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The Ordnance Bomb

Warfighter Focus: Sgt Joshua West

Sergeant Joshua West is a 2111 that recently checked out of 1st Marine Division in October and PCS'd across the country to check into 2nd Marine Raider Support Battalion in Camp Lejeune, NC.

Sergeant West has an incredible work ethic and is technically sound which made him the go-to Marine for the 1st Marine Division Ordnance Office.

While serving as the Armory Chief for 5th Marine Regiment, Sergeant West served as the right hand to four Regimental Ordnance Officers, and on multiple occasions, for several months, he seamlessly filled in as the senior man for the regiment's ordnance matters between Ordnance Officers. His maturity and tact enabled him to effectively communicate requirements with the armory chiefs at the four infantry battalions, all SNCOs, with the professionalism that the regiment benefited from during each account turnover, redeployment, inspection, or exercise came up.



In January 2020, after the Division's Headquarters Battalion lost their armory chief and recently failed an internal inspection, Sergeant West was pulled from 5th Marines and sent to train the section and triage the unit prior to an upcoming FSMAO analysis. Sergeant West reviewed the internal inspection results and, with no supervision, went to work. His tremendous efforts working long hours and mentor-

ing the section of junior Marines resulted in a complete 180 degree turn in the performance of the section and the morale of the Marines. The Headquarters Battalion Commander was thoroughly impressed with Sergeant West's accomplishments in such a condensed timeframe that he recognized Sergeant West by-name to the Commanding General of 1st Marine Division during the FSMAO out brief to the CG.

Sergeant West's reputation across 1st Marine Division resulted in him being pulled from 5th Marines to work in the Division Ordnance Office in order to train 2141, 2146, and 2147 SNCOs Logistical Readiness Evaluation (LRE) Inspectors how to inspect armories.

Sergeant West was known very well, by all 27 armory chiefs in 1st Marine Division. Much of his time was spent in GCSS-MC reviewing unit reports and calling units to highlight the problem areas before they became

serious. His humble mentality earned the respect of these SNCOs, as well as all four of the Division's Regimental Ordnance Officers.

Sergeant West was awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal from 5th Marines in January 2020 and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal from Headquarters Battalion in May 2020. He was an invaluable member of 1st Marine Division for nearly six years and will undoubtedly be a phenomenal leader in the Ordnance Community for as long as he wears the cloth.

Member Spotlight – Charles Bushnell

Master Gunnery Sergeant Charles Bushnell (Ret) served 27 years in the Ordnance community from Sept 1976 to Oct 2003. Starting out as a 2142 Tracked Vehicle Repairman (later changed to 2141) he had the opportunity to serve in all three active AAV Battalions, GSM Co 3rd Maintenance Battalion, a tour as a Recruiter and at Schools Battalion MCB Camp Pendleton as a formal School Instructor teaching both Basic and Intermediate classes. In addition, he served two separate tours at MCLB Barstow, the first as a Mechanic working various 5th Echelon lines from Tanks, (both hull and turret lines), AAV IROAN, along with the Hydraulic and electrical shops. His second tour, he was assigned as the West Coast Technical Assistance Chief where he managed the teams who visited the majority of the Reserve Units west of the Mississippi to include Alaska and Hawaii. His career culminated as the Division Ordnance Chief at G-4 1st Marine Division.



Charles has stated on many occasions that he always felt blessed to have great leaders and mentors over the years coupled with a strong work ethic instilled in him from his parents at a young age.

This was all instrumental in his advancing quickly through the ranks achieving Sgt in 2 years, 3 months and SSgt in less than 6. Because of this, he decided to make it at least a 20 year career changing his initial goal of just serving 4 years and leaving with some skills as a Diesel Mechanic.



One personal goal Charles endeavors to achieve, in all he does, is to leave something he involves himself with in better condition than it was when he first started it. He has never been one to “take off his pack” whether in the military,

working in the civilian sector, or completing his personal goals. His wife Kathy is known for describing him as “Marine on the Move”. While he likes it when she calls him that, he’s not always sure it’s said in a positive way depending on the situation.

Charles and Kathy have been together for 23 years and together they have 5 children and have unofficially adopted numerous more. They both have a strong sense of family that goes way beyond borders just as

Charles has always felt a strong sense of family in organizations he has and is currently involved in. For him it has always been more than just a job and he has never asked anyone to do something that he was not willing to do himself and has. They love to travel which is why upon his retirement from the Corps in 2003, they took a ride across America on a Harley travelling through 26 States and riding over 10,000 miles.



