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The internet is ablaze with reports, rumors of reports, preparations for presentations, and changes to the Bylaws for the Marine Corps Mustang Association Annual Meetings to be held in San Antonio, TX on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 during the 2005 Mustang Muster. The Executive Director, Col. Jim Mutter is cracking the whip getting all in line and ready to go. It is the one time a year that leadership of the Association gets face time with the membership and the Directors and Committee Chairmen get to shine. It is also the time of year that we say "Farewell" to the outgoing leaders and "Welcome Aboard" to the incoming leaders.

All Members desiring to offer a Bylaws change or other matter requiring a vote of the membership please submit same to the Executive Committee not later than 15 August at: 45 Timber Lane, Brownsburg, IN 46112-1048 or by email to mutter.mustang@sbcglobal.net. It is requested that you use the format provided in the 2004 Fall Mestengo for all submissions. Include your full address and phone number in case personal contact is necessary to ensure clarification of any item.



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IT IS TIME TO VOTE

This edition of the Mestengo has the list of candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and two Directors for the MCMA. Use the enclosed post card to register your vote at Headquarters no later than:

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

Voter cards arriving after that date will not be counted.

Please insure that your name and membership number appear on the post card in the proper area.

Those who accept the Mestengo on line must follow the instructions in the email announcing the availability of the Mestengo on line. All votes will be counted by the Board of Directors and the results announced at the Muster in San Antonio, TX.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



This will be my last message as President and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those Marines who carried me through the last three years. I might not get all of you but I'll do my best and it is not in any kind of "pecking order" either, just as they come to mind. To Bill Max, for his undying loyalty and steadfast determination to make this Association what it is today, Thanks Bill!! David Brunstad, who faced a

major medical crisis yet made the transition and has hit the ground running as our Business Manager. Joe Featherston, what little I can say here about Joe would not come close to truly articulate his achievements. He has always been the "point man" for this Association at Quantico and in the Washington DC area. Joe is the true champion of this Association like no other. Anyone that can put the amount of time he has and does every month at "getting the message out" about us is nothing less than a remarkable person. Phil Ray has provided me the counsel I needed in the beginning and throughout my Presidency. Jerry Lasher has been the "conscience" of the Association making sure I did not stray to far off course. Jim Mutter, one of the greatest thinkers and most prolific writers I have ever met; I do not know where he finds the energy or time to do what he does. To John Jenkins for his leadership and with getting our website up and running. John Baltes for taking on a project to "re-enlist" those Mustangs who have dropped below the radar and for taking on our old and failing PX. George Fritschi, what can you say about George, colorful is one word that comes to mind but George has remained dedicated to this Association like no other. He is quick to let you know when he disagrees but bends to the majority when he knows it's for the good of the Association. He has taken on many roles when no other would come forward. Last but definitely not least is Bob Richter. Thanks to the Marine who had the foresight 20 years ago to start an Association that we all are proud to be members of.

There are so many Marines that have helped shaped this Association over my three years as President and kept it on a true and steady course. To this Board of Directors and those who left during my tenure I cannot express my gratitude enough. Your actions on what I had envisioned during my first months in office have made my experience one I will remember for the rest of my life. Just a couple of those achievement were the renaming of the Mustang Spirit Award to a National hero, Colonel Mitchell Paige; having a Mustang statue placed at TBS Quantico as a constant reminder to all those of the awesome responsibility they have before them as Marine "Mustang" Officers; establishment of a viable MCMA website; and most important to

