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Special Conference Registration Edition

On the last page of this issue members will find a conference registration form for the 2010 Annual Conference which will be held at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino August 23-27.

Again this year we are offering a member-only early bird rate of **\$110 until May 31**. From June 1 to June 30 the rate will be \$120. From July 1 to August 16 the rate is \$125.

All registrations must be paid by August 16.

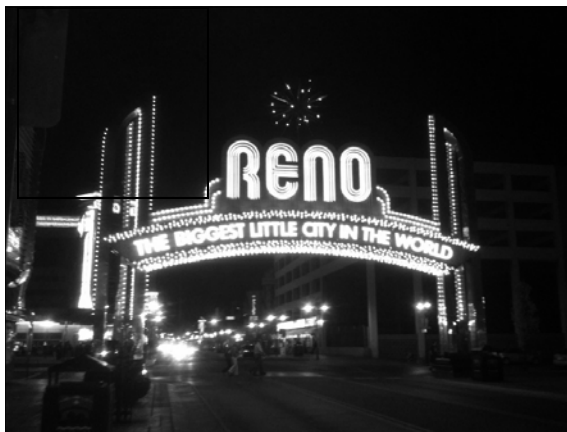
At NHT deadline **Conference Chair Don Coleman** was working on a special spouse event as well as (in his words) “**a special event for member old timers.**”

There will be three meal events. The Welcome Aboard reception will be Tuesday evening August 24; the annual Merit Awards Banquet Thursday evening August 26 and the Business Breakfast Friday morning, August 27. The conference will adjourn by noon that date.

Journal Ads Are Needed

Your Annual Conference Journal ads are our “life blood.” We offer members the same deal as last year: Quarter-page ads will be priced for members at \$150 between now and June 1. After that date the rate jumps to \$180.

We are also offering a special package this year primarily to corporations. The package, worth \$1700, is offered at \$1500 and includes a full-page color ad (value: \$1,000), a Merit Award sponsorship (value: \$200), and a vendor table at the Reno conference (value: \$500). If you know of a company that would be interested contact CCHQ and we'll do the follow up. Call us at 352.748.4698 or email: usmccca@cfl.rr.com.



We have negotiated a special room rate for 2010 of \$82. Attendees are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible. **See Page 8** for complete hotel reservation and conference registration information.

You are encouraged to make your hotel reservations as early as possible and before August 2. If booking on-line our website: www.usmccca.org now has the direct link for rooms at the special \$82 rate.

The Silver Legacy offers complimentary parking. The hotel runs a free shuttle between the Reno-

Tahoe International Airport and the hotel. The shuttle service is available from 5 a.m. until midnight. The shuttle leaves the hotel valet at the hour and half hour and picks up at the airport at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour.

Dues are due...September 30

Members are reminded that the dues year ends September 30 and **dues for 2011 must be paid by October 1.** While costly, a letter reminder will be sent this year as many members either forget what they read or will only pay when a notice is received. To stimulate, we will also include a USMCCCA window decal for your home or auto.

Members are reminded that the Board of Directors voted to increase the dues to **\$35 for staff ncos** and above and to **\$25 for sergeants and below.** Members who use a computer may go on line at www.usmccca.org and make their payment electronically by credit card prior to September 30.

Payment also can be made by check to CCHQ 110 Fox Court, Wildwood, FL 34785, or by credit card and by calling 352.748.4698.

In Transition



Ed Schultze



Ed Schultze, 88, of LaMesa, CA. was a Life Member of the Association and one of its strongest supporters. A veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, was one of the few members of our field to rise to and hold the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He retired after 29 years of distinguished service. He was preceded in death by his wife **Ellie** who he proposed to in Grand Central Station, New York. They were married in 1947.

Ed is survived by daughters **Barbara and Karen** and his son, **Paul**. Funeral services were conducted April 1 at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

The Old Ball and Turkey Corps

(CC Associate member **Frank Walker** and his wife, **Karen**, reside in Costa Rica. Periodically he sends updates on their life style to friends. He and Karen have been on several of the CC cruises. In this, he relates the experiences of his Marine dad in World War I.)

