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The Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco has, for seventy years, stood in honor of the memory of the men and women who served in defense of our nation. The Club, just one block off Union Square at 609 Sutter Street, is in the heart of downtown San Francisco. This handsome California Spanish Revival building, which enjoys San Francisco's protected landmark status, provides a sanctuary for those who wish to take a pause and to honor the valor of Veterans who gave their lives while in the service of their country. Our Living Memorial is designed to preserve memories and share the stories of American military history.

The founders of the Club recognized three components to a living memorial: historical, emotional, and business. There was also an awareness that these three functions of the Club might overlap and complement each other. The vision of the original founders devised the framework for the Club to sustain itself in perpetuity.

The Club's original charter specified, as a tribute to Marine Corps heroes, the establishment and maintenance of a museum. Over time, the atmosphere and ambiance of the entire building has fulfilled this historical function. ...turn to inside back cover



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ou'll see by the articles in this *Crossroads* that we are keeping busy. We had a very interesting "Salute to Vietnam War Veterans," with a preview of the documentary THE VIETNAM WAR by filmmakers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick on the 12th of May. It will be aired on PBS starting on 17 September, in 10 segments. I can assure you that the film will be interesting and worth your time.

One of the more inspirational programs was our "Salute the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans" on 20 April. Our speaker was Sergeant Major Brad Kasal, the Sergeant Major for I MEF. SgtMaj Kasal is a hero from the second battle for Fallujah in 2004, when he was a First Sergeant. In a fire fight with insurgents in a house in Fallujah, although wounded by seven AK-47 rounds and hit by more than 43 pieces of hot fragmentation from a grenade while using his body to shield an injured fellow Marine, he refused to quit fighting and was able to return fire with his pistol, killing an insurgent. His talk was very, very good!

We also had a report of the Falklands Island campaign by retired Brigadier Rod Macdonald of the Royal Engineers, who participated in the planning and execution of the 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines' amphibious assault in 1982 against the Argentinians. It was the longest amphibious operation in military history, 8,000 miles from the UK, and the largest air-sea battle since WWII, with 23 ships sunk and 91 aircraft lost. What an operation!



few words about "dress codes" are in order. We have a dress code at the Marines' Memorial Club's Leatherneck Steakhouse. It is "Business Casual". That means for gentlemen, collared shirts, dress polo shirts, turtlenecks, knit sweaters, pressed designer jeans and khakis are acceptable. Tank tops, gym and sports attire, sleepwear, or clothing that has offensive slogans are not permitted in the restaurant and bar at any time. Dress trousers and jackets for men and women are always appreciated during the dinner hours. We will turn you away to change if you show up for dinner wearing shorts and tee shirts, much the same as any fine restaurant would do.

Most of our reciprocal clubs have dress codes as well. When you decide to use a reciprocal club, check out their dress code because we don't want you to be embarrassed when you show up not wearing appropriate attire. We are up to 242 reciprocal clubs now, located in some very interesting cities across the globe. Carol Taylor administers that program and I am proud of her achievements. When she took over the program, we had only 26 reciprocal clubs. gain this October, we are looking forward to San Francisco Fleet Week. We have a number of Navy ships with a contingent of embarked Marines, the Blue Angels, and a series of exercises showcasing Naval Service Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response (HADR) capabilities. It is the largest Fleet Week in the Nation and the local Bay Area citizens really welcome our servicemen and women.

I thank all of you, our esteemed Members, for your continued support. We want to maintain the physical plant while continuing to provide programs of importance and relevance to Veterans and the community. You can make a 100% tax-deductible donation today because the Marines' Memorial Association is a 501(c)(19) organization that fully complies with IRC 170(c)(3). If you have a foundation that can only donate to a 501(c)(3), you can donate to the Marines' Memorial Foundation.

Regardless of whether you are a "regular" at the Club, or if you live out of state and only visit us occasionally, you know that your Club is unique. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the nation.

Sincerely, and Semper Fidelis,

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J. Michael Myatt Major General USMC (Ret.) President and Chief Executive Officer

Sensational Service

Here are some recent reviews from TripAdvisor, where the Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel was rated #10 among all San Francisco hotels as of 12 May 2017:

"Epitome of Customer Service"...

I visited this hotel to see a show in their theater, but did not stay at the hotel. During intermission, my friends and I went seeking hot tea (no hot beverages at the concession stand for the theater). We asked the gentleman working at the reception desk (his name is Sanjin) if he knew somewhere nearby where we could find hot tea before intermission was over. He said there was a Starbucks a few blocks away but that we'd never make it back in time. Then he asked if we were quests at the hotel, and we answered no. He said, "Wait here, let me go check something," and we said, "Sure," having no idea if he was asking coworkers about somewhere closer or something else. He came back with mugs of hot water, several types of nice teas, plastic spoons, and sugar! It's so rare to find people, even in customer service roles, that go so far out of their way to help. Especially when we weren't even guests at the hotel. It was such a refreshing experience that I had to share.

"Great Central Location with Sensational Service"...

We arrived about eight hours later than scheduled — well after midnight. We were looked after upon arrival and indeed this first impression became the standard against which our stay was measured, and our impressions went from great to sensational.



"Fabulous Place for Anyone Who Appreciates the Marines"... This hotel was booked for us and was a complete surprise. The room was great — we had a suite that was full of amenities. The happy hour for guests was complimentary, also a nice feature. The decor was incredible, with historical displays about many moments in Marine Corps history. From what I understand, they give any active duty service members a really great deal if they stay there overnight. We were in awe that such a place with such profound respect for a branch of the US military actually existed in San Francisco, of all places. We would stay there again in a heartbeat! Make sure to visit the lounge. Five Star Rating!

"What a Benefit!"...

My husband is active duty Army and a friend recommended the hotel to us when he heard we were going to San Francisco for the long weekend. Location— awesome! Service — excellent. Rooms were clean and updated nicely. FREE HUGE breakfast buffet every morning and FREE cocktails (be careful, they are making them strong!!) for two hours every afternoon! We were able to sign up for membership for free when we checked in, which also got us a rate about half of their advertised prices, so the hotel costs about a third what any other nice hotel in the same would cost you! Very good deal. With military mementos everywhere, we felt right at home. The happy hour is fun; each night we met wonderful people who shared military background in common and were just really neat people. We will definitely go back to San Francisco and we will definitely be making the Memorial Club our hotel of choice!!



