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OUR MISSION

The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF) provides educational assistance to the children of fallen United States Marines and federal law enforcement personnel. Since our founding in 1995, MC-LEF has awarded over **\$77 million** in scholarships and other humanitarian assistance, and supported over 4,000 recipients.

MC-LEF relies on the commitment of volunteers and generous donors across the country, who organize events, provide financial support and recruit others to our cause. With only one part-time employee, MC-LEF is sustained by a network of people who believe that the brave men and women who protect our country and our communities deserve to have their families protected as well.

Thanks to our generous donors, MC-LEF is currently able to place a \$35,000 savings bond in a scholarship account for every child who loses a parent serving in the United States Marine Corps or any federal law enforcement agency. In recent years, we have expanded our mission to provide medical equipment and financial support to catastrophically wounded Marines, as well as financial support for mentally or physically disabled children of active duty Marines. In the past, MC-LEF has also aided the children of other military personnel who perished in terrorist attacks and in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

MC-LEF is an approved IRS 501 (c) 3 organization that has been recognized for its excellence and efficiency by the Independent Charities of America. 98% of all donations to MC-LEF go directly to fund our mission.

Although MC-LEF is immensely proud of our work to date, there is still much to be done to support the families of America's Marines and federal law enforcement personnel. Please visit www.mc-lef.org to learn more and find out how you can help.

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24th Annual MARINE CORPS-LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION NEW YORK CITY GALA

By Sue Boulhosa • Photos by Lindsey Sepe

*T*hursday, April 11, 2019 was the date of our NYC MC - LEF 24th Semper Fidelis Gala at the elegant Cipriani Wall Street. The weather was beautiful, and the guests were equally as beautiful. Once again, the USMC Flag flew majesti-

cally over Wall Street and our wonderful supporters at Deutsche Bank allowed us use of their beautiful lobby space – “The Atrium” for our cocktail reception. Gunnery Sergeant Mario Monaco, USMC (Ret.) and his band of Marines were at it again. This year they recreated the icon image of our steadfast Marines raising the flag on Mount Suribachi, 23 February 1945. In addition, they “landed” and laid claim to Wall Street with the 1953 vintage jeep with 50 caliber, WWII gear and Tommy Gun, M4, M60, M16 and M14 guns - and a variety of Marine uniforms. The red carpet was stretched across Wall Street padding the way for our terrific supporters to “march on over” when the bugle sounded chow time! Pvt. Caffè, our bulldog buddy, was standing his post again this year – always a fan favorite!

The Atrium was resplendent with a full four-sided bar affording guests ample space and time to enjoy a libation while snacking on the delicious array of passed hors d’oeuvres. The always elegant and



The recreation of the flag raising on Mount Suribachi courtesy of GSgt Mario Manaco, USMC (Ret.) and fellow Marines.

attentive Cipriani staff made sure each guest was taken care of and offered the marvelous Cipriani signature Bellini. MC-LEF event staff distributed beautiful, patriotic American flag scarves to all the beautiful ladies in attendance.

The Cipriani ballroom looked gorgeous with the MC-LEF LOGO blazing on the ceiling and the tables festooned with ivory hydrangea and yellow cabbage roses. Our reusable, earth friendly shopping tote, donated by our loyal supporters at JP Morgan Chase & Co. contained a Yeti tumbler and our latest newsletter. On each seat was found the beautiful dinner journal expertly prepared by Miss Lizzie McDonough and put together by Chip Forbes’ graphic team of Mark Rhea and Jason Fuller.

Year after year this team creates a beautiful dinner journal filled with our supporters best wishes to our honorees and to the Foundation. Important Foundation information was also located within.

MC-LEF Vice Chairman, Mr. Gary Schweikert, welcomed guests and invited everyone to please welcome the United States Drum & Bugle Corps who would be providing magnificent entertainment for the evening. The event kicked off with the Marine D&B Color Guard presenting the Colors and

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Gala



The Marine Drum and Bugle Corps play the National Anthem as the Color Guard presents colors.



The first Public Service Award is presented to Director Randolph "Tex" Alles, USSS by Jim Kalstrom and Ed Boran.



The 2019 Commandant's Leadership Award is presented to Mr. Frank Bisignano.

performing the National Anthem. The D&B then proceeded to command the ballroom with their exquisite musical performance. It is fair to say that everyone in the room was fixed on their precision performance. As is always the case, many guests relayed that they come every year to hear the D&B! MC-LEF is extremely grateful for their continued support. It truly is a treat and a highlight of our galas.

The Foundation is deeply grateful to General and Mrs. Gary Thomas, USMC, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps for their presence at the gala. General Thomas served as the military guest of honor and gave a wonderful speech at the end of the evening. Our 2019 recipient of the inaugural Public Service Award was presented to Director Randolph "Tex" Alles, United States Secret Service. Our 2019 Commandant's Leadership award was presented to Mr. Frank Bisignano, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First Data Corp. We were very fortunate to have Mrs. Fanny Johnson, wife of the late, Agent Colin Johnson, USSS speak to the audience. A beautiful tribute video to Agent Colin Johnson and his service in the United States Marine Corps as well as his service as a United States Secret Service agent played on the jumbo screens. Mrs. Johnson was then invited up to speak on what MC-LEF's support has meant to her and her two sons. She spoke quite eloquently and everyone in the room was deeply moved. It is very powerful to see the face, hear the voice and understand that there are real families that have suffered the loss and that donor support means so much to them. To all our loyal supporters who are reading this, please accept our sincere gratitude for allowing MC-LEF to act as a conduit to these



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families. There is truly no small gift - whatever anyone has sent – it allows MC-LEF to complete the mission.

We were honored to have medal of honor recipient, Colonel Barney Barnum, USMC with us as well. Colonel Barnum is a Board Member and staunch supporter of MC-LEF, and we treasure him. He was rightfully given a hero's welcome by the crowd.

The awards were presented to our honorees and both spoke of the tremendous work the Foundation has done. It was particularly relevant for Director Alles to have Mrs. Johnson as our guest speaker. It is never easy for our leaders to lose someone under their command. Director Alles reiterated that the United States Secret Service family will forever be in the lives of Fanny, Maximo and Magnus Johnson. Director Alles also served in the United States Marine Corps for 35 years retiring in 2011 as a Major General. Director Alles knows the meaning of service.

Mr. Bisignano spoke of his involvement with MC-LEF and his strong belief in taking care of all who have served. He founded the 100,000 Jobs Mission, an initiative that is the leading private sector solution for hiring veterans. He has focused his vision to create career opportunities for men and women who served in uniform. He is a global leader who truly takes care of our military. MC-LEF is deeply grateful for his support.

The evening concluded by 9:30 p.m. and everyone had a memorable, patriotic and feel good experience. We are very grateful to all who support this gala. We invite everyone to mark March 26, 2020 on their calendar for our 25th Annual Semper Fidelis Gala.

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General Gary Thomas, USMC.



Frank Bisignano.



Mrs. Johnson.



Director "Tex" Alles.



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General and Mrs Thomas (left) with Mrs. Kiley Frederick.



Ed Boran, Chris Burnham, Director Alles, USSS.



Jason Wallace (far right) and his wife, Julie and friends.



MC-LEF Team: Ellen McGlynn, Ali Zaid, Paula Quinn Sue Boulhosa, Diane Vezza, Leslie Sepe, Kelly Farrell.



Brian, Peter, Pete, Haley and Molly Haas.



General Thomas and Frank Bisignano.



Pete Haas and Leslie Sepe.



Mike Boulhosa, John Vezza and Mary Theresa McCombe.



James Kalstrom.



JoAnn and Joe Murphy.



Sgt Maj Carlton Kent, USMC (Ret.), Lary Bailey, Matt Zanes's and Jill Zanes.



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General Al Gray and Jim Kalstrom take a few moments for a photo opp.



Gunny Monaco's band of vintage Marines.



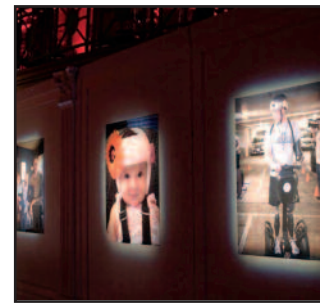
Gala guest check out the big gun.



MC-LEF logo illuminated on the wall of the ballroom.



Photos of those whom MC-LEF has helped in the past projected on the walls to remind all what this evening is all about.