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NEW MEMBERS

Earl B Hailston	LtGen	USMC(Ret)	BEAUFORT	NC	R-3155
Raymond L. Fisher	Capt	Marine Veteran	EAST JORDAN	MI	R-3156
Joel K. Lowell, Sr.	Capt	USMCR(Ret)	PENSACOLA	FL	R-3157
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William H. Strom	2ndLt	USMC	QUANTICO	VA	S-3163
Ryan C. Stewart	2ndLt	USMC	QUANTICO	VA	S-3164
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Roy D. Nichols	Capt	Marine Veteran	SAN ANTONIO	TX	R-3168
James D. Clark	Capt	USMC(Ret)	JACKSONVILLE	FL	R-3169
Dwayne J. Dupeire	CWO-3	USMC	CAMP LEJEUNE	NC	R-3170
Paul F. Miller	Capt	Marine Veteran	SACRAMENTO	CA	R-3171
Paul J. Jolicoeur	Capt	USMC(Ret)	MIAMI	FL	R-3172

The dues for the new members listed above have been donated to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund as directed by the Board of Directors. This program was instituted on January 1, 2005 and will carry through the remainder of this calendar year. There are 36 new members for this calendar year with more to come. **WELCOME ABOARD** to all the new members.

BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTORS

Total on hand \$170,658.37

In every issue of the Mestengo we publish a list of those who contribute to our Building Fund. In the last issue we had reached a total of **\$168,742.21** in the fund. Those who contributed since the last issue are listed below. If you contributed and are not listed please accept my sincere apology and notify us so we can make a correction in the next issue. We try to ensure that errors don't happen, but they still do occur. Certificates of Appreciation are issued to contributors: \$50.00 Bronze, \$100.00 Silver, \$500.00 Gold, \$1,000.00 Scarlet, and \$2,000.00 Emerald.

CWO-5	Walter H. Schley, Jr	USMCR(Ret)	Maj	Bobby E. Clark	USMCR(Ret)
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Capt	William C. Benton	USMC(Ret)	Capt	Gerald A. Rushlau	USMC(Ret)
Col	William R Miller, Jr	USMC(Ret)	Capt	Edward G. McDaniel	USMC(Ret)
Maj	Henry J. Cipolia	USMC(Ret)	LtCol	H.J.L. Reid	USMC(Ret)
CWO-2	Charles M. Christensen	USMC(Ret)	Maj	William E. Southerland	USMC(Ret)
LtCol	Thomas C. Smith	USMC(Ret)	CWO-4	Anthony L. Perez	USMCR

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me was the reversal of a ten year trend in a downward spiral of our membership. At last report we actually grew for the first time since 1996! These are but a few of the accomplishments by your Board of Directors and a "few" of those truly dedicated Mustangs that have put their heart and soul into this Association. To my wife Kathy and all the wives who have helped behind the scenes, you are the "unsung heroes" who have made this Association an overwhelming success. Without your sacrifice and support we would not be where we are today, my heartfelt thanks to you all.

Thanks to the Marines that have accepted the challenge to run for office this next election. The only sad note is the lack of participation by the general membership to rise to the occasion and run for those terms of office expiring this year. One example is Joe Davis, your current VP running unopposed and Phil Ray for President with no other challengers. When I assumed this position no one was running at all!!! We need more participation from you out there. Those that do not like what they see in our Association need to be part of the solution not "armchair" Directors. We have a very small cadre of extremely dedicated Marines who are keeping this Association alive. Do your part and take up the challenge next time a call for candidates is requested. E-mail the Board with your concerns, but more importantly what you are willing to do to help.

My thanks to all those behind the scenes, both past and present, which have helped make this Association what it is today. See you all at the Muster in San Antonio!!!

Semper Fidelis,
Pete Bocker



THE NEW MARINE CORPS MUSTANG ASSOCIATION

DECAL

***IS NOW HERE AND
IN STOCK***



The DECAL is 5" in diameter and is on a circular clear background. The PX has these DECALS for sale and also DECALS with a white background. Price is \$2.00 each.

Look for these decals in your package at the Muster.

Look for these decals in your dues renewal letter with your dues card.



