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We're Marching On Down To New Orleans

Old-timers might remember how AFRTS Sportscaster Bob Kinsman ended each broadcast: "Well, Marines, we're roundin' third and heading home. In this instance, Marines, we're headin' on down to New Orleans for our annual conference, September 12-16 and we want to see everybody there!

Life Member **Fran Piccoli** has been named Conference Chair. Fran is based in New Orleans and promises the conference and the City will have something for all.

Program chair duties will be split this year with CCs

Brenda Varnadore handling the overall program for the Senior Leadership portion and CC **Joe Espinosa** conducting the professional military training for those active duty Marines not meeting with the senior leadership. Both handled similar duties at the very successful Reno conference last year. **A ComCam rep will soon be named to work on the PMEs with Brenda and Joe.**

One notable change this year: The traditional wives even will become a non-conference event. Planners know that most wives will accompany their spouses to the Business Breakfast Friday morning prior to the end of the conference at noon. In prior years the spouse event was included in the registration price. If a spouse wanted to attend the Business Breakfast it was an additional cost. Likewise, if a spouse wished to accompany his wife to the wives event,

that was an additional cost. As we try to have a prominent speaker at the Friday Business Breakfast we want to be assured of a maximum audience. A wives event will be scheduled but it will be priced separately from the registration.

One of the highlights of the conference will be a visit to the famed World War II Museum, located one mile from the Westin Hotel.

While planners are working out details of this event as well as attempting to get the best group rates possible, it is anticipated this will take place on Wednesday afternoon.



The Westin Hotel, Site of Our 2011 Conference Sept. 12-16

Photos of this great Museum may be found on Page 11 of this issue. More info on registration and the hotel on P-12.

Continental Airlines Becomes Conference Partner

CCHQ has worked out a special discount plan with **Continental Airlines** for the annual conference. Continental offers discounts off published fares of 2% to 10% or Zone fares. Call your travel professional or Continental Meeting Works at 800-468-7022 for reservations. In order to get the discount you must refer to **Codes ZJZH and 957920.**

If you make your own reservations you can save an additional 3% off by booking your reservations at <http://www.continental.com/>. Choose your flight times and access your meeting discounts by inserting **ZJZH957920** in the Offer Code box

In Transition



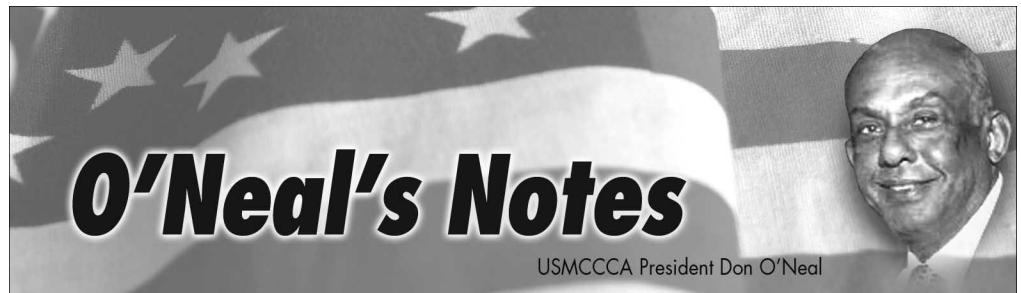
GySgt. Benny Marrufo

Retired **GySgt. Benny Marrufo**, 75, of Aurora, CO died January 1.

Benny enlisted in 1953 and served as a combat correspondent in Vietnam in 1965-66 at the Danang Press Center and again in 1969-70 as a member of the Department of Defense MoPic Team. During his initial RVN tour he edited the *Sea Tiger*.

He is survived by his wife Cathie Swanson-Marrufo and children David, Sonny, Kathy and Robert, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Following Marine retirement he had careers with KOA Radio Station and Lucent Technologies.

The family has designated the USMCCCA Foundation's Scholarship Fund for memorials in lieu of flowers. These can be made to the USMCCCA Foundation, 110 Fox Court, Wildwood, FL 34785.



My Fellow CCs: Let me begin by extending my best wishes for a happy and successful 2011 to you and your families.

As I write this column, some of our members are away from their loved ones, serving in hostile areas. Our prayers, as always, are for their safe return and for victory for our Corps and Country in the struggle against those who would do us harm.