“Not only did we get to see all of the places we always heard about, but it was also a great time to relax and start my transition into civilian life. It was during this time, that I was contacted by Raytheon”



From December 2003 to August 2016, He worked both as a Raytheon Site Manager and Operations Manager for the SECREPs Contract serving the United States Marine Corps world-wide. “This was the

perfect job after retirement from the Corps as it felt like I was still serving with Marines and we were doing our part to sustain the readiness of Secondary Repairables at the RIPs and ultimately combat equipment that was ready for the fight.”

When the United States Marine Corps Ground Ordnance Maintenance Association was started in 2010 by retired Major Robert Charlton, Charles was the first to step up to pay his dues to become a Plankholder and member # 0001 of this great organization. Knowing that the goal of this association is Marines helping Marines, he initially served for many years as the Membership Chairman, completed a full term as the Chairman and continues to currently serve as the Treasurer. Well done MGUNS and thank you for carrying on the traditions of the Ordnance Community!

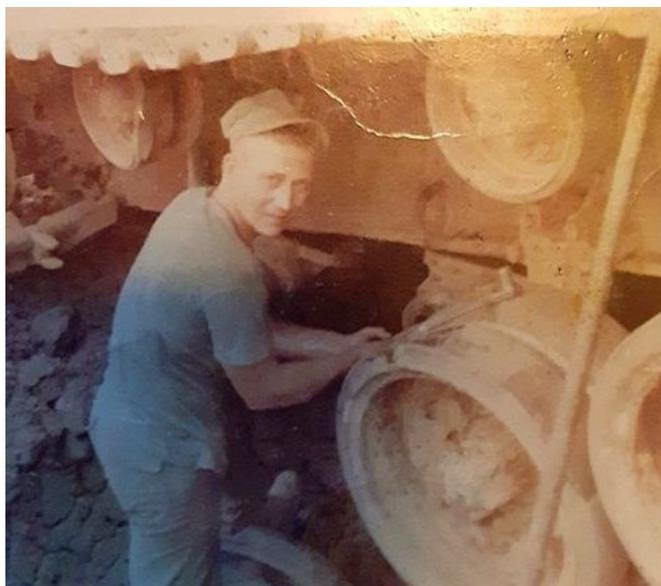
Charles and Kathy continue their travels today. Whether it’s on a cruise ship or their land yacht they usually find themselves on the road at least 6-8 months out of the year and enjoy not only seeing friends and family along the way, but also exploring this great country we are all privileged to live in. If you are interested in following in their travels, he invites you to join him as a friend on Facebook and he will add you to their page which is titled the Travelling Adventures of Charles and Katherine Bushnell.

In Memorium — Joe Hatfield

MGySgt Joe Hatfield (Ret) 2146
 Dec 12, 1940 - Sep 8, 2020
Submitted by his Daughter Julie Baloga

My Father Joseph Baxter Hatfield USMC (Ret) passed away peacefully at his home on September 8th, 2020 according to his wishes. At his core and throughout his life, he was a hard charging, badass, strong willed Marine that loved his family up until the day he died. (In case you were wondering, I told him I was going to describe him this way, asked him if it was okay and he said , in typical Joe Hatfield fashion “ HELL YEAH GIRL!”)

During his time in the Marine Corps he served in Viet Nam for three tours and was a mechanic repairing and maintaining Amphibious Vehicles and Tanks.



He also owned a garage, Dick and Joes Auto Repair in Jacksonville NC after he retired from the Marine Corps for few years, was a Million Dollar Sales Agent for Century 21 Real Estate. He was employed as a maintenance and repair technician at nuclear power plants in the United States and in Saudi Arabia in the 1980s .He finished his working life with Thyssen Henschel a defense contractor where he was involved in the repair and maintenance of the FOX chemical weapon detection vehicles with the United States Army.

At the time of his passing his granddaughter Josie Williams, her husband Matt Williams and 2 of his great grandchildren Shawn

Colby and Averie Lynn were at his bedside. I was very blessed to have been with him last week when he came home from his last visit at the hospital and we were able to talk about many things and I have peace knowing that we did exactly what he wanted us to do.

He chose years ago to donate his body to medical research at the time of his death and that is exactly what we did. He was preceded in death by Mother Janice Kitchen Hatfield and My brother Joseph Bartley Hatfield, who he missed terribly every single day.



