The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF) provides educational assistance to the children of fallen United States Marines and federal law enforcement personnel. Since our founding in 1995, MC-LEF has awarded over $72 million in scholarships and other humanitarian assistance, and supported over 3,900 children.

MC-LEF relies on the commitment of volunteers and generous donors across the country, who organize events, provide financial support and recruit others to our cause. With only one part-time employee, MC-LEF is sustained by a network of people who believe that the brave men and women who protect our country and our communities deserve to have their families protected as well.

Thanks to our generous donors, MC-LEF is currently able to place a $30,000 savings bond in a scholarship account for every child who loses a parent serving in the United States Marine Corps or any federal law enforcement agency. In recent years, we have expanded our mission to provide medical equipment and financial support to catastrophically wounded Marines, as well as financial support for mentally or physically disabled children of active duty Marines. In the past, MC-LEF has also aided the children of other military personnel who perished in terrorist attacks and in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MC-LEF is an approved IRS 501 (c) 3 organization that has been recognized for its excellence and efficiency by the Independent Charities of America. 98% all donations to MC-LEF go directly to fund our mission.

Although MC-LEF is immensely proud of our work to date, there is still much to be done to support the families of America’s Marines and federal law enforcement personnel. Please visit www.mc-lef.org to learn more and find out how you can help.

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### NEWSLETTER EDITOR: LOU PIANITOSI
Thursday, March 30, 2017 was a wonderful evening for the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation’s 22nd Annual Gala. The event was held at a new location this year due to the historic Waldorf-Astoria Hotel undergoing renovations. Cipriani Wall Street proved to be an outstanding venue and over 650 guests were treated to their world class service and menu. Due to the overwhelming turnout, we hosted the cocktail reception across the street at the magnificent Atrium lobby space of the Deutsche Bank. This historic space was graciously donated to the Foundation by Deutsche Bank and we are very grateful.

The soaring ceilings and spectacular architecture created the background for a lavish cocktail reception. The team at Cipriani along with their design team transformed the public space into a private, beautiful cocktail lounge. Elegantly clothed cocktail tables were plentiful and a large bar filled the center of the space. Dramatic 20-foot-high draping along the perimeter finished off the space with flair. Perhaps the most delightful touch was the red carpet that was installed across Wall Street for our guests to “walk the red carpet” over to the dinner!

A vintage 1950’s military jeep was parked outside

Cipriani’s and drew a lot of guests for photo ops. Of course, our 7-foot American Flag and United States Marine Corps flag flying high above Wall Street were also a big hit.

Our dinner co-chairpersons, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Jill Zames and Mr. and Mrs. James and Sue Kallstrom did an outstanding job to make the gala a spectacular success. We were most fortunate to have the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert Neller, USMC and his bride, Darcy attend. General Neller graciously assisted in presenting both awards. He gave a fantastic speech on the state of the Corps and expressed his appreciation for MC-LEF. Our guests were then treated to an inspirational video set to one of President Reagan’s awesome speeches on American will power and our dedicated military. Our Chairman, Jim Kallstrom, followed the video and congratulated all our guests for being the great Americans they are and to thank them for their amazing support of MC-LEF. He spoke of the over $72 million in support and over 3,800 lives that MC-LEF has been able to touch. Jim thanked the crowd as we truly understand that without our generous donors, none of this would happen.

The gala was attended by many dignitaries – too many to list. Of special note, we were honored to have two Medal of Honor recipients in the crowd, Colonel Barney Barnum, USMC (Ret.) and Lt. Thomas Kelley, USN. We also enjoyed the company of the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Al Gray, USMC (Ret.) and the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James T. Conway, USMC (Ret.). The evening was greatly enhanced by performances by the outstanding Marine Drum & Bugle Corps. Their musical Patriotic Interlude was amazing – they never fail to steal the show.

The recipient of the 2017 Commandant’s Leadership Award was presented to General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.), 16th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Pace is

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also our Vice Chairman and has been an outstanding supporter of MC-LEF since our beginning. General Joseph Dunford, USMC, the current 19th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his lovely wife, Ellyn attended the evening and General Dunford presented the award, along with CMC General Robert Neller, USMC to General Pace. It was truly magnificent to have these two heroes on our stage declaring their appreciation and respect for MC-LEF and all it does – it doesn’t get any better than that! General Pace gave an emotional speech recounting his days in Vietnam as a young officer. He spoke eloquently and sincerely of how important MC-LEF’s mission is. Our guests were truly inspired.

The 2017 Semper Fidelis award was presented to Mr. Joseph M. Murphy, Chairman of Country Bank and MC-LEF supporter for many, many years. Joe has been involved with MC-LEF since its beginning. He never fails to support the gala and efforts all year. Mr. Tom Kane, along with General Robert Neller, USMC presented the award to Mr. Murphy. Joe is a proud former Marine who served as a Platoon Sergeant in Korea, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division from 1953-1956. Joe remained in the Reserves until 1961 but he has never truly ceased his service to the Marine Corps. He traveled to Afghanistan with General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.) on a research mission and created a “White Paper” on the opium/heroin problem which was presented to NATO. Joe served as a Director with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and was greatly involved with the creation of the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Virginia. He served on the board of the Marine Corps University Foundation and many, many more Marine related charities. Joe truly exemplifies the meaning of Semper Fidelis – always faithful!

We continue to be in awe of the will and generosity of the American people to stand by those who gave all. We thank you all – so many of you that read our newsletter and answer the call. Everyone cannot travel to New York to attend this wonderful evening but you continue to be the backbone of this Foundation.

The 2018 gala is scheduled for Thursday, April 12th at Cipriani Wall Street – stay tuned for more details!
John Connor, Jim Kallstrom, Steve Cohen, Joe Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Tiffany Pace, General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.), Ellyn Dunford, General Joseph Dunford, USMC, Ed Boran (MCLEF President) and Mike Fedorko Dignitaries line up waiting to be announced.

General and Mrs. Dunford are announced and greeted to applause and cheers.

Former CMC, General Al Gray, USMC (Ret.) and current CMC, General Robert Neller, USMC.

Sue and Mike Boulhosa.

Leslie and Gene Sepe - loyal MC-LEF supporters.

Joe Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Jim Kallstrom, Mrs. Neller, General Neller, Tiffany Pace and General Pace.

Joe Murphy, JoAnn Murphy, Jim Kallstrom, General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.) and his lovely daughter, Tiffany Pace.

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General Neller, Joe Murphy, Jim Kallstrom and Tom Kane Joe accepts the 2017 Semper Fidelis Award.

Medal of Honor recipient, Thomas G. Kelley is recognized.

USMC Drum & Bugle Corps perform for the 2017 NYC MC-LEF Gala.

Jim Kallstrom, FOX News reporter, Jaime Colby and General Joseph Dunford.
Marines enjoying the evening.

Left: Medal of Honor recipient, Barney Barnum gives the “thumbs up” on this wonderful event.

Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert Neller addresses the crowd and thanks MCLEF for all it does.

Chairman, Jim Kallstrom gives an update on MCLEF’s mission.

General Pace had the audience mesmerized with his moving speech.

Help Us Help Marines!
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“The Independent Charities Seal of Excellence (Best of the CFC) is awarded to the members of Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America that have, upon rigorous independent review, been able to certify, document, and demonstrate on an annual basis that they meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness. These standards include those required by the U.S. Government for inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign, probably the most exclusive fund drive in the world. Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in U.S. today, it is estimated that fewer than 50,000, or 5 percent, meet or exceed these standards, and of those, fewer than 2,000 have been awarded this Seal.”

CFC is Combined Federal Campaign
MC-LEF awards $30,000 Scholarship to little Jaxon Best

Darcy Best, mother of 1 ½ year old Jaxon is presented with a $30,000.00 scholarship for her son from MC-LEF in honor of her husband, Sgt. Jared Best’s service to the United States Marine Corps. CACO, GySgt. Raul Sanchez made the presentation.

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During the last year, MC-LEF has supported our fallen heroes and their families through educational bonds and other financial resources. Here are just a few acts of charity the foundation committed to this year...

• The sons of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agent Jose “Joey” Barraza, who was fatally struck by a tractor-trailer on his way home in his government vehicle near Fort Hancock, Texas.

