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**Major General  
Thomas M. Murray, USMC**  
President, Marine Corps  
University  
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## 25th Annual *Semper Fidelis* Golf Classic

Laurel Hill Golf Club – Lorton, Virginia



Planning for the Foundation's Annual **Semper Fidelis Golf Classic** is well underway and we are looking forward to a great day of golf at Laurel Hill Golf Club on Monday, September 12th, 2011. Proceeds from the tournament will fund the Foundation for educational opportunities for the Marine Corps University.

The **Semper Fidelis Golf Classic** is a four-person scramble. Registration/Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m., a Shotgun start at 10:00 and Buffet Dinner will be at 4:00 p.m. There are new and improved Prize opportunities, Raffle Packages, Silent Auction items, Weekend Getaways and more...

We are offering different levels of Sponsorship this year. Sponsors (depending on their level) will receive exposure throughout the Tournament through course signs, special items with their logo, specific recognition in the script and an Active Duty Marine as either part of their Foursome or a dinner guest.

To find out about Sponsorship and registration please visit [www.mcuf.org/golf.html](http://www.mcuf.org/golf.html) or contact our Director of Special Events, Angela Blackiston 703-640-6835, e-mail [ablackiston@mcuf.org](mailto:ablackiston@mcuf.org).



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Dear Marines and Foundation Friends,

How time has flown since our last Newsletter! Please allow me to bring you up to date regarding Foundation news – past, present, and future.

On February 26 we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, the Liberation of Kuwait, at our Foundation's **Semper Fidelis Awards Dinner**. Held at the Gateway Marriott again, it was another superb dinner which reflected the time, talent, and effort of our Director of Special Events, Angela Blackiston and our other staff members. Our Guest of Honor, *Vice President Cheney*, recounted the challenges our Nation and the Coalition Forces faced while he was Secretary of Defense. We also honored leaders of the Services who were part of this victory: *General Binnie Peay, USA (Ret); General Walt Boomer, USMC (Ret); Vice Admiral Frank Donovan, USN (Ret); and General Chuck Horner, USAF (Ret)*. The U.S. Marine Band, "The President's Own", provided musical support in its typical first-class way. The Marine Corps University supported us through assistance from students and attendance by its leadership. Once again, the dance band, The Wright Touch, provided the perfect touch with dinner and dance music. It was a most successful evening and we are, as always, grateful to our dinner sponsor, Don Knauss and The Clorox Company for underwriting it again.

In December we funded one of Command and Staff College's (CSC) instructors, Dr. Rebecca Johnson, for a teaching trip to the Horn of Africa (HOA). A former student of hers had requested a class on Ethics to fulfill a training requirement and Dr. Johnson chose the period 20-31 December so she would not miss class here with her CSC students. Class was held on every deployed day except Christmas. Students included Marines, members of the HOA command element, a French Liaison officer, and a Kansas National Guard officer – truly a Joint/Combined Class! This is a great example of what our Foundation can do to support deployed Marines – because of your support to us.

I had an opportunity to brief the Marine Corps University's (MCU) Board of Visitors a few weeks ago. As I related the support we provide as the development arm of MCU, I also shared the contribution made by our Academic Chairs (Dr. Chris Harmon, General Van Riper, and me) and our Senior Fellow on the Case Method (Dr. Bruce Gudmundsson). Of the 31 electives available at MCU, 8 are taught by the four of us – at no charge to MCU. In addition, we are included in the tabulation for determining the instructor to student ratio which is used for purposes of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation and Joint Professional Military Education validation.

From February's Board Meeting came the decision to hire a Development Officer for our Foundation. We have completed the job description and will start advertising soon. I will keep you informed of our progress.

As always, I am grateful to you for your generous support and encouragement. Please continue to keep us in mind as we come to the end of another successful academic year.

Semper Fidelis,

Thomas V. Draude  
Brigadier General, USMC (Ret)  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## MCU & MCUF Events...

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### *Marine Corps University Foundation's Major General John H. Russell Leadership Award New York Luncheon*

Come be a part of this exceptional meet and greet Luncheon and support our Marines!

Major General John H. Russell, USMC, was the 16th Commandant of the Marine Corps. The **Major General John H. Russell Leadership Award**, established by his daughter, Mrs. Vincent Astor, and the Marine Corps University Foundation, is presented annually to a distinguished American whose commitment to personal and professional excellence embodies those qualities of leadership and character uniquely associated with the United States Marine Corps.

