# USMC MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, INC.



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**3d. Marine Division, Hawaii** Photo by Sgt. Grace Gerlach 06.05.2024

A U.S. Marine with 3d Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Marine Division, operates an Ultra Light Tactical Vehicle during a licensing course at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, June 5, 2024. Motor transportation Marines conduct a monthly ULTV and Joint Light Tactical Vehicle licensing course to qualify more drivers for future operational needs. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Grace Gerlach)

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# **Quick Notes**

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Please contact the USMC MTA secretary with your information at

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Please have your request in by March 20, 2024

#### 2024 Reunion

Upcoming 2024 MTA Reunion will be held in Reno, Nevada. MTA is currently working out the details.

#### By Laws: USMC MTA

The officers board has reviewed the by laws and have recommended changes for the general membership to vote on at the reunion. Anyone who wishes to see the recommend changes can e mail the secretary at **secretary@usmcmta.org** for a copy of the by laws with the recommend changes.

#### Scholarship's

MTA members, it's not too late to talk to your children, grandchildren about the next scholarships. Remember one is awarded to a student going to attend a four year college and the other is for a student going to a vocational/technical school/college. June 30th is the submission deadline Forms are available email: auxpresident@usmcmta.org

#### **MTA Members**

With inquiries as to membership, renewals or questions about MTA, call MTA Secretary at

#### 910.581.1309, Eastern Std. Time: 1-6 PM

Calls that are made after 6PM will go directly to message, to be answered in a timely manner.

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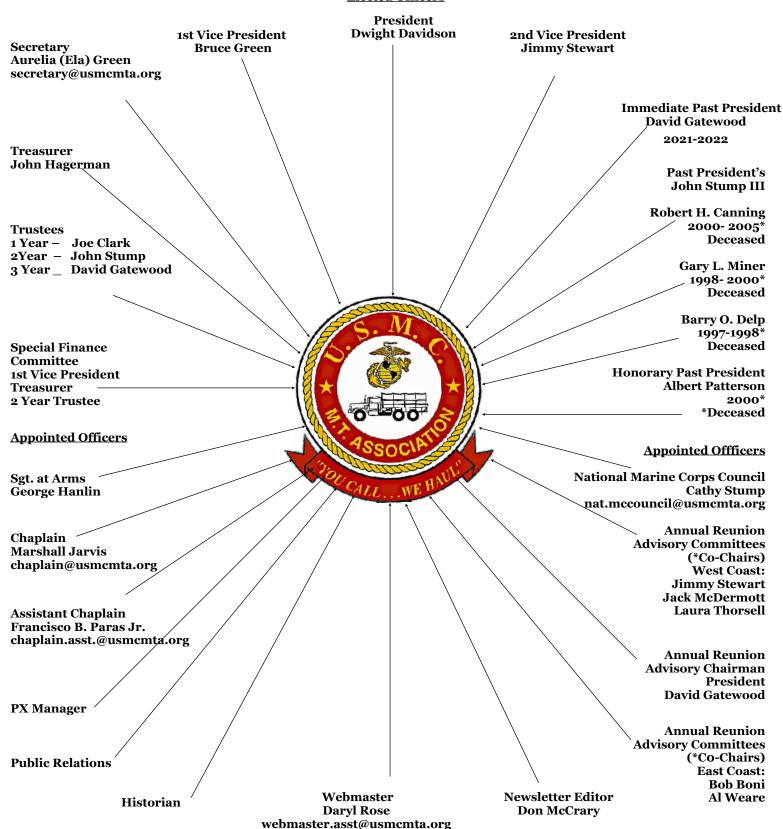


#### USMC MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION INC. Elected and Appointed Officers

#### MTA Office Ph. No# 910.581.1309

The following email address is point of contact for the MTA Secretary and Officers secretary@usmcmta.org

#### **Elected Officers**



#### 2024 MTA Reunion

2024 MTA Reunion Reno, Nevada. Information is enclosed with this newsletter.

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#### Membership and Member's Renewal

All MTA transaction(s) require payment by check or money order no credit cards

### W A N T E D SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

MEMBER'S CHILD, GRANDCHILD, GREAT GRANDCHILD...YOU GET THE IDEA....

WE HAVE THE FUNDS (THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY) AND BARRIE O. DELP'S THOUGHTS

WE NEED THE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS..
ON TIME AND COMPLETE (I KNOW I REPEATED!)
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT \$2000 OR \$1500
CAN BE PASSED UP SO..