• The three children of Deportation Officer (DO) Brian P. Beliso, who was found unresponsive following a foot pursuit while conducting Fugitive Operations in Redwood City, California.

• The four children of Border Patrol Agent (BPA) Manny Alvarez who suffered a fatal accident while responding to criminal activity on the border.

• The two children of Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Agent De’Greaun Frazier who was shot and killed during an undercover drug buy in Jackson, TN as part of an ongoing DEA investigation targeting violent drug offenders.
## History of Awards

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MC-LEF ANSWERS THE CALL

The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation was honored to assist retired Marine Master Sergeant Rick Ecker, and his 501(c)3 charity, Vets on Track by purchasing a 17’ box truck to be used to pick up and deliver donations to service men and women in need.

Left: Marine, Isaac Gallegos sits next to Alexa Lewis, recipient of the Emergency Medical Technician of the Year Award at the Vets On Track “Heroes Gala” in May. Alexa serves with the Dale City Volunteer Fire Department in Virginia. Congratulations to Alexa!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT...

The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation is thankful for your commitment and support of its mission.

In this world where economic changes challenge us daily, we need your help more than ever.

The greatest gift we can offer these children is to ensure that their parents’ dreams of providing higher education are met.

Your contributions benefit the children of our Country’s heroes, like Sgt. William Pascal, USMC. His sons, William Jr. and Reese each received a $30,000 educational scholarship to honor their father for his service and dedication.
The definition of “Hero” according to the Cambridge Dictionary is “a person admired for bravery, great achievements, or good qualities.”

The 23rd Annual Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation Atlantic City Gala was definitely a night of heroes. Without saying, it is always a privilege and honor to have the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients in attendance.

This year we were thankful to have Lt. Cdr. Thomas Kelly, Lt. Walter Joseph Marm, Lt. Brian Thacker, Sgt. Robert Patterson and CW04 Hershel Woodrow “Woody” Williams.

Military Guest of Honor for the evening was another true American hero, Lt. General Jon M. Davis, Deputy Commandant for Aviation. As his plans for retirement come to fruition, we wish the Lt. General and his wife Carol all the best and look forward to having them return next year as civilians.

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The Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award was named after a man who among other things, was the force behind the construction of the John Brainerd school in Mount Holly New Jersey, making the district’s dream of preschool for every child a reality. This was many years ago and yet his legacy lives on in the recipient of this year’s Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award, Mr. Thomas Monaghan.

Although best known as the founder of Domino’s Pizza and former owner of the Detroit Tigers baseball franchise and a United States Marine, Thomas S. Monaghan is currently devoting his attention full time to non-profit endeavors, specifically focused on supporting Catholic higher education. Mr. Monaghan is the founder of Ave Maria University, a Catholic liberal arts institution designed to prepare students for leadership in academics, professional occupations, and service to the greater community.

Ave Maria College was the predecessor to Ave Maria University, which was founded in 2003 and which operated in an interim facilities in Naples, FL until its permanent facilities were completed in the 2007. Monaghan serves as the university’s chancellor.

In addition to supporting the university, Mr. Monaghan’s Ave Maria Foundation provided the initial funding for Ave Maria School of Law, which was founded in Ann Arbor, Michigan, but relocated to Naples, Florida in 2009 (for which Monaghan serves as chairman of the board of governors). The Foundation also helped establish the Thomas More Law Center, a public-interest law firm that provides legal counsel to organizations and individuals whose religious and other freedoms are threatened. In 1987, Monaghan founded Legatus (Latin for “ambassador”), an international organization of Catholic CEO’s and presidents committed to studying, living and spreading their faith through their professional and personal lives.

The next award, the 2017 Commandant’s Corporate Leadership Semper Fidelis Award could not have been awarded to a more perfect person. Mr. Leo Holt, is a native of Philadelphia and has been active in the Port of Philadelphia business community and the food transport and distribution business for over twenty-five years. Mr. Holt is President of Holt Logistics Corp., which provides logistics management and related services to materials handling and transportation companies.

His family’s efforts to grow the business of the Port of Philadelphia have affected the regional community for four generations and have positioned the Delaware River as a premier transport destination and an important job creator in the regional economy.

In spirit of the word, hero, Mr. Holt is a hero to many of our Country’s men and women returning from service. Through four generations, Holt Logistics Corp. has been manned by many veterans from all branches of the US military, with family and other servicemen dating back to WW1. In the last fifteen years a dedicated campaign of support and opportunity for veterans has been a source of pride for the Holt family, as part of supporting those on the front lines when they rotate home.

The Captain Peter Mucci Award always bring law enforcement officers who exemplify the true definition of hero and this year was no exception. New Jersey State Police Trooper of the Year, Trooper 1 James Agens and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Officer of the Year Sergeant Craig Hoo were honored for going above and beyond their call of duty.

Trooper I James Agens of the Mobile Safe Freight Unit, Transportation Safety Bureau’s proactive criminal patrol is just one of the several highlights of his ambitious year. He initiated multiple Commercial Motor Vehicle cold-stops, where he relied solely on his training and experience to investigate the potential criminal activity. His stops led to the seizure of 79 kilograms of Heroin and 10 kilograms of Cocaine with an estimated street value of $6.7 million. One of these stops resulted in the seizure of 64 kilograms of Heroin and is considered to be the largest cold-stop seizure of Heroin in United States’ history.

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In addition to his contributions to the intelligence and investigative communities, his personal efforts have led to the seizure of 125 kilograms of Heroin, 62.4 kilograms of Cocaine, and 51 pounds of Methamphetamine; all worth an estimated street value of over 13.2 million. This does not include his contributions to the seizure of $1.5 million in U.S. currency nor the personal property or vehicles that were forfeited.

Sergeant Craig Hoo has spent the last quarter century serving his country and his community in uniform. He is the recipient of The Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the Navy and Marine Overseas Service Ribbon.

He patrolled Newark Liberty International Airport until his promotion to the rank of Sergeant in early 2015 at which time he was transferred to the Lincoln Tunnel Police Command. Sergeant Hoo was then transferred to Police Headquarters where he currently serves as the Special Services Sergeant. His responsibilities include, are not limited to, High Profile dignitary movements, the Police Honor Guard and Liaison to the 9/11 family members. His personal awards include the WTC Ribbon, The Police Commendation Medal, The Excellent Police Duty Medal and The Division Group Citation.

Hitting close to home, true heroes, Atlantic City Police Officers Joshlee Vadell and Thomas McCabe left the guests rising to their feet in an expression of gratitude and praise. At 2:30 a.m. on September 3, 2016, Officers McCabe and Vadell were investigating a robbery near the Caesars Atlantic City parking garage on Arkansas Avenue when Officer Vadell was shot in the head by one of the suspects. McCabe returned fire and shot and killed the suspect. After shooting the suspect, McCabe and other officers rushed Vadell to the hospital. Their quick actions early September 3 helped save Vadell’s life. Vadell, a nine-year member of the force, and his wife, Laura, became proud parents of a baby girl born two weeks after the shooting. Both of these police officers are true heroes.

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Beyond the heroism performed everyday by the Atlantic County Sheriff’s Office, and the New Jersey State Police, MC-LEF Atlantic City comes to depend on their services as part of the gala and golf weekend.

Atlantic County Sheriff’s Officers James Heitzer, Joseph Lomonaco, Nate Lewis, Steve Jinks, Scott Stys and Doug Waldron and New Jersey State Police Troop A Tactical Patrol Unit, Troopers Brett McCormick, John Schilling, Robert Watkins and Lt. John Parkinson serve as transportation escorts for the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and honorees. Atlantic City committee members Wally Brown and Jon DiFrancesco coordinate with the officers and troopers, flight arrivals and departures, transportation to and from the Absecon VFW Post 9462 barbeque on Sunday and to and from the golf tournament on Monday. Their assistance and efforts are greatly appreciated by the entire committee.

