



MARINE CORPS DISBURSING ASSOCIATION

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Spring 2026 newsletter

President

The 2027 reunion planning is moving along at a slower than anticipated pace. Contact with people in Cheyenne has been challenging but our planning team is tenacious and working diligently. There is not much to report regarding the reunion, but I am confident we will have more details by the fall newsletter. Keep an eye out on the Facebook page as well for information. I look forward to seeing you all in Cheyenne.

Your association volunteers do a fantastic job. Thank you to each of them for their unselfish support. A special thank you to Monica Barr! At the 2025 reunion, she volunteered to chair the fundraising committee, and recently held an online fundraiser, contributing to the sustainment of our scholarship and active duty awards programs. Bravo Zulu!

Please read on...

*Semper Fi,
Bennie*

From The Veep!

Although our 2027 reunion planning is slow getting out of the gates, we're looking forward to another great gathering. It may still seem a ways off, but the planning months tend to move fast and we'll continue passing along details as things get finalized.

For those already planning ahead, start dusting off those cowboy hats and boots because the western theme is still alive and well. We're planning to put together a fun theme night and make Cheyenne a reunion to remember.

As always, we continue to encourage everyone to help spread the word about the association. Recruiting new members is important to keeping our organization going strong for future generations of Marine Corps disbursers. If you know someone who hasn't joined yet, reach out and encourage them to come aboard.

Please continue keeping us updated with any changes to your mailing address, email, or phone number so we can keep communication flowing and make sure everyone stays informed on not only reunion updates but association news as well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Cheyenne!
*Ooh Rah,
Charles*

News from the Adj

Our 2026 recruitment drive is running. To date, we've had two new members join. Help us grow our association. Details below.

Current membership: 201
Combat percentage: 94.2
Pending 2026 renewals: 63

WE REMEMBER

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of the following MCDA members:

MSgt Celia Grayless – 23 February 2026

May she rest in peace.

Thank you!

Ron

From the Treasurer

2025 Taxes have been filed.

Please ensure your address is up to date. We received many returned letters due to a recent change of address. If you have changed your address, please email us at usmcdisbursers@hotmail.com to provide your new address.

*Thanks,
Gary*

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Shelley Stokley Memorial Scholarship Fund offers scholarships to any disbursing Marine veteran, their spouse, children, and grandchildren. Applications are accepted from November 1st through April 30th (Postmarked). Eligibility requirements and application form can be found on our website, usmcdisbursers.com. The association has awarded \$67,050 in educational assistance since 2009.

2026 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following MCDA Scholarship awardees:

Kathryn Bouslough – granddaughter of LtCol Gregory Harbac. She will be studying Atmospheric Sciences at the University of North Dakota.

Braden Bussman – Son of GySgt Eugene Bussman. He will be studying Politics at The Catholic University of America.

Brooklyn Soloy – Granddaughter of CWO4 Lawrence Soloy. She will be studying Marketing Management at Missouri State University.

Gavin Kane, Grandson of MGySgt Andrew Finnegan. He will be studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Buffalo.

Avery Kane, granddaughter of MGySgt Andrew Finnegan. She will be studying Exercise Science at State University of New York.

Nathan Wilder, Grandson of GySgt Dennis Trahan. He will be studying Journalism at the University of Massachusetts.

ACTIVE DUTY AWARDS PROGRAM

The Active Duty Awards Program was established in 2017 to recognize active duty Marines for their professionalism and performance in the disbursing field. One hundred and two (102) Active Duty Disbursing Marines have been honored for their contributions to the Disbursing occupational field since the program was established.

Nominations for FY2026 Active Duty Awards should be submitted by 31 October 2026 to usmcdisbursers@hotmail.com.

FY 2025 ACTIVE DUTY MARINES RECOGNIZED

GySgt Richardson Jr., Freddie – Finance Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps. Recognized for procedural overhaul that streamlined workflows, increased accuracy, and strengthen fiscal accountability.

MSgt Boatright, Karey – Financial Management School. Recognized for revamp of FM curriculum boosting mastery of foundational and advanced finance technician skills.

SSgt Heatherton, Dylan – Regional Disbursing Office – West. Recognized for sustained superlative performance.

SSgt Franklin II, Cortez – Regional Disbursing Office – East. Recognized for sustained superlative performance.

GySgt Tupolo, Isoefa – Regional Disbursing Office – Pacific. Recognized for sustained superlative performance.

SSgt Haro, Amber – Finance Office, National Capital Region. Recognized for sustained superlative performance.

SSgt Jaimes, Alexis – Finance Office, MCB Hawaii. Recognized for outstanding performance and leadership directly impacting exceptional performance of the office.

GySgt Stewart, Kadeem – Finance Office, MCRD San Diego. Recognized for outstanding leadership and work ethic directly impacting exceptional performance of the office.

SSgt Fox, Kaylie – Finance Office, MCRD Parris Island. Recognized for sustained superlative performance and enhancements to deployed capabilities.

2026 RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Help us grow the association! If not a member, join! If already a member, refer a friend to join.

Current members who recruit 3 or more new members between 1 January and 31 December 2026 will have the following options:

1. Waive your next renewal fee (\$30 value)
2. Waive the registration fee for the 2027 Reunion (approx. \$40 value)

For guidelines or questions, contact us at usmcdisbursers@hotmail.com

2027 REUNION

Planning for the 2027 biennial reunion in Cheyenne WY is underway. Reunion dates are tentatively set for 13-17 June 2027 due to anticipated cold weather in May.