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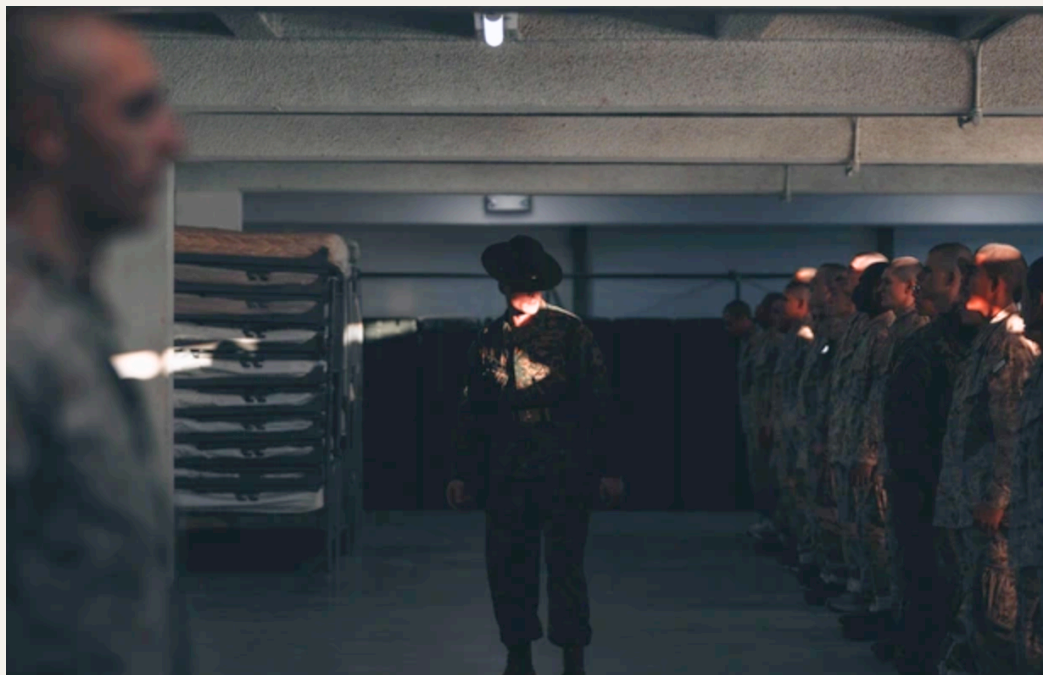


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**LETTER FROM THE MCRD  
MUSEUM FOUNDATION  
BOARD PRESIDENT**

Dear Foundation Members, supporters, and members of the greater MCRD Community,

I hope you had a joyous holiday season and are having a great start to 2026. Your Foundation has been busy. In the second half of 2025 we held a successful Globe and Anchor, setting a new fundraising record for that event. We supported the Depot's Birthday Ball as well as the Commanding General's holiday concert and reception. And finally, we got the long-awaited 'Marine Spirit' project underway. Marine Spirit, a monument based on the iconic Joe Rosenthal picture of the flag raising on Iwo Jima has a planned completion date of November, 2026.

Marine Spirit construction is under contract and progressing well. We have been successful in our fundraising in support of this project – but there is still a need for more. Although the monument will be a gift to the Marine Corps there are continuing maintenance and support requirements we still need to cover. There will be requirements for additional work in the surrounding area including landscaping and hardscape associated with the monument.

That yet to be defined work, if approved by Depot leadership, is outside the contract and remains unfunded. This project, in the works for over two decades, is coming to fruition in the next 9 months. Help us make it a success and carry the legacy forward.

We will host the Sgt Lucas T. Pyeatt Golf Tournament again this summer. This will be the tournament's 8<sup>th</sup> Year. Please help us make it better than ever. We have been informally notified that Sgt Pyeatt's family will be able to attend this year – and we all very excited.

The golf tournament, the Globe and Anchor, the support of generous donors and sponsors, and the proceeds from the museum gift shop support our projects and programs. We will assist the museum with refreshing the Recruit Squad Bay exhibit and creating a Recruiter's Office exhibit. We are also supporting new technology needs. All of this is important, as well as expensive.