My dad, Anan Orville Walker, as a Sergeant of Marines served with Company "B", 11th Marines, American Expeditionary Forces during WWI. He never talked much about his experiences in the Corps but you could hear the pride in his voice and could see that certain gleam in his eyes when he did. This was his favorite story:

Shortly after the Armistice which was signed on November 11, 1918 Company "B" found itself ordered to settle in on the outskirts of a small French village. The 11th Marines were a machine gun outfit back then, not the artillery outfit they are now.

An army unit was also ordered to the same village but someone was thinking and put the doughboys in a field on the opposite side of town.

Things remained fairly peaceful because of this arrangement until a stevedore unit was brought in and set up camp on another side of town. Remember, in those days the military was segregated. Stevedore units were all black except for white officers.

As fate would have it one day some of the stevedores and some of the doughboys got into it in town. Guards from both units were called out but couldn't get things under control.

Then Gendarmes from the local constabulary arrived, took one look and decided their services were greatly needed elsewhere.

Finally, someone called on the Marines for assistance. My dad was Sergeant of the Guard that day and the Officer of the Day told him to fall out the guard and go see

what could be done. The OOD then promptly went back to doing what ever it was he was doing before the call for assistance came in.

Well, my dad fell the guard out, gave the command to fix bayonets, gave them a facing movement, brought them to port arms and double-timed them to the site of the disturbance. Shortly after arriving things were under control, at least according to my dad.

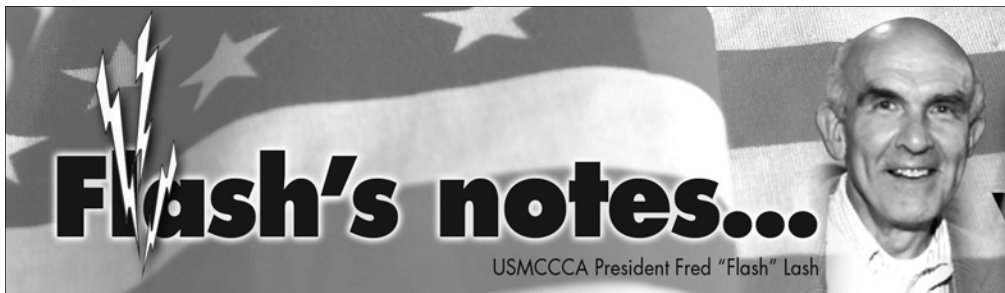
A few days later my dad's name came up on the liberty list for a pass to go into town for a few hours. As he was walking down the street to what apparently wasn't a sanctioned USO place of entertainment he happened to be walking behind two doughboys.

One looked like he had been involved in the disturbance a few days back: limping somewhat, swollen ear, a cut above an eye and some bruising. My dad overhead this one say to his friend, "Ya know, I'm damn glad we were fighting them Boche fellows instead of them fellows with that turkey and ball on their hats. God almighty damn could those sons bitches fight."

As an aside, my dad was promoted to sergeant on 1 March 1919. Forty-seven years to the day later on 1 March 1966 I was promoted to sergeant. It was also my 22d birthday.



Anan O. Walker
Sergeant of Marines



A highly productive meeting regarding the program for the Reno conference was held at the Division of Public Affairs at the Pentagon, Monday, April 12. I asked **Jenny Holbert** to report on that planning session. Following is her assessment:

"**Dave Hugel** joined me at the Pentagon and Association exec **Jack Paxton** joined by phone. The senior staff of Division of Public Affairs attended. Our purpose was to frame the entire program for the upcoming conference, to include both the active duty and association portions. We originally planned to break out the conference in blocks, but we know now there will be joint



*Jenny Holbert
Program
Chair*

sessions for all participants and break-out sessions for sergeants and below, senior leadership and association members.

"While the general Conference theme will be geared towards our heritage, other sessions may deal with Marines and the Media, Archiving, Future History, a case study of today's battles, careers after the Corps, advanced MOS training, Hollywood and the Marines, and more."

A complete program schedule will be carried in a pre-conference edition of **Now Hear This** as well as on our website: www.usmccca.org. Stay tuned.



While serving as president of our Foundation I have discovered many things that encourage me about the future of the USMCCCA. But the most inspiring of all is the generosity of members like you who have shown that you understand its future financial well-being lies largely in our hands. Over the last two years you have taken an ownership position and through your commitment the Foundation has thrived.

