



## MARINE CORPS DISBURSING ASSOCIATION

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### PRESIDENT

It is time to finalize plans to meet in Reno. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there. This looks to be another great reunion with old friends gathering and an opportunity to make some new friendships. See the registration forms, all the details and who is attending on our website. See you in Reno! Additionally, as you know, through our Shelly Stokley Scholarship Fund we have had the honor of awarding over \$35,000 to help Marine family members with their educational expenses since 2006. Fund-raising activities have been challenging, therefore, there is a dire need for individual donations to enable the MCDA to continue to "take care of our own". Please consider submitting a tax-deductible donation to this worthy cause. Our trustee Adjutant donated his entire stimulus check. Together we can build the fund back up. Thank you to all! Please read on....

Semper Fi, Greg Bucholtz, President  
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### FROM THE ADJUTANT...

#### 2021 MCDA MEETING/REUNION

You are all invited to attend the 2021 Marine Corps Disbursing Association biennial meeting and reunion in Reno, Nevada, Aug 8-12, 2021. You do not have to be a supporting member of the Association to join us in Reno or to participate in any of the events.

We will be staying at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino. The daily room rate is \$80.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy. Also, a limited number of rooms are available at the group rate for the 3-days pre/post event dates for those who plan on an

extended stay. On-site parking is free and the hotel provides a complimentary airport shuttle.

When you call, be sure to provide the reservation code of: "LMCD821" Marine Corps Disbursing Association to ensure you receive our group room rate. Phone number is (800) 282-2444. Reservations must be made by July 9, 2021. You may also utilize the convenient online booking link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50175674>.

Of note, the \$30.00 daily resort fee is waived for our group, however, it will be billed initially but subsequently deducted upon check-out.

Below is a list of scheduled events. No requirement to attend the events, choose the ones you wish.

#### **Sunday, Aug 8:**

Reunion check-in is from 3:00-5:00pm in our hospitality room.

**Welcome Dinner (Buffet) at Hotel (6:00pm) - \$35.00 per person**

#### **Monday, Aug 9: (Group Picture, Time TBD)**

**Virginia City Guided Tour (9:30-2:30pm)** - \$45.00 per person. Narrated tour to historic Virginia City (old mining town with swinging door saloon's, wooden sidewalks, numerous museums, shops and mansions). This tour will also include a 35-min steam engine train ride from the 1870 Virginia City Depot through the historic mining district.

Lunch will be on your own at one of the many restaurants in town.

**Tuesday, Aug 10:**

**Lake Tahoe Guided Tour (9:30-3:00pm)** - \$87.00 per person (Includes lunch). Narrated tour to Lake Tahoe, one of North America's largest Alpine Lakes. Included will be a ride on the M.S. Dixie II Paddle-wheeler around the Lake. This boat ride is 2-hrs and includes lunch on-board. After the cruise we will embark on a sightseeing tour through Carson City, State Capital of Nevada, as well as a drive through the Washoe Valley.

**Wednesday, Aug 11: (MCDA Meeting, 10:00am)**

**Memorial Service/Farewell Dinner (Buffet) at Hotel (5:00pm)** - \$35.00 per person

Following the buffet we will adjourn for the results of the silent auction and drawing. **Don't forget to bring along your item(s) for the silent auction, if desired. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund.**

I encourage anyone that's on the fence about attending a reunion to speak to someone that has. It's basically a vacation and a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

If you are not currently a member, we would like you to consider joining us. A current membership listing and application form can be found on our website, [usmcdisbursers.com](http://usmcdisbursers.com). The cost is only \$30.00 for a two-year membership and that comes with a high-speed MCDA membership card, your name being added to the online membership listing and directory, as well as a voice on where our reunions will be located, etc,... Being a member does not obligate you to any association duties.

## **MARINES HONORED**

Continuing our program to recognize our active duty Marines for their professionalism in the finance field, each Disbursing and Finance Office identified one SNCO and one NCO that performed their duties in a superlative manner and provided significantly to the overall success of the office mission throughout the 2020 calendar year. Also included was one SNCO from HQMC-MCAAT and recipients from the Financial Management School.

The Association presented each selectee with a Certificate of Commendation, a Personalized Plaque for their display, and an association Bottle Opener. We are proud to recognize the following selected Marines:

### **HQMC-MCAAT**

Gunnery Sergeant Carter Hilton

### **Financial Management School**

Gunnery Sergeant Andrew Beckman  
Sergeant Nicholas Wheeler

### **Regional Disbursing Office—West**

Gunnery Sergeant Guillermo Vazquezaybar  
Sergeant Shazerie Williams

### **Regional Disbursing Office—East**

Staff Sergeant Martha Diaz  
Sergeant Alex Washington

### **Regional Disbursing Office—Pacific**

Staff Sergeant Alejandro Aguilar  
Sergeant Shane Morris

### **Finance Office, National Capital Region**

Gunnery Sergeant Paul Briseno  
Sergeant Tia Cosby

### **Finance Office, MCB Hawaii**

Corporal Eric Betza

### **Finance Office, MCRD San Diego**

Master Sergeant Richard Flores  
Sergeant Angel Almaraz

### **Finance Office, MCRD Parris Island**

Staff Sergeant Raven Saintlouis  
Sergeant Jonathan Willis

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**

Just a reminder, disbursing Marine veterans, their spouse, children and grandchildren are eligible to apply for one of our Education Assistance Program scholarships. The scholarship application must be submitted by **April 30, 2021** (Postmarked NLT 30 April). The eligibility requirements and application form can be found on our website.