



Varied Activities Planned-Oceanside

Our 2014 Oceanside Conference is fast turning into a reunion of sorts for many who served there over the years. Webmaster **Kate Stark** reports considerable Facebook activity among former Pendleton-ites wanting to come back and rehash old sea-stories.

Conference Chair Bob Long and Program Chair Junior Rapley remind all comers that their registration fee includes a round-trip ticket to San Diego, hopefully to be used on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Long is encouraging prospective attendees to register as soon as possible.

Both Association and Foundation Presidents Bill Hauptfleisch and Don O'Neal are appealing to Board Members to try and attend so as to have a quorum for their respective board meetings.

Both Bob Long and Rap are working to assure a variety of activities, both on and off base. A live fire demonstration is being worked on among other things as this issue goes to press.

August 31 Dues Deadline

Postcard notification has been sent to members who pay their dues annually. If you are in doubt as to your dues status please contact CCHQ immediately.

Annual dues: \$35 staff and above; \$25 sergeants and below, are due each year by August 31. Payment can be made by credit card by going on our website www.usmcca.org or by check to CCHQ, 110 Fox Court Wildwood, FL 34785

Watch our website for complete conference information.

We are fortunate to have another good Association friend as a "buddy in the butts" for this conference. **MSgt. Arsenio (Sonny) Cortez** will be checking into Pendleton this month as I MEF PA Chief.



The Pacific View Events Center, site of our Wednesday evening banquet, overlooks the Pacific Ocean

Members may remember when, as a gunnery sergeant and Info Chief at MCB Kaneohe, he accompanied the Executive Director to the Big Island of Hawaii for Jack Lewis' funeral several years ago and presented Jack's Colors to his widow.

Absentee Ballot Mailed

We have a contested election for Association President this year so absentee ballots have been mailed to all eligible members.

Both **Manny Pacheco** and **Don Gee** are vying for the presidency which will be decided at the Annual Business Meeting scheduled for September 11 at Oceanside, CA.

Members will also elect other officers and three directors, none of whom are being contested. **Kate Stark, Chris Whiting and Rick Lavers** will serve one more term as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Three new directors will be elected without opposition. They are **Bob Mergle, Bob Long and Cal Openshaw**. Openshaw had been named in 2012 to fill the unexpired term of Bill Hauptfleisch, when Bill was elected President.

Only regular and associate members whose dues are current may vote in this election. Absentee ballots will be mailed back to CCHQ and remain sealed until opened by the elections committee at the Business Meeting.

Transition



James "Jim" Kyser

Life member and Lucas Chapter Treasurer Jim Kyser, Super Top as he was known in email parlance, died February 9 and was interred at the Quantico National Cemetery February 19 at the following services at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.



Jim was the "glue" that held together the Lucas Chapter in the Washington, DC, northern Virginia area until just before his death.

He was a past National President (1977-79) and winner of the Association's prestigious Donald L. Dickson Memorial Award in 1982.

BrigGen. Vincente "Ben" Blaz

Vicente T. "Ben" Blaz, 85, who survived a Japanese prison camp during World War II and later became a Marine Corps brigadier general and Guam's representative in Congress, died Jan. 8.



Promoted to brigadier general in 1977, Gen. Blaz became the first person from Guam and the

first non-white Marine to reach the rank of general. At the time, he was director of information for the Marine Corps. After retiring from the military in 1980, Gen. Blaz returned to

Hauptfleisch's Notes

USMCCCA President Bill Hauptfleisch



Hard to believe that only a few months remain before we can all gather together again in sunny Southern California! We will all gather at the Holiday Inn-Marina, Oceanside, the week of 8 – 11 September.

This was all made possible by the hard work of Bob Long, President of our LA Chapter. Bob is also serving as the conference chair which in itself has helped our association a great deal in the planning and events this year.

