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## Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation

### 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 **\$73 million** in scholarships and other humanitarian assistance, and supported over 3,900 children.

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 \$30,000 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](http://www.mc-lef.org) to learn more and find out how you can help.

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# 23rd Annual MARINE CORPS-LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION

## NEW YORK CITY GALA

By Sue Boulhosa • Photos by Midshipman 2/C Michael Lyons, USN

Thursday, April 12, 2018 proved to be one of New York City MC-LEF's finest galas. Nearly 700 guests eagerly awaited an evening featuring our honoree, Secretary of Defense, General James Mattis, USMC (Ret.)!

Cipriani Wall Street was ready and looking terrific. The USMC Flag

flew majestically over Wall Street. Our wonderful supporters at Deutsche Bank had again lent us use of their beautiful lobby space "The Atrium" for our cocktail reception.

Gunnery Sergeant Mario Monaco, USMC (Ret.) and his band of Marines had fully 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 full on variety of Marine uniforms with everyone's favorite - the "ghillie suit"! 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! The sun was shining and local Marine mascot, Pvt. Caffé, our bulldog buddy, was standing guard! He wasn't standing for any guff from the local NYPD police dogs!

The Atrium was resplendent with a full four-sided bar affording guests ample space and time to enjoy a



*A breath taking view of the Cipriani ballroom stage as Chairman, Jim Kallstrom speaks to the audience.*

libation while snacking on the delicious array of passed hors d'oeuvres. The always elegant and 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. Promptly at 1850 the Marine bugler sounded, and guests were asked to make their way across the street to the main ballroom in Cipriani.

The ballroom looked gorgeous, bathed in soft Marine red, the tables festooned with golden vases filled with ivory hydrangea and red and yellow cabbage roses.

At each setting, guests were given a lovely canvas tote containing a compact umbrella and the latest MC-LEF 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.

The cover featured the silhouette of a graduate made up entirely of images of MC-LEF scholarship recipients. Inside the 80 pages were found

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*Bruce Mosler escorting CMC and Mrs. Neller.*



*A dramatic overhead view of the Drum & Bugle Corps entertaining the crowd for the 23rd Annual MC-LEF New York City Gala.*



*Gold Star Wife, Kiley Frederick shares her story with a captivated audience.*

wonderful messages of thanks and congratulations for Secretary Mattis. 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 first order of business was to welcome the evening's military guest of honor, 38th CMC General James Neller and his lovely wife, Darcy. The event kicked off with the Marine D&B Color Guard presenting the Colors and performing the National Anthem.

The D&B then proceeded to command the ballroom with their exquisite musical performance commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Belleau Wood. It is fair to say that everyone in the room was fixed on their precision performance. 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. Mr. Schweikert then welcomed and introduced the four Medal of Honor recipients that graced the audience – Colonel Jack Jacobs, USA (Ret.), Lt. Thomas Kelly, USN, Maj. General James Livingston, USMC (Ret.) and 1st Lt. Brian Thacker, USA – all were warmly given a standing ovation! Foundation Co-President, Mr. John Connor, spoke and updated the guests on what the Foundation has been able to accomplish last year and into 2018 due to the generosity of all our supporters. He had the distinct honor of introducing our Gold Star guest of honor, Mrs. Kiley Frederick. Mrs. Frederick was simply an outstanding spokeswoman for MC-LEF. She most eloquently shared with all, the story of the tragic loss of her husband,

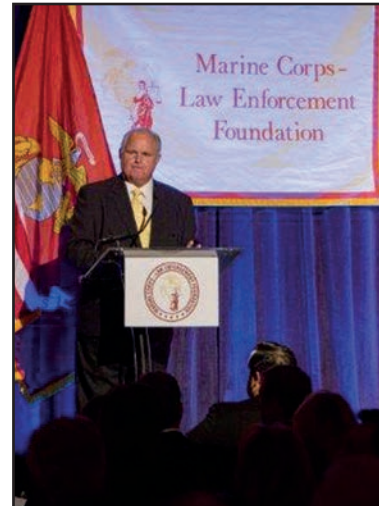


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Captain Jake Frederick, USMC in December of 2016. Kiley is stunningly beautiful, as are her two children, Colt and Mayley, whom MC-LEF had the honor of providing scholarship accounts for. She spoke of how a representative for MC-LEF reached out to her to let her know that MC-LEF would be providing scholarships for her son Colt, and to her yet unborn baby. She conveyed how that news gave her some small sense of peace in the otherwise torrent of her life. We can think of no better thanks than to know we could help this family who had sacrificed all in service to our nation. Further, we know that it is not the Foundation that provides this support, but rather you, our amazing donors. Please accept our sincere gratitude for allowing MC-LEF to act as a conduit to these families. There is truly no small gift - whatever anyone has sent – it allows MC-LEF to complete the mission.

Foundation Chairman, Mr. James Kallstrom, had the honor to introduce his friend, a great American, long-time supporter and Foundation Board Member, Mr. Rush Limbaugh, to assume the role of keynote speaker of the evening. Rush addressed the audience and spoke about the wonderful

*Mr. Limbaugh, keynote speaker at the Gala tells attendees about the support the foundation gives to our men and women in uniform and their families.*



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## 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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men and women of our armed services, who we all respect and appreciate for their hard-work and dedication. Rush spoke passionately about the great work MC-LEF does and how proud he and Kathryn are to be part of the Foundation. The Limbaughs continue to be superior supporters and ambassadors for MC-LEF. We deeply appreciate all they have



*MC Gary Schweikert at the podium.*

done for the families we serve.

At this time, Gary Schweikert, addressed the audience and relayed the news that Secretary of Defense, General Mattis, the night's honoree, could not be with us due to the pressing situation in Syria. Of course, everyone in the room already knew that the Secretary was in Washington serving the Nation. At that time, Gary drew everyone's attention to the jumbo screen for a very important video guest. President Donald Trump addressed the crowd and thanked everyone for their support of such a wonderful organization. He thanked all for their understanding that the Secretary had to be in Washington serving.

