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PRESIDENT

The changing weather and Halloween got me thinking. What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman? Frostbite! Ok, I know it's a bit corny, but I couldn't resist. Feel free to use it during your holiday gatherings. Stay warm friends and enjoy the upcoming holidays. I found that a little bourbon on the rocks helps keep the body warm, the cheeks rosy, and face smiling during the winter months.

Speaking of Bourbon, we're only a few months away from the 2023 Reunion in Louisville. Through meticulous work, the reunion committee has put together a great reunion package that I am confident we will all enjoy. They did a great job getting the ball over the goal line.

I look forward to seeing you all in Looavul?, Loueville?, Looeyville?... Kentucky.

Read on to learn more about the upcoming 2023 MCDA Reunion.

Semper Fi, Bennie Helton, President
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FROM THE ADJUTANT...

2023 MCDA MEETING/REUNION

You are all invited to attend the 2023 Marine Corps Disbursing Association biennial meeting and reunion in Louisville, Kentucky, May 21-25, 2023. You do not have to be a supporting member of the Association to join us in Louisville or to participate in any of the events.

We will be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The daily room rate is \$149.00 plus tax for single or

double occupancy and includes breakfast for two. 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 \$15 per day.

When you call, be sure to provide the reservation code of: "G-DISB" Marine Corps Disbursing Association to ensure you receive our group room rate. Phone number is (877) 803-7534. Reservations must be made by April 30, 2023. You may also utilize the convenient online booking link: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SDFRL/G-DISB>.

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

Sunday, May 21:

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

Welcome Reception at Hotel (6:00pm) - \$37.00 per person

Monday, May 22: (Group Picture, Time TBD)

City Bus Tour/Kentucky Derby Museum w/lunch (10:00-2:00pm) - \$60.00 per person. Narrated city tour that will include general knowledge of Louisville and Bourbon. This will be followed by a tour of the Kentucky Derby Museum and lunch on the Derby Café terrace overlooking the race track. The group will receive a 30-min guided walking tour of Churchill Downs, an 18-min movie on their 360-degree screen and access to two floors of exhibits.

Tuesday, May 23:

General Patton Museum/Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory Tour (8:30-12:30pm) -

\$35.00 per person. General Patton Museum is comprised of vehicles, weapons and artifacts from his life, along with other military items and a WWII Barracks exhibit. This will be followed by a tour of the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory. The museum is filled with galleries & exhibits and includes a 35-min guided tour through the factory. With a souvenir 16-in bat to boot.

Riverboat Sunset Cruise (7:00-9:00pm) - \$38.00 per person. This is a 2-hour sunset cruise on the Ohio River with a concession stand and bar on-board. Sit back, relax and enjoy the sights.

Wednesday, May 24: (MCDA Meeting, 10:00am)

Memorial Service/Farewell Dinner at Hotel (5:30pm) - \$40.00 per person

Following the dinner, 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 and enjoy some camaraderie. Reunion reservation forms and more information is posted on our website.

DONATIONS

With the establishment of an electronic payment option within our website, it is even easier now to make a donation towards our Scholarship Fund; helping disbursing Marine family members with their educational goals. Please help the MCDA "take care of our own". Get the tax-deductible donation in before the end of the tax year.

2022 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following 2022 MCDA scholarship awardees:

Samuel Cox, son of Col William Cox. He will be attending George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

Alayna Kavanaugh, daughter of SSgt Joseph Kavanaugh. She will be attending North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC.

Trevor Schrader, son of Col William Schrader. He will be attending Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, FL.

Gillian Soloy, granddaughter of CWO-4 Larry Soloy. She will be attending Iowa State University in Ames, IA.

Emily Zeller, daughter of LtCol Jeffrey Zeller. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

The Association offers scholarships to any disbursing Marine veteran, their spouse, children and grandchildren. Applications will be accepted from November 1st through April 30th (Postmarked). The eligibility requirements and application form can be found on our website, usmcdisbursers.com.

WE REMEMBER - It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of the following MCDA members during 2022:

MSgt John C. Kriska – April 29, 2022

LtCol Paul T. Filla Sr. – April 9, 2022

Maj Robert W. McGowan – March 11, 2022

Their names have been added to our association memorial plaque, as well as the We Remember page on our website. May they Rest-in-Peace!

Not a member, but we also lost another longtime Disburser that many of you may know:

CWO-4 John Raczynski – September 11, 2022