You can help in several different ways:

- Yes, we need your financial support – we can't do what needs to be done – helping tell the story of the Marine Corps, and specifically the Marine Corps in our region, without it.

- We need volunteers. We are a volunteer organization, supported by a small professional staff. If you have a skill, or simply the heart to try and help, we'd like to hear from you.
- We need to grow our membership and extend our reach. We are still working initiatives to create, wherever possible, value for members outside the metro San Diego area. Use your contacts, assemble fellow MCRD SD alums – and direct them to our website for more information.

As always, we appreciate your support and generosity.

All the Best,  
Rick

Carl F. Huenefeld  
Colonel, USMC (Retired)  
President, MCRD Museum Foundation





# TALES OF THE DEPOT: SMEDLEY BUTLER AND THE GARDEN CLUB

WRITTEN BY RICK HUENEFELD

Smedley Butler is a Marine Corps Icon, the consummate warrior, recipient of two separate awards of the Medal of Honor and well as the Brevet Medal – a rough Medal of Honor equivalent award given before Navy and Marine Officers were eligible for the Medal of Honor. His name evokes combat leadership, expeditionary operations from China to Mexico to the Caribbean, an exacting and uncompromising commitment to integrity and high standard – it doesn't naturally bring to mind landscaping and the San Diego Garden Club.

But allies they were. When Butler took command of Marine Base, San Diego, now MCRD, in Feb of 1926 the base was a collection of roughly 30 Mission Revival Style

buildings on what was still generally bare ground – fill dredged from San Diego bay. The fill, mainly silt, was loose and light once dry creating a dusty and unhealthy environment for the Marines. Landscaping had begun under General Pendleton, but there was still a lot to do. Butler, with his characteristic energy, directed an extensive campaign of beautification. Speaking to the

San Diego Garden Club in July of 1926 he described the efforts underway. General Butler said that when complete, planned for March, 1927, 50,000 plants, 1500 trees and over a million square feet of lawn would have been planted. All primary roads were to be lined with grass and trees, planted 10 feet in from the roads, 30 feet apart.



To make all of this happen top soil needed to be imported to cover the alkaline fill. The General estimated that 75,000 cubic yards of top soil would be used. The Marine Corps gathered most of this soil from an area referred to as Green's Farms – part of the Camp Elliot complex, now S. Miramar. While CG of MCB Quantico in 1921 Butler had directed construction of a now historic amphitheater as a football stadium, using his Marines as the labor force – one has to assume the same held true in San Diego. When the top soil effort was hampered by lack of adequate transport the General even convinced a Movie Company, filming aboard the base, to donate a trucks – some accounts say it was a power shovel (excavator) - when they finished filming. By 1930 San Diego Magazine was writing of how 'the very unattractive site of swamp and marsh lands has been transformed into a place of striking beauty'.

To deal with the dust and blowing sand, expeditions were sent to local beach areas to collect cuttings of ice plant and other succulents for planting throughout the base. These cutting, along with seedling and saplings were nurtured in a lath house (plant nursery) which still exists as bldg. 359, in the Landscaping Contractor's area west of Gate 2. And finally, he encouraged groups, such as the American War Mothers, later the Gold Star Mothers, the Garden Club, and local fraternal and patriotic groups to plant remembrance trees aboard the base. The American War Mothers gardens outside building 14 are a surviving example.

The crowning glory to General Butler's vision has to be what is now referred to as Butler Gardens – the extensive lush gardens directly behind the Commanding General's Quarters. Starting with a clean slate, these gardens were

intended to function as reception spaces - an outdoor intension of Quarters 1. Using plants and materials donated, some brought back by Marines from their world-wide travels, and some collected locally (some it is suggested – collected from the City Gardens and Park, now Balboa Park) the gardens became an extensive botanical collection, including a number of rare specimens. Laid out under General Butler's directions, carefully developed and expanded by master gardeners as well as a long succession of Commanding Generals and their families the gardens certainly meet General Butler's intent that they be a showcase for the Marine Corps in San Diego – the 'Jewel in MCRD's Crown'.

The scenic beauty of MCRD's grounds has gladdened the hearts of many who have served here as well as hundreds of thousands of visitors, but I think both Generals Pendleton and Butler would be most pleased by the impact of this beautiful place on those who have become Marines on this historic base.