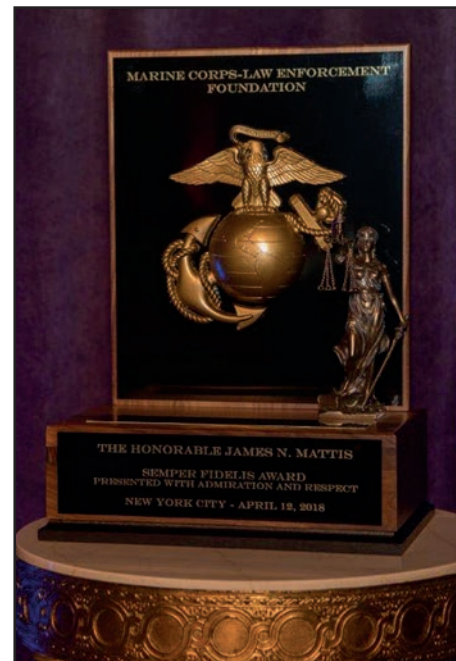


*Gen Neller addresses the audience.*

The President extolled the great work that MC-LEF does and reiterated how proud

he was to have been a long-time supporter of MC-LEF. The crowd was captivated!

To conclude the evening, the 37th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert Neller, USMC took the stage to thunderous applause. He immediately addressed Mrs. Frederick and thanked her for her service, her husband's ultimate sacrifice and her wonderful speech. General Neller updated the audience with the state of the Corps and assured everyone that despite all the messages of doom and gloom in the media, that "We Got This" – that the United States Marine Corps is well prepared, well trained and ready – he repeated – "We Got This" – the room exploded in cheers. He closed the evening asking all Marines present to stand and join him in singing the Marine Corps Hymn – the room was filled with song and pride – what a finale!! The 2018 NYC MC-LEF Gala was a tremendous success raising nearly 1 million dollars to further the mission.



*Secretary of Defense James Mattis award.*



Gen Neller and Governor Pataki.



Sue Boulhosa and Pete Haas.



Sue Boulhosa and Kiley Frederick.



Bruce Mosler, Gen Neller, Mrs Kiley Frederick, Matt Zames, Jim Kallstrom and Larry Bailey.



Jaime Colby and Sue Kallstrom.



Maj. Gen and Mrs. Livingston and General and Mrs. Robert Magnus.

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*Kiley Frederick.*



## Thanks

*to all who  
supported the 23rd Annual  
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New York City  
GALA!*



*Kathryn Limbaugh and Sue Boulhosa.*



*Kathy  
McCorkle,  
Lt. Gen  
Fred McCorkle  
James Kallstrom  
Lt Gen  
Frank Libutti.*



## 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.*





# 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation ARIZONA Golf Tournament

*Submitted by Kirk Tushaus*

The 14th Annual Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation Arizona Golf Tournament was held on May 11th at the Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale Arizona on the beautiful and challenging Talon Course. Grayhawk Golf Club was chosen to host the 2020-2022 Men's and Women's NCAA D1 College Golf Championships.

This year's tournament was special in many ways but, most notably, the attendance of a Gold Star Family, Rob and Maria Martens and their grand-

daughter, Riley Jo Martens. Riley is no ordinary young lady, she is the daughter of Hospitalman Robert Nathaniel "Nathan" Martens, US Navy Corpsman who was killed while serving in Iraq on September 6, 2005. Riley was less than a year old when she lost her father. Several months later, at the 2005 Marine Corps Ball, Riley became the first scholarship recipient after the inaugural Arizona tournament held in September 2005. Riley is preparing for her first year in high school this fall, and like

her father, Riley has a strong desire to help others as witnessed by her support of MC-LEF. This spring, Riley starred in a video promoting the upcoming golf tournament that was seen on Facebook by more than 17,500 people.... check it out on MC-LEF Arizona's face book page and we promise you will not only be impressed, you will see and hear a motivating message from someone whose life was changed forever on September 6, 2005 before her 1st birthday. We owe the Martens family a debt that can



*Gold Star Parents of Robert Nathan Martens and grandparents of Riley Jo, Rob and Maria with Medal of Honor Recipients.*



*Robert Nathan Martens and daughter Riley Jo Martens in 2005 photo.*

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never be repaid, and we know how very proud Nathan would be of his daughter.

On Friday morning the tournament began with our National Anthem performed by Cassandra Kahla and the colors presented by the Marine Corps Color Guard from Bulk Fuel Company C, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Marine Corps Reserves, Phoenix, AZ.



*Grayhawk Golf Club in beautiful Scottsdale Arizona.*

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 and awards presentation began with the Tournament's Honorary Chairman, Navy Cross Recipient Sgt. Robert J. Mitchell, Jr., USMC welcoming guests and leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

A proclamation from The Honorable W.J. "Jim" Lane, Mayor of Scottsdale, was read by Retired Chief John Bennett, Paradise Valley Police Department,

recognizing the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation's support of Arizona veterans and their families. Mayor Lane welcomed them to the city of Scottsdale by proclaiming the week of May 5 - 12, 2018 as "Gathering of Heroes Week."

MC-LEF Co-President John F. Connor, USMC, presented an update of the foundation's mission. It was an excellent opportunity for the golfers and guests to learn more about the work of MC-LEF directly from one of our national leaders who explained why their support continues to be vital to the mission of the Foundation.

Several years ago, the Arizona MC-LEF Chapter



## 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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established the Jack Cummings Award to be presented annually to a member of the 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.

Chief Bennett was called upon to introduce this year's recipient, Detective Dave Romero, Arizona Department of Public Safety. Detective Romero honorably served his country for eight years in the United States Marine Corps, com-

pleting his service as a sergeant assigned to the 1st Marine Division. Detective Romero serves as a camp counselor at the American Legion Law Enforcement Cadet Academy in Flagstaff, Arizona, dedicating his time mentoring Arizona youth interested in entering the law enforcement profession. Detective Romero instructs Spanish for Law Enforcement to cadets at the Law Enforcement Academy and serves as an executive board member of the Arizona Homicide Investigator's Association. In addition to his primary DPS duties, Detective Romero serves as the DPS Honor Guard Commander, responsible for coordinating and managing all DPS Honor Guard training and deployments.

His dedication to protecting and serving his community as a professional law enforcement officer and his devotion to our nation's youth make Dave the perfect choice of this year's Jack Cummings Award. The Arizona Chapter was

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## **“HELP US KEEP OUR FOUNDATION STRONG!”**

Search “Marine Corps – Law Enforcement Foundation (MC-LEF) on Facebook and become a fan by clicking “Like” at the top of the page. The announcements, links, and photos we post will automatically appear on your News Feed.

Fans are also invited to start discussions and post messages and photos on our wall.

**Don't be shy – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!”**



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honored to recognize Detective Romero by presenting him with the 2018 Jack Cummings Award. What's a golf tournament without winners? This year's winning foursomes were presented with a United States Flag displayed in a framed case. The winning teams included the following:

1st Place Low Gross Team: Shelley Dinges, Brad Patrick, Kerry Postillion, and Samantha Postillion.

1st Place Low Net Team: Pete Gorman, Mark New, Ben Tobin, and Zack Hope.