The new year brings with it new challenges for our Corps and our Association. In the war on terror we face a determined enemy and our Marines are taking the fight to them on their turf instead of ours. The challenge for all of us, is to help inform the American people of the sacrifices our Marines are making each day. For those active duty Marines in the theater that means writing the stories, capturing and delivering the images that convey the message that we are not only fighting but that we are winning this war. For those serving stateside, it also means describing the training and education our Marines are getting to prepare them to succeed. For those of us who have hung up our uniforms, it means talking to our friends and neighbors about the importance of what our Marines are doing. Remember, "Once a Marine Always a Marine" means we are still part of the effort to achieve victory.

Your association is busy preparing for our annual conference. This year we are meeting in New Orleans, LA, Sept. 12 -16, in conjunction with DivPA's Senior Leadership Conference. Start making your plans now the trip to New Orleans. Your conference Chair LtCol. Fran Piccoli and program chairs MSgt. (Selectees) Brenda Varnadore and Jose Espinosa are develop-

ing a conference agenda that has something for everyone and the venue we've selected is one of the city's finest.

We are building a program that provides our junior Marines the chance to gain valuable insight into how to better perform their duties as CCs and earn PME credits while attending the conference. This year we are working with new Association Director and ComCam chief, MGySgt. Jerry Gutierrez to expand our PME offerings to provide increased focus on the photo side of the house. Our senior leaders will, as always, face a busy schedule of critiquing what's working well and planning ways to improve the effectiveness of our Corps' message. We've extended an invitation to Marine Commandant General James Amos and we are hopeful that he will grace us with his presence as our guest of honor for the awards banquet.

For our "tribal elders" there will be the sights and sounds of the "Big Easy." We're going to do things a bit differently this year by allowing attendees to pick and choose what they want to do from an ala carte menu. The registration fee will still include the three traditional events but we'll also be offering a visit to the World War II Museum and a spouse event that won't be part of the registration fee. More details on these options will be coming soon. The other challenge our Association faces is a constant one. **We need to increase our membership rolls.** While Executive Director Jack Paxton and I are working this issue hard and making some progress, much more is needed. Each year we lose track of some of our members. If you know anyone who has or should be a

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Becoming President of your **USMCCCA Foundation** last Fall has been quite a learning experience.

Example: The Association has members. The Foundation does not. The Association handles memberships, elections of officers and directors for its board, the awards programs, quartermaster sales, and, in general, the total administration of the membership.

The Foundation is the principle fundraising activity of the Association.

O'Neal's Notes...

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member, we need your help in identifying and locating them. I know some of your maintain social network contacts with friends you've served with who are eligible for membership. If you know someone who belongs with us, encourage them to visit the website and join or rejoin.

Finally, in my last column, **I asked all of you to email me with your thoughts on how we make this Association more meaningful for you.** I'm interested in anything you might have on your mind, from conference locations and agendas to ideas for improving the way we communicate and what you want from your Association. So far, I've only heard from couple of you. The ideas that have been put forth have been considered and where possible included in our arsenal. I know from experience that CCs are not "shrinking violets." You usually have a lot to say, so let me hear it at oneal.d@sbcglobal.net.

Contributions, advertising sales, funding of the Merit Awards program, as well as administration of the Gladys McPartland Scholarship fund, falls under its aegis.

In this column I want to talk a bit about the Scholarship fund - actually, two funds - and the Merit Awards Program.

The McPartland Fund provides a scholarship for general studies; Some years ago the **Association suggested that a scholarship be created for communication studies.** That would certainly be fitting inasmuch as we are a group of communicators. That was adopted.

Since 2005, according to our Executive Director, only three people have availed themselves of our scholarship offer. This is astounding given the price of a college education these days!

Of the three, two were dependents of a member and one was an active duty Marine going to Vanderbilt University on a bootstrap-type program that paid only his Marine salary and basic allowances for quarters. The Marine had to use veteran's benefits to help him get through his four years. We were able to fund him for his last three years. He has now graduated, been commissioned and is attending the Basic School.

Your Foundation Board is concerned that more do not apply for the scholarships and we are working rapidly to make this happen. Major changes to the SOP for application will soon be made.

