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Educating the children of those who sacrificed all

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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 $76 million in scholarships and other humanitarian assistance, and supported over 4,000 recipients.

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 $35,000 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% of 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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I extend greetings to all those celebrating the birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

Two hundred and forty-three years ago, in a Philadelphia tavern, a corps of Marines was created to augment the naval forces who were helping to lead the fight for American independence. Since that time, brave Marines have been at the forefront of our Nation’s efforts to defend democracy and safeguard liberty around the world. The victories of these elite warriors demonstrate their determination and courage no matter the mission.

Here at home, Marines go above and beyond the call of duty—a hallmark that was on full display this past September when Marines and first responders rushed to the scene of a two-alarm fire in Southeast Washington, D.C., heroically saving the lives of dozens of senior citizens. Through scenes like this, and many others, Marines continue to prove that all who have worn the eagle, globe, and anchor are a part of the distinguished legacy of an American institution characterized by service before self, professionalism, and mission excellence.

As Commander in Chief, I have no doubt that our Marines will continue to meet any challenge with the same heroic valor and resolve they have displayed through generations of service. I proudly salute all who have served, as we commemorate this anniversary and remember the wounded and fallen. We also honor the proud military families who serve and sacrifice alongside their loved ones with unmatched pride, strength, and heart.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, thank you. May God bless and protect our service members, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.
2018 Year in Review

As we think about this past year, we are constantly reminded of the incredible generosity of our supporters and the amazing work of our volunteers. Together you allow us to continue our most important work of supporting those families of Marines and Federal Law Enforcement Officers.

In 2018, we held Galas in New York City, Atlantic City and Philadelphia; a dinner in Dallas (attended by more than 200 supporters), Golf Outings in Scottsdale, Atlantic City, central and south Jersey, New Haven, Long Island and Las Vegas and fielded teams in both the Marine Corps and New York City Marathons. The funds raised during these events together with our donor’s contributions help support our mission of “Educating the Children of Those Who Sacrificed All”.

To put that into perspective, this year we will have helped 129 recipients, 75 of whom will have received $30,000 Educational Accounts. We have also helped 13 Federal Law Enforcement families disbursing over $137,000 in Humanitarian Aid. Finally, we have disbursed over $73,000 in Medical Assistance primarily in the form of DocBand Helmets for the young children of our Marines. For 2018, we have given over $2.6 million to the children and families of Marines and Federal Law Enforcement Officers.

Since our founding in 1995, we have helped 4,056 recipients and disbursed over $75.7 million in aid. We couldn’t have achieved this success without your support. During this Holiday Season we would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude for your efforts and generosity and wish you all a healthy and Happy New Year.

Jim Kallstrom
Ed Boran
John Connor
# 2018 Year in Review

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The 20th Anniversary of the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation’s Annual Philadelphia Gala was held at the SugarHouse Casino on Saturday, 27 October 2018.

Preceding the event, The Union League sponsored golf at their Torresdale Country Club location Friday morning the 26th. Medal of Honor recipients Brian Thacker and Mike Thornton played with both committee members and sponsors. Medal of Honor recipient Tom Kelley and his wife, Joan, joined the group for lunch. USMC Generals Ron Coleman, Willie Williams and Craig Crenshaw linked-up as well. Later that evening, our honored guests, sponsors and committee members were treated to a wonderful spread by the Malta Boat Club and Mission BBQ. Although the weather was inclement, the internal climate was festive.

The night began in the spacious perimeter hallways adjacent the SugarHouse Ballroom with the cocktail hour, along with beau coup hors d’oeuvres. Almost 500 guests milled around amongst the honorees, Medal of Honor Recipients and many current serving and retired military men and women. Medal of Honor awardee Colonel Barney Barnum joined his peers along with his wife, Martha.

Following the Marines’ (from Joint Base McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst) Presentation of the Colors, Chief Inspector Tony Boyle introduced our ubiquitous committee member, Ron Coleman. General Coleman then introduced our military Guest of Honor, the 18th SGT Major of the Marine Corps Ronald Green. SGT Major Green’s 35 year career began in 1983, shortly after the bombing, 23 October in Lebanon where 305 American and French peacemakers were killed. And before the official national airing in November 2018, the SGT Major portrayed the recruiting Marine video that touched everyone. SGM Green spoke of all the current serving Marines under his tutelage, their commitment, espirit de corps and determination to excel serving this country. Finally, SGM Green heralded the ongoing work by MC-LEF, throughout the country, but particularly in our home town.

