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PRESIDENT

I want to thank all of you for marking your calendars reserving the dates of our 2019 reunion in Charleston, SC! I can assure you there will be no shortage of sea and war stories shared so **sign up now**. Additionally, I am pleased to announce that the migration to our new association website is complete and a big thanks to all who supported the successful golf tournament held in June; funding more scholarships! Please read on....

Semper Fi, Greg Bucholtz, President
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2019 MCDA MEETING/REUNION

You are all invited to attend the 2019 Marine Corps Disbursing Association biennial meeting and reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, May 19-23, 2019. You do not have to be a supporting member of the Association to join us in Charleston or to participate in any of the events. It is a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to make new friends.

We will be staying at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The daily room rate is \$136.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy and includes a daily breakfast. This rate is also available three days prior or three days after our event if you plan on an extended stay. On-site parking is free and the hotel provides a complimentary airport shuttle. Please do not hesitate to book your hotel room well in advance of the reunion dates in order to guarantee yourself a blocked group rate.

When you call, be sure to provide the **reservation code of: Marine Corps Disbursing Association** to

ensure you receive our room rate of \$136.00 plus tax. Phone number is (843) 744-4422.

Below is a list of scheduled events. No requirement to attend the events, choose the ones you wish. Register early, registration form is enclosed.

Sunday, May 19:

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, May 20: (Group Picture, Time TBD)

City Guided Bus Tour (9:30-12:00pm) - \$7.00 per person. The city bus tour will be a motor coach tour of the city. Along the way, we get off the bus a few times to stretch our legs. The bus tour will include Charleston highlights in the historic district. We also visit the Citadel (Military College of SC) on this tour.

After the city tour, we will enjoy lunch on our own and spend some time shopping and browsing in the Old City Market.

We will then re-board the bus that will take us to a ferry boat ride to Fort Sumter.

****** For those that wish to forgo the Fort Sumter Tour, you may opt out after the City Tour/Lunch. For those that opt out, the NASH Shuttle located at the downtown visitor's center can be utilized to return back to the hotel.

Fort Sumter Tour (2:00-4:30pm) - \$25.00 per person. As quoted, "Visit the place where the American Civil War began in 1861. Begin your tour with a cruise through Charleston's historic harbor where you can catch breathtaking views of the city and watch sea gulls and dolphins play in the

harbor. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, rangers from the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before you tour this famous bastion and its marvelous museum." Be advised, walking may be challenging at times on the Fort due to its configuration.

Tuesday, May 21:

Patriots Point Tour (9:30-1:30pm) - \$30.00 per person (Includes lunch). As quoted, "Tour Patriots Point, one of the world's largest naval and maritime museums. Visit the USS Yorktown, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the Destroyer Laffey, a participant in the World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the Vietnam Experience Exhibit (Vietnam Era Support Base with its Sea Cobra and Huey helicopters); and the newly renovated Congressional Medal of Honor museum." Included with this tour is a BBQ lunch in the Chief Petty Officer's Mess aboard the USS Yorktown.

Wednesday, May 22: (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.

MCDA WEBSITE OPERATIONAL

In September of 2017 we had a turnover of the webmaster/administrator for the website, and in addition, had to migrate to another site-builder application. This process is complete and the website is currently up-and-running thanks to the tireless efforts of Bob Easter! We appreciated your patience in this manner. Peruse the site at your leisure and check back often for updates/current events; usmcdisbursers.com.

2018 EILEEN "CHIP" VAN KIRK MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual Eileen "Chip" Van Kirk Memorial Golf Tournament was held on June 15, 2018 in Lee's Summit, MO. Local MCDA volunteers raised

\$884.00 after expenses, with all the proceeds going to the Shelly Stokley Scholarship Fund. If you wish to assist the MCDA in this effort, make a check payable to MCDA with an annotation for "scholarship fund". Mail your tax-deductible donation to:

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2018 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following 2018 MCDA scholarship awardees:

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

Vanessa Arroyoarroyo, daughter of MGySgt Teresa Arroyoarroyo. She will be attending the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Brianna Kurtenbach, granddaughter of MGySgt Russell Fenstermann. She will be attending Northwest Missouri State University.

Taner Moulton, grandson of MGySgt Bill Hildenbrand. He will be attending East Carolina University.

Liam Schrader, son of Col William Schrader. He will be attending the Culinary Institute of America.

Daphne Warren, daughter of CWO-4 Gary Warren. She will be attending the University of California, Santa Barbara.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REMINDER

The Association offers scholarships to any disbursing Marine veteran, their spouse, children and grandchildren. Applications will be accepted from November 1st through April 30th. For application instructions and forms visit our website usmcdisbursers.com.