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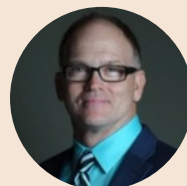


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LETTER FROM THE MCRD MUSEUM FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT

Rick Huenfield

Best wishes to all of you – members, supporters and friends of the MCRD Museum Foundation. I am extremely grateful for your support of the Foundation and more importantly the MCRD Command Museum over this last fiscal year.

This year saw us make significant progress on our largest project to date, the Marine Spirit Monument. A Marine Spirit Project team of Emeritus Board Member Jim Guerin, our Executive Director Daren Erickson and Director Paul Atterbury have worked tirelessly to get this important project to the finish line. A small ceremonial groundbreaking featuring the CG and foundation leaders took place just before the Globe and Anchor - stay tuned over the next few months as we begin to see the conclusion of a project 15 years in the making!

In addition, we were able to enhance much of the Command Museum with not only behind the scenes support for the Museum Director and her staff, but also more visible projects such as landscape refresh projects. Special thank you to our own Board Member Teresa Miller and her company 365Connect, The Home Depot, and Brian Keaveny from Rainbow Topicals Inc. These generous benefactors together donated over \$10,000 in plants and material and helped with planting and maintenance. Our museum is better as a result of their contributions and generosity.

One of our ongoing projects has been to project value to the recruiters and Marines assigned throughout the Western Recruiting Region. The kickoff to that effort is the creation of a Recruiting Office exhibit in the museum, similar to the squadbay exhibit depicting recruit training. Funding for the Recruiting Exhibit was raised at this year's very successful Globe and Anchor Gala – Thanks to all those who participated and supported the G&A as well as to our exceptional staff and volunteers to put the event together. A special thank you to former Board Member Tony Daykin who donated the funds needed to improve and refresh our recruit squadbay exhibit. The exhibit has never looked better!

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to remember and honor two of our most influential foundation stalwarts, Alan Rappaport and Captain Joe Larkin, USMC (ret). They were extremely passionate about the Marine Corps, the Museum and its mission. They are sorely missed.

As we prepare ourselves for the next few months, I want to wish all my Marine brothers and sisters a happy Marine Corps Birthday, although a little early. I want to close with another heartfelt thank you for your support and your commitment to our mission and to our community.

Semper Fidelis,
Rick



MARINE SPIRIT MONUMENT



The Marine Spirit Monument brings one of the most powerful images in Marine Corps history to MCRD San Diego.

A new chapter in Marine Corps history is taking shape at MCRD San Diego.

The MCRD Museum Foundation has officially broken ground on the Marine Spirit Monument, a replica inspired by the iconic Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, depicting the historic flag raising at Iwo Jima.

Planned for the corner of Belleau Woods Avenue and Santiago Avenue, the monument will serve as a striking gateway to MCRD San Diego and a lasting tribute to Marines past, present and future. For the thousands of recruits and Marine Corps families who pass through the Depot each year, it will be a powerful reminder of the courage, sacrifice and spirit behind the Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

And this landmark is being built right here in San Diego.

The Foundation is working with local sculptors and craftsmen at Bellagio Precast, where the monument is moving from vision to reality. Their craftsmanship is helping transform an enduring symbol of Marine Corps history into a permanent part of the San Diego community.



The monument is a community project, and there is an opportunity for everyone to be part of it. Individual, family and corporate sponsorships are available, with contributions helping bring the monument, its surrounding landscape and its long-term preservation to completion.

Whether through a personal gift, a family tribute or a corporate sponsorship, every contribution helps build something that generations of Marines and families will experience.



Because this monument is about more than the past.

It is about honoring where the Marine Corps has been, celebrating where it is today, and inspiring where it goes next.

Learn more and find ways to contribute at:
mcrdmuseumfoundation.org/spirit-monument.



MCRD COMMAND MUSEUM

A beloved Command Museum exhibit gets ready for its next chapter.

For generations of visitors, the Recruit Exhibit at the MCRD San Diego Command Museum has offered a glimpse into one of the most defining journeys in the Marine Corps, the transformation from recruit to Marine.

