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Greetings Marines and Friends of the Corps,

We are pleased to provide you with the Fall 2020 edition of the Marine Corps Association Foundation Newsletter. As always, I think you'll enjoy reading about our organization and the many ways we're supporting Marines. Like many of you, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our operations, but we still continue to support the professional development of Today's Marines. Our programs remain popular with Marines throughout the Corps as we continue to look for ways to support Marines whether in the operating forces or in a training environment. The Marine Corps Association Foundation is not remaining static — the current environment is a unique challenge that we will continue to face head on. These are exciting times for our Corps, and your contribution to our mission is continuing to have a direct impact on the readiness of Marine leaders. I am grateful for your continued support.



W.M. Faulkner

LtGen William "Mark" Faulkner USMC (Ret)
President & CEO
Marine Corps Association & Foundation

SUPPORT TO MARINES IN THE COVID ENVIRONMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BATTLE STUDY PACKAGES

This program provides battle studies and guest speakers to help Marines grow as tactical decision makers and leaders by studying the lessons of history in great detail about leadership, warfighting, and the complex challenges faced before our time can be learned, and those lessons applied to today's operations.

DECISION MAKING EXERCISES

MULTI-MEDIA RESOURCES



OUR PUBLICATIONS & MORE

Keep Current On Issues Affecting The Corps Today And Stay Connected With Your Community And Our History Through Our Iconic Publications, Leatherneck - Magazine Of The Marines And The Marine Corps Gazette.

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Marines continue to serve and train even with the restrictions placed upon them by the COVID-19 pandemic, and MCAF remains ready to support leathernecks in any clime and place. In the first half of 2020, we have already presented thousands of awards in recognition of the outstanding performance of Marines in training and educational schools and courses across the Corps. As our Marines continue to learn and train, their commitment to critical thinking and persuasive writing is more important than ever. MCAF continues to sponsor essay contests, present writing awards, and add unit libraries across the Corps. We've provided additional books from the Commandant's Professional Reading List to both Recruit Depots to assist in ensuring our newest Marines continue to learn while in quarantine.

Our Commanders' Forums Program, however, has been significantly impacted by the pandemic as restrictions on large group gatherings and the need for social distancing have resulted in numerous battlefield tours being canceled or postponed. We are still finding ways to support the learning that comes from the study of historical battles and campaigns, along with expanding other professional resources, and are making use of virtual and digital resources as much as possible.

The Marine Corps Association Foundation is counting on you to help us meet program demands even in this uncertain environment.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

The Marine Corps Association Foundation has developed a new and expanded professional development resources site, which is a benefit to both Marines serving today and other members of MCA&F. In addition to providing access to the digital versions of *Leatherneck* and *Gazette* and over 100 years of those magazines' archives, the site serves as a one-stop-shop of remarkable resources, references, and tools for Marines of all ranks.

Learn more about how MCAF is supporting Today's Marines at www.mca-marines.org/professional-development

RESOURCES INCLUDE

BATTLE STUDY GUIDES

PODCASTS

MAPS

ACCESS TO WARGAMES

TACTICAL DECISION GAMES

AND MUCH MORE!

A group of Marines in camouflage uniforms and tactical gear are marching away from the camera on a paved path. The lead Marine in the foreground has a large tan backpack. The path is flanked by green grass and trees.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

This year, the Marine Corps Association & Foundation recognized the need for more accessible professional development resources for Marines and designed an awards program to address that need. The ability to have a “one-stop-shop” that provides resources and materials Marines can use wherever they are, whether at sea, in garrison, or in a pandemic environment is vital, and to support access to these new and comprehensive resources, the Marine Corps Association & Foundation established the Professional Development Membership Awards Program this summer. The program provides a one year, no cost membership in the professional association of the Marine Corps to individual Marines in support of the Commandant’s efforts to enhance their professional development. Memberships are provided to commanders in Training and Education Command and throughout the operating forces for distribution to their outstanding Marines who they believe will be the future leaders of our Corps. The program supports the Commandant’s guidance on personal professional development and lifelong learning and will assist individual Marines as they prepare to face the challenges of the future.

You can help us meet the needs of Marines through this new program. It’s still early in the implementation phase, but our initial feedback from the Commandant and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps through Commanders and Sergeants Major down to Corporals attending professional military education courses has been outstanding and they are eager to use our resources in training and education in the future. We expect the program to expand, but can only do so with your help!





LEGACY GIFT GIVING

Legacy giving is one of the ways you can provide support to Marines long after you're gone.

Recently, two retired Marines, Lieutenant General Carol A. Mutter and her husband, Colonel James Mutter, established an honorarium with MCAF for Sergeant Major Alford L. McMichael, USMC (Ret), the 14th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps. SgtMaj McMichael served as the Sergeant Major, Manpower & Reserve Affairs when LtGen Mutter was the Deputy Commandant, M&RA. Out of her respect and admiration for him and their continued friendship, LtGen Mutter and her husband set up a distribution to MCAF as an honorarium for SgtMaj McMichael as part of their estate planning.



SgtMaj Alford L. McMichael, USMC (Ret)



LtGen Carol A. Mutter, USMC (Ret)

"It has been our joy and pleasure to create a Trust honorarium to LtGen Mutter's last and most appreciated SgtMaj of HQMC Manpower and Reserve Affairs and, not coincidentally, the 14th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps: Alford McMichael. LtGen Mutter personally requested an audience with then Commandant, General James Jones, to recommend SgtMaj McMichael for that post. Accordingly, the Mutter Family Revocable Living Trust reserves and bequeaths a percentage of its final distributable value to the MCA&F as that honorarium."

-LtGen Carol A Mutter, USMC (Ret) and Col James Mutter, USMC (Ret)

Legacy Giving may be something you would consider especially if you would like to honor a Marine you served with or family member who wore the cloth of our beloved Corps. Contact us at 703-640-0175 to learn more.

To Learn More About Our Efforts To Support Today's Marines Please Visit Us

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