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Commander's Corner

Hello to my fellow Aviation Logistics Community! Wow, what a year. It has been an absolute privilege to lead and support this amazing organization and the team of individuals that keep it moving. We have been very busy and working to ensure we deepen our roots, grow our membership and reach out to the Marine AVLOG community. Myrtle Beach reunion and business meeting was a huge success. Outside of the sheer comradery (read fun) there was true networking and professional growth. I was smartly schooled by General Hough on the original KPPs of the F-35 and sent on my way to check on their current status! He was an amazing speaker and an engaging member who held fast at the ready room! What a privilege. The scholarship applications have been received and selections made. The candidate pool has grown as has the fund. Pete would be proud. I must say that I am exceptionally amazed by the staff and the board. We simply "get it done." As Kevin says, if it isn't fun, we shouldn't do it, if we make it hard...no one will do it! Our efforts are squarely focused on preparing for Pensacola! I need volunteers! Again, I thank each and every one of you and remember that this is your organization. We need the full team to maintain the momentum.

SF, Laura

"The Plug"

Don E. Davis Squadron

Why join us?

- ✓ **MCAA Awards Program Champion and Participant**
- ✓ **MCAA Yellow Sheet and Journal Contributors**
- ✓ **Annual Squadron Reunion and Banquet Program**
- ✓ **Marine Air Wing MOY Program**
- ✓ **Fully funded trip for 2 selectees from the MAWs**
- ✓ **ASL Community Advocates - ESC Roundtable**
- ✓ **Mentoring Professional Opportunities for Aviation Marines**
- ✓ **Defense Corporate Sponsor Interface - 5 major sponsors**
- ✓ **Pete Freeman Scholarship - \$15K+ Awarded in 2018**
- ✓ **Active Duty Membership is free for 1st year**

Join Today! Donate Today!

AWARDS

John Cash, CWO-5, USMC Ret, received the squadron's inaugural "Sustained Achievement Award;" an award for his years of contributions to ALM. Fittingly, it will be named the CWO-5 John Cash Award for subsequent awardees. John's contributions are countless, and include his personally designed Marine Aviation tribute plaques to assist in raising money for the Pete Freeman Scholarship Fund.



Active Duty Awards

The recipients of the Marine of the Year Program went to two Second MAW Marine Sgts:

Sgt Erik Ramirez of MALS-29
Sgt Max Korpalski of MALS-26

We will solicit next year's award from the training commands. Details TBD.

Announcements

- **The 2019 Davis Squadron reunion will be at The Pensacola Grand Hotel Pensacola, FL March 21st-24th. Registration info will be available soon.**
- **~\$15K was awarded under the Freeman Scholarship to 17 applicants. (See page 3)**
- **The 2019 Davis Sqdn Award Program will be published just after the New Year.**
- **Kudos to Col Anthony Manuel who hosted the 3rd Annual AVLOG Offsite earlier this month and to LtCol's Slack and Fincham who briefed the Davis Sqdn. Details of this engagement are below on Pg 4. Well done!!**
- **SPONSORSHIP! Lockheed Martin, Andromeda Systems, Robbins-Gioia, LLC continue as our steadfast sponsors in helping the Davis Sqdn flourish. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor us, please pass on the name!**

Log Notes from Don

The Reunion in Myrtle Beach was a great success, and our thanks to all those that worked so hard to make it such. **Wayne Miller** was the primary coordinator, and is presently hard at work doing the same for the 2019 Reunion at Pensacola FL. Word has it he's working on a Mystery Guest? So, make your plans to be there!!

Our congratulations to **Sam Flores** the owner of PKL Services Inc. for being awarded a \$10,236,530 firm-fixed-price contract, for military aircraft, F15 SG, maintenance and operations training for the Republic of Singapore Air Force. Sam is one of the many AvLog Marines that have gone out in the corporate world, and done good things!

Carl Hubbell reports he had a shoulder replaced in April, with about 6 weeks of rehab. Hope all is well now Carl?

Denny Steigmann says putting a bar of soap under the bed sheets will prevent leg cramps! Try it, it works!

Glenn Bratcher living in the Veterans Home in DC has provided me some very nice Bible verses. Thanks **Glenn!**

Jim Payne with "The Villages in Florida MCL" did an outstanding job of providing Military Honors for **Jack Middleton**.

Tim Forehand is encouraging all Veterans to ask their Congressional representatives to pass H.R. 5693, the Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act. See the internet for details.

After many years of silence, we found that **John Torsak** is alive and well in Utah!

