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PRESIDENT

In a year to forget, a year in which we lost five of our Association members, I sincerely hope that you and yours weathered the storm as best as can be expected. Thankfully, a COVID-19 vaccine is on the horizon. That being said, given the uncertainty of the vaccine rollout timeline that would ease folks' thoughts about traveling again, we have decided to push the Reno, NV reunion dates to the right in order to maximize attendance. After careful consideration, we feel that this is the prudent measure at this point. So re-mark your 2021 calendars for August 8-12. Those new dates have been locked on with the resort with further details below. Please read on...

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

2021 MCDA MEETING/REUNION

As mentioned by the El Presidente above, the 2021 Marine Corps Disbursing Association biennial meeting and reunion in Reno, Nevada has been rescheduled for August 8-12, 2021. As stated in our previous newsletter, during my site visit to Reno in early March a recon of potential hotel venues was conducted. The front-runner ended up being the Grand Sierra Resort Casino and early negotiations looked promising. However, as talks continued it became abundantly clear that although this resort would offer an excellent experience for our attendees, it just wasn't a reunion-friendly hotel from a "contractual" standpoint, i.e., Food & Beverage minimum, room attrition requirement, hospitality room charges. At the end of the day I had to balance the resort's niceties with our association's budgetary limits and

risk. The risks outweighed the rewards... so the plug was pulled. But no reason to fret my friends, a very "contractually reunion-friendly" resort emerged that will provide a stellar experience as well. The Peppermill Resort Spa Casino is the winner and a contract has been signed with this AAA Four Diamond resort. It's located in close proximity to downtown, comprised of an assortment of bars and lounges throughout; 9 award-winning restaurants; souvenir shops; two glorious pools and an 82,000 sqft casino for you all to blow your money.

The negotiated daily room rate will be \$93.00 out-the-door for single or double occupancy (includes all applicable fees/taxes). The Resort Fee has been waived by the hotel for the group. The contracted group rate will also apply for the 3 days pre/post event dates for those that would like to arrive early or stay longer. Resort booking information will be provided in February, along with the reunion reservation form.

Tours:

Group tour ideas are plentiful in the Reno area, more decent tours than we have days for. The following two tours are what we have planned.

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.

As a reunion attendee, there's no requirement to attend the events, choose the ones you wish. You do not have to be a supporting member of the Association to join us in Reno or participate in any of the events. 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 make new friends.

2020 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following 2020 MCDA scholarship awardees:

Carmina Arroyo, daughter of MGySgt Teresa Arroyoarroyo. She will be attending the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Breanna Cox, daughter of LtCol William Cox. She will be attending Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ.

Buffy Hartman, granddaughter of Maj Gary Munn. She will be attending Northern Oklahoma College in Stillwater, OK.

Kevin Kane, grandson of MGySgt Andrew Finnegan. He will be attending Siena College in Loudonville, NY.

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

Gillian Soloy, granddaughter of CWO-4 Larry Soloy. She will be attending Metropolitan Community College-Longview in Lee's Summit, MO.

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. Note: the mailing address for scholarship submissions has changed and is located on the new application form on our website.

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. 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.

WE REMEMBER

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of the following MCDA members during 2020:

LtCol Richard J. Lovelace – September 21, 2020

Maj Roger K. Spencer – September 19, 2020

GySgt Robert D. Vetter – July 9, 2020

MSgt Rick Hack – May 31, 2020

MSgt Jerry L. Herritt – January 8, 2020

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!