During dinner, Master Gunnery Sergeant Tom Jankiewicz USMC (Ret.) announced our Semper Fidelis Awardee. An Executive VP for SIG SAUER, and prior law enforcement officer, our fellow “Master Gunny” committee member motioned to his son, Tom Jankiewicz, Jr. to come to the podium. Tom brought an illustrious career to SIG SAUER, a company who, under his leadership, has provided countless firearms to MC-LEF for auction. Each one is unique. And we are in Tom’s debt forever for both his service and his generosity.

Our Eagle, Globe and Anchor Awardee, Frank Giordano, is a legend in the Philly Tri-State community. Frank is CEO of his transportation firm, Atlantic Trailer Leasing Corp, and President and Chief Executive Officer of The Philly Pops. Mr. Giordano’s annual holiday Salute Series at the Kimmel Center honoring first responders and
veteran/current serving members of our Armed Forces draws record crowds every year under his stewardship. In addition to his beneficence among various schools and organizations, Frank is currently the Executive Director of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission.

Our recipient of the Jack Paulson award was Paddy Ghegan. MC-LEF recognized Paddy to also remember the 50th anniversary of the battle of Khe San South Vietnam, which lasted 77 days. A Marine squad leader, who earned three (3) Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star, we salute Paddy.

An affirmation of our Mission included Marines from Joint Base McGuire receiving scholarships for Marine SSGT James Seidel’s two children, who died in 2018. The $60,000 was sponsored by our good friend Barb Borowiec, owner of Barb’s Harley Davidson in NJ, whose year after year philanthropy to MC-LEF and the Armed Forces overall is unparalleled.

In closing, a hearty helping of thanks to the Committee, all our sponsors, and our audience for their continued support of our Mission.

Semper Fidelis. Always Faithful. “To the Kids.”

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Special guests Medal of Honor Recipients, left: Barney Barnum and right: Tom Kelly.

Medal of Honor recipient Barney Barnum and our special guest, Martha Barnum at the gala.

Medal of Honor Recipient Brian Thacker entering the gala.

Master Gunny, USMC Tom Jankiewicz with Military Guest of Honor, Ronald L. Green, Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps.

Ronald L. Green, Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps, with President Judge Pat Dugan, US Army.

Gen. Glavy and Board Member Robert Cummins, along with family and friends, enjoy a hot toddy at the Malta Boat house the night before the Gala.

Committee wives, Ann Marie Boyle and Joanne Jones with us at the Boat House.
Committee members S/A Gary Rizzo and Chief Inspector Tony Boyle.

Committee member Jim Kirlin, and Dan Jones join MOH Brian Thacker at Boat house.

Medal of Honor Recipients Mike Thornton, Brian Thacker and Tom Kelly with their escorts, Philly's finest, Philadelphia Highway Patrol.

President Ed Boran and longtime supporter of MC-LEF John Heenan share a laugh with Mike Wallace.

Committee member Rich Cray, wife Ro and kids at the Boathouse.

Early get together Saturday afternoon before the Gala with committee and guests.
RARITAN BOROUGH - The life and legacy of John Basilone, the hometown hero who was awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during World War II, was celebrated Sept. 21-23 with a series of special events.

Besides the 37th Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade on Sunday, the events began Friday with the official renameing of the post office on E. Somerset Street as the "Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone Post Office."

The events continued Saturday with the first "No Excuses: Manila Madness 5K" race, sponsored by the Basilone Memorial Foundation, through borough streets.

Basilone died in battle on Iwo Jima 73 years ago. He had returned to combat after becoming the only enlisted Marine to receive the Medal of Honor and Navy Cross in World II for his actions on Guadalcanal when he manned a machine gun to hold off thousands of Japanese soldiers.

Thousands come to Raritan every year for the parade, the only parade in the United States to honor a war hero.

