



# The Grunt



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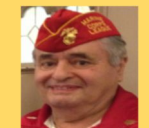
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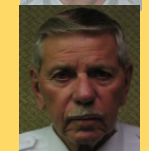
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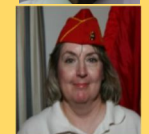
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## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

**Marine Corps League  
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May, 2018**

### **JUST A COMMON SOLDIER**

**(A Soldier Died Today)**

**by A. Lawrence Vaincourt--1987**

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast, and he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.  
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done, In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke, All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.  
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away, And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife, For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.  
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way, And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state, While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were great.  
Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were young, But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

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Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land, A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?  
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife, Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives, Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.  
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all, Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago, That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know,  
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys, Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand, Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?  
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend, His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin, But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.  
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part, Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise, Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.  
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say, Our Country is in mourning, "For A Soldier Died Today".

The title Marine is not to be taken lightly, it represents a commitment to be the very best and to follow and adhere to our core values of HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT.

Let's continue that commitment by participating in our Memorial Day ceremony at Pompton Lakes Veterans Park on Jefferson Avenue on May 27th. Assembly is at 1000 with the ceremony at 1030. This is followed by the VFW ceremony at 1100 and the parade at 1200. Our Color Guard will lead the parade. The Color Guard will also lead the Memorial Day parade in Riverdale on May 28th at 1000.

May God Bless the Marine Corps League, The United States Marine Corps and may God Bless

**The United States of America**

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

**HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT**





Memorial Day Services at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery

### We Remember Those Who Died For Our Freedom

Who died for our freedom? The answer to this question may be a distant one: someone who stepped forward and signed a blank check written to our country for a cost up to and including his or her life in service to our country. A complete stranger, who gave their last full measure of devotion to the cause of freedom. Perhaps it is a very personal one: a loved one who died serving in the armed forces. This month, we remember all those, near to us or unknown to us, who died to preserve our freedom.

Who died for our freedom? Our enemy, Jesus. Romans 5 verse 10 states, "For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life" \*. Because of original sin, we were born as God's enemies, opposed to His will and living in sin for ourselves. We lived in sin-induced enmity to God and all things holy. Yet, while we were opposed to God, He sent His Son to die for His enemies. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Who died for our freedom? Our friend, Jesus. While we are naturally enemies of God, Jesus reconciled us to God. He died to set us free from the bondage of sin and in resurrection, restored us to a right relationship with God. He made us friends again with God—more than friends, as we are now adopted into the family of God.

\*New International Version 2011

**May God Bless these United States of America, the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and our families.**

**Les Derbyshire**

**Chaplain**





## *Service Officer Report*

*I want to thank everyone that helped at the Family Day Picnic for our Brothers and Sisters, who are stationed at Picatinny on May 6th.*

*The weather was a little shaky to start , but it cleared up a bit and the Marines of Golf Co and their families were treated to a picnic with great food and even better company.*

**IMPORTANT: [www.lakelandmarinecarefund.org](http://www.lakelandmarinecarefund.org) is the website for the LAKELAND MARINE CARES FUND. This fund is used to support Marines, Marine Families, Veterans and their Families and other Veteran Service Organizations in our joint efforts to provide assistance to Veterans.**

*Our Next Bingo at the VA Nursing Home in Paramus will be on Tuesday June 12 The Bingo starts at 2 PM.*

*As always, if anyone has questions about this event or your Veterans Benefits, you can call me at any time. My Cell is 1-201-317-1678, my home number is 1-973-835-4388.*

*Semper Fi,*

*Ed Korek*



## Editor's Page



Greetings from the editor's desk. Here we are in May (although it still feels like winter) and we are coming into our busiest time of year. There's a lot on the plate this month and we need full participation in order to make each and every event successful as only Marines can do it. Make sure that you check out the calendar of events that follows and try to participate as you are able to. Remember, without us, there is no Lakeland Detachment 744. Looking forward to seeing everyone at each and every event.



That brings up another subject. Volunteerism! Don't you just love this word. As Marines, this word should mean something to each and everyone of us since for the most part, we are all volunteers (there are examples in history where the Marine Corps took in draftees as a means to fill training slots during times of rapid expansion such as WWII, Korea and Vietnam). That being said, we need some volunteers to step up and assist or understudy the officer positions. This is especially essential for the

Paymaster/Adjutant position. Peter really needs to have an assistant that can learn the finance part of our detachment. I also needed an assistant for the Assistant Quartermaster's slot. Kelly Cole has stepped up to assist and I wish to thank her at this time. However, we still need other people to step up for other officer positions. We can't rely on or expect the current slate of officers to stay in their positions forever.