Candidate For MCMA President

MCMA Biography **Lieutenant Colonel Philip Howe Ray** **USMC (Retired)** **C-85**

LtCol Phil Ray was born 30 Aug 1938 in Boston and grew up in Franklin, MA. He enlisted 26 Jun 1956. After Parris Island and the Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Pendleton, he became a machine gunner in A/1/3, eventually serving in all three divisions before attending Miami U (Ohio) as a NESEP student beginning in September 1962.

Commissioned at graduation from Miami in December 1965, he completed The Basic School in May 1966, then reported to 1st Bn, 1st Mar in Vietnam. For most of the next year he participated in combat operations under the command of LtCol Van D. Bell, Jr., himself a Mustang and a "China Marine" before Ray was born.

Assigned to the Caribbean Admissions Center at Opa Locka, FL in July 1967, he was promoted to Captain the next February and ordered to AWS in August 1969. He then completed the Advisor's Course before returning to RVN in July and served as an assistant battalion advisor to the Vietnamese Marines, participating in the Cambodian and Laotian incursions during that tour.

After his second combat tour, he commanded C/1/8 and 1/3/2 for a year each, then became OIC of the Officer Selection Office in Boston from 1973-1976. During this tour he was promoted to major. He commanded the embassy Marines in Latin America for the next three years before re-

turning to the states to attend Command and Staff College at Quantico. He then returned to the 2nd Mar Div as the XO of 2/2 before being reassigned as the G-3 Ops Officer following his selection for LtCol in the Spring of 1981.

From July to September 1982, he commanded 1/8 for "55 days" and was ordered to DIA for an abbreviated Attaché course. He spent 1983 on his third Latin American tour as the US Naval Attaché to El Salvador. Returning to 2nd Mar Div in early 1984, he took command of 1/2 in May, and led that battalion through extensive mountain and cold weather training, preparatory to a deployment to north Norway the following spring. That exercise was the first instance of US Marines demonstrating sustained tactical mobility on snow skis during NATO exercises in the Arctic.

In the summer of 1985, LtCol Ray transferred to the Defense Training and Performance Data Center in Orlando, FL. He retired on 31 Aug 1987. Following retirement from the Corps he earned a master's degree in education from the University of Central Florida.

On 24 Aug 1990, he commissioned his only son, William L. Ray, who is now a captain in the USMCR. He and his wife, Sandra, have two daughters attending Florida State University.

REUNION NOTICIES

AVIATION LOGISTICS MARINES

6-9 OCTOBER 2005

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Candidate For MCMA Vice President

MCMA Biography
Captain Joseph B. Davis, Jr.
USMC (Retired)
R-1081

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Arts, Management 1994 GPA: 3.7

Master of Business Administration 1996 GPA: 3.74
Webster University; St.Louis, MO 63119

March 2002 to Present: Logistics Manager – British Aerospace (BAE SYSTEMS), North America. Responsible for the contract management, hiring, and supervision of personnel in the performance of autonomic logistics tasks in support of the Joint Strike Fighter program at Lockheed Martin Aerospace. Drafted and implemented requirements work packages, technical performance metrics, and performed trade studies for strategic sourcing of requirements.

January 2001 to February 2002: Continuous Improvement Leader – Bell Helicopter, Textron. Responsible for training and application of Lean Manufacturing and Six Sigma techniques to eliminate process waste and reduce process variation spanning manufacturing, supply chain, engineering, quality assurance and business processes. Assisted in the development of process certification guide for continuous improvement of aircraft manufacturing and support operations. Analyzed and recommended capital equipment reorganization and improved manufacturing processes related to aircraft manufacturing and repair systems to improve quality, on-time delivery, and dissemination of engineering information. Experienced in systems integration, supply chain systems and management, MRP systems, and supplier development programs.

November 1999 to December 2000: Operations Officer – Direct leadership and responsibility for training (formal and OJT) and operations management related to the logistics support of four AV-8B Harrier VSTOL squadrons. Additional duties as Comptroller, Security Manager, Education Program Officer, Public Affairs Officer, and Information Systems Management Coordinator for the organization. Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13 (MALS-13) selected as “MALS of the Year” by the Marine Corps Aviation Association for 2000.

