate Director. I can report that all Florida members are up to date on dues. Most all members were contacted on their Birthdays and all information updated. The 2013 Reunion held in Florida was well planned and successful, thanks to Ken Frantz. My highlight of the Reunion was seeing fellow Engineers whom I haven't seen in many years. Florida lost two members who are now Guarding Heavens Gates.



WING

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



WULFECK

1. Verified addresses, phone numbers and other data by phone or email.
2. Provided "Happy Birthday" messages each month.
3. Provided notices pertaining to our MCEA Reunion by email or phone.
4. Contacted members by email and phone whose dues were expiring in 2014 and encouraged them to send in their dues and remain current.
5. Provided updates for the Master Roster pertaining to last date of contact.



ZACCHEA

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



# HONOR ROLL

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

AIKENS, DAVID MSGT (RET)  
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  
BARKE, ARTHUR VET  
BARKER, LAWRENCE S. MAJ (RET)  
BARNETSON, WILLIAM H. MAJ (RET)  
BARRON, REYNOLDS MSGT (RET)  
BATEMAN, JOSEPH S. VET  
BAUBLITZ, JOHN VET  
BENSTEAD, DARYL E. COL (RET)  
BERNIER, RICHARD J. CWO4 (RET)  
BIBBEY, BRUCE VET  
BIGITSCHKE, UWE VET  
BLUME, CARL VET  
BOTELHO, RODNEY LTCOL (RET)  
BOTT, LAURANCE CWO2 (RET)  
BOURQUE, RAYMOND D. MAJ (RET)  
BOWMAN, CHARLES VET  
BOYER, JASPER MSGT (RET)  
BRANDEL, RALPH E. COL (RET)  
BREAKFIELD, BRODUS GYSGT (RET)  
BRISBOIS, DONALD CAPT (RET)  
BROWN, MIKE VET  
BRUTSMAN, DONALD VET  
BUCY, CLYDE T. MGYSGT (RET)  
BUFFINGTON, CARL VET  
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 (VET)  
CATALOGNE, CHIPS LTCOL (RET)  
CLARK, ELMO A. CAPT (RET)  
CLARKE, HARRY D. COL (RET)  
CLINE, PAUL L. CAPT (RET)  
CLUKA, DANIEL MSGT (RET)  
COCHRAN, BUEL VET  
COLANGELO, NICK E. MGYSGT (RET)  
COLE, JAMES MSGT (RET)  
COMPTON, JOSEPH MAJ (RET)  
COOK, BILL MSGT (RET)  
COOPER, FRANCIS MGYSGT (RET)  
COROMELAS, NICK VET  
CRAIG, JACK RAY CWO2 (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)  
CURTIS, CHARLES F. VET  
DABROWSKI, WALTER VET  
DAMON, ROBERT K. LTCOL (RET)  
DAVIDSON, RUSSELL MSGT (RET)  
DENNIS, NICHOLAS J. COL (RET)  
DENORMANDIE, FRANK COL (RET)  
DERRICK, LEWIS CVET  
DESKIEWICZ, GARY VET  
DRISCOLL, BERNARD E. LTCOL (RET)  
DUDDY, ROBERT J. VET  
DUFFY, LEROY LTCOL (RET)

DUHE, CLARENCE VET  
DUNCAN, DAVID N. CWO4 (RET)  
DUFFY, LEROY LTCOL (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)  
FERGUSON, HARRY VET  
FERNANDEZ, AL. MAJ (RET)  
FERRARO, STEPHEN L. MR (VET)  
FEUER, HENRY O. CWO2 (RET)  
FIANDER, WILLIAM MAJ (RET)  
FIELDING, JOHN M. MSGT (RET)  
FISH, ROY MR VET  
FLECK, EDWARD CWO2 (RET)  
FLOYD, JOSEPH C. MAJ (RET)  
FOLEY, THOMAS VET  
\*FOSTER, CHARLES 1STSGT (RET)  
FOSTER, DANIEL MSGT (RET)  
FRANKOWSKI, JOSEPH MGYSGT (RET)  
FREY, HUBERT LTCOL (RET)  
FUNDERBURK, RAY LTCOL (RET)  
GALBREATH, ROBERT VET  
GALLAGHER, JOHN F. MGYSGT (RET)  
GANGWERE, KENNETH SSGT (RET)  
GANGLI, CHARLES GYSGT (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 (VET)  
GLENN, CARL J. GYSGT (RET)  
GOETZ, ARTHUR WO (RET)  
GOINS, ROBERT LTCOL (RET)  
GOSS, EUGENE W. MYGYSGT (RET)  
GRADL, MICHAEL J. VET  
GREER, GENE MSGT (RET)  
GRIEVES, WILLIAM VET  
GRZANKOWSKI, WALTER VET  
GUBALA, TIMOTHY LTCOL (RET)  
GUTHRIE, LUKE LTCOL (RET)  
HAENTGES, RUSS VET  
HAGER, JOHN 1STSGT (RET)  
HAGERLING, SID. COL (RET)  
HALL, DAVID VET  
\*HARRIS, ERNIE VET  
HART, DAV. MSGT (RET)  
HAVERSTOCK, ELDEN  
HERR, KENNETH VET  
HODGES, BILLY VET  
HODIN, JOHN VET  
HOLLINGSWORTH, JAMES K. CWO4 (RET)  
HOLZINGER, BERNARD MAJ (RET)  
HORNE, WILLIAM MGYSGT (RET)  
HORTON, EVERAD VET  
HOUSE, DON CAPT (RET)  
HOWARD, ANDREW J. VET  
HUNTZINGER, HENRY J. LTCOL (RET)  
JACOBSON, MILTON R. GYSGT (RET)  
JACQUES, MAURICE SGTMAJ (RET)  
JARVIS, JOHN VET  
\*JOHNSON, DAN CWO4 (RET)  
JOHNSON, GUSTOF VET  
JOHNSON, STEPHEN J. CAPT (RET)  
JOHNSON, WARREN MGYSGT (RET)  
JONES, THOMAS W. LTCOL (RET)  
KELLEY, GEORGE E. GYSGT (RET)  
KLEIN, ROBERT VET  
KOENIG, CHARLES G. SGTMAJ (RET)  
KROPINAK, ROBERT C. MAJ (RET)  
LANGLEY, JOSEPH A. SGTMAJ (RET)

LANIER, LUTHER L. MSGT (RET)  
LAWRENCE, RICHARD GYSGT (RET)  
LEAKE, NORMAN GYSGT (RET)  
LEWIS, JC. MSGT (RET)  
LIGGETT, JAMES E. MSGT (RET)  
LINDSEY, JOEL "FRANK" CAPT (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)  
MASON, PAUL M. GYSGT (RET)  
MASTICE, JOSEPH VET  
MATTHEWS, DREW LTCOL (RET)  
MAXWELL, LEO F. GYSGT (RET)  
McCANDLESS, JOHN MSGT (RET)  
McCARTER, LARRY CWO4 (RET)  
McCLURE, GARY L. LTCOL (RET)  
McCOY, JIM MGYSGT (RET)  
McGILL, DENNIS VET  
\*McLANE JR, DON MAJ (RET)  
McLAUGHLIN JR. HOWARD VET  
McLAUGHLIN, RICHARD CAPT (RET)  
McLAWHORN, LEON CAPT (RET)  
METCALFE, ED CAPT (RET)  
MILLS, DAVID C. LTCOL (RET)  
MONROE, RICHARD CAPT (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 BVET  
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)  
\*PERRY, JAMES SSGT (RET)  
PHANEUF, JOSEPH LTCOL (RET)  
PHELPS, WILLIAM E. LTCOL (RET)  
PICCIONE, JOSEPH MVET  
\*POPE, FRANK VET  
PORTWOOD, TROY G. VET  
PUGH, ROBERT GYSGT (RET)  
QUALLS, MENTRAL (BOB) GYSGT (RET)  
\*RATLIFE, CURTIS VET  
RAU, ROLAND GYSGT (RET)  
READ, JOE CWO2 (RET)  
REFFELT, EDWIN CAPT (RET)  
REID, KENNETH R. VET  
REITMEIER, WALT 1STLT (RET)  
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)  
ROSE, MURRAY COL (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)  
SHAFFER, ROGER LTCOL (RET)

SHARKEY, KEO J. VET  
SHELKOFKY, 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 CVET  
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)  
SPIESE, PAUL A. VET  
SPIKERMAN, JACK MAJ (RET)  
\*STANCHEK, JOHN VET  
\*STANDIFER, BENNIE VET  
STANDISH, PETER VET  
STASIO, ANTHONY DR.  
STERN, HERBERT GYSGT (RET)  
STEVENS, STEVEN LCPL KIA  
STEWART, BILLY 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  
SUTTON, GERALD F. CAPT (RET)  
SVILKA, AL. VET  
SWENSON, KEN VET  
SWINDALL, THOMAS MR VET  
TERRY, EDWARD MSGT (RET)  
THOMAS, RAYMOND VET  
THOMASON, RONALD VET  
TOBIN, JOHN GYSGT (RET)  
TOMPKINS, ROBERT VET  
TURNER, BLAINE L. MR  
\*TURPIN, RUSSELL LTCOL (RET)  
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  
WATERS, 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)  
\*WILCOX, LEE ROY MGYSGT (RET)  
WILDER, WALLY VET  
WILLEY, CLAUDE MSGT (RET)  
WILLIAMS, KENNETH W. GYSGT (RET)  
WILLIAMS, STEVE CAPT (RET)  
WILLIAMSON, MELVIN GYSGT (RET)  
WINOSKI, WALTER M. COL (RET)  
\*WOOD, GARY VET  
WOODWARD, LEEMAN MGYSGT (RET)  
WRIGHT, RICHARD CAPT (RET)  
YEAMAN, DON VET  
YOUNG, LAURITZ LTCOL (RET)  
YOUNGHANS, ROBERT SGTMAJ (RET)  
ZACK, CHARLES VET  
ZEMATIS, WALTER J. MGYSGT (RET)  
ZYSK, FRANK L. VET

Those with an asterisk by their name are new additions.



