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BLACK MARINE NEWSLETTER

We Served, We Endured, We Perservered

*We don't gossip, we don't pass on Bum Scoop,
We sometime Bulls- -t,
We Tell Sea Stories
But, you always get
"The Word"!
"That's what we Do!"*

Purpose:

This Newsletter provides information about Black Marines, to Black Marines as Black Marines see it.

Topics are:

- ***"Muster"*** To give account for all persons on the Mailing List!
 - *Illness, Deaths, etc.*
 - ***"Events"***, Provide notice of scheduled events relative to Marines!
 - *Reunions, Meetings, Conventions, etc.*
 - ***"Notes from the members"***
 - ***"Mailing List Additions"*** To list new Marines added to the Mailing List or other changes affecting the lists.
 - ***"Sea Stories and down right Marine Lies"***
No jokes, because we just don't know any! (Smile)
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Muster: All present and counted for, Sir/ Mam!

- SgtMaj. Napoleon “Jack” Jackson** OCEANSIDE -- passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2010. He was born March 8, 1935 in Chattanooga, Tenn., son of Major W. Sr. and Jessie Mae Jackson. Jack enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and proudly served for 32 years. He retired in 1989 as a Sergeant Major. After military retirement, he worked for a number of years for the Marine Corps Community Services. Jack is a Vietnam Veteran and a member of the North County Retired Military Association. He is survived by wife, Mary; daughter, Treva; and several in-laws, family members and friends.

Mrs. Jackson reported that services for the SgtMaj. would be held at the Oceanside Mortuary June 24, 2010. Jack will certainly be missed and our prayers love and support goes out to his family.



Mary & Napoleon Jackson



SgtMaj Napoleon Jackson



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Sick Bay

1. Captain, Acie Bone is currently home recuperating from his battle with heart disease. Acie had a procedure recently to correct a malfunction in his heart function. Based on a conversation with Bertha he is a bit weak but he is still fighting. She also wants everyone to know that they appreciate the calls and prayers they have received because they have certainly helped. If you like you may call Bertha and check on Acie's progress at 714-545-7200.
2. MGYSGT. Ed Carter is at home recovering from his battle with heart disease. Ed sound strong when I spoke with him in the hospital and is in good spirits. If you like to speak with him he can be reached at 949-586-1259. Ed expressed his appreciation for the calls and prayers that he has received from many of you. He said that it really is nice that so many of you have called and he has enjoyed speaking with you. Keep the calls and prayers coming!

News From The Membership and Other Sources:

Looking for a Long time Friend!

I was asked by a Marine if I had information about a Marine that he had known many years ago but unfortunat I didn't know the Marine he asked about.

I promised him that I would ask about him so here goes;

Do you know where Andrew Roberts MOS 3389, Food Service is? Eddie Pelletier @ 609-898-0793 would like for you to contact him.

*Bobby Wallace
The Gator*



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Retirement Ceremony

*A wonderful event occurred
May 7, 2010 at Camp Pendleton, CA!*

*MGySgt Robert Council, Jr. joined the
ranks of the retired.*

Robert joined the Marine Corps April 30, 1980 he did Boot Training at Parris Island and graduated meritoriously Private First Class November 18, 1980. He attended his military occupational specialty school (MOS) at Camp Johnson, NC for his primary MOS as a Travel Clerk. After four years of service Corporal Council decided to re-enlist and make a lateral move into the Utilities MOS.

Throughout his storied career he served at Cherry Point, Camp Butler on Okinawa, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejune, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC, Camp Pendleton, CA where he served as Platoon Sergeant, Maintenance Chief, Staff NCOIC. In June 2001 he was promoted to Master Sergeant and later received orders 1st Maintenance Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, CA where he

served as the Platoon Commander, Staff NCOIC. He had four deployments to Iraq and during those deployments he was promoted to Master Gunnery Sergeant and served in the capacity of Logistics chief and Operations or chief of G-4 and G-7 respectively.

MGySgt Council is highly decorated with Meritorius Service Medal (Gold Star in Lieu of Second Award), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in Lieu of Third Award) Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal (9). He is married to his bride of 20 years, Kim Council. They have two sons, Demetrius and Micka'.

It cannot be inherited nor can it ever be purchased. You or no one alive can buy it for a price. It is impossible to rent; it cannot be lent. You alone and our own have earned it with sweat blood and lives.

**You own it forever; the title:
*United States Marine***





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2011 Reunion **Reminder**

Here we are half way through the year and less than a year before we gather in Virginia Beach, VA. Wow! Where has this year gone?