April 1997 to November 1999: Avionics Logistics and Information Systems Management Officer – Managed 295 mobile aviation maintenance facilities, Automated Test Equipment (ATE), calibration facilities and standards, 600 computer suites and associated network hardware and software. Additional duties as Laser Systems Safety Officer and Classified Material Control Officer. Supervised upgrade of computer suites, servers and user accounts in transition of Windows NT operating system including drafting and implementing plans for training 1500 users on MS Outlook and MS Office 2000. Project Manager for establishing a digital publications network involving provisioning 86 computer suites and associated peripheral hardware, distribution across six organizations and supervising training of more than 2500 users.

February 1989 to April 1997: Logistics Officer: Managed logistics support for F/A-18 Hornet, H-1 Huey and Cobra, AV-8B Harrier, and A6 Intruder aircraft. Support included management of the intermediate and organizational maintenance levels for Power Plants, Airframes, and Avionics Systems. Selected to brief the International Defense Agency on current aircraft maintenance practices. Most junior in occupational field to be promoted from Chief Warrant Officer to Captain and subsequently rated as number one of seven Captains in the command. Managed the largest and most diversified engine repair facility in the Marine Corps and served as the Government Team Leader for establishing requirements and coordinating the efforts of public Works, Corps of Engineers, Japanese Contract officials and U.S. Government agencies in building a new \$25 million engine test facility. Obtained experience in leading Preliminary and Critical Design Reviews for publications, equipment, and facilities.

March 1981 to February 1989: Radar and Weapons Systems Technician: Supervised the repair and production for radar systems, data and video recording systems and weapons delivery and monitoring systems to the component level for A-6, TC-4C and C-130 aircraft. Five Years junior to any other Warrant Officer selected in occupational field. Recognized for modification proposal to Radar Automatic Test Equipment that reduced man-hours and equipment maintenance expended for microwave tests.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Instructor of Business, Tarrant County College; Member of the National Management Association; Member of Society of Transportation & Logistics; Life Member of the US Naval Institute; Life Member of the National Defense Industrial Association; Member of the Logistics Officer Association; Enrolled in the MA program for Defense Management with American Military University; Enrolled in the MS in Logistics program with the University of Texas, Arlington; Training in Lean Manufacturing methods; Six Sigma Black Belt training (systems variation reduction) completed June 2001 with Sigma Science Associates. Experienced with Lotus SmartSuite, Microsoft (Project, Excel, Access), JMP Statistical Software, Visio software. Active SECRET security clearance. Completed several DOD acquisition courses with the Defense Acquisition University.



Candidate For MCMA Secretary

MCMA Biography First Lieutenant Ernest E. Johnson USMC (Retired) R-2710

*1st Lieutenant Ernest E. Johnson (Ret) R-2710
8808 Providence Ridge Court
Richmond, VA 23236-2172*

Candidate for Secretary

Ernest L. Johnson, born in Richmond, Virginia. After graduating from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1956, he enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. He received his first promotion in the Corps, to Private First Class (PFC), upon completion of boot camp at Parris Island, SC.

After boot camp he was assigned to the Steward's School at Montford Point, (now Camp Johnson) Camp Lejeune, NC. Upon completion of the Steward's School, he was assigned to duty at Quantico, Virginia.

In January 1962, he was selected for duty as a Drill Instructor at Parris Island, SC. After DI School he was assigned to D Company, 1st Battalion. While serving as a Drill Instructor he received DI of the Quarter award and was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant.

After duty on the drill field, he was assigned to

the 2nd Marine Division and made several deployments to the Caribbean and the Mediterranean areas. He also served with the 3rd Marine Division and deployed with that unit to the Republic of Viet Nam on two occasions.