Membership to the Squadron is going well. A new joiner (for 2 years) is **LtCol Kevin Boyce** former CO of MALS-26 & 11, was attached to the 11th MEU as XO is now attending TLS in RI. Heard the "Icebreaker/Kegging" organized by MALS-26/MALS-49 at MCAS New River last April was a Great Success. They signed up 26 active duty/reserve Marines to the Sqdn. Speaking of great success MALS-26 is making significant use of 3D printing. NavAir recently approved making certain parts for the MV-22.

Ross Webster says in the 1880's the best place to buy a watch was at the Train Station! The telegraph operators sold them. Look it up on Google it's an interesting story.

I hope **Jim and Gale Rodgers** are enjoying their summer in Northern Michigan (all 5 days of it)??

Kevin McCutcheon and the Scholarship Committee did an excellent job this year. They awarded over 15K to eligible recipients! OO-Rah!!

I wonder if the Reunion Committee has booked **Dan Gillian** and his pipes.

Ed Creamer says, "God didn't create anything without a purpose, but Mosquitoes come close." How true!!

Well, I think that's all for now! Sorry I couldn't talk about more things and people, but the eyes and the fingers have quit coordinating! Please Take Care! I'll be looking for you next March in Pensacola!

SEMPER FIDELIS - Don

Challenges and What's New

The "Kegger" Challenge Update

Kegger challenge will continue as we move towards P-Cola Reunion (Mar 21st-24th). Top recruiting unit/Marines will earn a host keg on the squadron. Now go get em!...new members that is.

Recruiter of the Year (ROY) Award Program

The squadron will establish a ROY Program to be announced at the P-Cola Reunion. It's been recommended that the award be named the Col Rick Owen Award. More to follow as we develop this.

Keep your innovation/ideas coming. It's how we get better!

Freeman Scholarship Awards

Thanks to the many personal donations and corporate sponsors we were able to award \$15,250 to 17 applicants. This is amazing! **Thank you to all who helped make this happen!!**

Awardees

Viktoria Alston	Percie Lyons
Wyatt Bennett	Jeremy Mazur
Briana Brander	Jeremy McCutcheon
Hunter Chipman	Madeline Mustin
Owen Dunne	Destiny Oakley
Chase Flatau	Troy Renaux
Nathaniel Knisley	Karalyn Sticher
Lisette LaFontant	Alexis Strauss
Nathalie LaFontant	

As a reminder, when you consider a donation to the Davis Squadron, you can specify that your contribution go to the Freeman Scholarship Foundation.



LtCol Bill Slack briefs Davis Sqdn to DLA Aviation Richmond, AVLOG Offsite audience

The third annual AVLOG Off-site was held at DLA Aviation in Richmond, VA from 31 Jul to 2 Aug. Over 150 participants from all four Marine Aircraft Wings, NAVSUP WSS, HQMC, and Program Management teams attended. The 2 1/2 day event brought together aviation logistics Marines from every community - Supply, Maintenance, Avionics, Ordnance, and ALIMs. The purpose of the off-site was twofold - get together to build relationships and to discuss actionable ways to reduce non mission capable supply issues. The theme of the off-site was "Relationships Build Readiness." Additionally, Col Manuel and LTCOL Bill Slack supported by Don Fincham gave a short presentation on the Don Davis Squadron and the benefits of being member. All 150 participants received an application and were encouraged to apply to the squadron.



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DLA AVLOG Off-Site (cont)

The Don Davis Squadron graciously donated \$300 toward the social at the Capital Ale House in downtown Richmond. The event continues to get bigger every year and provides a venue for AVLOG Marines to come together to discuss business, conduct training, and network with their fellow Marines.

Taps

The Davis Squadron lost a superb Marine and dear friend this summer.



MGySgt (Ret) Jack Middleton 24 Aug 1936 – 29 June 2018. Jack was an ALM/squadron stalwart and his contributions left an indelible mark on each of us he touched. RIP my fine brother. You'll be sorely missed. Semper Fidelis!

- > LtCol Colleen Flynn died suddenly 17 July 2017
- > Bill Laforge passed away 27 August 2017

DUES REMINDER

Membership period is from 10 Nov to 10 Nov!

Already a member, then just send your check for \$12 and mark it for annual dues. Multiple years can be paid.

New: Request Membership Application from:
mcaadondavisavlogsquadron@gmail.com

Send applications and checks to:
MCAA Don Davis Squadron
P.O. Box 22
Chatham, MI 49816

Are you affiliated with a business or industry that wants to help with sponsorship? Please communicate with us?

Donations can be remitted to the Don Davis Squadron at the same address above.