We made the announcement at the Orlando reunion last year that Virginia Beach would be the next reunion site and the response was outstanding. We began planning for our fourth reunion and now we are reaching out to get a feel of how many might attend the event.

If you would take the time to go to the website and participate in the Poll it would certainly be helpful to the Reunion Planners. They plan events to make each reunion exciting and hope to get a lot of interaction from the attendees. After all that's what reunions are all about.

While you're there create a profile and let others know that you're are apart of the Black Marine Reunion family.

This one little step will be so helpful I preparing for the reunion.

I don't know about you but I am excited about going to Virginia Beach, VA.

See you there in 2011.
www.blackmarinereunion.com

Bobby Wallace
The Gator

Milestone Reached

TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) announced that as of May 26, 2010, the one billionth TRICARE Encounter Data (TED) record was processed for TRICARE services around the world. TED records provide detailed information for each treatment encounter and are required for TMA healthcare and financial reporting.

The TED system helps civilian providers get paid promptly for the services they provide to TRICARE beneficiaries outside of military treatment facilities. Records are processed for provider payments in less than 24 hours in most cases.

The ease and speed of the TED system gives providers an incentive to participate in TRICARE. Increased participation in TRICARE networks provide beneficiaries better access to health care. By verifying and analyzing the information in each record, the TED system allows provider payment to occur promptly and helps reduce payment of duplicate, fraudulent or erroneous claims. To date, the TED system has processed more than \$140 billion of purchased services for TRICARE beneficiaries worldwide.

Source:
NAUS Weekly Report



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Paying TRICARE Fees Electronically

TRICARE Prime beneficiaries can save time by paying their enrollment fees electronically in one of two different ways -- direct withdrawal from their retirement pay allotment or by creating an electronic fund transfer (EFT) linked to a bank account.

Beneficiaries can visit their regional health care contractor's website to download and fill out the required Enrollment Fee Allotment Authorization letter or EFT Payment Authorization form and mail the completed form back to their regional health care contractor. For more information, visit your regional health care contractor's website:

[Health Net Federal Services \(North Region\)](#), [Humana Military Healthcare Services \(South Region\)](#), and [TriWest Healthcare Alliance \(West Region\)](#).

*Source:
Military.com*

TRICARE Hospice Benefit

The TRICARE hospice care benefit is a zero-deductible benefit that gives eligible TRICARE beneficiaries access to personal care and home health aide assistance. It initially provides two 90-day periods of care, followed by an unlimited number of 60-day periods. Each period requires prior

authorization from the regional health care contractor. Not all care is covered by the hospice benefit. Charges for medical care not related to the terminal illness fall under the beneficiary's basic TRICARE benefit. For more information about the hospice benefit, visit the [TRICARE website](#), contact TRICARE For Life, the regional managed care support contractor or your TRICARE Area Office.

*Source:
Military.com*

VA Announces New Hotline

Week of June 14, 2010

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) has announced a new telephone hotline to provide emergency support and resources to homeless veterans. The hotline of the new National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-4AID VET will provide homeless veterans with timely assistance and coordinated access to VA and community services. Family members, workers at community agencies and non-VA providers also may call the hotline to find out about the many programs and services available to assist homeless veterans. For more information, visit the [National Call Center for Homeless Veterans webpage](#).

Source:



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Agent Orange Update

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act, signed by the President on May 5 (Public Law 111-163), includes significant portions of a bill (HR 2926) introduced earlier in the year by Rep. Glen Nye (D-VA) to protect troops exposed to Agent Orange. The Caregivers bill contains a provision to permanently extend authorization for the VA to provide hospital care, medical services and other treatments to veterans suffering from exposure to Agent Orange or from the ailments commonly known as Gulf War Illness.

*Source:
Military.com*

Retirement

And they ask---Why I Like Retirement?

Question: How many days in a week?
Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday
Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?
Answer: Three hours after he/she falls asleep on the couch.
Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?
Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.
Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.
Question: Why don't retirees mind being called, Seniors?
Answer: The term comes with a 10 percent discount.
Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?
Answer: Tied shoes.
Question: Why do retirees count pennies?
Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.
Question: What is the common term for someone who continues to work and refuses to retire?
Answer: NUTS!
Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?
Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.
Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?
Answer: Normal
Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?
Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.
Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?
Answer: If you cut classes, no one can call your parents.
Question: Why does a retiree often say he/she doesn't miss work, but misses the people he/she used to work with?
Answer: They are too polite to tell the whole truth.