Lieutenant Johnson was commissioned in 1968 and served as an Intelligence Officer. In July 1976, Lieutenant Johnson retired from the Marine Corp. Since retirement, he was employed by Reynolds Metals Company and Richmond Public Schools.

He is active in the community and has served as Chairperson of the Chesterfield County Community Services Board, President and Chairman of the Military Retirees' Club, Inc., is active in Ebenezer Baptist Church and currently resides in Richmond, Virginia.

INJURED MARINE SEMPER FI FUND

The members of the Marine Corps Mustang Association, Inc., can well be proud of the contributions made to the IMSFF this calendar year. The ongoing program by which the initial dues, paid by new members joining the MCMA, are donated to the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund has been a very rewarding success. That, and the generosity of the Membership, the MCMA has contributed **\$5,315.00** to the fund and has resulted in providing a helping hand to many of our injured warriors and their families.

The injuries sustained by our young warriors are far greater than what was initially imagined. Continued support for this worthy cause is what we are all about. Philanthropic Generosity for our own.

Thank you one and all.

David P. Brunstad
Business Manager
R-572



Candidate For MCMA Director

MCMA Biography Major Joseph F. Featherston USMCR (Retired) C-24

A Marine Corps career can create many opportunities for the men and women who use what they've gathered over the years and apply it toward life in general. When then-17-year old Joseph Featherston enlisted in the Marine Corps in Philadelphia in mid-1956 after dropping out of high school, little did he know he would someday own and operate his own international operations and logistics consulting company.

Featherston applied his boot camp training to a successful 22-year military career, which included two individual ground combat tours in Vietnam. That career included a nine-plus year assignment in communications as a radio operator, radio chief and Comm Chief. His first Vietnam deployment was with India Battery, 12th Marines in direct support of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines at Phu Bai. He was Brigade Marine of the Year in 1963 in Hawaii before being nominated for the fiscal year 1966 Warrant Officer Screening Course and appointed a warrant officer, later to be commissioned a second lieutenant.

Assignments in aviation included MABS-26, HMM-365, VMFA-542, Group Supply Officer for MCCRTG-20 at Cherry Point and MAG-12 in Iwakuni, Japan, two tours of duty at Navy Aviation Supply Office, Philadelphia as the helicopter weapons system support program manager for all Navy and Marine Corps helicopters fol-

lowed by a 2 ½ year assignment as the first Marine to serve as Director of the Aviation Support Improvement Group. ASIG traveled the world auditing and teaching improved supply support techniques at Navy and Marine Corps air stations.

Featherston retired as a major in 1978 and was employed as a supervisor at National Airlines, then Pan American World Airways, and later was named director of purchasing and stores at Air Florida. He then moved to Ryder System as director of material management, director of operations and vice president of operations for a five-company aircraft leasing and services division.

By 1987 Featherston was both executive vice president/COO of the holding company and chairman, president and CEO of Airbus Service Co., a product support organization for Airbus Industry, the second largest passenger and cargo aircraft manufacturer in the world.

Joe finished high school and later received an associate's degree from Los Angeles City College and a bachelor's degree in industrial systems from Florida International University's School of Engineering. He is currently working on his master's degree.

Joe, and his wife Jeannie, reside in a suburb of Manassas, Virginia where he is gently moving toward a retirement from commercial business. He continues to be the primary representative to the active-duty Marine Corps at HQMC, The Basic School, the National Marine Corps Council and the Citizen's Flag Alliance. Joe presents eight leadership awards each year to honored former-enlisted graduates of six lieutenant classes and two warrant classes. He is the former Chairman of the National Marine Corps Council, former president and vice-president of the local homeowner's association, is the current president of the Society of Senior Aerospace Executives and the historian of the India Battery (3rd Battalion, 12th Marines) association.