Our Merit Awards program is some-

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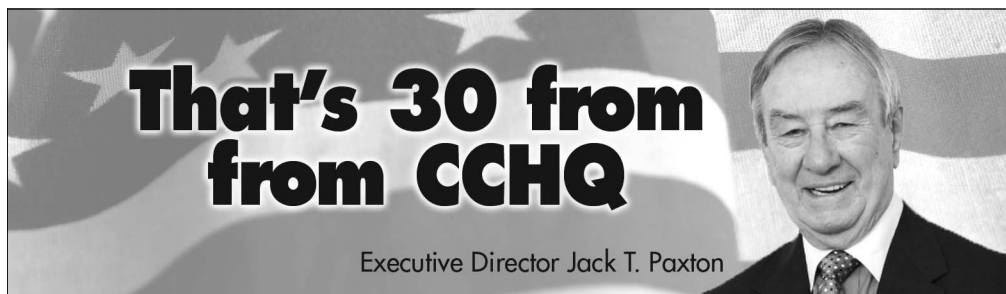
Bronze

Norm Hatch

**Note: Booster Club
begins each year fol-
lowing Annual
Conference
Dedicated Member**

Note:

**The response to the
2010 Dedicated
Member Campaign
was fantastic. All
names are shown in
the 2010 Annual
Conference Journal.**



Executive Director Jack T. Paxton

Happy New Year. We have had what I would call an exceptional year. The Association and Foundation are in excellent financial condition. Our website www.usmccca.org continues to attract attention, both from former CCs expressing a desire to reunite with us and from outside sources requesting linkage and information. From the questions CCHQ receives from various sources, including the Commandant's office, we are becoming known for our credibility.

We are making inroads in corporate advertising for our great Conference Journal. Hopefully, this will increase during 2011 to the extent that we can lessen our dependence on our membership without whose support we would not be where we are now. I would encourage each of you to find a corporate target - quite possibly with a connection to our Corps - and furnish CCHQ with a contact point. In the next week or so we will publish a new ad strategy that will incorporate a package concept involving both ads and possibility for corporate vendors. **We learned at the Reno Conference that corporations working with Marine Corps Public Affairs and Combat Camera operations are more than willing to participate with us.** Obviously, their continued participation will help us keep conference expenses to a minimum.

The Merit Awards program continues to grow both in categories of awards and in sponsorships. We will continue the cash awards for first place winners in all categories. We are working on the establishment of a Community Relations Merit Award but this might not happen until next year. **We are seeing continued interest in the program from Com-**

bat Camera and can expect more entries in the 2011 program. Ideally, our corps of sponsors will remain with us.

We continue to slowly increase our scholarship program and the continued support of it by our energetic Florida chapter and many of our loyal supporters are making it possible for us to offer more and better scholarships to our members and their dependents than ever before.

Association membership is a puzzle. On one hand we are seeing many former 43s and 46s come back to us. On the other it seems like we have to drag members kicking and screaming to renew. **A major problem continues to be the member who moves and forgets to tell us.** Through the strong efforts of the DINFOS staff we are signing up graduates. The key is to make sure they come back to us after their initial complimentary membership. I would hope we can come up with a tracking mechanism to remind them what they have received and what continued membership could mean to them.

The Chapter situation continues to be a major problem. Association President Don O'Neal has named this a definite priority this year and will visit certain existing chapters to bolster them and visit other commands to encourage either rejuvenation or establishment.

Hopefully our conference attendance will continue to flourish. Having the younger Marines in attendance with the senior leadership has to bode well for both the Marine Corps and our Association. **The professional military education that we have incorporated into each conference for these young Marines**

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News From Combat Camera Management

Combat Camera management has informed CCHQ that **LCpl. Jorge Ortiz** was injured in the line of duty in Afghanistan. He is currently recuperating at Bethesda National Naval Medical Center. Cards may be sent to him at the Marine Corps Liaison Office, National Naval Medical Center, 8901 Wisconsin Ave., Bldg. 10, Rm 1022, Bethesda, MD 20889.



The Tools of Her Trade— ComCam Marine photographer **Cpl. Lindsay Sayres**, 1st MEF (fwd) on a slight break during CMC Gen. James Amos' Christmas visit to Forward Operating Base Marjah, Afghanistan.

Attention: Merit Sponsors

Our Merit Awards program continues to grow as does our listing of sponsors. **In 2010 we had 44 categories** and sponsors for each—several sponsors subscribed to more than one category.