The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th, at The Union League Club in New York City. Cocktails begin at 11:30, we sit down to lunch at 12:15, and the program usually concludes by 3:00. We expect approximately 200-250 Business Leaders and Philanthropists, Commandant of the Marine Corps or his representative, our local Marines and many of our Trustees. To purchase a table and/or seat please contact our Director of Special Events, Angela Blackiston at 703-640-6835 or [ablackiston@mcuf.org](mailto:ablackiston@mcuf.org).

## Marine Corps University News and Events...

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### *Emerald Express Strategic Symposium Series 2011*

**"Al-Qaida After 10 Years of War - A Global Perspective of Successes, Failures, and Prospects"**

On April 26th, at the Gaylord Conference Center 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland the Marine Corps University, in partnership with The Minerva Initiative and the Marine Corps University Foundation, held this one day symposium. The purpose was to better comprehend the multi-dimensional aspects of the Al-Qaida threat in various theatres where the American Armed Forces, Coalition Forces, and various governmental agencies are operating or are likely to operate in the future.

(Little did we know that a few days later Osama Bin Laden would be brought to justice-finally!)

The symposium focused on a net assessment of what Al-Qaida has done successfully and where it has failed in order to develop a better understanding of how to deal more effectively with the challenge which Al-Qaida poses for international security. The symposium brought together authorities on Al-Qaida from academia, government (both military and civilian), think tanks, and media from both the United States and the regions under discussion. The Keynote Speaker was General Michael V. Hayden, USAF (Ret), former Director of the CIA and NSA, and current principal of the Chertoff Group. His comments ignited the day's discussion.



# Marine Corps University News and Events...

## **MIDDLE EAST STUDIES MARINE CORPS UNIVERSITY**

### *“Iran and the U.S. Under Obama”*

The Middle East Studies Center at the Marine Corps University has established a Middle East Lecture Series. The current 2010-2011 series was geared toward the Islamic Republic of Iran and is entitled “Framing the Iranian Challenge.” Each month, a speaker visited the University and highlighted the challenges, successes, failures, and opportunities presented by the uncertainty in the region.

On April 21, the seventh and final session in this series was presented by Dr. Trita Parsi, National Iranian American Council (NAIC). His presentation, entitled “Iran and the US under Obama,” was superbly prepared and presented. The audience was treated to a dynamic and experienced scholar and practitioner. Trita Parsi is the 2010 recipient of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. He is the founder and president of the National Iranian American Council and an expert on US-Iranian relations, Iranian politics, and Middle East politics. He is the author of Treacherous Alliance: The Secret Dealings of Iran, Israel and the United States (Yale University Press 2007), for which he conducted more than 130 interviews with senior Israeli, Iranian and American decision-makers. Treacherous Alliance is the silver medal winner of the 2008 Arthur Ross Book Award from the Council on Foreign Relations.

Dr. Parsi was born in Iran but moved with his family at the age of four to Sweden in order to escape political repression in Iran. His father was an outspoken academic and non-Muslim who was jailed by the Shah and then by the Ayatollah. He moved to the United States as an adult and studied foreign policy at Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies where he received his Ph.D. He founded NIAC to provide a non-partisan, non-profit organization through which Iranian Americans could participate in American civic life.

Dr. Parsi has followed Middle East politics through work in the field and extensive experience on Capitol Hill and at the United Nations. He is frequently consulted by Western and Asian governments on foreign policy matters. He has worked for the Swedish Permanent Mission to the UN, where he served in the Security Council, handling the affairs of Afghanistan, Iraq, Tajikistan and Western Sahara, and in the General Assembly's Third Committee, addressing human rights in Iran, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Iraq.

Dr. Parsi studied for his Doctoral thesis on Israeli-Iranian relations under Professor Francis Fukuyama at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. In addition to his Ph.D., he holds a Master's Degree in International Relations from Uppsala University and a Master's Degree in Economics from the Stockholm School of Economics. He has served as an adjunct professor of International Relations at Johns Hopkins University SAIS. He is currently an adjunct scholar at the Middle East Institute.