There are so many other heroes who meet the definition of “a person admired for bravery, great achievements, or good qualities” that are part of MC-LEF Atlantic City weekend. From the Federal Air Marshalls, staff of Tropicana Atlantic City and the Atlantic City Country Club and the entire MC-LEF Atlantic City committee and their spouses, to each of the guests and golfers that support MC-LEF through their attendance and donations. On behalf of the children we serve, thank you!
Military Guest of Honor Lieutenant General Jon M. Davis presents Mr. Thomas Monaghan, USMC ’56-’59 and Founder of Domino’s Pizza, Founder of Ave Maria School of Law and Founder of Ave Maria University with the 2017 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award.

The Commandant’s Own Marine Corps Drum & Bugle Corps is one of the highlights of the evening. Once again the audience was left with an overwhelming sense of pride for these young men and women.

Cindy Erickson will surely be sending this photo of her and Lt. General Davis to her son’s Major Eric Fleming and 1st Lt. Steve Fleming, who are both pilots under the Lt. General’s command.

Ellen Fayer, wife of MC-LEF Atlantic City committee member Stan Fayer and committee member Jason Nielsen, Police Officer, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department, man the registration table.

MC-LEF Atlantic City committee members Wally Brown, Dino White and Joe Looker take time for a pose with Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Walter J Marm Jr.
It was a true honor to watch MSgt. Peter Oakland, USMC (Ret.) present his friend, Leo Holt, President of Holt Logistics Corp with the 2017 Commandant’s Corporate Leadership Semper Fidelis Award.

The Atlantic City silent auction presented by RSI Auctions always makes the evening special. Each year Lauryn Evans and her staff bring new and interesting items for MC-LEF guests.

Chuck Wepner, the New Jersey boxer who served as the inspiration for Sylvester Stallone’s iconic character Rocky Balboa, signs an original movie poster for his movie “Chuck.” Needless to say, the print sold at the silent auction. Chuck Wepner, United States Marine and World Champion Boxer, was named the MC-LEF 2015 Athlete of the Century at the 21st annual gala.

Another meeting of heroes! Pictured l to r: MC-LEF Atlantic City committee member Marco Polo Smigliani, Vietnam Veteran and three-time Purple Heart recipient, the 2017 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award Recipient Mr. Thomas Monaghan, Navy Cross recipient Sgt. James E. McGreevey, USMC World War II and Sgt. McGreevey’s amazing daughter and biggest fan, Sharon.

Left: Jeff and Karen Foster had the winning bid on a print of Congressional Medal of Honor recipient CW04 Hershel Woodrow “Woody” Williams and then to have him sign it was priceless!

L-R: Mrs J. Gray, Gen Al Gray and Rosemarie Conover pose for a photo opp with (sitting) Pete Haas at the table behind is John Conover.

It is always a special evening when MC-LEF committee members see great friends and long-time supporters Paul O’Gara and Catherine Walker.

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Monday, June 12, 2017 - 23rd Annual Golf Tournament held at the Atlantic City Country Club, Northfield NJ

A TRUE shotgun start for the 23rd Annual Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation Golf Tournament! The cannon was provided by Last Salute and the firing of the cannon was done by Sgt. Robert Patterson, CMOH. A huge THANK YOU to Last Salute for providing the cannon and humvees for this year’s event.

The beautiful, summer day was perfect for the tournament’s record number of golfers for the 9:00 am shotgun. Thank you to all those who joined us and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Please watch our website for details on next year’s 24th annual golf tournament to be held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Atlantic City Country Club! We have some exciting new changes for next year! Below are few of our foursomes from this year’s tournament. Check out the photo gallery on our website at: www.mc-lefac.org for all of the tournament photos.

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23RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Upcoming MC-LEF Atlantic City Events

7th ANNUAL Cpl. Marc T. Ryan Memorial 5K Run/Walk

Date:        November 18, 2017  
Place:        Gloucester City, NJ  
Contact:   856-236-7130  
morrellrm@msn.com  
MSgt. Robert Morrell USMC (Ret.)

All Proceeds Benefit the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation  
Search Facebook: Cpl. Marc T. Ryan, USMC Memorial/MC-LEF 5K Run/Walk

24th ANNUAL Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation Gala

Date:        June 9, 2018  
Place:        Tropicana Atlantic City  
Atlantic City, NJ 08404  
Contact:   609-335-1130  
mclefac@aol.com

Visit Our Website:  www.mc-lefac.org  
Search Facebook: Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation (MCLEF) Atlantic City

24th ANNUAL Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation Golf Tournament

Date:        June 11, 2018  
Place:        Atlantic City Country Club  
Northfield, NJ  
Contact:   609-335-1130  
mclefac@aol.com

Visit Our Website:  www.mc-lefac.org  
Search Facebook: Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation (MCLEF) Atlantic City
It’s hard to imagine a 14yr old would have the guts to make a move like this American hero. Step away from your daily frustrations and read about Jacklyn Lucas, a certified bad ass. This is the story of one of the youngest MOH recipients in US history.

By the age of 14, Jack already looked much older. Relatively tall for his age (5’ 8”) and brawny at 180 pounds, Jack had no trouble convincing the Marine Corps recruiters that he was 17 when he enlisted in August of 1942. Notably, to enlist at age 17 (as opposed to 18), Jack needed a parent signature – so he forged his mother’s.

Jack did his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina and qualified as both a rifle sharpshooter and a heavy machine gun crewman. In November 1943, he was assigned to the 6th Base Depot of the V Amphibious Corps at Camp Catlin in Oahu, Hawaii. There he achieved the rank of Private First Class in January of 1944. However, after reviewing a letter Jack had written to his girlfriend, military censors realized he was only 15 years old. He was then removed from his combat unit, but rather than sent home (something he argued heavily against), he was assigned to truck driving.

Of course, being “in the rear with the gear” was not Jack’s idea of military service. Angry, he got into so many fights that he was ultimately court-martialed and spent 5 months breaking rocks and consuming mostly bread and water.

Released from the stockade by January 1945 and still determined to see combat, Jack walked away from his post that month and stowed away on the USS Deuel, a transport ship heading toward fighting in the Pacific. Because he left his assignment, he was declared a deserter and reduced in rank to Private. Now closer to the action, after hiding for about a month, Jack finally turned himself in on February 8, 1945, once again volunteering to fight. On February 14, he turned 17. By February 20, he got his wish and was fighting on the island of Iwo Jima.

During the battle on February 20, 1945, Jack and his comrades were advancing toward a Japanese airstrip near Mount Suribachi (Some reports say Jack made his initial advance without a rifle). Taking cover in a trench under heavy fire, Jack realized they were only feet away from enemy soldiers in a neighboring trench. He managed to shoot two of the soldiers before two live grenades landed in his trench.
Thinking quickly, Jack threw himself on the first grenade, shoving it into volcanic ash and used his body and rifle to shield the others with him from the pending blast. When another grenade appeared directly after the first, he reached out and pulled it under himself as well. His body took the brunt of the blasts and the massive amount of shrapnel. His companions were all saved, but his injuries were so serious they thought he had died. Only after a second company moved through did anyone realize he was somehow still alive.

Jack endured nearly two dozen surgeries and extensive therapy and convalescence. Despite the surgeries, over 200 pieces of shrapnel remained in his body for the rest of his life.

Shortly after his act of heroism, on February 26, 1945, the deserter classification was removed and he was restored to the rank of Private First Class. Ultimately all 17 of his military convictions were also cleared. Nonetheless, he was unfit for duty and discharged from the Marines on September 18, 1945.

On October 5, 1945 President Harry S Truman awarded Jack, and 13 other recipients at that ceremony, the Medal of Honor. Notably, however, at 17 he was the youngest there and the youngest to ever receive the award. For his bravery and service, Jack also received the Presidential Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and a Purple Heart.
So what happened after? Besides graduating high school and earning a business degree, at the age of 31, he enlisted as a First Lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. During his first training jump, according to his team leader, “Jack was the last one out of the plane and the first one on the ground.” You see, neither of his parachutes opened. Despite this and an approximately 3,500 foot fall, he miraculously survived with only minor injuries. Two weeks later, he was back jumping out of planes.

Once he returned to civilian life four years later, he opened a chain of beef selling businesses in Washington, D.C., married a few times (including one wife who tried to have him killed), and later, with the help of D.K. Drum, published an autobiography aptly titled, Indestructible.