Also in 2010 we began adding a cash award in addition to the traditional plaque and complimentary one year membership in the Association with each first place finish by our active duty Marines. As you may imagine, this was very well received by the winners—especially those who took first place in more than one category.

We anticipate at least 44 categories—maybe even more—this year. **In coming weeks we will be contacting each of the 2010 sponsors to ask them to repeat again this year.**

Each sponsorship is costs \$200. If you were a 2010 sponsor (or in years previous) we hope you will “re-up” with us this year.

Old timers from the photo field will be interested to note that the times, they have changed. On the **Lindsay Sayres** photo (below left) the photo and others are now available to all at the Defense Imagery Center by pasting the following link into your browser: <https://dms.defenseimagery.mil/lightbox/?lightbox=7974244>. Captions are now embedded with the photos.



LCpl. Jorge Ortiz

CCHQ learned at press time that LCpl. Ortiz was injured while on duty in Afghanistan.

In other ComCam news, the **Annual Combat Camera Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Austin, TX May 4-8.** The schedule will be sent to the field soon.

Milstead: Three Stars

Former Director, Public Affairs and more recently Director, Recruiting Command, R.E. “Boomer” Milstead was promoted to lieutenant general December 30 and is now A/CMC Manpower and Reserve.



That's -30- From CCHQ

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should assure commands that our conferences are worthwhile. This becomes especially important in light of projected military budget cuts.

Our relationships with both Division of Public Affairs and Combat Camera is at an all-time high. We have members of both organizations on our Association Board of Directors. Senior leaders of both are giving us cooperation at every turn and this is much appreciated.

Lastly, let me say how grateful I am for the cooperation that I receive from everyone. **Bob Morrisey** always told me that being executive director of this Association had to be a labor of love. It is.

Rosenthal's Toys Campaign Successful

The Bay Area Reporter, official voice of the **Joe Rosenthal Chapter**, reports a "best ever" year for donations to the annual Toys For Tots Campaign.

One chapter member, noting the success of the 2010 effort said "The late **LtCol. John Hampton** would be proud of the Bay Area CCs." Hampton was co-founder of the TFT Campaign when he was with the Marine Reserve in Los Angeles shortly after the end of World War II.

The celebration was held on December 15 at the Oakland Yacht Club. **Bob Stanley** and **Jim Wilson** were honored as the top toy collectors.

Florida Sets Golf Dates

Florida Chapter President "**Red**" **Carpenter** has announced that the Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, June 3** at the Ridgewood Lakes Golf Club in Davenport, FL.

The annual tournament has always produced a profit that enables the chapter to contribute thousands of dollars to the USMCCCA Foundation. **Traditionally, the Chapter has requested that the Foundation, in turn, send a substantial check to the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund.** This has been done each of the six years the tournament has been run. Other beneficiaries of this profit are the scholarship funds of the USMCC Foundation.

Interested CC golfers should contact Red at JCar1@tampabay.rr.com or call him at **352.688.6720**.

In other Rosenthal Chapter news, **Norine Helms**, wife of the late Chapter President **Jim Helms**, was guest of honor at the Chapter's Birthday Ball celebration November 17.

The Reporter also announced that Lee Rubalcava, widow of Charles "Carlos Rubalcava died December 2 at the age of 101.



*1stSgt Connie Guaraglia USMC (Ret.) (aka Mrs. Claus) is surrounded by toys at the Jingle Party held by the USMCCCA Joe Rosenthal Chapter Wednesday, Dec. 15th. The toys were collected by members and a good helping from **Bob Stanley's** favorite, Flanahans Pub in San Francisco. The Toys were picked up by **SSgt Jason Stork**, 4th Recon, Alameda and Staff NCO in charge of Toys for Tots in that area. (Photo by **Bob Stanley**)*

Slight Changes to USMCCCA Logo Approved



Your USMCCCA Board of Directors has approved slight changes to the USMCCCA logo. CC Art Director **Chuck Beverage's** new design incorporates a coiled line around the perimeter of the logo; a more 3-d effect for the eagle, globe and anchor and the addition of two stars replacing the two periods in the old logo. The **same changes** were applied to the Foundation logo (not shown).