MC-LEF COMMITMENT

Members of the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation believe that our nation's most precious resource is its youth. Their educational development is of primary importance in their becoming meaningful members of their families and of society.

Mentally or physically disabled children of the Marine Corps family may receive financial aid for medical equipment or tutoring. Scholarship bonds are provided for children of Marines who died while on active duty.

Scholarship bonds are also provided for children of Federal law enforcement personnel who died while on active duty. Special circumstances may be considered for humanitarian, death or medical cases.

Since it was founded in 1995, the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation has provided millions of dollars for the children we serve. We try to make the world a better place for the children.

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History of Awards

Benefit Year	Benefits Awarded	Benefits Value
1995	32	\$ 260,300
1996	47	402,010
1997	38	350,855
1998	135	793,900
1999	133	863,637
2000	96	642,400
2001	314	1,657,600
2002	168	1,376,457
2003	402	11,019,283
2004	216	3,063,557
2005	235	3,653,564
2006	172	2,756,741
2007	232	4,973,189
2008	289	6,723,085
2009	197	4,370,942
2010	249	5,735,328
2011	200	4,791,911
2012	174	4,153,077
2013	159	3,967,874
2014	131	3,155,192
2015	132	2,954,142
2016	126	2,707,742
2017	121	2,750,807
2018	83	1,863,757
2019 (July)	88	1,823,435
TOTAL	4,143	\$77,578,494

GATHERING OF HEROES

BY MIKE WALLACE

PICTURES BY BOB CASTALDI

Medal of Honor recipients labored long and hard for the benefit of the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation's Philadelphia Gathering of Heroes.

On a beautiful Saturday morning in May, prior to our 10th Annual Gathering of Heroes for MC-LEF in Philadelphia, four Medal of Honor Recipients, Barney Barnum, Brian Thacker, Mike Thornton and Tom Norris, visited The Delaware Valley Veterans home, Father Judge High School, and the Philadelphia Vietnam Memorial.

At the Delaware Valley Veterans Home, they addressed the Veterans

from all branches of the military from the podium, and then spent over two hours quietly speaking to the 70 or 80 veterans of past actions. Many of the vets were

anticipated and inquired eagerly about the service and experiences of the MOHs.

After leaving the Veterans home, they took a short drive to Father Judge High School to visit the 27 Memorial, dedicated to the 27 young men who died while serving in Vietnam, a sad but honored history for a private Catholic High school in America.

Without stopping, they then went to visit the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans

Memorial in Center City, Philadelphia, and while there, placed a Medal of Honor wreath in front of the newly constructed

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MOH recipients gather at the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Center City, Philadelphia.

wheelchair bound, but most evidenced a sharp memory of their time in the military and the various military actions in which they par-



Photo Opp with Barney and the Nam Nights who escorted MOHs to Delaware Valley Veterans Home.



Philadelphia Police and Fire Pipes and Drums greet MOHs.

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Presentation of Colors.



Marine Master Gunny Tom Jankiewicz emcees visit to Veterans.



MOH recipients await their introduction to the crowd.



Brian Thacker visits with Vets in uniform.



Mike Thornton shares experiences with Vietnam vet.



Tom Norris and Barney Barnum converse with vets.

statue of Philadelphia's own Medal of Honor recipient, Michael Crescenz. They took time to take photographs with all the visiting veterans from across the nation as well as from foreign nations who gather there every day to pay tribute to their comrades who served. Overheard by the writer was a visiting vet saying "I've never seen a MOH recipient before and I have just met four of them, what a great country".

After a short break, our Honored guests went to meet and greet sponsors and other guests at a private luncheon at the Irish Pub, the home of the Gathering of Heroes.

Starting with a parade into the Irish Pub led by Philadelphia Police and Fire, Pipes and Drums, each of the Medal of Honor recipients was



Barney and Veteran trade tales of when they were young men in Vietnam.

introduced and the meet and greet began. They were joined by local TV celebrity Bob Kelly who, again masterfully handled the program along with popular Philadelphia Phillies former player and present announcer Larry Anderson who spent the entire afternoon greeting and talking to all the people who attended our affair.

Once again, the Auction was a tremendous success led by a private Box to the Phillies game donated by Local 98, IBEW, purchased by our committee member and long time supporter Barb Borowiec, of Barb's Harley/Davidson, as well as tickets to the Mayor's Box, and culminating by the auction of a prize winning Quail Hollow Kennel Brittany Spaniel puppy which received a high bid of \$10,000.00.

It is impossible to adequately express the thanks needed to our Honored Guests and all who work so hard to make this annual "Tip Jar night" a success. However, we must sincerely thank all our sponsors and supporters who contribute to MC-LEF. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide them with the ability to engage in personal

contact with America's heroes, as was evidenced by the 100's of selfies flashing all over the Pub. The ability to meet and greet these great men, and the opportunity to swap stories with fellow service men and women of all branches of the military, is the real reason for our continued success in our mission to help "the Kids" of our fallen Marines and Federal Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of Duty.

The Philly Committee thanks Mark O'Connor and his splendid staff led by Ashley Gallagher, for volunteering their time and energy and the use of his great Irish Pub over many weeks of preparation and countless meetings, as well as the GOH event itself, for the 10th consecutive year. There are some good people out there and these are some of them.



Left: Mike Thornton, Mike Wallace, Brian Thacker, Barney Barnum, Tom Norris and Marine WWII Vet, Roland Scarinci pay their respects to the Father Judge High School Memorial for "27" young men killed in Vietnam.



Left: MOH recipients place MOH wreath at newly dedicated statue of Philadelphia's own MOH recipient, Michael Crescenz, US Army.



MOH recipients with South Vietnam Veterans visiting memorial.



MOHs Tom Norris, Mike Thornton, Barney Barnam, and Brian Thacker visit the Philadelphia Vietnam Memorial in Center City.



Tom Norris, Barney Barnam, Mike Thornton and Brian Thacker after placing the wreath at memorial statue of Michael Crescenz, US Army at the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



Left: Vietnam veterans with MOH recipients.

Right: Nam Knights with MOH recipients and Tony Boyle and Brit Henderson.



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Philadelphia Police and Fire Pipes and Drums escort our honored guests at the Gathering of Heroes.



MOHs Barney Barnum, Brian Thacker, Mike Thornton and Tommy Norris enter to a standing ovation.



Committee members, Jim Kirlin, Judge Jim Lynn and Rich Cray working hard as usual.



Cappy with Barney's hat on, greets the guests.



Inseperable, MOHs Mike Thornton, US Navy and Tommy Norris, US NAVY, joined forever together.



MOH Barney Barnum, ever loyal to MC-LEF is introduced to a packed house.



Opera singer Priscilla Coblentz killing it while singing God Bless America.



MOH Tom Norris, US Navy Seal and MOH Brian Thacker, US Army.



Brian Thacker autographing memorabilia for the auction.



Philadelphia Phillies pitching and announcing legend, Larry Anderson could not have worked harder.



Former Secretary of the Army, Pat Murphy revs the crowd up for the auction.



Our Brittany Spaniel who went for \$10,000 at the auction.



Committee members Britt Henderson and Barb Borowiec, of Barb's Harley, and Sgt. Major Anthony Young, US Army.



Ever contemplative MOH Brian Thacker, US Army, one of our longest supporters.

Major General, William F. Mullen, USMC, (R) with Mike Thornton (L) and 95 year old Roland Scarinci, WW11 Marine Vet. (C).



Committee members Bob Castaldi, our ace photographer and Barbara Lynn.

Mike and Rainey Thornton with Barb Borowiec, our longtime supporter.



Entering a Crucible, Emerging as Marines

Photographs and text by Lynsey Addario, *The New York Times*



Recruits arrive at Parris Island line up on the iconic yellow footprints.



The phone call home.

They descended from unmarked white school buses, many of them disoriented from hourslong journeys across the country, into a barrage of screams.

“Pick your heads up!” yelled a drill instructor. “Scream, ‘Aye, Ma’am!’ No! Scream louder than that!”

The women had come from places like Louisville, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio, in street clothes and sneakers, which they would soon shed for military fatigues. For the next 11 weeks, they would speak only in the third person, calling themselves “this recruit” instead of “I” to absolve all individuality.

They are recruits to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. — the only place in the country where women become enlisted Marines.

Women have been training to become Marines for decades, but only since 2016 have they been able to serve in combat roles alongside men — a requirement, when it was announced by the Department of Defense, that the Marine Corps petitioned. (They cited a 2015 study they had conducted, in which they determined that female Marines could not perform physically demanding tasks at the same level as their male counterparts; the Pentagon rejected that request.)