The parade started at 1 p.m. at the train station then marched to Somerset Street for a ceremony at the Basilone statue. The parade featured military groups and veterans organizations, floats, high school marching bands, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, ROTC units, Civil Air Patrol cadets, fire departments, rescue squads and other civic groups.

Andy Martin, a Vietnam veteran who was awarded a Silver Star, the third highest honor that can be bestowed for bravery, served as the grand marshal and retired Marine Lt. Gen. John Toolan was the featured speaker.

Martin, a star basketball player at Bridgewater-Raritan High School in the mid-1960s, was awarded the Silver Star for his actions in close combat in Vietnam in May 1969. His actions allowed seriously wounded soldiers to be evacuated safely from the battlefield.

Toolan's final post was commanding general of the Marine Corps in the Pacific. He served in the Persian Gulf war, the 2003 Iraq war and Afghanistan.

Before the parade the public was able to view the Basilone collection at the Raritan Library and St. Ann Church celebrated a memorial mass.

Leading the 5K race was Marine veteran Rob Jones who lost his legs in a landmine explosion in Afghanistan.

Since that time, Jones has dedicated himself to raising public awareness of the challenges faced by troops wounded in action. He took a solo bike ride across the country to raise money for organizations supporting veterans and followed that by racing in 31 marathons in 31 days in 31 cities.

Race proceeds will benefit the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Steeplechase Cancer Center/RWJBarnabas Health and the Fischer House Foundation for Veterans.
The recipient of the Jim Kallstrom Award for Outstanding Leadership in CY 2017 was Gunnery Sergeant Michael R. Vasquez, Security Battalion, Provost Marshal Office, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA.

The award is administered by the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF) and serves to recognize those military police personnel, who in the performance of their duties, best exemplify the ethos of protect and serve, honor, courage and commitment, and a genuine concern for the well-being of the Corps, fellow Marines and the community they serve.

The award was presented to Gunnery Sergeant Vasquez on August 1, 2018 at the annual Marine Corps Senior Leaders Security Seminar Award Banquet, held aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico. Brigadier General Norman L. Cooling, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies, and Operations, personally presented the award to Gunnery Sergeant Vasquez. Assisting General Cooling with the presentation was MC-LEF representative Robert J. Gleason.

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
ARLINGTON, Va. (FOX 5 DC) - Legendary Marine and actor R. Lee Ermey was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, section 82, on Friday, January 18.

Ermey, who turned his experience as a Marine Corps drill instructor into a notable role in the Academy Award-nominated 1987 film “Full Metal Jacket,” was laid to rest months after his passing.

Ermey died on April 15, 2018, at age 74 due to complications from pneumonia. Before Ermey, veteran, skyrocketed to fame for playing Gunnery Sergeant Hartman in “Full Metal Jacket,” he served 11 years in the Marines, including a tour as a drill instructor, 14 months in Vietnam and then on Okinawa, where he was promoted to staff sergeant prior to being medically discharged in 1972 for injuries he received during his service, according to Stars and Stripes.

He went on to appear in several notable films including “Mississippi Burning,” “Dead Man Walking,” and “Toy Story,” and hosted “Mail Call” on the History Channel.

The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation is now an eligible charity for the Amazon Smile Program. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support MC-LEF every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.05% of the purchase price to The Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization (Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to MC-LEF.

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.
The great folks at Brescome Barton hosted their 7th annual golf outing on Monday, September 17th raising over $100,000 – over $600,000 to date! They put together a video which we think really shows “FUN WITH A PURPOSE” and highlights why people should come out and play. It can be viewed on our social media and it will be up on the website soon. We want to share it with you all – lest you forget – every event, every spreading of the mission helps!

You all deserve thanks – especially all those that work so tirelessly putting together outings, lunches, dinners, galas – living lives that give back.

Special thanks to our Vice President, Gene Sepe – and his team that did such a great job – thanks for sharing Gene!

https://vimeo.com/294269371

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.

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I now have a trike. It’s just what I needed, and I love it!

As anyone with a spinal cord injury will tell you, in the aftermath of that injury, you begin to try to collect the pieces of your former life together and get as close as you can to whole.

