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GOMA Gathering Alert

There will be a West Coast Ordnance gathering on Thursday, 11 May 2023 at Bastards Canteen in Temecula, California at 1800. Address: 27717 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA 92590

It is hard to believe we are already in April of 2023, hopefully you all are enjoying good health and success in your lives.

We have a lot of great topics to cover in this report but I wanted to touch on a few. First, we have been doing a tremendous job getting together in all our local areas to spread camaraderie, tell sea stories, and to greet old friends. We soon will know who this year’s GOMA award winners are, Ordnance Marines truly making a name for themselves and ensuring the service is prepared for tomorrow.

I look forward to seeing them all at the GOMAG late summer to be presented their awards in front of the Service’s leaders and peers. Finally, its always a pleasure to see what all great things are happening in the active and reserve Fleet Marine Forces.

We will continue to try to rotate the spotlight around the geographic areas as well as supporting establishments to continue to highlight the great talent we have in the organization and inspire continued success as an organization. Thank you again for all that you do.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



GySgt Alejandro Ramirez

Unbreakable Resilience:
The Inspiring Story of an
Ordnance Marine

Over fourteen years ago, Corporal Alejandro Ramirez a Motor Transport Operator was one of the thousands of Marines serving selflessly through shared hardships on another Afghanistan deployment. Today, Gunnery Sergeant Alejandro Ramirez Jr is the Regimental Armory Chief for Marine Corps Security Force Regiment. He is among a small number of Marine amputees and other injured service members to remain on active duty. This Marine lost his lower right leg in combat during his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. Despite the challenges he faced, Gunnery Sergeant Ramirez has not let his disability hold him back. Thus, becoming an inspiration to many by overcoming adversity and achieving remarkable success in both his personal and professional life.

Gunnery Sergeant Ramirez was born in Dallas, Texas and at 21 years old joined the Marine Corps after growing tired of working in a furniture factory. He met with the Recruiter the day before Thanksgiving, enlisted on December 21, 2006, under the ground option, and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego January 16, 2007. He completed his Marine Combat Training on Camp Pendleton, California. In May

of 2007, Private Ramirez attended Motor Vehicle Operator Course in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri graduating a 3531 Motor Transport Operator.

Private Ramirez reported to his first duty station aboard Camp Pendleton with 2nd Platoon, Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. In July of 2007 he was promoted to Private First Class and later promoted to Lance Corporal in March of 2008. Later that same month on 28 March, Lance Corporal Ramirez married Alice, the love of his life, in Rockwall, Texas. In April of 2008 Lance Corporal Ramirez stepped off on his first deployment to Afghanistan with 2nd Battalion 7th Marines. Throughout out this deployment, Lance Corporal Ramirez served as turret gunner in the combat trains conducting resupply missions. This deployment proved to be challenging as their battalion sustained a significant number of casualties. Lance Corporal Ramirez recalls seeing firsthand the significant things Marines at the junior level can do while making life and death decisions. Seeing the true meaning of brotherhood is what helped Lance Corporal Ramirez develop as a leader, as he pinned on Corporal in



GySgt Ramirez and family.



GySgt Ramirez recovering after amputation in Balboa Naval Hospital

December of 2008. Shortly after returning from deployment, Corporal Ramirez and Alice welcomed their first child, a son, Alejandro into this world on February 2, 2010.

Before long, Truck Company, 2nd Platoon found themselves on their second deployment to Afghanistan in March of 2010 supporting 3rd Battalion 7th Marines this time around. Corporal Ramirez was a Loadmaster ensuring all the equip-

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Warfighter Focus

RELEVANT, READY, RESPONSIVE: RESERVES IN ACTION

Submitted by: MGySgt Jason Beall

The Marine Corps Reserve has a unique mission to be a force in readiness to augment the active forces and stay ready with only 38 training days a year. Reserve Marines embrace this challenge and do their best to utilize this time to maintain their technical and tactical proficiency. To complicate things further, the 150+ reserve training centers are spread out across the Continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico.