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available

Candidate For MCMA Director

MCMA Biography Captain James L. Thompson USMC (Retired) R-1298

James L. Thompson was born in Montgomery, Alabama, on 30 March 1930. He grew up first in Florida and later in Rochester, New York,

He joined "B" Company, 19th Infantry Battalion, USMCR, Rochester, New York, on 8 January 1948 as a member of the Organized Reserve.

He was activated with "B" Company on 28 July 1950 and joined the Reserve Training Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he helped process Organized and Inactive Reservists reporting in for reclassification and for further assignment to Marine Corps organizations. He was transferred later that year to the 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, where he first served as a Battalion Classification Chief/Chief Clerk and later as the Regimental Classification Chief.

In 1953 he was assigned to the Inspector-Instructor Staff, 5th Signal Company, USMCR, Long Beach, California. He reenlisted in 1952, this time as a regular Marine.

He was transferred in 1953 to the Service Battery, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division, where he served as the Regimental Classification Chief/Regimental Security Chief.

He returned to the United States in 1955 and was assigned first as the Administrative Unit Chief and later as the Publications Section Chief at the Marine Corps Institute, Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, Washington, D. C.

He again served as a member of an Inspector-Instructor Staff, this time from 1958 to 1961 with the 2nd Tank Battalion, USMCR, Mattydale, New York.

From 1961 to 1963 he served as the MCAS Provost Chief/Administrative Chief at the Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina.

In 1963 he joined Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, where he performed duties as an enlisted monitor for three years.

He was sworn in as a Warrant Officer (temporary) from Gunnery Sergeant on 30 June 1966 and was transferred to the 1st Marine Division, joining the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, in August 1966. He served as the Battalion S-1 Officer and Battalion Adjutant during his tour.

He returned to the United States in 1967 and served as the Adjutant for the Marine Barracks, Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Virginia. He was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer in 1968 and later that year he was appointed as an LDO Second Lieutenant.

Returning overseas in 1970 as a First Lieutenant, he joined the Marine Refueler Transport Squadron 152, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, on Okinawa as its Adjutant. He returned to the United States in 1971.

He then joined Company "D", Marine Security Guard Battalion, Panama City, Republic of Panama in 1971 and served as Adjutant until he transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve on 31 July 1973.

Having been promoted in the enlisted grades while serving as a temporary officer, he reverted from Captain to Master Gunnery Sergeant until his reappointment as a Captain (Retired) in 1978.

Captain Thompson's decorations and awards include the PH, NCM with Combat V, CAR, PUC, GCM w/4*, OMCR Medal, NOSM, NDMS w/1*, KSM, VSM, RVN Cross of Gallantry w/Palm and Frame, RVN MUC-CAC (1st Class), UNSM and the RVN Campaign Medal w/device.

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After leaving active duty he worked with the Boy Scouts of America as a District Scout Executive for two years, then decided to attend college. He graduated with high honors from Delaware State College in 1979 with a BS in Business Administration.

He worked with the Office of Auditor and Accounts, State of Delaware, from 1980 to 1994 as an Audit Supervisor performing financial and compliance audits as well as operational and management audits of all state agencies in Delaware. He fully retired on 30 June 1994.

He has been serving as a member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs for over eight years. The Commissioners are appointed by the Governor of Delaware as an unpaid regulatory agency to provide guidance to merit system state employees in their work with veterans and their dependents and with the State Veterans Cemeteries.

He plays an active part in the various activities of the Marine Corps League and is a past detachment and department commandant as well as being a past pound keeper and past pack leader of the M.O.D.D. He is a member of the Elks, Delaware Veterans, Inc. and the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Vietnam) Association. As well he belongs to the Marine Corps Mustang Association and is a past member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board.

Captain Thompson, then a Staff Sergeant, married the former Melba Jo Blanchard on 21 June 1958 at the Grace Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. They have four children, Barbara, Robert, Jeanne and Stephen as well as six grand children. Captain and Mrs. Thompson reside in Felton, Delaware.

