This year’s graduation at the Marine Corps University was held at Little Hall, Marine Corps Base–Quantico, Virginia on June 5th. Brigadier General William F. Mullen III, USMC, President, Marine Corps University, hosted the ceremonies with Lieutenant General Richard P. Mills, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration as the Guest of Honor and Graduation Official.

General Mullen presented the classes from the Marine Corps War College, the School of Advanced Warfighting, the Command and Staff College, and the College of Distance Education and Training (the Command and Staff College program) for graduation. The resident programs totaled the following: 26 U.S. Army, 147 U.S. Marine, 25 U.S. Navy, 23 U.S. Air Force, 2 U.S. Coast Guard Officers, 10 representatives of a variety of U.S. government agencies, and 33 International Military Officers from 28 foreign countries. Master’s Degrees were awarded to all War College (26) and School of Advanced Warfighting School (26) graduates and to 163 of the 215 graduates of the Command and Staff College Class. All Master’s Degree Programs are accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Summer has arrived and chased out most of the students at MCU. The faculty has no rest, however, as it conducts reviews of the curricula and explores innovations in education.

One of those innovations of years ago was the use of the Case Method, modeled on the Harvard Business School. Since its inception here in 2007, it has spread beyond MCU to all of Training and Education Command (The Basic School and the Schools of Infantry on both coasts); the Marine Tactics and Operations Group; the Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning; and the Marine Corps Civil Military Operational School. This came about through the generous support of Mike Zak, a Marine and Harvard Business School graduate who also had the vision of its use in the Marine Corps. Our thanks to Mike!

I mention this to remind us to not take for granted the vast improvement in Marine Corps education over the years. This was reinforced to me recently when my Basic School, Class 3-63, had its reunion here—50 years after graduating. We were briefed at OCS, the Martial Arts Center, and TBS. Many of my classmates pursued a career in education and were very impressed by what they observed. Even our former CIA agent was taken by the similarities of TBS with his initial training in the Agency. We have come a long way in the education of our Officers—and we are not finished. Our Capital Campaign will ensure we stay focused and are able to bring about improvements—like the Case Method.

You will find in this edition more information about MCU—highlights, graduation, etc., which reflect the talent resident here. One of the stalwarts has retired. Colonel Darrell Browning, USMC (Ret) has served as Vice President for Business Operations and Student Affairs. In his previous active duty life, he was Director of Command and Staff College. As a dashing helicopter Captain, he was one of those Marines who evacuated Americans from Saigon during its fall in April of 1975. Darrell has been a true friend and comrade to MCUF from his first day. Please join me in wishing him and Jimmie a pleasant and peaceful retirement in Alabama. He will be missed!

Our Capital Campaign is well underway and we have some initial gifts to start our momentum. You will definitely hear more from me as we proceed.

Again, many thanks for all you do, and have done, to help Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

Thomas V. Draude
Brigadier General, USMC (Ret)
President and Chief Executive Officer
Upcoming Events . . .

27th Annual Semper Fidelis Golf Classic

September 9, 2013 | Westfields Golf Club, Clifton, Virginia

Planning for the Foundation’s Annual Semper Fidelis Golf Classic is well underway and we are looking forward to a great day of golf! The Semper Fidelis Golf Classic is a four-person scramble. Registration/Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m., Shotgun Start at 9:00 and Award Ceremony/Buffet Dinner will follow play.

There are great Prize Opportunities, Raffle Packages, Silent Auction items, Weekend Getaways and more . . . We also offer different levels of Sponsorship Opportunities. Sponsors will receive exposure throughout the Tournament through signs, special items with their logos, and specific recognition in the script. To find out about Sponsorship Opportunities and/or registration, please visit www.mcuf.org or contact our Director of Special Events, Angela Blackiston at 703-640-6835, e-mail ablackiston@mcuf.org.

Marine Corps University Foundation’s
Major General John H. Russell Leadership Award
New York Luncheon

Come be a part of this exceptional meet and greet Luncheon and support our Marines! Major General John H. Russell, USMC, was the 16th Commandant of the Marine Corps. The Major General John H. Russell Leadership Award, established by his daughter, Mrs. Vincent Astor, and the Marine Corps University Foundation, is presented annually to a distinguished American whose commitment to personal and professional excellence embodies those qualities of leadership and character uniquely associated with the United States Marine Corps.