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As you enjoy the many benefits of membership, never lose sight of why we are here! Without the support of members and others in our community, the Marines' Memorial Association would not be able to carry out many of our programs.

For over 70 years, our Living Memorial has honored the legacy of military service — remembering our fallen heroes while serving our living heroes. 100% of your contribution goes directly to Association programs and helps us to sustain this important mission.

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SPREAD THE WORD, STAY THE NIGHT

Earn one free night's accommodations for every new Member you sign up!



The Marines' Memorial Club remains the "best kept secret in San Francisco." We need your help to spread the word! The Association is asking you, our members, to recommend membership to friends and loved ones who would value and appreciate **the many advantages of a Marines' Memorial membership**:

- Access to the Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel in San Francisco
 - Member rates and packages for overnight accommodations
 - Members-only happy hour
 - Chesty's Bar and the Leatherneck Steakhouse
 - Marines' Memorial Theatre
- Access to over 240 reciprocal clubs all over the world
- Networking opportunities with Currently Serving and Veteran communities
- Invitations to special events: Marine Corps Birthday Ball, George P. Shultz Lecture Series, holiday brunches and more
- Direct support of our mission honoring the legacy of military service through our "Living Memorial" and programs that commemorate, educate, and serve Veterans of all eras and their families

To be eligible for Marines' Memorial membership, candidates must have served honorably in any branch of the US Armed Forces.

Please share the application on the facing page, or refer your friends to <u>hotel.marineclub.org</u> to join! Make sure they tell us you referred them, so you will be eligible for a "Member Get a Member" gift certificate. For each new Veteran member you refer, you will receive one night's accommodations^{*} at the Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel.

^{*&}quot;Member Get a Member" gift certificates are for standard room rates Sunday-Thursday and cannot be combined with Member's Choice or other packages. Referred member must be a new Veteran member who has paid the \$200 membership contribution, and the referrer must be an active member. Certificates have no cash value and are not transferable or replaceable. Rewards are sent quarterly.

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In addition to the completion of this application, please attach the following:

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ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR! \ MEET THE MEMBERS



Every year, Livermore resident **TOMMY LOMBARD,** his wife and daughters head into the city for the Club's annual Thanksgiving brunch.

This will be their fourth year staying through the holiday weekend, a tradition the whole family looks forward to. "The Club means a lot to all of us and has a special place in our hearts," he says. Tommy, a former Marine, joined in 2008 after past board member Jon Paulson hired him at his real estate firm and then introduced him to Col John Lockie and "his amazing wife Jan," who ran the Living Memorial Project at the time. "My wife and I spent a lot of time there volunteering for the Lockies," Tommy remembers. "I will be forever grateful to Jon for everything he did for me, but especially for introducing me to the Club." Now developing and managing inventory management programs for the semiconductor industry, Tommy takes the opportunity every year during the Semi-Con/Intersolar show at Moscone Center to bring his top customers up to the Leatherneck Steakhouse for happy hour and dinner. They love it, he says, and look forward to coming back. As much as he likes to share the Club with non-members, he's especially eager to meet fellow members. So, if you see Tommy there please introduce yourself; he'd be happy to buy you a drink and make a new friend.



"Bring your family to the Marines' Memorial," counsels father of three **MATTHEW KEARNEY**, "especially if your kids were born after you

served." More than seeing mom or dad in uniform in a photograph, he contends, being among Veterans inside a place that honors military service can bring it alive for them. Matt is a Marine and Navy Veteran who grew up immersed in Marine life. "The Marine Corps has been

good to my family," he says, even playing matchmaker when he and his future wife became close as grade schoolers on base in Okinawa. He joined MMA as a Golden Gate University law student, often studying in the Ames Library. His father, Col Brendan Kearney, USMC (Ret.), is a former MMA board member, and together the two men exemplify the multigenerational draw of the Club. "We meet up every six to eight weeks, have a drink at Chesty's, and listen to one of the great speakers," he says. Wherever he goes to work - Microsoft at the beginning of this decade and now Google, where he heads up Internal Audit Regulatory Compliance - Matt endeavors to make his workplace more Veteranfriendly. Within the Google Veterans Network, he also actively promotes the Club to co-workers. In his spare time, family gets all of Matt's attention, with baseball, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and now that summer is here, a swimming pool full of happy children.



Hundreds of people have enjoyed MMC hospitality and dozens have become members thanks to retired Navy Lieutenant **RAY FAZZIO.** In 2010, he

chaired his Naval Academy class' 53rd reunion. "We had about 280 people for a whole week," recounts Ray. "We organized tours, had three days of golf, and met every morning for breakfast on the 12th floor." The event was such a hit that Ray still hears from people seeking information on organizing their own reunions. On a more romantic note, two of his six children held their wedding receptions here and this June, he and wife Jeanie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in the Crystal Lounge. Born and raised in San Francisco's Sunset District, Ray belongs to St. Ignatius High School's ADM Dan Callaghan Society, an alumni organization that honors graduates' military service. He is also a member of the San

Francisco Commandery of the US Naval Order. Ray first joined the MMA in the 1960s, enjoying the convenience of having the Club's gym in walking distance from his engineering job at Pacific Bell. After retiring from PacBell in 1992, he worked as a financial planner and then once again in telecom when he was asked to help lead the breakup of Brazil's telephone company. Now living in Belmont, a few times a year Ray uses the Club as "home base" when coming in for Giants games. "Being there" he says, "is nostalgic of memories of military service and former shipmates."



The Great Beer Epiphany of 2004 took place when **IAN SCHUSTER,** an intensely flavored eight-year aged barleywine beer, and

a very pungent Stilton cheese met up in the picturesque hot springs resort of Nasu, Japan. "The two flavors paired like magic," Ian recalls, and on that day, he began a seven-year journey from corporate work in Tokyo to brewery ownership in San Ramon, CA. The Navy Veteran's highly-rated Schubros Brewery launched on Father's Day 2012, and since 2015 has supplied beer on tap for the Marines' Memorial Club. When a job offer first brought Ian to the Bay Area in 2007, "all I knew was Rice-a-Roni and 'Full House'." Looking to plug into local military support networks, he became involved with the Blue Star Moms' Danville chapter and also discovered the Marines' Memorial Club. In 2013, the Blue Star Moms invited Ian to pour his beers at the Club's Gold Star Parents event, and another excellent pairing was born. Ian appreciates the Club's camaraderie, especially in Chesty's Bar when there's live piano music. "There's a really timeless feeling there," he explains, which is as it should be in a place where you can approach anyone from age 21 to 91, start a conversation, and bond over shared experience that spans generations. "Worrying is like paying a debt you don't owe." » Mark Twain

Membership in the Marines' Memorial Association

We had planned to release new membership tiers this summer with new benefits and new ways to connect and engage with your Club. However, it more difficult than we thought and we are still working the issues. Thus far, we have held focus groups to review some of our ideas. We will continue to work on this and we will have something to announce in our Fall 2017 issue of *Crossroads*.