FROM THE EDITOR

There seemed to be a small misunderstanding about one of the articles in the Last Mestengo that needs clarification. The article was an attempt to honor a great and honorable Mustang who had passed away, Colonel William R. "Bill" Lucius. The article as was not written by Colonel Marshall A. Colo, but **submitted** to me in the form of several articles, two being from published newspapers by authors with by

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REUNIONS CONTINUED

MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

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"By" lines. As editor, I do not authenticate such articles. It is up to the submitter to insure the articles are authentic.

The second part of the article, which was not from a newspaper, nor written by Col. Colo, was an article not signed by anyone. Just an article celebrating the life of Col. Lucius. This brought the ire of a non-member, of the MCMA, who claims to have written the article. To that end, as the Editor of the Mestengo, I make the following statement: **"If any member or non-member of the MCMA submits and article for publication in the Mestengo, you are responsible for the content and the authenticity of the article. Furthermore, if an article is submitted without a "By" line or "Written By" at the beginning or end, it is fair game for publication."** My mistake was not publishing the article as "Author Unknown" and for that, I apologize to the person who claims to have written the well researched article about Col Lucius.

We all have a bushel basket full of articles tucked away in our files or locker box, with short, unsigned, articles and stories that are great reading and of which we would like to share with others. I hope this does not dissuade anyone from providing the future articles the majority of us enjoy reading in the Mestengo, in the "Tall Stories & Sea Stories, Stories of Unforgettable Mustangs and Most Memorable Mustangs." Keep em coming.

David P. Brunstad

Editor - Member 572

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

While on a trip to England, the fact that warm beer was a way of life for them, it reminded me of an anecdotal story that I wrote earlier.

The Quest for a Cool One

As a member of the Corps during WW2 I think that the second most desired item for most of us guys was a tall "cool" one. Surely you are thinking of the same brew that I am because many of them were consumed during those years. It was not a problem during my early years in San Diego or even at MCAS Ewa on Oahu. However when I was sent to Midway with MAG-22 to work in the 6th Defense Battalion's Paymaster's Office that I became aware of the lack of refrigeration for a "cool" one. The Navy Exchange was generous enough by sending a truck around where you could buy a case for a buck. Four guys with four quarters could end up with a six-pack each, warm ones that is. It was drink it warm or become a teetotaler. Many became warm beer drinkers at that time.

As I staged with the 4th Marine Air Wing to Samoa and then north through many small atolls it was apparent that warm beer was a way of life on many of them. Fortunately on Majuro the Navy had a big area for the men of the fleet anchored in the atoll to come ashore for a "cool" **one**. With us being there on shore we could have ours when we wanted to.

Later I was to run on to what I thought was the most ingenious of way of "cooling" the brew. The Paymaster sent me to Makin Island, the scene of the raid by the Marine Raiders earlier in the war. Here I was to pay the **troops** of a fighter squadron the next day, but the Supply Officer told to come with him to the operations area. There were **troops** standing around having a "cool" **one** and I was invited to draw my ration. Why I am telling this is because it was the novel way that they had to cool the brew. They cut open and hinged a drop tank that could be filled with the brew and then the duty pilot took it to the proper altitude for the correct amount of time for chilling. I am sure that this called for close calculation so as to not get too high or stay too long for it to

freeze and break open.

Possibly there were others that used this way of "cooling" but I had never heard of it in my wandering around most of the atolls in the Ellice, Marshall and Gilbert groups.

I hope that all that were responsible for that morale builder were not disciplined for being so ingenious.

By
CWO Don Hanson
R-2733

United States Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Official United States Mint Silver Dollar Coin

The initial sale of the USMC Silver Dollar Coin by the US Mint occurred aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico on 20 July 2005.

Purchases are now open to the public through the US Mint www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/commemoratives/index.cfm?flash=yes&action+Marine, by calling (800) USA-MINT (872-6468) or by writing United States Mint, Customer Care Center, 801 9th St. N.W., Washington DC 20220.