Award Recipient for 2013

His Eminence, Michael Timothy Cardinal Dolan

The Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, in New York City. Cocktails begin at 11:00, lunch is at 11:45, with the program concluding by 3:00. We expect approximately 200–250 Business Leaders and Philanthropists, a Military Guest of Honor, local Marines and many of our Trustees. To purchase a table and/or seat, please contact our Director of Special Events, Angela Blackiston at 703-640-6835 or ablackiston@mcuf.org.

Marine Corps University Foundation’s
West Coast Semper Fidelis Award

Our Semper Fidelis Award will be presented on the West Coast at the November Tenth Association’s Marine Corps Birthday Celebration. The Celebration is scheduled for Monday, November 4, at The Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Coast, California. The Award Recipient for 2013 is TBD.

Marine Corps University Foundation’s
East Coast Semper Fidelis Award

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, February 22, 2014

To find out more information, sponsorship opportunities, and/or registration for any or all of the above events, please visit www.mcuf.org or contact our Director of Special Events, Angela Blackiston 703-640-6835, e-mail ablackiston@mcuf.org.
Additionally, there were 705 Command and Staff College Graduates this academic year from the CDET Program. The Class composition was: 2 U.S. Army, 620 U.S. Marine, 26 U.S. Navy, 17 U.S. Air Force Officers, 10 U.S. government agency representatives, and 28 International Military Officers from 15 foreign countries.

General Mullen’s and General Mills’ remarks capitalized on the value of Professional Military Education and Leadership especially in today’s uncertain world. The lessons learned, the friendships made, and the opportunities before the graduates represent the future of our militaries and countries.

The future will rely on the thoughtfulness that each student places on his/her schoolwork and application of the knowledge gleaned once each assumes the variety of next assignments.
Each academic year, a variety of organizations and individuals support Professional Military Education. The Marine Corps University Foundation presents the following:

**The Colonel F. Brooke Nihart Writing Award**, endowed by Colonel and Mrs. F. Brooke Nihart, USMC (Ret), is presented in honor of the late Colonel Nihart to the Marine Infantry officer at CSC whose Master of Military Studies paper demonstrates the greatest depth of scholarship, clarity and originality. Colonel Nihart was a prolific writer for the Marine Corps Gazette; his first article appeared in the August 1946 edition and his last in August 2006. This year’s Award Recipient is

**Major James W. Eagan III, USMC**

“The New Eyes and Ears for Shaping the MAGTF Commander’s Battlespace”

**The Streusand-Cooper Award**, endowed by Dr. Douglas E. Streusand, is presented in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alan L. Streusand and Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Francis L. Gus Copper, to a CSC Student for the best paper on information and operations, or information as an instrument of national power. This year’s Award Recipient is

**Major Marcus A. Cunningham, USAF**

“Chinese Influence Operations”

The Expeditionary Warfare School Graduation for Academic Year 2012–2013 was held on May 9th. College Director, Colonel David Furness hosted the Graduation with Guest of Honor Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Central Command, and a former President, Marine Corps University.

**The International Military Student Award for Excellence.** This year’s Award Recipient is

**Lieutenant Commander Shirdi Velagada, Indian Royal Navy**

The Sergeant Walter K. Singleton Distinguished Lecture Series

In December 1999, The Sergeant Walter K. Singleton Distinguished Lecture Series was established at the Marine Corps University in honor of the late Sergeant Walter K. Singleton, USMC. Sergeant Singleton was killed in action in Vietnam and was posthumously awarded The Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. The purpose of the lecture series is to broaden the leadership perspective of the Corps’ future leaders attending the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy. Distinguished Americans are featured guests of this annual series.

On May 8 of this year, we had the distinct pleasure of having the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Michael P. Barrett, speak to the Staff and Students of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

Photography by Corporal Mungrum
Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Senator John W. Warner Center for Advanced Military Studies
May 2, 2013

We had a lovely spring day for the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the John Warner Center for Advanced Military Studies, which was held on May 2, 2013. The Honorable John W. Warner, the Guest of Honor, spoke along with General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Brigadier General William F. Mullen III, President of MCU. Among the notable attendees were General Alfred Gray, 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Carl E. Mundy, Jr. USMC (Ret), 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps, and former Chairman of MCUF, and Major General Donald R. Gardner, USMC (Ret), former President of MCU and CEO of MCUF.

