



San Diego: We Adapted - Overcame

For the members and old timers attending the 2012 Annual Conference at San Diego's Crowne Plaza Hotel it was like a visit back in time before Marine active duty involvement. While the fact the Marines had to execute a pull-out due to budgetary considerations is now history, suffice it to say, we adapted and overcame!

Thanks to the schedule put together by our superior web-mistress, Kate Stark, all attendees seemingly enjoyed themselves; a few even learning something about computers and our excellent website.

The Welcome Reception Wednesday night was exceptionally well attended and the luau motif pleased everyone. The hotel outdid itself in providing very good food at reasonable prices throughout the conference.

Special guests at the reception were **Dr. and Mrs. Bob Cueva**. The "missus" being **Kathy Morrisey**, elder daughter of our first executive director, **Bob Morrisey**.



Emcee Pat Coulter is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Dan Yoo after winning the 2012 Donald L. Dickson Award

As always, our palates were whetted by plenty of complimentary **Heineken** product. On Thursday, the **Marines** showed up en masse for the **Merit Awards Banquet**.

Thanks to **1 MEF PA Chief, MGySgt. Mark Oliva**, most west coast commands were represented, either by their Merit Award winners or someone assigned to pick them up for the absent winners. In all, we had 98 attendees at the banquet.

For the ceremony itself, our masterful emcee, **Pat Coulter** once again outdid himself, this time having to improvise on the fly as unexpected award winners either showed or did not show. Those accepting awards received Pat's "Emmy" treatment.

Our guest of honor, **Brig. Gen. Dan Yoo** made an exceptional speech, delving back into our history and the early exploits of **Brig. Gen. Bob Denig** and his "Demons."

Our 2012 Denig winner, **Dr. Linda Canup Keaton-Lima** was

on hand and graciously accepted the 2012 award to the delight of her husband, **Lou** (a former Marine) and her daughters who flew in for the ceremony.

Perhaps the surprise of the evening came when Pat



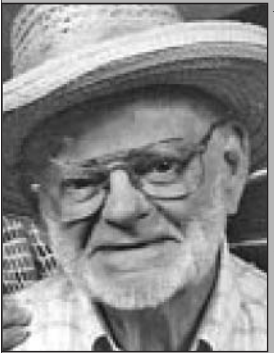
Dr. Linda Canup Keaton-Lima thanks the audience for her 2012 Denig Award

Transition



Walter Swindells

Walt Swindells, 92, who came to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in 1972 “by way of Florida, New York, Texas, and



California,” sometime managing editor of *The Anglican Digest* (1974-1981) and founding editor (*Old Stubby Fingers*) of the *Anglican News Exchange* (1978-1985) died on March 23, 2012.

A retired Captain of Marines, an archaic term he loved to use, he was born in Washington, D.C., on November 2, 1919, and raised in Florida. He married Margaret Dutill on August 17, 1941.

His 21-year career in the Marine Corps included World War II and Korean, where he served as Assistant Informational Services Officer of the 1st Marine Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal. He and his family moved to Riverside in 1961.

Greetings from Bill Hauptfleisch

Ed. Note: Normally when a new President comes on board we salute him with a nice banner including his photo. Due to a brief incapacitation of Art Director Chuck Beveridge we were unable to do this by press time.

Fellow CC's: I cannot express how proud I am to be your new President! Never in my wildest would I have thought 33 years ago as a young corporal attending my first conference in Philadelphia that I would hold this honor, thanks!

Our conference in San Diego this year capped off a year of great successes and obstacles. That we even had a conference was a result of superhuman effort from the Executive Director Jack Paxton and his band of merry men and women. To be able to retain a hotel, sponsors and speakers takes more than a few phone calls, we all owe them a special “Ooh Rah”!

On November 17th we are going to dedicate a memorial to BrigGen Robert L. Denig, Sr. our founder. This perhaps was the greatest display of fund raising that our association has ever accomplished! The committee of Fred Lash, Walt Ford, Sally Pritchett were given the task, from design concept, selecting an memorial company, to on schedule delivery, their efforts will forever be on display at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

We also raised funds for a plaque dedicated to our first executive director and past president Robert “Mo” Morrissey. This was dedicated at Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, CA. the last day of the conference.

As most of you know, a huge blow to the PA Leadership part of our conference occurred soon after the “GSA” scandal. Next year’s scheduled location for the conference had to be cancelled. The annual leadership, education and training had to be eliminated for San Diego.