2ND Place Low Net Team: Eli Hammer, Paul Clayton, Jon Mirmelli, and Grant Simonson.

3rd Place Low Net Team: John Markle, Mick Yaroskovic, Eric York, and David Nuzzo.

Most honest Team: Kim Kuhljuergen, Steve Martin, Adam Bartell, and Stephen Reutter.

Riley Jo Martens was introduced and the video she had volunteered to appear in was played, giving everyone the opportunity to see firsthand her powerful appeal to support the education of other fallen heroes' sons and daughters. Riley and her family have been very supportive of MC-LEF over the year and have joined us for the golf tournament when possible. We appreciate Riley and her families contin-

ued support and presence at our events as she is a shining example of why we believe so strongly in the mission of MC-LEF.

The day concluded with a lively and very successful live auction and raffle conducted by several "volunteer auctioneers" including Joe O'Hara of Philadelphia and Arizona Chapter members, Bob Jenkins and Steve Hooper. They all 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 end a very memorable day.

This day does not happen without the support of a strong and committed committee of volunteers. The 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, Gail Scott, Ira Shapiro and Kirk Tushaus. The committee consists 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



*Foursome of Terry Sullivan, Bob Geriot, Jake Egan, John Bennett. Bob Geriot is the owner of CDL (see sponsor sign in photo) and the Golf Shirt Sponsor for this year (and last year's) tournament.*



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and law enforcement communities. If you would like information on becoming involved in the Arizona Chapter, please contact Kirk Tushaus at 480-540-2575.

Our committee wishes to thank all our sponsors, donors, players and auction participants who helped make the 14th 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 day's event and a special thank you to 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. We also thank Sue Rogers for opening her family's restaurant, The Breakfast Joynt, for all our chapter meetings.

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Thank You to Nick Ecker of Charter Arms for donating four special revolvers to this year's auction and to John Heenan for his generous donation of two beautifully engraved MC-LEF firearms that were specially made for MC-LEF. Thank You to all levels of sponsors and to the many donors of our auction and raffle sponsors for your generous support!

The commitment of all of those listed above to our military and law enforcement heroes and their families is what makes the work and mission of the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation possible. Thank you!

The 15th Annual MC-LEF Arizona Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held on Friday, May 3rd, 2010 at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ, on the Raptor Course. We are excited to make the 15th the best yet and it will be a great opportunity to play on one of golf's great venues and to help us continue the pursuit of our Foundation's mission. For more information, please visit the Arizona website at [www.mclefaz.org](http://www.mclefaz.org) or call Kirk Tushaus at 480-540-2575.

*Bob Jenkins and Kirk Tushaus at a client appreciation event hosted by realtor, Jon Mirmelli (participant/sponsor in golf tour. where attendees were given the opportunity to donate to MC-LEF.*



*Winning auction bidder, Bob Geriot of the MC-LEF Engraved Sig Sauer SIGM 400 AR.*



*MC-LEF engraving of the Sig Rifle.*



*Sponsor sign for American Legion Post 34.*





## History of Awards

<b>Benefit Year</b>	<b>Benefits Awarded</b>	<b>Benefits Value</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>\$74,987,332</b>



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AND THE

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To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.



## Members On the Go...



*Steve Northrup, Lou Piantadosi, Ian Anderson, Ron Kincade, Wayne Dearie and Paul Custred, sailors and marines gather at the VFW Post 7916 in Occoquan, Virginia.*



*Pete Haas and Lou Piantadosi having lunch at Pete's favorite restaurant in Hobe Sound, Florida, "Harry and the Natives." Cannot beat comaraderie and good food!*



## Help Us Help Marines!

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“The Independent Charities Seal of Excellence (Best of the CFC) is awarded to the members of Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America that have, upon rigorous independent review, been able to certify, document, and demonstrate on an annual basis that they meet the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness. These standards include those required by the U.S. Government for inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign, probably the most exclusive fund drive in the world. Of the 1,000,000 charities operating in U.S. today, it is estimated that fewer than 50,000, or 5 percent, meet or exceed these standards, and of those, fewer than 2,000 have been awarded this Seal.”

CFC is Combined Federal Campaign





# GATHERING OF HEROES

BY MIKE WALLACE

*Left: Our Honored Heroes, Medal of Honor Recipients Tom Norris, Brian Thacker and Mike Thornton.*

On April 21st, 2018, a beautiful Saturday Afternoon, the Annual Gathering of Heroes was held at the Irish Pub, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The GOH is a day of camaraderie, good friends and an opportunity to meet and spend time with America's heroes, along with local dignitaries and celebrities.

This year we were privileged to have Three Medal of Honor recipients Mike Thornton, Tom Norris and Brian Thacker present. They spent two days greeting, talking, and taking pictures with our sponsors and attendees, as well as making the rounds at local media outlets to publicize the event and speak about the work of the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation. As an added bonus Tom Norris and Mike Thornton autographed copies of their new book "BY HONOR BOUND" WHICH TELLS THE STORY OF THEIR AMAZING EXPLOITS TOGETHER AND ON THEIR OWN.

This event which started several years ago as a "tips in the jar" fundraiser has evolved into the Gathering of Heroes which has raised over \$300,000.00 in this short time. It developed into a great local affair as the result of the efforts of Mark O'Connor and the Tour de Shore Foundation, and the Irish Pub and their staffs, who donate the facilities and staffing necessary to organize and run this event at no cost to the Foundation. Mark and the Irish Pub organization's commitment to our Foundation is unparalleled, and our thanks cannot be expressed enough.

This year we were able to raise \$60,000.00 in one afternoon, including a donation of \$10,000.00 from Fretz/Sub-Zero Wolf, Inc., and \$6,000.00 from our loyal friend Barb Boroweic of Barb's Harley-Davidson, both of whom have assisted Philly MC-LEF many times in the past. It is remarkable to see the same people along with new friends come out each year to meet our Heroes and donate their money to our cause.

This day works because of the tremendous affection and respect the people of Philadelphia, and some who come from as far away as New York and Florida, and the Delaware Valley, have for the Medal of Honor recipients who come every year to assist us. It is remarkable to watch them mingle with the crowd, many of whom are former military, and share stories of their past service with Tom, Brian and Mike. Just shaking hands and taking pictures with these Heroes helps show some appreciation for the past and present military service of those who support the affair and those military who attend, and help us to assist the children of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.

Joining our recipients in helping this year, were Former Eagle greats Ron Jaworski, and John Runyan as well as legendary Flyer, Brian Propp. Our MC duties were expertly conducted by Philadelphia TV personality Bob Kelly, who each year provides news coverage and introductions of our guests and Honorees and keeps the live auction and the party moving. Famous Irish Tenor Karl Scully gave us a rendition of Our National Anthem to be envied by all.