On June 5, 2008 Jack passed at 80yrs old at a hospital in Hattiesburg, Mississippi from leukemia with family and friends by his side. Thank you for your sacrifice Jack Luckas. Your story will continue to inspire generations!
The 13th Annual Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation Arizona Golf Tournament was held on May 12th at the world class golf venue of Desert Mountain Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona on the beautiful and challenging Apache Golf Course.

This year’s tournament was special in many ways but, most notably, because four Medal of Honor Recipients took time out of their busy schedules to travel here and make this year’s event arguably the best one yet.


Before the tournament, the Recipients spent an evening meeting veterans and members of the law enforcement community. Pratt Ashworth, AZ MC-LEF member, made arrangements on May 11th for the Recipients to be guests of the American Legion Post 34 in Cave Creek, AZ meeting veterans and their families. All were very gracious with their time signing Medal of Honor books and posing for pictures with those fortunate patriots who took time to come out and meet these American Heroes.

On Friday morning the tournament began with our National Anthem performed by Cassandra Kahla and the colors presented by the Marine Corps Color Guard from Bulk Fuel Company C, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Marine Corps Reserves, Phoenix, AZ.

Golfers were greeted with a beautiful Arizona day to enjoy one of the country’s outstanding golf venues, and to have an entertaining and inspirational day of fun and fellowship while raising important funds for the Foundation.

Following the tournament, the luncheon and awards presentation began with the Tournament’s Honorary Chairman, Navy Cross Recipient Sgt. Robert J. Mitchell, Jr., USMC welcoming guests and participants followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by the Arizona Chapter’s Chaplain, Sgt. Nick Gervase, USMC (Ret).

Lt. Colonel Charlie Black, US Air Force (Ret) introduced the four Medal of Honor Recipients who were enthusiastically welcomed and thanked by those in attendance. It is rare to be in the presence of one Medal of Honor Recipient. To be in the company of four Recipients was an honor as they enthusiastically participated and helped raise funds in support of our mission.

The Honorable W.J. “Jim” Lane, Mayor of Scottsdale, then read a proclamation recognizing the actions of the Medal of Honor attendees for their assistance with the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation’s events of the week in support of veterans and their families. Mayor Lane welcomed them to the city of Scottsdale by proclaiming the week of May 7-13, 2017 as “Gathering of Heroes Week”.

A Mission update was then presented by MC-LEF Board Member John F. Connor, USMC. This was an excellent opportunity for the golfers and guests to learn more about the work of MC-LEF directly from one of our national leaders and why their support continues to be vital to the mission of the Foundation.
Several years ago, Arizona MC-LEF established the Jack Cummings Award to be presented annually to a member of the public service community who exemplifies the professional values, ideals and dedication of the late Jack Cummings of Philadelphia MC-LEF. The recipient of the award is an individual who shares the commitment Jack had to the men and women who serve in the U.S. Military and Law Enforcement. More importantly, to an individual who has assisted them and their families when in need. Jack Cummings was an active leader of the Philadelphia Chapter of MC-LEF, and served as a national Director of the Foundation. Jack was instrumental in the development and leadership of the Arizona Golf Tournament.

Retired Chief John J. Bennett, Paradise Valley Police Department, was called upon to introduce this year’s recipient, Commander Richard Slavin, Scottsdale Police Department. Commander Slavin honorably served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force from 1987-1993. Since 1999 Rich has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America and in 2006 he was instrumental in starting Boy Scout Troop 916. As a volunteer, Rich has contributed hundreds of hours in community service and like Jack Cummings he firmly believes that our nation’s most precious asset is our children. His dedication to protecting and serving his community as a professional law enforcement officer and his devotion to our nation’s youth make Rich the perfect choice of this year’s Jack Cummings Award. The Arizona Chapter was honored to recognize Commander Slavin by presenting him with the Jack Cummings Award.

What’s a golf tournament without winners? This year’s winning foursomes were presented with a United States Flag displayed in a framed case. The following teams were this year’s winners:

1st Place Low Gross Team: Ira Shapiro, Josh Kaplan, Ken Lepinskas and Mike Hahn.
1st Place Low Net Team: Steve Kelly, Patrick Kelly, Pete Gorman and Brandon Carpenter.
2ND Place Low Net Team: Brad Zellers, Bob Gomez, Jim Schiffer and Bert Odinet.

3rd Place Low Net Team: Rex MacGregor, Preston Hackett, Dave Bonzo, Jim Younger and Joshua Hackett.

Joshua Hackett, a member of the 3rd place low net team, was introduced. Josh was a recipient of an MC-LEF scholarship following the death of his father, Sgt. Nathan Hackett, USMC in 2006. Josh and his family have been frequent participants in the Arizona MC-LEF Golf Tournament. We appreciate Josh and his families continued support and presence at our events as he and other children of our fallen heroes are an example of why we believe so strongly in the mission of MC-LEF.

The day concluded with a lively and very successful live auction and raffle conducted by Greg Gienko, who

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ARIZONA Golf and GOH

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Mike Thornton stepped up to auction a number of items including his book.

The Arizona golf committee wishes to thank all of our sponsors, donors, players and volunteers who helped to make the 13th Annual Arizona Golf Tournament a success. Thank you to the Medal of Honor Recipients for their time and support. They continue to be the heroes we have come to know and respect as they continue to give of themselves in support of their fellow veterans. Thank you to the staff and management of Desert Mountain Golf Club for the many years they have hosted our event, they do an exceptional job and we are very fortunate for the opportunity to play there. The event would not be possible to be held at Desert Mountain without a member of the Golf Club to host us, and our host member, Tom Clark, is also a member of the AZ MC-LEF Chapter – thank you Tom! We also thank U.S. Marine Terry Shelton and Walter Larsen for donating their time to photograph the events; Terry for being at both the golf and Gathering of Heroes events and Walter for being at the golf event.

Terry has been our photographer for a number of years and we sincerely appreciate both Terry and Walter for their help and commitment to the Foundation. We also thank Sue Rogers for opening her family’s restaurant, The Breakfast Joynt, for all of our chapter meetings.

Auctioneer Greg Gienko getting after it with the help of Bob Jenkins and Stacy Pray.

Scottsdale Police Chief Alan Rodbell and Commander Richard Slavin.

The Thorntons presenting Chesty Puller print signed by 7 MOH recipients to Nick Gervase. The Thorntons had purchased the print in the live auction and immediately gave it to Sgt Gervase.

Long time MC-LEF supporter, Chuck Blazicek with MOH recipient Brian Thacker.
We wish to acknowledge several main sponsors:
• Medal of Honor Sponsor: Tom and Priscilla Buran
• Navy Cross Sponsor: Bob Geriot of Corporate Dimensions, Ltd. (Also our Golf Shirt Sponsor)
• Jarhead Sponsors: Bob Geriot and Jake Egan
• Shawn Byrne of Arizona Benefit Consultants
• Keith Vanderhout of Silver King Companies
Thank You to all levels of sponsors and to the many donors of our auction and raffle sponsors for their generous support!

The commitment of all of those listed above to our military and law enforcement heroes and their families is what makes the work and mission of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation possible. Thank you!

The 14th Annual MC-LEF Arizona Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held on Friday, May 14th, 2018 at the Desert Mountain Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ. It will be another great opportunity to play on one of golf’s great venues and to help us continue the pursuit of our Foundation’s mission. For more information, please visit the Arizona website at www.mclefaz.org or call Kirk Tushaus at 480-540-2575.

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Dear Mrs. Perez:

Our Foundation was notified by the United States Marine Corps Casualty Division of the tragic loss of your loved one CWO3 Ronald Perez, USMC. Please accept our sincere and heartfelt condolences on this loss. Since 1995, our Foundation has been dedicated to assisting in the education of the children of any United States Marine or Federal Law Enforcement Officer who has died while on active duty. Therefore, in deep appreciation and respect for Ronald's service, we are honored to provide $930,000.00 for each child in education accounts totaling $120,000.00 for the children listed below:

Joseph, Rosie, Graciella ond Ronald Perez

Our Foundation is honored to have partnered with Merrill Edge to establish accounts for your children. Upon receipt of this letter, it is urgent that you contact the Merrill Edge Team at (888) 866-2189 to complete the account opening process. They are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday. Please reference "The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation" when you call the dedicated Merrill Edge Team. They are knowledgeable specialists for help opening, funding and navigating your account. We have enclosed an information brochure in this folder to introduce Merrill Edge. It is very important to let them know immediately if you move so that they can retain your current address. These funds will be available to your children upon their 18th birthday.