This geographic dispersion can limit training opportunities and the travel time to a training site can rob a Marine of valuable training hours. Still, the reserves continue to train and serve with the same motivation and dedication so that they are relevant, ready, and responsive. They also find creative ways to maximize the training they can get out of their limited schedules. Often relationships are built with other local military units, allowing the sharing of resources while getting joint service experience. Also, local law enforcement, government agencies, and even civilian businesses partner with their local Marine Reserve centers to address the unique training challenges in an alternate manner. One example of outside-the-box thinking is the Maintenance Support Team (MST) Annual Training (AT) created by Detachment (Det) 5, Maintenance Company, Combat Logistics Company 451.

Det 5 is the Ordnance Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) for all reserve units east of the Mississippi River. They have multiple small arms repairmen, an elec-



tro-optical ordnance repairer, and a towed artillery systems technician on their full-time staff, as well as numerous reserve counterparts that they train. Part of Det 5's mission is to provide IMA level maintenance to a greatly dispersed population. They accomplish this through either having equipment shipped to them, or by sending their full-time staff on an MST. One of the primary MSTs

that Det 5 conducts is the annual preventive maintenance checks and services (APMCS) on the M777A2 Howitzer for Golf and India Batteries, 3/14. The staff at Det 5 figured out that if they joined each week-long trip into two weeks, they could make it an AT event for their reservist, giving them relevant, hands-on training while assisting with their mission. This has proven to be an

impactful and successful MST and training exercise all in one.

The latest execution of this event was from January 22nd to February 4th, 2023. The Marines from Det 5 traveled to Fort Dix, New Jersey and then Allentown, Pennsylvania to conduct annual scheduled preventive maintenance (ASPM) on (11) of 3/14's M777A2 Howitzers. The team consisted of Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Lepkowski (Reserve Maintenance Chief), Sergeant Ryan Girard (Reserve Artillery Maintenance Chief), Sergeant Anthony Vega (Reserve Artillery Mechanic), Sergeant Austin McDonald (Artillery Maintenance Chief), Corporal Bryan Zatta (Reserve Optics Technician), and Corporal Devin Amadon (Optics Technician). This trip proved both frustrating and rewarding for these Marines. The artillery mechanics identified several discrepancies with the cannons. Where they could, they performed corrective maintenance repairs, and when a lack of parts prevented further repair, they notified 3/14 staff of the required parts needed for conducting effective repair.

To add to the challenge, the Marines had to remove several parts of the cannon that were rusted into place. This tested their patience while under a constricted timeline, but their ingenuity and perseverance prevailed. They were able to complete the multiple repairs on the



gun to ensure the weapon was mission capable and ready for the next operation. Despite the setbacks, the Marines stayed focused on the mission, and learned to adapt and overcome when the situation was less than ideal.

Additionally, the artillery mechanics conducted IMA-level repairs, when necessary, which included scavenge piston rod rebuilds, scavenge manifold rebuilds, accumulator rebuilds, and recoil buffer rebuilds. The support these Marines provide directly affected each firing battery's mission and equipment readiness by ensuring each M777A2 Howitzer is properly functioning and able to provide accurate and timely fire support to

its fullest capability.

As part of the APMCS, the optics technicians conducted Fire Control Alignments (FCA) on the guns and test the cannons' Digital Fire Control System (DFCS). This work included shimming adapter plates, correcting boresight using a target board, establishing standard angle, leveling quadrant vials, and conducting DFCS walk-offs to ensure each cannon's sights were properly tuned and within tolerance.

These critical pieces of corrective maintenance ensure that the M777A2s can stay on target. During this trip, the DFCS on a few guns required the optics technicians to utilize the inertial navigation alignment

plate to adjust the settings. This ensures the DFCS was accurately reading the same as the optics of the cannon. One optics technician that stood out during the completion of the FCAs was Corporal Zatta. From the start he tackled every task with enthusiasm and a hunger to learn. Working alongside Mr. William Kramer, 3/14's FSR, he quickly learned the process to conduct FCAs. He became proficient enough at FCAs to complete a cannon in a single day, which is something that usually takes a Marine a few days to complete.