The John Warner Center will accommodate over 350 students, faculty and staff from the Command and Staff College (CSC) and the School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW). It will also be home to the College of Distance Education and Training (CDET) which provides career and intermediate-level distance education for 2,200 students worldwide.

According to Major Scott Benninghoff, the unit’s logistics officer and main coordinator for the trip, “this staff ride formed one part of MCSCG’s Professional Military Education (PME) program.”

“The study of history, leadership, and military decision making is a valuable part of any PME program,” said Benninghoff. “We are fortunate to live in a region (Mid-Atlantic Region) that is rich in history from two wars, and our Commanding Officer wanted us to take advantage of that fact.”

For one Marine in particular, the trip was especially memorable. During last year’s Marine Corps Ball season, Lance Corporal Alexander McLemore played the role of a Civil-War Marine during the U.S. Marine Corps’ uniform pageant, and this year he got to visit this historic Civil War battle site.

“I personally enjoyed the PME,” said McLemore, who is a native of San Diego, California. “I went somewhere (Battle of Gettysburg site) that most people never get a chance to, and I’m at the perfect age where I can appreciate past events that scoped the way we live today.”

According to all, the educational experience of the trip was enhanced by the wisdom and experience of the staff ride guide, Retired Air Force Colonel Fred Wieners, who is a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Colonel Wieners combined his leadership experience with his academic prowess as a former instructor at the National War College to provide an exceptionally led and facilitated staff ride.

He clearly knew that the command would have learning objectives for this trip and asked early in the planning for this event what those objectives were and crafted his presentation to meet those objectives.

“Some might find it difficult to draw lessons learned from the Civil War and apply them to MCSCG’s Security Cooperation mission,” said Benninghoff. “However, Colonel Wieners understood that for Security Cooperation planning and execution to happen effectively, leaders at all levels need to be able to perform their own critical analysis of complex situations and seize the initiative, make decisions, and maintain momentum within the broad guidance of senior leaders.

“He was able to draw out many examples from Gettysburg that highlighted the positive effects of such action and the detrimental effects of inaction,” Benninghoff continued. “Building relationships is also a critical function of Security Cooperation. Whether those relationships are within the same large organization or with partner nations, the importance of understanding the culture, background, and perspective of others was highlighted throughout the Battle of Gettysburg.”

“I learned a lot, felt a lot and thought a lot. I especially enjoyed how thorough the tour guide was,” added McLemore, who is an administrative clerk at the command. “He really planted a detailed picture of the battle to the point where I felt like I was there.”

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Marines Study Historic Battle
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Over the last few years, MCSCG has conducted similar visits to other sites as well. Some of those sites include: Yorktown Battlefield, Richmond National Battlefield Park and even as far away as Belleau Wood, France, after the unit supported the Georgia Deployment Program—International Security Assistant Force’s mission rehearsal exercise in Hohenfels, Germany.

“The resources available here (Mid-Atlantic Region) allow us to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the lessons available through the study of history by actually walking the grounds where history was made,” added Benninghoff. “We could not have done this event without the exceptional and generous support of the Marine Corps University Foundation Professional Military Education Program. They funded the lodging and educational expenses for the trip and allowed a large group of Marines to attend with the only expense incurred by the Marine being the cost of food.”

Marine Corps University Foundation (MCUF) was founded on June 25, 1980 as a private organization operating exclusively for educational purposes for the then Command and Staff College, now the Marine Corps University.

In 1996, MCUF formally expanded funding beyond the University at Quantico and began supporting the Operating Forces and Supporting Establishment with the Command Support Program. This program provides funding to more than 84,000 Marines worldwide. The PME Program provides funding for battlefield studies, staff rides, visiting scholars and other professional military events.

Information about the program and how to apply can be found at the following webpage: www.mcuf.org/programs_command.html. Units may request funding once per calendar year for a PME event.

“Our focus here at the Foundation is to provide the University funding above and beyond what the government can afford, to make MCU a “World Class Institution,” said Kimberly Niero, Director of Program Support at MCUF. “In the same manner, our funding for Marine units is to help them in pursuing excellence, and educating their minds. While training educates the body, and helps one be ready to tackle the known, true education prepares the mind for the unknown, and being able to think in any situation. Our purpose is to pick up where the government can’t—to provide the extra that allows the Marines to truly stretch their minds.”

In this time of possible sequestration, MCUF services may be even more necessary, as many governmental programs are being cut.