Last month, I put a call out for each of us to write down what we did when we were on active duty, what rank we obtained, when we served, where we served and any medals or awards that we might have received. Needless to say, the response was not as overwhelming as I was hoping. In fact only 3 people gave me something that I will make use of in future editions. I understand that combat vets are unwilling to go into detail and that's certainly ok. However, we each should be proud of our service so at the very least, please send me a short note with your name, dates of service, locations and units you served with, highest rank and your MOS as follows:





CPL Ken Gysbers

Dates of Service Aug 1978 to  
Aug 1982

MOS: 3072 Aviation Supply



Marine Corps Aviation Supply School NAS Meridian MS  
MCAS(H) Tustin Ca H&MS 16, MCAS Futenma H&MS 36 and  
MCAS Cherry Point H&MS 14

Good Conduct Medal and Sea Service Ribbon

It's pretty straight forward and that's all I'm really looking for. If you want to include more, then by all means feel free to do so. Looking forward to hearing from most of you now that I've put out an example.

My last item pertains to distribution. For those of us with out email, I hope to have our distribution issues resolved by the time this goes out. Charlie was printing The Grunt though his office and a recent change in policy has forced us to stop printing copies. The cost to print 75 copies each month was estimated at about \$500 per month so a decision was made by the executive board to not print The Grunt anymore. One of our members has volunteered to get it done so we'll give it a shot this month and see how it goes.

Semper Fi,  
Ken Gysbers  
Editor



### Quartermaster's Report

We've set up a new location for the Ship's Store at the 3rd Saturday Breakfasts. And we have been successful to a degree since setting up back in the back right hand corner on the stage. As stated previously, any suggestions for items to carry would be appreciated. Please remember that all of the funds which are made by the Ship's Store go directly to support the activities of the detachment so thank all of you for your continued support. Thanks to Kelly Cole for stepping up to be the Assistant Quartermaster. Please look for her at the May 19th Breakfast.

Semper Fi,  
Ken Gysbers



## MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

### Calendar of Events

#### May



- 5/1/2018: Hawthorne street dedication--Hawthorne and Post Avenues--1300
- 5/6/2018: Picnic at Picatinny for Marines being deployed--1000-1400
- 5/8/2018: Bingo--Paramus Veteran's Home--1400  
Executive Board Meeting--1900
- 5/12/2018: Eagle Scout Court of Honor--Donal Gannon--Troop 49--Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oakland--1300
- 5/16/2018: Eagle Scout Court of Honor--Joshua Waxman--Troop 12--Livingston community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue--1830
- 5/19/2018: 3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200  
Chapel of the Four Chaplains Ceremony at St. Stephens RC Church,  
141 Washington Ave., Kearny--1130
- 5/24/2018: Detachment meeting--1930
- 5/27/2018: Pompton Lakes Memorial Day Parade--1200--MCL ceremony at 1030
- 5/28/2018: Riverdale Memorial Day Parade--1000  
Hawthorne Memorial Day Parade
- 5/29/2018: Color Guard--Memorial Service--Becton Dickinson, Franklin Lakes--1500

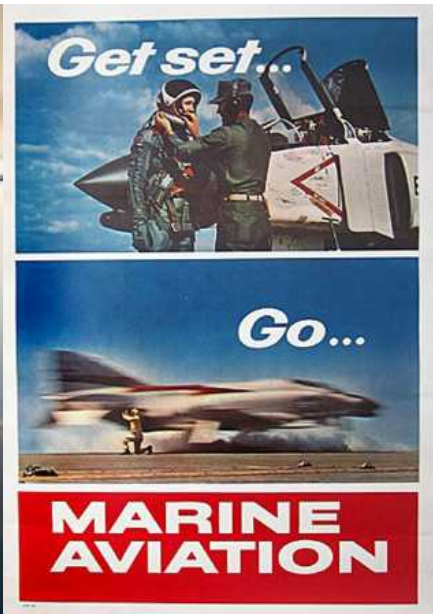
#### June

- 6/1/2018: State Convention--Seaview--Galloway, NJ
- TBD\* 1st Rose Event Stop & Shop Wyckoff Time and Date to be confirmed
- 6/12/2018: Executive Board Meeting--1900
- 6/16/2018: 3rd Saturday Breakfast--0800-1200
- 6/28/2018: Detachment meeting--1930

\* To Be Determined but will either be on 6/9/2018 or 6/10/2018







MCL Lakeland Detachment 744 & Marine Aviation

Well represented at the Power in the Pines Air Show



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Marine Huey HMLA 773



Marine Super Cobra



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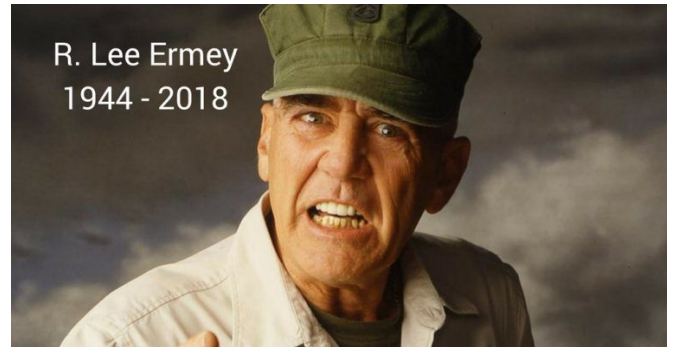
Jason sits in the O1 Bird Dog Cockpit