# TUN TAVERN TUESDAY & IWO JIMA BOOK SIGNING AUGUST 13, 2025

Tun Tavern Tuesday, a favorite MCRD and Museum Foundation gathering, featuring free street tacos, live music, yard games, and refreshments provided by C4 Energy and Coronado Brewing Company, along with opportunities to tour the museum and celebrate esprit de corps on a beautiful sunny Depot day. Adding to the afternoon, guests met Ray Elliott, editor of *My Iwo Jima Saga*, who signed copies of the powerful firsthand account by Col. Dave E. Severance, USMC (Ret.), preserving the true history of the iconic flag raisings atop Mount Suribachi and honoring the Marines who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Tun Tavern Tuesday is a recurring social event, with a Marine Corps historical or cultural theme, that connects veterans with active-duty Marines and their families to decrease isolation and increase social support. These gatherings help combat depression, PTSD, as well as reduces suicidal ideation and behavior. Tun Tavern Tuesdays are kid friendly events that include free food, live music, and family games. Hosting the event at the Command Museum facilitates a focus on shared culture and traditions, military history, and esprit de corps. Moreover, everyone has an opportunity to tour the Command Museum. Stay tuned for the upcoming Tun Tavern Tuesdays this Spring and Summer.





## JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING TUN TAVERN TUESDAY THIS SPRING & SUMMER

Foundation & Museum Staff sharing more about the Foundation



MCRD Active Duty Marines pose for a pic with C4 Energy



Guests met editor Ray Elliott during a signing copies of *My Iwo Jima Saga*, by Col. Dave E. Severance.



# MCRD MUSEUM FOUNDATION

## QUARTERLY BREAKFAST



David M. Boone, Rear Admiral, Civil Engineers Corps, USN (Retired), President and CEO of the San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC).

On January 13, 2026, The MCRD Museum Foundation hosted their first Quarterly Breakfast of the year. The MCRD Museum Foundation welcomed members and active-duty Marines to Duncan Hall for its Quarterly Breakfast, featuring guest speaker David M. Boone, Rear Admiral, Civil Engineers Corps, USN (Retired), President and CEO of the San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC).

The presentation highlighted SDMAC's ongoing efforts to strengthen the region's military presence and long-term readiness while deepening collaboration between the military, civic leaders, and industry partners. Rear Admiral Boone outlined key initiatives currently underway, including legislative actions aimed at retaining veterans in California, strategies to improve the resilience and

sustainability of military bases, and efforts to advance a growing defense innovation ecosystem in San Diego. Drawing on decades of leadership experience in both the Navy and the engineering and construction sectors, he emphasized the importance of proactive planning, policy engagement, and community partnerships in ensuring San Diego remains a premier military region. The discussion underscored how these initiatives not only support today's service members and veterans, but also help secure the future strength and stability of the military installations that are vital to national defense and the local community.

# COLONEL NATE SMITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

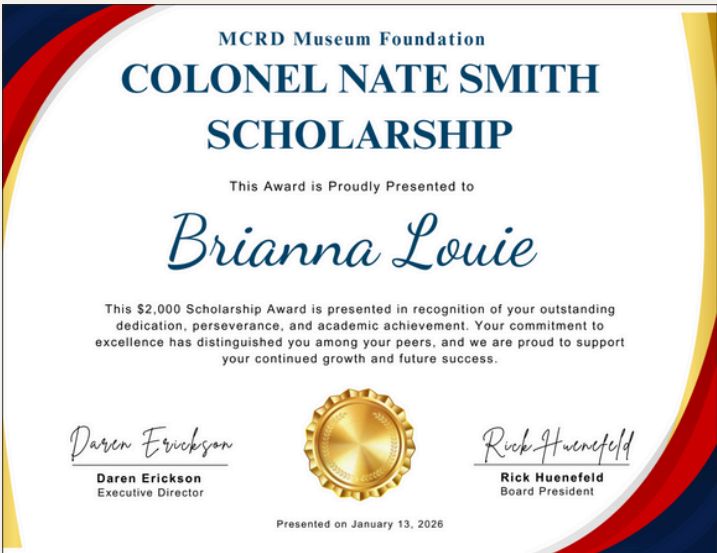


Staff Sergeant Daniel T. Breuer, Award presented by Allan Rappoport, Jim Guerin, and Bronson Jacoway