"A day of worry is more exhausting than a day of work." » John Lubbock

Our "Living Memorial"

When General Vandegrift directed the creation of the Marines' Memorial Club in 1946, he envisioned a "living memorial" where Veterans would gather to honor the legacy of military service...a place where Veterans would talk about their experiences in war... where families could come to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our battlefields. We believe we have created exactly what the Commandant envisioned.

"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence." » George Washington

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"Common sense is not so common." » Voltaire

You'll Enjoy Breakfast at the Marines' Memorial Club

If you are a member of the Marines' Memorial Club, your breakfast when you stay at the Club is complimentary. This is of tremendous value because it includes everyone staying with you. It's a full American breakfast and you can order an omelet or eggs cooked to order. Join us for breakfast; you'll be impressed.

"Love all, trust a few. Do wrong to none." » William Shakespeare

Marines' Memorial Museum

Actually, the entire Marines' Memorial Club is part of our museum. We are proud of our displays in the lobby, the Flying Leatherneck Lounge on the 2nd floor, the Commandants Corridor on the 3rd floor, our Hall of Honor on the 4th floor, the Tribute Memorial Wall on 10M and the library and displays on the 11th floor. We have started a World War I commemoration on the 6th floor to recognize the significance of that war and its consequences. "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're probably right." » Henry Ford

Care Packages

We still have Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen in harm's way throughout the Globe. We need to continue to support them in every way possible to make sure they know we care. Thus, we will continue to send care packages to them, but not just any care package. We contact the headquarters for units deployed, get points of contact overseas, and strive to send our troops what they most urgently need. We'll continue to ask for your donations to help us. Every single dollar donated goes directly to the tailor made care packages. There are no overhead fees!

"There is no friend as loyal as a book." » Ernest Hemingway

The Marines' Memorial Foundation

We have formed the Marines' Memorial Foundation for those members who want to, but cannot, donate to our Association because it is a 501(c)(19)Veterans organization and not a 501(c) (3). If you fall into that category, and if you are looking for a 501(c)(3), you should consider the Marines' Memorial Foundation. Your tax-deductible donation will help us to honor the legacy of military service by educating the public on military matters in San Francisco through programs like the George P. Shultz Lecture Series and our Gold Star Parents Honor and Remembrance program. It's easy to give online at MarineClub.org/donate.

"Winners take responsibility, losers blame others." » Brit Hume

Tell Veterans about the Marines' Memorial Club

We don't have a big advertising budget like most organizations. Our focus is on our programs and supporting our currently serving members of the Armed Forces. Veterans of all eras and their families. Therefore, we depend on the kind of advertising that money can't buy: word of mouth. Simply stated, we need Veterans spreading the word about the benefits of membership in the Marines' Memorial Association to other Veterans. Bring your friends and family in. Consider the Club as a holiday destination. What better place to hold a unit reunion? In our Member Get a Member Program, you can earn free night

stays at your Club with each person who joins. Point them to our website at <u>www.MarineClub.com</u>. (Be sure and tell them to list you as a reference when they join).

"History is a vast early warning system." » Norman Cousins

Marines' Memorial Wellness Membership

We have a solid relationship with Active Sports, the firm that operates our health club. The result is that, because you are a Marines' Memorial member, you can join Active Sports for \$50 per month and have access to a network of Active Sports facilities throughout the Bay Area.

"Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't." » Richard Bach

About the Marines' Memorial Association

Honoring the legacy of Military Service! That's what we are about at the Marines' Memorial Association. That is why we exist! When asked about our mission, we respond with three action verbs: commemorate, educate, and serve. We commemorate the services and sacrifices or our Military Veterans. We educate the public about those sacrifices; and we provide services to the Veterans of all eras and their families.

"When I was fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around. When I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years." » Mark Twain



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COMMEMORATION »Iraq & Afghanistan

n Thursday night, 20 April, the Marines' Memorial held a special program to honor our newest Veterans, the Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans. Our speaker was Sergeant Major Bradley A. Kasal, US Marine Corps. SgtMaj Kasal is the Sergeant Major for I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton.

SgtMaj Kasal is very well known among younger Veterans. He is a hero from the second battle for Fallujah in 2004, when he was a first sergeant. In a fire fight with insurgents in a house in Fallujah, he was wounded by seven AK-47 rounds. He was hit by more than 43 pieces of hot fragmentation from a grenade while using his body to shield an injured fellow Marine. Nevertheless, he refused to quit fighting. He was able to return fire with his pistol, killing an insurgent. By the time he was carried out of the house, he had lost approximately 60 percent of his blood! He was awarded the Navy Cross.

For his talk, he was Introduced by a former member of the Marines' Memorial Board, Sergeant Major Frank Pulley, USMC (Ret.), who was the 1st Marine Division Sergeant Major when SgtMaj Kasal was awarded the Navy Cross. His description of SgtMaj Kasal was spoton because SgtMaj Kasal has achieved so much in recovery from his wounds and he still leads from the front! SgtMaj Kasal spoke to all of the Veterans in attendance, but his talk was specific to the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans, thanking them for their service and thanking them for doing what others would not do...a poignant comment that recognized the importance of the all-volunteer military of today! The Sergeant Major spoke about the threats the military face today and in the future and how the US military, and specifically the Marine Corps, is preparing to meet them... truly inspirational!

You can view the entire talk at www.youtube.com/user/MarinesMemorialClub/videos.





YOUR CLUB CALENDAR \ UPCOMING EVENTS + REUNIONS

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10 August 2017 · 6:00 pm GUADALCANAL COMMEMORATION

Please join us for our 74th anniversary salute to Veterans of the Battle for Guadalcanal.