The funds for these scholarships have been provided by our loyal supporter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ailes and these scholarships have therefore aptly been named: "The Roger E. Ailes Memorial Scholarships".

We believe that it is important for you to know that your fellow Americans stand with you at this most difficult time. We do hope that fond memories of Ronald help fill your family with peace to ease the pain of your loss. His service and sacrifice has not gone unnoticed.

Sincerely,
Edmond J. Boran
President

CC: Mrs. Elizabeth Ailes

L-R: Joseph, Rosie, Graciella, Ronald and Mrs. Marianne Perez

The MC-LEF thanks Mrs. Roger E. Ailes for partnering with them to assist this deserving family meet their educational needs.

MC-LEF COMMITMENT

Members of the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation believe that our nation's most precious resource is its youth. Their educational development is of primary importance in their becoming meaningful members of their families and of society.

Mentally or physically disabled children of the Marine Corps family may receive financial aid for medical equipment or tutoring. Scholarship bonds are provided for children of Marines who died while on active duty.

Scholarship bonds are also provided for children of Federal law enforcement personnel who died while on active duty. Special circumstances may be considered for humanitarian, death or medical cases.

Since it was founded in 1995, the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation has provided millions of dollars for the children we serve. We try to make the world a better place for the children.

CFC #10507

273 Columbus Avenue • Office #10 • Tuckahoe, NY 10707
(877) 606-1775 • www.mc-lef.org
Dear Captain Chamberlain:
Enclosed please find our Foundation packet with our condolence letter to Mrs. Perez which explains that accounts have been opened for the children of CWO3 Ronald Perez, USMC, with Merrill Edge who will be managing the scholarship funds for the children.

The condolence letter explains that our Foundation is honored to provide $30,000.00 each in scholarship funds for Joseph, Rosie, Graciella and Ronald Perez in honor of their father's service to the United States Marine Corps. The letters specifically instruct the parent to contact Merrill Edge and reference The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation to finalize the opening of their accounts. Please encourage the parent or guardian to do this immediately. The Merrill Edge team is available from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday-Friday at (888)866-2189. Kindly stress to the parent or guardian to do this immediately.

We sincerely appreciate your service to this family. We certainly know that he children.

Sincerely,

Semper Fidelis,

Edmond J. Boran
President

Enclosures

**DADDY'S POEM**

Her hair was in a pony tail, Her dress tied with a bow. Today was “Daddy’s Day” at school, She couldn’t wait to go. But her mommy tried to tell her, that she probably should stay home; The kids just might not understand, if she went to school alone. But she was not afraid; she knew just what to say, What to tell her classmates why he wasn’t there today. But still her mother worried, for her to face this day alone. And that was why, once again, she tried to keep her daughter home. But the little girl went to school, eager to tell them all About a dad she never sees, a dad who never calls. There were daddies along the wall for everyone to meet, Children squirming impatiently, anxious in their seat. One by one the teacher called a student from the class. To introduce their daddy, as seconds slowly passed. At last the teacher called her name, as each child turned to stare. Each of them was searching, for a man who wasn’t there. "Where’s her daddy at?" she heard a boy call out. "She probably doesn’t have one," another dared to shout. And from somewhere near the back, she heard a daddy say, "Looks like another deadbeat dad, too busy to waste his day." The words did not offend her, as she smiled up at her Mom. And looked back at her teacher, who told her to go on. And with hands behind her back, slowly she began to speak. And out from the mouth of a child, came words incredibly unique. My Daddy couldn’t be here, because he lives so far away. But I know he wishes he could be, since this is such a special day. And though you cannot meet him, I wanted you to know All about my daddy, and how much he loves me so. He loved to tell me stories, he taught me to ride my bike; He surprised me with pink roses, and taught me to fly a kite. We used to share fudge sundaes, and ice cream in a cone. And though you cannot see him, I’m not standing here alone. 'Cause my daddy's always with me, even though we are apart; I know because he told me, he'll forever be in my heart" With that, her little hand reached up, and lay across her chest, Feeling her own heartbeat beneath her favorite dress. And from somewhere there in the crowd of dads, her mother stood in tears. Proudly watching her little girl, wise beyond her years. For she stood up for the love of a man not in her life. Doing what was best for her, doing what was a right. And when she dropped her hand back down, staring straight into the crowd. She finished with a voice so soft, but its message clear and loud. "I love my daddy very much, he is my shining star. And if he could, he’d be here, but heaven’s just too far. You see he is a soldier and he died just this past year, When a roadside bomb hit his convoy and taught the warriors fear. But sometimes when I close my eyes, it's like he never went away." And then she closed her eyes, and saw him clearly there that day. And to her mother's amazement, she witnessed with surprise, "A room full of daddies and children, all starting to close their eyes. Who knows what they saw before them; who knows what they felt inside, Perhaps, for a mere second, they saw him at her side "I know you're with me Daddy." To the silence she called out and what happened next made believers, Of those once filled with doubt not one in that room could explain it, For each of their eyes had been closed, but there on the desk beside her Was a fragrant, long-stemmed, pink rose and a child was blessed, If only for a moment, by the love of her shining star, And given the gift of believing, that heaven is never too far.
Dearest President Boran,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift for my children! Our Pat, I am sure, is looking down from Heaven and is thankful to your Honorable organization as well.

May God richly bless you and yours eternally,

Mrs. Carothers & Family

Brian Corrigan
Quogue, NY 11942

May 25, 2017

James K. Kallstrom, Chairman
Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear Mr. Kallstrom:

I would like to start off by saying thank you for everything you have provided my family since my dad's passing in 2011. The scholarship you awarded me on behalf of my father's service on the Joint Terrorist Task Force has allowed me to reach new heights both academically and athletically. As an undergraduate at Marist College, I have maintained a 3.5 GPA. As a goalie on their lacrosse team, I finished second in the nation in save percentages among all Division 1 lacrosse goalies for two consecutive years. I will graduate Marist in the Spring of 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. None of this would be possible without your kindness and generosity.

At the time of my dad's passing, with three siblings all under the age of 18, my mom had to reconsider every financial decision moving forward. One being whether attending a four year college would be an option for any of us. With the help of your foundation, the choice to further my education was made possible and has allowed me to pursue a career path of my choice. I will never forget this and it's the reason why I strived to do my very best both academically and athletically. I wanted to honor my father's memory and I wanted you and your foundation to be proud:

As a member of the Joint Terrorist Task Force, he loved going to work every day. Law enforcement was his life, he enjoyed every day on the job. It became part of our life through all of his stories about the guys he worked with on a daily basis. Although he is gone, my family will always be connected to his law enforcement family because your generosity has helped shape my future.

You enabled me to achieve everything my dad wanted for me. I will be forever grateful.

Yours Truly,

Brian Corrigan

cc EdBoran

Friends and Family,

On April 17th, I am running the Boston Marathon in support of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF) in memory of Staff Sergeant David H. Stewart. I served with Dave Stewart in Helmand Province, Afghanistan in 2014. He and I met during a terrible day early in our deployment when my platoon found itself in a difficult and chaotic situation, which was quickly worsening until Dave and his Marines arrived to help.

Tragically, several days after we met, Dave and two of his Marines lost their lives, while once again, doing their jobs protecting fellow Marines. Within a few days of his death, Dave's wife Kristine was contacted by MC-LEF. They offered any assistance they could, including college scholarships to Dave and Kristine's two children.

Since its founding in 1995, MC-LEF has awarded over $70 million in scholarships and other assistance, and has supported over 3,800 children of the fallen.

Please consider supporting MC-LEF's great work. Any donation is greatly appreciated and goes to a truly great cause.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Semper Fidelis,

Captain Patrick F. Ford
United States Marine Corps
Dear Col Piantadosi,

Last July, the Colonel was kind enough to help secure tickets for members my family to attend “The Friday Night Parade.” Brian C Young, always wanting to be a Marine, was so impressed by our Marines at Marine Corps Barracks, 8th & I he wanted to enlist.

