



MARINE CORPS DISBURSING ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT

A wonderful time was had by all at the Charleston, South Carolina reunion. Eighty members and guests attended. Events enjoyed by the group included a city bus tour of Charleston, a Fort Sumter tour and a trip to Patriots Point, one of the world's largest naval and maritime museums along with a very well-done Vietnam Experience Exhibit. We also conducted our memorial service and enjoyed two buffet style dinners at the hotel. Charleston proved to be an outstanding reunion location and I look forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion in Reno, Nevada in 2021!

As you know, through our Shelly Stokley Scholarship Fund we have had the honor of awarding over \$30,000 to help Marine family members with their educational expenses since 2006. However, as previously mentioned our fund-raising activities have been challenging, therefore there is an increasing 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. Mailing address is in the heading above. Thank you to all! Please read on....

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MCDA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES: May 22, 2019, Charleston, SC

Membership: 233

Combat percentage: 94.4%

MEMBERSHIP APPROVED:

- 1) Clayton Stokley as the new Vice President
- 2) Earl Roy Gilpin as the new Sergeant-at-Arms
- 3) David Folsom as the Audit Committee Chair
- 4) Amendment of the Educational Assistance Program directive to reflect eligibility of "Disbursing Marine veterans" vice "any Marine veteran".
- 5) Redesignation of the titled position of "Secretary" to "Adjutant".
- 6) 2021 West Coast reunion site, Reno, Nevada
- 7) The Midwest for the 2023 reunion

EILEEN "CHIP" VAN KIRK MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

After careful consideration, it was decided by the MCDA Board of Directors to permanently discontinue our annual EILEEN "CHIP" VAN KIRK MEMORIAL golf tournament that was held in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Although a great/fun-filled event, the proceeds after expenses from this event were dwindling from year-to-year. Therefore, the time and effort by our MCDA volunteers in

coordinating the tournament were outweighing the benefits.

2019 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following 2019 MCDA scholarship awardees:

Carmina Arroyo, 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.

Breanna Cox, daughter of LtCol William Cox. She will be attending the University of Utah.

Sarah Gascon, daughter of MGySgt Kevin Gascon. She will be attending MiraCosta Community College.

Christian Jones, son of GySgt Kevin Jones. He will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Gillian Soloy, granddaughter of CWO-4 Larry Soloy. She will be attending Metropolitan Community College-Longview.

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.

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. It's no different than being a member of a VFW/American Legion. We're a social organization of past and present disbursers.

Although we are primarily a social organization, we do support our brothers and sisters through our Shelly Stokley Scholarship Fund and our active duty awards programs. Our website maintains a listing of current scholarship and active duty awardees.

The Association gathers biennially, in odd numbered years, for a reunion and meeting of the membership. The biennial association meeting provides the membership with a recap of all activities, a review of our Articles of Association and any change that may be required, the election of officers, a determination for our next reunion/meeting location, and any other business that requires action by the membership.

Recruitment Effort – As the Adjutant, I'm asking all current members to assist me in recruiting new members. I challenge each member to get one other past or present disbursing member to join our association. We all know folks out there that we used to serve with. Reach out to them through social media or other means. Your efforts are much appreciated, I can assure you that!

WE REMEMBER

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of the following MCDA members during 2019:

MGySgt Charles D. Mattson – May 19, 2019

Maj Thomas J. Kennedy – May 2, 2019

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!