Initially, the minting of 500,000 coins was approved. Based on the tremendous interest in the coin, the minting of an additional 100,000 has been approved. A \$10 surcharge from the sale of each coin will go toward the construction fund of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Heritage Center.

The prices for the coins are: \$35 plus \$4 handling for an uncirculated silver dollar in a presentation case and \$39 plus \$4 handling for the silver dollar "proof" in a gift box.



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Through the efforts of the Muster Chairman, Maj. George Fritschi, additional rooms at the four and one half Diamond, Hotel Valencia River Walk, listed as a member of "Small Luxury Hotels of the World", have been obtained. It is located two doors down the Riverwalk from the La Mansion.

There are 10 rooms for 3 nights at an astronomical price of \$99.00 a night plus tax.

Call: (210) 227-9700 and ask for Reservations.

Several members who have registered at the La Mansion del Rio Hotel for the reunion have not registered with the Muster Committee for the Muster nor the events. There was an email sent to several members who have internet access and the following is a list by membership number of those who have not yet registered. If you find your membership number in this list, send in the Registration form on the next pages to Sue Haley.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

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2005 Mustang Muster
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MUSTER REGISTRATION
Registration cut-off is August 20, 2005

Membership # _____ Date: _____

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Guest Name _____

Does any member of your party require handicap facilities? Yes NO

DATE	DAY	START/END TIME	EVENTS	COST PER PERSON	NUMBER OF PERSONS	TOTAL COST
SUNDAY	SEP 25	1000/1700	REGISTRATION	\$20.00 *		
		1000/TILL	HOSPITALITY SUITE IS OPEN			
		1100/1700	WALK TO ALAMO// LUNCH ON YOUR OWN			
		1830/2030	DINNER at the TEXAS LAND & CATTLE STEAK HOUSE	\$36.00		
		2030/2130	RIVER BARGE BOAT TOUR	\$6.00 **		
MONDAY	SEP 26	0830/1600	TRIP TO FREDRICKSBURG TO VISIT ADMIRAL NIMITZ "WAR IN THE PACIFIC" MUSEUM // LUNCH ON OWN	\$28.00		
		1000/1700	REGISTRATION	\$20.00 *		
		1000/TILL	HOSPITALITY SUITE IS OPEN			
		1700/1900	RECEPTION	\$22.00		
		1900/2130	DINNER AT THE "BARN DOOR"	\$28.00		
		2200/TILL	HOSPITALITY SUITE IS OPEN			

* Denotes a one time fee for Registration
 The Menu for the Barn Door is a selection of one of three dishes. Please indicate the number of meals desired in your party for:

- Steak _____
- Chicken _____
- Trout _____

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- Smoked Sirloin 14 oz. _____
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- Grilled Salmon Steak _____
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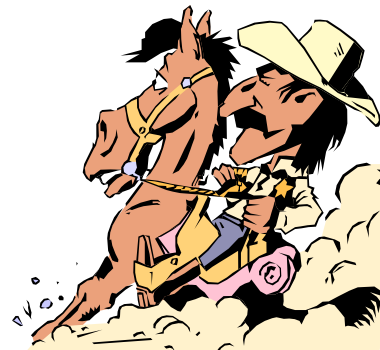
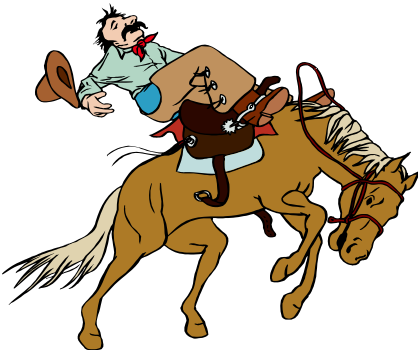
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		0930/1100	OLD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING			
		1300/1430	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING			
		1430/1630	NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING			
		1800	BANQUET SOCIAL HOUR			
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		2045	SPECIAL AWARDS			
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