Moving forward, the biggest challenge for next year’s conference will be getting some

of that back. **Discussions have already been held and our committee is now looking at either the Fort Meade area or at Quantico for next year’s conference. Stay tuned...**



I look forward to the challenge and the future success of the USMCCCA in the coming two years! **Semper Fi! Bill**

The ‘12 Conference

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closed the ceremonies only to have our new President Bill Hauptfleisch remind him of one other award – the 2012 Dickson Award to be awarded to – surprise – Pat Coulter.

On Friday, attendees were bussed to the MCRD to view a graduating recruit company. Few were those whose chests did not swell with pride as the young warriors marched past on their way to becoming Marines.

On Saturday nearly 20 attendees stayed over for the induction ceremony of **Bob Morrissey** into the Mount Soledad Military Memorial.

The ceremony was staged by a ceremonial unit of the Mount Soledad Society. **Kathy Morrissey Cueva** and her sister, **Michelle Morrissey** made brief remarks about their Dad and thanked the Association for seeing to the enshrinement.

Executive Director **Jack Paxton**, who had served with Mo, also made remarks about the achievements of this fine Marine.

Note: Each year the Booster Club begins anew immediately following the annual conference. Contributions can be made on our website or direct to CCHQ.

Booster Club

2012

Platinum

Gold

Florida Chapter

Sally Pritchett

Gene Smith

Silver

Mike Arnold

Ralph Austin

Dale Baird

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Tom Kerr

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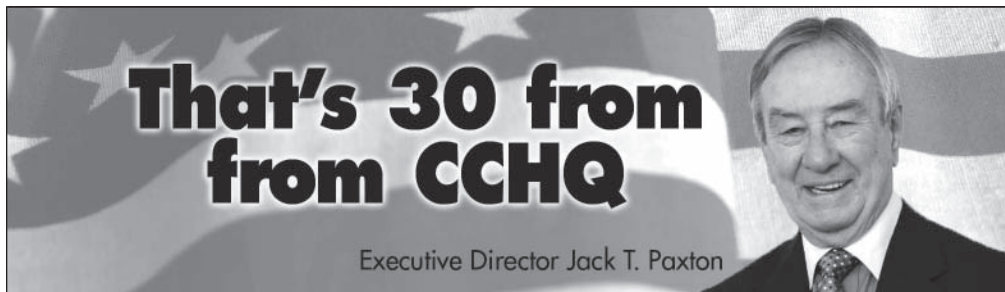
Don O'Neal

Jack Paxton

Fred Tucker

Frank Wiley

Vicki Turney



Those of us charged with putting on the 2012 conference will freely admit it was one of the hardest to make happen. The DOD conference restrictions coupled with governmental budget cuts made it nearly impossible for active duty Marines to attend.

Fortunately, through the help of **MGySgt. Mark Oliva, I MEF PA Chief** and those PA commands in Southern California we did manage to see 50 or so warriors resplendent in their dress uniforms at our Merit Awards Banquet.

The question now: Where do we go now? What kind of format can we make happen that will attract our active duty Marines?

As new President **Bill Hauptfleisch** says in his introductory column, a committee is looking at two venues: Quantico area and the area near Fort Meade in Maryland.

On Saturday as we bused 20 or so attendees to Mount Soledad

dad for the Morrisey induction. The higher we went the hotter it got.

The Mount Soledad induction committee did a great job explaining what the Memorial means to the city and its veterans. Following remarks by Mo's daughters, Kathy and Chelle, and myself, Taps were sounded and the late **Major Robert Bruce "Mo" Morrisey** was properly enshrined.



At press time the Denig Memorial was being placed on its pedestal at the National Museum.



Roland Jarrell, Jr looks at the newly placed plaque honoring our first ExDir Robert "Mo" Morrisey at San Diego's Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial following the 2012 Conference.

Nice Note from **John Ames** (New Orleans) accompanying his 2012-13 dues and a contribution.

"Yes, I get it...it's Lu-Jurn! But not once when I was on active duty did a career Marine ever correct me! Now if I can only get my girlfriend to stop saying **Quanteeeco...**" A new cause for **Pat Brent?**

Speaking of dues: Yours may be due. If you are not sure, contact CCHQ, wicki wicki as my friends in Hawaii would say.



Greetings My Fellow CCs:

It is great to be back as president of our Foundation. I want to thank the foundation board for its vote of confidence in my ability to serve in this critical capacity. I also want to thank Victoria Turney for the outstanding job she has done in this role for the past two years. Under her leadership, the foundation took on its most significant fund raising activity ever and she led it to a successful conclusion. We will now have a permanent testimonial of the role of combat correspondents since Brigadier General Denig's establishment of our function during World War II.

