

# THE REAL THING!

Slightly Enlarged to Show Detail



Actual Size 1 1/16" x 7/8"

*This is the Real Thing, Solid 14K Gold, made in the U.S.A. and Tough as the Marine who wears it.*

*Don't Keep Your Pride Inside!*

14K Marine Emblem  
 Reg. \$149 — **Our price \$99**  
 with 14K 20" chain  
 Reg. \$225 — **Our price \$159**  
 with heavier 14K 20" chain  
 Reg. \$329 — **Our price \$228**  
 Add \$5 for shipping & handling.  
 MA residents add sales tax.

*"Be one of the few, the proud, to own the original 14K Marine Medal."*

Satisfaction Guaranteed

Check or Money Order  
 MC, VISA, AMEX, DISC

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

**JADETREE JEWELERS**

25 Storey Ave., Suite 325, Newburyport, MA 01950  
 Call 800-486-0877

**U.S. MARINES IN VIETNAM: The Defining Year 1968.** By Jack Shulimson, LtCol Leonard A. Blasiol, USMC, Charles R. Smith and Capt David A. Dawson, USMC. Printed by Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 805 pages. Stock #008055002087. \$63 MCA Members. \$70 Non-members.

"U.S. Marines in Vietnam: The Defining Year 1968" covers the situation in South Vietnam prior to the start of the Tet Offensive in January 1968 through the remainder of that deadly year. This last volume in the history of the U.S. Marine Corps' involvement in the Vietnam War is a detailed study regarding the decisive battles that essentially destroyed the National Liberation Front (NLF) or "Viet Cong" as a military and political entity. The force behind the destruction was the U.S. Marine Corps.

Dr. Shulimson and his team of historians write of the immense problems facing American Commander General William Westmoreland and in particular Lieutenant General Robert E. Cushman III, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (MAF), prior to the commencement of the Tet Offensive in late January 1968. The Tet Offensive attempted to undermine the political support of the war in the United States and destroy the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN). As Shulimson's study illustrates, the size and shape of the combined enemy offensive was both thorough in execution and massive in content and highly disruptive to American military planners.

"The Defining Year" concentrates on the two major campaigns that Marines fought during the Tet Offensive—Hue City and Khe Sanh. Militarily, the NVA's plan unraveled as it ran into the Marines and the ARVN at both places. At Khe Sanh, after enduring an 80-day siege, the Marines not only beat back the two divisions that North Vietnamese General Ngo Vo Giap threw at them, but launched a successful counterattack that killed thousands of NVA. As Dr. Shulimson and others have noted, the situation resembled very little of the French disaster at Dien Bien Phu in April 1954 when the Viet Minh (under Giap) defeated the French paratroopers and legionnaires in a similar siege. This time, however, the besieged forces had excellent air and artillery support backing them up, as well as a constant flow of supplies and fresh units and casualty evacuation to and from the battlefield. But even more important





**"Honor \* Courage \* Commitment" or any "Alumni"**  
 Embroidered Polo - \$22.95  
**NEW! Deluxe Polo - \$26.95**  
 NEW! Windbreaker - \$21.95  
 Printed Sweatshirt - \$17.95  
 Printed T-Shirt - \$12.95  
 Embroidered Cap - \$9.95

**Quantico**



**Alumni**

Coffee Mug  
 Jumbo black 15 oz., 5" tall with gold USMC logo.  
 \$9.95



**"USMC-A"**  
 (Black/Gray or Red/Black on white or gray shirt)  
 Printed Sweatshirt - \$17.95  
 Printed T-Shirt - \$12.95  
 (Full front or back only)

**San Diego 1998**



**Parris Island 1985**



Alumni orders: To substitute graduation year for "Alumni", please add \$3.00. Left front chest only. Printed shirts only - no caps or polos.

