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2012—Our Proud Year: We Honored Denig



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Tom Segel

MGySgt. Thomas D. Segel, 81, died September 30 in Harlingen, TX. He held the department of Defense Thomas Jefferson Award for journalistic excellence, was named Military Writer of the Year, and was past national president of the USMC Combat Correspondents Association. In 1999 when the Association decided to form a Foundation in 1999, Segel was instrumental in getting it incorporated in the State of Texas.

Charles "Sam" Durie

Charles W. "Sam" Durie, 84, passed away suddenly in Aguanga, California. He was preceded in death by his first wife Doreen and is survived by two sons, Preston, Michael and step son Jeff Daniel and step daughter Wendi Bremermann. He is also survived by his wife of 26 years, Trudi. Sam was a life member of the USMCCCA.

Everett Nolen

Everett Cecil Nolen, 79, of Douglasville, GA, passed away on Thursday, January 24, 2013. Born in Delight, AR, Mr. Nolen was a graduate of Texarkana Texas High School. He retired from the United States Marine Corps after 34 years of service.

Promise Kept: Denig Recognized

Shortly before his death, Sam Stavisky wrote a letter to Past President Fred Lash. In it he exacted a promise that the CCs would do everything in their power to see that our founder, Brig. Gen. Robert L. Denig Sr., and his Demons of World War II, were recognized at the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico.

On November 17 last year the organization that Sam was most proud of dedicated the beautiful black granite memorial to Denig, his Demons and all past and future CCs.

With a large crowd of CCs, friends, active duty Marines looking on, Sam's wife, Bernice and Maria O'Leary, the two surviving widows of original Demons, joined current Public Affairs Director Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy and CC President Bill Hauptfleisch in pulling the camouflaged cover off of the memorial.

The unveiling capped a momentous year of fund raising for this Association. When the venture was approved by the Foundation Board of Directors in the Fall of 2011 the most optimistic guess was that it could take

up to two years to make the memorial happen.

The Foundation Board quickly approved a planning committee sketch and a nearby company specializing in memorials of this type was chosen.

Completion cost: \$43,500 which would include the cost of 78 memorial bricks around the circumference of the memorial.

Knowing that the Foundation itself could not pay the entire cost, the planning committee of Sally Pritchett, Walt Ford, Fred Lash and Hauptfleisch put a three month go-no-go deadline on the project. If, by March 31 \$10,000 could be raised the project would go to completion. If not, the memorial planning stopped.

Thanks to an early infusion of funds, the planning shifted to "go" and Kline Memorials of Manassas was hired for the job.

The final bill was paid in mid September and the rest is history. Rest in peace, Sam Stavisky.



Denig Heirs—Robert L. Denig III (2nd from l) and Alston Johnson (2nd from r) grandchildren of Brig. Gen. Denig are shown at the Memorial with great grandson, Nate (l) and Alston's husband, Hugh Johnson. Bob and Nate flew in from California while the Johnsons drove from Richmond, VA.

Cover Page Photo

Maria O'Leary, left, Chaplain William "Dan" Stallard, BrigGen. Paul J. Kennedy, Director of Public Affairs, Bernice Stavisky and USMCCCA President, Bill Hauptfleisch unveil the monument of Brigadier General Robert L. Denig near the Chapel at the National Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Va., on November 17th, 2012. (Kate Stark Photo)

2013 Conference? Yes, But a Temporary Hold

Most old timers will remember getting the word to fall out with packs "green-side out" only to see the 10 percent who didn't get the word appear with brown-side out. That's pretty much the situation surrounding our 2013 annual conference.

In early January your conference committee chaired by Manny Pacheco and comprised of CC President Bill Hauptfleisch, Fred "Flash" Lash and the Executive Director met at Joint Base Andrews (aka Andrews Air Force Base) to check facilities for our conference scheduled for July 22. The plan was to join a training symposium sponsored by DivPA, HQMC.

Following the Andrews meeting we dutifully announced on www.usmceca.org that the facilities were more than adequate and we were on "go" for the event. We also told members and guests that information relative to rates, registration and schedules would be announced soon.

No sooner did we put this info on the website than an announcement came from Defense Secretary Panetta

that, due to the current Congressional impasse on budgets, all plans for training and travel were embargoed until March 1 or until Congress acted.