Today, women make up 8 percent of the United States Marine force, the lowest percentage of any military branch. Their challenges have been well-documented.

I followed a handful of these women as they went through basic training — rappelling from a tower, learning rope climbing, martial arts, and completing courses in military history and Marine Corps values (honor, courage, and commitment).

The following are snapshots from their journey.

Their stay began with a phone call home — in which the women were ordered to yell the following script

into the phone to their family or next of kin:

1. This is recruit (Last name).
2. I have arrived safely at Parris Island.
3. Please do not send any food or bulky items to me in the mail.
4. I will contact you in seven to nine days by letter with my new address.
5. Thank you for your support, goodbye for now.

The women would not speak to their families again until the day before graduation. During their time on Parris Island, recruits are permitted one phone call in case of an emergency or an exceptional circumstance. They have no email access.

Today, platoons at Parris Island remain segregated by gender, though men and women partake in some activities together, such as classroom courses. The exception to this rule is the India Company, a recently integrated battalion. The Marine Corps has said the integration was for the purpose of “training efficiency” during a class cycle with fewer female recruits.



Staff Sgt. Jasmine Rodgers gives a pep talk to female recruits.

All recruits at Parris Island are required to take an initial physical fitness test — and those who don't meet the requirements are placed into a special training program.

The requirements are:

Men:

- 34 push-ups or 3 pull-ups
- 44 crunches
- 1.5-Mile Run in 13:30 or under

Women:

- 15 push-ups or 1 pull-up
- 44 crunches
- 1.5-Mile Run in 15:00 or under

At any given time on Parris Island there are approximately 750 to 1,000 women in various stages of recruit training, compared to roughly 2,850 men, according to the Marine Corps.

“We made a conscious decision to try and increase that number of young women, because in many instances it's not what they'd naturally think about doing,” said Brig. Gen. James F. Glynn.

The Marine Corps remain the only military service that still separates men and women during basic training.

Most of the women at Parris Island have women as their drill instructors. They live on a female floor in the barracks. Their training, said Colonel Posey, is identical to the men's — though they are graded differently on the physical fitness test.

“When I say identical, males get haircuts that we don't get ... Females get a pregnancy test when they get here. That's it,” Colonel Posey said. “... We hike the same miles with the same weight in our pack, we have one physical training playbook, our chow halls serve the same food.”

A typical day at Parris Island consists of a 4 a.m. wake-up, physical fitness, academic classes and group meals. Teamwork is central to everything that the recruits do.

All of this is in preparation for “the Crucible” — a 54-hour marathon of physical and emotional endurance that will test what they have learned.



Female Recruits at Parris Island.



The climbing ropes challenge.



Many miles are run during training to become marines.

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“The Crucible is actually seeing everything that has been taught to them come to life,” said Staff Sgt. Jasmine Rodgers, a 26-year-old drill instructor from Philadelphia. “It shows the best and the worst from them, and by the end of it, they are better for it.”

Their challenges during the Crucible include long hikes during the day and night, climbing ropes, deciphering how to get the very last person of a group over a plywood wall, and crawling through thick mud while pushing heavy boxes of ammunition under barbed wire as battle soundtracks are blasted into the course to simulate moving while under fire.

One of the most grueling exercises is called “noonan’s evacuation,” a mock casualty rescue based on a real battle and evacuation that took place in Vietnam. During that exercise, the recruits had to tend to and evacuate their wounded and dead while receiving simulated rounds and sniper fire.

The recruits average four hours of sleep per night during the Crucible. They sleep in wooden huts.

“It’s a lot of teamwork, especially working with so many other females,” said Jasmine Dickson, 26, a recruit from Atlanta, who has a bachelor’s degree in opera music and also sings



Recruits in training.



A recruit organizes canteens and sweatshirts for the rest of her team.



Recruits during an early morning athletic drill.

R&B. “Everybody has different personalities coming from different places, and working together.”

Eventually, on almost no sleep and with hungry stomachs, sore and exhausted limbs and blistered feet, the women receive their Eagle, Globe and

Anchor insignia.

They are told they can begin using the word “I” again, as they are no longer recruits: They have officially become Marines.



Desiree White, 20, is carried by her comrades after being “wounded” during an exercise.

Graduation ceremony, the grueling training pays off as the recruits officially become Marines.



Marines Name Next **SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS**



Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black, USMC

The nominee for Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps David Berger has announced that Sgt. Maj. Troy E. Black will serve as the next (19th) Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (SMMC). Black is now serving as the Sergeant Major of Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He will replace Sgt. Maj. Ronald L. Green at a ceremony this summer. Green served 35 years in the Marines including 4 years as SMMC. Black, originally from Louisville, Ky., is 50 years old and has been the sergeant major for manpower and reserve affairs since 2017. He enlisted in the

Marine Corps in 1988 and he was sent to infantry school at Camp Geiger, North Carolina to be trained as a machine gunner. He has deployed multiple times throughout his career, including in support of Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. His awards include the Legion of Merit with gold star, Bronze Star with Combat Distinguishing Device, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a gold star and a Combat Action Ribbon with two gold stars. The rank of Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps was authorized in 1970. SMMC is selected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps and typically serves a four-year term, though his service is at the discretion of the Commandant.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT...

The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation is thankful for your commitment and support of its mission.

In this world where economic changes challenge us daily, we need your help more than ever.

The greatest gift we can offer these children is to ensure that their parents' dreams of providing higher education are met.

Your contributions benefit the children of our Country's heroes, like Sgt. William Pascal, USMC. His sons, William Jr. and Reese each received a \$30,000 educational scholarship to honor their father for his service and dedication.

ARIZONA GOLF EVENT

Gathering of Heroes

MAY 2, 2019

Submitted by Kirk Tushaus



The Arizona Gathering of Heroes event has become an important part of the chapter's efforts in making sure that as many veterans and their families could welcome and meet the Medal of Honor recipients who graciously give of their time to help promote and participate in the annual Arizona golf event. Gathering of Heroes is made possible by AZ MC-LEF Chapter member Pratt "Rocky" Ashworth making arrangements for American Legion Post 34 in Cave Creek, AZ to host the event to welcome MOH recipients to the state of Arizona. This year included recipients First Lt. Brian M. Thacker, US Army and CSM Robert M. Patterson, US Army, (Ret).

The evening was kicked off by the Arizona Patriot Guard Riders, captained by David "Murf" Murphy,

meeting the recipients at their hotel and escorting them to American Legion Post 34. Upon their arrival, a Circle of Honor was formed around the recipients and Captain Murphy introduced them to those in attendance, followed by everyone in the circle joining hands for a short prayer and the singing of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA".

The Flag raising ceremony immediately followed and the National Anthem was sung by Carol Mooney of Post 34. It was an emotional and fitting way to start the evening, by remembering the sacrifices of all those who have served and continue to serve in our military and law enforcement communities.

This year's Gathering of Heroes was an opportunity for veterans and members of the Arizona military

and law enforcement communities to meet and spend time with two American heroes. Both recipients were very gracious with their time, signing Medal of Honor books and posing for pictures with those patriots who took time to come out and meet the American Heroes.

The Arizona Chapter wishes to thank Pratt "Rocky" Ashworth for making the event possible; the members of the American Legion Post 34, for their hospitality and support of the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation; to Carol Mooney for singing the National Anthem; and to the Patriot Guard Riders and their Captain, David Murphy, for escorting MOH Recipients Brian Thacker and Robert Patterson to American Legion Post 34 and leading the Circle of Honor.



Patriot Guard Ride Captain "Murf" Murphy.



MOH recipients, Brian Thacker, US Army and CSM Robert Patterson, US Army, (Ret).



15th ANNUAL MC-LEF

ARIZONA

Golf Tournament & Awards Luncheon

MAY 3, 2019

The 15th Annual Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation Arizona Golf Tournament & Awards Luncheon was held on May 3rd at the Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale Arizona on the challenging and sce-

nic Raptor Course. For the golf enthusiast, you may note that Grayhawk Golf Club was chosen to host the 2020-2022 Men's and Women's NCAA D1 College Golf Championships. It was a privilege for the Arizona Chapter of MC-LEF to host the Arizona Tournament at Grayhawk for two years in a row.