By the end of the trip, he conducted all (5) FCAs on India Battery's Howitzers on his own.

The FSR mentioned that Cpl Zatta's positive, can-do attitude had a great impact on the moral of everyone he worked with.

The MST and AT combination has proven unorthodox ideas can be effective, but also serves as a great force multiplier. The reserves who attended the trip walked away from it far more proficient at their craft than when they started. They also walked away with a sense of pride knowing that they directly and positively impacted the readiness of the M777A2s.

The active forces inspecting and instructing the reserve forces on important and impactful technical proficiencies is a win for both components, and the Marine Corps as a whole.

Warfighter Focus

LOGISTICS COMMAND GLOBAL ORDNANCE SUPPORT: STEMMING THE TIDE OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

February 24th marked the one-year anniversary of Russia officially declaring war on Ukraine. We, as Ordnance Marines, have all seen or at least heard of the tremendous support the Marine Corps and DoD as a whole has provided to Ukrainian troops to help stem the tide of Russian aggression. The Ordnance Marines and civilians of Logistics Command, Combat Systems Division (CSD) have been at the fore front of said support. Long before any kinetic actions were taken, CSD was facilitating the transfer of strategic ordnance military equipment to Ukraine via Presidential Drawdowns. Since those early days of initial support, CSD, in conjunction with MEF personnel, has provided over \$300 million in vital military equipment. Of the countless ordnance equipment provided, it could be argued, none were more important than the M777 Howitzers. The guns provided by the Marine Corps have made it more difficult for Russian forces to move in the open and has supported Ukrainian counter-offensive efforts. Though the equipment was desperately needed, it has posed challenges in supporting ongoing Fleet readiness,



especially with regard to the M777.

M777 reconstitution efforts began immediately after the initial support decision was made. CSD facilitated the surge in Marine Corps Depot production of the M777, through strategic planning, in coordination with Systems Command and PM Fire Support Systems. The FY22 production plan was increased by over 120 percent, to provide using units with expedited back fills for PD equipment. This measure essentially stopped the bleeding, but critical deficiencies still remained. To further expedite the return of mission critical equipment, Weapon

Systems Support Manager Kyle Luckie, headed a joint team of CSD and PM Fire Support Systems personally to evaluate in-stores M777s for Depot candidacy. Over an eleven-month period, his team was able to identify, schedule, fund and produce 23 M777s in addition to the planned Master Work Schedule. These 23 assets were excess to the Approved Acquisitions Objective and were not originally intended for this support. Facilitated by overwhelming collaboration between Ordnance personnel of Logistics Command, Systems Command and fleet personnel, M777s were fully re-

constituted to using units months ahead of schedule.

Ordnance Marines have a long and storied history of making the impossible possible. Doing more with less, has become an inherent trait for many of us. This situation was just one of many that highlights our ability as an Ordnance Core to work cohesively across multiple commands to get the job done. It was also an excellent opportunity to get Marines exposed to the inner workings of Logistics Command helping to cement the productive working relationship between Warfighters and the support personnel here at Logistics Command.

Custodis Pro Ferrum

Spotlight Continued : GySgt Ramirez's Vehicle Struck an IED Late July 16, 2010

ment and supplies were properly loaded in support of resupply missions. In the late-night hours of July 16, 2010, while returning to Camp Leatherneck, his Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement (MTVR) was the lead truck following two Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles with mine rollers. While making their way through a wadi his vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The front passenger side of the vehicle where he was seated, received massive damage from the force of the explosion. Corporal Ramirez was ejected from the MTVR losing consciousness, and after an attempt to get to his feet and retrieve his weapon he realized something wasn't right with his leg. There he saw his fellow Marines step up, taking charge of multiple things to include providing first aid and sweeping the area for secondary IEDs. His fellow Marines were able to medevac him back to Camp Leatherneck where he received initial care and was transported to Bagram, Afghanistan. After treatment in country, Corporal Ramirez was medevac'd to Germany for a short time, and later flown stateside to Walter Reed Medical Center. He desperately needed intensive reconstructive surgery on his lower right leg. However, Corporal Ramirez opted to have



GySgt Ramirez conducting lathe work chambering a barrel for the Marine Corps Rifle Team.

surgery at Balboa Naval Hospital to allow him to be with his platoon as they returned from deployment at Camp Pendleton.

