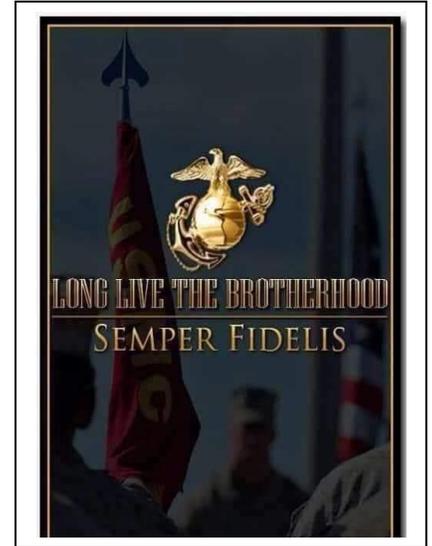


Johnston County, North Carolina

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Good Business: September 11th: The Carry-On Detachment 1236 presented "The Good Business Award" to B & B Produce 2778 NC Hwy 50 Benson, NC 27504. Sr. Vice Commandant Robert Long presented the certificate to Debbie Johnson 33-year employee, Joe Godwin 32-year employee and Karla Solis 12-year employee. Debbie stated, "We are happy and proud to fly the flag..."

Detachment members present: James Lee, Sgt-at-Arms Timothy Daniel, Sr. Vice Cndt Robert Long, Adj/Pay Ken Parker Jr., John Mott, Devell Durham Jr., Jr. Vice Cndt Andrew Gould.

Eagle Scouts: None to report or scheduled at this time.

VA Hospital Visit Committee: Visits postponed by the VA until further notice.

Adopt A Highway: TBD

Scholarship Committee: Looking forward to 2021!

Toys For Tots: Starting October 1st putting boxes at locations.

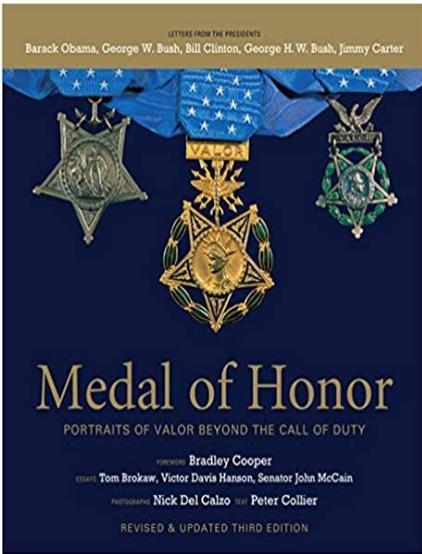


Golf Tournament: We may not be having a tournament, but we're still golfin'!

(Sr. Vice Nice Shorts Bob Long, Adj/Pay Master Putter Ken Parker, Marine with the swing Fred Panasci, Cmdt. Lost Ball Bill Dunn)



NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ?



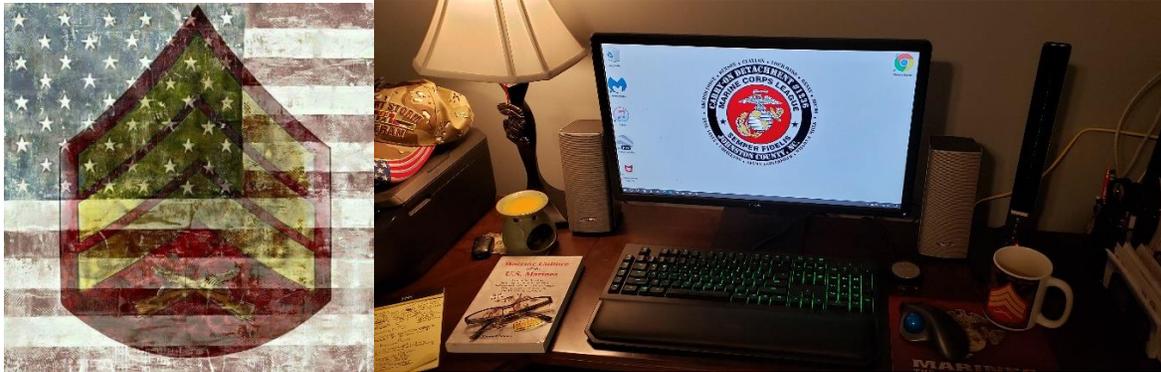
Medal of Honor, Revised & Updated Third Edition: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty Hardcover – Illustrated, December 6, 2016

by [Peter Collier](#) (Author), [Nick Del Calzo](#) (Photographer)

Included here are 156 Medal of Honor recipients, captured with a contemporary portrait by award-winning photographer Nick Del Calzo and profiled in moving text by National Book Award nominee Peter Collier. The men in the book fought in conflicts from World War II to Afghanistan, served in every branch of the armed services, and represent a cross section as diverse as America itself. This is their ultimate record. experience of war that will leave readers stunned.



FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK



Welcome to Fall, Marines! It's getting a bit cooler out and pretty soon I'll be cussing out this giant oak tree in my front yard. Before you know it, the holidays will be here and we'll all be going nuts with travelling, shopping, or just avoiding the chaos of both.

A couple weeks ago, a few of us met a Marine veteran, Steven Narron, and his fiancée, Lauren Driver. Steven served from 2007 to 2012 and made the rank of Corporal. His MOS was 6156, Tiltrotor Airframe Mechanic MV-22 and his last duty station was VMM-264, MAG-26, 2ND MAW, MCAS New River, Jacksonville, NC. They had reached out to the DoNC, who then reached out to the Carry-On Detachment for assistance on their goal of remodeling their existing bathroom into a handicap accessible bathroom.

Those of you who were at the last meeting know of their story. For those who were not...

"On January 25th, 2020 they were involved in a motorcycle accident when a truck pulled out in front of them and their Harley on Hwy 70 in Goldsboro. Steven was air lifted to Vidant Medical center in Greenville while Lauren was taken to Wayne Memorial. Lauren Stayed at Wayne for 2 days before being discharged and sent home to heal from a collapsed lung, and fractured ribs. Steven sustained trauma to both wrists, pelvis, left humerus and a life changing brain injury. With time the fractures have healed except for right side weakness and the traumatic brain injury that will require long term rehabilitation. Steven served in the Marine Corps for 5 years, but very little veteran assistance is given due to it being a non-service related event. Due to his recovery being 24/7 Lauren has resigned from her full-time job to stay at home with Steven while raising two young boys."

Now, I'm sure Ken and Andrew can agree, that this is a fantastic couple. Despite their situation, they seemed to be happy. It just seemed to me that no matter what is thrown at them, they have each other and their family and friends to help them achieve anything.

After our meeting, I went home and talked to my wife, Tami, about Steve and Lauren. She said that it was probably more of a blessing for us to meet them than for them to meet us. Everybody has a story. Everybody has that moment where they really get down about something and it just eats at them. Some get angry. Some get depressed. Some just shut themselves off to the world and let their worries build up to the point of implosion or explosion. I'm sure that Steve and Lauren have been there. Who hasn't? But they both showed me how their love for each other can really make a difference. And to them, I say, Thank you.

I am happy to say that I will be presenting Steven's application for membership into the Marine Corps League at our next business meeting. It's a unique situation, but I truly believe we'll all learn something from this Marine and his family.

Respectfully submitted Commandant William Dunn

OUR FUTURE

Saturday, Oct. 10th, 1100-1400 Jesse O. Price Pound 210 MODD Growl. 11270 E. NC Hwy. 97 Rocky Mount, NC 27803

Sunday, Oct. 11th, Commandants' Council Social. Mooresville, NC. Exact time and place TBD.

Tuesday, October 13th, 1900 hrs. The Carry-On Detachment 1236 Business Meeting.

OUR PAST

5 October 1775: Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

9 October 1917: The 8th Marines was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Although the regiment would not see combat in Europe during World War I, the officers and enlisted men of the 8th Marines participated in operations against dissidents in Haiti for over five years during the 1920s. During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2d Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and earned three Presidential Unit Citations.

11 October 1951: A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline combat position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

28 October 1962: An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2d Division units and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups were deployed at Key West, Florida, or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

31 October 1919: A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.

OUR FALLEN

Tom Barrie. John Bullock. George Gillespie. Robert Moore. Willard Pleasants. Gordon Young. Mark Wayne Williams. Linwood Johnson. George Hartley. Patrick Goodrow.





If you're following the interweb thingy, you might have seen a few of our League members doing push-ups. Our own member Devell Durham being one of them. The challenge went out from MCL National to do 22 push-up a day for 22 days to raise awareness for the 22 Veterans a day that commit suicide. Admittedly, I suck at push-ups, but I will still fully support the cause any way possible. From the U.S. Marine Corps site, I add this FYI: "As Marines, sometimes the biggest battles we face are not in combat. No matter if you are a Marine, a veteran or concerned about one, free and confidential help is always available. Call the Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1 or text 838255, or visit <https://veteranscrisisline.net>". Along with this, I would like to reach out to any of our Detachment members. Not as Commandant, but as Bill Dunn. If any of you need help, call me. If you need someone just to talk to, call me. (919)561-7375.

SEMPER FIDELIS, MARINES!