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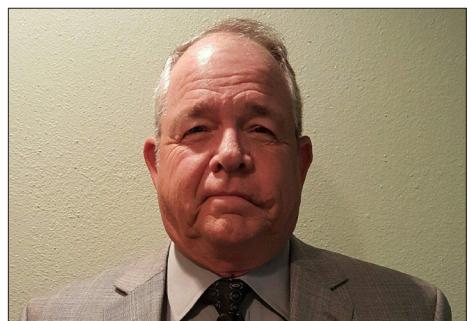
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Hello GOMA community, I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for summer activities. The GOMA have been active since my last update in the Newsletter.

The due date for scholarships was 30 June and we are hoping we received plenty of applications and can give out at least seven \$500 scholarship awards this year.

I want to thank everyone who is involved and has pushed to get the word out regarding scholarships. We could not make this happen without your help and dedication. Let's continue to improve our scholarship program, and hopefully be able to award more than seven scholarships next year.

I want to thank everyone who took the time to send in pictures and write-ups for this quarter's newsletter. This is our newsletter, and we want to continue to showcase our Marines, social events, and what is going on in our community. Please continue to keep the stories and articles coming, and don't forget to include some pictures.

Mike Lewis and I were had the pleasure of playing in the I MEF Golf Tournament this past month. I want to thank all those who put the tournament together and thank all the active duty and retired Marines who came out and played. It was a great time, and we were able to collect \$200 for their raffle to go back to the GOMA Scholarship fund. We are looking forward to the next golf outing and hanging around a bunch of fine Ordnance

Marines.

I want to let everyone know about the GOMAG Awards Dinner which will be going 31 Aug 2022 at the Pacific View Club aboard Camp Pendleton. We will be awarding our Annual GOMAG awards during the dinner to this year's winners. If you would like to attend the GOMAG Award Dinner, please reach out to Mike Lewis or I and we will get you in contact of where you can purchase tickets. This will be a great time for the local retired Ordnance Marines to meet today's Ordnance Warriors.

I want to remind everyone that our GOMA Board elections are quickly approaching in Nov of this year. There will be a complete turnover of the Board Leadership, so if anyone is interested, please let it be known as soon as possible. We need membership to get involved and keep pushing the GOMA in the right direction.

Our next meeting will go 13 July. The call-in information is 848-220-3300 Conf. Code 306434. I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to call into our meeting especially the people from the East Coast and Okinawa. As always, if anyone has any suggestion, thoughts, comments or concerns or has ideas on ways we can improve, please reach out to any the board membership, and let us know.

I want to wish everyone a happy Forth of July, stay safe and enjoy time with your families. Stay motivated and look forward to talking with everyone in the future.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Maj Joe Saenz



Maj Saenz graduated from Kilgore High School in Kilgore, Texas and enlisted in the Marine Corps in July of 1998. Following graduation from Recruit Training at MCRD San Diego, he attended MOS school to become a 2111 (Small Arms Repairman).

Upon graduating MOS School, Maj Saenz was assigned to 2nd Tank Battalion for service as the Charlie company armorer. He was promoted to corporal in November 2001 and was assigned as the Armory Chief, SACO, Chief Trainer for MC-MAP and Logistics Chief. While at MCESG, Maj Saenz was selected for the Warrant Officer Program and was appointed in February 2009.

Following TBS, Maj Saenz was assigned to 1st Maintenance Battalion where he served as the Platoon Commander for a short period of time before being transferred to MARSOC West in June of 2010. In October 2010 he was promoted to



Chief Warrant Officer 2, and during this tour he served as the Ordnance Officer for 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion and 1st Marine Special Operations Support Battalion, Marine Special Operations Support Group, while the organization went through a reorganization phase. During this tour, Maj Saenz deployed to Afghanistan in 2012 under Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force -Afghanistan where he served as the first Marine to be the Maintenance Operations Officer for a Special Operations Task Force. In February 2013, Maj Saenz became the Regimental Ordnance Officer for 5th Marine Regiment until being selected for the Limited Duty Officer program and being promoted in June 2014.