REQUEST APPLICATION FOR YOUR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLING IN A 4 YEAR OR TECHNICAL COLLEGE

THEN..

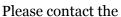
BY APRIL OR MAY AND ABSOLUTELY BY EARLY JUNE

PUT THE PRESSURE ON....BUG, BUG, BUG, BUG (IT'S FREE MONEY!)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED (COMPLETED) BY June 29,

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#### **Wanted New Membership**

# We have more room ... for more members

Members, we need to challenge ourselves in aquiring new members, if we add one new member for each existing member we could double our rolls and continue what Barry O'Delp, founder and first MTA president, dreamed of "a Motor Transport Asociation for those that served in and with motor transport." Contact those that are in charge on bases near you and hand out the MTA Application for membership found within this newsletter.

Lets double if not triple our roll.



#### **President**

**Dwight Davidson** 

MTA Members can contact me by way of the USMC MTA Secretary at secretary@usmcmta.org or calling our office phone 910.581.1309.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you in 2024 at the Reno, Nevada MTA Reunion. It's worth saying, picking up where we left off with so many thing's to do and such rich west coast hospitality and historical significance. As details emerge and reunion packages are confirmed we will followup enabling enough time for each of you to make reservations.

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Hope all have a wonderful spring and summer, bring back the green once more.

**Dwight Davidson** 

#### **Secretary**

Aurelia Green

The reunion site for next year (2024) will be Reno, Nevada, We are actively working on the details for this reunion and will keep you posted.

Dwight Davidson was elected the new president.

Board of Officers are as follows:

President Dwight Davidson 1st Vice Pres. Bruce Green Secretary Aurelia Green

Treasurer John Hagerman 1 Yr. Trustee Joseph Clark 2 Yr. Trustee John Stump 3 Yr. Trustee David Gatewood Immediate Past President David Gatewood

Appointed:

Sgt at Arms George Hanlin
News Letter Edit. Don McCrary
Chaplain Marshall Jarvis
Website Mgr. Daryl Rose
PR/PX Manager None
Appointed: Historian None

We also ask each member to let us know if you are moving or have moved to provide us with your new address.

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Members, if you have any questions pertaining to yearly dues, change of postal mailing address or email address change or any other questions you may have pertaining to the MTA., please contact me. Note the

following change to: Membership / Member's Renewal.

All MTA transactions require payment to be by check or money order. Recently there has been a change as to credit card(s), No credit cards accepted.

The newsletter will continue to be posted on the MTA website at usmcmta.org

USPS incoming mail is picked up at the post office so continue to send in your renewals to:

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Well, that's all I have for now.

Thank you Aurelia Green USMC MTA/Secretary

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#### **MTAA President**

Mary Jarvis

Happy Summer all! If this is July there's only a couple months until September and reunion!

This is a reminder to get those reservations made and get ready to enjoy our time together again.

As of this writing there have been two applications returned for scholarship. The committee will soon be meeting to go over them to be sure all the criteria has been met and determine recipients. Reminder that if you have a '25 graduating senior it's never too early to request the application. I will have a few with me at the reunion as well.

The Auxiliary met at the home of Julia Clark on Thursday June 27 th for our quarterly meeting. All officers and trustees were present with the exception of Shirley Prevatte who has had an unfortunate fall and is recuperating after hip surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Please keep her in your prayers.

At the meeting we discussed membership and our numbers are sadly diminishing. The notifications have gone out in the mail for the annual dues and renewals so please get them returned as soon as possible.

All the MTA members who have a significant other – please have them request a membership form and dues are just \$15. per year.

Another topic at the meeting was scholarship and proceeds from our annual Bakeless Bake Sale are substantially down. If you have time and the resources we will always happily accept a donation. Just mark it as scholarship in the memo. It would be made out to USMC MTAA and mailed to the P O Box as usual.

Another item brought up was from our Vice President/Historian/ scrapbooker Bernice Littlefield who asks that if you have any past reunion pictures you'd like to have included in the scrap books please bring them to the reunion. Please all have a safe and good summer. The weather has been a bit crazy all over and I hope you and your loved ones have not been adversely affected by any of it.

We hop to see a lot of you at the Reno reunion in September. Until then...