So, with a newsletter scheduled and no resolution in sight, we now ask our members and our guests to have patience and, like good Marines, be ready to move out on short notice.

We are going to be positive and give you the best of the Andrews scenario. IF, repeat IF, our conference goes on schedule you will be treated to a great schedule and, perhaps more importantly, one of the lowest registration fees we've ever offered plus a hotel room rate of \$53.

If, per chance, the Congressional impasse "goes South" your conference committee is looking at an alternate scenario that will more than fit the bill.

For now, however, we ask that you keep the faith, keep your eye on the website and keep your suitcases handy.



Joint Base Andrews (AFB) may be the site of our annual conference



The "Hotel" at Joint Base Andrews (l) is one of the most modern lodging facilities in the Air Force. In addition to rooms at \$53.95 per night it is immediately adjacent to the Conference Center. In the photo a right, Conference Committee member Fred "Flash" Lash checks the outdoor picnic facilities at the Sports Page.



USMCCCA President Bill Hauptfleisch

A lot of great things have happened in the last four months. Our dedication of the Brigadier General Denig memorial was a monumental event.

Most memorable though was having the Denig family members and the two surviving wives of the original Demons, **Mrs. Bernice Stavisky and Mrs. Maria O'Leary**. Their pride and happiness could be seen for miles when they pulled the camouflage covering off to unveil the memorial.

In the time since the Brigadier General Denig Memorial ceremony we have been working with HQMC PA to make this year's

upcoming conference a success. Many thanks to **MGySgt. Rhys Evans** and **Col. Chris Hughes** for their hard work getting the conference back on track.

That said, what a long strange road it's been. There is an old saying "The more things change, the more they stay the same".

That is the nicest one I can think of with the situation we have before us for this year's awards banquet and conference/symposium. Both the Executive Director and myself have been trying to come up with an alternate back plan if needed to

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PRESIDENTIAL VISIT – CC National President Bill Hauptfleisch was guest speaker for the last graduation ceremony of 2012 at the Defense Information School on Dec. 20. Prior to the ceremony, he presented complimentary one-year USMCCCA memberships to graduating Marines – including three former Leathernecks. Pictured are (front row, l-r) 2nd Lt. Brendan McIntyre, Staff Sgts. Earnest Barnes and Andrew Miller, 2nd Lt. John Parry. Back row: Maj. Bob Lima, 2nd Lt. Tatian Zappardino, President Hauptfleisch, Ens. Sean McNevin and Maj. Chris Peloso. (Photo by Ens. Joe Oli-

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USMCCCA Foundation President Don O'Neal

Greetings: To each of you I extend my best wishes for a most fulfilling 2013. I also want to send my thanks to all of who have inquired and offered encouragement to me as I continue my fight with kidney disease. There are no new developments, as my transplant has not yet occurred. I am, however, closer to what I believe will be a completely successful surgery.

As you all know, last year saw the Association take a somewhat different path to its National Conference. Budget constraints forced DivPA to cancel its Senior Leadership Conference and the Association was obliged to hold a smaller, yet equally amazing conference with far fewer active duty Marines present. The thing that did not change, however, was the Foundation's determination to recognize the splendid work being done by our active duty Marines.

Let me assure you that we remain committed to our Merit Awards Program in 2013. Our active duty CCs deserve no less.

While the Merit Awards Program is my favorite activity as your Foundation president, I know that each year a number of you dig into your wallets to support this effort. Last year, for the first time in many years, the Foundation had to go into its reserve to make up a shortfall in sponsorship. Fortunately, we were in a financial position to do so. To continue we need others to step in to fill the gap left by the passing of some of our most ardent sponsors.

This year we anticipate making more than 45 awards for excellence. While we have a few members who sponsor more than one award and my sincere gratitude goes to them, we still need our perennial sponsors.

Sponsorship costs just \$200 and if you pledge your support, the amount can even be paid in installments. Another approach is to join with others members and make a dual sponsorship pledge.

If you have been to a conference and have seen the pride and joy our award recipients display, you'll agree they deserve our support.

I realize there is still quite a bit of time between now and the conference but I ask that you not wait until the last minute to make your sponsorship pledge. Call or email our Executive Director Jack Paxton today and let him know you value the efforts of these fine young CCs and that you'll stand with us as we recognize the fine work they do. Thanks for your generous support.