**Athletic Shorts**  
 Two-pocket, 100%, 7 oz. shorts with "HCC" or "Alumni" on left front.  
 \$13.95



**"USMC-B"**  
 (Four colors on white or gray shirt)  
 Printed Sweatshirt - \$19.95  
 Printed T-Shirt - \$14.95  
 (Full front or back only)

Applied Advertising and Promotions Shipping/handling \$5.00. **888-796-6898**  
 7025 W. Tidwell, Suite H-100 MasterCard • VISA • AMEX  
 Houston, TX 77092 Call, fax or email us for our complete catalog. 713-939-8110  
 sales@aaap.com "Designed by Marines, for Marines" Taffi 1983-1998 We miss you. fax: 713-939-7328

## YOUR HOTEL IN NEW YORK CITY! The Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club Founded 1919



A private Non-Profit, 501 (C) 3, organization founded to provide  
**"Service To Those Who Have Served Their Country"**

283 Lexington Avenue (at 37th Street) • New York, New York 10016  
 Reservations ( We accept VISA, MC & DISCOVER ): 800-678-8443 (TGIF)  
 Web Site : [www.ssmclub.org](http://www.ssmclub.org) • FAX: (212) 683-4374

We offer lodgings and a Club environment **ONLY TO ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE/ NATIONAL GUARD, RETIRED AND HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND GUESTS.** Rates from \$ 25.00 to \$ 40.00 per person per night. The Club is in MIDTOWN MANHATTAN, close to the Theater District, the Empire State Building, the UN, and Fifth Avenue shops. Convenient transportation to city sights, airports, trains & buses. The USO of New York is collocated at the Club. Call, write, FAX or E-Mail for information and reservations.

**U.S.M.C.  
Fighting/  
Utility Knives**

**New!**

**KA-BAR Knives**

- An American Legend - the knife Marines depended on during WWII
- Oval handle constructed of compacted leather disks
- High carbon steel (1095) blade, black epoxy powder coated, buff polished, razor sharp edge, HRC 56-58
- Cowhide sheath with U.S.M.C. "Eagle and Globe" crest included
- Blade length 7", overall 11 7/8"

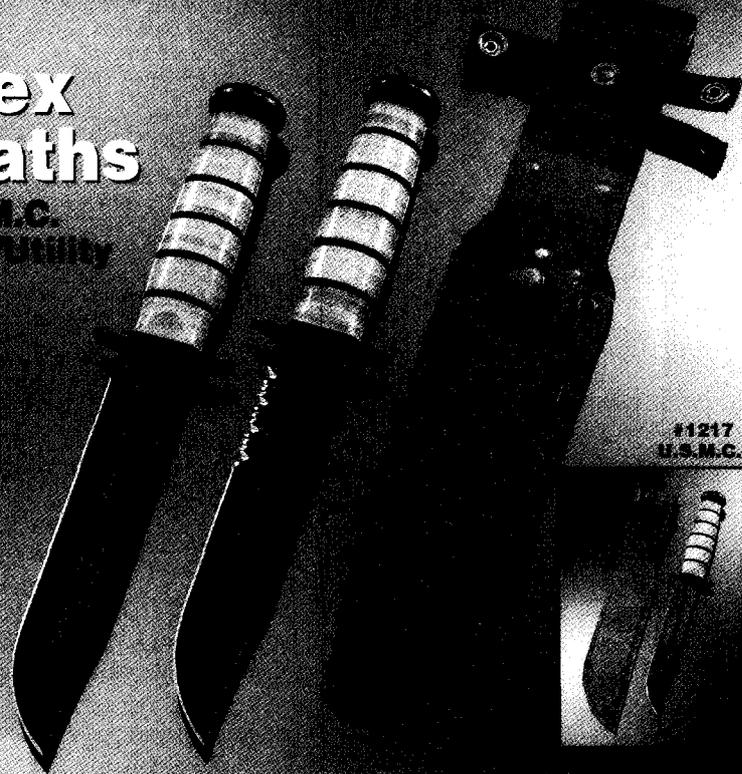
**KYDEX SHEATH FOR U.S.M.C. FIGHTING/UTILITY KNIFE #1216**