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Warfighter Focus

MARINES PARTICIPATE IN MARINE CORPS COMBAT READINESS EVALUATION



From 5 to 11 April 2022, Ordnance Maintenance Company, 3rd Maintenance Battalion, participated in the 2022 Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation (MCCRE). A combination of 137 Marines and sailors of various Military specialty occupations endured 6 days in a field environment. The Company and the battalion were evaluated on Field Level Maintenance Operations for A, B, D, and E TAMCN equipment, Command and Control, Maintenance Management, and Recovery Operations. They were also evaluated on their ability to provide forces for internal security and react to Chemical Biological Radioactive Nuclear attacks.

The Company

Headquarters, Materiel Control Section and the Intermediate Supply Activity led by Major Beck 0402, CWO2 Castilla 2120, 1stSgt De Anda 8999 and MSgt Fortenberry 2181 worked hand in hand with the battalions Maintenance Operations Section in order to C2 all Field Level maintenance operations and IX block SECREP and consumable management in support of III Marine Expeditionary Forces.

Ordnance Repair Platoon led by WO Norton 2125 and MSgt Echavez 2181 established a field intermediate armory where they issued and recovered weapons in support of the security details for Maintenance Support Teams. Additionally, ORP conducted a plethora of corrective



and preventive maintenance on weapons optics and fire control systems. The use of the sections Maintenance Shelters

was key to their success during the exercise. During the 6 day exercise and 24 hour operations, ORP was able to conduct repairs on 112 weapons and optics.

Additionally, Motor Transport Maintenance Platoon North and Engineer Repair Platoon led by WO Mendoza 3510 and CWO2 Buford 2110 conducted various MSTs throughout the MEFs Area of Operations. MTM-N conducted field level maintenance and recovery operations. The Engineer platoon performed repairs and preventive maintenance on Engineer Heavy equipment and utilities. Furthermore, they supported the Expeditionary Operations Training Group with water born vehicle mechanics.

Armament Repair Platoon led by CWO2 Buford and MSgt Carleo 2149 conducted field level maintenance on M777 Howitzers.

Additionally, the section conducted MSTs to support 4th Marine Regiment with ground Ordnance vehicle maintenance at their AAV and LAV ramp. During the evaluation, ARP focused on completing their annual T&R training re-

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quirements ensuring their maintainers are well prepared for the execution of the maintenance battle rhythm.

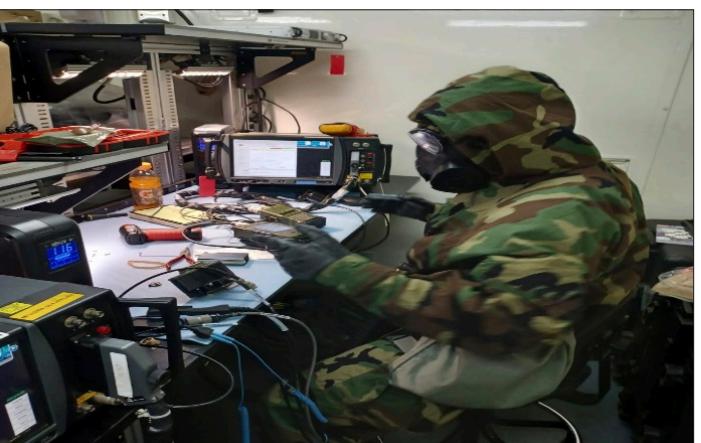
In this picture (third from top) we can see a Marine from Ground Electronics Maintenance platoon North conduct intermediate level maintenance on a radio in MOPP level 4 after a notional CBRN attack on the OMC compound. GEM-N works hand in hand with the Battalion's Reparable Issue Point for the repairs of all A TAMCN secondary repairable items and seamless transition back to the customer.

The GEM-N section is also a calibrations induction point for the Northern Camps of Okinawa. GEM-N is led by CWO2 Zemcik 2805 and GySgt Bolio 2862.

End of Mission! The MCCRE evaluation was an overall success for the battalion.