The MCRD Museum Foundation was proud to recognize the recipients of the Col Nate Smith Scholarship, selected from an exceptionally strong and competitive pool of applicants. While many candidates demonstrated impressive qualifications, three individuals—Donovan Tate, Briana Louie, and Daniel Breuer—stood out as embodying the dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence that define this scholarship, each receiving a \$2,000 award in recognition of their commitment to personal growth and future achievement. These scholarships were made possible through the generous support of donors Allan Rappoport, Jim Guerin, and Bronson Jacoway, whose investment in education continues to create meaningful opportunities for Marines, Sailors, and their families. Open exclusively to Marines, Sailors, and their dependents stationed at MCRD San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, the Col Nate Smith Scholarship reflects the Foundation’s continued commitment to supporting education and developing the next generation of leaders.

Staff Sergeant Donovan Tate

Briana Louie







# MARINE SPIRIT MONUMENT

In celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States Marine Corps, the MCRD Museum Foundation proudly announces the approval of the Marine Spirit Monument.

The Marine Spirit Monument, to be placed aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, will feature a powerful sculpture of the iconic flag raising on Mt. Suribachi from February 23, 1945.



The first-ever Marine Corps monument of its kind on a West Coast Marine base. Be part of history. Your donation will help bring the iconic flag raising on Mt. Suribachi to MCRD San Diego. Join us in preserving the legacy—every gift makes an impact.

**SCAN TO DONATE TODAY**





# MARINE SPIRIT MONUMENT

WRITTEN BY:  
JIM GUERIN COL, USMC (RET)

By now I hope that you have heard or read that the MCRD Museum Foundation is planning on constructing aboard MCRD a replica of the flag raising on Mt Suribachi during the battle for Iwo Jima in World War II. The monument will be a recreation of Joe Rosenthal's Pulitzer Prize winning photograph, recognized as an iconic image of the determination and fighting spirit of the Marines who fought there. The Foundation hopes to unveil this treasure on 10 November 2026.

So how did we get to this point? In December 2009 I was the president of the Foundation's board of directors. We were hosting the annual Christmas party, called the Tun Tavern Tea at the time, in the museum's Visitors Reception Center. During my remarks to the members of the Foundation and the board of directors, about 350 in attendance, I asked a rhetorical question, "Why don't we have an Iwo Jima statue at MCRD San Diego?" The response was a resounding affirmation that at least this audience was supportive. There is an Iwo Jima monument at Quantico and at MCRD Parris Island, two of the three entry

level training bases in the Marine Corps. At the next board of directors' meeting we decided to explore the feasibility of offering a monument to the Depot.

So why the Iwo Jima flag raising? Well the board of directors felt that this image was iconic and told a story of determination, courage, and the values and ethos of the of Marines. It brought to life the qualities and character of the men and women who wear or have worn the uniform of the Corps. Personally, I had found inspiration and motivation every time I visited the monuments at Arlington, Quantico, and Parris Island. I was inspired when I met Joe Rosenthal while on recruiting duty in New Jersey; had dinner with Colonel Dave Severance, whose Marines raised the flag during the battle of Iwo Jima; broke bread with Colonel Nate Smith, a volunteer at museum and a veteran of the battle for Iwo Jima. These men have all passed away, but the descriptions of what they experienced and the sacrifices they made at Iwo Jima remain.

As we began developing a plan of action the Marine Corps was grappling with the discovery that several of the Marines and Navy corpsman in Joe Rosenthal's photograph had been misidentified. General Neller gave guidance through the HQMC Historical Branch that the Marines in the photograph and all replica monuments based on it represent all Marines, past, present and future. He stated that the monuments reflected the spirit and ethos of Marines. We decided to call our monument the Marine Spirit Monument.

We envisioned multiple uses for the monument. First it will be a site where the drill instructors could bring their recruits and teach about core values and the warrior ethos.