## **CIVILIAN RETIRES, TAKES PIECE OF SCHOOLHOUSE WITH HER**



*Presented to Linda Rohler (background) was a piece of wood retrieved from the renovation of the main entrance doors to the Command and Staff College, Marine Corps University.  
Photographer: Cpl. Meloney R. Moses*

*Linda Rohler was also presented the MCVF Chapman Medalion by  
BGen Thomas V. Draude.*

MCB QUANTICO, Va. (Feb. 24) – After 27 years of loyal service to the Marine Corps, she takes with her a piece of the Marine Corps University Command and Staff College and leaves behind a mark of innovation and success. Linda Rohler, former operations manager at MCU, retired February 24th after establishing the processes of managing performance evaluations, processing transcripts, reviewing awards and reconciling travel claims for the CSC faculty, staff and students since before MCU's inception in 1989. “She’s been here longer than the university has been established,” said Major General Thomas Murray, Commanding General of Education Command and President, Marine Corps University. “She was one of the key individuals who brought the university to where it is today.” Rohler received numerous awards including a piece of wood taken directly from the main entrance doors to the CSC during renovation in November 2010 as a reminder of the thousands of students who passed through MCU and her contributions that led to their success. ‘Five-thousand-and-twenty students have gone through this place

during the time she was here,” said Murray. “And she’s been involved with every one of them.” The CSC not only graduated those 5,020 students, but also awarded 1,962 Masters of Military Studies degrees with an additional 114 awarded to international students. “There is a saying ‘life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away,’” said Rohler. “I love that saying. This is one moment that has taken my breath away.” Alongside the wooden plaque, Rohler was presented and pinned with a Navy Superior Civilian Service Award, the highest award bestowed upon a civilian employee by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. “I’m going to move on to the next phase of my life,” said Rohler, as tears welled up in her eyes. “It’s been a great experience, and I certainly leave my best wishes to the Marines. It’s tough saying goodbye.” (Correspondent: Corporal Meloney Moses, reprinted with permission from The Sentry.)



**MAJOR GENERAL  
THOMAS M. MURRAY, USMC  
PRESIDENT, MARINE  
CORPS UNIVERSITY**

A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Major General Murray graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 1980 with a B.A. in Quantitative Methods. Commissioned through the PLC Program, he completed The Basic School and Naval Flight Training and

was designated a naval aviator in April 1982. After training in HMT-301 he was designated a CH-46E pilot.

In February 1983, Major General Murray joined HMM-165 in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii where he completed three WESTPAC deployments including operations in Beirut, Lebanon. His billet assignments included Flightline OIC, NATOPS Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor and Assistant Operations Officer. In August 1986, he attended the Amphibious Warfare School.

In August 1987, Major General Murray reported to Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, California where he served with HMM-161 completing two WESTPAC deployments and held positions as Assistant Operations Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor and Aircraft Maintenance Officer. In August 1990, he reported to the First Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company at Camp Pendleton where he served as the Operations Officer and as a Brigade Platoon Commander during Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM.

In February 1992, Major General Murray served as the Operations Officer at the Marine Corps Air Facility for five months and attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Upon graduation, he returned to HMM-161 in September 1993, completing two Westpac deployments including the withdrawal of UN forces from Somalia. During this tour, he served as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Operations Officer and Executive Officer.

In August 1996, Major General Murray reported to the Pentagon for assignment to the Navy Staff in Plans, Policies, and Operations. In August 1998, he reported to the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island earning a Master’s degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Following school, he transferred to Okinawa, Japan where he served as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of HMM-262 from August 1999 through December 2001. Reporting to the Pentagon, he next served on the Joint Staff, J8 as the Branch Chief, Combatant Command Liaison Office.

In October 2003, Major General Murray took command of Marine Aircraft Group 26 and deployed the reinforced MAG to Al Asad Air Base in Iraq. Following the change of command in August 2005, he remained at Al Asad as the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for 2D Marine Aircraft Wing Forward. In July 2006, he returned to the Joint Staff, J8 as the Branch Chief for the Joint Requirements Oversight Council Secretariat. From May 2007 through August 2009, Major General Murray served as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory. From September 2009 through October 2010 Major General Murray served as the Deputy Commander, Regional Command South, CJTF-6, ISAF. Major General Murray’s decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

General Thomas Murray, we wish you much success in your new position.