The sections within the company received nothing but noteworthy results for their performance.

In order to realign with the 2030 force design, Ordnance Maintenance Company is in transition to becoming a Regional Maintenance Operations Company (RMOC) but it will always remain in the hearts of the Ground Ordnance Community as 3rd OMC.



IN MEMORIAM

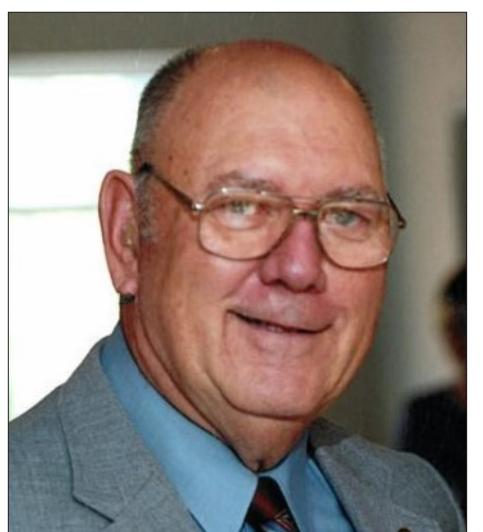
SFC Jerome "Joe" Kelly: June 25, 1939 - April 11, 2022



SFC Jerome "Joe" Kusy, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died April 11, 2022, in Jacksonville, IL.

He was born June 25, 1939, in Austin, MN, the son of Edward "Ed" and Georgia (Vomacka) Kusy.

Ralph Herman Pike: 1934 - 2022



He is survived by his wife, Gloria Kusy; son, Joe Jr.; daughter, Janeece (Denny); three grandchildren, Terra (Kyle), Sean (Alicia) and Chad (Tara); and four great-grandchildren, Kylee, Rylee, Mary-Grace and Matthew.

Joe served his country for 47 years, spending two years in the Iowa National Guard (Red Bull Division), four years serving in the Navy, 22 years in the Army (Screaming Eagle and 5th MTU), and 20 years of Civil Service with the Marine Corps in Camp Lejeune, NC. He was an accomplished hunter, fisher, and all-around sportsman.

The following was received from Ordnance Marines:

Dennis Adams: Joe was a quiet man and a gentleman in all respects. I often stopped by the Infantry Weapons Shop when I was in the

Ralph Herman Pike, 88 of Wilson N.C. passed away in May 2022. Ralph is survived by his loving wife, Aldiene Pike of sixty-eight years; sons, Bruce Pike and Dana Pike; daughters, Janet Franklin, Beth Mercado, Laura Sanborn, and Carol Weber; fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Ralph served thirty-three years in the Marine Corps joining as a private and retiring as a major. He had combat tours in Korea and Vietnam.

Upon retirement from service, he worked ten years for the City of Wilson as manager of maintenance of city vehicles. Ralph en-

joyed his retirement especially traveling with Aldiene. He was fond of birds, dogs, his home, garden and family.

Dennis Adams wrote: I knew Major Pike when I was a young Warrant Officer in the Ordnance Community in the 2nd Marine Division. He was an exceptional Marine Officer and always had the time to teach younger Marines. Even though that was decades ago he has never been forgotten by the Marines that knew and respected him.

He was a great American and will be missed. My deepest condolences go out to his wife and family. Fair Winds and following seas!

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USMC GOMA 2022 Elections

This is the announcement for the bi-annual elections of Board Members that will be taking place in November 2022. Positions on the ballot are for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Your current board members are not going to be running so candidates will be needed for all four positions.

The Election Committee Chairman is Shannon Sweeney (MGySgt Ret). All emails of intent to serve can be sent to her at sweeney.shannon21@gmail.com.

Eligibility for Candidates serving on the board is that they must be a regular member in good standing (Associate Members cannot serve) and be willing to serve a 2 year post.

After the elections, the cur-

rent Chairman stays on the board for another year as the Past Chairman to assist in the transition of the board and the current Treasurer will assist his replacement during the transition of all accounts and matters pertaining to this position.