13 September 2017 · 5:30 pm KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATION

Join us in commemorating the 67th Anniversary of the Korean War. Enjoy a wine reception, followed by a panel discussion on "Three Years of Fighting the Korean War" with LtCol John Stevens, USMC (Ret.), Sgt Don Reid, and GySgt Denny Weisgerber, USMC (Ret.)

25 September 2017 · 6:30 pm MEET THE AUTHOR: MARK BOWDEN

The renowned journalist and author will speak on his book <u>Hue 1968: A Turning Point of the American War</u> <u>in Vietnam</u>, with moderator MajGen Raymond Smith, USMC (Ret.), former Company Commander at the Battle of Hue.

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12 October 2017

GENERAL ROBERT B. BROWN COMMANDER, US ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC

General Brown, who assumed command of USARPAC on 30 April 2016, will speak at the Marines' Memorial in a program co-sponsored with the Commonwealth Club.

18 November 2017 · 6:00 pm 242nd BIRTHDAY OF THE US MARINE CORPS

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< From left: Army Veteran Phil Gioia, filmmaker Lynn Novick, war correspondent and author Joe Galloway and wife Gracie, former MMA Board President J. Barrie Graham and wife Julianna

COMMEMORATION » Vietnam by MajGen JM Myatt, USMC (Ret.)

n Friday night, 12 May, the Marines' Memorial held a special program to honor our Vietnam Veterans. We held a screening of Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's documentary THE VIETNAM WAR. The documentary is a ten-part, 18-hour documentary film series that will air on PBS in September 2017. We were able to watch a preview of 55 minutes of the 18 hours and felt the impact of the coverage over the whole war period.

THE VIETNAM WAR features testimony from nearly 100 witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides. Six years in the making, the series brings the war and the chaotic epoch it encompassed viscerally to life. One interesting part was the interviews with the North Vietnamese Army soldiers and their reactions to combat with the Americans. They must be experiencing post-traumatic stress, too, much like some of our fighters have.

Following the screening, we had a panel with the filmmaker, Lynn Novick, veteran war correspondent Joe Galloway, who served as an advisor to the project, and the moderator, US Army Vietnam Veteran Phil Gioia, who was interviewed for the project.

Joe Galloway was a war correspondent in November 1965 in Vietnam when he had to put down his camera and pick up an M-16 rifle to help save soldiers' lives. For his heroic actions, he was awarded a Bronze Star...the only civilian so honored by the US Army during the Vietnam War. Joe is well known as the co-author, along with Lieutenant General Hal Moore, of the bestselling books <u>We Were</u> <u>Soldiers Once...and Young</u>, and <u>We</u> <u>are Soldiers Still</u>. Some of the preview video we saw was of the Ia Drang battle in 1965 that Joe Galloway wrote about with LtGen Moore, showing how ferocious that battle was. Joe's comments on the battle were riveting.

Phil Gioia was a US Army company commander on his second tour in Vietnam and told a hair-raising story of how they woke up one morning after a restless night's sleep bivouacking on a pile of buried civilians who had been



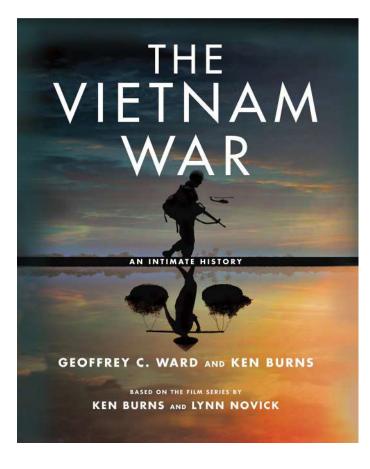




massacred by the North Vietnamese during the battle for Hue City in 1968.

The documentary was filmed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, written by Geoffrey C. Ward, and produced by Sarah Botstein, Lynn Novick and Ken Burns. It includes rarely seen, digitally re-mastered archival footage from sources around the globe, photographs taken by some of the most celebrated photojournalists of the 20th Century and more than 100 iconic musical recordings by many of the greatest artists of the era.

What is really exciting is that THE VIETNAM WAR will provide opportunities for communities to participate in a national conversation about what happened during the Vietnam War, what went wrong, and what lessons are to be learned. I am looking forward to viewing and recording the entire documentary and discussing with my daughters, who were too young to remember the Vietnam War.



From a Good friend [to MajGen Myatt via email]:

I had the honor of being invited to the preview of the new documentary by Ken Burns and Lyn Novick on the Vietnam War and to meet Burns, Novick, Joe Galloway and a number of other participants in the film. We were able to see about an hour of clips from the total 10 episodes, and I have to tell you this is going to be a very powerful film.

They have spent 10 years doing this, which included several trips to Vietnam, and one of the great things is that they interview actual Vietcong and NVA soldiers, not generals but the average foot soldier.

I know several of the people who will be commenting on various aspects of the war and they all had high praise for the evenhanded way Burns and Novick approach the story.

It starts airing September 17 on PBS. For those who know little about the war and its impact on the United States, this will be an education; for those who were there, I hope it will be a chance to heal.

Anyway, I intend to watch it regardless of the possible negative memories and feelings it might engender.

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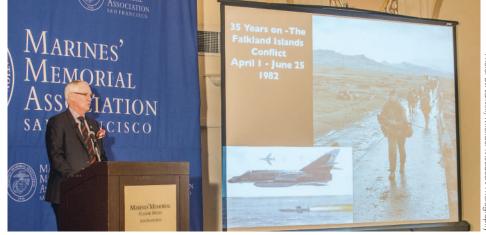
Brigadier Rod Macdonald tells the > story of the 1982 Falklands War

The Falkland Islands War, 35 Years On

n 24 May, Retired British Army Brigadier (General) Rod (Roderick) Macdonald gave us a firsthand account of the difficulties of the Falkland Islands War. What a treat! Brigadier Macdonald was part of 3 Commando Brigade, made up of Royal Marines and other elements, including soldiers in the UK army providing artillery support and the Royal Engineers. Brigadier Macdonald was the commander of the 59th Squadron of the Royal Engineers as a captain. He was also a member of the 3 Commando Brigade Commander's (Brigadier Julian Thompson) small recce group and planning group.

