

USMC GOMA Essay Contest



The Ground Ordnance Maintenance Association is proud to announce this year's essay contest. This contest is open to all active duty GOMA members and aims to encourage thoughtful contributions that address challenges and solutions within the community.

Here's what you need to know:

General Rules:

- Must be an Active Duty GOMA member
- All essays must include a title page with the following details:
 - Essay Title
 - Rank
 - Name
 - Unit
 - GOMA Membership Number
- Essays will be judged on:
 - Topic
 - Organization and structure
 - Writing quality
 - Originality and voice
 - Citing references is strongly encouraged
- **\$100 Prize for the top essay in each category and published in the next newsletter**
- At least **two submissions per category** are required.
 - If a category does not meet this requirement, the prize money will be redistributed equally among the remaining categories.

Reminder: Active duty Sergeants and below are eligible for a free 1-year membership.

- Use the QR Code.
- Select Active E1-E5 Membership
- Process checkout.



If you have issues please email: membership@usmcgoma.org

Officer and SNGOs

Prompt: Identify a recurring challenge that affects the ground ordnance maintenance community and propose a solution. Explain how your proposed improvement will benefit the community or the broader military service.

- **Eligibility:** Active Duty Ground Ordnance Maintenance SNCO or Officer, Active GOMA Member.
- **Essay Requirements:**
 - Length: 750-1,000 words
 - Original work, in Word format
 - Times New Roman, 10pt, double-spaced
 - Must include clear identification of the challenge, real-world examples, and a proposed solution.

NCOs

Prompt: How do the actions of an individual NCO affect the unit, ground ordnance maintenance community, or service?

- **Eligibility:** Active Duty Ground Ordnance Maintenance Corporal or Sergeant, Active GOMA Member.
- **Essay Requirements:**
 - Length: 500-750 words
 - Original work, in Word format
 - Times New Roman, 10pt, double-spaced
 - Must include real-world examples and reflection on the impact of the actions.

Junior Marines

Prompt: How can junior Marines demonstrate leadership even when they are not in charge?

- **Eligibility:** Active Duty Ground Ordnance Maintenance Private – Lance Corporal, Active GOMA Member.
- **Essay Requirements:**
 - Length: 500-600 words
 - Original work, in Word format
 - Times New Roman, 10pt, double-spaced
 - Must include specific examples and reflection on the impact.

Deadline for Submission: 7 December 2025, 2359 PST

Winners Announced: 29 December 2025

Email all essays to:

vicechairman@usmcgoma.org

***You will receive confirmation once we've received your essay.