## IN MEMORIUM

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

**Foster, Charles Edward “Pete”**, 84, of Sneads Ferry, N.C. died May 8, 2014, at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center. Funeral was held at Jones Funeral Home, Swansboro with the Revs. Dwayne Collins and Homer Prince officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow at Seaside Memorial Park. He was a retired First Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was preceded in death by his wife, Callie Jane Foster. Survivors include his daughters, Jacqueline E. Blair, Janette Foster, both of Sneads Ferry, Darlene Ellis of Holly Ridge; son, Michael Foster of Stuart, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

**Harris, Ernest Alexander**, 70, of Honolulu, HI. A Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam, Pacific Construction senior vice president and the Harris Co. owner, died at home June 11, 2010. He was born in Hot Springs, Ark. He is survived by wife Paula, son John and daughter Mary Beth H. Maassen and Bret Withrow. Services at Newman Center, University of Hawaii-Manoa campus. Burial to be held in the mainland.

**Johnson, Dan Emory**, age 83 and a resident of The Colony, Texas passed away at his home on October 14, 2014. He was born on October 5, 1931 in Wellington, Texas to Troy F. and Nannie (Hancock) Johnson. Dan is survived by his wife Dodie Johnson; daughter Debra Zemen; 2 sons, Danny Scott Johnson and Guy Mitchell Johnson; 4 sisters, Martha Williams, Lou Null, Sue Harvey, and Kay Pullen; son, David E. Adams; daughter, Deloris Schader; son, James Robert Delker; and by several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Services were held graveside at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas, Pastor Rick McCoy from Calvary Christian Center officiated.

**McLane, Jr. Donald Cecil**, 84, Major US Marine Corps. (Ret.) died December 1, 2013. The funeral service was conducted in the Wilkerson Funeral Chapel with Masonic Rites. Burial will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery with Military Honors. Mr. McLane’s military service included duty in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Morocco, Viet Nam and over ten years at Camp Lejeune where he served in every rank from Private to Major. Upon his retirement in 1971 he moved to Greenville and completed his college education at East Carolina University, receiving both a BA and MA in Education. He was employed by the Greenville City Schools and subsequently by Pitt County Schools until his retirement in 1993. Mr. McLane was a member and Past Master of William Pitt Masonic Lodge #734 and St. James United Methodist Church. He organized and chaired Man to Man, a prostate cancer support group and for many years was a member of the Pamlico Sound Barbershop Chorus. Surviving is his wife of 61 years, Phyllis Ann Ellis McLane; two sons, Donald Cecil McLane, III and his wife, Linda, of Greenville, NC and Dr. James W. McLane, Col. US Army (Ret.) of Booneville, MO; and four grandchildren, Richard S. and Robert P. McLane both of Raleigh, NC, Grace McLane of Hangzhou, China and John McLane of Washington, DC. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Marine Corps League Home Away from Home, 204 Marachino Dr, Greenville, NC.

**Perry, James Luke**, 78, of Fredericksburg, VA. passed away May 15, 2014 at Greenfield Senior Living of Spotsylvania. Jim was born in Honey Bee, Kentucky in 1936. As a United States Marine and Vietnam veteran, he served his country for 20 years. He then went to work for the federal government and retired after 40 years of total service. Jim loved his United States Marine Corps, his country, his family, golfing, hunting, fishing with his lifelong friend David Brooks, gardening with his grandchildren and spending time with his beloved dogs. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Sylvia Perry; daughters Donna Perry and Rebecca Perry Patrick (Timothy), grandchildren Jaimee Miller (Sgt. Jacob), Tyler Reynolds, Luke Patrick, and Ainsley Patrick, and great-grandsons Perryn Miller and Rayner Miller. He is also survived by brothers Virgil Lee Higginbotham, Roscoe Higginbotham (Linda), Noah Higginbotham (Claudia), and Gerald Ray Perry; and sisters Daisy Herrington, Elsie Faye Lutes, Delorsie Walters (Raleigh); and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his Marine Corps brother, Jesse Beavon. He is predeceased by his daughter, Lesa Ann Perry; his father, Morgan Perry; his mother, Mandy Perry Higginbotham; his stepfather, Ancil Higginbotham; his siblings, Clarence Higginbotham, Herbert Higginbotham, Elizabeth Hicks, Addie

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Mae Perry, Gracie Higginbotham, Leander Higginbotham, Clifton Higginbotham, Albert Higginbotham, Mintford Carlis Higginbotham, Rama Dean Frantz and Gola Jane Floyd.

A service was held at the funeral home. Entombment followed in Oak Hill Cemetery with military honors.

**Pope, Frank of Lakeland, NY**, age 81, passed away at home in Syracuse, NY. He was the owner of Pope's Grove Golf Course, a Marine Corps veteran and a member of the Solvay-Geddes Veterans. He was a graduate of Solvay High School and Morrisville State College.

Survivors: his wife of 54 years, Harriet Schuyler Pope and daughters, Shelley Pope of San Francisco, Stacey Pope (George Youst) of Baldwinsville, and Susan Pope-Millet (Joseph Millet) of Lakeland; grandchildren, Benjamin (Marie), Daniel (Rebecca), Douglas, Sam, Nathan, and Liana; great-grandsons, D'Andre and Jackson; and his uncle, Robert Kumpan (Jan) of Florida.

Services were at Tindall Funeral Home. Burial with military honors followed in Woodlawn Cemetery.

**Ratliff, Curtis Lee**, 87, died peacefully October 20, 2014. He was born in Roanoke, VA. where at an early age developed a love for building and designing. He had a deep admiration for the Marines, and at age 17, joined the United States Marine Corps. He served seven years in the First and Second Marine Divisions, with a two year tour in China, and on Guam, and various parts of the South Pacific. Upon receiving two Honorable discharges, he began his education in architecture with the help of the G.I. Bill. He received classes at Va. Tech, UVA, and the school of Architecture of Chicago. After passing the state board exam in 1965, he became registered. He married Kathleen Harmon in 1951 where they raised two sons. They were married sixty-three years. Curtis practiced architecture for over fifty years, and was active in numerous church and civic organizations. He was an active member of the A.I.A., later titled Architect Emeritus and served as president of the Va. Chapter of the A.I.A. His work included the Roanoke Civic Center, the Virginia Prosthetic clinic, various business buildings, private houses and many schools in Roanoke and surrounding regions. He worked with Habitat for Humanity for twenty years as a member of "The Builders Club". Curtis was a kind, compassionate man with a quiet, generous spirit and a fondness for the "underdog". He was always a gentleman, and disliked conflict and debates. He possessed many artistic talents, including stained glass, wood crafting and photography and often winning awards. He was formerly a member of the Va. Heights Baptist Church and an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church for forty years. He was a member of several veterans organizations. He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter-in-law, Patti (Cary's wife); and leaves behind his devoted wife, "Kathy" of Roanoke; son, Cary of Knoxville, son, Lee and fiancée, Lisa of Charlotte; grandchildren, Abby of Knoxville, Taylor and wife, Amber and their son, Parks, of Denver, CO., Spencer and wife, Melody of Knoxville, and Peyton and Gracie of Charlotte. The Virginia Veterans Care Center was his home for the last months of his life. He was beloved by the staff, the other residents and special friends he made there and was treated like a family member by the incredibly loving nursing and support staff. A Memorial Service was held October 25, 2014 in the Unitarian Universalist Church, followed by a reception at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity or the Disabled American Veterans. Arrangements by Oakey's Roanoke Chapel. Online condolences can be made at [www.oakeys.com](http://www.oakeys.com).