Semper Fi, Don

Beveridge Resigns

Our long-time Art Director **Chuck Beveridge** is calling it quits following eight years of "above and beyond" service to both the Association and Foundation.

Chuck has been suffering various health problems for the past few years and following his most recent travails with a fractured back he has been forced to hand in his resignation.

Chuck, known for his creative endeavors on the annual Conference Journal, is a long-ago member of the Leatherneck art staff.

He and his wife, Mary, reside at 3517 Lorna Rd. #310, Hoover, AL 35216.

Note: Each year the Booster Club begins anew immediately following the annual conference. Contributions can be made on our website or direct to CCHQ.

Booster Club

2013 Platinum

Gold

**Florida Chapter
Sally Pritchett
Gene Smith**

Silver

**Mike Arnold
Dale Baird
John Dodd
Bill Hauptfleisch
Bob McEwen
Jack Paxton
Joe Skymba**

Bronze

**John Kloczkowski
Walt Ford**

That's 30 from from CCHQ

Executive Director Jack T. Paxton



We do anything we can to keep from losing members—even carrying some who have not paid their dues. This is not good business but we try to give everyone a chance to stay with us. **In the adjoining column are members we have been carrying for some time.** We hope we hear from them but if not, this is their last newsletter. If you are in contact with any of them, please give them a shout.

This position affords entre into so many different areas it is sometimes mind-boggling. We have had to become a historian, a finder of lost persons...you name it and we have probably done it. By we, I include our very busy webmaster, Kate Stark.

Some time ago we received an email from a guy by the name of **Tom Mascaro**. He

was writing a book about a former Marine named **Ted Yates**. “Did he ever serve in Korea?” We posted it on the website and found that, while in the Corps during that period, he served on the staff of the Camp Lejeune GLOBE.

In subsequent emails we also learned another former Marine CC would be in Mascaro’s book. So, we asked for a copy when it was published.

“**Into The Fray**” arrived a month ago and we could hardly put it down. The book is about the beginnings of television documentaries in the early-to-mid 50s at NBC. **The other Marine featured was a WWII CC named Stuart Schulberg.** How the two are teamed and what they produced is a great read. You’ll see Yates as a producer of an early **Mike Wallace** show. He then works with **David Brinkley** on a late night show.

You can get the book at the MCA (**Leatherneck**) Bookstores or at your local Barnes and Noble. A more lengthy review will be in an upcoming **Leatherneck**.

Our long-time friend **Col. Dave Lapan** is finally hanging it up from his duties as spokesman for the Department of Defense at the Pentagon. He will retire this Fall.

Retiring in July will be former PA Chief and long-time Life member, **Phil Mehlinger**. The “Master Guns” will remain in the Camp Lejeune area.



Sgt. Shawn Sales, a Visual Communications Instructor at DINFOS and reigning Military Illustrator of the Year, was honored by Leatherneck magazine for his September issue cover art. Making the presentation was Bob Jordan, a former Leatherneck staffer and current DINFOS faculty member. Sales and Jordan were participants in a luncheon meeting of the Maryland Chapter on Nov. 16. (Photo by Rick Corral)

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Unless we hear by March 15, the following members will be leaving us:

John Arsenault
Eleanor Bertrand
Thomas N. Bland Jr.
V. T. "Ben" Blaz
John Caldwell
Joanna Cappeto
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David Silcox
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Debbie Thurman
Russell Thurman
Scott Tomaszycski
David Vergun
Sandy Wilson
Robert L. Winchester
Robert W. Wynkoop
Cassandra Yohe

Do We Know You? Don't Depend on Kate

In early February we received a request for information on the passing of a retired Marine thought to have served in Public Affairs. The experience taught us that, as an Association, we can do things better.

The day started with a call from the Deputy PAO at MCRD San Diego asking for information about a Major Barbara Weinberger who had died recently. The Depot was tasked with providing military honors and the G-3, apparently reading from the DD-214 discovered she at one time held public affairs duties.

As is our normal policy, webmaster **Kate Stark** waves her magic wand (called Google) and an obit appears. In this case all we could find was info on Weinberger's marriage many years ago. We then posted the info on our website **www.usmccca.org** and or page and group on Facebook.