Thanks again to our great Philly MC-LEF Committee who labors all day and many days in advance to insure a continuing success for "The Kids."



*Philadelphia Police and Fire Drum and Pipes escort our MOH guests into Irish Pub to begin the day.*

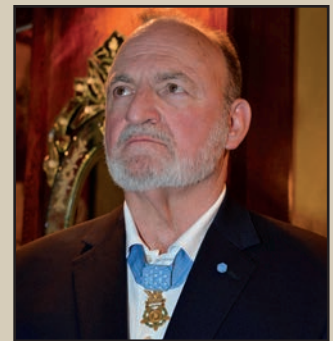
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*Gary Rizzo greets Tom Norris, a couple of bad dudes.*



*Famous Irish Tenor, Karl Scully belts out our Anthem.*



*MOH Brian Thacker during the playing of the our National Anthem, HIS FACE SAYS IT ALL.*



*FBI Chaplain Monsignor Michael T. Mannion gives invocation.*



*Mark O'Connor, the host and founder of the Gathering of Heroes with Mike and Rainey and Aurea and Fred Boisvert, who came all the way down from North Jersey to celebrate with them.*



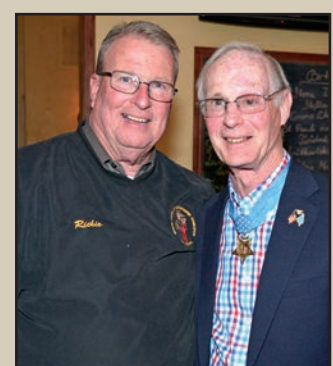
*Rainey and MOH Mike Thornton.*



*Our Boston Brothers, Bob and Steve Ahern always come down to help, with MOH Mike Thornton.*



*Joe Rafter and MOH Brian Thacker.*



*Rich Cray and MOH Tommy Norris.*



*Dave Jordan and MOH Tommy Norris.*

*Right: MOH Mike Thornton and Jack Cummings Family, Katlyn, Mellissa, Bev and the heir apparent, Stefan, Jr.*





*Jim Birkhead and MOH Mike Thornton.*



*Our MC and famous TV personality Bob Kelly being greeted by Caffie, our Mascot.*



*Eagles Great, John Runyan and Flyers legend, Brian Propp with our most senior Marine Roland.*



*Robert Molsbergen and MOH Mike Thornton meet up again at GOH pre dinner.*



*Barbara Lynn, Robert and Gwyn Molsbergen, and MOH Tommy Norris.*



*MOH Tom Norris autographing a copy of By Honor Bound, the awesome book about he and MOH Mike Thornton.*



*MOH Tom Norris, MOH Mike Thornton, Mike Wallace, Tony Boyle, Rainey and MOH Brian Thacker before dinner the night before GOH. Wonder we made the Gathering next day!*

*Group of Torresdale CC friends who supported our GOH, join MOHs before tee off.*



*Tom Norris, Brian Thacker and Eagles great Quarterback Ron Jaworski who hosted our guests for a chilly round of golf day before GOH.*

*Ashley Gallagher our GREAT coordinator working to the last minute to insure our success.*





# Letters



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
Firearms and Explosives

Office of the Director  
Washington, DC

MC-LEF  
273 Columbus Ave., Suite 10  
Tuckahoe, New York 10707

Dear MC-LEF,  
My thanks to you and the Board of Directors for the care and compassion shown to the family of Senior Special Agent Scott Ragsdale, who gave his life in service to our country.

The support that the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation provides to the children of fallen Marines and employees of Federal law enforcement agencies has a life changing impact. By embracing these grieving families, the Foundation eases some of the fear that often accompanies such a loss.

The Foundation's valuable work is appreciated, not only by the recipients and their families, but also by organizations, such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), which will always think of their fallen comrades as family.

*Semper Fi!*

Sincerely yours,  
Thomas E. Brandon  
Deputy Director



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
Firearms and Explosives  
Dallas Field Division

Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Fd.  
273 Columbus Ave., Suite 10  
Tuckahoe, New York 10707

Dear MC-LEF,  
On behalf of the Dallas Field Division and the Ragsdale family, I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the generous gift of \$60,000.00 for Aidan and Riley Ragsdale's college educa-tions.

Their father, Scott, was not only one of my agents, he was also a friend and he cherished his family above all else. I know this means the world to Erin, Scott's widow, and has lessened the burden of uncertainty that she now carries alone. She was truly touched by the generosity of your foundation.

Glory and recognition were not the motivators for Senior Special Agent Paul "Scott" Ragsdale's service and I know he would be humbled by the honors and outpouring of assistance his family has received. Scott's end of watch came much too soon but I believe he is at his post in overwatch and is grateful for the support of his law enforcement family.

From all of us whose lives and hearts were touched by "Rags," please accept my deepest gratitude for your generous gift.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey C. Boshek II  
Special Agent in Charge

*Right: Special Agent Jeffrey C. Boshek II presents MC-LEF scholarship packet to Mrs. Erin Ragsdale, for her children, Aiden and Riley Ragsdale.*



# Letters



*(Left to right) is Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Installation Commander Col T.W. Ferry; David Tscherch (recipient); and Ms. Tscherch.*

Award ICO Lieutenant Colonel Kevin M. Tscherch

MC-LEF,  
Good morning!

I have recently been assigned as the oncoming CACO for EJ Michelle Tscherch and was provided the acceptance letter from the MC-LEF organization (dated 25 January 2018) from the previous CACO, LtCol Hakola. The reason CACO assignment has changed is because the Spouse has relocated from Virginia to New Bern, North Carolina; and I have assumed case responsibilities and I wanted to introduce myself for future correspondence/support.

I am writing primarily on behalf of EJ Michelle Tscherch (spouse of LtCol Kevin M. Tscherch) to provide you with a copy of the award presentation. Depicted in the photo (left to right) is Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Installation Commander Col T.W. Ferry; David Tscherch (recipient); and Ms. Tscherch.

Mrs. Tscherch and her son David are extremely grateful and thankful for the generous contribution, and are humbled to receive such a gift. They've opted to mail a personal letter in a separate correspondence.

Your support and work is appreciated--thank you for your help, kindness, and demonstrating great esprit. Please don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Respectfully,  
Grant 'Monster' Cucci  
Special Operations Officer, Public Works Department  
Facilities Directorate  
MCAS Cherry Point, Building 87

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I am writing to express our family's appreciation in receiving the MC-LEF "Colonel and Mrs. G.F. Robert Hanke Special Scholarship," for David's future schooling. It was so kind and wonderful to receive such a gift. We are very grateful and so appreciate your generosity.  
Thank you so very much!