**Stanchek, John I.** Age 92, of West Roxbury, MA. died September 12, 2014. Beloved husband of Olga (Melnik). Devoted father of Yaroslav and his wife Olena of Vermont, Orysia of Washington DC and Lesia of Jamaica Plain. Loving "DIDO" of Roman and his wife, Rachel and Mira. Loving great grandfather of Coraline and Leonid Ivan. Also survived by family in Ukraine. Funeral from the Brady & Fallon Funeral Home on Monday Sept. 15, followed by a Requiem Divine Liturgy in Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

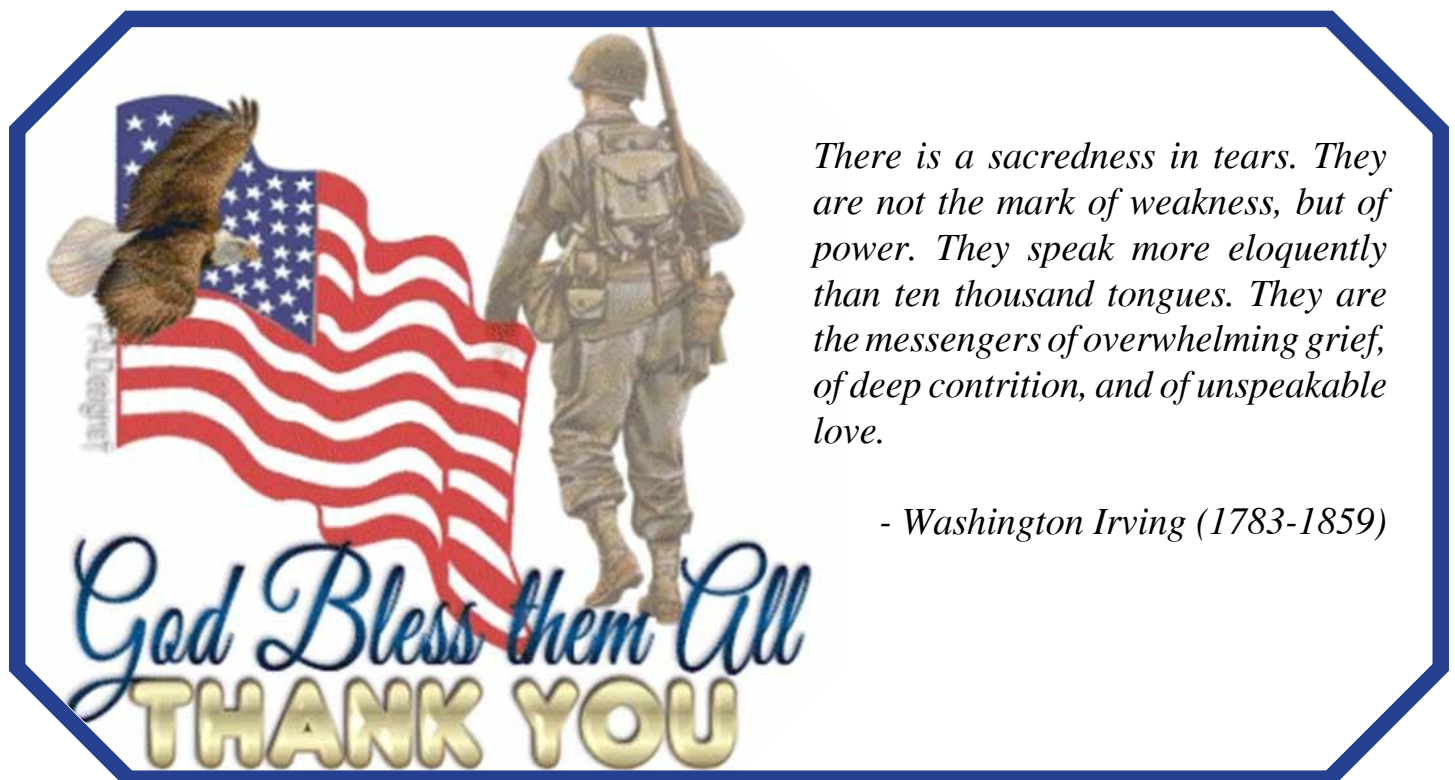
**Standifer, Bennie**; Born in Dallas, TX. February 3, 1932 and passed away April 20, 2013 in Dallas. He retired from the US Postal Service and was a faithful member of Faith Family Church. He served in the Korean War with the Marines. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jimmie Lee and survived by daughters Deborah Copening, and Sandra Zercher and her husband Richard; Bro. Hilton Standifier, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at Jeter and Son Funeral Home Chapel April 24, 2013 with Interment following at Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery.



**Sutton, Gerald Fitzhugh Lee**, Captain USMC (Ret) of Baltimore, MD. passed away on April 14, 2014 Beloved husband of the late Theresa June Sutton (nee Boddiford). Devoted father of Gail Winterling and her husband Bob and Dawn Sutton. Loving grandfather of Kyle Winterling and his fiancé Sasha Broadway and Jeff Winterling and his wife Colleen. Cherished great-grandfather of Logan and Cooper. Funeral service was held at the family owned Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk, Inc. Internment at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

**Turpin, Russell Barry**, Lt. Col. USMC (Ret), 62, of Goode, VA. passed away August 19, 2014. He was born July 25, 1952, in Lynchburg, Va., the son of Emma Rhodes Abbott of Bedford and the late Russell Cridlin Turpin. A graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, Barry was a lifelong public servant. He was commissioned as an officer of the United States Marine Corps, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after 26 years of service. As a Marine, he served as Commanding Officer of the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion in Baltimore, Maryland. He went on to teach history and government at EC Glass High School, and enjoyed helping to mold the lives of his students. Barry was active within his community as a member of Oakland United Methodist Church, as a former Assistant Scout Master with Troop 183, and as the former Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Lynchburg Detachment. A lifelong farmer, he continued to care for the lands that had been in his family for generations. He took great pride in his family, friends, and community. In addition to his mother, Barry is survived by his wife of 28 years, Barbara McAllister Turpin; his daughter, Anna Turpin Kanter and her husband, Jonathan of Alexandria; his son, Benjamin Wilkes Turpin of Richmond; his sister, Joy Turpin Texter and her husband, John, of Heathsville; his step-mother, Shirley Turpin; his step-brother, John Sullivan and his wife, Nina; three nephews; and many friends, relatives, and fellow Marines. A celebration of Barry's life was conducted August 23, 2014, in the Tharp Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tom Thomas officiating.

**Wood, Gary Marshall:** Portland, Oregon. April 21, 1942-- Dec. 28, 2012 Gary died peacefully in his home with family on Dec. 28, a full moon. His parents were Marjorie and William Wood, he joined the Marine Corps at age 18. After the Marines, he worked while attending PSU studying Accounting. This led to many controller/financial officer positions with many major NW firms leading to his infamous accounting career with Meldridge. He created Wespak, Distributors with Tom Thornton 25 years ago. Gary married Farralee Fuller 20 years and 19 days ago. Gary's son, Gregory Marshall Wood; and our two grandchildren, Sierra Rae and Cullen Marshall Wood live in Australia.



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

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

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

Individual dues remain the same since 2006: \$25 for 1 year; \$60 for 3 years; and \$500 for a lifetime membership. Corporate members' dues are \$400 per year; active duty is \$30 for 3 years.

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

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

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

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

We are communicating weekly or more often via email, as well as updating our website: [www.MarCorEngAsn.org](http://www.MarCorEngAsn.org). Even if you don't have internet access at home, you can use the library or other locations to visit our website and keep well-informed of what is going on year round.

Our 23-26 Sept, 2015 reunion will find us at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jacksonville, NC. Room rates are \$83. Hope to see you all there!

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

We've loaded over two thousand pictures and documents to our website which includes all the material that our Association has accumulated since inception in 1991. Webmaster, Geoff Nicely continues to work tirelessly to keep the site updated. We now have a website that is extremely versatile, interactive and can be the "go to" place for all things relating to Marine Corps Engineers! Let us know what we can do to make it even better.

## **ACTIONS REQUIRED**

**CHECK THE ENCLOSED MEMBERS' ROSTER & PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE # OR EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS AND KEEP YOU CONNECTED.** Our newsletter is sent as Bulk Mail, so it won't be forwarded or returned.

Enclosed is the 2015 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 upcoming reunions. Additionally, help us publicize our Assistance Fund; we truly are "here to help"!





# *Brick Program*

It has now been a year since our Engineer Monument was dedicated. Included in the monument area is a series of over 600 bricks surrounding the monument itself. As part of that dedication effort MCEA started a Brick Program to honor our Marine Corps Engineers. This program was a 3 pronged effort. Individuals could purchase one of these bricks for a cost of \$300 and have it engraved with their name or that of someone they wish to honor. Additionally, 124 bricks were reserved for the honoring of Marine Corps Engineer units both past and present. Individuals could sponsor one of these bricks for \$300 or they could contribute any amount to this effort and MCEA would combine the donations of all members and purchase a Unit brick from our listing.

These engraved bricks will affirm our Esprit de Corps with the Marines that risk their lives to insure our freedom. Each purchaser will receive a Certificate of Registration acknowledging their contribution and confirming the inscription as it will appear on the brick. Additionally, each purchaser will have their name added to MCEA's donor list located on the web page below. All bricks located in the monument area must be purchased through MCEA.

The program has been progressing steadily with 121 bricks already purchased (109 individual and 12 Unit bricks) and 97 of those already installed. Our next installation date for 22 bricks is mid April, 2015. MCEA is continuing this program with periodic purchases approximately 3 times per year. Our next deadline for purchasing a brick is 25 April, 2015.

As part of its effort to keep our members informed, MCEA has added all the brick information to our website. For a full explanation of the program and the forms necessary to order a brick, go to the following web page: <http://www.marcorengasn.org/modules/Monument/brickprogram.htm>.

We still have many bricks left to purchase. This could be your way to say thank you to the past and present Marines who support the Marine Corps Engineer efforts. Please consider purchasing a brick.



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## *Quotes to Ponder*

*A man is morally free when, in full possession of his living humanity, he judges the world, and judges other men, with uncompromising sincerity.*

*– George Santayana (1863-1952)*

*It's important to let people know what you stand for. It's equally important that they know what you won't stand for.*

*– Mary H. Waldrip*

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

*– Thomas Paine*



# MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

## 2015 REUNION ITINERARY

Jacksonville, NC~ September 23rd – 26th, 2015

Courtyard By Marriott 5046 Henderson Dr, Jacksonville, NC 28546

### Wed, 23 Sept:

- Welcome; Check-in after 3 p.m. \$83 room rates
- 8:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel for Wilmington with tour of USS North Carolina and walking tour of historic, downtown Wilmington. Minimum of 40 required; Casual attire/walking shoes. Cost=\$45 (\$20 ship admission & \$25 bus; pay for lunch from menu).
- 7-9 p.m. Registration/Reception with cash bar and light Hors D'Oeuvres; biz casual attire. Cost=\$20
- Dinner & rest of evening are on your own.