He even has made things sweeter this year by coming up with loads of exciting things to see and do. Sea World and/or San Diego Zoo, San Diego Safari Park, Surfing (I'll pay to see Fred Lash on a board), Barnstorming Adventures out of Montgomery Field, and of course the Padres and Chargers. Thanks Bob! Your hard work will make this an exciting conference.

On the RAW'Crutin front, Jack has wrangled CC All-Star Dale Dye to be our honorary chair. For those of us who follow the film and TV, Dale had the vision to correct the portrayal of American fighting men and women in a more realistic and factual image. Thanks Dale!

Don't forget, your 2014 dues are due by September 30. A postcard reminder has been sent.

That said, we still need everyone to take up the challenge to get more members. We all need to help the "Tribal Elders" in this cause.

My personnel campaign involves the Marines I work with every day here in Quantico. Many of them who decide to leave our

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New Public Affairs Leaders: President Hauptfleisch recently presented new member cards to DINFOS graduates. From left (seated), Capt. Laura Pattawi, SSgt. Brian Kester and 2ndLt. John McCombs. Back row (from left) Keith Oliver, 2ndLt. George McArthur, Jeff Sisto, Hauptfleisch, 2ndLt. James Killen and Bob Jordan.

2014 Booster Club Gold

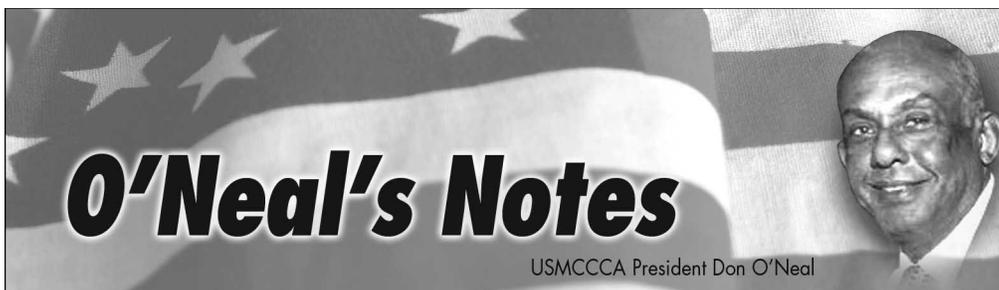
Sally Pritchett

Silver

Mike Arnold
Ralph Austin
John Dodd
Gene Smith
Keith Oliver
Don O'Neal
Jack Paxton

'14 Dedicated Members

Mawk Arnold, Mike Arnold, Mal Barr, Dale Baird, Bob Bowen, Bob McEwen, Sally Pritchett, Cochise Cash, Gene Smith, Mike Pitts, Gary Grey, David Faulkner, Dick Williamson, Don Parzanese Sr., James Watson, Tom Judge, Jacki Huneycutt, Bill Goodman, Margaret Diefenbach, Steve Illes, Jenny Holbert, Don O'Neal, Chuck Tyler, Paul Pappas, John Kloczkowski, Ralph Austin, John Dodd, Art Detman, Gina Levy, Keith Hall, George Chrisman, Cindy LaJeunesse, Tom Kraak, Don and Iris Gee, Frank Wiley.



This year 2014 represents a critical juncture in our history as an association and, by extension, as a Foundation. We have new leadership at the top of the communications command structure of the Corps, as well as a new office title. The Division of Public Affairs is now the Office of Marine Corps Communications.

With these changes comes a new approach towards the USMCCCA and the programs we administer on behalf of active duty Marines serving in the Public Affairs and Combat Camera occupational fields. Under budget pressures from DoD, for the time being we can no longer expect the Corps to fund conference attendance for award winners, though the spectrum of awards given in conjunction with HQMC's Thomas Jefferson program awards has expanded.

It is still our goal to run our awards program, with some tweaking, to recognize the excellent work done by today's active duty Marines.

What does this all mean? Likely a smaller conference in Oceanside with a smaller awards banquet, but one we'll be proud to host. That means also, that it is more important than ever that our members make a special effort to turn out. **This is especially important for board members, as we have much serious business to discuss about the future of both the Foundation and the Association.**

It also means that those of you who have been ardent supporters of our awards program need to confirm your continuing support by informing our Executive Director, Jack Paxton, that you're still on board and getting your contributions in to CC Headquarters.