**MORE NEWS TO COME IN OUR SUMMER  
NEWSLETTER...**

- MCU and EWS Graduation
- The Rose Award Recipient for 2011
- The Singleton Lecture by General Charles C. Krulak
- Welcoming more new trustees



# 20th Anniversary Dese

The Annual **Semper Fidelis Award Dinner** was held on Saturday, February 26th, 2011 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. Former Vice President Richard "Dick" Cheney graciously accepted this year's Award. Feeling strong and looking great, he and his lovely wife, Lynne, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr. Cheney spoke eloquently to our guests about his time as Secretary of Defense during this Persian Gulf Campaign.

Along with the Award presentation, we also recognized four key Service Leaders who were instrumental in the victory of the Gulf War. *General J. H. Binford Peay, III, USA (Ret), General Walter E. Boomer, USMC (Ret), Vice Admiral Francis R. Donovan, USN (Ret), and Charles A. Horner, USAF (Ret).* The Military Guest of Honor was General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. All of our special guests were accompanied by their lovely ladies.

The evening started with a musical prelude by "The President's Own" Marine Band. The Marine Corps Base Quantico Color Guard presented The Colors. All the Dinner Guests waited patiently as the Official Party was introduced. **The Clorox Company** once again was the Dinner Sponsor. Additionally, *Service Distributors* sponsored the superb wines for the evening. Many corporate and individual sponsors purchased tables and individual seats to celebrate *The 20th Anniversary of the Liberation of Kuwait.*



(Mr. and Mrs. "Dick" Cheney)

This is a must attend event, so please check our website in the near future for the 2012 date.

## The Marine Corps University Foundation thanks the following Corporate Members and Table Sponsors for their support of the Semper Fidelis Award Dinner.

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- Mr. Mickey Pohl
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Saunders, III
- 5 tables

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- Mr. Guy P. Wyser-Pratte

#### Leadership Council

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- Lockheed Martin
- Meggitt Training Systems

#### Semper Fidelis Tables - \$4,000

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(Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC)  
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("The President's Own" Marine Band)

TO FIND OUT WHO OUR CORP

# Port Shield/ Desert Storm



(Arlington Ballroom Marriott)



(Registration - Expeditionary Warfare School Students and their Ladies assisted with registration)



MajGen Thomas M. Murray, BGen (Sel) Mark R. Wise, BGen Gregg A. Sturdevant



Color Guard, Quantico VA



(Mr. Donald R. Knauss, Mr. Dick Cheney, Mr. Guy P. Wyser-Pratte, and General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., USMC)



(The Wright Touch Band)



(THE DONOVAN FAMILY - VADM Francis R. Donovan, USN (Ret), Col Frank Donovan, USMC, Mrs. Martha Donovan, and LCDR Tom Donovan, USN)

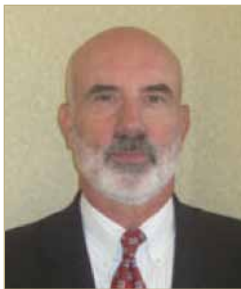


(Major General Jerome G. Cooper, USMCR (Ret) and Ambassador Audrey P. Marks)

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## Meet the Trustees...

The MCFB Board of Trustees would like to **welcome** its new members Mr. Steve Kappes, Mr. Chris Michel, Mr. Steve Piccirilli, Mr. Tom Saunders, Mr. Bill Sundermeier, and Mr. Mike Wheeler.



**Mr. Stephen R. Kappes** retired from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as the Deputy Director in May 2010 after 30 years of service. From 2006 to 2010 he was directly involved in the leadership and management of all elements of the Agency under two different Directors and two Presidential administrations. Mr. Kappes also served

from 2000-2002 as the Associate Deputy Director of Operations for Counterintelligence during which he managed the Agency's operations and technical programs against counterintelligence threats. He served as an operations officer in South Asian and Middle Eastern countries and was the Deputy Chief of an overseas operational element focused on Iran. He was the Chief of Station in a Middle Eastern country during the 1991 Persian Gulf War and the Chief of Station in a large Central Eurasian country. Mr. Kappes studied and used his Farsi and Russian language training. His awards include The Presidential National Security Medal, The National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, The CIA Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal, Two Distinguished Intelligence Medals, Three Director's Medals, and the Donovan Award for Operational Excellence.

He served five years of active duty in the United States Marine Corps and ended his career as a Captain. Mr. Kappes received a Bachelor of Science degree in Anatomy and Chemistry from Ohio University and a Master of Science degree in Pathology from Ohio State University.