Sincerely,  
Michelle, David, and Jacob Tscherch

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U.S. Customs and  
Border Protection

MC-LEF  
273 Columbus Ave., Suite 10  
Tuckahoe, New York 10707

Dear MC-LEF,

My name is Robert W. Faust and I am the Acting Patrol Agent in Charge for the U.S. Border Patrol Station in Uvalde, Texas. I am writing to express my sincerest gratitude to the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation for honoring the life, service and memory of fallen Border Patrol Agent Antonio Cordova.

The generous scholarship that Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation awarded to Agent Cordova's only daughter, Camila, will certainly pave the way to her future education.

It gives me great pleasure to know that there are organizations like the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation that take care of the men and women that dedicate themselves to serving this great country. On behalf of the U.S. Border Patrol and Camila, thank you!

Sincerely,

Robert W. Faust  
Acting Patrol Agent in Charge  
Uvalde, Texas Border Patrol Station



*Pictured Above,  
from Left to Right:  
Severa Robles (Camila's  
Maternal Grandmother),  
Guadalupe Rodriguez (Agent  
Cordova's Aunt), Caroline  
Torres (Agent Cordova's  
Mother), Robert Faust  
(Acting Patrol Agent in  
Charge, Uvalde Station),  
Camila Cordova (Agent  
Cordova's daughter), Gerardo  
Rodriguez (Agent Cordova's  
Brother), Jesus Gonzalez  
(Acting Deputy Patrol Agent  
in Charge), Abril Perez  
(Agent Cordova's sister-in-  
law).*

# Letters

Dear MC-LEF,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money. In college, I hope to use the money to be a computer engineer. I like using technology. I think I would be a perfect computer engineer. I want to thank you again for the money that came from this foundation, so thank you.

- Alex

Dear MC-LEF,

I am writing to thank the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation for the scholarship that was provided to my daughter, Faith O'Donald. It has brought an added sense of security for her future.

This has been a very difficult road for both of us and our healing is slowly taking place. I am only now just going through the boxes of correspondence that we've received since my husband passed.

Please continue the good work of helping the children of fallen officers. These children go through so much pain and distress that when they begin to experience healing its good to have something to look forward to. Having hope for the future is something that they all desperately need.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts!

Sincerely,

Tracy O'Donald

## Presentation of MC-LEF \$30,000 Scholarship Award

On Friday June 29, 2018, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) New Orleans Deputy Special Agent in Charge Thomas M. Annello, presented Patrick Finnegan McGuire with a \$30,000.00 Scholarship from the Marine Corps – Law Enforcement Foundation in honor of his father's service to the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) HSI.



(Left to Right)

HSI New Orleans Deputy Special Agent In Charge Thomas M. Annello, Ms. Azucena Rivera (Patrick's Mother), Patrick Finnegan McGuire, and HSI New Orleans Special Agent in Charge Jere T. Miles.

# MARINE CORPS - LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION



## ATLANTIC CITY

### THE 24TH ANNUAL ATLANTIC CITY GALA AND GOLF TOURNAMENT ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY JUNE 9-11, 2018

*by Lisa Spengler*

With the hectic pace of today's world, it is important to take a step back to find the calm in the crazy. In that calm, we have the chance to remember the true values of life: giving, service, sacrifice, love. For all of us who are part of Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation Atlantic City and for all the guests that attended the 24th annual gala and golf tournament, the chance to remember those values was apparent during MC-LEF Atlantic City weekend.

From the presentation of colors, the celebration of General Alfred M. Gray's 90th birthday and the Patriotic Interlude by The Commandant's Own United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps to the invocation, the reminder of calm started to settle in for many.

The introduction of the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients was then a true reminder of the values of service and

sacrifice. The Atlantic City committee would like to extend its "thanks" to Sgt. Gary Beikirch, MajGen. James Livingston, Lt. Walter Marm, CW04 Hershel "Woody" Williams and Sgt. Robert Patterson for joining us this year.

No greater reminder of service and sacrifice was more evident than in the video presentation featuring Gold-Star Wife Kiley Frederick whose husband Captain Jake "Red Stripe" Frederick, a US Marine and F/A-18 hornet pilot, was killed on December 8, 2016 after ejecting from his aircraft roughly 120 miles off the coast of Japan. His children Colt Frederick and his sister Mayley, each received a \$30,000 scholarship in honor of their father. Thank you to all the donors whose financial giving contributed to the bonds for Colt and Mayley.

That reminder of giving was what drew the Atlantic City committee to its selection of the 2018 Charles Ruch

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*The gathering of some of our greatest heroes! Honored to share the evening with Congressional Medal of Honor recipients Sgt. Gary B. Beikirch, U.S. Army 1970; MajGen. James E. Livingston, USMC 1968; Lt. Walter J. Marm, Jr., US Army 1965; CW04 Hershel Woodrow Williams, USMC 1945 and Sgt. Robert M. Patterson, US Army 1968.*

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Semper Fidelis Award Recipient Peter Cancro, the Founder & CEO of Jersey Mike's Subs. Jersey Mike's Subs was the 24th annual Congressional Medal of Honor Gala Sponsor. Mr. Cancro's generosity and support of MC-LEF went above and beyond the definition of "giving."

Jersey Mike's Franchise Systems, is the fastest-growing sandwich chain in the country, with more than 1,500 locations open and under development nationwide.

Mr. Cancro, a '75 graduate of Point Pleasant Beach High School joined another famous alumni at this year's gala, General Al Gray. Mr. Cancro began his business career in 1971 where his first job was at a place called Mike's Subs. In 1975, at the age of 17, in March of his senior year in high school, he gave up a potential college football career to buy that sub shop. Peter credits Rod Smith, his football coach and area banker, with making it all possible.

In 1987, he changed the name of the original Mike's to "Jersey Mike's" and began his national expansion. Today, Mr. Cancro eyes the goal of 2,000 locations open nationwide by 2020, a lesson in entrepreneurship.

One of the secrets to Mr. Cancro's success is his philosophy of "giving." Charities, hospitals, school systems and numerous individuals have benefited from his support, more than ever will be known. It's a philosophy that he has emphasized to each and every Jersey Mike's franchise owner: support the community that supports you.