### Thurs, 24 Sept:

- Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30 a.m. Association Business Meeting with coffee/teas. Biz casual attire. Cost=\$10
- 8:30 a.m. Bus departs for tour of Tryon Palace in New Bern; returns to hotel at 1 pm; minimum of 30 required; casual attire, no food. Cost=\$45 (\$10 admission plus \$35 bus)
- Lunch is on your own.
- 6 p.m. Registration--Cocktails available from the cash bar. Coat & tie; mini ribbons optional; MCL Red Blazer; Svc A uniform; informal evening attire for the ladies. Cost=\$30
- 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner served, followed by Awards Banquet.

### Friday, 25 Sept:

- Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel for Camp Lejeune tour of engineers units and lunch at dining facility. Minimum of 40 required; Casual attire/walking shoes. Cost=\$25
- 4 p.m. Bus returns to the hotel.
- 6:30-9 p.m. join us in the hospitality room.

### Saturday, 26 Sept:

- Breakfast on your own.
- Enjoy touring the local sites on your own.
- 6:30-9 p.m. join us in the hospitality room for final goodbyes.

21-28 Sept; Take advantages of discount rates (\$83) and enjoy yourselves!

**Hotel check out time is 11 a.m.**



# TREASURER'S REPORT



**By George Carlson**

2014 was a “banner year” for MCEA. The highlight, of course, was the culmination of the nearly 4-year effort to construct an Engineer Monument in the Memorial Park at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. I will leave the description of the emotionally moving dedication to elsewhere in the newsletter and concentrate on the financial side.

To accomplish this major task, we established a separate fund to handle all matters surrounding the Monument. Within the Monument Fund there were three major components: the Monument itself including the dedication; the provision for inscribed brick pavers surrounding the Monument; and the fee-based events held in conjunction with the dedication.

The fee-based events included a Reception at the Holiday Inn, bus transportation to the dedication ceremony, and luncheon at the Globe & Laurel. These generated \$5,925 in revenue which covered all costs leaving a balance of only \$63.85 which was transferred to the Monument itself. The brick pavers (also referred to as “The Brick Program” and “Monument Enhancement”) sold at the standard MCHF price of \$300 each. By agreement with MCHF, we pay \$210 per brick and are able to retain \$90 per brick to help with funding bricks sponsored by MCEA. Some 90 bricks were funded (both personal/corporate donated and MCEA-sponsored) while under the Monument Fund umbrella.

The monument proper (including the dedication ceremony and the cost of donation incentives) was closed out in early December with the final payment to William Stone & Tile. The Monument cost (including the site fee for MCHF) was just under \$60,000. We spent another \$2,250 on the dedication ceremony and \$6,300 for the donation incentives. The entire evolution involved over \$93,000 including bricks and fee-based events.

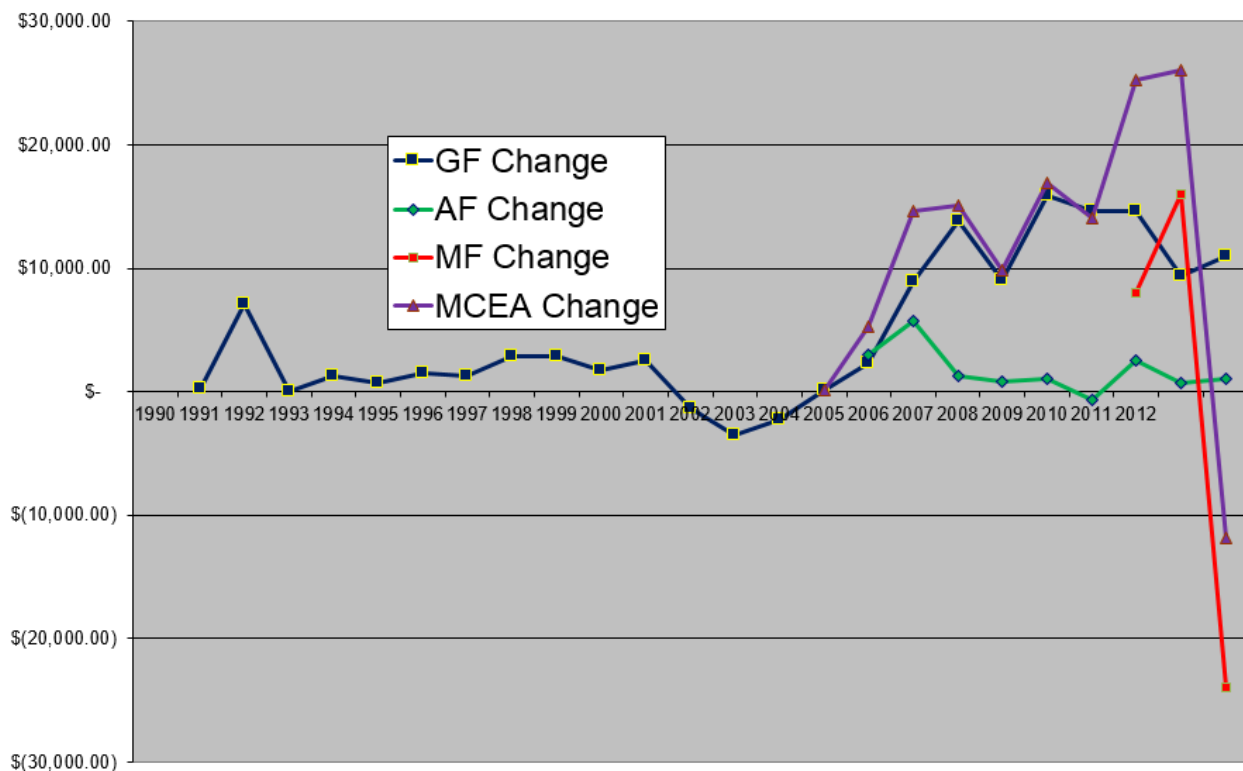
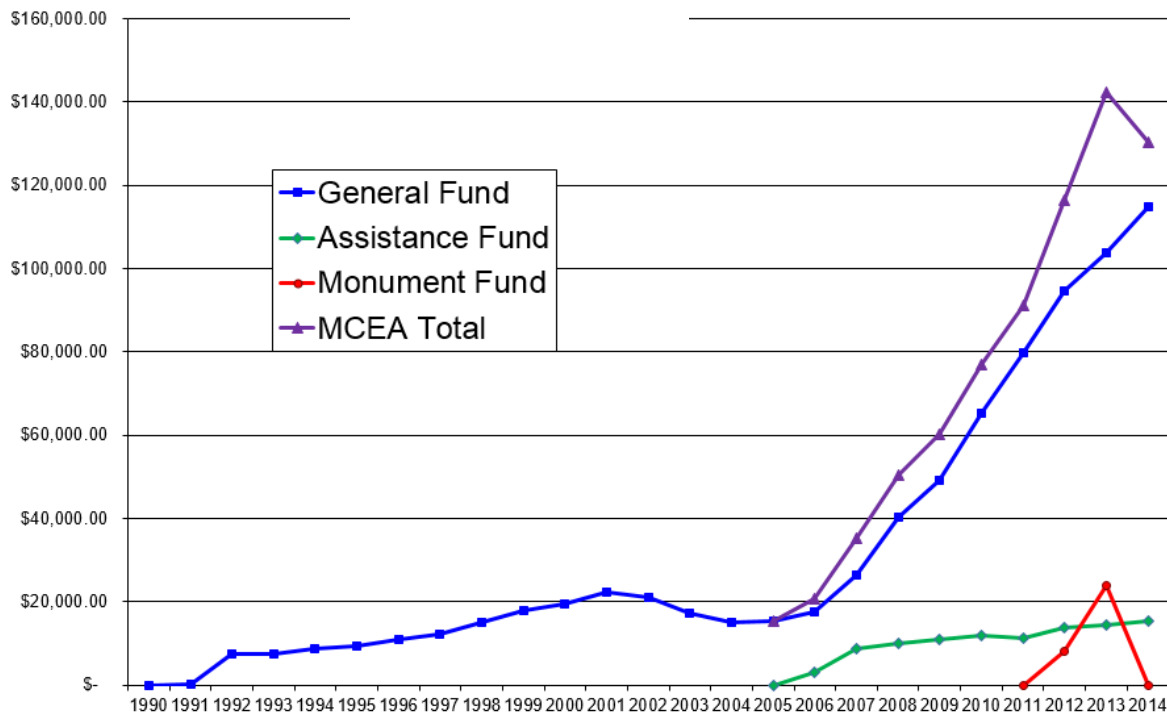
The brick program continues operation within the General Fund and is described elsewhere in this newsletter.