Since childhood, my heart has always found a home in the freedom of the outdoors. I cannot convey how important the outdoors has been to me and how immense of a void it has become post-accident. When I see ridge lines and benches and mountain tops from my vehicle, especially the ones that I used to disappear onto, it brings tears to my eyes. It’s one of the rare things, in my new condition, that brings genuine sorrow to me: the inability to stand and walk and climb in those wild places. I can’t get out there in the way that I used to, almost daily, but now I can still get out there. It’s a piece that’s coming back together thanks to the Marine Corp-Law Enforcement Foundation. In July of this year I received a foot pedal, 1000 watt, power assist, fat-tire trike to explore with, and the Foundation paid for it entirely! I’ve put about 50 miles on it now and I’ve been grinning the whole way, even while falling off it a couple times!

I am so grateful to be back in the woods again and so grateful to the Marine Corp-Law Enforcement Foundation for making it a possibility. Here are a few pictures of my new ride. I’ll keep you posted with whatever adventures come up with this beast.
Members, Friends & Families Celebrate!

Gen Dunford, Braxton, Crenshaw and the Philly MC-LEF crew celebrate General Coleman on his 70th birthday in Quantico. Many marines, friends and relatives joined in the celebration.

Birthday celebration at the Fugiama in Stuart, Florida. Left to right: John Conover, Joan Conover, Lou Piantadosi, JoAnne Hagerty, Charlie McLaughlin.

Left to Right: Pete Haas, Mickey Piantadosi, Brian Piantadosi and Lou Piantadosi celebrate the Holidays with a lovely dinner together.
How did it feel to help carry former President George H.W. Bush’s casket into the Capitol? Ask this Marine from Tampa Bay. Cpl. Kevin Harris, a 24-year-old New Port Richey native, was one of eight service members to carry the former president’s casket into the U.S. Capitol Monday evening.

Marine Cpl. Kevin Harris felt the weight of history on Monday as he helped pull the flag-draped casket out of the gleaming black hearse. "Wow," the 24-year-old New Port Richey native recalled thinking at that moment. "This is the 41st president of the United States." Harris was one of eight U.S. military service members who carried former President George H.W. Bush's casket into the U.S. Capitol. Bush, who died Friday at age 94, was set to lie in state at the Capitol until 10 a.m. Wednesday, and then Harris and his counterparts lifted his casket again to carry it lockstep back to the hearse.

"It was a pretty humbling opportunity and feeling to have," Harris told the Tampa Bay Times on Tuesday. "I never thought in my life that I'd be put in that situation."

Harris is part of the Marine Corps Body Bearers, an eight-person unit tasked with carrying the caskets of Marines and their family members who are buried in the Washington, D.C. area. The unit also serves senior statesmen, heads of state and former presidents. Bearers from other branches joined Harris and another Marine on Monday for Bush's ceremony. Harris said he and his fellow Marines often take part in several funerals a day. Most of them don't draw the attention of the entire nation. But he couldn't worry about that pressure. "You can't let anything affect you because it's not about your pain," he said. "You're doing that service for the members of the family ... It's the least we can do to honor them in the best way possible before we let them down one last time."

That meant locking in, staring straight and breathing only through his nose. He and the other bearers also had to withstand the physical

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strain of carrying the several-hundred-pound casket from the hearse, up the Capitol steps and into the building's rotunda — all with one arm each.

To build up that endurance, Marine bearers train underground in the solemn bottom level of a parking garage, Harris said. They practice hauling every kind of casket imaginable and grind through workouts. The caskets they carry typically weigh between 400 and 800 pounds, said Harris, who was selected by the Corps to start training with the unit in 2016, a year after joining the Marines. At funerals, composed bearers give onlooking relatives a sense of dignity, he said. "We're that last representation of something their family member was a part of," he said, "something they probably loved a lot." The presidential ceremony was different than most, of course. But Harris approached it like any other, he said. If he had started thinking about all the people watching — like former President George W. Bush, whom Harris passed by inches — he might've messed up. He didn't, and from Florida, his parents watched with pride. "My wife and I were crying, watching him on TV," said his father, 55-year-old Mike Harris, a retired New York City police officer. "It's a monumental event, and our son is there." The younger Harris graduated from River Ridge High School in 2013, where he played football and hockey. He has always been a leader, his father said. Harris was looking forward to helping carry the president back to the hearse Wednesday morning for the drive to the National Cathedral for his state funeral. "Just doing it right. Just making sure I execute it perfectly for President Bush and his family," he said. Someday, he hopes a few Marines will do the same for him.