An example of this giving spirit is Jersey Mike's 8th Annual "Month of Giving," held in March 2018, a national fundraising campaign that raised over \$6 million for more than 170 local charities. As part of the campaign, on Day of Giving, 1,360 Jersey Mike's Subs restaurants nationwide donated 100 percent of sales to help local organizations. Since the program started eight years ago, Jersey Mike's franchisees and their generous customers have raised nearly \$24 million.

The Atlantic City committee would like to extend its deepest thanks to Mr. Cancro and to all those at Jersey Mike's Subs who have committed to the support of MC-LEF and to the children of our fallen heroes.

The 2018 Captain Peter Mucci Award recipients from the Special Operations Division of the New Jersey State Police exemplified service and sacrifice in all they do everyday.

On September 17, 2016, members of the New Jersey State Police were requested to assist the Seaside Park Police Department and the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office in response to an explosion which occurred in a garbage bin along the route of the Semper Five Marine Corp Charity 5K Run. In addition, there were reports of a suspicious bag discovered in the same area. Members of the Arson/Bomb Unit were detailed to the scene.

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*Pictured l to r: Howard Berchtold; Heather Berchtold (Bugles Across America Bugler); CW04 Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams, USMC 1945, Age 94 and last living CMOH recipient of Iwo Jima; Donna Marie Berchtold (Bugles Across America - NJ Asst. State Director).*



*What a masterpiece! Tropicana Atlantic City Casino Pastry Chef Lauren Petrovski and MC-LEF AC committee member Lisa Spengler pose with Lauren's 90th birthday cake created for General Al Gray.*



*2018 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award Recipient Peter Cancro, Founder & CEO Jersey Mike's Subs (far right) poses with Jersey Mike's Subs Chief Operating Officer (far left) Mike Manzo, Mark Fioretti, General Al Gray, and Stephen Reid.*

Detective I Stephen Christinzio #6217 correlated assets from the Seaside Park Police Department allowing for Detective Sergeant James Abbes #5816 to arrive on scene and take the lead in coordinating with police, fire, and numerous first responders to expand the initial controlled area.

The selfless efforts and the swift and proficient actions taken by Detective Sergeant James Abbes and Detective I Stephen Christinzio have brought great pride and distinction to themselves and the Division of State Police. They went above and beyond the call of duty for the safety of the citizens of Seaside and Ocean County. Their expertise greatly assisted the FBI in identifying the bombing suspect and lead to the successful conclusion to this investigation. Their commitment and dedication exemplify the core values of the New Jersey State Police: Honor, Duty, and Fidelity.



CMOH recipients Lt. Walter J. Marm, Jr., CW04 Hershel Woodrow Williams, and Sgt. Robert M. Paterson, pose with the families of the 2018 Captain Peter Mucci Award honorees Detective Sergeant James Abbes and Detective I Stephen Christinzio.

The 2018 Captain Peter Mucci Award recipients from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey continued the evenings commitment for demonstrating service and sacrifice.

On the morning of Monday, December 11, 2017, a 27-year-old male native of Bangladesh entered a New York City Subway corridor between Seventh and Eighth Avenues in the vicinity of the Port Authority Bus Terminal. Strapped to his body was a homemade pipe bomb type device. At approximately 7:20 a.m., he detonated the device hoping to kill himself while, according to a federal prosecutor, "taking as many innocent people as he could with him."

Port Authority Police Officer Anthony Manfredini was on patrol in the area when he observed many people fleeing the area. Police Officer Manfredini transmitted he was responding to an unknown condition in the corridor. He was quickly joined by Port Authority Police Officers Jack Collins, Drew Preston and Sean Gallagher. The officers entered the smoke and debris filled

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Our 2018 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award Recipient Peter Cancro, and his popular Table #6. Back Left - Mike Spiegel; Taylor Jones; Keith Hertling; Caroline Jones; Tatiana Cancro; Lt. Col. James Shoemaker, USAF (Ret.). Front Left - Peter Cancro; General Al Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps.; Pete Haas and Jan Gray, true friends supporters and Gold Star Parents. Pete is past president of MC-LEF and a former Marine.



An evening out for Jersey Mikes Sub's Keith Hertling, Mark and Angela Fioretti, Tatiana and Peter Cancro, Diane and Mike Manzo.

Check out the Atlantic City  
Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation  
website at: [www.mc-lefac.org](http://www.mc-lefac.org)  
for a complete photo gallery from the  
24th Annual Gala & Golf Tournament.

corridor occupied by injured and dazed people. Immediately thereafter, Port Authority Police Lieutenant Miriam Rubio, Sergeant Hector Martinez, Sergeant Victor Talamini and Police Officer Anthony Estevez arrived on scene.

Through the smoke, debris and confusion the officers observed the, now injured, 27-year-old suspect lying on the corridor floor. The suspect was attempting to move his hands toward his waistband and a nearby cell phone. Lt. Rubio and Police Officers Manfredini, Collins, Preston and Gallagher began to approach the suspect when they noticed exposed wires inside the suspect's coat and on his chest. Police Officers Collins, Manfredini, Preston and Gallagher made the decision to advance on the suspect to prohibit his further movements in hope of securing the area for everyone's safety. The officers were able to place the suspect in handcuffs and remove the cell phone. Under the direction of Sergeants Martinez and Talamini, the officers, including Police Officer Anthony Estevez, without concern for their own safety, completed a search of the suspect that revealed a battery pack connected to wires running to the suspect's groin area. Additional wires were also attached to the suspect's chest.

The Atlantic City committee is grateful to Sgt. Hector Martinez, Lt. Miriam Rubio, Sgt. Victor Talamini, P.O. Anthony Manfredini, P.O. Jack Collins, P.O. Anthony Estevez, P.O. Sean Gallagher and P.O. Drew Preston for all they do and for keeping the citizens of New York City safe everyday. Another reminder of true service and sacrifice.

We hope that this article, highlighting true heroes, has given you a little taste of what the 24th annual gala was able to provide: a sense of calm for all the guests and honorees and a time to remember and to cherish the important and true values of life: giving, service, sacrifice, love.

On behalf of the children we serve, thank you for your continued support and financial contributions to the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation.