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Question: What do you do all week?
 Answer: Monday to Friday; Nothing, Saturday & Sunday I rest.
 Share this one with all the retirees that you know.
 I'm sure they can relate to some of them!
 AND, If you have not yet retired, look what you have to look forward to.
 Happiness is a voyage, not a destination,
 There is no better time to be happy than... NOW

Source:
Daisy Handy

States with no Income Tax for Military Retirees

*We have received many calls asking about States that do not impose an income tax on military retired pay. Several States do not tax military retirements. They include: **Alabama, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Ohio and Pennsylvania.***

*The following do not carry any State income tax: **Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.** And **New Hampshire and Tennessee** only tax dividend income.*

We urge you to contact the State you have interest in to get the latest

information on its tax laws. Although the above-mentioned States exempt military retirement pay, they may not exempt other retirements that you are receiving.

Source:
Military.com

Just Stay

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man.

She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile.

He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings,



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the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her.

"Who was that man?" he asked.

The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered.

"No, he wasn't," the Marine replied.

"I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here.

When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey.

His Son was killed in Iraq today, and I was sent to inform him.

What was this Gentleman's Name?

The Nurse with Tears in Her Eyes Answered,

Mr. William Grey.....

The next time someone needs you ... just be there. Stay.

Source:

James Hutcherson



Just when I thought I couldn't be surprised!

I received a letter at the end of last month from a friend that I have known nearly all of my adult life which in itself is an achievement to still have someone you can call a friend!

The real surprise was that it was hand written. Can you imagine receiving anything in today's information and communication age that is hand written?

The letter started off by asking "Bobby, what is happening down there in Oil Land?"(Smile)

Then it continued "first I know you must think I have lost my mind. Else why would I be using this method to communicate with you?"

Boy he hit it out of the park with that statement and question.



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Then I thought emails and other forms of communication are so impersonal even though it gets the job done. But when you receive a hand written letter from a friend you really appreciate the time they took to write it. Even at the risk of being unreadable. I don't really know why I was surprised because I have friends that would do that for me because they are just those friends. The next time you want to surprise a friend send them a hand written letter or just a note. It worked! Oh, by the way that friend is Billy Woods "The Gunny".

Bobby Wallace
The Gator

Websites of Interest to Visit

ACES Museum honoring Black and minority veterans of World War II and their families

<http://www.acesmuseum.org/main.html?src=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.acesmuseum.org%2Findex2.html>

Montford Point Marine Association:

<http://www.montfordpointmarines.com>

Veterans Benefits, News and Information:

Visit this website for information regarding veterans!

<http://www.veteransnetwork.org> or
<http://www.veteransnetwork.net>

Dave Culmer is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Veterans Foundation.

Support These Internet Sites

www.16centsaday.org

www.shoptoearn.net/jarheadenterprises

- www.ytbnet.com/6721*

WWW.JACKIESTRAVELSTORE.COM

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BRENDA MITCHELL HAS A NEW TRAVEL BUSINESS AND YOU CAN VISIT HER WEBSITE AT

<http://www.ytb.com/travelwbreez>

Bill Dozier has a new website that promotes electronic smokeless cigarettes. Go to www.nationalsmokeless.com

Distribution Request:

We ask that you provide a copy of this Newsletter to fellow Marines who do not have access to e-mail. Also, if they have access to a Fax machine we will fax a copy of the Newsletter and other information to them. Tell them to send their fax number to 352-259-2435 or 949-364-4300.



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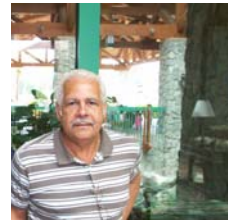
A step Back In Time

I received this news clipping from Ansel Allen sometime ago. He has had it now for 38 years and just wanted to share it with some of the Marines who may have been in North Carolina at the time. This clip is dated May 11, 1972.

*One of the four men on the right all bachelors has been selected most eligible colored bachelor by **Ebony Magazine**.*

Source:

Ansel Allen



Bill Woods

“The Gunny”

949-364-4318



Bobby Wallace

“The Gator”

Do you recognize anyone in this photo? Contestants are Left to Right; Chuck Morrow, George Moore, (first name Unknown) Howard, Harry Palmer and James McDonald. Observing are committee members Mrs. Emma McCoy, Mrs. Bernice Stewart, and Mrs. Sadie Blount.