Go to <u>www.youtube.com/user/</u> <u>MarinesMemorialClub/videos</u>, to watch the entire presentation, which is recommended because this writeup doesn't do it proper justice. The story is fascinating because it was about planning and executing an amphibious assault...the most complex of military operations.

The Falkland Islands, owned by the United Kingdom, are located in the South Atlantic, just east of Argentina. In 1981, Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister, and the Secretary of State for Defence was John Knott. During this tough economic time, Secretary Knott wanted to get rid of Royal Marines, the Army's parachute regiment and amphibious ships, in favor of nuclear missile submarines. He made the decision to withdraw the HMS Endurance (an Antarctic survey ship) from the South Atlantic, sending an unfortunate and erroneous signal to Argentina that the UK would be unwilling and unable to



defend the Falklands. Argentine military preparations began in December 1981. In February 1982, Argentine Marines began training for the invasion, and on 9 March, the Argentine Junta received the draft invasion plan. On 19 March, Argentine "scrap workers" raised the Argentine Flag on South Georgia, alerting the British Embassy in Buenes Aires. On 28 March, an invasion force deployed from Argentina. The following day, two British nuclear submarines deployed as a show of force, to deter the Argentine invasion force, and on 31 March, Prime Minister Thatcher authorized planning for deployment operations.

On 2 April, Argentine Marines landed and seized Stanley on East Falklands and South Georgia. The Argentine public was thrilled. Back in the UK, the public rallied behind Thatcher and began mobilizing. Eventually, 54 ships were pulled from the merchant fleet and outfitted for the operation with helicopter platforms, ability to refuel at sea, and loaded with military supplies — all within a matter of days — and outfitted to carry hundreds of troops.

The 3 CDO Brigade embarked without a plan and without clear orders. A small team, including Macdonald, began planning on the deck of Brigadier Julien Thompson's stateroom on the HMS Fearless. The amphibious assault of 8,000 miles from the North Atlantic to the South Atlantic would be the longest in military history! Many thought they weren't going to fight. The planning team thought differently. The Argentines based the future of their junta government on keeping the Falklands, and Margaret Thatcher based the future of her government on getting them back. The statistics weren't promising: Argentine forces were 10,000 strong with time to prepare defenses. British forces numbered just 5,000 and they were outgunned, with 105mm artillery pieces vs the Argentines' 155mm. Air superiority was doubtful.

By 10 April, the 3 CDO Brigade had a plan. Now they had to reload the ships to support the plan and brief their seniors at Ascension Islands, midway between home and the Falklands. Command relations were a challenge, but the Navy and Marines hammered out a agreement where Brigadier Thompson, assisted by Macdonald and the rest of the planning team, prevailed.

The Falkland Islands is a harsh arctic environment. Having trained annually on similar terrain in Norway, the 3 CDO Brigade were ready for the arctic conditions. They decided that if they could maneuver to take Stanley on East Falklands Island, leveraging their ability to fight in the extreme cold, the entire Argentine position would collapse.

They landed at San Carlos, between West and East Falklands, which was undefended.

The Brits were successful, but at a significant cost: 1,000 deaths and 2,000 wounded. Ninety-one aircraft were lost. Twenty-three ships were sunk during the largest air-sea battle since WWII. However, the casualties and losses would have been far greater had not the 3 CDO Brigade had such a plan and such superb training that allowed them to operate in the arctic environment.

Memorial Day 2017

by Bill and Mary Shea

emorial Day evokes a thousand sentiments that resonate in a thousand ways. We can consider the multiple memorials that punctuate our country's landscape — the Gettysburg battlefield, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the iconic statue of Iwo Jima, the stark marble slab etched with the 57,000 names of the Vietnam KIAs. They are emblematic of the sacrifice and bravery of enduring love and devotion. So every year, we gather to remember

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and honor those who we have lost in the more than two centuries of conflict that have kept us free.

At its core, Memorial Day is the art of remembering, not sanitizing reality to suit our momentary proclivities as individuals or as a nation, but rather it is a wildpeace that the earth demands, a "peace/ without the big noise of beating swords into plowshares,/ without words," as the poet Yehuda Amachai wrote not so long ago. It is standing at our son's gravesite here in Sonoma, standing before mysteries we will never truly understand. Our beloved Tim is buried within walking distance





of our home in Sonoma's own Veterans' Cemetery. We needed him close to us, and it is a quiet, peaceful, yet an oddly busy place. Standing at his gravesite we can also look across the fields to the Little League fields where Tim played baseball and also out to the parking lot next to the cemetery, where his mom taught him to drive a stick shift, a most perilous activity for all concerned!

Our Tim was a corporal, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, out of Ft. Benning, GA. In his two-and-a-half years in the Army, he was deployed five times, twice to Afghanistan and three times to Iraq. He died on 25 Aug

> 2005 in the Al Qaim/Husaybah area, right on the border between Iraq and Syria.

Looking back, we are often bemused by our son's success in the military, particularly with the Rangers. As parents, we weren't quite sure he would even make it out of Basic Training, much less make it into battalion, but he did. Our family activities didn't include hunting, fishing, backpacking or other outdoor sports, other than lazy summer afternoons at the ball park. After all, dad is a lawyer and mom a teacher, so ruck marches, fast roping and

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< Admiral Scott Swift greets Pearl Harbor survivor Mickey Ganitch

 Admiral Swift poses with the Color Guard during the Battle of Midway 75th Anniversary Commemoration

Bottom: USCGC STRATTON Sailor of the year Operations Specialist First Class Erica Jewell, USCG

COMMEMORATION »Battle of Midway

early 250 Veterans, service members, their families and friends gathered at the Marines' Memorial Club on 3 June to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Midway.

The San Francisco celebration was one of several official commemorative events held worldwide to celebrate the American victory and honor those who defeated the Japanese Navy in the battle that proved to be the turning point in the Pacific War. Admiral Scott Swift, Commander, US Pacific Fleet, was the keynote speaker.

Five deceased Battle of Midway veterans who had attended the celebration in the past were honored during the dinner with the reading of their biographies. One was LCDR Philip Horne, who served aboard the USS New Orleans (CA-32) during the battle.

"I want to talk about the history that binds us together and how that history continues to be brought to us in surprising ways. It was brought to me tonight in an unexpected way," Admiral Swift said as he reflected on LCDR Horne's biography. Swift's own father had reported aboard the New Orleans after the battle. Said Swift, "To have that history be brought back to me, as his son, was pretty special."