Secondly, we have about 100,000 plus visitors come to graduations each year. For many of them this is the only Marine Corps base that they will ever visit and this will be the only opportunity those visitors will have to see this monument in person.

Thirdly, we believe that there will be reenlistments, promotions, and retirements at the site. For that reason, we have included a concrete pad in the design.

A strong supporter and friend of the Sailors and Marines in San Diego, Mr. Ben Clay, referred me to a friend of his, a sculptor, Mr. Michael Matson. Michael and his son Kevin own Bellagio Precast and have numerous pieces of sculptured artwork around San Diego, in central California, and Nevada. At the time of our first meeting they were working in

Balboa Park restoring pieces of art and the decorative molding and corbels around the leaves of all the buildings. Their work was exquisite and the detail was compatible to that of the sculptor Frederic Remington. They agreed to design for us a monument based on Joe Rosenthal's Pulitzer Prize winning photo. After working with them for over a year in which they donated their time and skills, we decided to contract with them for the monument.

# MARINE SPIRIT MONUMENT

## CONTINUED

WRITTEN BY: PAUL H. ATTERBURY COL, USMC (RET)

During the years following the initial proposal for an Iwo Jima Flag Raising Statute aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot – San Diego, the Museum Foundation became stronger and its support for the Command Museum and the entire Recruit Depot more impactful.

Incorporated under the name Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Historical Society, the Museum Foundation made the change to its current operating name to reflect the depth and breadth of its nonprofit activities more accurately. In time, the Museum Foundation began to set the standard for how a self-sustaining nonprofit non-federal entity provides value added support to a military command museum.

Meanwhile, the name, intent, and purposes of the original Iwo Jima Flag Raising Statute evolved into a formal gift offer from the Museum Foundation to the Recruit Depot on April 25, 2023, entitled “Marine Spirit Monument.” The evolution of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising Statute proposal into the Marine Spirit Monument Gift Offer recognizes how Joseph J. Rosenthal's famous photograph of the flag raising atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima underwent a transformation in meaning. The image and likeness of that flag-raising is now an atemporal symbol of the fighting spirit of Marines and the tremendous accomplishments of the Marine Corps – during its entire history.

On May 29, 2025, the Department of the

Navy delegated authority to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot – San Diego to accept the Museum Foundation's April 25, 2023, Marine Spirit Monument Gift Offer. The intent of the Marine Spirit Monument, as explained in the Gift Offer of April 25, 2023, is as follows:

**“The Marine Spirit Monument provides an addition to the Recruit Depot and serves as an extension of the Command Museum. The Monument plan includes laser engraved descriptions that explain how the Monument captures the essence of Marine Corps values and traits. The intent for using the memorable flag raising scene as the focal point of the Marine Spirit Monument includes providing visitors an inspirational, educational, and visible testament of the Marine Corps’ service culture – leadership; the core values of honor, courage, and commitment; combat prowess; selfless service; mission accomplishment; and, responsible citizenship.”**

The Monument helps explain the “Marine Spirit” through the enduring written testaments within the engravings around its base and by the timeless visual testament of the statute.

The Marine Spirit Monument is a tribute to all Marines – past, present, and future – as well as an acknowledgment of the supportive family members and loved ones that serve alongside Marines.





# YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

THE YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM SEEKS TO EDUCATE THE YOUTH WITH AGE APPROPRIATE LEARNING AND EXPOSURE TO OUR RICH HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

The Devil Pups recently participated in an immersive educational visit to the MCRD San Diego Command Museum as part of the Foundation's growing Youth Education Program. Led by our Director of Marketing, the experience featured a specially designed lesson plan centered around the Foundation's mascot, Cpl Belleau, who guided the group through pivotal moments in Marine Corps history.

As the Devil Pups moved through the museum galleries, Cpl Belleau highlighted monumental developments across different eras—showcasing the innovation, leadership, and lasting impact Marines have made throughout history. By connecting key artifacts to defining moments in the Corps, the lesson reinforced leadership principles, service, and legacy in a way that was both engaging and meaningful for these young participants.



