

Marines: Below are some announcements of membership interest:



**SAD NEWS:** The West Coast DI Association has recently learned that Life Member #0268, Sgt Ray A. Salazar (Vet) has passed away. We were not provided with a date of death, cause of death, or if any services were held. Sgt Salazar will be missed as a member--Rest in Peace Sgt Salazar!



**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CWO EDWIN J. KUES:** CWO Kues passed away just before Christmas last year. Mister Kues was someone that could always be found at most all events held at MCRD. He had a storied career. He was the Series Gunny for R. Lee Ermey and proudly showed his series roster to prove it. He was a member of the Legacy of the Marine Corps group and was always available to speak to the new Marines on the Monday before graduation to spread wisdom about the Marine Corps. CWO Kues was Life Member #0353. He was a great believer in family and was always seen with his daughters and wife at his side. A service has been set up for **Friday, 29 March at 1030 at the Depot Chapel**. The family invites all members to attend, and they also request that attendees not bring flowers. Edwin J. Kues will be missed by all.

**REUNION UPDATE:** Our reunion committee is working full time to coordinate all the moving parts of putting the reunion together in conjunction with MCRD. We have attached below the pre-registration form and also the itinerary. Please note that there may be some changes to our plans and pricing. This email will just cover the Thursday and Friday events. The next newsletter will cover Saturday and Sunday. Stay tuned.

**Thursday, 1 August 2019:**

**1500-2200: Check-in at the Duty Hut: This is a time to have a drink on us, eat some fried chicken and pizza, and tell tall tales that get better each year. All pre-registered attendees can pick up their registration packages, and those that waited can still register and pick up tickets and a package. We will have an array of shirts, caps, and pins to offer members for a nominal donation. Registration is only \$25 per member plus \$15 for each guest. Everyone must register to participate at any events--no exceptions. [Click here](#) for hotel reservation information.**

"This year I plan to put a much larger deposit into the SOP Violator Bucket--you better do that too SgtMaj Oorah Paxton--remember the dipsy dumpster!"



"I had him around the neck like this . . . "



**Friday, 2 August 2019:**

**Breakfast at the Mess Hall 0545: We will muster outside of Duncan Hall so we can enter as a group at 0600. The breakfast is free to all who pre-registered. How can you beat a Marine Corps breakfast? Our guest speaker has not been named as yet, but the talk will be sure to motivate our group. Take as much chow as you want--just eat all that you take!**

"I'd walk a mile to meet Marines like this!"



**CG' s Morning Color Ceremony at Building 31 0750-0830: BGen Heritage will provide a rousing talk to the families of the graduating Marines, and will recognize the WCDIA--we have special reserved seating**



**Barracks Tour 0845-0915: Last year's barracks tour was marred by a delay in transporting some of our elderly members, and then we had to relocate to another barracks when an emergency situation arose. This year we will make it up with a solid tour of a recruit barracks.**

**"Holy cow! The recruits have partitions at the commodes!"**



[Graduation Parade 1000-1100](#): Who doesn't love a Marine parade? It never gets old. These new Marines deserve a hand for accomplishing something only a select few can do.



**Known Marine Memorial Service 1200-1230**: Every member should attend this solemn memorial service to pay honors to our DIs that went to the Final Formation since our last reunion. [Click here](#) to purchase your brick for placement at the monument.



**Barbeque at the Boathouse 1300-1600:** This event is one of our biggies. Savory barbeque foods to satisfy every pallet. We have a guest speaker (not yet determined) who will provide a great talk. But the real fun is the Best Damned Cadence Caller in the West contest that will determine the best active duty DI and also the best old salt--a trophy for each. But this year we will add a third trophy--the top two actives will do a sudden-death cadence call to determine the best of the best. This new trophy will then be kept at the winner's battalion for a whole year until we hold this event next year.

Say hello to icons and old friends.



Grab some chow--check this out--ribs!



Our cadence callers really get into it!



**Click to open the itinerary:**

**Click to open the pre-registration form (also available on our website [www.wcdia.us](http://www.wcdia.us))**

**MISS PIGGY SAYS:** "I can sure use everyones help in raising some funds to help with our projects. Dig deep into your pockets will long arms--make a big contribution to allow our DI families to continue to receive our benevolent assistance. Our goal is to make the lives of DIs and their families better."



Miss Piggy can really use your help. All donations are tax deductible due to our 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status (always check with your accountant). No donation is too small, and big ones are most helpful! Make checks payable to: West Coast DI Association. Mail to West Coast DI Association, PO Box 400084, San Diego, CA 92140. Donations are graciously accepted via our website [www.wcdia.us](http://www.wcdia.us).

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