Admiral Swift asked all currently serving military to stand up and be recognized. Sailors of the Year from Navy Operational Support Center San Jose and US Coast Guard Cutter USS Stratton (WMSL-752) were specially acknowledged

"I did my first tour in Hawaii so I built my Navy knowledge and my Navy history around World War II," by MCC Elizabeth Reisen

said Navy reservist, NOSC San Jose Sailor of the Year Master-at-Arms 1st Class Gail Kirk. "Being here at the Battle of Midway celebration rekindled all of those memories."





SAN FRANCISCO FLEET WEEK 2017 PLANNING UNDERWAY

an Francisco Fleet Week 2017 will take place 1 - 9 October. The first US Navy ship sails under the Golden Gate Bridge to participate in joint military/civilian Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response training. This training kicks off a weeklong celebration of our sea services, culminating with the Fleet Week Air Show featuring the Navy's Blue Angels. Fleet Week activities include Community Relations Projects, the Parade of Ships, first responder exercises, neighborhood concerts, the Air Show, and the signature K-9 Heroes Program. Throughout the City, the 1st Marine Division Band and the Navy Region Northwest Band will perform pop-up concerts. This year, the Humanitarian Village on the Marina Green expands to include the new STEM Center, while the Veterans' Services Summit (formerly the Veterans' Career Seminar) will include workshops, discussions, and information sources that highlight programs available to Veterans and currently serving military in the areas of hiring, medical benefits, and social and family services.

The modern Fleet Week began in 1981 under the direction of then Mayor Dianne Feinstein and continues under governance of the San Francisco Fleet Week Association, in partnership with US Military branches; the Royal Canadian Navy; local, state, and federal agencies; and the private sector. Each year, Bay Area citizens flock to San Francisco in October to visit US Navy, US Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy ships. San Francisco and the entire Bay Area pay tribute to the Sailors and Marines serving in today's military, while participating in activities that celebrate and demonstrate military personnel and capabilities.

As in previous years, the Third Fleet will send a task force of ships embarked with Marines from Camp Pendleton to participate in the nation's most important, robust Fleet Week.

Along with the celebrations, Fleet Week also serves as an education and training platform for Bay Area governments and citizens. The presence of the naval services provides opportunities for the military to work alongside local emergency managers to share their capabilities for responding during times of disaster. These capabilities were used to provide relief after the events in Haiti in 2010, Japan in 2011 and Nepal in 2015, and the floods and fires California saw in 2016. During Fleet Week, military and emergency management leaders attend seminars, workshops and exercises to review plans and identify best practices and innovations in humanitarian assistance and disaster response. Interoperable training between the City's emergency planners and first responders with the Navy and Marines includes the delivery of resources to San Francisco, Urban Search and Rescue, shipboard firefighting, and ambulance ride-alongs.

Wednesday 4 October Reviving the tradition of the Nimitz trophy, in partnership with the Olympic Club, Fleet Week will host The Marksmanship Competition between the military and civilian representatives at the Richmond Rod & Gun Club.

Thursday 5 October The Marines' Memorial Club will host the annual Honor Our Fallen Concert, featuring the 1st Marine Division Band in a moving tribute to those lost in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

Friday 6 October The Parade of Ships sails under the Bridge, officially opening the Fleet Week festival along the waterfront. Come see the the cruiser, destroyer, amphibious carrier, cutter and other maritime vessels in this dramatic display of maritime prowess. The Air Show takes to the skies with the acrobatic Oracle Bi-plane, the F-22, and the Blue Angels. On the Marina Green, the Humanitarian Village offers an educational, interactive demonstration of US military and civilian capabilities in responding to a disaster, while the STEM Center provides the public with interactive and static displays demonstrating the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

Saturday 7 October Duboce Park will host our popular K-9 Heroes event. Join military, first responder personnel and their K-9 counterparts as they demonstrate how they help enforce security, find buried victims, and give comfort and guidance to those in need. Ships are open for tours along the Embarcadero at Piers 35, 15/17 and 30/32, while the Air Show flies again overhead.

Sunday 8 October The US Marine Corps, US Navy and US Coast Guard march with colors and bands in the Italian Heritage Parade down Columbus Avenue. This is also the final day for the Air Show and Humanitarian Village/STEM Center on the Marina Green.

Monday 9 October The ships welcome visitors for their final day in San Francisco, and regional high school bands take part in the High School Band challenge in the Golden Gate Band Shell, an exciting challenge for local schools to win prize money to support the continuation of musical programs within their schools.

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jumping out of airplanes are really not a part of our family legacy; yet these endeavors must have been something he inherited from his grandfathers, who both served in WWII. Tim had never even picked up a gun before the Army, but he did end up as a weapons squad team leader. As all parents know, our children continually surprise us. Tim certainly did and gave life a rousing ride, even running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, and studying history in Greece. Our tender-hearted Tim was truly a Renaissance man.

Now almost twelve years later, the journey with Tim has shifted. We call to mind other poetic lines that give us hope and solace in the midst of the loud confusion in these ever complicated and divisive times. John Donne reminds us that we are not enduring a breach or a break with our beloved son through death, but an expansion, and though we may be "...like gold to airy thinness beat," we are not broken. We are stubborn enough to never leave anyone behind, as the Ranger Creed itself admonishes, particularly our Tim. Nor do we forget all those other Gold Star parents who gather yearly at the Marines' Memorial with us in February and remember their children, too, and those who died in all our many foreign wars over time.

For a brief time, each year we become once again, through our sons and daughters, these United States. So, in a sense, Memorial Day is how we come together and remember our individual soldiers, Marines, sailors, and airmen and women. Once again, a poem can remind us of our connection with others beyond death:

POEM WITH IED

I am not finished being your mother

but I have no tongue left to sing you

to sing you on your way to sing you on your way home to sing you on your way home from this war

the blast wave still tremors soft tissue, brain and tongue, and I am still deaf, deaf with the weight with the heft of silence, dirt clods in my mouth I am the one buried, smothered in the silence

but I must make a language, gather shards of words, to find you in this dark so you can hear my voice my voice unlovely in this unlovely poem to let you know I am here

just in case



anjin Agic (pronounced sahn*yin ah-ghich*) is the Marines' Memorial Club's primary swing shift Guest Services Agent. He is on duty at the front desk from 3pm to 11pm, checking in hotel guests and making sure they have everything they need for a great stay. Sanjin has served in this position for over ten years and is highly regarded around the Club. Guest Services Manager Sarge Español praises Sanjin as resourceful and very friendly. "He delights in creating a fun and relaxed atmosphere for guests and his peers alike," says Sarge. He strives for 100% efficiency, too, in a demanding job with a lot of moving parts.