*"I go where  
the sound of  
thunder is."*

*-General Alfred M. Gray*

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*The Atlantic City committee surprised General Gray with a magnificent cake from Tropicana baker Lauren Petrovski. MC-LEF AC committee member James Renwick, MGYSGT USMC (Ret.) and Cardo Urso, MGYSGT USMC (Ret.) wheel in General Al Gray's 90th birthday cake.*



*2018 Captain Peter Mucci Award Recipients Detective Sergeant James Abbas, Special Operations Section, New Jersey State Police and Detective I Stephen Christinzio, Special Operations Section, New Jersey State Police pose with Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of New Jersey State Police. Thank you to the New Jersey State Police for what you do everyday!*



*2018 Captain Peter Mucci Award Recipients from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Lieutenant Miriam Rubio speaks on behalf of fellow honorees Officer Drew Preston, Officer Jack Collins, Officer Anthony Manfredini, Officer Anthony Estevez, Sergeant Hector Martinez and Sergeant Victor Talamini. True heroes in today's difficult world. Thank you for your service.*



*A true honor to have General Glenn M. Walters, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps be the Military Guest of Honor for the 24th annual gala. General Walters always delivers an inspiring and motivating message while providing the guests with current updates on the mission of the Marine Corps.*



*Caroline Jones, daughter of 2018 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award Recipient Peter Cancro (right) speaks on behalf of Jersey Mike's Subs as Tatiana Cancro looks on. The Atlantic City committee and entire MC\_LEF family are grateful to Jersey Mike's Subs for their continued commitment and support.*



The Atlantic City gala brings together a true American hero, first-time attendees, long-time attendees, family and friends. Standing (l to r): Sandra Flowers, Phil Perskie, Sandra Perskie, John Wendkos and his guest, Diana Guzman and William Hall. Sitting (l to r): Willis Flowers, Bryan Casey, CMOH Williams grandson, CW04 Hershel Woodrow Williams, Ann Bertolatus, longtime friend of General Gray and her daughter Janice Bertolatus-Zucker.



It was a privilege to have Peter Cancro as this year's 2018 Charles Ruch Semper Fidelis Award Recipient. Jersey Mike's Subs Chief Operating Officer Mike Manzo presented Pete with his award while MC-LEF Atlantic City co-chair and Atlantic County Public Safety Director Michael A. Fedorko looked on.

Great friends and supporters from Boeing. Standing (l to r): Jon Houston, Kristin Houston, Kathy Dabundo, Chuck Dabundo, Dave Seder and Donna Sedar. Sitting (l to r): Gail Walters, General Glenn Walters, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps., David Koopersmith, Debbie Koopersmith and Major General Tim Hanifen, USMC (Ret.).



Four great foundation supporters and friends Karen and Jeff Foster (left) enjoy the cocktail hour with Philip and Pamela Cole.



Sharing the night with family and friends. Standing (l to r): Scott Aragno, Jennifer Aragno, Scott Chamberlain, Eileen Chamberlain, Mark Plousis, Jeannie Buchanan. Sitting (l to r): Michele Chamberlain, Sgt. Robert Patterson, New Jersey Casino Control Chairman Jim Plousis and Msgr. Mike Mannon of the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey.



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*Atlantic City committee member and Purple Heart recipient Marco "Polo" Smigliani, Michael Merlino, proud support of Veterans and owner of Atlantic Accounting Associates; CMOH CW0\$ Hershel "Woody" Williams; Capt. Rick Palatucci and Atlantic City committee member Ike Rucker, a Marine Veteran who served in the personal guard to President Truman and a former member of the 8th and 1 Marine Barracks Silent Drill Team (1949-1951).*



*Always a pleasure to have this incredible group from Raytheon at the gala. Standing (l to r): Matt Kuzniewski, Ellen Kuzniewski, Gil Diaz. Sitting (l to r): Greg Kuzniewski, Lt. General Stephen Rudder, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Holly Rudder and Linda Diaz.*



*An honor to be in the same room with these true Americans and patriots. Pictured (l to r): Lt. General Fred McCorkle, USMC (Ret.), General Glenn Walters, Greg Kuzniewski and Lt. General Jon Davis, USMC (Ret.)*



*Dear friends of MC-LEF AC and champions for the children we serve, Lt. General Fred McCorkle and his wife Kathy pose with CMOH recipient CW04 Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams.*

GENERAL ALFRED GRAY  
"GRAYISMS"

- What do you want it to look like when we are finished?
- You are the one responsible.
- Anybody have any questions?
- Take care of it.
- Hold them together and point them in the right direction.
- Don't paint rocks.
- Know yourself, know your people, know your profession.

Grayisms are recurring statements made by General Alfred M. Gray, Jr. USMC (Retired) who served as the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as such, before his retirement in 1991 a military advisor to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. Many believe General Gray transformed the Marine Corps during his 41 years of service with his unique form of leadership. As a visionary, he is credited with having prepared the Marine Corps for the 21st Century.



*Brian Campbell, Patricia Degloria, and Kim Isola.*



*Gail and Paul Marrandino.*



*Pete Haas, Ed Boran, Gen Al Gray, 29th CMC (Ret.).*



*Friends and family, Ro Conover, Lou Piantadosi, John Conover, and Brian Piantadosi.*



*Good friends,  
Brian Piantadosi  
and Lisa Spengler.*



*Ed Boran, Paul Marrandino, Joe Looker, and Joe Devine.*



*LTGEN Fred McCorkle (Ret.), LTGEN Jim Livingston (Ret.), Mike Fedorko, and WWII Marine Veteran, Woody Williams.*



*Brian Piantadosi, Marco Smigliani, Gen Al Gray (29th CMC (Ret.).*

**MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 - 24TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD AT  
THE ATLANTIC CITY COUNTRY CLUB, NORTHFIELD NJ**



Could we have done without the wind and rain for the 24th annual golf tournament at the Atlantic City Country Club? Yes, but did it stop the golfers from golfing and the volunteers from volunteering? Absolutely not! Another great year regardless of the weather. Thank you to all those who helped make this year's tournament such a success!

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Sgt. Robert Patterson shot the canon for the official shot gun start of the tournament. There were two hole-in-one cars this year courtesy of Bennett Chevrolet and Boardwalk Honda. Unfortunately, no one drove away with the 2018 Corvette. Better luck next year!

The barbeque luncheon, with new menu selections, once again proved to be a delicious and filling end to the tournament.

We hope you will join us for next year's gold tournament as preparations are already underway. **SAVE THE DATE** for the 25th annual golf tournament to be held on Monday, June 10, 2019 at the Atlantic City Country Club! Below are few of the photos from this year's tournament. More photos are available on our website at [www.mc-lefac.org](http://www.mc-lefac.org).









## **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!**

**8th ANNUAL Cpl. Marc T. Ryan Memorial 5K Run/Walk**

**Date:** November 17, 2018  
**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 a.m. with a tribute to Marc and the awards presentation at 10:00 a.m. Food & beverages are available for registrants. Online registration is now open at: [www.LMSports.com](http://www.LMSports.com)

## DHS HOCKEY TEAM RAISES FUNDS FOR THE MARINE CORPS-LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION

From February 20-22, 2018, the DHS Hockey Team participated in the Hero's Cup Hockey Tournament in Marlboro Massachusetts. The overall tournament raised \$256,000 and was run in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation. Each team selected an individual charity it would be playing for. The DHS Hockey Team played for MC-LEF. 85 teams entered the overall tournament playing in excess of 250 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 a member of the MC-LEF Atlantic City Committee.