- All weather performance, impact corrosion and abrasion resistant
- Ambidextrous - right or left handed
- Wide belt loop with slip locks

**KA-BAR Knives, An Alcas Company**  
1125 E. State St., Olean, NY 14760  
Ph: 1-800-282-0130 • Fx: 716-373-6245  
Website: www.ka-bar.com

**Kydex  
Sheaths**

**U.S.M.C.  
Fighting/Utility**



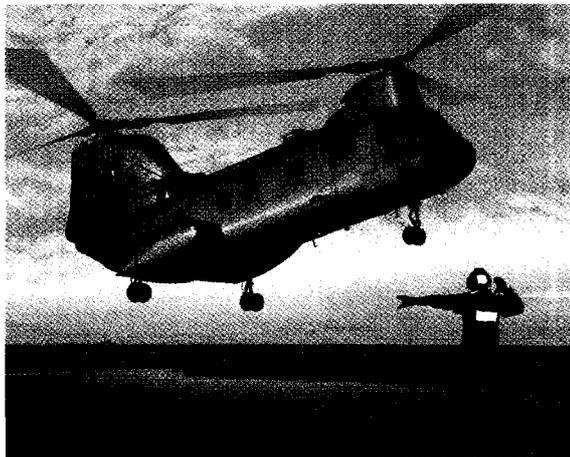
was the fact that it was Marines that garrisoned this important fire base.

The battle for Hue and in particular the fight for the Citadel, the site of the ancient Vietnamese provincial capital, is one of the bitterest campaigns in the history of the Marine Corps. It was during the house-to-house fight for Hue that Marines engaged for the first time a combined NVA-VC force in a protracted and oftentimes savage set of battles. As these historians have concluded, the NVA's offensive aimed at capturing Hue forced them to "shoot their initial bolt," with the result that the Communist forces lost approximately 40,000 men in the I Corps region. The battle for Hue cost nearly 12,000 allied casualties, two-thirds suffered by ARVN.

Surprisingly, the real "meat" of the book deals with the post-Tet situation in Vietnam, a period often overlooked by historians. These chapters describe the fighting that occurred around Da Nang, Dong Ha and in I Corps' Southern Tactical Zone. Despite the casualties inflicted upon the NVA during the first phase of the Tet Offensive, the Marines and ARVN still had to contend with an enemy determined to maintain the initiative despite enormous casualties.

As with the other eight operational histories in this series, "The Defining

**G.D. Provenza**  
proudly announces a new limited-edition lithograph



**"Sea Knight"**

Edition limited to 300 signed & numbered prints and 25 Artist's Proofs.

Overall size: 22 x 28  
Image size: 16.5 x 21

Issue Price: \$59.95  
Artist's Proofs: \$79.95

Plus \$4.00 s&h

For over thirty years, the veteran CH-46 *Sea Knight* has been lifting Marines into the world's troublespots, and bringing them out again.

This new limited-edition lithograph, reproduced from the artist's original oil painting, is a tribute to the CH-46's long service to the United States Marine Corps.

Printed on premium grade art stock, acid-free for permanence, this large, high-quality lithograph will be an attractive decoration in your home or office, and a valued memento.

To order, send check or money order to:

**G.D. Provenza**

P.O. Box 271362, Fort Collins, CO 80527

Please allow three weeks for delivery.

## A treasured symbol of your service



Finally, you can wear a Marine Corps ring that doesn't look like a high school ring. Its sharp, eye-catching design and solid construction truly reflect the pride and honor of the Corps.

Prices start at \$127 and easy payment plans are available.

Call or write today for a **FREE** color brochure showing metal choices and prices: **1-800-872-2853** (free 24 hr. recorded message - leave your name & address and the information will be rushed to you). Or, to speak directly with a sales representative call 1-800-872-2856.

*Act now for Christmas delivery - these rings are custom-made in limited quantities.*

Mitchell Alan Lang Designs  
435 S.E. 85th Dept. L  
Portland OR 97216

Code L1198

## AWESOME USMC T-SHIRTS

belt buckles, key chains, & etc.