Upon arrival at Balboa, Corporal Ramirez was assigned to Wounded Warrior Battalion West. While recovering, he was promoted to Sergeant in May of 2012. He endured a two-year extensive treatment, and he pursued numerous recovery options. Those options ranged from restoring his lower right leg to amputation. On the tail end of rehabilitation, Sergeant Ramirez began his reenlistment process and completed a lateral move to the 2111 Small Arms Repairer/Technician MOS. After several months of on-the-job training as an Armory Custodian with Marine Aircraft Group 16 (MAG-16), 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing in Miramar, California, he reported to



GySgt Ramirez learning to walk with the prosthetic leg.

Small Arms Repair/Technician School in Fort Lee, Virginia. Upon graduation, Sergeant Ramirez reported to Headquarters Battalion, School of Infantry West, where he served as Platoon Sergeant and Maintenance

Management Floor Chief for the armory. He recalls this tour as a huge learning curve and being thankful he had strong SNCOs to guide him. During this

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Interview with GySgt Ramirez

Q: Can you tell us about the moment you were injured and your initial reaction?

A: It was a chaotic scene, and everything happened so quickly. I remember waking up on the ground after being thrown from the vehicle and I was covered in transmission fluid. I saw my weapon hanging out of the MTRV and tried to get up to retrieve it. I couldn't get up and knew something wasn't right. All I could think about it was this is the end, and I began to think of my wife and five-month-old son. My fellow Marines acted without hesitation and were able to evacuate me back to Leath-erneck. I still use that example when talking to Marines when they give ex-cuses. "Don't ever tell me you are just a Lance Corporal or Corporal." I have seen firsthand what they can do.

Q: What were some of the big-est challenges you faced during your recovery and rehabilitation?

A: I went through 12 surger-ies trying to salvage my lower right leg. It was emotionally draining going through the surgeries and pain. After seeing recent amputees already run-ning, I knew that was what I needed to do. I still had a lot of life left, and with a toddler son I wanted to be mo-bile and not have to depend on a cane limping around. At that point they amputated my lower right leg around the calf. It was tough at first, but I had a lot of support from my family, friends, and fellow Marines. I also re-ceived excellent medical care and re-habilitation from the team at Balboa. I had to learn how to walk and do ev-erything else differently, but I was de-termined not to let my injury define me. I also found it helpful to connect with other Marines at Wounded War-rior Battalion. In true Marine humor, the multiple limb amputees called me "Paper Cut" since I only had a single limb missing. It was that kind of hu-

mor that kept everyone going.

Q: How did you find the strength and motivation to overcome those challenges and continue mov-ing forward?

A: I couldn't have made it through the two years of rehabilita-tion at Wounded Warrior Battalion without my wife Alice, my rock along with the rest of my family and fel-low Marines. I took up archery and was recently able to compete at the Wounded Warrior Trials where I re-ceived a silver medal. I also took an interest in hunting and fishing which really helped me out. I think it is im-portant to remember at times when you feel down or alone, there are fel-low Marines and many resources out there to lean on. Don't wait! Health and wellbeing come first.

Q: What motivated you to continue serving in the Marine Corps after your injury?

A: Honestly, I didn't know I could continue serving in the begin-ning of my recovery. That is when the Career Planner told me about the Extended Permanent Limited Duty (EPLD) program. It allows combat wounded Marines to maintain an active-duty career while serving in a limited duty status. At that point, I felt like I still had a lot to contribute, and I didn't want my injury to be the end of my career. I was fortunate to get promoted to Sergeant and reenlist as a 2111 Small Arms Repairer/Tech-nician. Funny thing is, I didn't know anything about small arms mainte-nance.