Mary

## **Around The Corps**



**TURKEY LIVE-FIRE**U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Marc Imprever

#### JUN 28, 2024

U.S. Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Samuel L. Meyer, the commanding general of Task Force 61/2 (TF 61/2), observes exercise EFES 2024 in Izmir, Turkiye, May 30, 2024. Exercise EFES 2024 is an international Combined Joint Live-Fire Exercise focused on increasing force readiness, promoting stability and prosperity in the region, and interoperability between the U.S., Turkey, and 49 allied nations, including 11,000 involved military personnel. TF 61/2 is a forward-deployed command element in support of U.S. Sixth Fleet operations in the U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command and is deployed in the U.S. Naval Forces Europe area of operations, employed by the U.S. Sixth Fleet to support U.S. Allied and partner interests. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Marc Imprevert) fighting force.



**3d Marine Division Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan**Photo by Cpl. Michael Taggart
06.20.2024

U.S. Marines rehearse deploying a Mine Clearing Line Charge on Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan, June 21, 2024. Combat Engineers utilize special equipment including explosive charges to clear lanes for infantry maneuver, generating momentum and maintaining the tempo of offensive operations. The Marines are currently forward deployed in the Indo-Pacific under 4th Marines, 3d Marine Division as part of the unit deployment program. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Michael Taggart)

## **Around The Corps**



U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe and Africa Gtlands, Sweden
Photo by Cpl. Jackson Kirkiewicz
06.11.2024

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Keith Mccalla, a motor transport operator, with Combat Logistics Battalion 8, Combat Logistics Regiment 2, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, convoys to Gotland Island during BALTOPS 24 as part of Marine Rotational Forces Europe 24.2 in Berga, Sweden, June 11, 2024. MRF-E focuses on regional engagements throughout Europe by conducting various exercises, mountain-warfare training, and military-to-military engagements, which enhances the overall interoperability of the U.S. Marine Corps with allies and partners. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Jackson Kirkiewicz)



U.S. Marines with 3rd Littoral Combat Team, 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment, 3rd Marine Division

MAY 13, 2024

U.S. Marines with 3rd Littoral Combat Team, 3rd Marine Littoral Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, conduct a dry-fire rehearsal in preparation for a counter landing live-fire exercise at La Paz Sand Dunes, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, May 4, 2024. Balikatan 24 is an annual exercise between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the U.S. military designed to strengthen bilateral interoperability, capabilities, trust, and cooperation built over decades of shared experiences. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Eric Huynh)

## **Around The Corps**



**3d Marine Division Camp Fuji, Japan**Photo by Lance Cpl. Adam Trump
06.20.2024

U.S. Marines fire M320 Grenade Launchers during a high explosives range as part of Fuji Viper 24.3 at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, Japan, June 20, 2024. Fuji Viper is an annual exercise that enables Marines operating in Japan the opportunity to conduct combined arms live-fire training and maintain operational readiness, tactical proficiency, and lethality within the first island chain. These Marines are currently forward deployed in the Indo-Pacific under 4th Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division as part of the Unit Deployment Program. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Adam Trump)



2ND MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP, CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA Photo by Lance Cpl. Christian Salazar 06.10.2024

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Noah Bartholomew, a Benson, Vermont native, and a motor transport operator with 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, poses for a photo on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, June 10, 2024. Cpl. Bartholomew was selected as the warrior of the week for his hard work and dedication as both a motor transport line noncommissioned officer and a combat marksmanship trainer, completing over 60 preventative maintenance checks and services service requests on 43 tactical vehicles and ensuring the qualification and completion of more than 60 Marines and Sailors during their Annual Rifle Qualification. Cpl. Bartholomew's message to junior Marines is, "Be technically and tactically proficient, be as lethal as you can be, we aren't in a fight right now, but you must always be ready." Each week, 2nd MLG recognizes one outstanding Marine or Sailor that goes above and beyond in their duties and embodies the qualities of an outstanding service member. (U.S. Marine Corps photos by Lance Cpl. Christian Salazar)



### Town Of Quantico, Virginia Marine Corps Base Quantico

Photo by Shaehmus Sawyer 06.12.2024

A photo featuring the Town of Quantico, taken June 16, 2024. Also known as Q-Town, it was founded in the mid-1600's and was originally a small fishing and logging port, at least until 1917 when the Marine Corps established MCB Quantico. It would become known as the "town that cannot grow" because the base encompassed its borders. Over the past 107 years, the nestled town and its businesses formed an intimate relationship with the Marines and many others who visited the town.

A MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. – Rich in history and a novelty to U.S. Marines, the Town of Quantico is the only public city located within a military installation. Its longest road is only about a quarter mile long, rests on the bay of the Potomac River, and has a population of about 550 residents. While small, this secluded town has a reputation with Marines that span generations.

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"I like the benefit of having the Marines here," said Nicholas Aldea, an employee at S&G's, one of Q-Town's staple and oldest restaurants. "It gives us peace of mind, sense of security, and you feel safe."

Although, many people outside of U.S. Marines visit Q-Town; government employees, politicians and high-ranking Marines visit storefronts for

common needs, such as tailoring or food. Even Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th U.S. president, visited the town, seen laughing in front of an old hardware store at Q-Town according to numerous other stories. The Harry S. Truman Presidential Library also shared that the 33rd president visited the town of Quantico.

"I've had two-star generals visit for food," noted Aldea, who has been in Q-Town for the past decade. "The way the businesses are set up, it's definitely catered to the military and government workers."

His restaurant, like most of the businesses on O-Town, is one of the first to see down the quarter mile stretch. As you walk down the main street, storefronts stand at attention, towering over the sidewalk that's met with the bumpers of vehicles, and sees the countless boot traffic that supports their economy. Down that stretch is the Quantico Marina, which is owned by the base and operated by Marine Corps Community Services, but open to all personnel with base access including the town residents.

It can appear that Q-Town is a part of base because of the similar names that include "Quantico," but it falls under the jurisdiction of a neighbor: Prince William County, which also feels the contributions of the base.

"The economic value to the Marine Corps Base Quantico locality is \$3.2 billion in direct impact, and another \$2.7 billion in indirect impact," said Wade Hugh, the deputy county executive of Prince William County, regarding his county.

Direct funding includes base employee payroll, local contracts, and funding to local agencies like school districts, according to Christopher Landgraf, the community plans and liaison officer for MCB Quantico.

"Indirect is regional contracts, regional funding, and items that would have a trickle-down effect on the local economy like sales taxes and commuter taxes," he said.

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# TOWN OF QUANTICO, VIRGINIA MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO

Photo by Shaehmus Sawyer 06.12.2024

To illustrate the impact of a small population on surrounding counties, about 4% of the population of the other two counties – Stafford and Fauquier counties – make up the workforce on base; however, despite this small percentage, they contributed to nearly \$1.5 billion of total impact, according to statistics provided by MCB Quantico's community plans and external affairs section.

These economic impacts are made possible through various efforts, such as federal impact aid, volunteerism, community relations events, contracts, partnerships and more.

"MCB Quantico has a history of collaborating with the surrounding community using partnership agreements with local, state, and other federal government organizations," said Jennifer Burcham, the business programs team lead with base's Performance and External Affairs section.

She explained that these collaborations are made possible via Intergovernmental Support Agreements.

"Through IGSA's with Prince William County, Stafford County, Northern Virginia Regional Commission and Virginia Department of Transportation, the base is able to secure materials, equipment, and supplies in support of operations and maintenance of the installation, which in turn reduces costs and enhances mission effectiveness," she said.

The materials from IGSAs range from road and weather maintenance supplies, like salt, sand, and gravel, to water and wastewater chemicals for treatment plants and swimming pools.

Currently, "equipment" includes parts for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning units; however, the base's leadership is looking to expand on the types of equipment such as lawn mowers to help maintain roads, according to John Kiersma, the assistant chief of staff G-7, Performance and External Affairs. These agreements also go beyond supplies and services.

In one instance, the primary road on MCB Quantico's main side had a failing shoulder due to a collapsed pipe, he explained. Originally, Naval Facilities Washington evaluated a 12-month repair time, but after this IGSA was signed with PWC, the repair only took three months with less

financial expense. To this day, PWC continues to assist base with services to help it operate, such as tree debris removal, stormwater pipe repairs, demolition work, and more, and MCB Quantico supports its Q-Town with water and sewage services.

While these three counties exemplify the influence Quantico has on the bordering communities, the base's influence can also be felt in Fairfax and Spotsylvania counties.

All in all, the total economic impact across all five communities in 2023 is nearly \$7 billion, a testament to Quantico's economic impact within the National Capital Region and its neighbors.