While we've had a magnificent response to

our Dedicated Members campaign, I must stress that we need your continued support for our Boosters campaign as well as the special Scholarship Campaign I initiated in my last column.

I am well aware your Foundation asks a lot of you financially. I am also aware of the generosity of our members when it comes to the crucial support you provide. For your generous support, I can simply say thanks. Without you, we couldn't do what we do the recognize the efforts of our active duty Marines in telling the American people about the sacrifices our Marines make on their behalf, nor could we provide support for the continuing education of our members and the families through our scholarship programs or continue the support we provide for the Wounded Marines Semper Fi Fund. I am humbled to lead a Foundation that has your trust and support. I know you'll continue to march.

Semper Fi, Don

Former Pendletonites: Sea Stories & Photos Wanted for Journal;

We're asking all of you former Camp Pendleton folks to dig back into your memory files.

This year's Journal will have a Camp Pendleton theme and we would like to run photos and any sea stories about your time there. Find your memories and send them to: kate@usmccca.org, or Kate Stark, 385 SW 254th St, Newberry, FL 32669.

All photos will be scanned and returned. Electronic versions should be high resolution at 5"x7" at 300 dpi.

Ford Ends Distinguished Leatherneck Career

Colonel Walter G. "Walt" Ford, USMC (Ret) will retire as Publisher/Executive Editor of *Leatherneck* magazine on June 30 after nearly 15 years at the Marine Corps Association & Foundation.

Following active-duty service of more than 30 years as an artillery officer, which included combat service in Vietnam, he initially was hired as editor of *Leatherneck* magazine in August 1999 and added the responsibilities of MCA&F publisher in 2007. **Since Col Ford became editor, *Leatherneck* authors have earned the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's prestigious Colonel Robert Debs Heintz Award for excellence in historical writing four times and the magazine has won a Printing Industries of Virginia printing excellence award.**

Col Ford supported both the Combat Camera and Public Affairs military occupational specialties. For numerous years, he assisted in judging the Department of Defense's annual Thomas Jefferson Awards that recognize excellence in the Public Affairs field and also has been a judge for the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation's annual awards program.

Active in the United States Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association and a director of its foundation, he continues to support the organization's photography and print and broadcast journalism awards program to recognize the superior achievements of Marines in those occupational fields. For all that he has contributed to the Public Affairs field and to the Marine Corps, Col Ford is the recipient of the USMCCCA's 2013 Donald L. Dickson Memorial Award and the 2006 BGen Robert L. Denig Sr. Memorial Distinguished Performance Award.

He has been more than a traditional editor in that he has kept



Now and Then: MCA&F Publisher and *Leatherneck* Editor Walt Ford in his pre-retirement photo (left) and as Regimental Commander, Col. Walter Ford, 12th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division after his Marine retirement.

the magazine relevant and timely during a time of flagging sales for printed media. Col Ford worked to keep the membership numbers stable and, with the magazine staffs, has assisted in bringing *Leatherneck*, and the *Marine Corps Gazette—Professional Journal of the U.S. Marines*, into the digital age of publishing with access to the magazines online, launching digital replica editions; shaping content for ease of access by laptop, tablet or Smartphone; and expanding into social media and delivering fresh content via Facebook, Twitter and YouTube under the MCA&F umbrella.

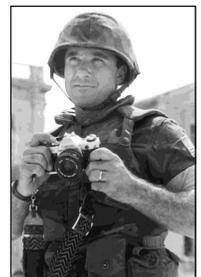
Above all of these laudable accomplishments, Col Ford understood the purpose of a service organization. He will be remembered most for his support to both members and non-members; active-duty, retired and Marine veterans; Marine families; and friends of Marines.