As we find ourselves on the threshold of another annual conference, this time in the fun city of Reno Nevada, we are again faced with the dual challenges of recognizing the

outstanding accomplishments of our merit award recipients and providing a program for attendees that is underwritten, in part, from conference journal ad sales. There is a cadre of members who each year pony up to support our conference through merit award sponsorships and/or ad purchases. To each of you I say "thanks." To all of the rest, I invite you to get off the sidelines and into the game. For only \$200 you can show an active duty Marine that you appreciate his or her efforts to tell the Marine Corps' story to the American people in words or images. Early bird ad rates are still available to members but the clock is

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Reno's National Auto Museum features the famous Harrah Collection of fine period automobiles. The unique collection is featured in various settings of our automobile history. Soon to open is a collection of World War I vehicles, including the staff car of Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing.

All types of boating is available at nearby Lake Tahoe.



2010 Annual Conference -Silver



**The Silver Legacy
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Attendees will find the Silver Legacy to be everything they could want. Five distinctive restaurants, a variety of specialties and more, all within reasonable

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The Reno Aces, the triple A rated farm team of the Arizona Diamond Backs will be playing in their ultra-modern complex within walking distance of the hotel.

A variety of water sport activities are available on the Truckee River which runs right through the city and very close to the Silver Legacy. Kayaking, white water rafting, boogie boards and tubing are but a few of the sports that will be in high season when the USMCCCA conference hits town. Bring your bathing suits!



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Old Corps? If So, This Event's For You

Ed. Note: Some wag at the 2009 conference in Hampton, VA opined we needed a special conference session for the old timers so the ancient and time-honored ritual of sea-story-telling would not die out. Conference Chair Don Coleman listed the requirements for attendance as well as what he is planning.

Just Maybe, You Are Old Corps If...

You qualified with a Springfield 03 or, later the M-1; if you were or know a China Marine. If you wore Mickey Mouse Boots and a Mongolian PC. If you wore an Ike Jacket, herringbone utilities and carried a swagger stick.

You qualified if you wore a Yukata (Robe) from your Quonset Hut to the shower hut; If you carried or knew someone who carried an M-79 and wore a go-to-hell hat or bonnie at. If you still call older women mamasan, then, just maybe, you are Old Corps.

Well, maybe even if you came along a bit later and put crossed rifles into your chevrons you'll still be welcome.

Don is encouraging you to join other Old Timers for dinner, Wednesday evening, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the

Foundation President's Report

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ticking. Contact Jack Paxton and tell him you'll sponsor an award or go to the website and sign up for an ad. While at the web page you can also donate to the Booster Club. You are not simply a member of the USMCCCA, you are an owner and I urge you to invest in its future by supporting your Foundation. We all share a common bond, let's all answer a common call. **Semper Fidelis...Don**

Auction Items Are Needed

One of the highlights of any conference is the auction of gear, goodies, (dare we say, junk?) that takes place on Thursday evening following the Merit Awards Banquet. In past years this has added money to our coffers which is always appreciated.

If you have something that you feel others might want—old books, old Corps memorabilia, whatever, bundle it up and send it to Conference Chair Don Coleman, 1955 Bafford Lane, Fallon, NV 89406.

Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar just two long blocks from the Silver Legacy.

He reminds you, however, this is a non-conference event and is not included in the Conference Registration. The menu is not yet settled but it should be around \$30 per person.

This is an unsponsored event. Please send your \$30 to Don Coleman to arrive at 1955 Bafford Lane, Fallon, NV 89406 by Saturday, Aug. 21.

Wives Shop 'Til U'Drop

Conference Chair Don Coleman and wife, Ann, have settled on a Conference Spouse Event that will combine a bit of a tour as well as a shopping trip.

At about 11:30 on Wednesday, August 25, you'll board transportation to the Legends in Sparks, Nevada for about three hours of shopping and lunch.

Women may want to visit Ann Taylor Factory; Banana Republic Factory Store, Bath & Body Works, Gap Outlet, Guess Factory Store, Joes New York, Kasper, Kenneth Cole, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Tommy Hilfiger and more.