## NET WORTH as of 31 December 2014

	GF	AF	MF	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash & Bank Accounts	\$ 109,857.33	\$ 15,492.09	\$ -	\$ 125,349.42
Interfund Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Expense	\$ 718.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 718.20
Fixed Assets	\$ 8,811.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,811.02
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 119,386.55</b>	<b>\$ 15,492.09</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 134,878.64</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Interfund Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unit Brick Fund Payable	\$ 4,017.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,017.82
MCHF Brick Purchase Payable	\$ 420.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 420.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 4,437.82</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,437.82</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>	<b>\$ 114,948.73</b>	<b>\$ 15,492.09</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 130,440.82</b>



The annual financial report shows a healthy organization. Our net worth is in excess of \$130,000 having grown by \$12,100 this year. I would note that we show a “loss” of \$11,870 but that is entirely due to the monument expenditure.



The other matter of note is our change in accounting software. Early in the year, Microsoft announced that they would stop supporting Microsoft Money as of 31 December 2014. To ensure the continued viability of our accounting system we reviewed several other software packages and selected Quick Books Pro. That system is now up and running hosted by the firm Cloud9 so that both the Treasurer and Executive Director can access the system.

That concludes my Treasurer's report and now I'd like to address a related issue.

I have been honored for the past six years to serve as your Treasurer and am quite willing to serve for another two years (and more, God willing). At the same time I am concerned. Much to my dismay, I am not getting any younger. Rather than wait for some inevitable event to thrust some unsuspecting person into filling the billet, I want to make careful preparation for someone to take on the responsibilities in an orderly fashion. I am not seeking an immediate replacement, but rather looking to find someone who will work with me to produce an orderly turnover in the next 2-4 years (or perhaps more, if necessary or desired).

I need to back track a bit and explain. When MCEA was formed, it was no more complex than a social club (no insult to the founders or where they started), but that's the reality. Thanks to the founders' efforts, MCEA grew. By the time I took over as Treasurer, it was a full-blown veterans' organization with IRS reporting requirements and assets that demanded good professional accounting. It sponsored awards that were sanctioned by HQMC, published an annual newsletter, and had established an Assistance Fund to aid Marine Engineers in need. Since that time it has funded a major monument at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, continues to support inscribed bricks surrounding that monument, and has embarked on major efforts in publicity and membership.

That is not something that, like a local PTA or Little League, can just be turned over to anybody on short notice. We may not be the American Legion or VFW, but we are in the "big leagues" as far as a lot of our requirements.

What I am seeking, is an individual (or individuals) who would be willing to take on a period of study and learning with the ultimate goal of becoming the next treasurer. I understand that I have brought unusual (perhaps even unique) talents to this position. I am prepared to spend a great deal of time "teaching" a prospective replacement what they need to know to accomplish that goal and leave MCEA finances in good hands.

I will describe the various qualification levels that should be out there and ask you (yes, YOU) if this is something you are willing to take on.

Optimal Candidates: The optimal candidate will have a solid background in both cost accounting and working knowledge of a small business accounting software package such as Quick Books or Peachtree. An advanced level of cell "programming" in Excel would be highly desirable. You must have e-mail and basic internet connectivity. OK, I know I am not likely to find that, but keep reading.

Preferred Candidates: The preferred candidate will have a solid background in either cost accounting or a working knowledge of a small business accounting software package. Some level of cell "programming" in Excel would be desirable. You must have e-mail and basic internet connectivity. OK, I know I probably won't find that either, but keep reading.

Desirable Candidates: The desirable candidate will have a basic background in either bookkeeping or experience with a personal accounting software package such as Quicken or MS Money. A basic level of cell "programming" in Excel would be useful. At least you need to be able to balance your checkbook and make a simple spreadsheet in Excel with row and column totals. You must have e-mail and basic internet connectivity. I hope to find one or more candidates in this category.

Acceptable Candidates: The acceptable candidate will be able to balance their own checkbook and have a basic level of usage of Excel allowing totaling of a simple list. You must have e-mail and basic internet connectivity. I can deal with one or more candidates in this category.



While I love you all, I don't feel I can adequately educate someone who cannot balance their own check book or create a simple list of expenses in Excel and total it! I can, given a minimal level of time commitment, teach most anyone the absolute basics needed. On the bookkeeping/accounting side it is little more than what one would learn in a one semester high school bookkeeping course coupled with a few of the unique features of a non-profit. On the accounting software side I can set you up with a "sandbox" copy of our system and you can learn your way around without any risk of doing anything untoward. On the Excel side, honestly, this has become less important with our transition to Quick Books and is, again, something I can teach to anyone with a basic understanding of Excel.

Let me be brutally frank. The alternative is to turn it all over to a CPA or, at least, a non-CPA accounting service. That will mean an expense to MCEA. And not just an expense, but one that may well ultimately "eat up" the asset we have built. My own CPA, who is both very good and quite inexpensive, would charge something in the neighborhood of \$20,000 for most of what I do (and would leave the remainder of what I do to MCEA). That would at best mean a substantial increase in dues and at worst deplete our assets in a very short time.

So, if you meet ANY of the qualification levels above, please contact me and offer you services. I am willing to be extremely flexible to make it work for the benefit of OUR association. While the engineer field does not inherently endow individuals with much in the way of accounting skills, surely some of you have acquired them either in the service, in subsequent employment, or even just in learning to manage your personal finances better. My e-mail is VistanTN@BLomand.net. Please e-mail me if you think you may fit one of the described criteria above.

George Carlson  
Treasurer

## **A NOTE FOR YOUNGER MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

*I am pretty certain that I know your reaction as you look through our newsletter. It would have been my reaction too as a 23-year old lieutenant or a 20 year-old corporal. "What a bunch of 'old farts'!" Yes, we are! But we are the ones who have the time to make this organization association work. We don't want it to be only "old farts" but we are not that old as to have forgotten how demanding time in the Corps is (and even in a second career after the Corps) and to realize that right after that demand comes time with family and loved ones. We want MCEA to be for ALL Marine engineers, EOD, and those who serve or have served with us. MCEA is first and foremost about connecting ALL of us.*

*The engineer family is the best in the Corps. That's not an idle statement. I am not "throwing stones" at other fields, but some are just too big to have the same family feeling. Others, just don't have the same kind of broad-based connection through all facets of Marine Corps life: combat arms, combat service support, logistics, and supporting establishment. Our goal is to make that family relationship a living reality from active duty private to retired sergeant major or general officer.*

*So, why am I writing this? Simple answer: to motivate you to become a part of building this association into what it can be. We have a good start, but the key to continuing the process and reaching the ultimate goal rests not with a bunch of retirees and vets, it rests with you on active duty and in the active reserve.*

*I am asking that you join, participate, and get involved at a level that is reasonable for your circumstances. Joining is the easy part. We offer a 3-year Active Duty (and active reserve) membership for \$30 – that's less than 3 cents a day! You probably drop that much change in your sofa or the washing machine. For that you get members only access on our website, the annual newsletter and a lot of good scoop in e-blasts. You also can see our (and your) Engineer Monument at the National Museum of the Marine Corps and a lot of other association activities including our annual Awards Program for active duty Marines.*

*Participation isn't difficult either. While you probably can't afford to attend every Reunion, we are locating them on alternate coasts (Camp Lejeune - September 2015 & Camp Pendleton – 2016)*



*so for most of you alternate years are fairly accessible. But, even if those are out of reach for distance or dollar reasons, you can participate in the message boards as well as the private email. The message boards are only effective if we all get involved and use them – you can help.*

*Finally, if you feel motivated and can spare a little bit of time volunteer to be an Associate Director for a segment of our active duty members. It is not a major time commitment but it is an essential part of maintaining contact and building the association.*

*My message: Join (it's affordable); participate (you may actually like it); and get involved (you and your fellow engineers will benefit).*

*George Carlson  
LtCol, USMC (Ret)*

## **ASSISTANCE FUND**

### **Discussion Paper**

I have been designated as the point of contact for the Assistance Fund (AF). To a great extent, the AF has been characterized by very limited applications for assistance in its nine-year life. While I do not hold complete records, here are the payments I am aware of:

2014-none

2013-\$1,012.78 fund attendance of LCpl Stevens' NoK to attend Awards Banquet

2012-none (GF donated \$1,500 to Wounded Warrior Regiment)

2011-\$1,500 to Wounded Warrior Regiment

2010-\$1,500 to Wounded Warrior Regiment

2009-\$1,851 grant to non-member MGySgt Lee (\$1,500 plus \$351 in add'l member donations)

2008-none

2007-\$1,286.46 fund attendance of SSgt Callahan's NoK to attend Awards Banquet

2006-\$500 grant to member Matthew Knogge and \$250 scholarship to Kristin Curtis (daughter of non-member MGySgt James Curtis)

The General Fund has made several charitable donations over the same period, including to the Jacksonville USO, the 2d Combat Engineer Battalion Memorial Fund, etc.

While I was not involved in the initial creation of the AF, my understanding is that the concept was to be able to fund critical needs for Marine engineers with priority to MCEA members and their dependants. It was not intended to provide short-term (and often repetitive) assistance like Navy Relief can and does. Although it may have been an original goal, it has not grown to be able to undertake large projects such as those funded by the Wounded Warrior Project and other large veterans' charities. As a result, it has really never "found its niche."

Jim Marapoti added: "Concept of Assistance Fund started at 2005 Reunion in Myrtle Beach, SC. Our intentions were to provide financial and education assistance. In the years that followed, these goals were gigantically overshadowed by a number of assistance funds for Vets, NOK of Afghanistan and Iraq theaters of operation. Wounded Warrior, Wounded Warrior Regiment, IROC Vets, MC Law Enforcement Fund, and several other (now) big fund raising efforts did & continue to do enormously great things for our vets. So, the need to "go big," never was necessary or practical.