# ATLANTIC OCEAN 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit Photo by Lance Cpl. John Allen 06.09.2024

A U.S. Marine Corps MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 365 (Reinforced), 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) Special Operations Capable (SOC), takes off from the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1) to establish a forward base of operations in Sweden during Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 24 while underway in the Atlantic Ocean, June 9, 2024. BALTOPS 24 is the premier maritime-focused exercise in the Baltic Region. The exercise, led by U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa and Executed by Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO, provides a unique training opportunity to strengthen combined response capabilities critical to preserving freedom of navigation and security in the Baltic Sea. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. John Allen)

KALLINGE, SWEDEN – The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) Special Operations Capable (SOC) deployed a detachment of U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier jets, MV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft, and personnel to Ronneby Airport in Kallinge, Sweden to conduct expeditionary advanced base flight operations in support of exercise Baltic Operations (BALTOPS) 24, June 9, 2024.

The aircraft are assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 365 (Reinforced), 24th MEU (SOC), which is currently deployed with the U.S. Navy Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). While based at Ronneby Airport, the detachment is capable of self-sustaining and self-deploy in support of various events with NATO Allies during BALTOPS 24.

"Our self-deploying and selfsustaining detachment demonstrates the ARG-MEU's ability to project force more than 900 nautical miles and establish a forward operating base in the Baltic region," said Lt. Col. Cory Jobst, commanding officer, VMM-365 (REIN). "This expeditionary advanced base is a historic first with our longstanding partner, and newest NATO Ally, Sweden."

The USS Wasp (LHD 1) and USS New York (LPD 21), with the Wasp ARG and embarked 24th MEU (SOC), are participating in BALTOPS 24. The Wasp ARG-24th MEU (SOC) is deployed to the U.S. Naval Forces Europe area of operations to support high-end warfighting exercises while demonstrating speed and agility in a dynamic security environment.

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BALTOPS 24 is also part of the U.S. Department of Defense exercise series, Large Scale Global Exercise (LSGE). LSGE is an umbrella term that incorporates several exercises and military activities, which enable the U.S. Joint Force to train with Allies and partners and improve shared understanding, trust and interoperability on security challenges across the globe.

While the exercise is led by U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/U.S. Sixth Fleet, it will be command-and-controlled by Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO, headquartered in Oeiras, Portugal.



#### MARINE CORPS CORPORAL IS AWARDED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

13 MAY 2024 | Cpl. Megan Ozaki 2nd Marine Division

CAMP LEJEUNE, NC,

Earning the title of United States Marine is a profound achievement; however for Gage Barbieri, not only is it an achievement but a bridge to greater feats.

Cpl. Barbieri, an automotive maintenance technician with Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2d Marine Division, is being recognized by the leaders of 2d MARDIV for using his skills, knowledge, and training on the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle to refine its official technical manuals across the Department of Defense.

"Within a few weeks it was evident that his level of understanding and mechanical knowledge was well above that of a newly trained technician"

Master Sgt. Daryl Cannon, Barbieri's former staff noncommissioned officer in charge

Barbieri, a Loxahatchee, Florida native, grew up with little to no experience as a mechanic but always had an interest in mechanical engineering. Having graduated from Seminole Ridge Community High School at 16 years old, he enlisted in the Marine Corps a year later and earned the title United States Marine. He established his credibility in the Marine Corps early on by being named an honor graduate for the Automotive Maintenance Technician Basic Course as part of his military occupational specialty (MOS) training. Following this training, Barbieri received orders to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in 2021.

"Within a few weeks it was evident that his level of understanding and mechanical knowledge was well above that of a newly trained technician", said Master Sgt. Daryl Cannon, Barbieri's former staff noncommissioned officer in charge. "He quickly surpassed his peers and many of the Marines who had been in the MOS for significantly longer than he had been."

Distinguishing himself among his peers, Barbieri began working on the newly implemented JLTV system and identifying gaps in technical manuals. Barbieri was able to repair over 75 principal trucks and equipment, sustaining overall readiness above 90 percent throughout the battalion. Additionally, Barbieri ordered over 200,000 dollars in repair parts to facilitate maintenance efforts within 2d MARDIV.

"Barbieri's accomplishments at work allowed him to directly affect the battalion's ability to support the 2d MARDIV in Logistical support", said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Casey Watson, Barbieri's former maintenance officer.

At 19 years old, Barbieri was hand-selected by his command for his capabilities and quick problem solving skills to represent the Marine Corps and make recommendations to the JLTV technical manual at Oshkosh Defense for the JLTV validation, verification.