Sanjin immigrated to the United States from Bosnia sixteen years ago. "The boat landed in Wisconsin," he says with a grimace. Only half joking, he argues that a place where the first snow turns as hard as concrete is where you might go for a research expedition, not to live. So, after five years on the "frozen tundra," he made his way to California. He has family still in Wisconsin, as well as in Bosnia and

meet the staff SANJIN AGIC, FRONT DESK

Croatia. Last summer, he took a group of his American friends to Sarajevo and Croatia. "It was a sort of 'friend reunion," he says, adding that "it's good to be able to show people where you're from."

Grateful for the Marines' Memorial Association's generous vacation policy, Sanjin travels regularly back to Europe. His folks have a place on the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia, where his grandmother lives and where he goes to recharge and reconnect with friends and family.

Time out

hough he loves his adopted home city, the lure of fresh air and greenery often sends Sanjin across the Golden Gate for daylong hikes and bike rides. "At least once a month, I go to Muir Woods for a long hike," he says. "It washes away the city and really rejuvenates." A favorite cycling route takes him across the bridge, into the Marin Headlands, out to Tiburon, and then back into San Francisco on the ferry.

He also enjoys standup comedy, especially when it lands at his doorstep. "Sketchfest (an annual comedy festival that takes place around town, including performances in the Marines' Memorial Theatre) is probably the most fun time here at MMC," he says, pointing out that it brings in a group of people who might not otherwise come into the Marines' Memorial, and they get to discover and appreciate the building.

Welcome to San Francisco

ne of Sanjin's favorite aspects of his job is to act as a concierge for guests, and one favorite story goes like this: A younger active duty guy came in, just back from a tour of duty. He was settling into the Club for a few days, but that first night he was meeting a date and needed some suggestions for showing her a good time in San Francisco. "I mapped a night out for him, with exactly where to go for cocktails, dinner, and entertainment," Sanjin recalls. "I was pretty young then so I knew a lot about what there was to do in the city, and I was right on point for that guy." A big thank-you and a nice tip followed the next day. He points out that the Club welcomes a lot of service members leaving or coming back from a tour. They want to have a good time, and he considers it a privilege to help them out.

Sanjin also likes getting to know the "regulars," those members who tend to live closer to San Francisco and come back again and again. For them, and for anyone who's looking for something new to explore here, he will gladly point them in the right direction.





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Last quarter, we added the Militarsallskapet I Stockholm Club in Sweden. It has proven to be very popular with you members! This non-residential club has an affiliation with a nearby hotel, which offers special discounted rates to its guests.

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Enjoy your travels! Carol

UNIVERSITY CLUB OF PHOENIX

wo absolutely delightful lunches at the University Club of Phoenix inspired me to share the good news with other Marines' Memorial members. This small but elegant establishment in the very heart of central Phoenix is

the only reciprocal club listed in my new home state of Arizona and is just not to be missed. It is one of the very few private dining city clubs left here. I'm still exploring, so with letter of introduction in hand, GPS plugged in and in the company of a trusted



friend, native to the area, I set off to visit. I was most pleasantly surprised by this charming 1940s style club located in the Alvarado Historical District. With frequent, short and inexpensive flights from SFO to Sky Harbor, one could enjoy breakfast at the Marines' Club, jet to Phoenix and soak up some sun, have lunch at the University Club, and still get back to SF in time for happy hour.

The UCP was founded in 1965 and moved to its current location across from the Heard Museum in 1970. The staff takes great pride in preserving the atmosphere of elegance and privacy despite rapid growth and constant change in the city. The menu is extensive, far beyond what one would expect from the size of this jewel. I've had the blackened salmon salad and the eggplant and portabella parmigiana, and both were both superb. It's not an exaggeration to say that the service rivals that of the Marines' Memorial Club and I've

never said that before. The club can seat 150 guests throughout its several dining rooms. It also has a lovely garden area which can enable a guest to forget being in the center of the fifth largest city in the U.S. I was definitely made to feel at home, even doted on, my very first visit. To top off the experience, prices were modest and you just won't find such in central Phoenix. Oh yes, did I mention they still serve desserts created in their kitchen the old fashioned way? Our server brought the masterpieces out for our selection. This kind of service amid the hustle and bustle of urban centers is a rare find indeed.

My lunch companion, Bonnie Walker, remembered the club well and was delighted that the "parlor" had not changed. She regaled us with stories of times past and entertained us, playing the grand piano beautifully after the lunch service closed. It's definitely a place to linger, although the dining room is open only for breakfast and lunch. The UCP offers special buffets that feature holiday menus, a children's table with some favorites, and the pastry chef's special dessert station. The UCP is available to reciprocal members for special events such as weddings, anniversaries, romantic private dinners, rehearsal dinners, memorials, awards ceremonies, family reunions and professional meetings.



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Zachary C. Goodwin

Zachary is a freshman Diplomacy and World Affairs major at Occidental College. He was the Pacific Grove High School correspondent for his local newspaper and a

"Teen Conservation Leader" at Monterey Bay Aquarium. Zachary is sponsored by his father, CAPT Robert D. Goodwin, USN (Ret.)

Colonel Richard Hallock Scholarship (2 Awards, \$2,500)



Brianna J. DeJesus-Banos

A senior at Cornell University, Brianna is majoring in Communications. Brianna has volunteered with a homeless shelter in San Francisco, and was a Model UN intern at

the Harvard Summer Institute. She is sponsored by her father, Maj Ricardo DeJesus, USAF.



Christopher S. Keane

Christopher is a sophomore at Gonzaga University, majoring in Business/Finance. In high school, Christopher was senior class president and director of a mentoring pro-

gram for military children. His father is Col Christopher A. Keane, USMC (Ret.)