As the day wore on we found her promoted to lieutenant colonel, then colonel and anecdotal information pouring in but little about her professional career. She was, variously, in public affairs, a battalion commander, served in Vietnam, and was a very stern but fair PAO. While we learned much about her treatment of subordinates we found little about her actual service.

We go through this exercise often enough that we're convinced we need member bios. Early in our tenure we asked for bios but received only a few. Yet, about once each month we have to start piecing things together when either a member passes or does something noteworthy.

Each of us in the public affairs arena have created bios... many are sitting in home or office PCs. Each of us are vain enough to want correct information when it is published about us.

Take a few minutes. If you have not created a bio, do so. If you have one, update it. Then attach it to an email and get it to CCHQ at usmccca@cfl.rr.com.

BGen. Margaret Brewer Dies

Brigadier General Margaret A. Brewer, USMC Retired, passed away Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at the age of 82. BGen Brewer was the first female Marine to be promoted to the rank of general officer by General P.X. Kelley, the 28th CMC. While serving as the Deputy Director of the Division of Information, she was nominated during April 1978 for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. She assumed duty as Director of Information on May 11, 1978, at which time she became the first female general officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. On December 1, 1979, the Division of Information was redesignated as the Division of Public Affairs, and Brigadier General Brewer's title was changed to Director of Public Affairs. She served in this capacity until retirement on July 1, 1980,



LA Chapter Board of Directors celebrate the Marine Corps Ball with "Two Jima fame", 2nd Bn. 23rd Mar. 4th Mar. Div. at the Westin Hotel, Nov.10, 2012, in Pasadena, Calif. (Photo L-R). CC National Member of the Board of Directors GySgt. Sergio Jimenez, (LA PAO), Eddie Kafafian, Frank Lee, Bob Long, Tom Peters, Harold Nebenzal, SSgt. Michael Hjelmstad. (LA PAO).

President Bill Hauptfleisch: Membership

(Ed. Note: We asked new **President Bill Hauptfleisch** his thoughts on taking over the Association. His first take is on membership.)

“All hands on deck! There is no better time than to have a membership drive than when one of the worst budget cuts in years is brewing!”

Become a member and encourage those eligible to become members. Very few MOS's in the Marine Corps have the enjoyment and ability to do what we do, and that is to enhance and compliment your Public Affairs and Combat Camera experience.

Our predecessors dating back to the late 40's had the foresight to make this happen. Starting with the early days of annual reunions and continuing to our modern day conferences and award programs, our organization has prospered as a professional organization.

Think about it: 70 years of continued growth and expansion as an organization. But, like all professional organizations, the time comes for a torch or two to be passed along so we can continue to exist and prosper.

Benefits include networking between the active duty side and with those who have moved on to the civilian sector. Just read some of the biographies of current members. Additionally more and more of us are using the professional online networks for job and contacts for future employment. Our own website often posts job openings from members and associates.

Personally, when I look back over the 30 plus years since becoming a Marine, I always knew the association was there when I needed a resource. Today we're even better. We connect people and we offer an outlet for current Marines to recognize and promote their talent and skills.

As an association continue to provide value to our members and we do that in spades... award programs, educational grants, schol-

arships and mentoring.

While we do have receptions at our annual conferences, we are more than a social club. We promote and encourage a sense of ethical, social and professionalism in connection with what we do best: “Telling the Marine Corps story.” (Bill Hauptfleisch, President USMCCCA)

Upcoming Dates of Interest

The Association By Laws call for nominations for the various vacancies and awards to be in by specific dates, usually mid-year.

Because we are in a state of flux over conferences dates we are advancing the dates to coincide with the possibility of a July conference.

Association Board: Closing date: May 1. Two vacancies must be filled for upcoming 2-year period.

Dickson Award: Closing date: May 1. Member who has contributed most to the organization in previous year.

Denig Award: Closing date: May 1. Mass civilian communicator. One nomination already in.