In addition, turnover folders for Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Treasurer have been established to assist. The Secretary position is currently vacant and needs to be filled right away, but will still be on the Ballot for the November Election.

We cannot express enough the importance of finding candidates to stand up and take this over and these candidates need to be identified no later than end of August 2022.

(Please do not wait until the last minute to email your intent)

WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEWEST GOMA MEMBERS!

Michael Flanagan
(New Member x3 years)

Jeffery Grasz (Renewal Annual)

Gunnar Johanson (Honorary)

Dominic Mahon (Honorary)

Edward Navarette
(Renewal Annual)

James Trammell (Honorary)

Joshua Whitaker (Honorary)

A Message From the USMC GOMA Board

The GOMA is now in its 11th year of existence. There has been a lot of efforts by many key supporters over the years to grow the Association and we send a challenge out to all of you to start getting more involved. Right now, here are some immediate needs:

GOMA Secretary is needed - this position is not a difficult one, but has been vacant for a few months now. Need an active member to contact us with a desire to step in until the next elections.

The 2022 Scholarship Awards Chairman has been found! We would like to give our thanks to Plankholder CWO-5 Del Bennie for stepping up and managing this years Scholarships!

The 2022 USMC GOMA Scholarship Awards Program is now accepting applications. The instructions

and applications can be downloaded at www.usmcgoma.org. Plan is to award 7 (possibly more) well deserving men and woman who qualify in August 2022. If you have any questions, please email scholarships@usmcgoma.org

2022 USMC GOMA elections - this will take place in November 2022 and we need an election Chairman to manage this. We have a proven process using Survey Monkey and again not a real difficult process, but needs to be handled by someone who is not on the board or on the ballot. MOST IMPORTANT!!! The following positions will need to be filled and the ballot must be completed and distributed by early August. These are 2 years terms and must be filled by Active Regular Members. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary,

Treasurer.

The current Chairman continues to serve for a period of one year as the Past Chairman to assist in the transition, and in the case of the current Treasurer, he will stay engaged with whoever takes over to also assist and answer any questions as full financial control is turned over. We are also working on turnover folders which will be completed well before this years elections.

I can't express enough how important this is as the current board members will not be extending their service and the GOMA is ready for fresh ideas and growth.

For those who have not yet joined as a member or have let their memberships elapse, time for you to go to www.usmcgoma.org and join!

Semper Fidelis!!!

The Future of the Ground Ordnance Officer Corps

Warrant Officers break bread during the Ground Ordnance Maintenance Warrant Officers Course 2022. The Warrant Officers were trained on a variety of topics over the course of 22 training days, including but not limited to directing maintenance resources, directing maintenance reporting, inspecting maintenance-related programs, Reliability Centered Maintenance and Conditions Based Maintenance, physical security, directing recovery operations and preparing for deployment. They also received multiple enterprise-level briefs and mentorship sessions from top leaders in the Ordnance Community, discussing subjects such as force design, career progression, leadership, and community. Front right CWO2 Brenten T Berry 2111 Small Arms repair Course Director /Primary instructor, MSgt Edward J Dugan 2111 Small Arms repair Course Deputy Director. WO Anthony J Juedes, WO Trevon L Wilson, WO Jason A Denero, WO Christopher R Philipp, WO John L Broussard, WO Brendan G Poston, WO Raymond F Buford Jr, and front left WO Arles M Miranda.



Jerome Kelly Continued

out of the Jacksonville, North Carolina area. He was always active in community events and he and his wife Gloria were often seen at those events. They both always attended our annual Quail Forever banquet to support conservation and he could always be found at our local VFW on Piney Green Road. He was truly a great American and he will be

missed by all that have known him.

James Craig: I was the SN-COIC of the IW Shop for a period in the mid 90's. Joe was one of the QC guys. Just a real good person to work with. He did a lot to teach and mentor the young Marines, he took several of them under his wing and some of them would even help him on his property on week-ends.