He is survived by His sisters Helen, Linda and his brother Wallace and Me , his daughter Julie Ann. Also his grandchildren, Eddie Ruben, Josie Roseanna and her husband Matt who was there for the everyday, Rachel leanna and John Wyatt. His great grandchildren James Erwin, Angelica Monae , Ruben James , Shawn Colby , Averie Lynn , Elijah Michael, Gracie Jean , Mason Chad and Lahnelle Danielle. His great, great grandchildren Aaliyah Itzel and Ianna Monae. A plethora of nieces and nephews and cousins are also included. A special thank you to the significant others ,friends and family in our lives that have comforted us through this process, you know who you are.



Semper Fi Daddy, Love you

In Memorium — Gregory Tomlison

In Memory of Gregory Tomlison, US Marine Corps (Retired)
May 27, 1961 - Oct 14, 2020
Submitted by CWO5 Wayne Ryther (Ret)

Greg served the Ordnance community as 2171 Electro-Optical Ordnance Repairer enlisted Marine for many years, was selected for Warrant Officer, and retired as a 2125 Electro-Optic Instrument Repair Officer. He was always a cut above when it came to engaging in challenges to upkeep Marine Corps ordnance equipment. For much of his career, Greg, rather than stick to a single, narrow MOS path, broadened his horizons in any way he could. For instance, in 1982/1983 when he was a young L/Cpl, the Shop Officer at 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Ordnance Maintenance Company, Camp Lejeune, NC re-assigned him from the Optics repair platoon to the Shop Office, charging him with assisting in streamlining the SASSY/MIMMS processes for the entire company. He excelled at recognizing shortfalls in processes and procedures, taking corrective action, documenting corrected protocols, and driving those protocols to a successful conclusion.

While on active duty, Greg served in a variety of roles, ranging through Electro-Optic Instrument Repair Officer at Camp Lejeune, NC; Ordnance Officer at Camp Pendleton, CA; Maintenance Management Officer at Camp Lejeune, NC; Course Development Officer at MCLB, Albany, GA, and Assistant Maintenance Operations Officer at Camp Lejeune, NC. Throughout his career, he seemed to have memorized every National Stock Number (NSN)/National Item Identification Number (NIIN) for ordnance materiel. As Greg contributed to discussions in meetings and conferences, he most typically would do so sans notes, talk about materiel from memory, and when double-checked, he would always be proven correct.

Like all of us, Greg had his challenges; however, his actions first and foremost were always targeted towards bettering our Corps and supporting our Marines. His work ethic was beyond reproach, as many of us would get calls or emails at all times of the day and night while he was either looking for information or help in supporting our Marines. At times, he seemed to be a perpetual motion machine; highly visible to Marines while communicating, collaborating, and doing all within his power to provide support. Greg was always a self-starter and exceptional in his ability to overcome all challenges. Many knew him as "Fuzzy"; not really sure where that handle came from, but it may have had something to do with his outgoing personality, his good-natured sense of humor, the ease with which he communicated with others, and his willingness to help all who asked.



A fact of life in the Marine Corps maintenance and supply business of the times was maintenance personnel and supply personnel pointing at each other for not getting repair parts in general and Secondary Repairables (SECREP) in particular, in a timely manner. Despite not collaborating or otherwise having conversations about how this could be done together, we always fumbled through somehow. (can you spell Operational Readiness Float (ORF), Combat Ready Storage Program (CRSP), and Admin Deadline lots, i.e., "parts bins" ? Also like most of us, Greg was adept at getting the parts needed outside the system if the situation dictated) It was therefore decided to move the II MEF Repairable Issue Point (RIP) from 2nd Supply Battalion to 2nd Maintenance Battalion. This was a major political and operational move that would have a key impact on the ground equipment readiness of II MEF. As a last hurrah, while serving as the Assistant Maintenance Officer for

2nd Maintenance Battalion (April 2000 to July 2002), Greg was instrumental in moving the physical and managerial responsibility of the II MEF RIP from 2nd Supply Battalion to 2d Maintenance Battalion. A ground-breaking move: for the first time, maintenance personnel were to become the drivers of their own destiny in the Secondary Repairable (SECREP) business. Despite the myriad of details and movements that could have derailed the operation, Greg's focus on moving forward in the face of adversity was key to the success of the reorganization. A testament to the success of that move is the fact that some 18 years later, I, II, and III MEF main RIPs are still an organization integral to the Maintenance Battalions.