Nominations will be accepted by **Nomination's Chair Red Carpenter**. Email: JCar1@tampabay.rr.com or mail to him at 1072 Greenturf Rd., Spring Hill, FL 34608



A Most Unusual Occupation—Retired Public Affairs officer Jenny Holbert is now realizing the dream of a lifetime as owner of Lavender Heights B&B in Fredericksburg, VA. Jen offers a nice discount for USMCCCA members. Call her at 540.848.4531 or email: jenholtbert419@gmail.com

Lodder Wins Corps' Top "Shot" Award

Military Blog Editors named a photo by **Cpl. Reece Lodder** as the 2012's Corps Top Shot. Lodder, a combat correspondent who also won eight first place awards in this past year's Merit Awards program, captured this photo in January 2012 while helping to clear houses of insurgent activity during Operation Tajeer Shamal) in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

After being inserted into a remote desert town by helicopter with fellow "America's Battalion" Marines from Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, patrolled for five hours before briefly stopping to rest in a dirty, abandoned, mud-walled compound.

"Everyone was pretty exhausted," Lodder said. "We'd been up hours before first light, restless from anticipation for the operation and then busy carrying out our patrolling and searching."

Lodder was no exception, sitting down and catching some rest and refueling with food. As he tried to sleep, uncomfortably, unsuccessfully, he glanced toward his right and noticed **Lance Cpl. Jarrett Hatley's** improvised explosive device detection dog Blue perfectly curled up between two Marines. Though his camera was right next to him, Lodder said he took a moment to appreciate the unexpected slice of reality and humanity amid a long, cold day.

It visually, physically and emotionally gets to the core of their experience in this moment. It helps any viewer feel, even if only in a small way, what the Marines and their loyal dog felt."

As Lodder quietly took photos from a distance, Blue raised his head, peeked one eye open to observe him and then dropped his head to resume his nap.

"This photo is powerful because of its richness in feeling and theme," Lodder

said. "It contains elements that interest such a wide variety of people — dirty, hardened Marines; challenging, tiring operations in Afghanistan; Hatley's golden Labrador retriever; and of course, the Redskins blanket. The photo is an unfiltered expression of life as I observed it in that moment. Challenging and exhausting, but rich in beautiful moments that are waiting to be observed and captured ... if only we have the eyes to see them as they unfold."

Less than a month later, on a Feb. 8 security patrol with fellow Marines and Afghan National Army soldiers, Hatley and Blue uncovered a 40-pound IED emplaced by insurgents in a canal only moments before a dozen more men were to cross it.

"My dog Blue is pretty much like another Marine, I guess," Hatley said. "He doesn't know he's doing it, but he's protecting all of us. If I have him on a patrol and there's an IED that could hurt us, I know he'll find it."

No Visa, Master Card Surcharges

In late February the laws were changed relative to using Visa or Master Cards and permitting merchants to impose a surcharge. While CCHQ accepts both cards, the state of Florida

and a few other states are prohibited from adding a surcharge.

While some states do permit the surcharge CCHQ will not impose the charge.

We encourage members to continue to use their cards for all CC business both on the website and at CCHQ.



Cpl. Sharadan Reetz (left), 19, from Indianola, Iowa, and Lance Cpl. Jarrett Hatley, 21, from Millingport, N.C., a squad automatic weapon gunner and an improvised explosive device detection dog handler with 3rd Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, rest next to Hatley's dog Blue after clearing compounds with Afghan National Army soldiers during Operation Tajeer Shamal Jan. 4.

Busy Days At The DINFOS “School House”



The 2012 USMCCA Foundation President's Award was belatedly presented to John and Dale Dodd on November 16 during ceremonies at DINFOS. Executive Director Jack Paxton, subbing for Foundation President Don O'Neal, made the dual presentation to John for his service as Treasurer and to Dale for her work in guiding the Foundation through its initial setup period and serving as an advisor throughout John's tenure as Treasurer. (Photo by Rick Corral)



Col. Jeremy M. Martin, Commandant, DINFOS, presents Sgt. Kristin Moreno with her certificate of completion during graduation of the Intermediate Public Affairs Specialist Course Feb. 1. Moreno and 20 classmates, received advanced instruction in communications planning, crisis communication, media operations, and public affairs deployment operations and planning. (Photo by Matthew Williams)



John Dodd was recently named DINFOS Public Affairs Leadership Department's Instructor of the Year. Department Chair Keith Oliver noted the "unprecedented, near unanimous consensus" among John's peers and called him "a workhorse ... who typically shuns the spotlight in favor of the myriad, unsung acts he performs for others." (Photo by Rick Corral).