In addition to Medal of Honor Recipients Brian Thacker and Robert Patterson, we were honored to have in attendance Deanna Townsend, her son Brixton, and her parents, Peter and Josephine Johnson. Deanna's husband, Brixton's father, was Salt River Police Department Officer Clayton Townsend. Officer Townsend was

killed on January 8, 2019 in the line of duty and Brixton is the recipient of an MC-LEF educational account as the Salt River Police Department is a Federal Law Enforcement Agency and comes under the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Brixton was less than one year old when his father made the ultimate sacrifice. The Townend family and Brixton are the reason we do what we do in support of the Foundation's mission. We can never replace or repay them for the loss they have suffered, but we can provide support and assistance. Equally important, we can show them that there are people who care and want to do something for them in their time of need.



Deana and Brixton Townsend say a few words at the luncheon.

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MC-LEF - Making a DIFFERENCE...

MC-LEF has supported our fallen heroes and their families through educational bonds and other financial resources.

Here are just a few acts of charity MC-LEF has committed to in the past

- The sons of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agent Jose "Joey" Barraza, who was fatally struck by a tractor-trailer on his way home in his government vehicle near Fort Hancock, Texas.
- The three children of Deportation Officer (DO) Brian P. Beliso, who was found unresponsive following a foot pursuit while conducting Fugitive Operations in Redwood City, California.
- The four children of Border Patrol Agent (BPA) Manny Alvarez who suffered a fatal accident while responding to criminal activity on the border.
- The two children of Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Agent De'Greau Frazier who was shot and killed during an undercover drug buy in Jackson, TN as part of an ongoing DEA investigation targeting violent drug offenders.



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Presentation of colors.

As the previous fourteen tournaments started, the morning of the 15th tournament began with the National Anthem, performed this year by Rozanne Workman and colors presented by the Color Guard of the Marine Corps League, Ira Hayes Detachment 002 of Phoenix Arizona. MC-LEF's Co-President John F. Connor, USMC, then gave an update of the Foundations mission, which was an excellent opportunity for the golfers and guests to learn more about our Foundation's work directly from one of our national leaders, and why their support continues to be vital to the mission of the Foundation.

Golfers were greeted with a beautiful Arizona day to enjoy one of the country's outstanding golf venues, and to have an entertaining and inspirational day of fun and fellowship while raising important funds for the Foundation.

Following the tournament, the Luncheon & Awards Presentation began with the Tournament's Honorary Chairman, Navy Cross Recipient Sgt. Robert J. Mitchell, Jr., USMC welcoming guests and golfers, followed by the Chaplain of the Arizona Chapter of MCLEF, Sgt. Nick Gervase, USMC (Ret), leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The National Anthem was performed again, this time by Cassandra Kahla.

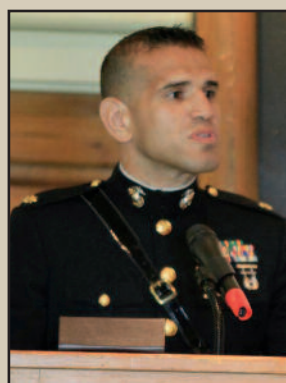
Several years ago, the Arizona MC-LEF Chapter established the Jack Cummings Award to be presented annually to a member of Arizona public service community who exemplifies the professional

values, ideals and dedication of our dear friend, the late Jack Cummings of Philadelphia MC-LEF. The recipient of the award is an individual who shares the commitment Jack had to the men and women who serve in the U.S. Military and Law Enforcement. More importantly, to an individual who has assisted them and their families when in need. Jack Cummings was an active leader of the Philadelphia Chapter of MC-LEF and served as a national Director of the Foundation. Jack was instrumental in the development and leadership of the Arizona Golf Tournament.

Tournament Chairman, Chief John Bennett, introduced the recipient of the 2019 Jack Cummings Award, Officer Alfredo (Freddy) Jimenez, Tempe (AZ) Police Department. Officer Jimenez honorably served his country from 2001-2008 in the United States Marine Corps and continues to serve in the U.S.M.C. Reserves and was recently promoted to the rank of Major. Major Jimenez has been highly decorated for his service and courage in multiple deployments during the War on Terrorism and the Iraq Campaign. Like Jack Cummings, Freddy Jimenez is committed to helping guide the youth of our country in developing and reaching their goals. As an advocate for youth, especially those with diverse backgrounds, Freddy serves as an excellent role model



Chief John Bennett with Alfredo & Natalie Jimenez.



Major Jimenez.



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and his work with the youth of our communities has immeasurably strengthened their bonds within their communities.

Chief Bennett then introduced Deanna and Brixton Townsend and her parents, Peter & Josephine Johnson, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Chief of Police, Karl G. Auerbach, who joined Deanna and Brixton on stage. Deanna shared a very memorable and emotional message of how much the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation's support for Brixton's future education meant to her and her family and how much they appreciated the support of all those in attendance and everyone who makes the mission of MC-LEF possible. Chief Auerbach also spoke about Officer Townsend and how much Clayton meant to the men and women of the Salt River Police Department.

The day concluded with a lively and very successful live auction conducted by "celebrity" auctioneer Tracy Brugman. When the scheduled auctioneer's flight was postponed and too late to make the auction, Tracy volunteered to step in and do whatever it took to make the auction a success. She not only delivered, she set a live auction record for the Arizona tournament! She did a great job of getting the crowd involved in the bidding of some unique items, helping to raise additional funds for our mission and a great way to help end another very memorable day.



L-R: Chief Auervach, Deanna & Brixton Townsend, Peter and Josephine Johnson, behind and John Bennett.

One last thing before the day was officially over, and that was to recognize and award the winning teams, who were recognized and had an opportunity to have their pictures taken with MOH recipients Brian Thacker and Robert Patterson.



WINNING TEAMS:

1st Place Low Gross Team: Pat Frazier, Ben Frazier, Randy Raskin, Jeff Masterson.

1st Place Low Net Team: Harry Ertter, Matt Wedding, John Abney, Robert Melikian.

2nd Place Low Net Team: Trip Demaree, Jack Demaree, Paul Downing, David Gonsalves.

3rd Place Low Net Team: Brian Thacker, Freddy Jimenez, RJ Mitchell, Jr., Kevin Hudson.

This day does not happen without the support of a strong and committed group of volunteers. The



1st Place Low Gross Pat Frazier, Jeff Masterson, Ben Frazier, Randy Raskin.



1st Place Low Net Harry Ertter, Matt Wedding, John Abney, Robert Melikian.



Ladies Longest Drive winner Liz Sharp with MOHs Robert Patterson and Brian Thacker.

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Arizona Chapter's golf committee consists of the following members: Pratt Ashworth, Charlie Black, John Bennett, Shawn Byrne, Tom Clark, Nick Gervase, Steve Hooper, Bob Jenkins, Suzie Klucar, Robert Mitchell, Sue Rogers, Ira Shapiro and Kirk Tushaus. This year's Tournament Chairman, Chief John Bennett, lead a committee that consisted of distinguished veterans and members of US law enforcement and military branches; those who have family members who served in law enforcement or the military; and those who just wanted to help the families of our military and law enforcement communities.

Our committee wishes to thank all our sponsors, donors, players and auction participants who helped make the 15th Annual Arizona Golf Tournament a success.



THANK YOU TO :

* The staff and management of Grayhawk Golf Club for their superb hospitality and coordination of the days event.

* Stacy and Ryan Pray of Gateway Golf Group and their staff for their help and support throughout the year leading up to and including the day of the tournament.

* Sue Rogers for opening her family's restaurant, The Breakfast Joynt, for hosting our chapter meetings.

* Cassandra Kahla and Rozanne Workman for their performance of the National Anthem.

* Oscar Santa Cruz, Edward

Sauceda, Ricardo Palacio, Al Quintana, and Captain David Yrigoyen, the members of the Color Guard Unit of the Marine Corps League, Ira Hayes Detachment 002.

* Photographers Richard Carmer, Bob James, and Terry Shelton.

* Tracy Brugman, who stepped in and made the live auction not only successful, but a lot of fun for all involved.

* Thank you and congratulations to Officer Freddy Jimenez and his wife, Natalie, for taking time to spend the day with us and for your service to your community.

* MOH Recipients Brian Thacker and Robert Patterson to take time out of their busy schedules to help us in our mission.

* And last, but certainly not least, we thank Deanna Townsend and her parents, Peter and

Josephine Johnson, and Chief Karl Auerbach, for being with us and sharing themselves and Brixton with everyone in attendance. We are humbled by the strength and courage of this young family who has been through so much.