VISIT WEB PAGE - [members.iglou.com/hurrah](http://members.iglou.com/hurrah)

% of sales donated to TOYS for TOTS

Black & Red GOLD & BLACK



U.S. MARINES  
SSBD



The Few The Proud The Marines  
SSIJ

T-shirts	L/XL	\$ 9.95
	2X	add \$ 2.00
S & H		add \$ 3.00
SALES TAX		add 6 %

Mail Check or Money Order TO :  
DLC & Associates  
P.O. Box 99266 Louisville, KY 40269

## U.S. MILITARY MEDALS



Guaranteed lowest prices on medals & ribbons! Insignia, ballcaps, hat pins, dog tags, patches, display cases, Zippo lighters, etc. For our large color catalog send \$2 to:

Centurion • 608-M Stonewall Lane  
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

**Nation's Lowest Prices!**



**Brooke's Army-Navy  
Surplus Store, Inc.**

For all your camping, survival and outdoor gear

5402 N. College Ave.

Indianapolis, IN 46220-3126

(317) 255-TENT (8368)

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-5

Year 1968" examines Marine aviation, artillery, pacification, the role of helicopters, supporting arms and manpower issues, as well as perhaps the most controversial aspect of the Vietnam War—the issue of the single air manager and its surrounding controversy involving Air Force Gen William Momyer, Gen Westmoreland's air chief.

Also discussed is the Special Landing Force, the role of U.S. Marine advisors and reconnaissance teams all within the context of the Marine's overall efforts throughout the year of 1968. Highlighted by excellent maps and photographs, this is a book that Marines, historians and those with a real interest in the Vietnam War will want to own. It is really a bargain when one considers the operational and historical material contained in its 805 pages.

Leo J. Daugherty III

**THE TEAMS: An Oral History of the U.S. Navy SEALs.** Edited by Kevin Dockery and Bill Fawcett. Published by William Morrow and Co. 283 pages. Stock #14964. \$20.70 MCA Members. \$23 Non-members.

Kevin Dockery and Bill Fawcett's work is a collection of accounts of the men who volunteered during the early 1960s for the U.S. Navy's elite SEAL (sea, air and land) teams formed as a response to President John F. Kennedy's program of developing the special operations capabilities of the U.S. Armed Forces. Formed by and large from the Navy's Underwater Demolition Teams, or "frogmen," the SEALs have grown to become one of the most highly trained U.S. commando units conducting operations above and below the oceans, seas and rivers of the world across the entire spectrum of warfare. This book describes not only the combat operations those early teams conducted, but focuses primarily on the training and men who made them happen. Throughout each of the interviews, one can see an unmistakable pattern of loyalty and dedication—something Marine readers will easily identify with. This book is a keeper, the only shortcoming being the lack of any photographs, possibly due to security concerns.



Leo J. Daugherty III



# LEAVING THE CORPS?

(and under age 30?)

... then you need to call us about the **MCA LEATHERNECK IV MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN.**

*Leatherneck IV* is for MCA members or dependents who are under age 30 and need an affordable, yet comprehensive group health plan.

The *Leatherneck IV* plan lets you choose the doctor and hospital you want.

*Other features:*

- Up to \$1,000,000 coverage
- Your choice of deductibles
- Pays 80% of first \$5,000 of eligible expenses
- Pays 100% of the balance of eligible expenses incurred during calendar year.

### ELIGIBILITY

To apply, you must be under 30 years of age and a member of the Marine Corps Association. Marine subscribers to *Leatherneck* and the *Marine Corps Gazette* are automatic members.

Coverage can be continued for twelve months or to age 30, whichever occurs first. You may apply for a new certificate if still eligible at the end of the 12 months term.

**GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE  
FOR MCA MEMBERS  
WITHOUT CHAMPUS**

**For more information on  
LEATHERNECK IV, call  
1-800-368-5682.**



**MARINE CORPS  
ASSOCIATION**

Since 1913... Tradition and Service

GROUP HEALTH PLANS