Edmund K Gross Education Scholarship (1 Award, \$2,500)



Kayla B. Monson

A Westmont College junior, Kayla's major is Liberal Studies (Elementary Education). Kayla is an elementary school volunteer and has participated in a study abroad

program in Mexico. Kayla is sponsored by her grandfather, LtCol Lowell C. Rottrup, USMC (Ret.).

Evelyn Bukovac Hamilton Health Care Scholarship (1 Award, \$2,500)



Elizabeth Wong

Elizabeth is a sophomore Nursing major at Abilene Christian University. Elizabeth volunteers with refugee children in underprivileged communities and writes for "Ke-

tia4Kidz Military Brats Blog." Her father, Col Lolo Wong, USAF (Ret.), is her sponsor.

Hammer Family Scholarship (5 Awards, \$5,000)



Justin R. Agan

Justin is a senior at Texas A&M University studying Wildlife and Fisheries Science with an emphasis on Vertebrate Zoology. Justin participates in Team Red, White

and Blue and is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. He served in the Marine Corps until 2004.



Cole R. Carey

Cole, a junior at Texas Tech University, is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He recently assisted Korean War Veterans on a South Korea trip and has volunteered with

his local middle school's after school program. Cole separated from the Marine Corps in 2015.



Rex B. Ferrer Gordon

A sophomore at the College of Charleston, Rex is a Computer Science major. Rex is a member of his college's Cybersecurity Club, and he has participated in Google IgniteCS.

He separated from the Navy in 2016.



Timothy W. Howard

Timothy is a senior Geology major at the College of Charleston. He has volunteered with local students interested in STEM and will study abroad in Indonesia this year.

Timothy served in the Marine Corps until 2012.



John T. Locke

John, a freshman at Texas A&M University, will major in Mechanical Engineering. Before entering the Marine Corps, John earned his Eagle Scout award. He is currently a youth

ice hockey coach. He separated from the Marines in 2016.

Wesley Hammon Leach Scholarship (2 Awards, \$2,500)



Caroline A. Dorko

Caroline, a junior at Boston College, is majoring in Nursing. She volunteers with Boston College's school for the severely developmentally disabled and participates

in her school's dance ensemble. She is sponsored by her father, MG Jeffrey J. Dorko, USA (Ret.).



HM3 Ian Marshman, USNR

Ian is a sophomore Organizational Management major at Point Loma Nazarene University. After receiving his BA, he will pursue his master's in Nursing. Ian is

Junior Vice Commandant of his Marine Corps League Detachment, and has helped to raise funds for homeless Veterans in San Diego.

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Joseph C. Hammond

Joseph is a freshman Aerospace Engineering major at California Polytechnic State University. In high school, Joseph achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He was also captain

of his basketball team. He is sponsored by father, Mr. Richard A. Hammond, an Air Force Veteran.



Jacob W. Spisak

Jacob is a senior at Rice University, majoring in Physics. He was the drum major for Rice University's Marching Owl Band, and volunteers as a student educator, getting el-

ementary and middle school students interested in physics. Jacob's grandfather was Army Veteran Mr. David J. Spisak.

Nancy M. Schonher Scholarship (1 Award, \$5,000)



Darlyne Christy Janvier

Darlyne is in her final year of a Doctorate of Nursing program at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. She already holds undergraduate and master's degrees in

Nursing. Darlyne has traveled to Kenya and Haiti to help residents manage chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. She is sponsored by her father, Army Veteran Mr. Paul M. Pierre.

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Scholarship Essay » HM3 Ian Marshman, USNR

WHAT **HONOR, AWARD, OR TITLE** (GIVEN BY AN ORGANIZATION, AN INDIVIDUAL, OR EVEN SELF-PROCLAIMED) HAVE YOU RECEIVED THAT MEANT THE MOST TO YOU? EXPLAIN WHY IT WAS SO MEANINGFUL, AND HOW IT WILL INFLUENCE YOUR FUTURE.

t the risk of sounding cheesy or sycophantic, the title that I have received that means the most to me and that I identify with most is FMF Corpsman. Serving with 3/8 Marines in Afghanistan was the defining experience of my life. As a lone immigrant to this country, I found a brotherhood I had longed for amongst my fellow Marines. We share an equality seldom found in general society. To me, it represented the true realization of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s so often misappropriated quote: "...that one day a man would be judged by the content of his character and not the color of his skin." In the Marines, I found that there was no color other than green, that as long as you did your job well, were a person of your word with integrity and honor, and could be depended on by your brothers, nothing else mattered.

I think of my brothers every day and am still in touch with many of them. I remember the 11 boys we lost over there. Every day, I wear a memorial bracelet dedicated to all of them and carry a Zippo lighter with each of their names engraved on the back. I have shed many tears for their lost youth and potential. I remember some telling me of their hopes and aspirations for the future, which they were unable to accomplish due to their lives being cut short. For a number of years, I carried a hatred in my heart; I returned to both Iraq and Afghanistan as a security contractor because I felt I had unfinished business there. I have since come to realize that the best way to honor our fallen brothers is to live well and strive to give our all in everything we do. It is through this that I dedicate myself to my studies. I have never received a grade other an A and have maintained a 4.0 GPA. To do anything less would be to dishonor my brothers who never had the opportunity.

In civilian life, I have joined many Veterans' organizations searching for the brotherhood I found in the Marines, but it is something that simply cannot be reproduced outside of the conditions of that organization. I try not to linger on some experiences I had, but I would not change any of them. The professor in my World Religions class gave me a quote, which I cherish dearly and recite almost as a mantra at times: "The wake does not drive the boat." We are not defined by our previous experiences, and whether we use them to our benefit or detriment is up to each one of us. I choose to use my experience to motivate me to succeed in all of my endeavors.

Ian Marshman is a 2017 recipient of the Marines' Memorial Association's Wesley Hammon Leach Scholarship



2016-17 Scholarship Winner Inducted into Oberlin College Phi Beta Kappa

artin Mancini, a recipient of the 2016-17 Sergeants Henry and Jeane Rose Scholarship, graduated from Oberlin College this Spring with a Neuroscience Major. He also studied Mandarin for three years. Martin won the College's Neuroscience Prize, and was honored by being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He is son of Jay Mancini, a Marine Force Recon Vietnam Veteran. Congratulations, Martin.

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The Long Goodbye: Khe Sanh Revisited by Michael Archer

The Fleet at Flood Tide: America at Total War in the Pacific, 1944-1945 by James Hornfischer