(Ed. Note: The following was printed in part from the June issue of *Leatherneck*. Speaking for all members of USMCCCA we wish our good friend Walt Ford fair winds and following seas. We do not say good by, however. JTP)

Gaddo, Jordan Honored By Heritage Foundation

Each year, the **Marine Corps Heritage Foundation** presents a series of awards to both Marines and civilian community members, recognizing exemplary work in advancing and preserving Marine Corps history. The awards were presented at the **National Museum of the Marine Corps** April 26.

The General Roy S. Geiger Award is given to the author of the best aviation article published during the 2013 calendar year. This year's honoree was **Chief Warrant Officer 4 Randy Gaddo USMC (Ret)**, Beaufort, SC, for "Living Their History: VMFAT-501 Marines Document F-35B Flying and Maintenance Experiences."



Randy Gaddo

The Colonel Robert D. Heintz, Jr. Award is given for a distinguished example of feature writing by an individual dealing with U.S. Marine Corps history or Marine Corps life, giving prime consideration for high literary quality and originality. Life member **Major Robert T. Jordan USMC (Ret)**, senior faculty member at DINFOS, was honored for his "Urgent Fury – Grenada 30 Years Later. A SQUAD LEADERS STORY."



Bob Jordan

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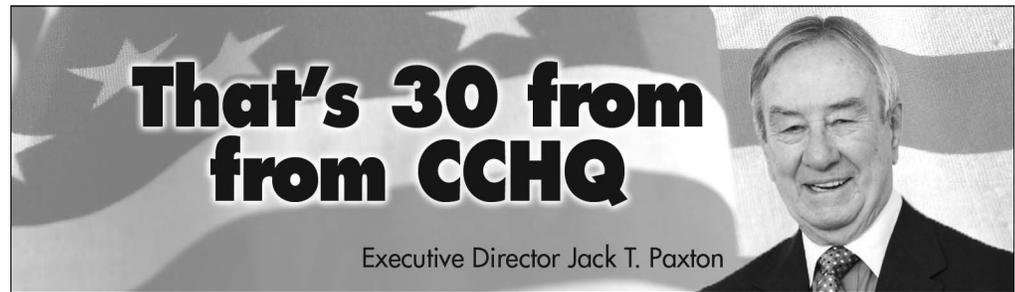
Walt Ford

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Executive Director Jack Paxton serves both boards.



While we say hail and farewell to Walt Ford, we also say welcome to **Col. Mary Reinwald**, who relieves Walt as Editor, *Leatherneck Magazine*.

She came into the Corps after graduating from Penn State with a political science degree. During her career, she served a number of tours on the East Coast and in Okinawa, paying her dues at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps in various billets, and with a tour in the Department of Defense. She commanded the Marine Corps Personnel Administration School at Camp Johnson, N.C.



Col. Mary Reinwald

Along the way, she earned the Legion of Merit with a gold star for a second award and a Defense Meritorious Service Medal and obtained an MA in strategic studies at the Marine Corps University.

It's not every day that a member receives a personal birthday letter from the Commandant but, then again, it isn't every day that one of our icons turns 93.



Norm signing a copy of "War Shots"

Norm Hatch has received many deserved honors over the years but none thrilled him more than the recent letter from General Amos who recognized Norm's many contributions to the Ma-

rine Corps dating back to his days as a staff sergeant documenting Marine action on Tarawa and Iwo Jima.

We add our own best wishes our hopes for many more.

As much as we hate to have to spend the money to remind members of their dues, our experience with the recent mailing of postcard reminders tells us it is necessary. We have thought constant reminders in the newsletter, the Journal and on our website would do it but, from the telephone calls and emails, apparently a mailed reminder is necessary.

Because we have two persons running for Association President this year, you have (or will) received a mailed ballot if your dues are current and you are not an Affiliate member. **Manny Pacheco** and **Don Gee** are on the ballot. Choose one and return it to CCHQ ASAP.

There are three running for Association Director: Bob Mergle, Bob Long and Cal Openshaw. These three and all other officer positions are unopposed.