“There are a number of really great Marine nonprofit organizations out there,” added Niero. “Ultimately, ours (MCUF) is the only one though, that focuses solely on active duty Marines, and the preparation of their minds. Our goal is to prepare them so that they are ready for any situation, Armed with Insight!”

Retired Air Force Col. Fred Wieners, a licensed battlefield guide at the Gettysburg National Military Park combined his leadership experience and his academic prowess as a former instructor at the National War College to provide Marine Corps Security Cooperation Group Marines and Sailors with an exceptionally led and facilitated staff ride, May 29–30.
I want to express my appreciation for your generous support for the Marines of Bravo Company. The Marine Corps University Foundation’s funding enabled the Marines to not only visit their fallen brother at Arlington, but also enabled them to witness the progress being made by their two wounded brethren at Bethesda following their recent deployment. While a large number of my Marines continue to deal with the physical after-effects of their deployment, this trip has allowed them to move forward spiritually with a sense of closure. I am truly grateful for the coordination and effort that went into to the funding of such an exceptional event.

Sincerely, M. A. DOWDEN

Living Memory:
Company G, MCSB Marines at Belleau Wood

Marines from Company G, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion, stationed in England and Germany, met in France on Memorial Day weekend to visit Belleau Wood to observe the annual memorial ceremony. They traveled by coach bus and vans from their separate areas and met at a hotel just outside of Paris. The trip was made possible through fundraisers and a generous donation from the Marine Corps University Foundation.

Reflections by the Company G Marines

“It gave me a deeper appreciation for what those Marines sacrificed so many years ago and motivated me to dwell on the type of legacy I will be leaving of my time in the Marine Corps.”

“I feel that the trip to Belleau Wood and being able to attend the ceremony is something not many Marines get to experience. Although I am far from a history buff, trudging through the muddy fields and forest where brave men fought and passed was a truly unique experience. A bit dark in a way if you imagine the blood spilt on the very ground we walked has been absorbed by the foliage and in a strange way a part of the lush forest now.”

“The PME was well executed. Our guide was easy to understand, he knew the subject matter well, and a physical tour of the location puts it in a perspective that words alone cannot fully hope to impart.”

“I was very honored to walk where those before us have walked, fought, and died. That alone is enough to get me to go back and study more on the subject.”

“The battlefield study set the mood for the ceremony and provided details and facts that the Marines who went the year prior missed.”

“The PME was an awesome experience and I would gladly go again to learn more.”

“The location was pretty close to Paris. Everyone was able to stay together. Both the PME and the ceremony were enjoyable. Our battlefield guide was excellent and I would definitely do a battlefield study with him again.”

Captions by 1stLt Andrew Yeary
**Fair Winds and Following Seas . . .**

We would like to thank the following University family members for their tremendous support and wish them all our best.

- President, Brigadier General Bill Mullen and Vicki Mullen
- Chief of Staff, Colonel Steve Wenrich and Charlene Wenrich
- Director, Expeditionary Warfare School, Brigadier General Dave Furness and Lynda Furness
- Director, Marine Corps War College, Colonel Jay Hatton and Mary Hatton
- Director, Enlisted Professional Military Education, Colonel Dan Sullivan and Mary Sullivan
- Vice President Student Affairs and Business Operations, Colonel Darrell Browning, (Ret) and Jimmie Browning
- Director, Academic Support, Colonel Joel Westa, (Ret) and Deborah Westa
- Protocol Officer, Mrs. Gretchen Campbell and Will Campbell

**Welcome . . .**

**The Leadership for 2013/2014 School Year**

**MCU President, BGen (Sel) Thomas D. Weidley**

Colonel Weidley was born in Lima, Pennsylvania. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve following his graduation from Ohio Northern University in 1987 where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Following completion of The Basic School, Colonel Weidley reported to primary flight training at Pensacola, Florida, where he was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1989. In January 1990, Colonel Weidley completed initial AH-1J training at HMT-303 and reported to HMLA-367, Camp Pendleton, California, where he completed the AH-1W transition and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. Colonel Weidley served as Ground Training Officer, AH-1W Schedule Writer, and Weapons and Tactics Instructor during his tour with HMLA-367.

In May 1994, Colonel Weidley reported to Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One in Yuma, Arizona, where he served as an AH-1W Instructor and Assistant Operations Officer. During November 1997, Colonel Weidley reported to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Camp Pendleton, California, where he served at the MEU Air Officer.