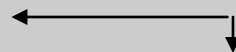


LA+Pauline=Great Christmas for "Tots"



The LA Brain Trust

The Los Angeles Chapter has long been noted for its great Toys For Tots Drives. Posing with family and LA Chapter members who made the annual Pauline Tallent Family TFT campaign a success are (l-r) Sgt. Jose Diaz, Brad Tallent (son), Debbie Tallent, Karen Tallent, (daughters), Pauline Tallent and PFC Roberto Nunez.



Shown below with the many toys collected are Pauline and LA Chapter mainstay, Eddie Kafafian.



NEWEST KENTUCKY COLONEL -- CC Bob Jordan (c) was surprised at faculty meeting on Jan. 5 by being awarded the rank of "Kentucky Colonel" by DINFOS Deputy Commandant, **Lt. Col. Will Manley, USAF**. Bob's wife **Evi**, also pictured, was on hand for the ceremony - which, we are told, was cooked up by two of Jordan's former lance corporals with Kentucky connections: **Keith Mosier** of Louisville and **Keith Oliver**, formerly of Wilmore. Jordan's "Caintuck" roots run deep: The Donald L. Dickson recipient's family lineage goes back to Daniel Boone. (Photo by Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Urben)

Hjelmstad New LA Chapter President

CC Mike Hjelmstad, an active duty Marine with the Los Angeles Public Affairs Office has been elected president of the LA Chapter.



War Shots: Tribute to Hatch & Company

A book by **Charles Jones** is finally available and features the story of how military photographers got their shots while storming beaches and assaulting pillboxes with combat troops.

It also describes how long time member **Norm Hatch** filmed "With the Marines at Tarawa," which won the 1944 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject and was **Person of the Week on ABC World News with Diane Sawyer in March 2010.**

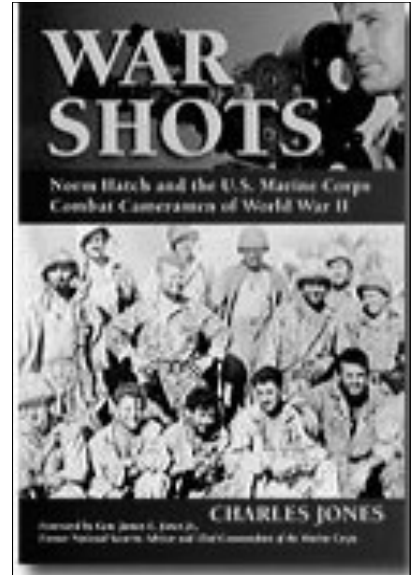
There are new details on the controversy surrounding the famous photo of the flag raising on Iwo Jima. **It should interest the fans of "Flags of Our Fathers," "Letters from Iwo Jima," and HBO's "The Pacific."**

Jones, a former staff writer for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, has also written "**Boys of '67,**" which the New York Post called "riveting and entertaining" and which won the Military Writers Society of America's Gold Medal for Best Biography, and "Red, White, or Yellow?," for which he embedded with a military unit in Iraq. Former CMC and National Security Adviser James Jones praises War Shots in the book's Forward.

Watch for CC **Bob Jordan's** review in **Leatherneck's** March issue."

The book is available in MCA Bookstores.

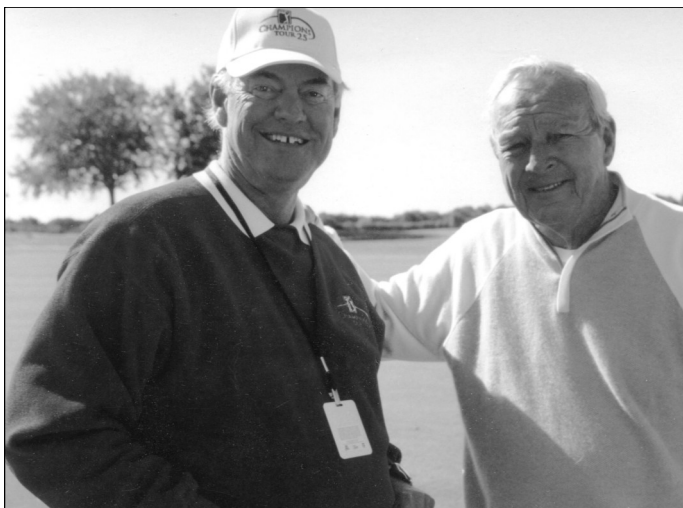
Member comments are on the website www.usmcca.org



1944—Norm (in his words): "My Errol Flynn shot"



2011—Like a Timex: He keeps on ticking at 90.