On May 4th & 5th, Capt Ben Casio, Mike McNulty, Kevin O'Leary, Ted Wurster and myself attended the 2018 Power in the Pines Air Show at Joint Base McGuire AFB— Fort Dix—NAS Lakehurst. We did very well for our first showing at this event and expect to do even better next time around.



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744 set up and ready for business

## In Memorium



### Gunny R. Lee Ermey

R. Lee Ermey, a character actor who drew on his experience as a Marine Corps drill instructor during the Vietnam War to portray the violent, howling sergeant in filmmaker Stanley Kubrick's "Full Metal Jacket," died April 15 at a hospital in Santa Monica, Calif. He was 74. The following excerpts are from the Washington Post Obituary dated April 16, 2018:

Mr. Ermey, an 11-year veteran of the Marines, had more than 100 film and television credits, including as a voice actor in children's television series and in the "Toy Story" movies, in which he played [the plastic soldier Sarge](#). But he was best known for his gruff and profane roles in Vietnam films, beginning with a drill instructor part in "The Boys in Company C" (1978). He had initially been hired as a military adviser for the film but was reportedly cast after director Sidney J. Furie saw him teaching another actor how to play the role of the movie's foul-mouthed sergeant.

"Jesus," Mr. Ermey says in the film, delivering an [expletive-laden speech](#) to his latest batch of "maggots." "How in the hell do they expect me to train . . . Marines when they won't even send me human . . . beings to start with?" Mr. Ermey, who went by "Gunny," played an even more [nightmarish instructor](#) in "Full Metal Jacket" (1987), about a platoon of Marine recruits deployed to Vietnam. As with his earlier role, the part was inspired by his service as a drill sergeant at the Marine training center on Parris Island, S.C., where he said he and other instructors sometimes "raised a hand" to privates who failed to follow orders.

"My main objective was just basically to play the drill instructor the way the drill instructor was — now let the chips fall where they may," he said in the [2001](#) documentary "Sarge!"

As Gunnery Sgt. Hartman, Mr. Ermey took the art of the insult to sadistic extremes, threatening to "gouge out" the eyeballs of slow-moving recruits and then sexually abuse them. Mr. Ermey created about half his dialogue for the film, Kubrick said.

“In the course of hiring the Marine recruits, we interviewed hundreds of guys,” the director told [Rolling Stone in 1987](#). “We lined them all up and did an improvisation of the first meeting with the drill instructor. They didn’t know what he was going to say, and we could see how they reacted. Lee came up with, I don’t know, 150 pages of insults.”

Among Hartman’s preferred targets was a misfit named Lawrence (Vincent D’Onofrio), a name that Hartman said belonged only to “[gays] and sailors.” The sergeant dubbed him Gomer Pyle, after the simple-minded character in “The Andy Griffith Show.”

“Erme y plays a character in the great tradition of movie drill instructors, but with great brio and amazingly creative obscenity,” movie critic [Roger Ebert wrote](#). “All situations in the Marines and in war seem to suggest sexual parallels for him, and one of the film’s best moments has the recruits going to bed with their rifles and reciting a poem of love to them.”

Mr. Erme y went on to appear in weapons-focused television series such as “Mail Call,” which reportedly became the History Channel’s highest-rated program when it premiered in 2002, and served as a board member for the National Rifle Association and a spokesman for Glock. He also served as a longtime spokesman for the Marines’ Toys for Tots program.

“I figure I’ve fought the Vietnam War five times,” he told the Associated Press in 1987, reflecting on his career. “The next time a producer calls up and asks me to take part, I’m gonna see if we can’t win the . . . thing.”

Ronald Lee Erme y was born into a farming family in Emporia, Kan., on March 24, 1944. A self-described “hell-raiser,” he moved to Washington state with his family at 11 and said he was twice arrested for “joyriding” and “beer drinking” when a judge gave him an ultimatum.

“He said I could either go into the military — any branch I wanted to go to — or he was going to send me where the sun never shines,” Mr. Erme y told [an interviewer](#) with the Civilian Marksmanship Program. “And I love sunshine, I don’t know about you.”