The exhibit captures the traditions, challenges and experiences of recruit training, helping visitors better understand what happens behind the gates of the Depot and what it means to earn the title of Marine. But after years of welcoming recruits, families, veterans and visitors, it is time for the exhibit to evolve.

Thanks to funds raised through the 2026 Globe & Anchor Salute Gala, along with generous grant support, the MCRD Museum Foundation is looking forward to creating an updated Recruit Exhibit that will bring new stories, technology and experiences to this important part of the museum.

The new exhibit will build upon the history already represented while creating a more engaging experience for today's visitors, and helping future generations understand the significance of the journey every Marine begins at MCRD.

For recruits and their families, it will offer an opportunity to see their experience reflected. For veterans, it will provide a familiar connection to a defining chapter of their lives. And for visitors who have never experienced recruit training, it will offer a window into the dedication, discipline and transformation that take place here.

The story of becoming a Marine is timeless. The way we tell it can continue to evolve.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making the next chapter of this exhibit possible and look forward to sharing the new Recruit Exhibit with our community.



8TH ANNUAL SGT LUCAS T. PYEATT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 8th Annual Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt Memorial Golf Tournament brought together golf, 1970s flair, and a powerful celebration of service.

Bell-bottoms, bold patterns, golf clubs and plenty of good-natured competition took over Admiral Baker Golf Course for the 8th Annual Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt Memorial Golf Tournament, and this year, the day felt especially meaningful.

With a groovy 1970s theme, golfers embraced the fun with retro-inspired attire, lively contests and plenty of camaraderie on the course. But beneath the disco shirts and friendly competition was something much more enduring: a community coming together to honor the life and legacy of Sgt. Lucas T. Pyeatt.

For the first time, Sgt. Pyeatt's family joined us for the tournament, making the day particularly special. Having his family present brought a deeply personal connection to an event created in his memory and offered everyone in attendance an opportunity to celebrate not only his service and sacrifice, but the person behind the name.

The tournament has become an annual gathering point for Marines, veterans, families, community leaders, friends and supporters of the Marine Corps. This year was no exception. From the first tee-off to the final putt, the course was filled with laughter, friendly competition and the unmistakable sense of camaraderie that makes this event so much more than a day of golf.

And, of course, no tournament happens without the people who make it possible.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors, players, guests, vendors and community partners whose generosity and enthusiasm helped make this year's tournament such a memorable success. Their support does more than create a great day on the course, it helps the MCRD Museum Foundation continue programs that support Marines, veterans and their families while preserving and sharing Marine Corps history. Thank you for helping us make this year's tournament one to remember, and for keeping Sgt. Pyeatt's legacy swinging strong.



GLOBE & ANCHOR SALUTE GALA

The Globe & Anchor Salute Gala brought the community together to honor 25 years of remembrance, resilience and service.



On September 12, the MCRD Museum Foundation welcomed guests to the Globe & Anchor Salute Gala, an evening marking the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, at the historic MCRD San Diego Command Museum.

Surrounded by Marine Corps history, guests came together for an evening of powerful stories, meaningful reflection and heartfelt celebration. Rather than simply looking back, the evening focused on the courage, unity and resilience that emerged from one of the defining moments of our generation.

From inspiring speakers and personal stories to shared memories and moments of reflection, the Gala created space to honor those we lost

while celebrating the enduring strength of the people and communities who carried their legacy forward.

Most importantly, the evening was a reminder that remembrance is something we carry together.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, guests, community partners, volunteers and everyone who helped bring the evening to life. Your generosity and support allow the MCRD Museum Foundation to preserve important stories, honor those who served, and continue building programs and experiences for Marines, veterans and their families.

It was an evening of remembrance, but also one of gratitude, connection and hope,



a fitting reflection of the enduring spirit of the Marine Corps community.

Thank you for helping us remember, honor and carry these stories forward.

YOUNG MARINES

The Miramar Young Marines are making a difference far beyond the parade deck. Through their ongoing volunteer work at the MCRD San Diego Command Museum, these young leaders have become valued members of our museum community, giving their time, energy and enthusiasm to help preserve and share Marine Corps history.