From January 1999 to July 2000, Colonel Weidley was assigned to HMLA-369, Camp Pendleton, California, where he served as the Director of Safety and Standardization and the Squadron’s Operations Officer. In August of 2000, Colonel Weidley reported to the United States Central Command in Tampa, Florida, where he served in the Operations Directorate as an Action Officer and Deputy Division Chief within the Strategic Deployments Division, and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Weidley graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island in June of 2004, where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. From Newport, Colonel Weidley reported to HMLA-369 for duty as Commanding Officer. After returning from a combat deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom, Colonel Weidley relinquished command of the Gunfighters in May 2006, and proceeded to Quantico, Virginia for his next assignment at Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He served as head of Aviation Officer Assignments, and also as the Aviation Colonels Monitor. In the spring of 2009, Colonel Weidley reported back to Camp Pendleton as the Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 39. Colonel Weidley was assigned to Marine Corps Forces Pacific in the Summer of 2011, for duty as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations.

Colonel Weidley’s personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with gold star, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Air Medal with Combat “V”, one Gold Star and eleven Strike Flight Awards, Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He is married to the former Jill Marie Pendergast of Fremont, California, and has three children, Lexi, Max, and Zoe.
The MCUF Oppenheimer-Stein Harvard Scholar

This academic year is
Ms. Sarah Schachman

Sarah grew up in a small town in Montana and applied for the Scholarship last year. Sarah wrote to us with the following update.

“Hi LtCol Hales,

My year has been absolutely fantastic so far! My first semester was incredible. I took French, Intro to CS, Math, and the Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence. Cheerleading was my main extracurricular, and I had a fantastic time cheering on our football team! One of the most exciting parts of the semester was the CS50 fair, where everyone in the Computer Science class presented their final projects. I made a website that shows the gym classes offered on a particular date and tells how many calories you can burn in each depending on your weight.

The spring semester has been even more exciting and has really flown by! I got involved in a few more extracurricular activities, such as Strong Women Strong Girls. Through this program, I mentor girls in grades 3 through 5 at the Cambridge Boys and Girls Club. I also participated in rush, and now I am a member of Delta Gamma! I have made some incredible new friends in both of these new activities, and I’m so glad I decided to join them . . . Housing Day is a tradition at Harvard where all the upperclassmen storm the Yard and give the freshmen their letters telling them what house they will be in. It was one of the best days I’ve had so far! My group and I were placed in Adams House, which is perfect and I am so excited for house life next year!

Though I am kind of sad for my freshman year to be over so quickly, I am really looking forward to summer. Through the volunteer organization WorldTeach, I will be living in rural Costa Rica for two months with a host family! My job is to teach English at the local elementary school. I have never been to Central America before and I am so pumped for this amazing opportunity. I am also very grateful because the Harvard Foundation offered me a scholarship to cover all costs of the trip, which is incredible! I definitely plan to reapply for the Oppenheimer-Stein scholarship when I get back from Costa Rica! You cannot imagine how much it has meant to me and especially to my family that I had the incredible opportunity to go here, and how much the scholarship helped in making that a reality . . .”

Best, Sarah S.

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Welcome!

MCUF would like to welcome our new Major Gifts Officer, Ms. Valerie Brown. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in Development and Fundraising.

Ms. Brown has worked in the area of development for more than 20 years, for organizations, religious communities, grade schools, high schools, and colleges, as well as having offered workshops, articles and seminars at various conferences and institutions on local and national levels. Much of her experience has been focused on the development, management and administration of fundraising programs as well as donor cultivation and solicitation on all giving levels particularly with major donor identification, cultivation and solicitation. She also has had extensive experience working in both annual and capital campaigns identifying and working with high level donors and potential donors resulting in significant restricted and unrestricted gifts.

For the past several years, Ms. Brown has had the opportunity to work with different educational institutions and organizations in consultative positions helping them to, in some cases, begin their development efforts with the writing and execution of a strategic plan, and in other cases, increase and lead their development efforts forward. She comes to MCUF with what she calls her “strong suit” in that she has had extensive experience helping organizations in the identification, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of potential major donors.

Ms. Brown lives in Alexandria, Virginia, and has three grown children. Her oldest son is currently serving in the Army; having begun his career in the Old Guard at Fort Myer, he is presently stationed in Hawaii with the Rangers. He is due for his third deployment this summer. We are very happy to have Ms. Brown join us.

In Memoriam . . .