Contact Justin Trombly at jtrombly@tampabay.com. Follow @JustinTrombly.
Farewell to Comrade and faithful MC-LEF Member Tom Walter

Thomas Paul Walter, 75 of Des Peres, MO went home to be with his Heavenly Father on August 6, 2018. A Christian Funeral Mass was held at St. Gerard Majella Catholic Church in Kirkwood, MO on Saturday, August 18 at 12 noon with Fr. Alexander Anderson, Celebrant. A Private burial followed later at National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks, MO.

Tom was born August 7, 1942 in St. Louis, MO to the late Paul Anthony and Mary Genevieve (nee Farrell). He was the loving husband of Linda, beloved father of Lindsay (Erik) Meyer and Mary Clare (Adam) Taylor, dear grandfather of Kevin Walter Meyer and Zakyra Walter Meyer, brother of Elizabeth (Terry) Diehl and the late Margaret Mary Walter and friend to many and his Stifel and Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation Family.

Tom graduated from De Andreis High School in St. Louis, MO. Tom grew up with a love for the game of golf and caddied and played at several prominent courses in the St. Louis Area where he made many life long friends. He studied Business Administration in College before he enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps on Dec. 15, 1961 where he served his country faithfully until Oct. 2, 1967. Tom read at least three major papers starting with the Wall Street Journal before the sun would have a chance to rise each morning. He was a top Financial Advisor for over 51 years, retiring from Stifel Nicholas in 2017. Tom lived life and his career to the fullest. Outside his deep passion for his family, Tom loved to travel with his family and friends to Hawaii and Ireland. He was a very caring and giving person. He has helped raise millions of dollars for many scholarship foundations and supported many churches and organizations, too many to mention. However, his greatest investments were the people in his life. Tom could make anyone he was around feel like a million dollars. He was encouraging, plainspoken, and very thoughtful and generous. We all loved you Tom Walter, but “God Loved Ya” best!

“Now we are left with our memories
And they are memories of laughter,
And they are memories of song.
In the coming weeks and months
On the fairways, over a jar,
At some or other table -
When tales of Tom are told,
Our memories will defeat the sadness
And the laughter will remain.”
-An Irish Friend
January 25, 2018

Mrs. Marla V. Wolff
Gathersburg, MD

Dear Mrs Wolff:

Our Foundation was notified by Federal Bureau of Investigation of the tragic loss of your loved one, Special Agent Carlos A. Wolff. 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 Carlos’ service, we are honored to provide $30,000.00 for each child in education accounts totaling $60,000.00 for the children listed below:

Joshua David and Johannah Maria Wolff

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 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 supporters, Matthew and Jill Zames and these scholarships have therefore aptly been named “The Matthew and Jill Zames Special 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 Carlos 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

Enclosures
Cc: Mr. and Mrs. M. Zames

273 Columbus Avenue • Office #10 • Tuckahoe, NY 10707 • Phone 1-914-268-0630
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Zames,

Words cannot express how truly grateful I am for your incredible generosity in providing funds for my children, Joshua and Johannah. I am overwhelmed by your kindness! It is a tremendous blessing knowing that Joshua and Johannah have these accounts for their future. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Marla, Joshua and Johannah

Dear MC-LEF,

“Thank you so much for everything you guys do. So many families are grateful for what you guys have done for them, I know I am. You have relieved so much stress on our family and we are grateful for that.

SSgt. James Robson, USMC
M Sgt M. S. Ramsdell, USMC
Operations Chief
Supply Company
Raleigh, NC

Marine Corps - Law Enforcement
Scholarship Shelsy Canales

To Whom it May Concern,

I am the CACO for Staff Sergeant Rovin Canales family, and I recently received the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Scholarship for Shelsy Canales. This morning I had the great pleasure to present it to her at their residence, in which she accepted with great joy. This 12 year old has great desire in becoming a doctor and this scholarship will help make this dream come true.

Provided as requested is a picture of presentation to Shelsy Canales, thank you for all that your foundation is doing for our fallen.

