

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

25 October 1986 I was invited to Washington D.C. to attend a meeting of the Marine Corps Council. My wife was in the hospital and I was unable to attend. I called Bill Black and he gladly volunteered to be our representative. He gave me a full report of the meeting and provided me with a copy of the minutes. Our membership is now pending until we are in existence two full years. This is a requirement for membership plus we must have a purpose and an interest in the Marine Corps. Our Articles of Association and Regulations will serve as proof of the above. As of April of 1987 we will have been in existence a full two years and we will be a full member of the Marine Corps Council.

MARINE CORPS COUNCIL

The concept of a national Marine Corps Council was established in 1969-1970 by Colonel Phil Schloss and Colonel John Kleinhans of the then community Relations Branch of Headquarters Marine Corps, with the full approval of General Lewis W. Walt, Assistant Commandant.

Several meetings were held during this period of time at HQMC without further action taken on forming a Council. When General Walt retired, no further action was taken until 1974 when Colonel Kleinhans (then retired) began talking about the need for a Marine Corps Council of Marine Corps Family Organizations to assist the Marine Corps in the years ahead.

With this in mind and with the help of LtCol Richard J. O'Brien, then Commandant of the Marine Corps League, a caucus of Marine Corps Family Organizations was called on 16 November 1974. With nineteen (19) representatives in attendance, representing twelve Marine Associations and Organizations, the Marine Corps Council was started. Col. John Kleinhans was selected as Acting Chairman of the caucus. After each organization made known their position on guidelines, purpose, etc., of the proposed Council, a proposed "Principles of the Marine Corps Council" and a "Concept and Objectives" were discussed and put in writing for approval by the Associations and Organizations present.

The proposed "Concept and Principles" were mailed to Marine Corps oriented Associations and Organizations on 8 January 1975.

All of the twelve Marine Corps Organizations present at the organizational meeting on 16 November 1974 approved both the "Concept and Objectives" and the "Principles of the Marine Corps Council".

CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVE

"The Marine Corps Council is a National level organization consisting of representatives appointed from each of the member Marine Corps Associations. The representatives are appointed by the National President of each member organization and report to and speak for that elected officer.

"The Marine Corps Council is a non-political association of organizations formed for the purpose of exchanging information of common interest to its members and to serve as a forum for the Commandant of the Marine Corps to disseminate Marine Corps information to the membership of the affiliated organizations and associations to further Marine Corps objectives.

"The primary purpose of the Council is to assist in the preservation of a strong Marine Corps and support the aims of the Commandant of the Marine Corps in satisfying this objective."

The Marine Corps Council consists of the following organizations;

1st Marine Division Assoc.	The Chosen Few
2nd Marine Division Assoc.	Marine Corps League
3rd Marine Division Assoc.	Marine Reserve Officers Assoc.
4th Marine Division Assoc.	Assoc. of Survivors: WWII Marine
5th Marine Division Assoc.	Para Units
6th Marine Division Assoc.	Women Marines Assoc.
Marine Corps Aviation Assoc.	Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
Marine Corps Association	Montford Point Marines Assoc.
Edson's Raiders Assoc.	Marine Executive Assoc.
US Marine Raider Assoc.	MC Combat Correspondents Assoc.
MC Historical Foundation	Marine Military Academy
MC Command & Staff College Foundation	Retired Marine Corps Musicians Assoc.
	(pending till April 1987)