



## **CAP UNIT VETERANS ASSOCIATION DUES AND MONUMENT FUNDING LETTER**

This year is an important year in the history of the CAP Unit Veterans Association. For the past 3 years we have been working to create a monument dedicated solely to preserving the history of our great Combined Action Platoons. Our monument, which is near ready to be placed in the grounds of the **National Museum of the Marine Corps** in Quantico, Virginia in a prominent position on the newest expansion of the **Semper Fidelis** memorial walkway. Because of the dogged effort of the monument committee our monument will occupy a conspicuous position on their new walkway.

Not only will it be a spectacular presentation of CAP, but it will also include three large sized etching of CAP, including a night patrol, a typical scene of a day patrol, and a group of Marines and corpsmen conducting a MEDCAP. An early working version of the day patrol piece is attached for your review. It is important to understand that this sample is for your view only and there is no authority to use it other than viewing for the purpose of this letter. At some point all three drawings will be offered for sale to CAP veterans and others as a quality lithograph set. All three drawings are being created by the artist "in residence" of the Marine Corps, a Marine himself. It will be spectacular and will stand for all visitors to see for the next hundred years. We will not be forgotten.

The date for the dedication of the monument will be determined when we are at a point that we can be assured that the monument and the named bricks will be in the ground and available for us all to view. From the delivery of the base, the finishing of the drawings, to the completion of the walkway so that visitors can traverse the area, is a complex series of events and it is not certain when it will be totally ready for our Marines, Corpsman, family, and friends to visit. We are aware that our members are all getting older and we want it to happen as soon as is possible. You will be kept informed. We expect to have more clarity in a few months.

It is important that we collect dues and donations, so we keep our finances healthy and monies available for unforeseen glitches. Any donations above the required dues would be highly appreciated. Our monies always go to benefit of our members and the historical preservation of our Combined Action Association group.

The reunion this year has been set for the time around the Marine Corps birthday and will be in Jacksonville, Florida. Hopefully you can attend. The group organizing the event is preparing some great events and a wonderful agenda. We realize that as we get older less and less CAP Marines and their wives are able to travel and so we actively keep up the CAP Marine Facebook groups to keep our communications flowing. On those groups we have a coffee post every morning and we have a massive amount of CAC and CAP photographs contributed by CAP Marines that provoke great discussion.

### **30 ADDITIONAL BRICKS AVAILABLE**

Because the Pad size had to be enlarged there are 30 additional Bricks that are available. These need to be sold quickly to make the date for the installation of the monument pad. This will happen within a very few months so if you are interested in a brick with your name, your units, and your time in CAC or CAP please call Anne Sloan (407) 312-7974 and arrange to get a brick. Time is of the essence for this opportunity.

We accept checks for purchase and for you contributions and dues. Each brick is \$1000. Make any check payable to the CAP Unit Veterans Association. We have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for all payments. Please indicate if your payment is for a brick, for a donation, or for your annual dues.

Thank you for your assist in our efforts.

Semper Fidelis,



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