For all of you Facebook, Twitter, et al, fans, **Kate Stark** has promised to spell it all out in easy to understand—and use—terms during a session at the Conference.

A big Tip O' The Cover to Nat Fahy and his Camp Lejeune "GLOBE" staff for becoming this year's Thomas Jefferson Award winner.

Several of you have called regarding a possible glitch when trying to obtain a room at the Oceanside Holiday Inn. If you follow the instructions on the website you will obtain the room you want at the \$90 rate.

Florida's Foundation Golf Tournament



Senior Winners (l-r) are "Dusty" Rhodes, Bobby Jones, Jim Paxton and Randy Blanchard. The group from the Groves Community has won the Senior Division five times.



1st Place (l-r): Alan Joiner, Marc Barry, Jack Hostutler, Shane Willis



2d Place (l-r): Jim Britt, Jim Klema, Mark Messingham, Nate Messingham

The 10th version of the **Foundation's Florida Chapter** day, May 9 leaving Tournament Chair "Red" Carpenter an relief.

The 2014 field of golfers was reduced to 66 this year, possibly thanks to prolonged winter storms. Whatever the reason, the Foundation's coffers will be again enriched, this time by a

The real winners, however, will be the **Injured Marines scholarship funds** when Board approval is made for the September.

Getting this year's version off the was not the easiest of was the Ridgewood Lakes Golf Club course; a bit unlike la the tournament at the very last minute. Also, the commit services of the Marine color guard from Orlando's 4th MT and other requirements, the committee did not know until unit would be available.

Carpenter praised the efforts of the small volunteer force "work force" consisted of **Hank Ehlbeck, Allen Moore and Jack and Pat Paxton.**



Presentation of Colors—The tournament is honored each year by the participation of Orlando's 4th Motor Transport Battalion Color Guard: One very sharp group!



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, the tournament was deemed a success and the
pproximately \$4,500.

Semper Fi Fund as well as the **Foundation**
ese contributions at the Oceanside conference in

entures. Fortunately, the weather was perfect as
st year's conditions where rains nearly cancelled
tee has been fortunate each year to secure the
Battalion. This year, partly due to budget cuts
il a day before the tournament that the popular

that helped make the tournament a success. His
, **Kevin Doll, Kate Stark, Ann Carpenter**



"Chief Auctioneer" Kevin Doll (r) and his "Assistant" Hank Ehlbeck recognize the winner of a donated gift.



ament Chair "Red" Carpenter (l) thanks Dean
ons, co-owner of Ford Press of Leesburg, FL for
company's contribution of all tournament printed
ials for the 10th consecutive year.



Happiness is a birdie putt and the team captained by Marc Barry (l) made enough of
them to win the 10th annual tournament. Barry is the son-in-law of "Red" Carpenter
and annually makes the trek to Florida from his Virginia home. Others (from l) are
Jack Hostutler, Shane Willis and Alan Joiner

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Bill on Recruiting, Job Hunting and DINFOS

beloved Corps often see me before the big day and ask about job opportunities.

I will show them our website which more than often lists various MOS related jobs. They will then say they did not know about the CC's. That is when I do my best recruiting pitch and tell them about our association.

The last two years I have also had the pleasure to go to DINFOS to hand out memberships to the both the enlisted and officer students. I will continue to do

this when my term expires; Keith Oliver keeps me on a short leash!

Essentially I am saying, when you have the opportunity, Facebook, Together We Served, Holiday Events, Fraternal Organizations (American Legion, Elks, Moose, etc.) reach out to those who are eligible and encourage them to join.

As always I want to say thanks to those who are behind the scenes of our association. Keeping us up and running. I am privileged to serve as your President. Semper Fi, Bill

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Now Hear This is the official publication of the USMCCCA and it's Foundation.

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Note: The easiest way to register is to visit our website www.usmccca.org where you may also make your room reservations. The group code is UMC. The group name is USMCCCA Conference.