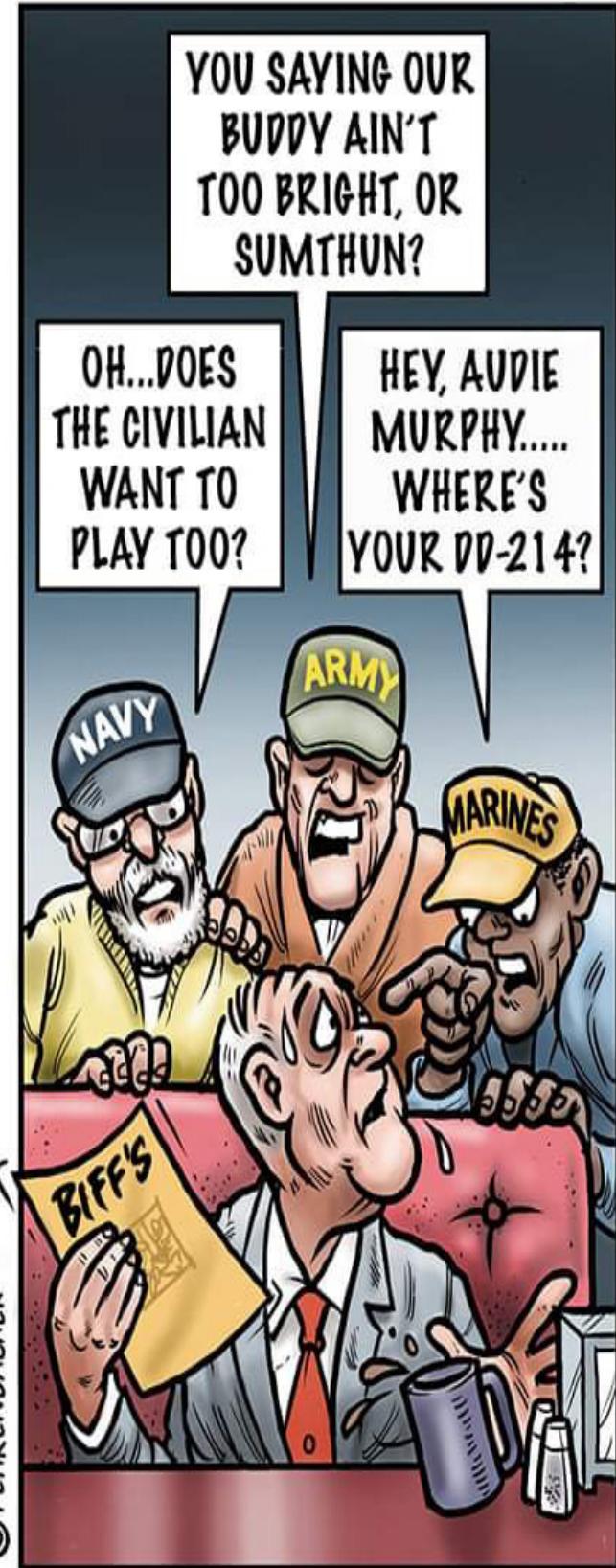
Douglas Uncapher: Joe was such a great guy. I had the pleasure of

serving next to him twice in my career. He was a true friend and mentor and I will always remember our chats and lunches together.

Duane Stacy Beiser: He was a great man! Enjoyed working with him, many of talks and education sessions from Joe and Glen. RIP

Mark Hall: Joe was a great man! Treated each Marine that he mentored like they were one of his own kids.

Comedy Corner IN-COUNTRY VET



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Spotlight Continued

As a new Captain, Maj Saenz served as an Analysis Team OIC for FSMAO West from August 2014 until December 2015 when he executed orders to Marine Corps Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia. There he served as the Equipment Readiness Officer, until early 2018 when he augmented to deploy as the Material Control Officer for the Special Operations Command-Forward in East Africa.

Upon returning from deployment, he was promoted to his current rank. In September 2018, Maj Saenz reported in as the Ordnance Officer for 1st Marine Division until May of 2021 when he assumed Command of General Support Maintenance Company, 1st Maintenance Battalion.