R/S
MSgt Michael S. Ramsdell

Dear MC-LEF,
We want to send a huge THANK YOU for covering the cost of our daughter’s Doc-band. Aria has now graduated her helmet and is almost done with physical therapy for her torticollis.
Joanne Ratcliffe
A Mighty Force

Joanne Ratcliffe may appear tiny – but she is truly a mighty force. Joanne has been running for MC-LEF since 2001! She and her loving family have raised many, many thousands of dollars. We are deeply grateful for her incredible heart, spirit and generosity.

We were all very deeply saddened to learn of the loss of her husband, Robert Ratcliffe – “Red” as he was affectionately known, on September 19, 2018. In their loyal, patriotic fashion, the family designated MC-LEF to receive memorial donations in lieu of flowers. We proudly accepted the many donations in his honor.

Sue Boulhosa, Executive Director of MC-LEF, and her family had the great fortune of finally meeting this powerhouse in February of 2019 in Vero Beach, Florida. It was a wonderful time as the two have known each other for over ten years by way of phone calls, letters and emails pertaining to Joanne’s fundraising efforts. Pete Haas brought Joanne into the MC-LEF family many years ago and she sure has been an inspiration.

We wish Joanne and her family great health and we shall keep Red in our hearts and prayers. Joanne lives…..runs the Marine Corps motto….Semper Fidelis – she is always faithful!

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.
On November 17, 2018, the 8th Annual Cpl. Marc Ryan 5K Run/Walk was held in Gloucester City, New Jersey. With the participation of over 400 runners/walkers and 80 volunteers, this year’s event once again reminded Marc’s family of the impact he has made on his friends and community.

It was 15 November 2004, that Cpl. Marc Ryan made the ultimate sacrifice during his fifth combat tour in the Battle for Ramadi.

It is said that the Battle of Ramadi was where the heaviest urban combat took place since the Battle for Hue City in Vietnam in 1968. Shortly after the terror attacks of 9/11, Cpl. Ryan served in Afghanistan completing a full deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. After a short time back in the States, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After returning from that deployment, Cpl. Ryan contemplated returning to civilian life, but his dedication to his fellow Marines kept him in the Corps. He deployed again to Iraq with 2nd Bn. 5th Marines where, on this tour, he made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Cpl. Marc Ryan 5K Run/Walk was established because of this young man’s sacrifice and the vision of MC-LEF Atlantic City committee member and Gloucester City resident, Bob Morrell. His mission was to not only keep Marc’s memory alive, but to be able to pass on Marc’s legacy of dedication to this country and to those who serve.

Since 2010, the Cpl. Marc Ryan 5K is a place where family, friends and, even those who don’t know Marc, can come together to share stories and to pay tribute to Marc and to others who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Atlantic City committee is extremely grateful to Bob and Cheryl Morrell and to all those who helped with this year’s event, especially, Gregg Woodhouse, Dave Thomas, Elwood Wrigley, Ryan Chiodi and Julie Durham. Their tireless efforts ensured another successful event for MC-LEF and, most importantly, for the Ryan family and for the children of our fallen heroes.

Please visit www.mc-lef.org for additional photos from the 2018 Cpl. Ryan 5K Run/Walk and for upcoming Atlantic City events.
MC-LEF Atlantic City committee members, Jon DiFranceso, Joe Devine and Lisa Spengler register walk-ins eager to participate in the run/walk.

MC-LEF Atlantic City committee member James Renwick (right) talks about the mission of the foundation while committee member Bob Morrell prepares for the award presentation.

Tee shirt distribution always runs smoothly because of these incredible volunteers.

Always an honor to have the Camden Country Police Academy Recruits as part of the 5 K Run. Posing in front of the recruits are Marc’s parents Tom and Linda Ryan and siblings Chris and Lauren.

Sal LoPresti, CW04 USMC R, a member of the New Jersey State Police and a member of the MC-LEF Atlantic City committee receives his award from Tom Ryan.

Members of the Marine Corps League Color Guard present colors and lead the crowd in the singing of the National Anthem.