"He is a technically savvy, well rounded Marine", said Master Sgt. Kenneth Byxbee Jr., Barbieri's former motor transport maintenance chief. "He could diagnose issues that most Marines couldn't find and was able to make the repairs that civilian engineers from external organizations couldn't. He was an asset to have down here as far as troubleshooting and improving maintenance proficiency."

Barbieri's recommendations would save the DoD over 900,000-man hours of maintenance production time and a total cost savings of more than 140 million dollars throughout the entire life cycle of the JLTV platform.

"He identified flaws in the training manual drawings and came up with new illustrations that would prevent catastrophic failure", said the former Marine Corps Systems Command civilian Jason Wolfe, and Marine Corps Production Support Manager to Program Executive Officer JLTV at Oshkosh "this was one hell of a catch by this young Marine. His work on this work package could possibly prevent loss of life."

His recommendations and impact across the DoD led him to be accepted for the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM). The MSM is presented to service members who distinguish themselves with outstanding service. Moving forward, Barbieri plans to continue teaching young noncommissioned officers as a corporals course instructor, hoping to continue making an impact in the Marine Corps through these Marines. He has since found a passion in mechanical engineering and will further his personal education by working towards a degree in mechanical engineering.

# **TAPS**

To report a death, notify the USMC MTA Secretary, at secretary@usmcmta.org Names will be printed after notification of a member passing. The names will remain on this list until the ringing of the bell,in their honor, at the next Reunion. The Motor Transport Association would like to extend their heartfelt sympathy to the survivors during the time of bereavement for their loved ones.

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Bradley,	Phillip	Capt.	(RET)	Oct.	2018
Snyder,	James W.	SgtMaj.	(RET)	Jun. 9 th.	2020
Mitchell,	Robert L.	LtCol.	(RET)	Sept. 11 th	2021
Traendly,	James H.	Cpl.	(VM)	Dec. 12 th.	2021
Southmayd,	Peter	Col	(RET)	Jan. 7 th.	2023
Valentine,	Gene	Cpl.	(VM)	May 12 th	2023
Liller,	Don	Sgt.	(VM)	Oct. 30 th.	2023
Stempowski,	Richard	CW04	(RET)	Nov. 22 nd.	2023
Parks,	Bernie	Maj.	(RET)	Dec. 18 th.	2023
Whiting,	Edward	LtCol	(RET)	Jan. 5 th.	2024

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties of my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted me to. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith, if I am tempted, make me strong to resist: if I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answers to my prayer.

Amen

National Chaplain Marshal Jarvis

# 27th. Annual Reunion/Meeting September 15 - 19, 2024 RENO, NV.

# REGISTRATION PACKET

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Registration Form must be received at the MTA By

1 August 2024 to the below address:

USMC MTA REUNION
P O BOX 1372

JACKSONVILLE, NC 28541-1372
POC:George Hamlin, 301 514-1087

# Schedule Of Events Reno, NV.

SEPT 15 Noon–1900	(SUN)	Registration – Hospitality Room
SEPT 16 0830-1130	(MON)	General Meeting – Hospitality Room Next reunion discussion Budget review
1030-1130 1200-TBA		MTA Auxiliary Meeting-Location TBA Lunch on your own
1330-till		
1900-till		Hospitality Room
SEPT 17 0830-1130	(TUES)	General Meeting – Auxiliary is invited Reunion vote Honors for the Deceased Officer election
1200-1530		Free Time & Hospitality Room
1800-2100 1900-till		Banquet Hospitality Room
SEPT 18 0800-till 0800-till	(WED)	Free Time on your own Hospitality Room
SEPT 19	(THUR)	Checkout

### HOTEL INFORMATION

#### CIRCUS CIRCUS HOTEL CASINO

## ROOM COST – \$45.00 SUNDAY 15 SEPT, \$ 36.00 MONDAY-WEDSENDAY 16-18 SEPT

ADDITIONAL TO THE ROOM RTAE IS A 13.5 PERCENT TAX, \$36.95 RESORT FEE AN A \$3.00 TOURISM FEE.

THE TOTAL COST PER ROOM IS ABOUT \$92.00 THE FIRST NIGHT AND \$83.00 THE REMAINING THREE NIGHTS.

THE ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE THREE DAYS BEFORE AND THREE DAYS AFTER THEN REUION DATES.

