



“The record of our Corps is one which will bear comparison with that of the most famous military organizations in the world’s history.”

-Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant, USMC

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Future Marines,

To all our new joins: Welcome to the Team. To all the families of new members of the Delayed Entry Program, thank you for your time and patience as your son or daughter begins the journey that will culminate with service to our great nation as one of the best: a United States

It's important today to tell you how proud I am of the new warriors and their families. One day you will reflect back and realize what a great opportunity you had by working with some of the best recruiter's in the nation.

So, make sure you are prepared for recruit training. It's up to you. You have to do the work, once a week is not enough. You have to motivate yourself to do better.

After recruit training you will have to live up to the expectations of protecting "The Tip of the Spear". Don't get caught up with

Marine.

As a Marine Corps, we only select the best of Indiana and Illinois high school graduates and seniors. The first hurdle of selection has been crossed, and I am excited to see you all excel as the process continues.

In the winter, outdoor physical training becomes more challenging due to the weather and individual schedules while everyone is either attending school or working. Remember to stay focused on improving yourself physically, as the stronger your Initial Strength Test is upon shipping to Recruit Training, the easier your time will be.

Additionally, continue to strengthen your mental

toughness as you prepare to enter training. Talk to your recruiters, recent graduates of recruit training, or Marines in your community about the mental challenges that await you. As you all well know, the mental challenges in initial Marine Corps training outweigh the physical challenges ten to one.

My staff and I remain committed to preparing you all, so don't hesitate to ask for help or instruction as the need arises.

I am continuously impressed and proud of all the men and women that have volunteered for service in the Marine Corps during this dynamic time in our nation's history.

Continue to press the attack and Semper Fidelis.

From the Recruiter Instructor

what you have accomplished so far in life, because you will not be measured by those accomplishments. People will measure you on what you accomplished after high school. So your true legacy begins after recruit training.

"WINNING IS NOT A SOME TIMES THING, BUT AN ALL THE TIME THING"

What that means to me is when you set a goal you don't stop until it's complete, then you move to the next challenge and work towards its completion. That's how your foundation of success continues to build the house



of cards that will lead to happiness at the end of the day. That will put you in position to help others and that's what it's all about.

Semper fi and God Bless.

Golf Tournament supports Hoosier Marine Families

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. - On Sept. 13 the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, along with various sponsors, presented the 17th annual MCSF Golf Tournament at Pebble Brook Gold Club to support Hoosier Marine families in the form of a scholarship in honor of Sgt. Morgan Strader.

by Sgt. Jose Nava
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Sgt. Strader was born July 1981 in Brownsburg, Ind., and made the ultimate sacrifice in Fallujah, Iraq, November 2004. All the proceeds from the tournament were donated to the Sgt. Morgan Strader Memorial Scholarship fund through the MCSF.

Gary Strader, father of Sgt. Strader said, "I am the most blessed man on the planet today because of you, that it means something to give your life in this country today, that you are dedicated to extending the influence of a person like Morgan Strader and John Rankel for years to come as we are able to help others with a scholarship that enables them to learn the things that our sons knew."

More than 250 golfers, broken into teams, participated in the tournament to include Recruiting Station Indianapolis and local Marine reservists.

The Mayor of Indianapolis, Gregory Ballard, spoke before the official ceremony about how Marines come together to help each other. Mayor Ballard said that Marines look out for one another whether it is on or off the field of battle.

After Mayor Ballard spoke, Kevin Rankel, father of last year's honoree Sgt. John Rankel, spoke briefly on how the foundation has changed his life before passing the microphone to Mr. Strader.

Rankle said that his family is focused on fulfilling their son's legacy and serving others, and that the tournament has helped them realize that goal.

The tournament immediately started after the ceremony and went on for hours before a victor was decided. The winning team was American Structure Point, which consisted of Gary Raikes, Allen Hornaday, Scott Larsen, Russ Maxson and Tyler Rankel.

During the closing ceremony, Margaret B. Davis, president and chief executive officer, MCSF, spoke about the foundation's mission and some of its recipients.

"Marine Corps families stick together and we take care of our Marines and your investment is helping to fund 2000 children across the nation," said Mrs. Davis.

Following Mrs. Davis was the recipient of the 2011 Rankel Scholarship, Zoey Babb, who related her experience of how the MCSF is helping her to reach her purpose and ultimate dream in life.

"I thank everyone that is involved with the foundation and especially the Rankel family who granted me the scholarship," said Miss. Babb.

At the end of the tournament, prizes were raffled off to the participants. Some of the prizes included a hand built pub table with



SSgt. Eric DeWald, SNCOIC, RS Indianapolis, tries to hit a golf ball out of a sand trap during the MCSF Golf Tournament at Pebble Brook Golf Club Sept. 13.

the eagle, globe and anchor carved into the surface and framed lithographs from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The last event of the tournament was the ball drop. This consisted of participants sponsoring a golf balls that a UH-1 Iroquois 'Huey', provided by the Indiana Air Search and Rescue, would then lift in a bucket into the air and drop over a target. The closest sponsor to the pin won half of the pot.

The ball drop along with the other fund raisers helped increase donations as the tournament raised more than \$100,000. More important to the Strader family was that they continued the legacy of their son's devotion to the Marines by helping their children with a scholarship.

"Semper Fidelis to them is not just a slogan, it means something," said Mr. Strader "These guys are the a-team."

History Bites: "Retreat!? Hell we just got here!" - Capt. Lloyd Williams

1 October 1997:
The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank

of colonel. She was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.

10 November 1921:
This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November.

On 21 October 1921, Maj

Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune

issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

20 December 1989:
Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to

protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.



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Max Beerup's Parents Corner

USEFUL MARINE CORPS WEBSITES

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www.usmc.mil	Official Marine Corps Site
www.usmcgradsandiego.org	Graduation Information for San Diego
www.gradparrisland.org	Graduation Information for Parris Island
www.mcrd.usmc.mil	Boot Camp Training Matrix-San Diego
www.mcrdpi.usmc.mil	Boot Camp Training Matrix-Parris Island
www.marinmomsanddads@yahoogroups.com	Marine Moms and Dads
www.MMO1@yahoogroups.com	Marine Moms Online
www.USMCMoms2@yahoogroups.com	Two or More Marines in the Corps
www.marineparents.com	Marine Parents
www.usmcgrad.org	Marine Graduation Assistance
www.marineparentsunited.com	Marine Parents
www.grunt.com	Marine Corps Merchandise
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Parents, without your support and guidance your sons and daughters would not be the outstanding young adults that they have become today. We thank you for all you have done for them in providing them with positive goals and upbringing. The Marine Corps will never take your place in their lives and we hope that you will become a part of the Marine Corps family as your child has chosen to do. Recruit training can be as hard on the parent as it is on the recruit. The websites above will provide you with some excellent tools for while your son/daughter is in recruit training and beyond into their time in the Fleet Marine Forces. If you ever have any issues the recruiter is there to help you as well. Again, thank you for raising the future of our Corps.

Semper Fidelis