Men who join the tour (and women, of course) will especially enjoy Sheels All Sports where you can also find almost any brand of sporting equipment, listen to some of the past Presidents of the United States, see all sorts of stuffed wild animals, even ride the Ferris Wheel.

Take a lunch break and warm up for our next conference in New Orleans at an authentic French Quarter Café called "Jazz—A Louisiana Kitchen." Walking into the New Orleans-themed restaurant, you are greeted by bejeweled alligators, posters straight from Bourbon Street and Creole-themed music. In addition to the unique decor, the restaurant also features a full bar with some specialty beers from New Orleans.

Each year we have husbands who wish to accompany their wives on this Wives Event which is covered by the Conference Registration Fee. Conversely, we have some wives who wish to accompany their husbands to the Breakfast Business Meeting, which is covered for husbands in the Registration Fee.

If you are a spouse who wishes to accompany your wife to the Wives Event the fee is \$25. If you are a wife who wishes to accompany your husband to the Friday Business Breakfast Event the fee is \$25.

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Executive Director Jack T. Paxton



We made a four-day visit to check out the Silver Legacy early in April and were very pleasantly surprised at what we found. Conference Chair **Don Coleman** and then-hotel negotiator **Red Carpenter** did a fine job in coming up with a venue that we will be very comfortable in.

Our visitation team included **MGySgt. Phil Mehringer, Senior NCOiC, DivPA; GySgt. Brenda Varnadore, Plans Chief; and GySgt. Joe Espinosa, NCOiC, Marine Detachment, DINFOS**, who will be assisting in the planning.

We not only were impressed with our surroundings but with the willingness of the Convention staff in working to assure all of our needs would be taken care of.

Some of the little niceties you do not often get at host hotels will include two bottles of wine for each table at the Merit Awards Banquet as well as a great reduction in the price of morning coffee making our ability to offer it possible within budgetary reason.

Dedicated Members

The annual Dedicated Member Drive will kick off in mid-May. Members will receive a letter and special envelope in which they may make a contribution of their choice to help keep the organization afloat. Contributions to this drive may also be made on the CC website: www.usmccca.org. Names of contributors will appear in the annual Conference Journal which will be published prior to the annual conference

Perhaps the highlight for me was being able to sit with these three veteran Marines, all of whom have more than a few deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan under their belts.

As we are stressing the heritage theme at this year's conference sea stories were bound to come up. After getting an update on how today's CCs operate they started picking me apart.

While I "regurgitated" my experiences in Korea as a CC with the 5th Marines and, later the 1st Tank Bn., they could not get over the fact that much of the gear we used was left over from WWII. Getting our stories out was a major effort compared to today's electronic transmission by satellite.

Perhaps more astounding to them was how today's rank structure evolved and how we stumbled through the "acting" days with new chevrons adorned by crossed rifles.

We also morphed into my later experience as a PANCO (MPA in today's parlance) and a discussion of "A" Signs and the old 75 rpm recruiting recordings featuring Patti Page, Tommy Dorsey and others as well as tacking posters to telephone poles.

We all agreed that any such discussion at the conference would be a hit. All the more reason why you old timers need to be on hand to help out. We have a unique history. Today's warriors need to hear it.

Once again we have lost an old friend. **Ed Schultze** was a strong backer of our Association and, in recent years, made the trek to conferences assisted by daughter Barbara. It never occurred to Ed to miss one if he could help it. I will miss his telephone calls to make sure he was signed up or to find out if he could help financially. A great guy. He is missed! -30

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2010 Hotel & Registration Information

Room reservations can be made by calling 1-800-687-8733. You must use the group code: USMCCCA in order to get the \$82 rate. You also may register on-line at www.silverlegacy.com. At top of the page put in your dates and number of nights. Then drop down to input the group code USMCCCA and click Submit.

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The Silver Legacy offers complimentary airport-hotel shuttle service. The van runs from 5 a.m. until midnight running every 30 minutes. The shuttle leaves the hotel valet at the hour and half hour and picks up at the airport at 15 and 45 minutes past the hour.

Parking in the 10-story parking garage and valet parking is complimentary.

If driving, the Silver Legacy is visible from both the I-395 and I-80 freeways.

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