THE ROOM PRICES WILL REMAIN THE SAME. WEEKEND RATES OF \$45.00 AND WEEKDAY RATES OF \$36.00.

BANQUET MEAL COST WILL COVER THE COST OF THE MEETING ROOM.

NORMAL ROOMS, TV, REFRIGERATOR, KEURIG COFFEE MAKER, FREE WI-FI, INDOOR POOL AND WORKOUT ROOM.

FREE PARKING AND AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE. HOTEL LOCATION IS 500 NORTH SIERRA STREET RENO NV THERE ARE RESTURANTS, AND COFFE/CAFÉ IN THE RESORT

TO MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS, CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY AT 800-687-8733, AND STATE THAT YOU ARE PART OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION AND GIVE THEM THE CODE (SRUMT4).

OR GO ON LINE WITH THE BELOW LINK TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.

#### RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE 16 AUGUST.

https://book.passkev.com/go/SRUMT4

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CALL GEORGE HANLIN AT 301 514-1087

# Banquet Tours And MTA Members Registration

# Reno, NV. 15-19 SEPT. 2024

Please select activities below showing number of people going and sub cost of each. Submit check or money order(no Credit Cards) with information below made payable to USMC MTA REUNION FUND to:

USMC MTA REUNION, P O Box 1372, Jacksonville, NC 28541-1372

(NLT 1 Aug. 2024)

# DATE TIME ACTIVITY COST PER #PERS SUBTOTAL

Sept 15 (Sun) noon Registration (MTA mbrs) Sept 15 (Sun) noon Aux, Spouse or guests Sept 17 (Tue) 1800 Banquet	\$20.00 x \$ \$5.00 x \$ \$80.00 x \$					
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MTA MBR:						
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## **ITALIAN DINNER BUFFET**

Chopped Romaine Salad
Antipasto Pasta Salad
Couscous Salad
Italian Green Bean Salad
Fresh sliced Seasonal Fruits and Berries

Chicken Marsala
Baked White Fish
Bone in Pork Loin Roast
Mushroom Ravioli
Meat Ravioli
Smashed Yukon and Red Potatoes with Garlic and Herbs
Rosted Zucchini Squash and Baby Carrots
Assorted Focaccias and Cheese Twists

Classic Tiramisu
Pisachio Panna Cotrta with Fresh Strawberry
Chocolate Profiteroles
Baci Di Dama Italian Cookies

Buffet includes Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, and Assorted Hot Teas



# Bakeless Bake Sale

A bit of news we have today, a Bakeless Bake Sale is on its way. In these busy days who wants to bake, pies, cookies or even a cake? You would be surprised if you counted the cost, materials, heat and the time you have lost.

Baking for sales is extra work. Yet, nobody really wants to shirk. So we have thought of a plan and feel quite sure you will understand. In an envelope, please put the price, of a pie or a cake or something nice.

Without fuss or bother, you have done your part.

We hope you will give with a willing heart.

This is the end of our little tale, wishing success for our Bakeless Bake Sale.

April has been designated as our Bakeless Bake Sale month. This is a fundraiser for the Barrie O. Delp Scholarship Fund. In the month of April we would like for all who can, to donate a little something. All donations are greatly appreciated for the worthy cause.

Thank you.

Make checks payable to: USMC MTAA

USMC MTA AUXILIARY ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP FUND P.O. Box 1372 Jacksonville, NC 28541-1372 Please print or type (Civilian Address Only)



Membership Number

For MTA Use Only

#### UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, Inc. PO BOX 1372 JACKSONVILLE, NC 28541-1372 www.usmcmta.org

910.581.1309 (Eastern Std. Time, 1-6 PM)

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If still on Active Duty or Reserves, please show Name/ Rank/ Unit/ Work Phone	complete military a	address in section below: Full	
Marital StatusSpouse Other	Name		
		(if applicable)	
(if applicable) Motor Transport Assignmentslis	t three (3) duty Sta	tions)	

Where did you hear about the USMC MTA?

Annual Membership: \$20.00 or \$100.00 for 6 years for the price of 5 years/ Make checks or money

(if you have an email address please provide it)

Referred by Membership Number

(US FUNDS ONLY) payable to:

**Email Address** 

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USMC Motor Transport Association, Inc. and return to the address listed at the top of form. Please note: USMC Motor Transport Association, Inc. reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone.

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