Upon much discussion with his parents, his mother Kathleen Young, gave him her blessing and Brian enlisted in the Marine Corps.

Attached are photos of PFC Brian C. Young of RTR, 1st BN, Charlie Company Platoon 1006. Graduation Day 27 January 2017 with his Drill Instructors, Sgt. H.D. Caleroperez and Sgt. NT Vunyo. (… the only time he smiled with his Drill Instructors the entire time at MCRD Parris Island, SC.)

Colonel, my sincerest thanks for helping to make a difference.

Your friend,
Semper Fidelis,
Brian.

Brian J. Campbell, CRPC®
First Vice President
Wealth Management Advisor
Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management

Col Piantadosi,

I just graduated boot camp and wanted to thank you for getting my uncle, Brian Campbell, tickets for the Friday night parade at 8th & I. After seeing the parade, I knew I wanted to be a Marine.

Semper Fi,
Brian C. Young

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The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF) www.mc-lef.org is fielding teams for both the Marine Corps Marathon and the 10K race on Sunday, October 22, 2017.

We have bibs available for both races (30 marathon runners and 20 10K runners).
We have set modest fundraising goals as we are more interested in fielding a full contingent and are reaching out to our friends to help support us by either signing up to run or passing the word around to family, friends and running enthusiasts.

Access our race page at our website: www.mc-lef.org or at: https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Arlington/MCLEFMarineCorpsMarathonTeam

Thanks for your help!

Brian with his family: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Young & four brothers, Bob, Greg, Charlie & Liam Mom & Dad.

Brian poses with his loving mother Mrs. Kathleen Young.

Brian with his proud uncle & MC-LEF member, Brian Campbell.

Brian with his Drill Instructors, Sgt. H.D. Caleroperez and Sgt. NT Vunyo. (… the only time he smiled with his Drill Instructors the entire time at MCRD Parris Island, SC.)

Marine, Brian Young.
To the members of Marine Corp - Law Enforcement Foundation,

This is an attempt to thank you for your generosity over the last 9 years, 4 months and 4 days, since December 25, 2006 when my son, Dustin Kirby was injured in the Iraqi war. That Christmas Day changed the course of his life and the lives of his family forever. From the very moment that it happened and people in your organization found out about, you have been there. You have made it possible for him to sustain hope in the fact that he was not in this fight alone.

The spring of 2007, your organization hosted a gala in New York and invited and his wife to attend. You treated him with the utmost honor and respect the entire time that he was there and he had the opportunity to meet two doctors that offered help when the Veterans Administration was finished with their treatment. I contacted these doctors nine years later after my son has reached limits to dealing with the psychological effects and physical effects of his injuries. True to form, Dr. Spiro Theodoreau stepped up and honored that promise that was made so long ago.

MC-LEF hosted my family in New York for the consultation and to receive a treatment plan on February 29, 2016 and on April 18, 2016 again for the surgery that would "make his dreams come true. " Those words are a direct quote from my son, Dusty when asked by the surgical nurse to verify that he understood what the surgeons would be doing that day.

I am grateful beyond words for the assistance that MC-LEF has provided for me and my family to be there to support Dusty during these procedures, but I am the most grateful for the effect that this has had on my son. The time since his injury has not been an easy one for him or the family as he has struggled with Post Traumatic Stress to a level that I may not ever be able to comprehend. He is different now, not just physically. He is filled with hope of better days and he is looking forward to the opportunity to share his experiences with others.

I hope that each and everyone of you know and realize the effect that you have on my son and my family. I also hope that you can rest easy knowing that the organization that you support is an organization worthy of your support as they so selflessly support so many.

God bless each of you and please continue to pray for my family. We have two more procedures over the next year and I remain faithful that these procedures will bring him to a point that even he can be satisfied with.

Gail Kirby
Proud Navy Mom
Pretty simple. If you want a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs to run the Boston Marathon, then you’d better appoint a Marine! Absolutely inspiring and touching! Never done before! Boston native, Marine Corps Gen Joe Dunford crossing the finish line of The Boston Marathon. He was running as part of TEAM KELLY IHO of 1stLt Robert Kelly, USMC, KIA in AFGH and the son of Gen John Kelly, USMC (RET) and currently the Secretary of Homeland Security.

Ode to Major Doug Zembiec, USMC

THE “LION OF FALLUJAH”
Killed in Iraq, 5-11-07

A BOY DIED LAST THURSDAY

I met the boy when he came to our door
    He was with a friend from high school
        This lanky kid introduced himself
            and his friend
                He was a neighbor from up the hill
        He was looking for his dog named Harry
            I said we hadn't seen a dog
                But we would look around
                    Days later while walking
                        I saw the boy in his yard raking
                            While a little scruffy dog watched
                                Is that Harry I asked -
                                    Oh, hey, yeah, some people had him
                                        and they fed him
                                My faith in people is restored He said
                                    We saw the boy over the years-
                                        Honor student - athlete - Naval Academy
                                            The Marines
                                                A boy died last Thursday far away
                                                    Or more like it
                                                        A man was killed last Thursday

Poem written by Tom Lockwood, WWII B17 Pilot, and neighbor of the Zembiec family. It was found in his journals after his death and presented to Major Zembiec’s father, Don (retired FBI agent.)
A TRIBUTE TO THE F.M.F. CORPSMAN

For those of us who heard and used the term "Corpsman Up," it is a term that remains everlasting in both our hearts and our minds. The truth is that we ask and expect far too much from these young men and women who are called Corpsmen, and who like most young Marines were first exposed to the horrors of war in ways most will never forget. Those assigned to the Fleet Marine Forces Marines (FMF) lived the way we did and that of the units to which assigned, and they endured and participated in every hardship and disappointment, as well as the praise and glory awarded their units.

The truth is many in Vietnam were 18 years old and upwards, and were just as fearful of being hurt or killed as the rest were and like the rest failed to receive mail for extended periods of time. Like every other Marine in the ground combat units, Corpsmen dug their foxholes with other Marines, ate the same C-rations as the rest, felt the stings of ants, leeches, bees, and scorpions, and they also dug their own toilets like the rest of us and they also buried their cans, papers, etc., after cooking and eating their meals. They were just as tired as the rest and at times just as afraid of the unknown as was anyone else. However, Corpsmen still had to check on the sanitation of our locations, as well as tending to the minor and major injuries and ailments suffered sooner or later by all. And those ailments and injuries ran the gamut from diarrhea to coughs and colds, and from Elephant grass cuts which usually festered into very large and ugly sores, to the usual heat related issues such as heatstroke, and on to more serious mental and physical issues to include VD and other issues of that nature.

Our Navy Corpsmen did all that while still carrying the gear needed to care for a platoon or company sized unit as well as carrying their own gear and weapons. And often times they were told to help out the locals with their illnesses, injuries, or wounds, and that in turn meant using up precious bandages and medications, which the Corpsman had carried in his pack and medical bags for his fellow Marines. That then caused the Corpsman to pray or ask help from somewhere that he would not run short of needed medications and supplies, and just in case and when the next fire fight, or mine explosion, or enemy mortars or artillery might happen upon his unit.

To ask the above of a young 18-22 year old FMF Corpsman, is asking much more than many in the field ever realized until much later and after the fact. After all, that Corpsman is thought by many to be an "expert" on wounds, or how to handle other major injuries, in addition to which medication might be needed and requested to be used for everything from fleas or hair lice to trench foot or crotch rot or pink eye. While every Corpsman that our units had in Vietnam might not have been quite as astute, courageous, gifted, and the logically- minded individuals we make them all out to be, I would love to have just one more time to shake their hands and hug them all, and to thank them all for that which they did for so many over the years, and especially for those units I was honored to be a part of.

For you DOC,
THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE, BRAVERY AND CARING!
Actor and comedian Rob Riggle is known for his hilarious roles in popular movies like The Hangover and 21 Jump Street. But before Riggle was starring in comedies with Bradley Cooper or performing sketches on Saturday Night Live or The Daily Show With Jon Stewart, he was a hard-charging, butt-kicking Marine. And Riggle, who has been working on a comedy project for ABC, took his military role very seriously.

"I loved being a Marine," he says. "It's a great honor. And not to sound too corny, but I really love my country."