USMCCA President Bill Hauptfleisch presents a be-laying pin, symbolizing the new leadership of the Maryland (DINFOS) Chapter to Sgt. Shawn Sales during luncheon ceremonies at DINFOS on November 16. Sales was recently honored with the 2012 Department of Defense Illustrator of the Year award. He is an instructor at DINFOS. (Photo by Rick Corral)

Dedicated Member Campaign Kicks Off

The Annual Dedicated Member Campaign will kickoff March 1 this year and run through July 31.

This campaign is designed to bolster the Foundation's general fund and, like the Booster Club, pays for the day to day operation of CCHQ, our website www.usmccca.org, and our various publications.

Because of the great generosity of our members, our organization is on sound financial footing.

Bill Hauptfleisch' Notes

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at least bring everyone together in one location this year. As Jack says, "keep the faith"!

It is also that time of year when members start recovering from the holidays and the bills start coming in, so during this "recovery" time please don't forget to renew your memberships and pay your dues. If you think you have not paid or cannot remember, check our website to see if your name has been highlighted.

Some more prideful moments took place during two visits to the hallowed halls of DINFOS. During the first, I was honored to present to Sgt Shawn Sales a belaying pin which was used to symbolize the presidency of the Maryland (DINFOS) chapter of the USMCCCA.

A few weeks later I had the privilege to be the guest speaker for the graduating students of the Public Affairs Qualification Course. **Prior to my wise ramblings and words of wisdom I bestowed on them, I presented eight complimentary memberships. Three of which went to former Marines who are now serving in different branch's of the military.**

Past president and life member **Keith Oliver**, current Chair of the Public Affairs Leadership Department, and **Gunnery Sgt. Katesha Washington**, SNCIOC of the same department, made me feel like a VIP during my visit.

It was great being back at the school house and welcoming the newest members of our association. I hope everyone keeps their fingers crossed in addition to watching the website for updates on this year's conference. Things will become clearer near that magic date of 1 March 2013 on the direction we will take. Semper Fi, Bill

As always, contributors may designate their gifts in memory of a loved one or friend.

New this year is the proviso that, if your gift is \$200 or more you may designate it as a sponsorship for a Merit Award. If you decide on this you may also make the sponsorship in memory of a loved one or friend. Merit sponsorships help the Foundation make a cash gift to each first place Merit Award winner.

The names of Dedicated Members will be carried on our website www.usmccca.org as well as in our annual Journal which is printed in the Fall. Gifts can be made by check to the USMCCCA Foundation, 110 Fox Court, Wildwood, FL 34785 or by credit card on the website.

If you use the website make sure you indicate your gift is for the Dedicated Member program. If you send credit card info to CCHQ we will need either a Visa or Master Card, the number, the expiration date and the 3-digit code on the reverse side.

Dedicated member campaign envelopes will be mailed by the end of February.



Florida Chapter Meeting-Extended: Following the 2012 USMCCCA Conference in San Diego, Red Carpenter, his wife Ann and Tom and Sheila Kerr journeyed to San Francisco where they boarded a cruise liner for a trip that would take them through the Panama Canal ending at Fort Lauderdale, FL. On one day stopover they hooked up with CC member Frank and Karen Walker who live in Costa Rica. Frank joined the CCs several years ago while a Florida resident. During their day-long stopover the group had lunch together. From left: Carpenter, Walker, Kerr.

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For more topical news we invite you to visit www.usmccca.org.

Florida Foundation Golf

The 9th version of the Florida Chapter's Annual Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday June 7 at the Ridgewood Lakes Golf Club in Davenport, Florida.

Tournament Chair Red Carpenter has announced that the tournament will once again benefit the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund as well as the Foundation's scholarship funds.

Since its inception in 2004 the small Florida Chapter group has raised \$60,000 in support of the wounded Marine program and the scholarship funds.

Red has issued an invitation to all members and friends to "come on down." Call him at 352 688-6720.

More Important Dates to Remember

Dues: Due October 1. Renew: www.usmccca.org

Booster Club: Begins following yearly conference. Contribute at www.usmccca.org

Dedicated Member: March 1. Watch for mailing

Scholarship Applications: In by June 1

Address Change/New Email: Contact CCHQ