I also want to thank our Executive Director, Jack Paxton and the Denig Memorial committee, Sally Pritchett, Walt Ford and Fred Lash for steering the creative side of this tribute.

On November 17th, our memorial will be unveiled and dedicated during ceremonies at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. I hope as many of you as possible will be on hand the witness this historic event.

Given the significance and expense of this undertaking, I propose that we take a year to catch our collective breaths before embarking on another major effort. In the meantime, I ask that you continue to support your association by contributing to our ongoing fundraising activities such as the booster club, dedicated members campaign and our scholarship awards program.

I also hope I can count on those of you who sponsor our Merit Awards program to continue your support. I assure you that no matter the course of future conferences as they regard joint activity with the Marine Corps

Senior Leadership Conference, our Merit Awards program will remain the highlight of our conference. These fine young active duty Marines continue to demonstrate the very best in the skill set of telling the Marine Corps story and they deserve our unwavering support and recognition. I know you won't let them down.

I will be using this column to keep you informed about our efforts on behalf of the USMCCCA and just how you can fit into the successful execution of our mission to aid and support our association. Again, it's a pleasure to return to this job and I look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Semper Fi, Don O'Neal

Merit Award Plaques Mailed From DivPA

For those Merit Award winners who were not at the conference in San Diego, please be aware that all first place plaques, 2nd and HM certificates have been shipped to Division of Public Affairs, HQMC for mailing. **Those individual first place winners who did not receive their first place cash awards should contact CCHQ with current mailing addresses so the checks may be sent.**

When you receive your plaques or certificates, it would be appreciated if a presentation ceremony could be held, photos taken and sent to CCHQ (usmccca@cfl.rr.com) for posting on our website.

Association '12

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Bill Hauptfleisch

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Jack Paxton**

Foundation '12

Officers

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Treasurer: Carol Rees

Directors

Red Carpenter

Walt Ford

Agostino VonHassel

Pat Coulter

**All present Directors of the
Association Board**

**Executive Director
Jack Paxton**

Executive Summary: Conference Meetings

Association (Old) Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Due to a lack of quorum, the Old Board Meeting was not held. Consensus was there was no old or new business to discuss.

Foundation Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Tom Kerr who was elected to serve as temporary chair in lieu of Victoria Turney who was not present. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2011 Foundation Board meeting as carried in the newsletter and on file at CCHQ, be accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Foundation Treasurer Carol Rees stated that we are solvent with \$150,000+ in the Treasury. Tom Kerr pointed out that some of that money could be transferred to CDs for extra income. Carol said she would do so when she verified that the Denig Memorial at the National Museum was paid for.

Scholarship Report: Scholarship chair Sally Pritchett reported that two scholarships of \$3,000 each had been paid to the educational institutions of the two candidates selected. The Executive Director requested the deadline be extended from May 15 to June 1 each year. The Board voted for the extension.

Executive Director Report: Jack Paxton reported that the plaque honoring Bob Morrissey, would be placed in time for the induction ceremonies on September 15 at Mount Soledad. He spoke of the Merit Awards program and the continuing effort to find sponsors. From a Journal advertising standpoint he indicated the loss of Marines attending our conference had also caused some advertisers and vendors to drop their plans. In all, while ad revenues were down our Journal was paid for.

New Business: Tom Kerr noted that the concept of board members rotating off the board every few years had eroded. He proposed a realignment. In the new plan, Keith Oliver will serve in ex officio status until October 30 this year. Walt Ford's term would expire at the end of November 2013. Agostino von Hassel's term will expire in 2014 and Red Carpenter's would expire in 2015. It was moved and seconded to accept the new schedule of terms.

It was moved and seconded that Don O'Neal become Foundation President and that Tom Kerr become Foundation Vice President. Both Sally Pritchett, Secretary, and Carol Rees, Treasurer, were reelected. Pat Coulter's name was placed in nomination to replace Keith Oliver. It was moved, seconded and passed. His term will expire in 2016.

Appointments: Tom Kerr asked Sally if she would continue as Scholarship Chair and she accepted. Tom suggested a finance committee be named to handle revenues and expenses on which the Treasurer should be a member, not necessarily the chair. Carol Rees said she would be the chair and ask several other CCs to serve with her. Tom also suggested a succession and nominating committee. Red Carpenter agreed to chair it with Tom's assistance. Jack Paxton will continue to handle the Merit Awards and

Advertising.

