



MARINE CORPS DISBURSING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER September, 2011



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to open by thanking all of you that joined us in Las Vegas for this year's reunion... and a special thanks to the committee that made it all happen! Several attendees commented that it just did not feel like a reunion. I agree, given the location it really felt more like a "party" than a "reunion" and a great time was had by all! In spite of the crazy weather all over this country this year we experienced fabulous weather for both the reunion in Vegas and the Kansas City golf tournament. In fact the average temperature in Vegas for June is 100 but I don't believe it even got to 90 during our reunion.

I want to congratulate the 2011 MCDA scholarship winners. We awarded five this year and that sets a record for the most ever awarded by the association.

If you were not able to attend the MCDA business meeting in Vegas, please read on as the minutes are provided in this newsletter - along with more information on where we intend to have our 2013 reunion, who won the scholarships, golf tournament details, and lots of other MCDA news!

Semper Fi,
Greg Bucholtz, President
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2011 REUNION RECAP

It was another wonderful and memorable reunion in Las Vegas; over sixty of our friends attended. The weather was perfect for our visit with temperatures in the mid eighties for the entire stay. Our hotel and casino staff provided first class assistance whenever needed. The welcome aboard and farewell meals were excellent. A majority enjoyed both the Hoover Dam tour and the Lake Meade dinner cruise. The memorial service honored not only our two departed members, Capt. James Kendall and MSgt. Ronald Tibbetts, but all our departed friends.

The membership selected Nashville for the site of our 2013 reunion. A planning committee was appointed and is working

diligently on the preparations. We are sure this will be another great get-together. If you haven't attended one of our reunions lately, consider attending in 2013. Getting together with old friends is always a rewarding experience.

2011 KANSAS CITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Friday, June 24, 2011, 48 golfers gathered for the MCDA Fourth Annual Golf Tournament at Shamrock Hills Golf Club in Lee's Summit, MO. Many donated raffle items, the sale of mulligans, a Vegas hole, and a putting contest all contributed to bring in over \$1750 for our Scholarship Fund. Congratulations and heartfelt thank-you's for another successful tournament go to Bruce Van Kirk and Mike Thiry, the event's organizers, as well as Chip Van Kirk, Larry and Glenda Soloy, Barb Thiry, Shelly Stokley, and all of the MCDA member volunteers and tournament sponsors. If you would like to organize a golf tournament in your area to raise money for the Scholarship Fund, contact Bruce Van Kirk at TheeGunny3@hotmail.com or Mike Thiry at mthiry1@kc.rr.com.

2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following young men and women in their educational endeavors. We provided \$500 scholarships to each of five awardees this year. Best wishes for success go to the following: Ms. Alyssa Blair (granddaughter of GySgt. Arturo Pizano) who will be attending the University of North Carolina-Greensboro; Ms. Sarah Dillon (daughter of Gysgt. Sean Dillon) who will be attending the University of California-LaJolla; LCpl. Eugene Ross, USMCR, who will be attending Longview Community College, Lee's Summit, MO; Ms. Brittany Slater (daughter of MSgt. Benjamin Slater) who will be attending Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL; and Mr. Brendon Thiry (son of Maj. Jeffrey Thiry) who is attending University of Central Missouri-Warrensburg. Congratulations again to all of the above recipients.

MCDA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Approved 2010 Treasurer's Report.

Reponses to questions:

- Golf Tournament funds for scholarships only.
- Mailings go to all disbursers not just retired.
- Scholarship details clarified. - Available for Post Graduate Education and continuing students.
- Applicants can reapply each year.
- Scholarship history, \$500 to each person: (2) 2008, (3) 2009, (3) 2010 and (5) 2011.

Approved from MCDA Nominating Committee:

- President: Greg Bucholtz
- Vice President: Bruce Van Kirk
- Secretary: Glenda Soloy
- Treasurer: Mike Thiry
- Members at large by region: Earl Gilpin (Midwest), Bernie Shear (East Coast), David Mook (West Coast), Larry Soloy (Kansas City)

Membership thanked 2011 Reunion Committee:

Dick Lagle, Janet Lagle and Barbara Thiry

Approved 2013 Reunion Committee:

Earl Gilpin, Shelly Stokley, Bernie Shear, and Bob Roquemore

Approved 2013 Reunion location:

- Nashville (tentative 1st choice)
- Kansas City (2nd choice)

Conflicts in June suggesting new reunion date.

Approved changes to MCDA Articles of Association:

- Changed wording 20 times from "***Biannual***" (½ year) to "***Biennial***" (2 years).
- 3.1.01 Modify from "***All officers shall elected for a period of four years***" to "***for a period of two years***" to be in conjunction with the reunion.
- 3.1.01 strike "***To be eligible to be elected to the office of President or Vice President, candidates must have served for at least one year on the Board of Directors prior to the election. This is not required of any other officer of the Association.***" Requirement restricted available candidates.
- 3.1.02.06 strike: "***The President shall co-sign with the Treasurer all contracts and agreements in the name of the Association.***" Conflicts with Paragraph 3.1.05, "***Treasurer shall sign under the direction of the board.***"

2013 REUNION PLANNING

The reunion committee is currently looking at various dates to determine the most opportune time for our reunion. Currently Clayton and Shelly Stokley are planning a trip to Nashville to help decide which sights are the best to visit and take a look at the various hotels. The committee has requested price quotes and is trying to keep the costs the most economical to our members. The committee will keep us informed of their progress.

HELP OTHER MARINES

The MCDA Mail account received an email from the Deputy Finance Officer at Quantico asking for help in announcing their Second Annual Golf Tournament. The tournament raises funds for their first time Marines to attend the Marine Corps Ball this year. If you plan to be in the area on September 16, 2011 or would just like to help the cause, please contact Ms. Patty Kroll at mary.kroll@usmc.mil.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

In an attempt to "Go Green" and reduce the ever-rising postage costs associated with our mailing of the newsletter, we are offering you the opportunity to help. If you would prefer to read the newsletter online and not receive a hard copy in the mail thus saving us postage, please send an email to the webmaster at Reunion@usmcdisbursers.com with your name and address. Note that this does not mean that we will be emailing it to you, nor will we send you an email announcing its availability online. You will simply need to go to our website (<http://www.usmcdisbursers.com/>) or our Facebook site (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=75509057885>) to read it.

In addition, Earl Gilpin has agreed to try compiling a list of people who would like to receive the newsletter by email. If you would like to try this option, please send a brief email to Earl at egi99@comcast.net.