Greg's love of the Corps and his desire to continue supporting his Marines didn't end when he retired in 2002. He was immediately hired by Advanced Engineering and Research (AERA) under a contract through Marine Corps Logistics Command (LOGCOM) to jump back into the fray at the II MEF RIP and spent the next three years as the contractor site lead at Camp Lejeune. In 2005, Greg saw it as his duty to run for the sound of the guns and volunteered to set up a RIP in Iraq at Al-Taqaddum Air Base and spent the next three straight years there supporting combat operations. He returned to Camp Lejeune, NC in July of 2008 and returned to civilian life.

Greg is well known throughout the Marine Corps Ordnance community and his stellar support of God, Corps and Country stands on its own merit. He was one of our best and he will be missed. Rest in Peace Greg. Your Brothers and Sisters in Arms wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas!

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Monthly Meetings

The Board of Directors holds a board meeting (Conference Call) the second Wednesday of each month at 1700 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.

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Marine Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC)

According to Maj Michael McMillan, MARSOC Ordnance Officer, Ordnance Marines play a critical role in supporting Marine Special Operations Force (MARSOF) training and deployed operations. MARSOF employ a variety of both U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) Service Common and U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Special Operation-Peculiar (SO-P) ordnance equipment. Each Marine Special Operations Officer (SOO) and Marine Critical Skills Operator (CSO) is equipped with numerous weapons to enable tailoring equipment sets to specific special operations missions. As such, Marine Small Arms Repairers (MOS 2111) and Precision Weapons Repairers (MOS 2112) deploying with MARSOF must be capable of repairing all of them.

Each Marine Raider command has Ordnance Marines and the Marine Raider Support Group (MRSG) performs as the MARSOC Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA). CWO3 Andrew Durivage, MRSG Ordnance Officer, leads the IMA for Ordnance equipment and plays a key role in ensuring MARSOC Ordnance Marines receive training necessary to repair SO-P and foreign weapons. He also plays an important role in the MARSOC Multi-Discipline Logistics Operations Course (MDLOC). MARSOC Marines from numerous Ordnance, Maintenance, Logistics and Supply Combat Service Support MOSs receive cross-functional MOS and SO-P training to enable them to perform as part of small MARSOF units conducting distributed special operations in austere environments.



MSgt Karin Monaco, MARSOC Ground Ordnance Chief, went on to say “MARFOROC is a great place for Marines to get technical experience working on nonstandard SO-P weapons and optics, to include foreign weapons. We are constantly fielding new equipment and get to test new gear from time to time. For example, see the great Marine Times article on the SIG .338 Machine Gun test. Ordnance Marines looking for a challenging and career broadening assignment should definitely be snapping their bolts to get to MARSOC.”

Traces of a Last Hunt (Part 1)

By Dennis Adams

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I met Larry in the summer of 1992. He was a Sergeant in the Marine Corps and I was an officer just checking into an infantry unit. The first thing that brought us together was our common interest in hunting and training bird dogs. I guess I should mention that even though there was a separation in our rank structure we were of the same age group meaning late middle age. Larry is what we call a retread meaning that he had gotten out of the Marine Corps for several years and then came back in. I was an old Mustang Officer meaning that I had spent many years as an enlisted man prior to becoming an officer.

Larry's desire and drive to hunt was on a level enjoyed by few. His true talent was hunting deer with a bow. However, Larry was one of those fellows that felt he was the best at everything and made sure all around him knew it. Constructive criticism was something he did not take well. In fact, after our first conversation I was left with a feeling that I had just met a man who was arrogant and did not know the meaning of humility. In truth, after our friendship developed I realized he was so much more. I guess you always have to take the good with the bad and it is good part that I miss now more than ever that he is gone. I guess the best way to describe the friendship is to start with the humorous side.

Our first encounter in the outdoors, involved working bird dogs for a mutual friend on his quail hunting preserve with paying customers. Now keep in mind that hunters who frequent a hunting preserve come in all types. Some are pleasant and some are not. Some can shoot and some cannot. Like my friendship with Larry, you have to take the good with bad to some extent. At this point I should also mention Larry's prize bird dog Chico. Chico was a Brittany and according to his papers of good bloodlines but a harder headed bird dog was never born. I should also mention that Larry must have lost some of his hearing over the years because he always talked as if you were in the next county. Saying that he had a loud voice was an understatement. Which was good in the case of working Chico since he normally hunted in another county.

Anyway, the owner of the preserve assigned groups of his customers to us and we departed our separate ways for the hunt on a 400-acre piece of property. I took my two female English Setters and went to the far end of the property away from Larry and his group of hunters. We were not far into the hunt when we starting hearing Larry yelling at his dog. He was yelling so loud that it was safe to assume that everyone within the county could hear him and knew Chico's name. I began to wonder if the papers on Chico were authentic because some of the things Larry was yelling questioned the dogs family tree. From time to time I noticed his dog in an adjacent field casting wildly about and could tell by the tone of his yelling that the hunt was not going well for him or his customers.

