

## Sergeant Major William S. Parks, USMC

William S. Parks was born on July 23, 1923, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1940. As a young, brash Marine heading to the Pacific Theater, William S. Parks "didn't think much about surviving--that was a given." Taking part in the Guadalcanal campaign quickly proved him wrong. He lost his best friend, a member of his machine gun squad, in August 1942, and found that life on the island posed threats beyond enemy bullets. He spent the six-month campaign subsisting on minimal provisions--including food he could forage, such as taro roots, and captured Japanese rations--and weathered two bouts of malaria. He was among roughly a dozen of the 44 men in his platoon who survived. He was sent to New Zealand for rest and relaxation. He would go on to see combat on Tarawa, a battle he described as a "barroom brawl." He also saw combat in the Korean Conflict. He was commended for his courage and coolness under fire by his commanders and the men who served with him who dubbed him "the real John Wayne". His awards include the Silver Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with "V", Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze stars, WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation and two Good Conduct Medals. Sergeant Major William S. Parks died on August 2nd, 2018 in Hendersonville, NC.

## Marine Corps League

Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship to preserve traditions, promote the interests of the United States Marine Corps, band together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service, and promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. We also voluntarily aid and render assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Chaplains, and former Marines, and their widows and orphans.



We seek to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and, by fitting acts, to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Membership in the Marine Corps League is open to all honorably discharged Marines, Navy Corpsmen who served with the FMF and Navy Chaplains who served with the FMF.

Learn more about the Blue Ridge Detachment #848 of the Marine Corps League in Hendersonville, NC at our website:

<https://blueridgedetachment848mcl.com>



The Blue Ridge Detachment #848  
of the  
Marine Corps League

presents the

Sergeant Major William Parks  
Memorial Charity  
Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 12, 2019

at the

Cummings Cove  
Golf & Country Club

Hendersonville, NC

**Location:**

Cummings Cove Golf & Country Club  
20 Cummings Cove Pkwy  
Hendersonville, NC 28739

**Format:** 4-Player Team  
Captain's Choice  
(No Handicap)

**Cost:** \$320 per team

**Date:** Saturday,  
October 12, 2019

7:00 – 8:00am

Sign-In and Late Registration

8:15am

Player's Briefing

9:00am

Shotgun Start

Prizes will be awarded after all teams have turned in their score cards.

Proceeds from this tournament will go to charities supporting veterans to include the Charles George Veterans Medical Center, Asheville, NC

**Classifications:**

- Men's Open
- Men's Senior
- Women's Open
- Women's Senior
- Mixed Open
- Mixed Senior
- Church Group Open

**Prizes:**

- Long Drive (Men's Open, Men's Senior, Women's Open, and Women's Senior)
- Nearest to the Pin (Individual)
- Team Cumulative Nearest to the Pin
- Team Chipping Competition
- Team Putting Competition
- Team Low Score (All Classifications)

Please direct any questions regarding this tournament to:

David Olsen  
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Sergeant Major William Parks  
Memorial Charity Golf Tournament

Team Registration

Team Classification (Check One)

- Men's Open
- Men's Senior
- Women's Open
- Women's Senior
- Mixed Open
- Mixed Senior
- Check here to enter also as a Church Group (if desired)

Players: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check or money order made out to:

Blue Ridge Detachment

Please mail this registration with your payment to:

George Chandler  
160 Sam Langley Road  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Mailed registration forms must be postmarked by September 20, 2019.

Registration will also be available the day of the event.

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