Gene Smith (l) and Arnold Palmer

March Leatherneck: The Gene Smith Story...

Florida Chapter member **Gene Smith** is a Vietnam-era CC who lives the life the most ardent golf hacker probably dreams about. His story, written by **USMCCA exec Jack Paxton**, appears in the March issue of Leatherneck.

Smith took an "early out" from the Corps in 1971 and, within days, was hired by the **Arnold Palmer Company** as an assistant golf pro at the famed Bay Hill Golf Club in Orlando. Following his apprenticeship, he became head professional at several courses in Central Florida before being named to the PGA Rules Committee and, the job he holds today, as **Assistant Tournament Director of the PGA Champions Tour.**

Readers will soon understand why, as **Gene** says, "**there is not a day in my life that I have ever hated going to work.**"



Major CC Scholarship Changes Made

After a lengthy study, the **USMCCCA Scholarship Committee** has recommended major changes to the application SOP for both the **Gladys McPartland Scholarship** (for general studies) and the **USMCCCA Foundation Scholarship** (for communications studies only).

Previously an applicant must have been a USMCCCA member for two consecutive years prior to application. This has produced few applications.

In order to stimulate applications the following changes have been made: Applications will be accepted and considered in this order:

1) A member; 2) dependent of a member (to include spouse) and 3) any active duty Marine in occupational field 4300 or 4600 (and related MOS). In the case of an active duty Marine applicant he or she must agree to becoming a member for a two year pe-

riod upon selection.

Applications may be obtained by contacting CCHQ at usmccca@cfl.rr.com or calling the Executive Director at 352.748.4698. A .pdf of the application is on line at www.usmccca.org.

Applications must be received by April 15. The selection committee will issue findings by June 1.

2011 Journal Advertising

The 2011 advertising campaign for the Annual Conference Journal has now begun. **As we have for the past several years we are offering a Member-only price of \$150 for a quarter-page full color ad.**

Members can create their own or, if they wish, have Art Director Chuck Beveridge create an ad using a member's idea.

Chapters will continue to be given a 20 percent discount on full or half-page ads they purchase.

The ad campaign will run through **July 15**. Payment may be made to the USMCCCA Foundation, 110 Fox Court, Wildwood, FL 34785.

Need A Few Good Mustangs

Former National President **Bob McEwen** announces he is taking a bit of time out from his world cruises to honcho the **Marine Corps Mustangs National Meeting** at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in **Clearwater Beach, FL September 29-October 2**. Knowing that there are quite a few CC and ComCam Mustangs in our membership, he is hoping they will jump in and support this event. CCs might remember that the Sheraton San Key Resort was the site of our national conference in 1995. If interested get with Bob at bobmcewen2@verizon.net.

Dues By Bank Bill Pay

Each year we face a problem of late or forgetful dues payers. We put a note in every newsletter and on the website plus send a postcard yet we still have late payers.

Why not set up a bill pay with your bank and have it automatically sent to us each September?



Bald is Beautiful? CC **Joe Espinosa** (1st row 2d l) NCOiC of **DINFOS PA Leadership Program** recently led a crew to the post barber shop in support of a colleague's (winning) battle with cancer. Flanking Air Force **Capt. Candice Adams** (on r) is CC **Keith Oliver**. Other CCs pictured are **Scott Woodley, Clark Carpenter and Jeff Cosola**. (Photo by Air Force TSgt. Rick Corral)

Late Breaking News: Cy O'Brien Passes

(Ed. Note: At press time February ___ we were informed by Don Knight that our oldest CC, Cy O'Brien died _____.

Cy turned 92 Sunday, January 30. He had been hospitalized more recently from complications from an earlier operation. His warrior heart finally gave out.

He became a combat correspondent prior to the Guam and Iwo Jima campaigns when the Corps found out he had been



a reporter prior to WWII.