Having the mission/goal/capability to "reach out" to folks who do not meet the eligibility criteria for the "big assistance funds," is a noble goal for MCEA to continue to pursue..."

As best I know, one scholarship was awarded and the AF Committee has turned down at least two others citing "lack of demonstrated need or eligibility." Two grants have been made. Two NoK have been supported to attend the Awards Banquet recognizing their KIA Marine. So in 9 years it has funded about \$8,000 in grants of one kind or another. Donations over the same period have totaled a bit less than \$24,000.

As I see it, the AF has done and could continue to do four types of activities:

1. Grants for specific needs beyond individual's capability to support.
2. Support to entities and organizations that provide support for needs beyond our financial capability.



3. Support for NoK of KIA Marines to attend Awards Banquet (though there may be few, if any, for the foreseeable future).
4. Scholarship support based on need (or we could add token award based solely on merit).

Jim Marapoti added: “As we learned, there is a tendency to “I have nothing to lose; I’ll give it a shot for the money and do a good ‘why I need the money pitch,’ story.”

In the first category we are limited both by our finances and by communications. We certainly could provide for some accommodations/devices for a mobility-impaired vet, but not the types of “whole house” adaptations publicized by larger charities. A major hurdle has been both finding individuals with such needs AND in communicating the process to apply (and perhaps simplifying the process).

We could resume making a donation to Wounded Warrior Regiment and/or charitable organizations that provide support on a scale beyond our financial capability. This has the drawback that we cannot specify that our donation support just engineers (or in the case of large charities, just Marines even).

We can continue the third item, but as I said, I suspect those will diminish or disappear in the near future.

Scholarship support has been a debated issue for some time. Must it be solely need-based? If not, what level of support is appropriate? The current student loan crisis certainly suggests that there should be opportunities here so as to not require students (and their families) to go so far in debt as to be buried by it.

A final “option” would be to dissolve the AF altogether. We are obligated by the terms we initially announced to use the money to support the types of needs we originally outlined, but that could be anything from a single donation to Wounded Warrior Regiment to making other grants and scholarships, even purchase of unit bricks for our MCEA monument until the funds are exhausted.

Your Executive Committee is reviewing all the options, IRS regulations and case law to determine how best to proceed. Once that is done, we’ll provide our recommendations to all of our members and previous donors for your feedback and approval.

## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

### **MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION**

#### **BUSINESS TOPIC UPDATE 10 FEB 2015**

**TREASURER’S REPORT.** As of: 31 Jan, 2015: General Fund = \$122,465.11; Assistance Fund = \$15,598.66  
**TOTAL EQUITY = \$138,063.77**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. ASSISTANCE FUND:** No Change from last report. The AF Committee was dissolved 7 Feb, 2014. The single POC is now the Treasurer, George Carlson, who reports that the AF continues under current policies. I have had informal discussions with a few members interested in working with me on a thorough review to determine if there are ways to better focus the AF on identifiable needs and, in the process, revitalize the AF as an instrument to provide needed assistance to Marine Corps engineers and their families. If you are interested in contributing to such a project, or even just have some thoughts to share, please e-mail me at [VistanTN@BLomand.net](mailto:VistanTN@BLomand.net). Carlson for action.



## 2. MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Frantz reports:

Dues current:	620	298 of these are Life members; 134 (21.6%) are active duty/reserve
Deceased:	306	
TOTAL:	926	<b>increase of 44 since last year's April report</b>

**3. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** The MCEA membership committee is now in an operational status for this year. The committee will be reviewing programs that will be put into motion after approved by the MCEA Executive Committee. I am grateful for those that have volunteered to be a part of the membership effort and would like to recognize them at this time. They are Darryl Knight, Roger Cohoe, Robert Weltyk, Earl Nestved and Wayne Bennett. We will be identifying areas that will bring in new members that will be an asset to the MCEA. And with our Publicity Committee get the Marine Corps Engineer Association's purpose and events that will bring in new members. It will be our aim to get more involvement from the total MCEA members, and ask for any assistance you can offer. If you have any comments or ideas, please contact us. DeHart for action.

**4. COMBAT CASUALTIES:** Spreadsheet has been updated and posted to website with total of 909. Judy Coy and Pam Jeans have created profiles for each Fallen Marine and Corpsmen from our list to the website-- Together We Served. Request all hands review the roster and help fill in the blanks and add the names of others. Frantz for action.

**5. CORPORATE MEMBERS:** Invoices were provided to 12 corporate members; 3 have paid, 1 will be unable to pay dues this year. Frantz for action.

## 6. MARINE CORPS ENGINEER SCHOOL:

**(1) Support to National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC):** Currently coordinating to obtain a Medium Girder Bridge (MGB) training model for display at the NMMC. This model is typically utilized for classroom training to students and is an accurate and detailed scale-model depiction of the MGB, which has been heavily used over that past twenty years during exercises and operations. MCEA member Mark Swanstrom is aggressively working with NMMC, contractors and members to ensure appropriate engineer items are included in this phase.

**(2) Return of TD 18 to Courthouse Bay:** 2d Maintenance Battalion at Camp Lejeune has agreed to take on the restoration of the TD-18 once it has been moved from its current location in Quantico. Transportation options are being explored to ensure the TD-18 is moved in a safe and cost-efficient manner back to Camp Lejeune.

**(3) A new Urban Breaching Facility** is under construction at the MCES Engineer Training Complex along Marines Road. Engineers from MWSS-271 are executing the project, which has included clearing and grubbing, felling of trees, stump removal, access road construction, surveying, design of concrete foundations, and will end with the actual construction of the structures. This is a great example of Engineers using organic capabilities to design and develop our own training ranges that will be used for many years in the future. Col Baldwin for action.

## 7. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS (NMMC) ENGINEER PROJECT

MCEA is coordinating with representatives from Marine Corps Engineer School; Program Manager-Engineer Systems, MARCORSYSCOM; Ordnance Curator, NMMC; LMP, HQMC; and Final Design Curator for NMMC; in acquisition of engineer equipment for the final design of the 80,000 square foot expansion in the museum spanning period 1976-2015. The group is concentrating on Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) for the displays. It appears the group has sourced:



- \* Desert Storm - - inert line charge and Italian land mines
- \* OIF - - Armored D-9 Dozer model, MGB bridge training model and minefield marking items
- \* OEF - - Counter- IED robots and mine detectors

There are a variety of other items being investigated for inclusion in the equipment donations, but we need to coordinate with third parties on availability. We expect maps, overlays, and pictures will be used to augment engineer equipment displays. We are also reviewing drafts of “story board” essays on engineer events that the NMMC historians are writing. Swanstrom for action.

**8. FELLOWS PROGRAM:** 149 individual members, next of kin and corporate sponsors currently qualify. Frantz for action.

**9. HONOR ROLL:** Since the last report, the following MCEA members have been added to our Honor Roll: 1st Sergeant Charlie Foster; SSgt Jim Perry; Capt. Jerry Sutton; Major Don McLane; Ernie Harris; LtCol. Russell Turpin; Bennie Standifer, Gary Wood and Frank Pope. Pam Jeans has created a profile on the website Together We Served for all of our deceased members. Webmaster, Geoff Nicely has included the hyperlink on our MCEA website Honor Roll listing, so you can click on the name and be directed to their TWS profile and return to the MCEA Honor Roll page. Frantz and team for action.

**10. ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS:** Chairman Judy Coy reports: This year our 21 AD’s provided birthday greetings to their respective area members and updated their members contact information. We also made outreach calls to former members in an effort to bring them back into dues current status and new members were solicited. As always, we ascertain if anyone was in need of assistance. Through many phone calls, our AD’s provide encouragement and camaraderie to many MCEA members. We thank our Associate Directors who volunteer their time and in some cases personal expense to help our MCEA family communicate and stay connected. 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. 1087 registered users and over 4 million page views since activation August 2008. Nicely for action.

**12. MONUMENT.** The contract for the MCEA Monument was awarded 8 June 2013, with a contract cost of \$54,620. The dedication ceremony was conducted 14 May, 2014 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC). The Monument Committee was deactivated 30 May 2014. All bills have been paid and the Deed of Gift provided to Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, which will transfer Monument ownership. Marapoti for action.

**13. BRICK PROGRAM:** 1 Jan 2014, MCEA implemented the bulk brick program, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. For a tax deductible donation of \$300, the purchaser’s name, or that of someone you wish to honor or remember, will be engraved on a brick. Since its inception a total of 121 bricks has been purchased of which 97 have already been installed. To purchase a brick, please see the instructions and form to fill out located on our website. Additionally, our website has a method for locating your brick. From our Homepage, click on “Brick Program”. Our next deadline for brick purchases will be 25 April.

Your Executive Cmte previously approved a program to solicit donations for an Engineer Unit brick program. These bricks will honor engineer units both past and present. Currently there are 124 engineer units identified whose bricks will be placed around the perimeter of the monument area. Details on how to contribute are also on our website. You may sponsor an entire Unit brick for \$300 or may contribute any amount to the program and we will combine your donation with others to fund another Unit brick. The annual



newsletter and website will have all pertinent details and a copy of the electronic newsletter will be provided to the active/reserve USMC engineer units, with assistance from the Publicity Cmte. Raniszewski and Cooley for action.