Maj Saenz is married to his lovely wife Ashely and they have a beautiful little daughter named Avery. He is a 3rd Degree Black Belt Martial Arts Instructor Trainer in MCMAP and his personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Parachutist Insignia, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal gold stars in lieu of 4th award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal gold stars in lieu of 3rd award.



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Comradery On The Range**CONGRATULATIONS...**

To the graduates of Ground Ordnance Maintenance Officers Course class 001-22 The Distinguished honor graduate is Warrant Officer Anthony J. Juedes (center). The guest speaker for today's graduation was Lieutenant Colonel Michael R. Lukkes.



To the Ground Ordnance Managers Course Graduates March 2022. Left to Right: SSgt Danny Vega, SSgt Lorenzo Arebalos, GySgt Anibal Beltran, SSgt Justin Dommer, Sgt Collin Raker.



To the Ground Ordnance Supervisors Course Graduates April 2022. Left to Right: Sgt Anthony Pineda, Cpl Noah Hardy, Sgt Jacob Jeltema, Sgt Connor Sturgis, Cpl Jacob Ramsey, Cpl Anthony Beckham, Cpl Jesus Villa, Cpl Ethan Jara, Cpl Daniel Eddy, Sgt Angus Floyd, Cpl Samuel Bartz, Cpl Jack Wilson, Sgt Seth Volheim, Sgt Josia Torrijos, Sgt Nikolas Tremblay.

GOMA Events:

On June 14, 2022, Ground Ordnance Maintenance Marines on or around Camp Pendleton, CA took a day to partake in the revival of the I MEF Golf Tournament. A simple conversation between two Marines transformed into the biggest Ground Ordnance Maintenance gathering seen in recent times. A huge thank you goes out to Gunnery Sergeant Calderon (1st OMC) for coordinating with the course. Events such as these keep the relationships and relevant conversations in our community alive. It is our responsibility to ensure their survival for many years to come.





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Please keep an eye out for sponsors and events that can generate funds for next year's scholarships!

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MARFORSOC:

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MGySgt Karin Monaco
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MGySgt Dee Harris

- 1st MarDiv: Maj Nathaniel Crouch / MGySgt Brent Levell
- 1st MLG: Capt Robert Rivas/
MGySgt Juan More

II MEF: LtCol Michael Lukkes/
MGySgt John Geeting III

- 2d MARDIV: Maj Jason Price/
MGySgt Clovis Johnson
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III MEF: LtCol Mark Oldroyd/
MGySgt Kyle Hall

- 3d MARDIV: Maj Aaron Rancloes/MGySgt Chuck Thompson
- 3rd MLG: Maj Thomas White/
MGySgt Spencer Thomas

Mission Statement

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Monthly Meetings

The Board of Directors holds a board meeting (Conference Call) the second Wednesday of each month at 1630 Pacific Coast Time.

We are asking you to join us by calling in to the following numbers:
848-220-3300
Access Code 306434

It is important that we know what you want and desire from the Ground Ordnance Maintenance Association and look forward to hearing your ideas on making this organization grow.

Fair Winds and Following Seas... Scholarship Program Sponsorship

We all hope you have enjoyed reading our NINTH quarterly publication, and bringing in the new year!

If you have pictures or articles of interest you would like to see published, please contact any of the board members. This can include promotions of your Marines, events, or awards!



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SELF MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Levels: There are various membership levels and options which are open to Marines currently serving, or having formerly honorably served, in the active or reserve components of the United States Marine Corps; who have been awarded a ground ordnance maintenance Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) by competent authority in accordance with Marine Corps detective in effect at the time of their service, and have honorably served as a Ground Ordnance Maintenance Marine.

In addition, there are also Associate Member options that open to all members of any USMC MOS, U.S. Military Service, or family members of an active GOMA member.

Lifetime (\$225.00) or Lifetime Associate (\$225.00) Lifetime membership is a one-time cost with no further dues ever needed. Over the years as costs rise, so will dues. This one time designation is currently being offered as a great value.

1 year (\$30.00); 2 years (\$55.00); 3 years (75.00): These options are for both regular and associate members

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