Mr. Kappes is a native of Ohio and lives in Fairfax, Virginia. He is married to the former Kathleen Morgan and they have two children, one of which is a Marine officer and the other is a medical student.



**Mr. Christopher P. Michel** is the Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Harvard Business School. He is also the Managing Director of Nautilus Ventures, a fund focused on supporting entrepreneurs in building great companies. Previously, he founded Affinity Labs, a digital media company managing a portfolio of leading online professional communities. In 2008,

Affinity Labs was acquired by Monster Worldwide (NYSE: MWW). Prior to founding Affinity Labs, he founded Military.com, the nation's largest military membership organization. Military.com connects its 12 million members to the lifelong benefits of military service and provides public and private sector clients efficient access to the military market. Members trust Military.com for career, education and financial services. In 2004, Military.com was also acquired by Monster.

Mr. Michel served as a Naval Flight Officer in the United States Navy. While on active duty, Chris flew as a P-3 Navigator, Tactical Coordinator and Mission Commander in support of maritime interdiction operations in the Red Sea, NATO enforcement operations in the Adriatic, and counter-narcotics missions in Central America. Following his operational tour, he worked in the Pentagon as Aide to the Chief of the Naval Reserve. Mr. Michel was commissioned through the NROTC Program at the University of Illinois at

Urbana-Champaign, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with high distinction and as the Distinguished Naval Graduate. Additionally, he holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School and is a Henry Crown Fellow at the Aspen Institute and a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author of *The Military Advantage*, published by Simon & Schuster in 2005.



**Mr. Steven J. Piccirilli** was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania on December 20, 1951. After graduating from Slippery Rock State College in 1974, he received his commission and was ordered to The Basic School. Upon graduation from TBS in December 1974, he was ordered to the Third Marine Division where he served as a rifle platoon commander and company executive officer in the

3rd Battalion, 9th Marines. In February 1976, he was assigned to the Armed Forces Examination and Entrance Station in Newark, New Jersey. In April 1979 he was ordered to the Second Marine Division where he commanded Company D, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines for two Landing Fleet Sixth Fleet deployments to the Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf. In June 1981, he assumed the duties of Inspector-Instructor Company F, 2d Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division, in New Rochelle, New York. He was promoted to Major in July 1984, and 1987 he was assigned as a Military Observer, Observer Group Lebanon, and remained there until July 1988. Upon his return to CONUS he attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College. Upon graduation he was ordered to the First Marine Division where he served as the S-3 of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. During this period the battalion served as the Ground Combat Element of the



13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and participated in operations in support of both Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Following his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in July 1991, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Systems Command and served as the Head, Manpower and Training Section and remained there until his selection and attendance at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Ft. McNair, Washington D.C., in August 1993. Upon his graduation from ICAF, he assumed the duties of S-3 of the Basic School, Marine Corps University until his retirement in March 1997. His personal awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Mr. Piccirilli retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and has since worked as the USMC, USN, USCG Marketing Director for Firearms Training Systems (FATS), which is now Meggitt Defense and operates as Meggitt Training Systems located in Suwanee, Georgia. He currently resides in Fredericksburg, Virginia.



**Mr. William A. Sundermeier** has been serving as the President of FLIR's Government Systems Division since April of 2006. Mr. Sundermeier joined FLIR in 1994 as Product Marketing Manager for Thermography Products and was appointed Director of Product Marketing for commercial and government products in 1995. In

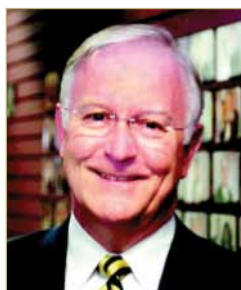
1999, Mr. Sundermeier was appointed Senior Vice President for Product Strategy, focused on the integration of newly acquired companies. In September 2000, Mr. Sundermeier was appointed Senior Vice President and General Manager, Portland Operations. In April 2004, he was appointed Co-President of the Imaging Division. Prior to joining FLIR, Mr. Sundermeier was a founder of Quality Check Software, Ltd. in 1993. Mr. Sundermeier received his B.S. in Computer Science from Oregon State University.