Between my deployments I was slated to be an armory custodian but opted out so I could deploy with my Ma-rines. From there I started OJT in an armory on Miramar with MAG-16 until I could go to MOS school.

Q: Looking back on your journey, what do you feel were some of the most important lessons you learned?

A: Be the leader where your Marines follow your orders, not be-cause you told them to, but because they do not want to let you down. This is something I learned early on in my career by seeing my Lieutenant, Staff Sergeant, and NCO's exhibit that on convoys in Afghanistan during my first deployment.

Q: How has your experience as an amputee influenced your out-look on life?

A: It has given me a newfound appreciation for life and the people around me. I experienced the saying firsthand, "Your life can change in a split second". I didn't let it stop me from staying in the fight and continu-ing to live my life. To this day my fam-ily and I are thankful that the Marine Corps allowed me to continue mov-ing forward serving within its ranks. I try to live every day to the fullest and not take anything for granted. I also believe anything is possible if you put your mind to it and work hard. I hope my story can inspire others to over-come their own challenges and pur-sue their dreams.

Q: What do you like most about the Ordnance Community and what are your future goals?

A: Strong bonds and tight sense of community are things I like most about the Ordnance Commu-nity. I like how we are relatively small and close compared to other MOS', es-pecially at the SNCO level. It is much different than I initially thought it was going to be compared to the Motor Transport Community. I am humbled and proud to be a part of a great com-munity. I have no regrets and look forward to continuing making the Marine Corps a career. After the Ma-rine Corps, whenever that day comes, I look forward to supporting my wife Alice in her career goals of working in human resources. We hope to be in the great state of Texas at that time.

Ordnance School at Ft Lee, VA recognizes four Marines for outstanding performance



GySgt Fredward T. Parker
MOS: 2111
Billet: Small Arms Repairer
Course Instructor
Accomplishment: Master Instructor
Award: Navy and Marine Corps
Achievement Medal



SSgt Andrew C. Cogbill
MOS: 2131
Billet: Towed Artillery Repairer
Course Instructor
Accomplishment: Senior Instructor
Award: Certificate of
Commendation



SSgt Christopher J. Riley
MOS: 2171
Billet: Electro-optic
Repairer Course Instructor
Accomplishment: Navy and
Marine Corps Achievement Medal



Sgt Daniel J. Ijames
MOS: 2171
Billet: Electro-optic Repairer
Course Instructor
Accomplishment: Navy and
Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Spotlight Continued

tour of duty, Staff Sergeant Ramirez and Alice welcomed their daughter Adriana to the world on No-vember 11, 2015.

In Decem-ber of 2015, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant and soon after accepted to the 2112 Precision

Weapons Repair Course (PWRC) in Quantico, Virginia. Upon grad-uating from PWRC, Staff Sergeant Ramirez was assigned as the 2112 Precision Weapons Repairman for the Marine Corps Rifle and Action Shooting Team. This was a reward-ing tour as it showed him a differ-ent aspect of the Marine Corps.

In December of 2020, he was promoted to his current rank of Gunnery Sergeant. In the same month, he reported to Marine Corps Security Force Regiment in Yorktown, Virginia. His person-al decorations include the Purple Heart Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achieve-ment Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon.

Gunnery Sergeant Alejan-dro Ramirez's story is a testament to the resilience and determination of the human spirit.

Despite the hardships he has faced, he has never given up on his goals and has become a role model for others facing similar challenges.

His journey from a young Motor Transport Operator, being injured in combat, successfully re-covering, becoming an Ordnance Marine, and now a Regimental Ar-mory Chief reminds us that any-thing is possible if you have the courage to face your fears and per-severe.



Keeping Friendships Alive

By LtCol (Ret) Dennis G. Adams

I have mentioned this in a previous article to GOMA that several of us older Ordnance guys try to get together at least once a year to visit each other. This year was no different and after almost 3 years of covid lock downs and one thing or another we were finally able to get together the 21st through the 25th this last September. We met up at a Hunt Club up in Rural Retreat, Virginia that Bill Jennings and his brother Jim are members of.