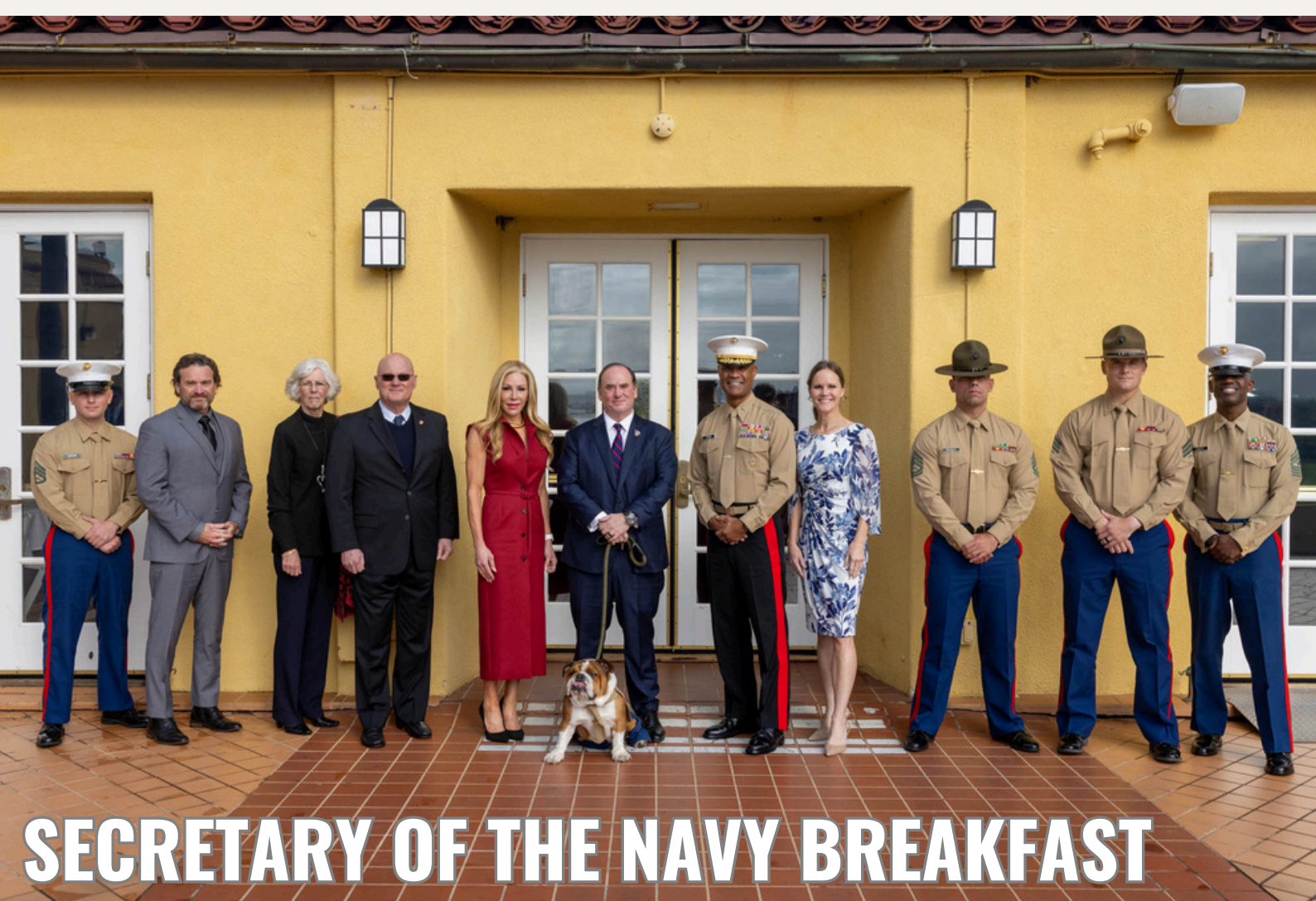


# AROUND THE FOUNDATION



MCRD Museum Foundation supported the Mt Soledad Memorial Association with a Museum popup exhibit during their GySgt John Basilone plaque unveiling which honored Medal of Honor recipient, GySgt John Basilone





On Friday, November 21, 2025, the MCRD Museum Foundation had the distinct honor of attending a special breakfast alongside the Honorable John C. Phelan, 79th Secretary of the Navy; Brig. Gen. David C. Hyman, Commanding General of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region; members of the command deck; and the Foundation's Executive Director and Board President.