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There were many, many donors and sponsors, who may not have been listed, but whose total support was vital to the success of the day's mission. It takes the support and commitment of all in order to support our military and law enforcement heroes and their families. Your support makes the work and mission of the

Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation possible and gives us reason to energetically start preparing for the *16th Annual Arizona Golf Tournament & Awards Luncheon* scheduled to be held on Friday, May 15, 2020 at the Wildfire Golf Club in Phoenix, AZ. For more information, please visit the Arizona

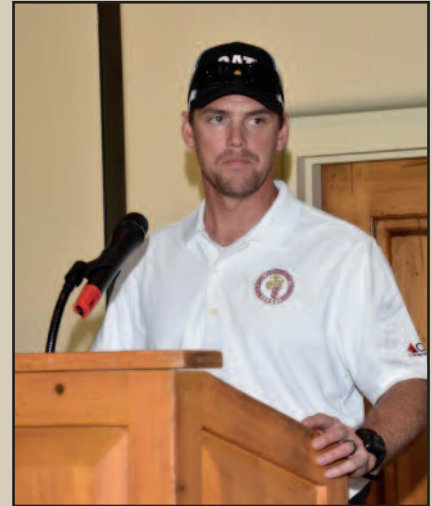
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Chief Karl Auerbach and Tournament Chairman John Bennett.



Charlie Black and JP Matchner.



Navy Cross Recipient, 2019 Tournament Honorary Chairman R.J. Mitchell, JR, USMC.



Two Jima Marines.



The beautiful Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale Arizona.



2nd Place Now Net Team of Trip Demaree, David Gonsalves, Paul Downing, and Jack Demaree.



Scott Taylor, Rob Morris, Jim Harison, Ed Reading.



Sean Wright, Doug Menkes, Mike Stohler, Terry Kyle. (not in order)



Sammy Minutola, John Connor, Joe O'Hara, Richie Walsh.



Signature Par 3 Hole Number 10 at SouthShore Country Club.

2018 Lake Las Vegas Annual MC-LEF Golf Tournament

Once again, our Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefitting the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation

was held at the beautiful SouthShore Country Club at Lake Las Vegas. “SouthShore Country Club has hosted our event every year, and they do a phenomenal job”, said Mike Tobey the driving force behind the annual tournament. Mike added, “I also have terrific people helping with the tournament in Vern Jennings and Judy Crouch and we must be doing something right, as more than 80% of our participants each year are repeat players from prior years’ events.

On a perfect day in Henderson Nevada, a suburb of Las Vegas, once again a full field of golfers took to the links and played in a scramble format. The event sells out every year. To kick off the event Marines from the 23rd Marine Regiment from Nellis Airforce Base presented the colors and SouthShore resident Sharon Sharp sang the National Anthem.

This year’s tournament raised \$160,000, after expenses, and since the first tournament in 2005 the annual events have raised over \$1.5 million. To augment the funds generated from the fees to play golf, there are several other fund-raising activities that take place during the tournament, including a raffle, a 50/50 drawing, and a very popular silent auction. Business owners from the local Lake Las Vegas community as well as those from the greater Las Vegas area contribute items including dinners, hotel stays, golf, wine and more.

“It is an honor and a privilege for SouthShore Country Club to host this fantastic tournament each year”, said Joseph Travaglio, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer of the SouthShore Club. “Not only do we get to show-off the terrific golf course, club house and superb service from our team members, but contributing to help the children of our fallen heroes is something we are all very proud to participate in”, said Joseph.

As has become the custom during this event, a herd of Bighorn Sheep (the Nevada State Animal) grace golfers with their presence on the 17th and 18th holes. “It has become a wonderful tradition. It is always a treat for our players, many who have never seen these magnificent animals up close”, Mike Tobey said.

Work is already underway for the 2019 tournament which will be held on November 11, 2019; once again at SouthShore Country Club in Lake Las Vegas. For information about participating or contributing, contact Mike Tobey via email at mrtees39@gmail.com.



Big Horn Sheep on Hole Number 17 at SouthShore Country Club.

Mountain Lakes 2019 Memorial Day Ceremony

Former MC-LEF President, Now Director, **PETE HAAS IS GRAND MARSHALL**



Pete Haas

Pete Haas was born in 1927, the second youngest of five children. He moved with his family from Long Island to Mountain Lakes in 1939 and ever since has steadfastly cherished the town that embraced his family. In his senior year at Mountain Lakes High School, Pete won athletic letters in basketball, baseball and track and was voted "most congenial" in a class of 46 students.

World War II had a significant impact on the Haas family. Pete's older sister and brother both served in the U.S. Army: Jean, an Army nurse, was wounded at Pearl Harbor in 1941 and Don fought with the U.S. Army at the Battle of the Bulge. Pete's younger brother, Alan, served with the post-war Navy.

Upon graduating MLHS in 1945, Pete enlisted in the Marine Corps and completed boot camp at Parris Island. With WWII ending, Pete was converted from active to reserve duty and assigned to a Marine unit guarding the Naval Ammunition Depot, near Picatinny Arsenal. With the outbreak of the Korean Conflict, Pete was activated and assigned to the First Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division from 1950 - 1951 and served under Gen. L.B. ("Chesty") Puller, the most decorated Marine in American history. After the amphibious assault at Inchon and the liberation of Seoul, the 1st Marine Division was moved to the eastern side of Korea where Pete joined them and served most of his tour. His regiment saw extensive action and participated in the infamous Chosin Reservoir Campaign. After Korea, Pete returned to reserve status in the U.S. with the 21st Infantry Battalion. His service career came to a close in 1958.

In 1954, Pete married Rosemary Burrows, his first date in high school. Together they raised two sons, Peter and Brian. Rosemary was a nurse at St. Clare's Hospital in Denville and later dedicated much of her time to St. Clare's and Franciscan Oaks. Sadly, the journal of their happy 62- year marriage had its final entry with Rosemary's passing at 87 in 2016. Tragically, Pete and Rosemary's son, Marine 1st Lieutenant Peter B. Haas, lost his life in 1982 piloting a CH-46 helicopter during flight operations in Korea. His name was the most recent addition to the bronze plaque that adorns the Rock in Memorial Park commemorating our revered fallen. Son, Brian, wife Molly and their children, Peter and Haley live in Georgia.

Pete worked on Wall Street and had a very successful business career as a member of the NY Stock Exchange. He served on several advisory panels and also on the boards of several major corporations. In addition, Pete demonstrated a life-long desire and commitment to help the Mountain Lakes community. His Borough service includes: two-time council member, police commissioner, fire department member, and involvement with numerous civic projects that still benefit our community today- purchase of Birchwood Lake and construction of Borough Hall, St. Catherine's Church, Franciscan Oaks, and an addition to St. Clare's Hospital.

Pete's patriotism and devotion to the Marines has remained one of the most significant missions of his life. In 1962 he founded and headed the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and in 1984 was awarded the Distinguished Public Service Award, the Navy's highest civilian honor. In 1995 he co-founded the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF), serving as its President for more than 20 years. The MC-LEF Foundation provides scholarships for children who have lost a parent serving in the U.S. Marine Corps or in Federal law enforcement. Since its founding, the Foundation has awarded more than \$76 million in assistance to Marines and their families.

At 92 Pete Haas is still a dynamo. He is a commanding presence whose tireless efforts on behalf of others have helped distinguish this community from others. Pete's life is exemplary in its dedication and service to our nation and our local community.

Semper Fi, Pete Haas. Thanks for all you have done and for how you have inspired us.



Members On the Go...



Mike Wallace, Ross Perot and Jack Cummings.



Lt General USMC Ret. Ron Coleman and Lou Piantadosi enjoying their friendship at the Marine Corps museum.



Major General Mark Wise, (center) with Mike Fedorko and SgtMaj Elaine Stem, USMC (Ret) enjoying breakfast at the Tropicana.



Dino White, Marco Smigliani and Paul Marrandino, and Glen Simmons, the four amigos enjoying time together at the VFW.

Pete Haas and Lou Piantadosi having lunch at Pete's favorite "Old Mill Hill" Restaurant.



Texas Hold'em Poker Night Benefits MC-LEF



On Thursday May 30th, 2019 KPMG employees under the guidance of Philly MC-LEF member and KPMG employee, Dave Stitler, graciously hosted a Texas Hold'em Poker Night at their Philadelphia Headquarters to benefit the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation in Philadelphia. Providing all food and beverages and beautiful surroundings a fun night was had by all and quickly raised \$5,000.00 to benefit the children of our fallen Marines and Law Enforcement officers. Hats off to KPMG for your generous help.