After the hunt we all met back up at the hunting lodge for pictures and to discuss the adventures of the hunt. The gentlemen who had been hunting with Larry had nothing less than a look of amazement on their faces. I also noticed that Larry was down on his knees attempting to poke Chico out from under a truck with his Browning Over/Under shotgun. At no time did Larry's yelling stop and actually increased when he knocked a chip of wood out of his gun stock when it hit something on the frame of the underside of the truck.

The gentlemen who had been hunting with Larry quickly paid the owner for his services and departed. It seemed that they were not interested in pictures. The owner looked over at Larry and then back toward us with a smile on his face. When we went into the lodge the owner only made the comment that this was not one of his better days.

Not being one to miss out on any type of humor I asked the owner and Larry if they would mind if I tagged along to observe the afternoon hunt since I did not have any customers to take out. They both agreed, so I put my dogs back in the dog box and got my walking stick out of my truck. It was not long until the customers for the afternoon hunt arrived and off we went.

Larry was determined that he would maintain control of his dog during the afternoon session. He placed an electronic training collar around Chico's neck and reminded the dog of

Traces of a Last Hunt (Part 1) (continued)

the power he now held over him. I could tell that the dog was not easily impressed with modern technology and this so-called power because when Larry started the dog he took off at light speed toward the far end of the field. Larry let out a yell that startled both the customers and I so badly that we jumped to the side in fear. The yell startled me so badly that I was sure we were being charged by at least a Tyrannosaurus. Now a Tyrannosaurus has never charged me but I cannot believe that it would have scared our early ancestors who hunted with sticks and stones any more then I was at that point. I noticed one of the customers even checked his shorts.

Larry continued to yell until his eyes protruded out of their sockets like a gold fish. At this point Larry drew the electronic collar transmitter from it's pouch at his side like Luke Skywalker from Star Wars drawing his light saber. In fact, when he punched the transmitter button it even began to glow and make a humming noise like a light saber. The air was literally charged with electrons because all of our hair began to stand on end. This was not an easy feat considering both one of the customers and I was bald. At the far end of the field I heard a scream

of pain that vaguely sounded human. I noticed a fairly large puff of smoke and quickly realized that most of the hair had been either blown or burned from the dog. I also realized that the surrounding vegetation was quite dry and a fire could accidentally get started with the dog arching sparks like he was.

The dog finally returned to heal and began to hunt at least within sight of us. At long last we had a point and quickly readied ourselves for the flush. Admittedly the customers were still flustered from the incident with Larry's use of his light saber (transmitter) which resulted in the gentlemen missing three easy straight away shots. This was more than Larry could handle. He proceeded to yell and explain in graphic detail how a blind man could have made those shots and cautioned the shooters that a repeat performance would not be tolerated. I was not sure what he meant by not tolerated but knew I wanted no part of it. The two shooters were quite dejected to say the least and remained silent. I assume for fear of being attacked by Larry with his light saber.

(To be Continued in next newsletter)



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"...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..."



SIG .338 Machine Gun (excerpt from Marine Times article dated Jan 16, 2020)

MARSOC evaluates machine gun that could replace both the M240 and .50 caliber 'Ma Deuce'

The gun that could replace the decades-old M240, the standard medium machine gun for both the Army and Marines, is being evaluated by Marines with MARSOC.

The MG 338, a .338 Norma Magnum machine gun made by Sig Sauer and is competing with the Lightweight Medium Machine Gun, made by General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems for the SOCOM replacement for the M240.



A new caliber machine gun under partnered development with both Special Operations Command and the Marine Corps is set to replace the existing M240 machine gun platform for infantry units and, in some cases, the vehicle and aircraft-mounted .50 caliber machine gun.

There are no plans yet announced for the machine gun to be used outside of SOCOM. Both the Sig and GD submissions are lighter than the 240L version of the existing 7.62 mm machine gun in use by soldiers, Marines and special operators. Whichever company wins could get an order as early as 2021 for as many as 5,000 machine guns.

The MG 338 weighs 20 pounds and, with a folding stock, is significantly lighter than the current M240 variants.