Their commitment reflects the core values of the Young Marines: leadership, discipline, teamwork and service. Whether assisting museum visitors, supporting events or lending a hand behind the scenes, their contributions have not gone unnoticed.

In a special show of appreciation, the Commanding General himself took the time earlier this year to meet with the Young Marines, personally thanking them for their hard work, dedication and service to the museum and Marine Corps community. It was a meaningful moment for a group of young people who continue to demonstrate that service comes in many forms.

Today, the Miramar Young Marines are the largest Young Marines unit in their division and continue to distinguish themselves through leadership and teamwork, including earning two of three trophies at a recent Regimental Drill Competition.

We are incredibly grateful for the Young Marines who choose to give their time to the Command Museum. Their service helps keep our museum welcoming, our history accessible and the spirit of service alive in the next generation.

Thank you, Miramar Young Marines, for showing us what it means to serve, lead and give back.



SPONSOR A FAMILY PROGRAM

A new program is helping make a Marine graduation possible for families who might otherwise be unable to be there.

For many families, watching their Marine graduate from recruit training is a once-in-a-lifetime moment. But for some, the cost of airfare, lodging and meals can make the journey to San Diego simply out of reach.

The MCRD Museum Foundation's newest initiative, Sponsor a Family, was created to help change that.

The program provides hospitality, travel and meals for families facing financial challenges, giving them the opportunity to stand alongside their Marine on one of the most important days of their lives.

Our first recipient, Brent Craig, was able to experience his son's friends Marine's graduation, as his son passed away during training earlier this year. With the support of this new program, Craig experienced a meaningful milestone that helped turn a difficult journey into a sweet memory he will carry for years to come.

Making that possible has been a true community effort. We are incredibly grateful to Alaska Airlines, Marriott Marquis San Diego, Town and Country Resort, Sheraton San Diego Resort, Grand Hyatt San Diego, and the Cushman Foundation for helping launch Sponsor a Family and opening their doors to families who deserve to be there.

But Sponsor a Family is about more than a trip to San Diego. It is about being there, for the graduation, the photographs, the pride and the moment a family watches their Marine earn the title.

As the program grows, we hope to welcome even more community partners and sponsors who want to help make these moments possible.

Because every Marine deserves to look into the stands and see the people who helped them get there.

To learn more and help our foundation continue this initiative, please consider donating to the program at

www.mcrdmuseumfoundation.org/sponsors-and-donors



MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Gary Sinise Foundation

Bringing the military community together through partnership, gratitude and good times.

Supporting our military community means more than honoring service, it means showing up for the people who served, and for the families who stood beside them.

Through our partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation, the MCRD Museum Foundation is proud to host Military Appreciation Day, bringing veterans, active-duty service members and their families together for a day of connection, gratitude and camaraderie. The event is one of many ways our community partners help us create meaningful experiences for those who have given so much.

That spirit of support continues throughout the year through programs and partnerships serving active-duty service members, veterans and their families, many offered completely free of charge.

Our partnership with University of San Diego Telehealth provides free mental health services to active-duty service members, veterans and their extended families, helping make vital support more accessible.

Programs such as Vitality Café provide additional opportunities for wellness, connection and community, while our growing network of partners helps us expand the resources and experiences available to military families.

We are incredibly grateful to the Gary Sinise Foundation, University of San Diego Telehealth, Vitality Café and our many community partners for helping us create programs that give back to those who have served.





MCRD SUPPORT REGIMENT

Be Part of the Legacy

The Marine Corps legacy is built on stories, traditions and the people who make sure they are never forgotten. At the MCRD Museum Foundation, we are finding new ways to preserve that legacy while making it more accessible, engaging and relevant for today's Marine Corps community.

This year, that evolution took a new look.

With a refreshed website, an expanding digital presence and an enhanced online gift store, we are modernizing how we connect with our members and supporters, without losing sight of the history at the heart of everything we do.

One of the most meaningful ways to get involved is through Foundation membership. Members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year, including special discounts, membership gifts, quarterly Depot Dispatch updates, invitations to special events and access to our Members-Only Portal, a growing resource for behind-the-scenes content, podcasts, program updates and other ways to stay connected to the Foundation.