He joined at 19 and served a total of 23 years-nine on active duty and 14 in the Reserve, as a public affairs officer. He only recently retired, in 2013, after reaching one of the highest ranks in the Marine Corps, receiving more than 20 medals and ribbons and deploying overseas four times, including to Afghanistan after 9/11.

"My country was just attacked and I had just spent multiple days working very hard down at Ground Zero ... and I was p---ed off," he says.

**From Service to Success**

Many of the lessons Riggle learned in the military helped him navigate the cutthroat world of Hollywood. "The Marines gave me a thick skin and a sense of determination, which you need if you are trying to make it in showbusiness.

He's given back to fellow veterans in many ways, such as performing on USO tours and hosting a veteran celebrity golf tournament to benefit the Semper Fi Fund, an organization that provides financial assistance and support to wounded service members.

Although he's retired, Riggle still holds the Marine Corps in the highest regard. "I miss being a Marine. There's such an amazing attitude of absolutely 'can do, can do, can do.'"

-Stephanie Inman

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Don’t be shy – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!”
On Tuesday morning, June 27th, 2017, Mc-Lef President, Ed Boran, traveled to Washington, D.C. to the J. Edgar Hoover building to participate in the presentation of scholarship grants to three out of six F.B.I. families that the Foundation is taking care of. The Foundation has currently funded $300,000.00 on ten $30,000.00 accounts for children of six agents who died as the result of illnesses contracted while working at 9/11 sites. Mc-Lef has further committed to potentially an additional $240,000.00 in direct college payments for those surviving children who are currently attending college.

Agents Steven A. Carr, Jerry D. Jobe, Robert M. Roth, Gerald Senator and Wesley J. Yoo all succumbed to illnesses they contracted from exposure to toxins while working at the 9/11 sites. The F.B.I. held a memorial service on May 17th, 2017 at FBIHQ to honor these six men and to add their names to the Wall of Honor as line of duty deaths.

Mc-Lef was contacted in early June by F.B.I. Unit Chief, Michael Huff to see if the children of these agents would be eligible to receive scholarships. Ed quickly replied that as official “line of duty” deaths, we would be honored to do so. The correct paperwork was submitted and on June 8th, $300,000.00 was sent to Merrill Edge to fund the ten accounts. Each family received the Foundation condolence letter explaining that these accounts were established in honor of their loved one’s sacrifice.

All the families could not attend on that date, but present were members of the Stockham family, the Yoo family and the Roth family. Mr. Boran expressed his condolences and thanked each one of the children and their moms for the service their loved one gave to our country. He explained what MC-LEF’s mission is and that we are honored to support their goals of higher education. As is always the case, it is Mc-Lef donors that make this happen.
Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation

GATHERING OF HEROES

Almost 300 people crammed the Irish Pub at 20th and Walnut to meet and greet some of America's greatest Heroes. Attending were Medal of Honor recipients Barney Barnum, Brian Thacker, Mike Thornton and Woody Williams all of whom spoke and contributed to the night's festivities and fund raising.

A last minute surprise visitor and speaker was former Vice-President Joe Biden who stopped by to support MC-LEF efforts and greet those who had attended. After speaking to the crowd about his long time concern for the military he went into the audience and personally greeted many of those in attendance.

It was rewarding the number of celebrities that stopped by and gave their time to assist MC-LEF efforts on behalf of MC-LEF. Among those joining the Medal of Honor recipients were past Secretary of the Army Pat Murphy, former Philly Flyer great Brian Propp and Mr. Invincible Vince Papale of the Philadelphia Eagles, along with the former Vice-President and many others.

Medal of Honor recipient Mike Thornton surprised everyone when he and his wife Rainey grabbed the microphone and insured a successful auction by matching the high bid for the Harley Davidson motorcycle, doubling the amount of the winner's bid.

It was a great audience composed of many veterans from the Delaware Valley from World War II to presently active servicemen and women, who spent the evening commiserating with our heroes and the many other veterans who were present. It was awesome the number of WWII veterans who were in attendance and took the opportunity to swap stories and experiences with our honored guests.

Never wasting the time of the MOH's present, earlier in the day Barney Barnum and Brian Thacker addressed the students of St. Martin Porres Mission School in North Philadelphia. At the same time in Philadelphia City Hall Mike Thornton and Willie Williams joined our Mayor Jim Kenney and Congressman Bob Brady in dedicating a MIA/POW Bench for the Mayor's Official Reception Room.

Because of the presence of so many luminaries MC-LEF received non-stop TV coverage from early in the morning to the last news of the night, which added to the financial success of the event. Our committee worked many long hours along with the Irish Pub Foundation and in particular Mark O'Connor and Erin Cullen who directed this affair every step of the way.

Sincere thanks to all the sponsors for their contributions and for joining us that evening for another successful night for "the Kids".

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Auction item Harley Davidson donated by Billows Electric.

Long time sponsor Barb Boroweic of Barb's Harley Davidson and Bob Murphy.


World War II marine and Guadalcanal vet Roland Scarcini.

Past Secretary of the Army, Pat Murphy tried to take on the marines in the audience to the enjoyment of all.

Left: Former Eagle "Mr. Invincible" Vince Papale" Greets wife of veteran Roland Scarcini.

Left: Mike Wallace Introducing MOHs Barney Barnum, Brian Thacker, Mike Thornton and Woody Williams.

Marina Riley committee member escorts MOH Brian Thacker.

Judge Jim Lynn and MOH Mike Thornton.

MC-LEF President Ed Boran trying to be polite.
GATHERING OF HEROES

Woody Williams MOH acknowledges his introduction.

Committee members Kevin Cauley and John Kitzenger with Marine vet and Bride Roland Scarcini.

MOH Barney Barnum and MC-LEF Sponsor and former Semper Fi awardee John Heenan, USMC.

Philadelphia Highway Patrol escorts with MOH recipients.

University of PA Superintendent of Police Maureen Rush and committee member Rich Cray, USMC.

Retired Command Sgt. Major Tony Young and committee member Brit Henderson taking a break.

Committee Members Mike Reilly and Tom Jankiewicz, USMC.

Committee member Jim Kirlin and MOH Woody Williams.
Members On the Go...

The Three MC-LEF Amigos
(seated) Pete Haas, past president, MC-LEF,  
(back, l-r) Lou Piantadosi and Brian Campbell, Board of Directors, MC-LEF,  
proudly pose in the glow of a projected MC-LEF logo shining brightly on the wall behind them.

Ed Boran accepts award on behalf of MC-LEF

L-R: Thomas Mohan, President of the Sportsman Club, Raymond Melville, Sr. Assistant Business Manager for Local 3 IBEW, Ed Boran, president, MC-LEF, Christopher Erikson, Business Manager, Local 3 IBEW.

Generous Supporter
Sgt Mark E. Bryant

First to sign up...
2 March 1952, Boston.
DoD Organizational Structure

The overall organization of DoD is established in law in 10 U.S.C. §111 and in DoD Policy in DoD 5100.01.

Combatant Commands (9)
- Africa Command
- Central Command
- European Command
- Northern Command
- Pacific Command
- Southern Command
- Special Operations Command
- Strategic Command
- Transportation Command

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OSD Senior Leadership

James Mattis
Secretary of Defense

Robert Work
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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David Norquist
USD (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, DoD
USD(C)

Anthony Kurta
Personnel and Readiness USD(P&R)
(Performing the duties of)

Kari Bingen
USD Intelligence USDI(1)
(Acting)

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James MacStravic
USD Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics
USD(AT&L)
(Performing the duties of)

Robert Kareem
USD Policy
USD(P)
(Performing the duties of)

Theresa Whelan
Principal Deputy
PDUSD(AT&L)

Vacant
Principal Deputy
PDUSD(P&R)
(Performing the duties of)

Anthony Kurta
Personnel and Readiness USD(P&R)
(Performing the duties of)

Todd Lowery
Principal Deputy
PDUSD(P&R)
(Performing the duties of)

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John Roth
Principal Deputy
PDUSD(C)
(Performing the duties of)

Vacant
Principal Deputy
PDUSD(P&R)
(Performing the duties of)

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Deputy Chief Management Officer
DCMO DoD
(Acting)

Glenn Fine
Inspector General
IG DoD
(Acting)

Paul Koffsky
General Counsel
GC DoD
(Performing the duties of)

Scott Comess
Director of Cost Assessment & Program Evaluation
DCAPE
(Performing the duties of)

David Duma
Director of Operational Test & Evaluation
DOT&E
(Acting)

Pete Giambastiani
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ASD(LA)
(Acting)

Dana White
ASD Public Affairs
ASD(PA)

John Zangardi
Chief Information Officer
CIO DoD
(Acting)

Jim Baker
Director of Net Assessment
DNA

William Roper
Director
Strategic Capabilities Office
SCO

* Pursuant to section 131 of title 10, U.S.C., the composition of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) does not include the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary of Defense is depicted as part of OSD for this graphic.