The MG 338, a .338mm Norma Magnum machine gun made by Sig Sauer, completed safety testing recently and is under limited user evaluation by special operations troops. (Sig Sauer)

The GD variant weighs 24 pounds and can defeat Level III body ar-

mor at 1,000 meters and incapacitate soft-skinned vehicles with more than four times the terminal effect of the 7.62 mm NATO cartridge, according to the company's website.

The caliber delivers maximum effective ranges to nearly 2,000 yards and maximum ranges at more than 6,000 yards, according to company data.



The General Dynamics Lightweight Medium Machine Gun is in .338mm Norma Magnum and is being considered by Special Operations Command to replace the M240 7.62mm machine gun. (General Dynamics)

The new .338 caliber for SOCOM machine guns has such range and lethality that SOCOM officials may put in in configurations where only a .50 caliber M2 was used before.



The package also includes a new suppressor that will mitigate sound and flash signature as well as reduce back blast, Sig says.

Experts say the round has a recoil similar to the existing 7.62 mm but packs a punch approaching the .50 caliber round at extended ranges. The .338 NM can penetrate advanced body armor and outranges the 7.62 mm with a 500-600 rounds per-minute rate of fire.

Weapons experts say the advantages of a firearm like the MG 338 comes from the round itself – the .338 Norma Magnum. The machine gun can also be configured to fire the existing 7.62 mm round, of which the services have plenty in stock.

Farewell from Former Chairman MGySgt Charles Bushnell (Ret) Nov 2018-Nov 2020

Please join me in welcoming the new Officers of the USMC Ground Ordnance Maintenance Association! The election was completed on November 15th and the new board is as follows:

- Chairman - LtCol Jim Towney (Ret)
- Vice Chairman - MGySgt Mike Lewis (Ret)
- Secretary - Maj Jerry Copley (Ret)
- Treasurer - MGySgt Charles Bushnell (Ret)

This is a hard working group of Ordnance Marines dedicated to furthering the success of the Association!!

I would like to thank everyone who supported our efforts these past two years. It was the efforts of Ordnance Marines, both members and non-members who kept us in the right direction and helped keep the Association viable today. I especially want to thank to Dave Tiff, Mike Lewis, Scott Burns, Jerod Murphy, Joe Bering and Tarl Malcolm. It was because of all of you that we were able to achieve what we did.

The Association is continuing its upward momentum. We are working on posters now and great strides have been made to the webpage to make it more visually attractive and informative. The website team has done a tremendous job at making that happen.

I urge all of you to reach down inside and support the Association and the Ordnance Community by joining! We also accept Associate members from all MOS(s) and other services!

Semper Fidelis!!!

Charles W. Bushnell

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So what did we do over the past two years? Here are a few of the highlights:

1. We applied for and successfully attained our 501(c)(3) status. We are now a Tax Exempt Organization!!!
2. We continued to recognize the hard work of all top Ordnance Graduates with a one year honorary membership and certificate of excellence.
3. We continued to provide the Plaques and awards to all of the annual Ordnance awardees in the Officer, SNCO, NCO and Enlisted categories.
4. Prior to COVID we were reestablishing Geo gatherings which had to be placed on hold. Just recently there was one held in Oceanside and another is in the planning. In speaking with The 2MARDIV Ordnance Officer; Major Oldroyd (also a member) he is thinking it's time to start putting something together on the East Coast.
5. You are now reading our 4th quarterly USMC GOMA Newsletter and we are getting great feedback. All past ones are located at our website, but you have to be a member to have that access.
6. We are still doing what we can and are definitely here to support any and all Ordnance Marines. We always send something to the families of those who have fallen in those instances we are able to learn about it.
7. We now have the construct completed and the approval from membership to put out our first USMC GOMA Scholarship awards for the 2021/2022 academic year. The awards will only be eligible to the active paid GOMA members, their Spouses, Children, Stepchildren and Grandchildren. Retired LtCol Rick Byno volunteered to be the Chairman for this program.
8. We now have USMC GOMA Coins and Lapel Pins! If you want one, these are now being given out to all new paid GOMA memberships either Annual (\$30) or Lifetime (\$225). Go to www.usmcgoma.org and join to secure ones for yourself!

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- 2d MLG: Maj Jason Price/MGySgt Clovis Johnson

III MEF: LtCol Timothy Williams/MGySgt Juan Mora

- 3d MARDIV: Maj James Knight/MGySgt Mainor Carpiobran
- 3rd MLG: Vacant

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Fair winds and following seas...

We all hope you have enjoyed reading our *fourth* 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!

Also looking for volunteer(s) to manage future newsletter editing.



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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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