Members are also invited to our quarterly member breakfasts, offering an opportunity to gather with fellow supporters, hear Foundation updates and get a closer look at the work happening behind the scenes.

And sometimes, experiencing Marine Corps history means getting hands-on.

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

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

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

In the know
Planning your next trip to San Diego? Prepare your itinerary and stay connected!

Museum Lectures (Coming Soon)
Learn about special guest hosted at the Command Museum.

Located inside our gift store, the Weapon Simulator offers visitors an immersive look at how Marines train. The simulator uses an exact replica of the rifle used to train Marines, giving guests the opportunity to experience a small piece of the training process in an engaging, interactive way.

Our gift store is also more than a place to shop. From Marine Corps apparel and challenge coins to books, memorabilia and unique items commemorating the Marine Corps experience, every purchase helps support the Foundation's work to preserve history, educate visitors and provide programs for Marines, veterans and their families.

Whether you become a member, visit the gift store, experience the simulator or simply stay connected with us online, you are helping carry the Marine Corps legacy forward.

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TALES OF THE DEPOT

Marine Corps Recruit Depot

FIRST FEMALES IN BOOTCAMP

Andrew Dyer and Steve Walsh

Women were accepted in the Marine Corps for World War I in a limited capacity for secretarial work. Primarily stationed at Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington D.C. this first group of women were all discharged following the war. In 1945 Women were needed for the war effort. "Free A Man To Fight," was the battle cry and women responded. Training was conducted at several East coast colleges, and Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. Women performed a wide variety of work including motor transport drivers, mechanics, cooks, bakers, administrators and photographers.

At the Marine Corps Recruit Depot women worked in all aspects of base life. The barracks was separated from the mens quarters and included its own exchange and recreation area. After the war most were discharged although a few managed to remain in the women's reserve. In 1948 the Women's Armed Services Integration Act provided for the appointment and enlistment of women in the regular Marine Corps and the peace time reserve. In March 1949 women recruits arrived at Parris Island, South Carolina. This first group of 50 were the beginning of a regular flow of enlisted women to train at the South Carolina recruit depot. Marine boot camp for women would remain exclusively at Parris Island for the next seventy two years.

In 2019 Congress ordered the San Diego boot camp to integrate women into its training battalion by 2028. The congressional mandate required the Marines to make boot camp coed within five years on the East Coast and within eight years on the West.



The requirements were part of the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) approved by the House and Senate and signed by President Donald Trump.

The Marines integrated boot camp at the recruit training regiment in Parris Island in 2019. Eight integrated companies had graduated at the South Carolina facility by December 2020. The move to the west coast was met with enthusiasm by the Commanding General. "This is the first time we are able to give Marines who graduate from MCRD San Diego the same integrated experience that many of their peers at Parris Island have received already," Brigadier General Ryan P. Heritage said. "(This) will get us one step closer to understanding the facilities and personnel needed to make this a sustained reality."

The female recruit arrival at MCRD

San Diego occurred during the COVID outbreak in February 2021. All recruits received a medical screening at the Depot and were then quarantined off base in a nearby hotel. The 60 women formed one of six platoons of Lima Company. After the two-week quarantine, the recruits were billeted on the base in a squad bay in the company barracks. The females were billeted on a separate floor in the barracks building, but the training was inclusive and integrated the entire company.

The base had been planning for the arrival of female recruits since 2019 when Parris Island made the change. Colonel Matt Palma, the Commanding Officer of the Recruit Training Regiment, said that the Depot had most of the facilities to integrate in San Diego, but there aren't enough women recruits to have integrated companies all the time. Women only comprise about 8 percent of the Marine Corps

Tales of the depot Cont.



total strength. "Lima Company will serve as a proof of concept, which means it will be used to demonstrate that San Diego can effectively train women alongside men," Palma said.

The requirements of recruit training did not change, the females were expected to meet the same demands as the men. Physical fitness, academic classes, drill, rifle qualification and essential subjects remain the same. The Crucible, the final challenge in the last phase of recruit training was one of many facing the new recruits. MCRD San Diego training includes the infamous "Reaper" hike at Camp Pendleton that is part of the Crucible. The hike is a test of the stamina and endurance of the recruits, after a week of arduous challenges.