### **Brick Summary:**

# useable bricks	628
# total purchased as of 31 Jan 15	121
# unit bricks (12 purchased)	112
# reserved KIA/MoH	9
# border bricks	39
# remaining for purchase	347

**14. 2014 REUNION:** After action report published Nov 6, 2014. **Action Completed.**

**15. HISTORIAN:** As of July 2014, Robin Gentry has taken over as the Historian for our MCEA. Phil Martin is staying on as the Assistant Historian and is mentoring Robin through the process of collecting the engineer unit's histories. The MWSS histories are done and included in the newsletter. The history team decided to postpone the MWSG's history collection at this time based on information from HQMC that CMC has approved plan to reactivate some of the commands. Gentry for action.

**16. 2015 REUNION:** Reunion will be at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jacksonville, NC; 23-26 Sept, 2015. Room rates are \$83 and events will include tour of the USS North Carolina & Wilmington area plus tour of Tryon Palace in New Bern. Details are posted to our website and included in the newsletter. Frantz for action.

**17. 2016 REUNION:** Due to continuing sequestration restrictions and overwhelming majority of those in attendance at the 2014 reunion and to our reunion survey, we'll use the Pala resort again. Contract is in effect for 17-19 Oct, 2016. Frantz for action.

**18. ANNUAL AWARDS:** The draft MarAdmin was provided to HQMC, Code LPE on 2 Jan, 2015 and the official message was released 26 Jan. Awards board will convene early June. Awards will be presented 24 September during the reunion banquet for those recipients who can attend. Plaques and membership package will be mailed to parent organizations of those who cannot attend. Frantz and Carlson for action.

**19. ANNUAL HONORING OF MARINE CORPS ENGINEERS.** As discussed during the 26 Sept, 2013 annual business meeting, the desire is to have an annual memorial service at our MCEA Monument at NMMC, perhaps on the Wednesday before Memorial Day. The majority of those attending the 2014 meeting recommended informal gathering only; no hotel, chapel or meal contracts. The monument side gathering will be conducted 20 May, 2015 at 1000. Notify Jim Marapoti at: 910-381-4438 if you will attend. Marapoti for action.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:** The 2015 MCEA Publicity Campaign Plan was published and a company page site was established on LinkedIn for MCEA. Responses and applicability are being evaluated. A post card size handout was developed with one side describing MCEA's purpose and the other side describing the MCEA Monument and advertising the Brick Program. Brad Foore handed them out at the Camp Pendleton Marine West Marine Expo January 28-29. Feedback from this effort is being gathered. Developing an MCEA poster for publicity purposes is underway. Currently Dave Sebastian and Joel Cooley comprise the Publicity Committee. Joel is still seeking three to five additional volunteers to join the Publicity



Committee. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joel at cooleyjoel@aol.com or phone him at (703) 644-7959. Cooley for action.

**2. MONUMENT FUND:** Final bills have been paid and the Monument Fund was closed out effective 31 December 2014. Action complete.

**3. MEDALLION:** The monument sculptor is capable of providing resin medallions that are identical to the medallion on our monument. A 10.5" medallion, mounted on a plaque, suitable for hanging or displaying would cost approximately \$175. A 6" version would cost approximately \$100. 3 of the members in attendance indicated they would be interested in purchasing a 10.5" version and 3 others were interested in the 6" version. A 6" medallion with no plaque or base would cost \$85 to replace our existing MCEA logo on the award plaques would triple the cost of the plaques, therefore the Executive Cmte decided not to pursue. The sculptor is to provide an order form so members can order their medallions direct from the company. Frantz for action.

**4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** 2015 is the year for election of our Officers. All of the incumbents have agreed to continue to serve but we'll invite others to stand for election. If no others step up, then the current officers will be confirmed for another two years during our 24 Sept, 2015 annual business meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Frantz, Secretary

## **2014 REUNION AND AWARDS**

### **MCEA 2014 REUNION AFTER ACTION REPORT**

The Pala Resort & Casino, Pala, CA. was our headquarters for the 2014 reunion and awards banquet. We had \$99 run of the house room rates effective 19-23 Oct. That's \$30 less than standard rate. \$16 Resort fee was waived. Complimentary wireless internet in guest rooms and meeting rooms. Menu prices were less than current prices due to executing the contract in Feb 2013. 50% discount on biz meeting costs and 20% discount on Audio/visual support. No charge for super backdrop of huge American and USMC flags and the stage. Welcome amenities to select guests. 6466 sq ft of banquet room provided for all 3 meeting events. No sales tax, but 18% service charge.

Once again, we had a smaller turnout this year due to the economy and sequestration which prohibited the active/reserve Marine Corps and Navy units from using their funds to support TAD of the award recipients. 8 active duty MCEA and 2 SAME award recipients attended at their own expense, with banquet fees and hotel costs covered by the Society of American Military Engineers! Of our 75 members who reside in California, only 13 attended. We used less than 1/3 of the blocked hotel rooms and did not meet our minimum guaranteed food/beverage amount, but the hotel management graciously lowered the minimum as well as absorbed other charges.

**Reception Monday, 20 Oct. 1900-2200;** \$15 rate for medium appetizers and a cash bar for the 53 attendees. We did make the minimum receipts from the bar so there was no charge for the bartender. Loss of \$118.10

**Biz meeting Tuesday 21 Oct, 0830-1300** Started a half hour later than normal and therefore had no food, just coffee, tea, sodas. \$10/person; 24 attended the briefings and 17 stayed for the meeting. See the biz mtg minutes for details. Loss of \$ 46.45

**Ranch House tour, 21 Oct, 0830-1200** \$22/person with 14 attending. Loss of \$126.54



**Awards banquet 21 Oct, 1800-2130:** 1800 cocktails. 1900-Buffer Dinner with 3 entrees at \$65/person. 93 registered to attend plus 40 NCO & below engineers from the Camp Pendleton engineer units attended the banquet free of charge to them and graciously funded by: Quality Control (MSgt Wayne Gatewood, USMC (Ret); LtCol Brad Foore, USMC (Ret); Capt. Don Sumner, USMC (Ret). General Fund paid for 8: Guest of Honor, Colonel Scott Baldwin and the Color Guard, photographer plus husband and bagpiper. Door prizes were held as we were finishing our dinner and before the start of the program. Loss of \$542.60

**Tour of Camp Pendleton and engineer units, 22 Oct, 0830-1600** \$23/person; 26 participated in tours of 7th Engr Spt Bn: Engr Co, MWSS 372; 1st CEB and lunch in 22 area Mess Hall. Loss of \$241.55

Attendance: Total of 137

Awardees: 10 + 8 guests = 18

Corporate mbrs: 6 + 1 guests = 7

Guests = 16

Members 25 + 24 guests = 49

Non Mbrs = 7

Engr NCO & below paid by sponsor =40

## NET FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Net on Fees: (\$ 640.79)

Plus Award Sponsorship Surplus: \$3,946.46

Overall Reunion Accounting: Net gain of \$3,305.67

### Treasurer's comments:

The lower attendance means fewer bodies to cover other fixed costs. Additionally, having to make multiple shipments of smaller numbers of plaques and shirts to a variety of locations cost more than one large shipment. The Pala Resort management credited us with several hundred dollars; otherwise our loss on fees would be over \$1,000. While our registration and event fees did not cover all the costs, as it has so often been, our Sponsors continue to cover the shortfall and MCEA stays in the black. I would note that the "excess" in sponsorship fees is what allows us to recognize and award engineer honor graduates of a variety of schools.

## 2014 REUNION ATTENDEES

	LAST	FIRST			
CATEGORY	NAME	NAME	ATTEND	STATE	GUESTS NAMES
Mbr	ANDERSON	Carl	1	CA	
NMbr	ANGELL	Aaron	1	CA	
GOH	BALDWIN	Scott	2	NC	Sgt Maj Veney Cochran
NMbr	BASURTO	Sal	1	CA	



Awd	CAIN II	Joseph	2	CA	Joseph Cain III (Fallbrook, CA)
CMbr	CAMPO	Joseph (ARNCO)	2	OH	Joe Campo; Jesse Cavasoz Maj, USMC (ret)
Mbr	CANRIGHT	Robert (Bo)	2	CA	Rosa Rocha, San Marcos, CA
Mbr	CARLSON	George	3	TN	Kevin & Donna Lione; Temecula CA LtCol USAF (Ret)
Guest	COLOR GUARD		4	CA	MWSS 372
Mbr	COOLEY	Joel	2	VA	Nancy; Beford, VA
Mbr	DEHART JR	Joseph	2	VA	Deborah Durney; Simpsonville, SC
Mbr	DISMORE	Charles	2	TX	Sharon; Austin, TX
Awd	EVANS	Aaron	3	NC	Erin is wife Hulbert NC plus 4 yr old
Mbr	FOORE	Marshall	2	CA	Karen Foore, CDR USN (RET)
Mbr	FORD	William	2	OR	Ellen Ford; Corvallis, OR
Mbr	FRANTZ	Kenneth	2	TX	Diana
CMbr	GRISSIM	Anthony (Leica GeoSystems)	1	CA	
Mbr	HELLMAN	Robert (Bo)	2	CA	DEB; gratis photographer
NMbr	HENDERSON	Jeremy	1	CA	
Mbr	HILLIARD	Anthony (Tony)	2	GA	Peg, Tucker, GA
Mbr	HOFFMANN	Ron	2	CA	Grace; Vista, CA
widow	JEANS	Pamela	2	CA	Tawney Basurto; Imperial, CA
Mbr	JONES	Junior	4	CA	Jennie; John; Mary Newman; O'side, CA
Awd	JOYNER	Robert	2	CA	Audrey S. Joyner: Winchester, CA
NMbr	KRAFT	Erik	1	CA	
Mbr	LITTELL	David	1	CA	
NMbr	MANSON	Patrick	1	CA	
Awd	MARTINEZ	Richard	3	CA	Sgt Patrick & Rachel Wantuch (O'side)
NMbr	MCGOWAN	Patrick	2	CA	Tim McGowan, Pasadena, CA
CMbr	MOTT	William (Bif) Kalmar Global)	1	TX	
Mbr	MURPHY	James	1	CA	
Mbr	NORDIN	John	2	ID	Donna Nordin; Boise, ID
Mbr	OLF	Nelson	1	OR	
Mbr	PANKEY	Paul	2	WA	Sydna; Wenatchee, WA
Awd	PENNER	Scott	2	NC	Norman Penner; Ft Pierce, FL
NMbr	PENROD	Eric	1	CA	
Mbr	POLYASCKO	Gerald	2	CA	Marianne; Fallbrook, CA
Awd	RAINEY	Adam	2	CA	Jessica Potts. Muscle Shoals, Alabama
Mbr	RANISZEWSKI	Anthony	2	VA	Chris; Stafford, VA
NMbr	ROGERS	Allen	2	OR	Barbie Jo Rogers; Welches, OR
Mbr	ROGERS	Dennis	1	CA	Bagpiper