USDoD – Under Secretary of Defense
ASD – Assistant Secretary of Defense
ATSD – Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

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Assistant Secretaries of Defense (ASDs) within the Offices of the Under Secretaries of Defense

### Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics (OUSD(AT&L))

- **Dyke Weatherington**
  - ASD Acquisition (Performing the duties of)
- **Pete Pothochny**
  - ASD Energy, Installations, & Environment (Performing the duties of)
- **Kristin French**
  - ASD Logistics & Materiel Readiness (Performing the duties of)
- **Arthur Hopkins**
  - ASD Nuclear, Chemical, & Biological Defense Programs (NCB) (Performing the duties of)
- **Mary Miller**
  - ASD Research & Engineering (R&E) (Acting)

### Policy (OUSD(P))

- **David Helvey**
  - ASD Asian & Pacific Security Affairs (Performing the duties of)
- **Kenneth Rapuano**
  - ASD Homeland Defense & Global Security (HD&GS)
- **Robert Karem**
  - ASD International Security Affairs (ISA)
- **Caryn Hollis**
  - ASD Special Operations & Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) (Performing the duties of)
- **Thomas Harvey**
  - ASD Strategy, Plans & Capabilities (SPC) (Acting)

### Personnel & Readiness (OUSD(P&R))

- **David Smith**
  - ASD Health Affairs (HA) (Performing the duties of)
- **Stephanie Barna**
  - ASD Manpower & Reserve Affairs (M&R) (Acting)
- **Elizabeth Van Winkle**
  - ASD Readiness (R) (Acting)

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Service/Subordinate/International 4-star Commands

**Army Commands**
- GEN Robert Abrams
  CG, U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM)
- GEN David Perkins
  CG, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC)
- GEN Gustave Perna
  CG, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC)
- GEN Robert Brown
  CG, U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC)

**Navy Commands**
- ADM Phil Davidson
  CDR, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USF1FORCOM/CFCC)
- ADM Scott Swift
  CDR, U.S. Pacific Fleet (USPACFLT/CFF)
- ADM Michelle Howard
  CDR, U.S. Naval Forces Europe (NAVEUR)
- ADM James Caldwell
  Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP)

**Air Force Commands**
- Gen James Holmes
  CDR, Air Combat Command (ACC)
- Gen Robin Rand
  CDR, Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC)
- Gen Ellen Pawlikowski
  CDR, Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC)
- Gen Terrence O'Shaughnessy
  CDR, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)

**Subordinate Unified Commands**
- ADM Michael Rogers
  CDR, U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM)
- GEN Vincent Brooks
  CDR, U.S. Forces Korea (USFK)

**International Commands**
- GEN John Nicholson
  CDR, U.S. Forces – Afghanistan (USFOR-A)

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Defense Agencies & DoD Field Activities

Defense Agencies

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Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

Michael Dowling
Director
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Anita Bales
Director
Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA)

VADM David Lewis
Director
Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)

Teresa Mckay
Director
Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS)

VADM Raquel Bono
Director
Defense Health Agency (DHA)

LTG Alan Lynn
Director
Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)

LtGen Vincent Stewart
Director
Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)

Paul Kofsky
Director
Defense Legal Services Agency (DLSA)

(Performing the duties of)

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Director
Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)

Fern Winbush
Director
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

VADM Joseph Rixey
Director
Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA)

Dan Payne
Director
Defense Security Service (DSS)

Vayl Oxford
Director
Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)

VADM James Syring
Director
Missile Defense Agency (MDA)

Robert Cardillo
Director
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)

Betty Sapp
Director
National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)

ADM Michael Rogers
Director
National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS)

DoD Field Activities

Ray Shepherd
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Christopher Thomas
Administrator
Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)

Beth McCormick
Director
Defense Technology Security Administration (DTSA)

Thomas Brady
Director
DoD Education Activity (DoDEA)

William Booth
Director
DoD Human Resources Management Center (DoDHRA)

C. David Brown
Director
Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)

Patrick O'Brien
Director
Washington Headquarters Services (WHS)

Barbara Westgate
Director
Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFFA)

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OSD Oversight of Defense Agencies/DoD Field Activities

Defense Agencies * 19
DoD Field Activities 8
Total 27

Secretary of Defense

Deputy Secretary of Defense

USD (AT&L)
- Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (Est. 1958)
- Defense Contract Management Agency * (Est. 2006)
- Defense Logistics Agency * (Est. 1961)
- Defense Threat Reduction Agency * (Est. 1996)

USD (Policy)
- Missile Defense Agency (Est. 1984)
- Defense Technical Information Center (Est. 2004)
- DoD Test Resource Management Center (Est. 2004)
- Office of Economic Adjustment (Est. 1978)

USD (Comptroller)
- Defense Security Cooperation Agency (Est. 1971)
- Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (Est. 2015)
- Defense Technology Security Administration (Est. 2001)

USD (P&R)
- Defense Contract Audit Agency (Est. 1945)
- Defense Finance & Accounting Service (Est. 1950)

USD (Intelligence)
- Defense Commissary Agency (Est. 1900)
- Defense Intelligence Agency * (Est. 1961)
- Defense Health Agency * (Est. 2013)
- Defense Security Service (Est. 1972)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency * (Est. 1996)
- National Reconnaissance Office (Est. 1961)
- National Security Agency/ Central Security Service * (Est. 1952)

USD (Public Affairs)
- Defense Media Activity (Est. 2008)

DCMO
- Pentagon Force Protection Agency (Est. 2002)
- Washington Headquarters Services (Est. 1971)

DoD CIO
- Defense Information Systems Agency * (Est. 1960)

GC DoD
- Defense Legal Services Agency (Est. 1981)

DoD Human Resources Activity (Est. 1995)
- DoD Education Activity (Est. 1992)

* Eight Defense Agencies are designated as Combat Support Agencies (CSAs) with joint oversight by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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OSD Oversight of Defense Agencies/DoD Field Activities

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DoD CIO
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DSA

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Monday, September 18, 2017
Location: New Haven Country Club
160 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT 06517
Contact: Mia Ginter – Mginter@brescomebarton.com

MC-LEF INAUGURAL DALLAS DINNER
Thursday, September 21, 2017
Ritz Carlton
2121 McKinney Ave, Dallas, TX 75201
Contact: Kevin McGuire at mcgkd@me.com

2017 GARDEN STATE GOLF OUTING
Thursday, September 28, 2017
Royce Brook Golf Club
201 Hamilton Rd, Hillsborough Township, NJ 08844
Contact: James Mottola
james.mottola@sobel-cpa.com

PHILADELPHIA GALA
Saturday, September 30, 2017
Sugar House Casino, Philadelphia, Pa.
Contact: Mike Wallace; mikeywallace@hotmail.com

2017 LONG ISLAND GOLF OUTING
Monday, October 2, 2007
Huntington Country Club
483 Main St, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
Contact: Jerry Griffen, 914-268-0630

42ND MARINE CORPS MARATHON
Sunday, October 22, 2017
Washington DC
Contact: John Connor jconnor@mc-lef.org

2017 LAS VEGAS GOLF OUTING
Tuesday, November 13, 2017
Southshore Golf Club
Lake Las Vegas
Contact: Michael Tobey, (702) 566-7473, mrtees39@gmail.com

7TH ANNUAL CPL MARC RYAN MEM 5K RUN/WALK
Saturday, November 18, 2017
Gloucester, New Jersey
Contact: MSgt Robert Morrell, USMC (Ret) morrellrm@msn.com

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