Thomas W. Evans

Thomas W. Evans, a prominent lawyer, statesman, author, and educator passed away June 11, 2013, at his home in Bay Harbor Island, Florida. He was 82 years of age.

Thomas served on the MCUF Board of Trustees from 1986–1996. He served in the Marine Corps as a infantry platoon leader during the Korean War. He was awarded the Silver Star Medal and two Purple Heart Medals. He co-chaired a commission appointed by the Mayor of New York to build a memorial to the Veterans of the Korean War. On June 25, 1991, a statue in Battery Park, “The Universal Soldier,” was dedicated. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lois, 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Linda Sloan Mundy

Linda Mundy, beloved wife, mother, and sister, passed away at her summer home in North Carolina on June 26, 2013. In 1991, she became the First Lady of the Marine Corps, and served Corps and country with grace and humility until her husband retired four years later, General Carl E. Mundy, Jr., 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps. General Mundy served as the Foundation’s Chair from 1995 to 2010.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, General Carl Mundy, and their three children, Mrs. Elizabeth Gunter, Brigadier General Carl Mundy, III, and Colonel Timothy Mundy. Her brother, Dr. Benjamin Sloan, Jr., of Plano, Texas, also survives her together with eleven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Nancy Burton Groeniger

Nancy Groeniger, beloved wife and mother, passed away at her Indian Wells, California home on June 28, 2013. Nancy was an enthusiastic and tireless supporter of charitable entities and of bettering her community. She also received special appreciation Commendations from the Commandant and Marines Toys for Tots on behalf of her services to the Corps. Her husband, William Groeniger, has been a faithful member of the MCUF Board since 1988.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Major General William C. Groeniger, III, and their 5 children, 16 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.
Planned Giving . . .
From the Desk of our Major Gifts Officer

It’s 7:00 a.m. on a Monday morning at the Marine Corps University in Quantico. Accompanied by the sound of the trains passing through town, small groups of students—Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard—both domestic and foreign—as well as men and women from various government agencies, make their way along the sidewalks that lead to the Gray Research Center and classrooms around the campus. The thoughts of the day in mind, they walk up the steps and through the doors like many MCU alumni before them to learn the latest cutting-edge thinking in warfighting, leadership, and regional studies that will enable them to grasp the essence of unfamiliar situations and accomplish their future missions safely and successfully.

If we wish this experience for future generations, we must realize that a sound financial foundation is indispensable. Preservation of our traditions can be achieved as a result of the careful planning of our benefactors. Whether a charitable bequest, charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, your generosity will help ensure the future of the Marine Corps University Foundation, perpetuating its enhancements, enrichments and furthering its mission in support of the Marine Corps University for generations to come.

Mark Your Calendar for Tax Savings

Now is the time, as we enter into the summer months, to check with your advisors about your financial plans for this fall. Reviewing personal, philanthropic and other plans in the last half of the calendar year is a good idea. Why? Because it gives you the opportunity to complete pledges or make special gifts to your favorite charitable interests that may bring tax savings to you next April.

For many, it is more important than ever to carefully consider the timing and form their gifts take this year as some gifts can bring even greater benefits.

Ask for More Information

There are many ways to make thoughtful, generous, and tax-wise gifts by the end of the year. While all gifts are appreciated, some will provide the donor with extra tax savings or other rewards. We will be pleased to share these ideas with you by sending additional information on how to complete your gifts in a timely manner for maximum benefits.

Planned Giving at the Marine Corps University Foundation

The Marine Corps University Foundation’s Planned Giving Program—The Eagle, Globe, and Anchor Society—allows our benefactors and friends to support MCUF while planning for their own future. Just as our annual giving program provides income for today, endowment funds and Planned Giving provide income for tomorrow. Under the right circumstances, a planned gift can provide one with a variety of benefits which include increasing current income for oneself or others; reducing income and/or estate taxes; reducing or avoiding capital gains taxes; as well as passing assets on to family members at reduced tax costs.

Making a planned gift is always a big decision and is not to be taken lightly. Under the right circumstances, planned gifts can generate income, save on taxes, benefit your loved ones, and provide a wonderful gift to the Marine Corps University Foundation. Our Major Gifts Officer is always available to discuss planned giving options with you and with your financial and/or legal representatives. For more information, besides contacting your financial institutions, please feel free to contact Valerie Brown at vbrown@mcuf.org or at 703-634-2520.
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