The DHS Team came out strong against Belmont Police & Fire on Friday night, scoring 5 goals in the first game. Despite the offensive output, the team was down 6-5 late in the third, and an empty netter found them in the loss column. With their first competition, together with the current roster of players out of the way, they were able to institute some changes in the lineup for the next day and enjoy an evening of ceremony and merriment with their fellow tournament participants and their families.



Saturday consisted of the two-remaining round-robin games. The first, against Franklin Police & Fire, put the team in great shape after a 7-2 victory. The pressure was on for the final game, as DHS would need to win by a margin of at least 5 goals versus Coast Guard. The team played well in front of Goalie Stafford Boivin; whom recorded the first shutout in the teams 5-year history! Just when the momentum seemed to be swinging towards Coast Guard, New Jersey's own Marcus LeFevre scored on a tenacious drive to the net which deflated the opposition and erupted the crowd.

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## DHS Hockey Team . . . . . *Continued from page 35*

*With their place in the playoffs secured, focus turned to recuperation and rehydration for the Sunday morning semi-final against Taunton Fire. The team came out firing on all cylinders and found themselves up against a talented goaltender. The DHS team outshot Taunton 53 to 29. Both goalies making some incredibly athletic saves. The team appeared to take a 3-1 lead early in the third period. A rocket off the stick of defensive standout and New Jersey Native, Pat Lynch, ricocheted off the back post and out towards center ice. However, the officials claimed not to have seen the play well and only heard a puck hit a post and did not award a goal. Despite the appeals from the standing room only crowd, the scoreboard remained at 2-1.*

*Several minutes later Taunton found themselves on a four on two rush, Boivin made the first two saves, but the third shot found the back of the net to tie it up. Taunton would take the lead 3-2 on a twice deflected puck with less than 8 minutes remaining in the game. With slightly over 4 minutes to go, Boivin came rushing to the bench during a delayed penalty, the extra attacker went right to the net screening the goaltender. A perfectly placed shot from the circle went right by and the DHS team appeared to have found new life. After 230 plus minutes on the ice in just under 36 hours, Boivin stopped both of the initial shots, but two rebounds found their way in the back of the net in less than a minute. Still battling hard, Taunton took a penalty with under 4 minutes remaining. DHS pulled the keeper and the six on four crew was able to light the lamp. Down by a goal with two minutes remaining, Boivin retired to the bench. DHS fired a flurry of 13 shots on net in under two minutes but the tying goal never came. Taunton went on to beat Belmont Police & Fire in the Division Championship Game 2-1 capturing first place with DHS finishing in the Bronze position.*



*Throughout the event, the DHS team advertised the incredible work of MC-LEF and are proud to announce over \$1,500 will be donated towards MC-LEF Scholarships from their efforts. The pool of donated funds will be directed towards individual charities and were determined by incorporating how teams finished during the competition. A wonderful surprise on Saturday evening included a prolonged conversation with members of the newly formed Marine Hockey Team! Like the Marine Team, DHS Hockey is comprised of volunteers who utilize their own time off and funds to support the operations of their teams. Equipment, Travel, Fees, Lodging and Meals are entirely self-funded. Both teams are comprised of players whose duties have them spread out in all corners of the world and individually travel to events. Despite these obstacles, both teams have dedicated themselves to promoting a positive image of their respective organizations through sport and community outreach. Stand by for future updates, as a Marine/DHS competition could be in the near future!*

On Behalf of the Children We Serve, THANK YOU to the following donors and players.

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## GySGT. Derick Richard Holley, USMC CH-53 Helicopter Crew Chief

*Gunnery Sgt. Derik R. Holley, 33, of Dayton, Ohio, was a CH-53 helicopter crew chief assigned to HMH-465. In the Marines since November 2003, his previous duty stations included Marine Corps Base Quantico and MCAS Miramar. He had deployed to Iraq twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and to Japan as part of the Unit Deployment Program and the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit.*

*The Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation is proud to have awarded a \$30,000 scholarship to Dane R. Holley, in honor of his father, GySgt. Derick Holley, USMC who was killed on April 3, in the crash of a Sikorsky CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego.*

*On May 10, MajGen. Mark Wise (CG, 3d MAW) and MC-LEF Atlantic City committee representative SgtMaj. Jason Polite presented the \$30,000 scholarship to Dane Holley (age 7) with his mother Kasey by his side. The scholarship was aptly named "The MCLEF Atlantic City Committee Special Scholarship."*

*To all the donors and supporters, the Atlantic City committee and the entire MC-LEF family would like you to know that children like Dane,*

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## TRIBUTE TO PAUL "GUNNY" CIPOLONE

by Lisa Spengler

There are so many moving parts when working with a printing company: deadlines, revisions, delays, computer and technical challenges plus unforeseen glitches, all adding to stress and frustration... and that's just from the graphic designers point of view. But from Fort Nassau Graphics perspective, its just another day.



*Pictured l to r: Brian Francis, Brian's father Filmore Francis and Paul "Gunny" Cipolone (1998)*

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MC-LEF Atlantic City has had the privilege of using FNG for all its printing needs for over 20 years. For that reason, on August 23, 2017, MC-LEF Atlantic City lost a member of its family, a friend and a staunch supporter of our Foundation, but more importantly, an outstanding, husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, community and church leader.

"Gunny" retired as a Gunnery Sergeant from the United States Marine Corps. His commitment to Country and his strong work ethic and leadership has always been in the forefront of FNG, which is evident when working with the incredible employees. As previously mentioned, its just another day for them but it goes deeper than that. Whatever the project, big or small, they go above and beyond in its success.

Since the inception of the Cpl. Marc Ryan Memorial 5K Run/Walk in 2011, FNG has worked with the races founder, and MC-LEF Atlantic City committee member, Bob Morrell on printing services from flyers to banners. The quality of work is without exception and year after year the support of MC-LEF Atlantic City by FNG is immeasurable.

Thank you, Gunny! And thank you to the staff of FNG that continues the legacy of our friend, "Gunny" Cipolone. Semper Fidelis.



*Pictured  
Left: Gunny and his wife Jenai (1996) (2012)  
Right: Gunny Cipolone (1994)*

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The Ritz Carlton Dallas  
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