Each recruit carries a 55 pound pack up a steep ridge. Those that make it are rewarded with the Eagle, Globe and Anchor that makes them Marines. "They're gonna hike the Reaper with the pack just like the males and we're gonna train them to do it," Palma said. Fifty three women in Lima Company completed the Crucible and were Marines. The platoon won the final drill competition and had the highest Physical and Combat Fitness Test scores in the company.

Their scores on the rifle range were higher than the average female platoon at the Parris Island recruit depot. The female platoon had many firsts, and like their male counterparts struggled at times. Drill Instructor Stephanie Fahl said the platoon had a low point midway through the 13 weeks.

"At initial drill they messed up a lot and we actually tied for last," she said. The women came in at the bottom with the five male platoons. The women of Lima Company were followed through out training by a camera crew making a documentary on the historic event. They were also aware of the many people watching their moment in history. "They're not oblivious to what happens on social media," Senior Drill Instructor Amber Staroscik said. "They know what's being said. I think it became more of a challenge for them to push them harder."

The platoon had their numbers reduced by four because of injuries. One recruit was badly injured in a freak accident, and another had COVID-19 and was not able to continue. The 53 women of Lima company were a varied group. Ann Marie Parra, 21, dropped out of college her junior year when she ran out of money.

Her parents didn't want their honor student to join the Marines. Parra said she originally didn't think she was strong enough. "Every single day I was scared to be here," Parra said.

For Parra the Crucible changed her mind about her abilities. "I was scared today," she said. "Waking up thinking I wasn't going to finish. It shows to everyone that I actually can. It shows to myself that I'm bigger than I am," she said. Parra may have felt scared, but her actions in conquering those fears motivated her fellow platoon members.

Parra was chosen by her platoon for the Molly Marine award. The award, sponsored by the Women Marine Association, is presented to the recruit nominated by her peers, who best exemplifies the Esprit de Corps and ideal of excellence which is the hallmark of Marines. Receiving the Molly Marine award was a proud moment for the new Marine. Parra and the women of Lima Company have made their historic mark at MCRD San Diego and the significance of the moment is not lost on them. "It meant so much more to me than I thought it would," Parra said.

The Marines were the last service to integrate women into basic training. The Congressional mandate for San Diego included a deadline of 2028. The continual cycles of fully integrated platoons depend on the numbers recruited and required. The recruit depot at San Diego had requested to train another group of female Marines in the summer of 2021 but was still waiting for a decision.

When the next integrated platoon trains at MCRD San Diego, the women will face challenges, but Drill Instructor Amber Staroscik thinks they are ready. "Can they conquer the hills of Camp Pendleton? Yes," she said. "They can do everything that is done out there. They've proved that. The foundation has been set. That shows. And it's documented now, pretty thoroughly, that yes, they can. And actually, they can do it really well."

WHERE EXPERIENCE LEADS

Investing in the next generation



The MCRD Museum Foundation is proud to invest in the education and development of the next generation through the Colonel Nate Smith Scholarship and our growing internship program.

Applications are now open for the 2026 Colonel Nate Smith Scholarship, available to Marines and Sailors, and their dependents, currently stationed at MCRD San Diego or within the Western Recruiting Region. Three recipients will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship toward their future academic endeavors.

Applicants must be high school graduates currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program. Applications are due December 31, 2026, with recipients recognized at an awards ceremony at MCRD San Diego in January 2027.

Our internship program offers another opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience while contributing to the Foundation's mission of preserving Marine Corps history and serving our community.

Whether through a scholarship or an internship, we are proud to help young people pursue their goals, develop new skills and build meaningful connections to the Marine Corps community. Application can be found on our website at www.mcrdmuseumfoundation.org/colnatesmithscholarship-2026.

Behind the Experience

My name is Chris Cervantes, and I am the Military Specialist at the MCRD San Diego Museum. Before joining the staff full-time in January 2025, I spent nearly two years as an intern, gaining hands-on experience in historical research, collections, oral histories, exhibit design and museum operations. One of my most memorable experiences was helping create a Korean War display aboard the USS Midway Museum, an opportunity that gave me firsthand insight into how exhibits connect history with the public.