During this meaningful gathering, the Foundation was able to personally express its sincere gratitude for the Secretary of the Navy's approval to move forward with the Marine Spirit Monument project. Planned for completion by November 2026, the monument represents a lasting tribute to the legacy and spirit of the Marine Corps—made possible through the Secretary's support during his visit to the Depot, which also included observing the graduation of Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion.

This special occasion underscored the strong partnership between the Foundation and Marine Corps leadership, as well as a shared commitment to honoring those who serve. The Marine Spirit Monument will stand as a powerful symbol of that collaboration and the enduring values of honor, courage, and commitment for generations to come.



Mock Design of Marine Spirit Monument coming to MCRD San Diego



# AROUND THE FOUNDATION



Mt. Soledad Foundation donating a replica of the Camp Pendleton Plaque



The Commanding General's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holiday Reception at the MCRD Command Museum



Special thanks to Rainbow Tropicals Inc. for their continued donations of landscaping plants, and to Brian Keaveny for his time and contributions to the landscaping.





## THE COMMAND MUSEUM EXHIBITS UPDATES

Commissioned by the MCRD Museum Foundation, the Museum “portrays the legacy of the Marine Corps” through its exhibits. This year, the Museum staff developed two exhibits to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Marine Corps.

This oil painting, featuring the Marine Corps emblem with two vertically oriented cannons abutting the emblem on its right and left sides, was created by Jesse Alwin, a Marine veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, who also attended recruit training at MCRD San Diego and ultimately completed his career there before retiring.



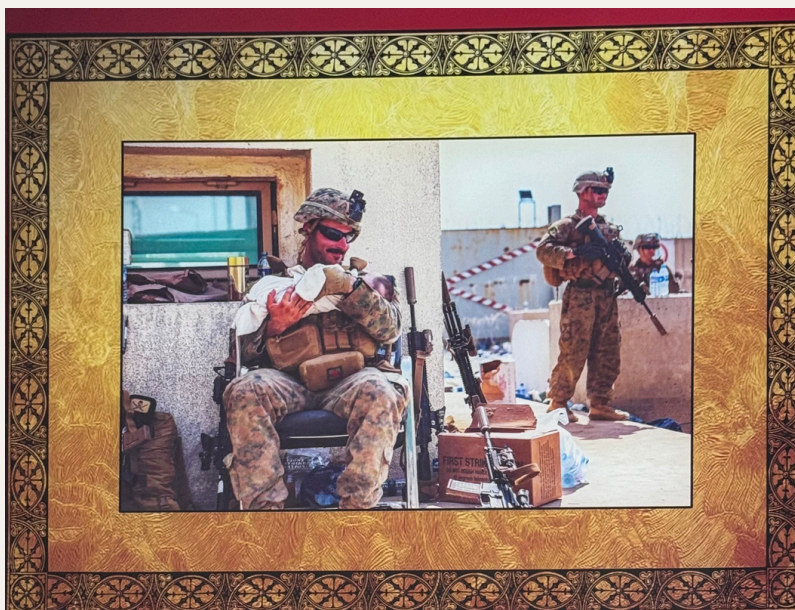
# THE COMMAND MUSEUM EXHIBITS UPDATES

The second exhibit In commemorate of the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Marine Corps is a visual timeline that highlights key events in Marine Corps history. This exhibit was installed in the main ladder well of the Museum, an area selected because of its higher visitor traffic (and lack of unused exhibit space in the Museum).



## Tun Tavern: Birthplace of the Marine Corps

Tun Tavern, located on Water Street, in Philadelphia, was a site for recruiting Continental Marines as early as 1775. Its owner, Robert Mullan, was commissioned as a Marine Officer in 1776. Artwork by Frank H. Taylor, courtesy of the Library Company of Philadelphia.