We invite you to read a more complete obituary by his friend and CC Don Knight at www.usmcca.org

Cy O'Brien

A final wave to the troops who thought so much of him at the 2009 Hampton Conference



CC **Fred Tucker** reports starting the new year off right and this photo proves it. Fred made the shot from 275 yards with a 30-06 at 7 a.m. January 1 in Henry County, west Tennessee. Knowing that fellow CCs **Red Carpenter** and your Executive Director (with Fred in RVN in 1965-66) are ardent golfers, he offered the following with the photo: Ever try grilling, frying or roasting a golf ball? **Fred**, who is Public Information Officer for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, will deploy soon to Afghanistan with a unit from Tennessee. He promises to keep us posted on his adventures.



CC Board Member **Brenda Varnadore** (r) shown on a previous Avon Walk for Breast Cancer with CC **Kristen Bagley** is asking for your support in this fight against the dread disease for women. Brenda is in training for an upcoming walk and contributions in her name can be made by visiting Brenda's article on our website www.usmcca.org and clicking on the link: **To sponsor Brenda.**

Quartermaster Gear Available at Our On-Line Store

If you're looking for some neat clothing, from caps to outerwear with our distinctive logo and want to help support USMCCA, we encourage you to visit our website www.usmcca.org and click the link to the **USMCCC On-line Storefront**. Once there, click on All Items and "shop 'till you drop" for reasonably-priced items.

2011 Conference Highlight: WWII

Renowned historian, author and educator, **Dr. Stephen Ambrose** founded the **National World War II Museum** Foundation in New Orleans in 1991. The Museum, which opened June 6, 32000, is the only museum in the United States that addresses all of the amphibious invasions or “D-Days” of World War II, honoring the more than 16 million Americans who took part in this global conflict.

The National World War II Museum opened its doors on the 56th anniversary of the Normandy invasion that liberated Europe. **It is located in New Orleans, Louisiana because it was here that Andrew Higgins built the landing craft used in the amphibious invasions;** the landing craft which President Eisenhower believed won the war for the Allies.

The Museum stands as our country’s tribute to the men and women who made the invasions in Europe, Africa and the Pacific Theatres successful.

Conference planners are working with Museum officials to get a special group rate for both the Museum and its theaters. It is anticipated a visit can be arranged on the Wednesday afternoon of the annual Conference.

(Please note: All of the information on the Museum as well as the photos shown are presented as a Courtesy of the National World War II Museum.)

Foundation President

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what akin to Hollywood’s Oscar Awards. **This is our way of recognizing the skills of our active duty Combat Correspondents and Combat Camera Marines.**

In 2005, for example, there were 11 sponsors for 11 awards. **In 2010 there were 44 sponsors for 44 awards.** Your \$200 sponsorship to the Foundation ensures that each first place recipient will receive a cash award, a handsome plaque and a year’s membership. **To my way of thinking your sponsorships help ensure that this organization will have a future as these young warriors know who their benefactors are.**

This year we are hoping that more sponsors will attend our **New Orleans Conference September 12-16.** While plans are incomplete, we would like to have a private reception during the conference for the sponsor and his/her winner. We also plan is to seat each winner with their sponsor at the Banquet. More next quarter. **S/F Vickie**



**The National World War II Museum
New Orleans**



**The Solomon Victory Theatre
houses the 4-D movie: Beyond All Boundaries,
The Stage Door Canteen and a restaurant**



**VJ Day– The Long War In The Pacific
Is Finally Over**

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For topical news we invite you to visit www.usmccca.org.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Conference "Early Bird" Registration

This **Early Bird Registration** form is being made available to **ALL active duty, retired and others** expecting to attend the 2011 USMCCCA Conference at the Westin Hotel in New Orleans September 12-16. **Early registration gives conference planners a better idea of how many will attend.**

The early bird fee is \$ ____ and will be honored until June 31. After July 1 the registration fee will be \$ ____ and will remain at that amount until the end of the registration on Aug. ____.

Hotel Reservation Information

The best way to secure a hotel reservation at the Westin in New Orleans is to go to www.usmccca.org and follow the instructions. For those who do not use a computer call **1-888-627-8180** and use the **Group Code UMI11A**.

The room fee is \$98 plus tax per night. Please understand that we have booked a certain amount of rooms at this rate. When the agreed upon number is exceeded the rate could go up or the hotel might have to make arrangements with another hotel at a different rate.

Name Badge Information

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City: _____ **State:** _____

Credit Card Information-Visa/MCard Only Please Print

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