**Mr. Thomas A. Saunders, III** is president of Ivor & Co., LLC and the Ivor Foundation, a private investment firm and family foundation respectively, both located in New York City. He began his investment banking career at Morgan Stanley where he was a managing director, headed the firm's syndicate and capital market group and ultimately

became Chairman of its \$2.2 billion private equity fund. After leaving Morgan Stanley in 1989, he founded the private equity firm, Saunders Karp & Megrue, which merged in 2005 with Apax Partners, LP, a private equity firm headquartered in London. He continues to be an active private equity investor and is a

Senior Advisor to a number of investment funds including Citi's Metalmark Capital, Citi's Old Lane Funds, Roundtable Partners, Parallel Partners, Goode Holdings and Blackrock's private equity fund of funds. In addition, he serves on the Boards of Directors of the publicly traded Dollar Tree, Inc., where he is Lead Director, and Hibbett Sporting Goods, Inc. His philanthropic interests have focused principally on public policy, higher education, historic preservation and the arts. Mr. Saunders is the Chairman of The Heritage Foundation. He is a member of the Trustees' Council of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. He is the former chairman of the University of Virginia Darden School Foundation. He has been a member of the Boards of Visitors of the University of Virginia and the Virginia Military Institute. From 1995-2000, he was the National Co-Chairman of the University of Virginia's \$1.4 billion capital campaign. Mr. Saunders served on the Board of Directors of the University of Virginia Investment Management Company, is the former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation and is a present Trustee of the New-York Historical Society. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders are recipients of the 2008 National Humanities Medal. Mr. Saunders is the recipient of the highest awards bestowed by the Marine Corps University Foundation, the New-York Historical Society, the Virginia Military Institute and the Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia. Mr. Saunders received his BSEE from the Virginia Military Institute in 1958 and an MBA from the University of Virginia Darden School in 1967. Jordan Saunders, daughter of U.S. Marine Corps Major General Matthew C. Horner (deceased) is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Marine Corps University Foundation. The Saunders reside in New York City and Locust Valley, New York. They have two children and three grandchildren.



**Mr. Michael J. Wheeler**, Executive Vice President and National Director of Advisor Operations, joined First Command Financial Services in 1977 as a Financial Advisor in Springfield, Virginia. Mr. Wheeler's hard work during his first two decades at First Command resulted in numerous company awards for sales and leadership, including 20 consecutive Summit Club awards.

In June 2001, Mr. Wheeler became the Regional Advisor of the Commonwealth Region in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He returned to the Home Office in January 2007 as Senior Vice President and National Director of Advisor Operations. In November 2007, he was promoted to Executive Vice President and elected to the First Command Board. Before joining First Command, Mr. Wheeler served as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he returned to school in 2008 to complete the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program, an eight-week intensive course for senior executives.

# After Action!



Marines of MALS 14, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, Aviation Supply Department from Cherry Point, NC.

*This trip consisted of the professional development in the areas of our Corps' historical background at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, a trip to the National Capital area to include a tour of the monuments and The White House.*

*This photo was taken in the Potomac River after a morning PT session that included a 4 mile run the next day on Oct 3rd before they left Quantico, Virginia to return to North Carolina.*

To Whom It May Concern,

Would like to thank the Marine Corps University Foundation for their support during our visit to the National Capital Region. Your attention was commendable when we called for the foundations assistance. On, Oct 2, 2010, thirty eight Marines of MALS 14, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, Aviation Supply Department (4-SNCO's, 6-NCO's and 28-LCpl's and below) executed a trip to Quantico, Virginia. This trip consisted of the professional development in the areas of our corps historical background at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, a trip to the National Capital area to include a tour of the monuments and the White House.

Without the support of the Foundation we could not have executed this mission. Your support made this necessary trip happen for these Marines to know that we as a Corps have a home in Quantico, Virginia. I'm sure that the memory of this trip will live long in their hearts, and they will continue to press on with our Corps' values in the future. Again, I appreciate all your attention and steadfast dedication to our request. Semper Fidelis!

Sincerely,  
Jorge D. Aspiazu  
Master Sergeant, USMC

## The Oppenheimer-Stein Marine Corps Scholarship for Students at Harvard University

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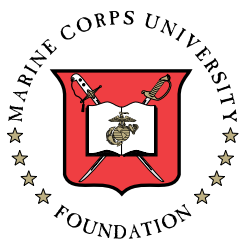
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