## No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy

A Marine assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) calms an infant during an evacuation at Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug. 20, 2021. U.S. service members and coalition partners assisted the Department of State with a Non-combatant Evacuation Operation (NEO) in Afghanistan. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Isaiah Campbell)







# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Sgt Lucas T. Pyeatt Memorial Golf Tournament

## 70's Let's Boogie!



The MCRD Museum Foundation is excited to announce the upcoming 8th Annual Sgt Lucas T. Pyeatt Memorial Golf Tournament, taking place on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Admiral Baker Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. This year's tournament embraces a spirited 70s theme, inviting players and supporters to swing, groove, and celebrate in their best disco-inspired attire—from bold patterns and retro golf polos to bell bottoms and classic 70s flair. Tickets are now on sale, with early bird pricing available through April 30, and sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals and organizations looking to participate in honoring Sgt Pyeatt and his legacy.

For the first time in the tournament's history, the parents of Sgt Lucas T. Pyeatt will be in attendance, adding special meaning to a day dedicated to honoring his life and sacrifice.

More than a round of golf, the tournament supports the preservation of Marine Corps history and the Foundation's educational programs, ensuring Sgt Pyeatt's legacy continues to inspire future generations.

Sponsorship offers organizations a high-impact opportunity to align their brand with service, leadership, and community pride. Sponsors gain meaningful visibility among Marines, veterans, and engaged community leaders through on-site recognition, digital promotion across Foundation platforms, and interactive opportunities that create lasting connections with attendees—all while supporting a mission that honors sacrifice and preserves Marine Corps legacy. Additional sponsorship details and opportunities can be found through the link below.

Purchase through the link below or visit our website today.

## Early Bird Tickets Are On Sale!

<https://www.mcrdmuseumfoundation.org/gt26>



# SUPPORT THE MCRD MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Already an MCRD Museum Foundation member? Thank you for your support! Foundation memberships are a great gift to your newly graduated recruit, favorite Marine alumni, or just because. If you are already a member, consider leveling up to a LIFETIME membership.

Supporters of the MCRD Museum Foundation receive access to our Members Portal—an exclusive digital hub offering insider updates, behind-the-scenes content, special event invitations, and unique resources like our podcast and docent interviews.

## Support Regiment

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**Coast to coast, united in purpose**

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## Welcome to our Support Regiment



### On Record

Listen to our favorite podcasters discussing articles and topics regarding our Marines, Veterans, their families and our nation.



### T-56 / Docent Program

Get to know our docents, their stories and what they do help educate others about USMC History.



### Quarterly Breakfast

Watch all Quarterly Breakfast recording of our Guest Speakers and get informed through their presentations!

To our current members, thank you for your continued commitment; be sure to renew so you can keep accessing your portal benefits, stay connected, and continue making a lasting impact.

# INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR?

## SOCIAL WINE & SPIRITS

MCRD Museum Foundation is proud to partner with Liberty Call Distilling and SWS Gifts to help support our mission of preserving Marine Corps history and tradition. Purchase a customized whiskey bottle in celebration of 250 years of the United States Marine Corps, and a portion of the proceeds will go directly to the Foundation's future endeavors.



Are you passionate about preserving the legacy of the U.S. Marine Corps and supporting those who have served? Becoming a sponsor offers you a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact. Through your partnership, you'll not only help support our fundraising events but also connect with a community that deeply values the sacrifices and stories of our Marines. You'll be invited to exclusive quarterly events, where you can engage with like-minded individuals who share your commitment to honoring this incredible history. Your support will help ensure the preservation of the Marine Corps' heritage for generations to come. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please reach out to our Marketing Director, Ashley Petters, at [apetters@mcrdmhs.org](mailto:apetters@mcrdmhs.org).





# THANK YOU TO OUR GLOBE & ANCHOR 2025 SPONSORS

“COLONEL AND MRS. DAVID INMON ARE PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE MCRD MUSEUM FOUNDATION IN THEIR MISSION TO PRESERVE THE LEGACY OF THE MARINE CORPS AND TO EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF MARINE LEADERS.”

## HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY MARINES



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As the official retailer of the MCRD Command Museum, we strive to provide Marines, veterans, and Marine families with the BEST in Marine Corps apparel, gear, and gifts. Our collection of high quality items are sourced exclusively from USMC licensed vendors and a handful of veteran business owners. Additionally, money spent in the MRD Museum Gift Shop goes directly back to the Museum to help fund programs that serve your Marine and all our veterans.

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