Looking back, my internship prepared me for my career in ways I could not have anticipated. The opportunity to work alongside the Museum team—and later as a paid intern through the Museum Foundation—gave me valuable experience while introducing me to the many facets of museum and nonprofit work. I remain incredibly grateful to everyone who mentored and supported me and am proud to continue serving the Museum today.



Chris Cervantes



Victoria Cruz (Stacy)

I interned at the MCRD San Diego Command Museum in 2003–2004, during my freshman year at San Diego State University. I photographed and cataloged donated artifacts, helped organize recruit yearbooks and uniforms, and worked with the exhibit designer on displays. Some days, while I was working in the archives, I could hear veteran docents sharing their stories with new recruits in the galleries. I also helped prepare the theater for visitors and welcomed Marines and their families at the front desk on graduation days. One project I especially remember is spray-painting camouflage across the walls and ceiling of a display room as the museum prepared its Operation Iraqi Freedom exhibit. I loved getting to see the artifacts up close and learning from the people around me. As the granddaughter of a Marine, being there meant a great deal to me.

I went on to earn degrees in biology and education and taught community college and high school science. Today, I'm a fourth-year medical student at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and a Navy ensign through the Health Professions Scholarship Program. I'm currently applying to internal medicine residency programs. I never imagined during that freshman-year internship that I would one day serve in the Navy myself.

MCRD MUSEUM FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS



We were deeply honored to have Roberta "Randy" Randolph (Tidmore) join us at this year's Globe & Anchor Salute Gala. Her presence was a meaningful reminder of the remarkable women who stepped forward to serve during World War II and the lasting legacy they continue to leave behind. We are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Randy, hear her story, and honor her service alongside our guests and community.

Roberta "Randy" Randolph (Tidmore) was born in March of 1922, and prior to joining the USMC, she was a Rosie the Riveter. She worked on aircraft parts for the Martin B-26 Marauder bombers, installing gap covers on the leading edge of the planes. At 22 years old, Randy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and was one of 18,000 women who joined the Marines by that year. After completing boot camp at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, she went to motor transport school and learned how to drive trucks, and do vehicle maintenance. She drove garbage trucks, and transported military officers to Washington, D.C. before transferring to San Diego, CA. Randy served with distinction until the war ended and earned an honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant. She was awarded the American Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal.

After discharge from the military, she was a flight attendant, chief stewardess, and chief supervisor with United Airlines. She married Terry Tidmore, an Officer in the U.S. Navy and began working as a tomato farmer with her husband. In her free time, she took ballroom dancing lessons, volunteered with the Salvation Army, Daughters of the American Revolution, Women Marines Association, the Globe Theater, and Honor Flight San Diego. In 2021, she was named as a Woman of Dedication by the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary of San Diego County.

Randy is 104.5 years young!

Gone, But Never Forgotten

Captain Joseph "Joe" Larkin,
USMC (Ret.)

Captain Joseph "Joe" Larkin, USMC (Ret.), passed away on June 3, 2026, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of service, leadership, and dedication to the Marine Corps community. A veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Joe served for 24 years as an enlisted Marine and officer before continuing his commitment to Marines through decades of volunteer service as a museum docent, mentor, storyteller, and generous supporter of the MCRD Museum Foundation. Beloved by fellow Marines, recruits, and friends alike, Joe will be remembered for his humility, integrity, and unwavering devotion to preserving Marine Corps history and traditions.



Allan Jack Rappoport June 28,
1930 - April 5, 2026

Allan Jack Rappoport, a Korean War Marine, distinguished civil servant and longtime supporter of the MCRD Museum Foundation, passed away May 5, 2026, at age 95. After serving in the Marine Corps from 1950–1953, Allan dedicated his life to public service, including leadership roles with the IRS, U.S. Treasury and U.S. Customs Service. He continued serving his community through numerous San Diego organizations and was deeply devoted to his family and his beloved wife, Jane. Allan leaves behind a legacy of service, family and Semper Fidelis that will not be forgotten.



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