Letters



Dear MC-LEF,

We can't thank you enough for helping James get his cranial helmet! He is doing very well so far and we are hopeful that these weeks of treatment will fly by!

Thank you!

Andrew, Pamela and James

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ATLANTIC CITY

THE 25TH ANNUAL ATLANTIC CITY GALA AND GOLF TOURNAMENT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY JUNE 8-10, 2019

by Lisa Spengler

On Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the 25th annual gala, the 2019 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award was presented to Mr. John F. Scarpa, an entrepreneur in the cable television and cellular telephone communications industries. He was co-founder, president and COO of American Cellular Network Corporation (NASDAQ), licensed to operate cellular telephone systems in the northeastern United States.

As co-founder of Unitel Wireless Communication Systems, Mr. Scarpa also developed and operated cellular telephone systems throughout the United States and was one of the original members of the nationwide Cellular One Network. While in the cable television business, he was instrumental in establishing the New Jersey and the Northeast Cable TV Associations.

Through the John F. Scarpa Foundation, he supports education, healthcare, and disadvantaged families. He is the principal benefactor for the Frank and Edith Scarpa Regional Cancer Center at Inspira Medical Center Vineland (New Jersey) and the Edith Favretto Scarpa Arts and Sciences Building at Saint Augustine Preparatory School in Richland, New Jersey.

Prior to the presentation, the evening began with the presentation of color and the Patriotic Interlude by The Commandant's Own United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps. The invocation was offered by Deacon John March, transitional deacon for the Diocese of Camden.

With the introduction of the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, MajGen. James Livingston and First

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2019 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award recipient John F. Scarpa receives his award from Joe Plumeri, Senior Advisor at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., as Michael Fedorko looks on.



Honoree John F. Scarpa, Lt.Gen. Steven R. Rudder, Military guest of honor and Deputy Commandant for Aviation, and General Alfred M. Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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Lieutenant Brian Thacker, no one realized how they, plus Shannon Slutman and the honorary recipients of the Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award and the Captain Peter Mucci Award would affect their evening.

The Atlantic City committee would like to extend its “thanks” to MajGen. Livingston, and 1st Lt. Thacker for joining us this year.

But it was also at the Atlantic City 25th annual gala where the faces, the stories, the families and the work of the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation became *real*.

Guests thought they would be seeing a video of a bond presentation, yet it was Shannon Slutman that changed the program and brought the video to life.

Shannon Slutman was presented with three \$35,000 scholarships for her three young children. Her husband Christopher was one of three Marines killed on 8 April 2019 in Afghanistan when a roadside bomb exploded near their military convoy.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Slutman, 43, served in the 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, and was a 15-year veteran of the New York City Fire Department.

Firefighter Slutman served at Ladder Company 27 in the South Bronx before his deployment, and had won a Fire Chief’s Association Memorial Medal in 2014 for rescuing a woman from a burning apartment.

Catching her breath several times during her acceptance, Shannon’s expression of love for her husband and her children brought many of the guests to tears.

“It is exactly two months to the day that Chris was killed. I never thought I’d be standing -- let alone standing here,” Shannon said as she struggled to share what the last two months of her life had been like. With a grateful and humbled heart, she thanked MC-LEF for their generous gift.

“Chris and I would talk about how we would ever be able to save for our daughter’s education and now because of MC-LEF, (deep breath), thank you.”

For Shannon to join us on 8 June; for her to stand before a crowd of over 500; and for her to speak of the unimaginable, devastating event in her life and the lives of her three girls -- well, that’s why MC-LEF does what it does. Thank you to all the donors whose financial giving contributed to the bonds for the Slutman girls.



1. Shannon Slutman, General Alfred M. Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps; Lt. General Steven R. Rudder, Deputy Commandant for Aviation and Michael A. Fedorko, Vice President of the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation and Co-Chair of the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation Atlantic City.
2. The Slutman family.
3. Chris and Shannon Slutman
4. Lt. General Steven R. Rudder, Shannon Slutman, General Alfred M. Gray and John F. Scarpa.

*A hero is no braver
than an ordinary
man, but he is brave
five minutes longer.*
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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The 2019 Captain Peter Mucci Award recipients were each chosen for their exemplary service, leadership and dedication to the law enforcement community. The New Jersey State Police motto, "To protect and serve" proves to undeniable characterize the New Jersey State Police honoree Trooper (Trp.)

Trp. Keith Ashley spearheaded 103 criminal investigations which led to the arrest of more than 300 defendants for a variety of offenses to include: Possession and Distribution of CDS, Distribution of CDS within a School Zone, Unlawful Possession of Handgun, Possession of Stolen Vehicles, Evidence Tampering, and Endangering the Welfare of Children.

Throughout the year he worked with members of the Troop "C" Criminal Investigation Office, Strategic Investigation Unit, Crime Suppression Unit, and the Gang and Organized Crime Unit. Tpr. Ashley cultivated six confidential informants, which resulted in several residential search warrants.

One particular search warrant led to the arrest of an MS-13 gang member who was in possession of two handguns and approximately three pounds of K-2 Spice.

Tpr. Ashley also arrested twenty-six drivers with driving will impaired and deployed Narcan to treat two unconscious subjects who had overdosed on heroin laced with fentanyl.

Due to the scope of his work, several investigative entries were entered into the Info-Share system resulting in multiple Intelligence Dissemination Reports in reference to concealed "traps" and a wide-scale burglary operation. During 2016, Tpr. Ashley was presented with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award for his proactive efforts in keeping roadways safe from impaired drivers. On February 1, 2019, Tpr. Ashley was presented with the 2018 Trooper of the Year Award.

Tpr. Ashley graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island a part of 2nd Battalion, Golf Company, Platoon 2021. Upon completion of Parris Island and Marine Combat Training, Tpr. Ashley completed his Military Occupational Specialty Training as an Artillery Cannoneer graduating as his class honor graduate. Tpr. Ashley would ultimately obtain the rank of Sergeant at Golf Battery 3/14 before being honorably discharged.

Thank you Tpr. Ashley for your service to all those who live and visit the State of New Jersey.

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*True heroes in today's
difficult world...
Thank you for your service! Stay safe!*



Top photo: Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, 14th Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police and his wife Linda. Middle: 2019 Captain Peter Mucci Award recipient Trooper Keith Ashley and his wife Maggi. Bottom: Colonel Patrick Callahan, Trooper Keith Ashley, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient MajGen. James E. Livingston and 2019 Semper Fidelis Award recipient John F. Scarpa.

The 2019 Captain Peter Mucci Award recipient from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey continued to demonstrate the true service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers.

On June 30, 2018, Police Officer Giovanni Urena was home asleep having just worked a midnight tour at LaGuardia Airport, when he was awoken to the chilling sounds of Beatriz Huerta screaming. Ms. Huerta was screaming for help as she was attacked with a butcher's knife outside of his apartment.

Despite being unarmed, barefoot and off-duty, Officer Urena raced out of bed and went into action, chasing down and tackling the assailant.



2019 Captain Peter Mucci Award recipient Police Officer Giovanni Urena and Michael Fedorko.



2019 Captain Peter Mucci Award recipient from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Officer Giovanni Urena receives his award from Port Authority Police Superintendent Ed Cetnar.

Officer Urena apprehended and restrained the suspect until the arrival of NYPD 115th Precinct. The victim, who was with her two-year old daughter at the time of the assault, was rushed to Elmhurst Hospital. She was treated for serious stab wounds to her back. Her daughter did not suffer any injuries.

Officer Urena is a five-year veteran of the Port Authority Police Department. He distinguished himself by his swift decisive action to confront an armed assailant, while unarmed and off-duty. Indeed, Officer Urena showed no hesitation in risking his own life and as a result, Officer Urena's quick response and police training saved the lives of the victim and her daughter.

Officer Urena actions and dedication to duty reflects the highest of standards and traditions of the Port Authority Police Department of NY & NJ.

Recognition of Officer Urena's heroic actions on June 30, 2018 included: Recipient of the New York Daily News Hometown Hero Award, June 2018; Recipient of the 28th Annual Federal Law Enforcement Foundation (FLEF) Investigator/Prosecutor of the Year Award; and Recipient of a New York City Proclamation, in honor of his heroism, July 18, 2018.

