

USMC Hangout Newsletter

June 2006 Newsletter

This is going to be a short newsletter. Bridget has been busy gathering items for a humanitarian aide "mission" and therefore was not able to spend as much time as she would have liked on the newsletter. Please look for a new review in next months newsletter.

If you have any links, stories, comments, or questions that you would like to share, please send them to newsletter@usmchangout.com and we will include them in an upcoming newsletter.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE HANGOUT THIS MONTH

NEW/UPDATED PAGES:

We currently redesigned the site, so please take a look and let us know what you think!

Do you have an idea for the site? Something you would like to see be added? Please e-mail the webmaster at webmaster@usmchangout.com

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT:

The Silver Star Families of America

My name is Steve Newton and I am the founder of the Silver Star Families of America. As you know for many years there has been a Blue Star Banner for active service members, a Gold Star Banner for our honored war dead but up to now there has been no Banner for our wounded.

The Silver Star Families of America was founded to fill this gape. www.silverstarfamilies.org Our mission is to provide a Banner to every wounded Soldier from ALL wars. (Our definition of wounded includes those member of the military that have contracted a serious illness such as PTSD or have been injured in the line of duty and are not illegible for the Purple Heart)

It is our goal that every time someone sees a Silver Star Flag flying over a hospital or a Silver Star Banner in someone's window, that they remember the blood sacrificed for this great nation.

Since our founding we have expanded our service to the wounded by providing books, calling cards, playing cards, CD's, and whatever our members send to us, to various military and V.A. hospitals.

We would like to ask that you pass the word along that the Silver Stars will provide a Banner and Certificate to our honored wounded. (As funds permit)

Dear Jarhead

Q.

Hi,

I have a question no one seems to know the answer to. What is the difference between a Sergeant Major and a Master Gunnery Sergeant? I'm not talking about both being E-9es but so of the difference in the job description.

Semper Fi,
John

A.

Hi John,

The Sergeant Major (SgtMaj) is on the command side of the house. He is the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) representative to the Commanding Officer. He deals with all enlisted problems, and is a source of support for junior NCO's seeking guidance. The SgtMaj is also the custodian of the Battalion/Squadron colors.

The Master Gunnery Sergeant (MGySgt) is the highest ranking NCO in his/her Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). Usually at the Battalion/Squadron level or higher, he/she is usually the head of a department, like the maintenance department, or the operations department. He/she can also fill in as the acting SgtMaj in the absence of the SgtMaj.

I hope I have cleared up the situation for you. If you need anything further, please continue to write in, and thank you for your support of our Corps, our Military, and our Site.

Semper Fi,

Derek

To ask the Marine on Duty a question, send it to dearjarhead@usmchangout.com and watch for your answer in an upcoming Newsletter.

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Dear Military Spouse
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If you have a question for the Military Spouse on Duty, send it to dearmarinewife@usmchangout.com and watch for your answer in an upcoming Newsletter.

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Articles / Stories / Submissions
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Submitted by Janeen H. Rosenberg

I am trying to get the word out that there is unclaimed life insurance money with the VA. WWII veterans had \$2 taken out of their pay automatically and some don't remember it.

Families can also collect by going to the VA website:
<https://insurance.va.gov/inForceGliSite/liability/ufsearch.htm>

Please help get the word out. I was able to collect \$5500.

Submit your articles and stories to newsletter@usmchangout.com and put article/story in the subject line.

Disclaimer: Articles/Stories in no way are endorsed or are the opinions of USMC Hangout or it's owners.

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MONTHLY REVIEW
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If you want to have a book/movie/music reviewed, please see our FAQ on how you can have that done by going to:

<http://www.usmchangout.com/faq.htm>

MUSIC: Red, White, & You by Doug Brzak

This CD consists of 4 songs: Thanks to him I can, This Mama's Son, Frogs Didn't Have Guns, The Red, White, & You, and Sometimes Hero's Die. This is an amazing CD with great vocals and words. This should be a must have for any Military family or supporter music collection.

Doug was born and raised in St. Johns, Michigan. He is completing his twenty-seventh year of teaching and currently lives and works in Farmington Hills, Michigan, where he is a teacher of the Cognitively Impaired at Harrison High School.

A life-long fan of traditional country music, Doug started writing songs in 2003. The motivation behind his writing was first to pay tribute to his hero and brother, Ronald James Fitch. FROGS DIDN'T HAVE GUNS is the story of two kids, Ron and John, who were friends before and throughout high school. They were both killed while serving our country in Viet Nam, the year was 1967.

FROGS is one of five songs, written by Doug, recorded and recently released on a CD, RED, WHITE, & YOU. The songs are not about war, but about heroes who have answered the call to duty and have served or even today are in harm's way.

THANKS TO HIM I CAN was written after viewing a segment of an Oprah Winfrey show. Oprah's guests were family or friends of loved ones who had recently been killed while deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. The guests were sharing the very last letters written and sent home by their loved ones.

THANKS TO HIM I CAN is a tribute to those mentioned on the show and all of the other BRAVE WARRIORS who willingly lay their lives on the line, doing what others can't, won't, or don't, defending freedom, here at home and around the world.

\$3.00 from the sale of each CD will be given back to USMC Hangout to help support our site and the many causes we have going on, so please make sure you use the code HANGOUT by either writing it on your Money Order below the signature or in the subject line of you Pay Pal payment. You can order your CD as well as find our more information by going here:

<http://www.theredwhiteandyou.com/news.html>

If you would like to purchase this item, please see the review on our front page at

<http://www.usmchangout.com>

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MONTHLY RIDDLE/TRIVIA QUESTION
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Answer Our monthly riddle right and get your name published in the next month's newsletter. Send your answers to newsletter@usmchangout.com and put riddle in the subject line and include your first name and state. Or if you know a good riddle or trivia question, send it to us! Credit will be given.

This Month's Riddle/Trivia Question

Q. Who is traditionally regarded as the first Commandant?

Last Month's Riddle/Trivia Question

Q. Who is father Marine Aviation?

A. LtCol Alfred Austell Cunningham

Correct answers submitted by:

Rick L.

Answer will be published in next month's newsletter, so keep an eye out for it.

Hint: Most answers to the trivia questions can be found on the USMC Hangout site.

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MAIL FROM OUR READERS:
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Questions, Comments? E-mail us newsletter@usmchangout.com

****Any Questions or comments will be used in an upcoming newsletter****

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