

Commander's Comments

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2025. Plans are underway for several events for our Gray Ghost Squadron.

First, I want to encourage those members with eligible family members to apply for our squadron's MCAA scholarships. You should have received an email from Roy "Puma" Pearson with information for applying and eligibility requirements. If you are having problems or have questions concerning the program, please contact him at his email address (f18Puma@san.rr.com).

The MCAA Symposium will be held in Dallas, TX from May 12th through the 16th of this year. The Ghosts are planning on having a hospitality suite for people to drop by and socialize with friends. If you are planning on attending the symposium, please drop in and visit. There will be more information on the hospitality suite once we're closer to the event.

Our 531 Gray Ghost reunion this year is scheduled for September 30th through October the 3rd, 2025 in Key West, FL. John Durkin is working on this reunion, and we will get more information out soon.

I appreciate all the efforts that other members of the squadron are making to continue this great organization. It takes all of us that hold fond memories of 531 during our Marine Corps careers that allow this to happen.

We have had a few people associated with our squadron that have passed away recently. You can find them on our website under "The Last Bugle". I want to thank Doug Winslow and others for providing the information. I also want to thank Doug for traveling to

Bakersfield for Sheldon Simonovich's burial service held there to represent our squadron.

Please share this newsletter with anyone that might have an interest in our squadron. You can also direct them to our website at "531GrayGhostSquadron.org". We are always looking to add more friends and family to our ranks.

If there is anything that I need to know about or an issue that needs to be addressed in our squadron please let me know at Rustysmith1521@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing everyone at the MCAA Symposium and our reunion.

Semper Fi,

Rusty Smith