The Denig Memorial: Jack Paxton stated that enough contributions were on hand to cover the cost of the Memorial (\$26,800) including permanent maintenance, and the 78 engraved bricks which will surround the Memorial. The official dedication will be November 17 at 10 a.m. at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

The Tarawa Exhibit: Walt Ford moved that, in light of the fact that there seems to be no support or interest in the exhibit that the subject be tabled for the time being. It was seconded and passed.

Scholarship Fund: Tom Kerr said that several years ago we used to have the Gladys McPartland Scholarship for general studies. When we split out the Foundation, we developed the communications scholarship as well. He moved that the communications scholarship be named the Brig. Gen. Robert L. Denig Scholarship and that it be made a line item so individuals could donate directly to it as well. Initial funding could come from any overage in the Denig Memorial campaign and next year's budgeted Foundation scholarship funds or a grant to be decided on by the Foundation Board. The Denig Scholarship would replace the current Foundation program and have the same criteria. This was seconded and passed.

Merit Awards: Jack Paxton called attention to the fact that several years ago we recognized the efforts of outstanding members by naming Merit Awards for them. He proposed the following:

Outstanding New Writer award: In honor of Francis X. "Frank" Goss

Outstanding News Article award: In honor Don and Ann Coleman.

The Photojournalism Award: In honor of Sally Pritchett.

The Open Photography Award: In honor of Red Carpenter

The majority voted in favor of adopting these name changes. There was one "nay" vote and one abstention.

Tom Kerr reported that outgoing President Vickie Turney has presented a proposal to change the By Laws to give more specific definition to the term "the officers" as well as consider compensation for officer's expenses. He said he would reply that the proposals would be presented to the appropriate committees for consideration and discussion at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Annual Meeting - Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Vice President Kate Stark called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

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Reports were made. Old Business: None

New Business: Future Conferences. Jack Paxton said a committee had been named to discuss future conferences

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Highlights from the San Diego Conference



Photos from The Annual Business Meeting, Luau and the induction of Bob Morrisey at Mt. Soledad

(Clockwise from top) Rosenthal Chapter President Dale Cook (l) presents a merit award sponsor check to Treasurer Tom Kerr; “Old Dog” Earnie Grafton ® imparts new tricks to Cpl. Reece Loder; Perennial Drill Instructor Dale Dye (l) tells Past President “Flash” Lash about his latest book; long-time pals Cal Openshaw, a newly-elected Association Director and Association Secretary Chris Whiting enjoy the Crowne Plaza luau; Kathy Morrisey Cueva and her sister Chel Morrisey listen as their late father (and our first executive director) Bob “Mo” Morrisey is inducted into the Veterans Memorial at San Diego’s Mount Soledad. (Kate Stark photos)



The 2012 Merit Awards Banquet



*While Not as Well Attended as Some...
Still a Night to Remember*

(Clockwise from top) President-elect Bill Hauptfleisch (l) and GoH, Brig. Gen. Daniel Yoo, CG, MCRD, San Diego receive honors; the MCRD Color Guard marches on the Colors; Nathan Hanks ©, MCLB Albany, is honored for his win in the 2012 competition; the 2012 William T. Perkins award for Combat Cameraman of the Year was won by SSgt. Ricardo A. Gomez and presented to him by Lt. Col. Brian Thompson, Director, Combat Camera (2d from r); the year's big winner was Cpl. Reece Lodder, MCB Hawaii, who won eight first place awards including being named Photo Journalist of the Year, two second place awards and one Honorable Mention. (Photos by LCpl. David Gonzalez)



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Executive Summary

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and that they would meet the following morning. **Manny Pacheco, Bill Hauptfleisch, Red Carpenter and Walt Ford** met with the Executive Director for breakfast. A time line was established in which discussions would be held with DivPA and the Recruiting Command to determine various possibilities.

Website: Kate told the membership the site continues to attract record hits, comments and posts. She also said the site recorded 27 new members.

Denig Memorial Dedication: Paxton told the membership that the official dedication of the Denig Memorial at the National Museum of the Marine Corps would be on Saturday, November 17 at 10 a.m.

The officer slate of Bill Hauptfleisch, President; Kate Stark VP; and Chris Whiting Secretary was passed in unanimous vote. The Treasurer's position remains vacant.

The three new directors, Manny Pacheco, Sergio Jiminez and Jerry Gutierrez were seated by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.