



## **MARINE CORPS DISBURSING ASSOCIATION**

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### **PRESIDENT**

It is time to finalize plans to meet in Charleston. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there. This looks to be another great reunion with old friends gathering and an opportunity to make some new friendships. See the registration forms, all the details and who is attending on our website. See you in Charleston! Additionally, as you know, through our Shelly Stokley Scholarship Fund we have had the honor of awarding over \$30,000 to help Marine family members with their educational expenses since 2006. Fund-raising activities have been challenging, therefore, there is an increasing need for individual donations to enable the MCDA to continue to "take care of our own". Please consider submitting a tax-deductible donation to this worthy cause. Thank you to all! Please read on....

Semper Fi, Greg Bucholtz, President  
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### **2019 MCDA MEETING/REUNION**

You are all invited to attend the 2019 Marine Corps Disbursing Association biennial meeting and reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, May 19-23, 2019. You do not have to be a supporting member of the Association to join us in Charleston or to participate in any of the events.

We will be staying at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The daily room rate is \$136.00 plus tax for single or double occupancy and includes a daily breakfast. This rate is also available three days prior or three days after our event if you plan on an extended stay. On-site parking is free and the hotel provides a complimentary airport shuttle.

When you call, be sure to provide the reservation code of: Marine Corps Disbursing Association to ensure you receive our room rate of \$136.00 plus tax. Phone number is (843) 744-4422.

Below is a list of scheduled events. No requirement to attend the events, choose the ones you wish.

#### **Sunday, May 19:**

Reunion check-in is from 3:00-5:00pm in our hospitality room.

**Welcome Dinner (Buffet) at Hotel (6:00pm)** - \$35.00 per person

#### **Monday, May 20: (Group Picture, Time TBD)**

**City Guided Bus Tour (9:30-12:00pm)** - \$7.00 per person. The city bus tour will be a motor coach tour of the city. Along the way, we get off the bus a few times to stretch our legs. The bus tour will include Charleston highlights in the historic district. We also visit the Citadel (Military College of SC) on this tour.

After the city tour, we will enjoy lunch on our own and spend some time shopping and browsing in the Old City Market.

We will then re-board the bus that will take us to a ferry boat ride to Fort Sumter.

\*\* For those that wish to forgo the Fort Sumter Tour, you may opt out after the City Tour/Lunch. For those that opt out, the NASH Shuttle located at the downtown visitor's center can be utilized to return back to the hotel.

**Fort Sumter Tour (2:00-4:30pm)** - \$25.00 per person. As quoted, "Visit the place where the American Civil War began in 1861. Begin your tour with a cruise through Charleston's historic harbor where you can catch breathtaking views of the city and watch sea gulls and dolphins play in the harbor. Upon arrival at Fort Sumter, rangers from the National Park Service will give you an informative introduction before you tour this famous bastion and its marvelous museum." Be advised, walking may be challenging at times on the Fort due to its configuration.

**Tuesday, May 21:**

**Patriots Point Tour (9:30-1:30pm)** - \$30.00 per person (Includes lunch). As quoted, "Tour Patriots Point, one of the world's largest naval and maritime museums. Visit the USS Yorktown, the famous fighting lady of World War II; the Destroyer Laffey, a participant in the World War II D-Day landings at Normandy; the Vietnam Experience Exhibit (Vietnam Era Support Base with its Sea Cobra and Huey helicopters); and the newly renovated Congressional Medal of Honor museum." Included with this tour is a BBQ lunch in the Chief Petty Officer's Mess aboard the USS Yorktown.

**Wednesday, May 22: (MCDA Meeting, 10:00am)**

**Memorial Service/Farewell Dinner (Buffet) at Hotel (5:00pm)** - \$35.00 per person

Following the buffet we will adjourn for the results of the silent auction and drawing. **Don't forget to bring along your item(s) for the silent auction, if desired. All proceeds go to our scholarship fund.**

## **MARINES HONORED**

Continuing our program to recognize our active duty Marines for their professionalism in the finance field, each Disbursing and Finance Office identified one SNCO and one NCO that performed their duties in a superlative manner and provided significantly to the overall success of the office mission throughout the 2018 calendar year. Also included was one SNCO from Financial Management School and one from HQMC P&R-RFF. The Association presented each selectee with

a Certificate of Commendation, a personalized plaque for their display, an association Challenge Coin, and a two-year membership to the Association. We are proud to recognize the following selected Marines:

### **HQMC P&R-RFF**

Master Sergeant Maria C. Diaz

### **Financial Management School**

Staff Sergeant Faith M. Shipley

### **Regional Disbursing Office—West**

Gunnery Sergeant Karey Boatright

Sergeant Monae Cobb

### **Regional Disbursing Office—East**

Gunnery Sergeant Steven L. Lavigne

Sergeant Deanne R. Patlan

### **Regional Disbursing Office—Pacific**

Staff Sergeant Jesse Cordes

Sergeant Anthony Gray

### **Finance Office, National Capital Region**

Gunnery Sergeant Mario Molina

Corporal Dylan Williams

### **Finance Office, MCB Hawaii**

Staff Sergeant Luis M. Sanchez III

Sergeant Matthew J. Rodriguez

### **Finance Office, MCRD San Diego**

Master Sergeant Tennille N. Emmsley

Sergeant Timothy J. Houston

### **Finance Office, MCRD Parris Island**

Staff Sergeant Freddie Richardson Jr.

Corporal Joash M. Osoro

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**

Just a reminder, disbursing Marine veterans, their spouse, children and grandchildren are eligible to apply for one of our Education Assistance Program scholarships. The scholarship application must be submitted by **April 30, 2019**. The eligibility requirements and application form can be found on our website, [usmcdisbursers.com](http://usmcdisbursers.com).