The location is in the mountains of Southwest Virginia and is clearly off the beaten path so we can shoot and make as much noise as we like. This year the group of us was fairly small with Shannon Pitchford, Sean Collins, John Myrka, Bill Jennings (all Retired LtCol's) Shannon's Son in Law Jared (active duty CWO) along with a couple of Bill's bother Jim's Army buddies and myself attending. However, even though the group was smaller than normal a great time was had by all present. We



Sean Collins and Dennis Adams

Comedy Corner

Sharing "Memories" With A Buddy



did a lot of trout fishing, shooting, way too much eating, telling stories and remembering good times and were even entertained one evening by the local blue grass group. None of us thought to take many pictures to share with you but I have included one picture of Sean Collins on the right and myself on the left with a nice mess or rainbow trout we caught early one morning. When the rest of the group saw the mess of trout both Sean and I were accused of using explosives to get them. That was not true even though I am not sure that Sean did not shoot a couple of them that refused to take his home made trout bait! He had made the bait out of fish pellets, gold sparkle and black coffee and the smell of it would gag a maggot but it did seem to work. Come to think of it while fishing on another stream, I do remember hear-

ing a couple of gun shots upstream from me but I just thought Sean was scaring Number 7 off. Number 7 was a Black Angus cow that kept following us around the pasture and would try and eat our gear. She ate our peanut and jelly sandwiches and tried to eat Sean's stool he had brought to sit on. Later that day we needed to stop by Food Country on our way back to camp to pick up steaks because we were eating steaks on the grill that night. What bothers me is that I don't recall Sean buying a steak and I don't recall seeing old Number 7 prior to leaving for the day. I don't guess the number 7 was so lucky for Old Number 7 after all! Our next get together will be the middle of January for a quail hunt down here in North Carolina. I hope other ordnance folks do similar things to keep their friendships going over the years.

GOMA Socials Go Global

The Ordnance Marines of III MEF held a social event in Okinawa on 9 February at the American Legion. The SNCOs and Officers try to get together at least once a quarter, but this time there happened to be a team from the Program Office for Infantry Weapons on deck, so it gave the Marines the chance to see Major Michael Epperson one last time before he retires later this year. They took it as an opportunity to provide him with a plaque in appreciation for everything he has done for the Ordnance community.



On Jan 25th, Quantico area ordnance Marines got together. The picture below equals 463 years of ordnance experience and 11 different ordnance MOSs. Pictured below are: Martin Lopez, Randall Crane, Ed Bettencourt, Pete Chazland, Justin Hanush, Dee Dipardo, Steve Ruggiero, Larry Miller, Rex Baker, Quentin Smith, Chris Gibson, Jonathan Ours, Joseph Bering, Joe Kennedy, Michael Dahlkamp, Mike Mitchell, Larry Taylor, Gene Baker, and Tom Fox



On Tuesday Feb 7th, a West Coast social was set up and held at the Pit Stop in Oceanside CA. This lasted about 3 ½ hours and the gathering with old friends and meeting new ones was awesome!

Back Row Left to Right (Standing) Nate Crouch, Neil Anderson, David Porter, Chris Eichner, Ryan Spyker, Tony Fernandez, Jerry Copley, Jim Towney, Charles Bushnell, Brett Levell, Gary Teicher
Front Row Left to Right (Sitting) Obed Macias, Evelyn Macias, Sean Daley, Matt Rogers, Mike Lewis, Jeff Grasz, Vic Martinez





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Mission Statement

The purpose of the USMC Ground Ordnance Maintenance Association is to support the Marine Corps by disseminating knowledge of Ground Ordnance Maintenance among Marines, to provide professional development opportunities for Marines, to foster the spirit and preserve the traditions of the Marine Corps to offer special benefits to USMC GOMA members!

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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:

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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...

We all hope you have enjoyed reading our TENTH 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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Ground Ordnance Maintenance Association

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SELF MEMBERSHIP FORM

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