Additional photos can be found at: www.mc-lefac.org
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Mark Your Calendars

9th Annual Cpl. Marc T. Ryan Memorial 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, November 16, 2019
Benefiting the
Marine Corps- Law Enforcement Foundation

Later this year, on November 16th we will again conduct the Cpl. Marc T. Ryan Memorial/5k Run/Walk in Gloucester City, N.J benefiting MC-LEF. This will be the 9th Annual 5k in memory of Marc Ryan of Gloucester City. Marc made the ultimate sacrifice on 15 November 2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was with 2nd Bn. 5th Marines at that time.

The event begins 0900 at event headquarters which is VFW Post 3620 located at 27 N. Burlington St., Gloucester City, New Jersey. The block is closed off with police protection. Walk-in registrations are accepted beginning at 0730. Online registration, preferred, can be done via www.runsignup.com.

For a number of reasons, this event satisfies many requirements for our participants. The race is a professionally timed 5k. It is USATF Sanctioned and the course is USATF certified for the avid runners. It is also a fun run if you’d like to get out and have a healthy trot for a great cause. Many participants sign up and walk with their friends, their children. They push strollers and walk dogs. The run/walk attracts individuals from our region and many do an early wake up to be there and support this event.

After the run/walk we conduct a patriotic tribute to Marc, typically with a Marine Color Guard. The Camden County Emerald Society Pipes and Drums play their “Marc Ryan set” with the tribute followed by a cookout. We eat and raise a glass for Marc and all military and law enforcement who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

I hope you will help us to never forget our fallen by coming out to this event. For more information, there is a Marc Ryan 5k FaceBook page set up by one of the committee members.

I’d like to thank my small committee, formed just this past year, that helps with the planning and execution of this event. Among our small group we have a New Jersey State Trooper, Gloucester County Sheriff’s Officer, and an FBI agent. And most importantly, my wife and daughter.

Also a special thanks to the members of the Atlantic City/South Jersey MC-LEF Committee for their outstanding assistance of race day.

Thanks for considering supporting our outstanding cause.

S/F, Robert Morrell
PRESS RELEASE

Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation
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Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation Atlantic City Announces the Dates for its 25th Annual Gala and Golf Tournament.

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Atlantic City, NJ - The Atlantic City committee of the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation announces the dates for its 2019 25th Annual Gala and Golf Tournament.

The honoree at the 25th Annual Gala will be John F. Scarpa. The gala will once again be held the Tropicana Casino & Resort Atlantic City. The date for the gala is Saturday, June 8, 2019.

The Tropicana is one of Atlantic City’s premier dining, retail and entertainment properties with The Quarter as a destination experience. Please visit http://www.tropicana.net for more information on the property.

Dinner pricing remains $175 per person. Room rates with a MC-LEF room code and reservation link will be available and provided in the formal invitation package.

The 25th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019 with a 9:00 a.m. shot-gun. The location remains the ever-popular Atlantic City Country Club in Northfield, NJ, owned and operated by the Ottinger Golf Group. The 2019 cost per golfer is $250.00, which includes a barbecue luncheon buffet following the morning tournament. This year’s giveaways and awards will surely be appreciated by all the golfers.

Sponsorship packages, including ad sponsors for the 25th annual commemorative program book and hole sponsors for the golf tournament are available.

If you would like more information, or to be added to the emailing list for the 2019 25th Annual Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation Gala and Golf Tournament invitation package, please email Lisa at mclefac@aol.com or visit the new Atlantic City website at www.mc-lefac.org.

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25TH ANNUAL GALA
honoring
JOHN F. SCARPA

June 8, 2019
Tropicana Atlantic City,
Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

25TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 10, 2019
Atlantic City Country Club
Northfield, New Jersey 08225

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Don’t be shy – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!"
WASHINGTON – Medal of Honor recipient Harvey C. "Barney" Barnum Jr. has received a fair share of awards and recognition in his lifetime. Apparently, it doesn’t get old.

Three months ago, the retired Marine colonel learned he was one of two people selected to receive the 2018 Lone Sailor Award.

He was floored by the news, as a feeling of complete surprise and shock hit him. It was similar, he said, to what he felt two years ago, when he learned that the Navy decided to name a destroyer after him.

“I got to tell you, I had the same unbelievable sensation throughout my body as I had when Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus called and said he was going to name a destroyer after him.” Barnum recalled.