Thank you Police Officer Urena for all you do everyday to keep this nation safe.

One constant for the Atlantic City committee is the assistance of the Atlantic County Sheriff's Department in providing escort of our Congressional Medal of Honor guests and award honorees to the gala and to other weekend events. Each and every year we are truly grateful for their service in all that they do, including offering a presence at the doors and throughout the gala venue.

However, this year was extra-special for the Atlantic City committee because its friend from the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office was awarded the 2019 Captain Peter Mucci Award. He is an exception man, Marine and sheriff's officer.

Sheriff's Offer Nathan Lewis's began his career as a United States Marine. Staff Sergeant Lewis' deployments included: Operation Provide Promise aboard USS La Moure County in the Adriatic Sea; Operation Deny Flight aboard USS Nassau (LHA-4) in the Adriatic Sea; Operation Sharp Guard aboard the USS Nassau (LHA-4) in the Adriatic Sea; Operation Sea Signal in Guantanamo Bay Cuba and Operation Desert Shield & Operation Desert Storm in Southwest Asia.

Staff Sergeant Lewis' assignments included: Bridge Company 9th Engineer Support Battalion, Okinawa Japan; Bridge Company 8th Engineer Support Battalion, Camp Lejeune NC. Detachment and 8th Engineer Support Battalion Bravo Company, Camp Lejeune NC.

Lewis deployed as Operation Black Gap Germany New River Air Station MWSS 272, New River NC.; Marine Barracks

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Ground Defense Security Force, Guantanamo Bay Cuba; 2nd Surveillance Reconnaissance Intelligence Battalion Intel Company, Camp Lejeune NC.; 2nd SCAMP Platoon, Camp Lejeune NC.; Tactical Deception Platoon, Camp Lejeune NC.; Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm 1st Battalion 6th Marines for 4 LF6F Operations; Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion 6th Marines 2nd Marine Division; Marine Barracks Ground Defense Security Force Battalion; 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion Bravo Company, Camp Lejeune NC.; Headquarters Battalion, Camp Fuji Japan; Instructor Fortification Training and Fleet Anti-Terrorism Instructor and Demolitions Instructor; Marine Corps Security Force Battalion Combat Engineer; Chief Staff NCOIC Lead Instructor Anti-Terrorist Forced Protection and Dynamic Entry Instructor and Obstacle Breaching Instructor.

Staff Sergeant Lewis' personal decorations include: Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Navy Unit Commendation; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Southwest Asia Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia); Kuwait Liberation Medal (Emirate of Kuwait).

Lewis is authorized to wear the Bronze Letter V awarded for distinguished action in combat.



Sheriff's Officer Nathan Lewis was overcome with emotion as he accepted his award.



2019 Captain Peter Mucci Award recipient from the Atlantic County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's Officer Nathan Lewis, Atlantic County Sheriff Eric Scheffler and John F. Scarpa.

After retiring from the Marine Corps. at age 37, Lewis returned to New Jersey and joined the Marine Corps League Detachment; 208 Semper Marine Detachment and Operated the Young Marine Program as the Senior Drill Instructor.

Lewis entered the Atlantic County Police Academy in March 2007. After serving as class president, Sheriff's Officer Lewis graduated from the Police Academy in August 2007.

Nate, our dear friend, thank you for what you did as a United States Marine in service to our Country. Thank you for what you do every day as an Atlantic County Sheriff's Officer but mostly, thank you for your friendship and support to the Atlantic City committee and for the children we serve.



Vernon Mincey, Devin Lewis and honoree Nathan Lewis.

Another surprise extraordinary guest for the evening was World War II veteran William Kaenzig. At 93, he is one of the last survivors of Iwo Jima. Mr. Kaenzig recalls the flash bulb moment – six Marines raising the American flag over Mount Suribachi.



World War II veteran William Kaenzig, 93, one of the last survivors of Iwo Jima is surrounded by his family Jer-Lynn Vernon, Walter Vernon and Amy Gatto.



CMOH MajGen. James E. Livingston and his wife Sara with 2nd Lt. Matthew Brown and his father New Jersey State Senator Chris Brown, U.S. Army 1987-2009, Major.



James Renwick, MGySgt USMC (Ret.), Melissa Taylor, CMOH 1st Lt. Brian Miles Thacker and Victoria Gable, USMC Afghanistan veteran.

He remembers the flag-raising “as a fleeting moment of catharsis heralded by a tremendous blast of horns from the flotilla of ships off the Japanese island.” But by the fifth day on Iwo he had witnessed so much bloodshed and would still for weeks to come. By the time the flag raisers were rounded up for a USO tour, three had been killed.

“I’ll never forget the younger Marines, their eyes cast to the skyline, cried when they realized what was happening. (The Press of Atlantic City Mar 8, 2014).

It was an honor to have Mr. Kaenzig and his family attend this year’s gala. As time moves forward, we can never lose sight of today’s heroes, like Mr. Kaenzig, and those fallen from wars past.

The thing about a hero, is even when it doesn't look like there's a light at the end of the tunnel, he's going to keep digging, he's going to keep trying to do right and make up for what's gone before, just because that's who he is.

-Joss Whedon



Mrs. Linda Callahan, Mrs. Kelly Mottley, New Jersey State Police Lt. Colonel Jeff Mottley, Bob Ticehurst, New Jersey State Police Col. Patrick Callahan, Atlantic City committee member Dino White and Bob Ahern. Ticehurst and Ahern are proud supporters and dear friends of MC-LEF and join us every year from Massachusetts.

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CMOH MajGen. James E. Livingston, takes some time to talk with (l to r): Atlantic City Committee members Dino White, Joe Looker, Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation President Ed Boran and Mike Ebert, a consistent volunteer at the annual golf tournament.



It's always a great night when the Fosters are in town. Wonderful foundation supporters and friends, Karen and Jeff Foster and their son Logan.



Enjoying their evening out David and Michelle Nordheim.



Michele Chamberlain and Jim Plousis, New Jersey Casino Control Chairman.



A New Jersey Casino Control Commission reunion! Charles and Laurie Amiano, Michael Fedorko, Nancy Colavito, Nilda and Ralph Frulio and Butch Colavito.



The "A" Team: Atlantic City committee members Lisa Spengler, Gina Calabro (DiFrancesco) and Kelly Brown.



Always great to see Cardo Urso, MGySgt (Ret.) and his wife May.



Thomas J. Spengler, Jr., (USMC, Military Police, 2011-2016), son of Atlantic City committee member Lisa Spengler, and Amanda Flaningam (US Navy, Logistics Specialist, 2014 - 2017).

*Check out the Atlantic City
Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation
www.mc-lefac.org
for a complete photo gallery from the
25th annual gala & golf tournament*

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Three generations of DiFrancesco's pose with Colonel Lou Piantadosi. Atlantic City MC-LEF chair Michael DiFrancesco, grandsons Dominic and Luca, Eileen DiFrancesco, granddaughter Sophia, Gina Calabro (DiFrancesco) and Jon DiFrancesco.



Sheriff's Officers (Egg Harbor Township): Ofc. Frey R., Ofc. Smith E., Ofc Li J., Ofc. Brady K. and Ofc. Lewis N. Sheriff's Office Explorers: Explorer Goldsmith J., Sgt. Hedrick M., Sgt. Rodriguez D., Explorer Keiser J., Explorer Train A.



Atlantic City committee member and logistics coordinator Walter Brown IV poses with his son Walter Brown, V and Alex Wilkinson who is attending The United States Military Academy at West Point.



L- R: Lou Piantadosi, Ed Boran, Brian Campbell and Pete Haas - old friends enjoying their time together.



Elaine Stem and Pete Haas - can't beat those smiles!



Attending their 1st MC-LEF Gala beautiful Bridgett Winters and Tom Mullin a retired NYPD policeman added grace and charm to the event.



L-R: Ro and John Conover, Linda Durkin and "Uncle Lou."



L-R: Pete Haas, Elaine Stem (Sgt Major, USMC Ret.), and Al Gray, 29th CMC, USMC (Ret.),

*Many Thanks
to all for your
hard work and
attendance at this
event!*

You make a difference!

**MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 - 25TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD AT
THE ATLANTIC CITY COUNTRY CLUB, NORTHFIELD NJ**



The weather forecast was not the best. Rain and thunderstorms were predicted. Yet as preparations for the golfers were beginning and the fog lifted and the rain held off, at least for the time being.

