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Greetings Marines and Friends of the Corps,

We are pleased to provide you with our latest Marine Corps Association & Foundation Newsletter. This Spring 2020 edition provides examples of the many ways we're continuing to support the professional development of Today's Marines, whether through our programs, our magazines or our professional events.

Our Commandant, General David Berger, knows how much the Marine Corps Association & Foundation does for Today's Marines and we've used the Commandant's Planning Guidance as our own guide in helping translate the CMC's focus areas into action, especially the focus areas of warfighting and training and education. Our battle studies, unit libraries, and guest speaker programs assist commanders in advancing their units' professional development and their preparation for the next fight, and our donors and sponsors play a vital role in our efforts.

These are exciting times for our Corps and for your Marine Corps Association & Foundation. Please know that you are directly impacting the readiness of Today's Marines. I remain thankful to be on your team and eternally grateful for your continued support.

LtGen William "Mark" Faulkner USMC (Ret)
President & CEO



"We greatly appreciate the continued support of the MCA&F. Many thanks to you and your team for the positive impact you continue to have on our active duty force!"

Col Ricardo Miagany
Commanding Officer, 11th Marines



MCA&F Combat Development Dinner Features General James N. Mattis USMC (Ret)

The Marine Corps Association & Foundation was privileged to host the 26th Secretary of Defense and retired Marine General James N. Mattis at two recent events. The general served as the guest of honor at a luncheon on September 25, 2019. Held in coordination with the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and the Marine Corps University Foundation, the professional event provided an opportunity for Marines and friends of the Corps to hear one of the nation's leaders whose experiences in Washington, D.C., and on the battlefield provided him with a unique perspective on world events. The ballroom of The Clubs at Quantico was packed with guests eager to hear from the former commander of U.S. Central Command and I Marine Expeditionary Force who also graciously signed numerous copies of his recently released book, "Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead," which he co-authored with Bing West.

General Mattis returned to Quantico in late October to serve as the guest speaker at the Marine Corps Association & Foundation Combat Development Dinner, hosted by Lieutenant General Eric M. Smith, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command. Held once again at The Clubs at Quantico, the professional military education event was the largest ever hosted by MCA&F with more than 500 guests in attendance. The general spoke to the crowd on a variety of topics including the need for allies, General Berger's Commandant's Planning Guidance and lessons he learned during his time in the Corps.

"Thanks to Marine Corps coaching, thanks to the Commandant's Reading List...I knew exactly how I was going to nail them...I knew that we were going to destroy them."

General James N. Mattis, USMC (Ret)



Gen Mattis also took questions from the audience, many of whom were students at various schools throughout Marine Corps University, including the Marine Corps War College, Command and Staff College and The Basic School. As active-duty Marines, the students' attendance at the dinner, as it is with all MCA&F professional events, was funded through donations to MCAF's programs for Marines. Marines from Expeditionary Warfare School, including those shown in the photo to the left, were especially thrilled to meet one of the icons of the Corps.



The Marine Corps Gazette and Leatherneck published exclusive interviews with Gen Mattis in the October 2019 issues in which the retired four-star discussed his career as a Marine, the influence his junior Marines and mentors had on him, and the lessons he hoped to impart on the next generation of Marines.



Annual Golf For The Marines Tournament

The second annual Golf for the Marines tournament was held October 21, 2019 at the Club at Creighton Farms, Aldie, Va. One hundred and twelve duffers enjoyed playing the beautiful Jack Nicklaus designed course, including several young active-duty Marines stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico. More than \$24,300 was raised to support our programs for Marines, and we greatly appreciate the outstanding support of our sponsors and everyone who donated to our silent auction, all of which made the event so memorable. For those in the Washington, D.C. area, we'd love to see you at this year's tournament – we'll be back at Creighton Farms on October 19 to play another round!



Numerous retired Marines turned out to support Today's Marines including, from left to right: Col Jon Sacrison (MCUF COO), LtGen George Flynn (MCAF Board Chairman), SES Tony Greco, Col Tim Mundy (MCAF Director).



MCA&F COO Col Dan O'Brien (far right) and corporate sponsor Col Ron Zich, USMC (Ret) lead the way to the course. Corporate sponsors in addition to our individual donors are vital to our efforts to support Today's Marines.



One of the many awards presented during the tournament included the award for the longest drive which MCA&F CEO, LtGen Mark Faulkner, above right, presented to CDR Jim Partin USNR (Ret) at the conclusion of the tournament.

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