Mr. Erme y was rejected by the Navy before entering the Marines in 1961. His military career effectively ended eight years later when he was wounded by a rocket near the Vietnamese city of Danang. He bought “a run-down bar and whorehouse in Okinawa,” he said, and still had shrapnel in his back and shoulder when he began studying drama at the University of Manila. ([Washington Post April 16, 2018](#)). Mr. Erme y or “Gunny” was a beloved representative of our Marine Corps and while we know of his character side, he was much more personable in real life. He will be missed.

# Why America Needs Marine Corps Values

Mark Shields

July 27, 2010

A half a century ago, I spent the longest 13 weeks of my life at an out-of-the-way place called Parris Island, S.C., then and now the home of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot.



We were strangers who arrived there in the middle of the night and were immediately relieved of all our civilian clothing and possessions -- including our hair. Standing there confused, apprehensive and bald, I remember asking myself over and over: What the hell am I doing here?



Then silently appeared in our midst a man in a starched uniform and polished boots brimming with self-confidence and a sense of command. This was the Marine drill instructor, the DI, who did not conceal his disgust with what he saw in us. I can still hear him that we were the sorriest collection of misfits and rejects he or anyone else had ever seen.

What followed was 90 days of splendid misery. Civilian habits, speech and attitude were marched and drilled and driven out of us. The DI was relentlessly democratic. He treated everyone on our platoon, 189, with equal contempt while double-timing us 12 hours a day from mess duty to the rifle range and back. He used his personal term of endearment to remind us, "Maggot, remember, you volunteered to be here."

Somehow after more than three months of no Cokes, no beer, no TV and not even a day off, the DI, by then our Ultimate Authority Figure, reluctantly conceded that just possibly, maybe someday, we might actually be Marines. The combination of joy, relief and pride was unmatched.



I was not a great Marine. I never saw combat. I got a lot more from the Marines than the Marines got from me. But I believe fervently that this nation today needs the values of the Marine Corps as much as the nation needs the Marine Corps.

Of course, honor, courage and commitment are always in short supply. But the Marines teach personal responsibility and accountability by example, that any chain is only as strong as the weakest individual link. As a unit, we are stronger working together than the individual members can separately be.



Marines take care of their own -- and they take care of their fellow Marines before themselves. The well-being of the country and of the Corps is more important than our individual well-being. This may best be stated in the hard-and-fast Marine rule: "Officers eat last." The Marine officer does not eat until after his subordinates for whom he is responsible -- the corporals and privates -- have been fed. Marines live by the rule that loyalty goes both up and down the chain of command. Would not our country be a more just and human place if the brass of Wall Street and Washington and executive suites believed that "officers eat last"?

The Marine ethic emphasizes responsibility to duty and responsibility to others before self. This is the very opposite of the unbridled individualism that elevates profit and personal comfort to high virtues. The selfish and self-centered CEO or senator who disregards and discards his loyal "troops" would be shunned in the Corps.



Civilian Americans must understand that the greatest civil rights victories have been won by the Marines and the U.S. military, the most successfully integrated sector of our national life. Why? No racial reference and no racial discrimination. The first time I ever slept in the same quarters with African-Americans or Latinos -- or took orders from them -- was as a private in the Marines Corps. Yes, America really does need more Marine values and influence.

### Oath of Enlistment

*"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."*



Thanks to George VanKat for suggesting this article



Mariner Corps League  
Lakeland Detachment 744  
Important Dates for 2018

**Executive Board Meetings**

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12, July 10th, August 14th,  
September 11th (subject to change), October 9th, November 13th & December 11th

**MCL Lakeland Detachment 744**

**Breakfast Dates**

**3rd Saturday of every month**

**0800 to 1200 Hours**

**February 17th, March 17th, April 21st,  
May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th,**

**September 15th, October 20, November 17th & December 15th**

**MCL Lakeland Detachment 744**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

1930 Hours (except for Oct Meeting which is at 1900 hours for installation of officers)

4th Thursday of the month

February 22nd, March 22nd, April 26th, May 24th, June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd,  
September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd & December 28th

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



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## Marine Corps History for May

**2 May 1946:** Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

**5 May 1983:** In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that

**8 May 1995:** In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.

**10 May 1945:** The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

**15 May 1862:** Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

**16 May 1945:** The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.

**23 May 1988:** The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet

**29 May 1991:** Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.

**22 May 1912:** First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

**26 May 1969:** Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.



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Dept Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Depts

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for

Homeless Veterans Hotline

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Education (GI Bill)

Federal Recovery Coordination Program

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Gulf War Veterans Hotline

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National Cemetery Scheduling Office

National Personnel Records Center

National Resource Directory

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Presidential Memorial Certificate Program

Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned or Veteran-Owned Small Business

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Spina Bifida/Children of Women Vietnams Veterans

Status of Headstones and Markers

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)

VA Caregiver Support Line

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VA Inspector General

VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

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