The Navy Memorial honored Barnum last week, during its annual Lone Sailor Awards Dinner, a posh, black-tie event with 500 guests in attendance. Navy veteran Bill Hannigan, a former AT&T president and chief operations officer, was the other award recipient. Hannigan served in the Navy as a radioman for six years before leaving the service as a first-class petty officer.

Barnum, 78, joked that “it takes three men and a work party to lift” the award, a bronze 15-inch-tall statue of the iconic Lone Sailor bundled up in a Pea coat and sporting the distinctive round Dixie cup hat that junior enlisted sailors wear.

In a press release from the U.S. Navy Memorial, Retired Rear Adm. Frank Thorp, president and chief executive officer of the memorial, called Barnum the “consummate professional who earns the respect and admiration of everyone he meets.” In selecting awardees, the Navy Memorial considers veterans of the Navy or Marine Corps who have drawn upon their “Sea Service experience” to distinguish themselves in their subsequent careers and lives.

In 1965, then 1st Lt. Barnum demonstrated tremendous courage after enemy fighters ambushed his unit, mortally
wounding the company commander and killing the radio operator. According to the Navy Memorial release, Barnum jumped into action, leading a counter-attack against overwhelming odds, charging a small hill and firing a rocket launcher at enemy positions. He also ordered his men to blow up a section of trees to make a clearing while he radioed for helicopters to come extract the casualties.

When word came that the helicopters couldn’t land, Barnum stood in the clearing open to hostile fire and radioed back “If I can stand here, by God, you can land here,” according to the release.

For his bravery and heroic actions that day, Barnum was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1967. He then volunteered for a second tour to Vietnam. He retired from the military after 27 years of service with numerous other awards, including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with the combat valor device. Barnum then held many high-ranking positions as a civilian in the Defense Department.

Once the Arleigh-Burke class destroyer Harvey C. Barnum Jr. is commissioned, estimated to occur in 2024, Barnum said he will include the Lone Sailor statue as one of his personal mementos he plans to give to the ship. He also wants to give back what he can to the crew to show his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him.

“To be recognized by your Navy and Marine Corps team is pretty awesome,” said Barnum who plans to offer his mentoring services to the crew. “I’m going to spend a lot of time with that ship – good Lord willing – and pass on to them my experiences … the leadership traits – honor, courage, and commitment ethos – that all Marines follow throughout their careers.”

A poster of the Arleigh Burke-class ship USS Harvey C. Barnum, Jr. (DDG-124), is presented during its official renaming ceremony at Marine Barracks Washington, July 28, 2016. REMINGTON HALL/U.S. MARINE CORPS

“...consummate professional who earns the respect and admiration of everyone he meets.”
Rear Adm. Frank Thorp
Of all the awards and honors he has received in his military and civilian career, Barnum answered unhesitatingly when asked which one holds the most meaning. “My marriage certificate,” he said.

His wife, Martha – whom he married on June 27, 1992, at the Fort Myer base chapel in northern Virginia where the two live – said she never tires of all the recognition her husband receives.

“He’s done a lot, and people like to recognize him for it. I’m very proud of him and what he’s accomplished. The honors that he receives ... it’s always a wonderful thing.”

Above: Barney and wife, Martha proudly display the Lone Sailor statue. Top Right: Barney and Martha enjoying the annual Lone Sailor Awards Dinner with friends.
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Friday, May 3, 2019
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Grayhawk Golf Club
6272 East Cave Creek Road
Cave Creek, AZ 85331
Contacts:
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john@mclefaz.org
Kirk Tushaus: 480-540-2575
kirk@mclefaz.org

ARIZONA GATHERING OF HEROES
Thursday, May 2, 2019
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
American Legion Post #34
8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
Contact: Kirk Tushaus; 480-540-2575;
kirk@mclefaz.org

25th Annual MC-LEF Golf Tournament
Monday, June 10, 2019
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Atlantic City Country Club
1 Leo Fraser Dr.
Northfield, NJ 08225
Contact: Lisa Spengler
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Brescome Barton Golf Outing
Monday, September 16, 2019
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
New Haven Country Club
160 Hartford Turnpike
Hamden, CT 06517
Contact: Mia Ginter
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