The MC-LEF committee members and Atlantic City Country Club staff kept their eyes on their weather apps. "So far so good" could be heard among the group as Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. 1st. Lt. Brian Thacker shot the canon for the official shot gun start of the tournament.

As the morning progressed, as the golfers set off to begin their 18-holes, "green" appeared on the weather radar. But thankfully it was moving North away from the country club. "Looks like we're going to make it," Co-chair Michael DiFrancesco said. And, yes he was right!

It turned out to be a great day of golf, which included two hole-in-one cars this year courtesy of Bennett Chevrolet and Boardwalk Honda. Unfortunately, no one drove away with the 2019 Corvette. Better luck next year!

The barbeque luncheon, with added menu selections, once again proved to be a delicious and filling lunch for the golfers and committee members. But it was when the awards for closest to the pin, longest drive and first place awards were presented that the sun finally appeared. A perfect culmination to the 25th annual golf tournament.

We hope you will join us for next year's gold tournament as preparations are already underway. If you would like your name added to the mailing list, please visit www.mc-lefac.org and click on the link under Mailing List at the bottom of the page.

SAVE THE DATE!

26th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, June 15, 2020
Atlantic City Country Club!



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June 17, 2019

Edmond J. Boran, President
Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation
c/o Canale Training Center
5033 English Creek Ave
Egg Harbor Twp. NJ 08234

Dear Mr. Boran:

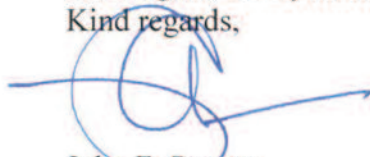
I am writing this letter in humble gratitude of being selected as your honoree of the 25th Annual Invitational Gala 2019 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award. I must say that it was an extraordinary evening starting with the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, introduction of the Military Guest of Honor LtGen. Steven R. Rudder and the award presentation for each of the incredible recipients: NJ State Police Trooper Ashley, Port Authority of NY/NJ Police Officer Giovanni Urena, and Atlantic County Sheriff's Department Officer Nathan Lewis.

This event and what the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation does to support the families of fallen officers is beyond anything that I have ever experienced. What these brave men and women do in their line of service allows people like me to live, work and develop opportunity as a civilian.

Mr. Boran, it was my pleasure to meet you and see first-hand the hard work and volunteering that you and your committee do each year.

Once again, a very humble thank you.

Kind regards,



John F. Scarpa

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In Memory of Cpl. Marc Ryan, KIA Iraq

Cpl. Marc Ryan served with 1/1 first Iraq deployment returning March 2004. In April 2004 he returned to Iraq with 2/4 “The Magnificent Bastards” with Weapons Company. He was with 2/5 at the time of his ultimate sacrifice on 15 Nov 2004.

Semper Fidelis

SAVE THE DATE!

9th ANNUAL Cpl. Marc T. Ryan Memorial 5K Run/Walk

Date: November 16, 2019
Place: Gloucester City, NJ
Contact: 856-236-7130
morrellrm@msn.com
MSgt. Robert Morrell USMC (Ret.)

All Proceeds Benefit the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation

The run is a USATF Certified Course and will be professionally timed.
The run/walk starts at 9:00 am with a tribute to Marc and the awards presentation at 10:00 am.
Food & beverages are available for registrants.

OPENING SOON:
Online Registration at www.LMSports.com

Search Facebook - Cpl. Marc T. Ryan, USMC Memorial/MC-LEF 5K Run/Walk

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY HOCKEY TEAM RAISES MONEY FOR MC-LEF

By **WALTER BROWN**

ON FEBRUARY 20-22 2019, THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY "DHS" HOCKEY TEAM ONCE AGAIN PARTICIPATED IN THE HERO'S CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT IN MARLBORO MASSACHUSETTS. THE OVERALL TOURNAMENT RAISED \$419,000 AND WAS RUN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOSTON BRUINS FOUNDATION. THIS WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF \$161,000!

EACH TEAM SELECTED AN INDIVIDUAL CHARITY IT WOULD BE PLAYING FOR. THE DHS HOCKEY TEAM PLAYED FOR MC-LEF. OVER 100 TEAMS ENTERED THE OVERALL TOURNAMENT PLAYING IN EXCESS OF 275 GAMES. TEAMS WERE COMPRISED OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTER, EMS AND MILITARY PLAYERS. THE DHS TEAM CONSISTED OF 19 PLAYERS FROM A MULTITUDE OF DHS FIELD OFFICES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY. THEY ARE COACHED BY WALTER (WALLY) BROWN, WHO IS ALSO ON OUR ATLANTIC CITY COMMITTEE, AND GUY DIVIVO-WHOM MANNED THE BENCH DURING THIS TOURNAMENT.



THE TEAM FOUGHT HARD IN ALL THREE GAMES BUT WERE UNABLE TO ADVANCE TO THE QUARTER FINALS THIS YEAR.

THE ATLANTIC CITY COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE
THANK YOU

TO ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

APPROXIMATELY \$1500 WAS RAISED FOR MC-LEF AND \$2,850 BY THE TEAM OVERALL!

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*On Behalf of the Children We Serve
Thank You to all the Players and Donors*

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RUSS NORTON

STAFFORD BOIVIN

STEVE BOZUE

TALIA TARANTINO

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MIKE MATTOS

MICHELLE KANLER





2ND ANNUAL HOCKEY FOR NOLAN

ON AUGUST 10TH 2019 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WILL ANNUAL HOCKEY FOR NOLAN GAME. NOLAN, WHOM ENFORCEMENT FAMILY, WAS BORN FEBRUARY 23, DISORDER -KCNQ2 EPILEPTIC RARE DISORDER WITH ROUGHLY ONLY 500 CASES THANK YOU TO ERIC JOHNSON FOR LEADING THE JERSEY SHORE ARENA IN WALL TOWNSHIP, NJ FOR A AND FESTIVE GATHERING TO RAISE MONEY TOWARDS BURDEN OF NOLAN'S FAMILY. LAST YEAR, OVER 200 MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENT, WHICH RECEIVED POSITIVE LOCAL MEDIA IN AN UNINTENTIONAL FINAL SCORE OF 9 TO 11. THIS



ONCE AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN THE 2ND WAS BORN INTO A DHS FEDERAL LAW 2018, WITH A RARE NEONATAL EPILEPTIC ENCEPHALOPATHY. KCNQ2 IS A VERY DIAGNOSED IN THE WORLD. SPECIAL EFFORT! TEAMS WILL MEET AGAIN AT THE CHARITY HOCKEY GAME, SILENT AUCTION KCNQ2 AWARENESS AND TO EASE THE SPECTATORS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY ATTENDED THE CHARITABLE ATTENTION. LAST YEAR THE GAME ENDED YEAR LOOKS TO BE EVEN BIGGER AND

WE WILL BE SURE TO GET OUT A FUTURE RECAP OF ALL THE ACTION IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER!



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September 16, 2019
New Haven Country Club
Hamden, CT 06517
Contact: Mia Ginter- mginter@brescomebarton.com

COLTS NECK GOLF OUTING

September 26, 2019
50 Flock Rd,
Colts Neck, NJ 07722
Contact: JStayer@msn.com

2019 MARINE CORPS MARATHON

Oct 27, 2019
Arlington, VA 22102
7:55 AM- 2:00 PM
<http://www.marinemarathon.com>

CIGARS AT THE CAPITAL EVENT

September 22, 2019
Cigars at the Capital Event
12:00PM – 4:30PM
Venue: Capital Grill
1 Garden State Plaza Boulevard, Paramus NJ 07652
More Information: (201) 845-7040

PHILADELPHIA MC-LEF GALA

Oct 5, 2019
SugarHouse Casino
1001 N Delaware Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125
Contact: Mike Wallace at mikeywallace@hotmail.com

2019 TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

Nov 3, 2019
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
tcsnycmarathon.org

HUNTINGTON GOLF CLASSIC

September 23, 2019
Huntington Country Club
Huntington, L.I. NY 11724
Contact: Mark G. Hansen
Local 3 IBEW Retired at 917-991-0117

3RD ANNUAL DALLAS DINNER

October 17, 2019
Ritz Carlton Dallas
2121 McKinney Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201
Contact: Kevin McGuire – kevin.mcguire@gs.com

**MC-LEF 13TH ANNUAL LAS VEGAS
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Nov 11, 2019
South Shore Golf Club
100 Strada Di Circolo
Henderson, NV 89011
Contact: Mike Tobey at mrtees39@gmail.com

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