Awd	ROSS	William	1	NC	
Awd	SCARFE	Jonathan	1	CA	
CMbr	SFERAS	Samantha (Ingenieur Exec)	1	IL	
Awd	SLOCKBOWER	Eric	2	CA	Jacky; Yucca Valley, CA
NMbr	SMITH	Colin	1	CA	
Mbr	SUMNER	Donald	2	CA	Trudie Latka (permanent tag)
CMbr	TOMBLIN	Scott (Caterpillar)	1	IL	
Mbr	TOWNSEND	Edward	2	CA	Shelbie Townsend; Centro, CA
Awd	VARGAS	Stevan	2	CA	Linda Tinoco; Los Angeles
Mbr	VARLEY	Larry	2	TX	Darnell Varley; Sheridan, TX
Mbr	WELTYK	Robert	2	MI	Mary Weltyk; Lake Orion, MI
CMbr	WILCOX	Paul (TerraGroup)	1	NC	
Mbr	WOLFF	Robert	1	VA	

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# ***2014 MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS***

<b><u>AWARD</u></b>	<b><u>WINNER</u></b>	<b><u>COMMAND</u></b>
COMBAT ENGINEER OFFICER	1ST LT E. J. SLOCKBOWER	8TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER SNCO	GYSGT J. L. PEEBLES	3RD CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER NCO	SGT. E. A. SANTOS	3RD CEB
COMBAT ENGINEER MARINE	LCPL. A. C. RAINEY	1ST CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT OFFICER	CWO2 R. W. JOYNER	1ST CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT SNCO	SSGT. W. F. ROSS	MWSS 271
ENGR EQUIPMENT NCO	SGT. J. W. CAIN II	1ST CEB
ENGR EQUIPMENT MARINE	LCPL. S. R. DICKERSON	CLB 6
UTILITIES OFFICER	CWO3 S. M. PENNER	8TH ESB
UTILITIES SNCO	SSGT. L. B. ALLEN	CLB 6
UTILITIES NCO	CPL. S. VARGAS	1ST CEB
UTILITIES MARINE	LCPL. B. L. SIMPSON	3RD CEB
BULK FUEL OFFICER	CWO3 J. C. DOMINGUEZ	MWSS 172
BULK FUEL SNCO	GYSGT. G. C. PRUITT	8TH ESB
BULK FUEL NCO	SGT. J. P BOULTER	MWSS 271
BULK FUEL MARINE	LCPL T. L. SAFFORE	MWSS 171
EOD OFFICER	CWO2 E. Y. WENTWOORD	8TH ESB
EOD TECHNICIAN	SSGT. H. V. HOLMBERG	9TH ESB
COMBAT ENGINEER BN	2D CEB	
ENGINEER SPT BN	8TH ESB	
MWSS ENGINEER COMPANY	MWSS 372	



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

## ***S.A.M.E. ENGINEER OFFICER OF THE YEAR***

— CAPTAIN SCARFE



## ***S.A.M.E. ENGINEER SNCO OF THE YEAR***

— SSGT. EVANS



## ***ENGINEER EQUIPMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR***

- CWO2 JOYNER



## ***UTILITIES NCO OF THE YEAR***

- CPL VARGAS



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

— CPL. RAINEY



## ***UTILITIES OFFICER OF THE YEAR***

— CWO3 PENNER



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

— LT. ERIC SLOCKBOWER



## ***ENGINEER CO. OF THE YEAR***

— MWSS 372, LTCOL. ANGELL AND CAPT MARTINEZ



## ***ENGINEER EQUIPMENT NCO***

— LTCOL COLIN SMITH ACCEPTS ON  
BEHALF OF SGT CAIN



Scott Tomblin, Caterpillar,  
sponsor of Engineer Support Bn Award



Bif Mott, KalMar Global,  
sponsor of Engineer Equipment awards



Paul Wilcox, TerraGroup Corp.  
sponsor of Utilities Awards



Joe Campo and Jesse Cavasoz, ARNCO,  
sponsor of CEB award



Brad Foore, award and table sponsor





And the awards go to...



Jack Nordin and Ron Hoffman



And another thing



And the next winner of the door prize is....



Bill Ford and Dave Littell



Bob Canright and Peg Hilliard





Bill Ford with two of our active duty engineers



Col. Baldwin, our Guest of Honor



Brooklyn and Erin Evans



We're ready for chow!



Trudie Latka and Don Sumner;  
superb supporters and sponsors!



Diana and Ken Frantz





Thanks for inviting us!



Uh oh; Ken's talking with his hands again



Shelbie and Ed Townsend



The floor is yours Sir!



President Charlie Dismore



Sharon Dismore, Chris and Tony Raniszewski





Bo Hellman, Joel and Nancy Cooley



SgtMaj Cochran, Dr. Bob Wolff and Col Baldwin



Rachel and Sgt. Patrick Wantuch,  
MWSS 372 Engr Co.



Brooklyn checking out the door prizes



Junior Jones and guests, plus Pam Jeans and Tawney Basurto



Brooklyn, Erin and Aaron Evans





Capt. Scarfe with Sergeant Major



Charlie presents Col Baldwin his well deserved plaque



Chaplain Paul Pankey delivers the invocation



Bo Hellman, Joel Cooley, Eric Penrod



Donna Lione



Don Sumner holding school





Donna Nordin, Ellen Ford, Sydna Pankey



Paul Wilson and Scott Penner



Pick a good one Larry



From the Halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli



Norman Penner, proud father of Scott Penner  
42 - Engineers Up!



Executive Director, Ken Frantz





Dr. Bob Wolff, Executive Director, S.A.M.E.



George Carlson and his guests, Donna and Kevin Lione



President Charlie Dismore and our emcee



Everybody is in place, let's get started!



MCEA member, Dennis Rogers



Nelson Olf, Bill Ford, Jack Nordin, Paul Pankey, Dave Littell





Grace Hoffmann with Darnell and Larry Varley



Joel Cooley and Col. Scott Baldwin



Jesse Cavasoz, Joe Campo, Joe DeHart



LtCol Cain, 1st CEB with Don Sumner



Jim Murphy, Joel Cooley and Bo Hellman



John Newman, Junior Jones and Ken Frantz





Karen Foore, Joe Cavasoz, Brad Foore, Eric and Jacky Slockbower



Tony Grissim, Leica GeoSystems, award sponsor



MWSS 372 COLOR GUARD



Lip smacking good chow!



ARNCO; the smooth road ahead!



## SHIPS STORE ITEMS

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

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



## I am a Marine

Born in 1775.  
Through two centuries, I've fought the best;  
And through two centuries, survived.  
I've fought the British twice,  
And two times I have won.  
Because of me, there was a setting of the Empire's sun.

I am a Marine.  
And I've fought in many nations,  
From Mexico's Chapultepec, to China's American Legation.  
I was the Devil Dog, at bloody Belleau Wood.  
My mastiff and I discerned between dog and man,  
But the Germans never could.  
I froze at Chosin Reservoir,  
And burned in the Pacific sun;  
Always, I was the first to fight  
And last to leave when done.  
I stood my ground at Khe Sanh,  
Though afraid, I did not run;  
Amazing – the miracles that can happen,  
When Marines get behind a gun.

I have fought in every clime and place,  
Whether cold or warm;  
From balmy third-world nations to dusty desert storms.  
With every Marine who goes beyond,  
A little piece of me ends,  
And with every boy who grows up green my life begins again.  
I have fought here for people I love,  
Fought here and on foreign shores,  
Fought every type of action and every type of war.

If my country calls on me, I will fight again,  
For I am a Marine, and my duty never ends.  
We say we're always faithful,  
And that always has been true.  
And here's a truth that some forget,  
It always will be, too.  
For when you say you are a Marine,  
you're saying more than most,  
And when you say you are a Marine,  
make sure it is not a boast.  
For when you say you are a Marine,  
you stand on those gone before.  
It's because of them and up to us,  
that there's honor in the Corps.

Yes, I am a Marine and that really says much more -  
I am a Marine - I am timeless - I am the Corps.



Semper Fidelis

