

# National Montford Point Marine Association Inc.



58<sup>th</sup> Annual  
National Convention  
Jacksonville, North Carolina  
23-27 AUGUST 2023

*“Preserving The Legacy”, “Paying It Forward By Focusing On The Future”*

***National Montford Point Marine Association***

National President, Dr. James T. Averhart, Jr.  
National Vice-President, Ronald Johnson  
National Auxiliary President, Latasha Alexander  
National Auxiliary Vice-President, Bernita Banks

***Montford Point Marine Camp Lejeune Chapter 10***

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Montford Point Marines, Members Friends and Supporters:

On behalf of the National Montford Point Marine Association (NMPMA), Incorporated, we invite you to join us in Jacksonville, North Carolina, at the 58<sup>st</sup> National Convention to celebrate the storied lineage of our national heroes and 2012 Congressional Gold Medal Recipient, the Montford Point Marine at the 58<sup>th</sup> annual, National Convention. This year will be special for NMPMA, as we reflect on the rich history of the African American men who had to “Fight for the Right to Fight” and to say “thank you” to the many members, family members and supporters who continue to preserve the legacy of our trailblazers.

Approximately seventy-four years ago, nearly twenty thousand African American men would take on a mission that would change the course of history. These men paved the way for tens of thousands of other Marines to take their rightful place in history. They were men who came from all walks of life willing to fight for the right to fight in places like Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Saipan, and the Marinas Islands, to name a few. Some even paid the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives for this country and fellow Marines during a time of adversity and despondency when they were neither accepted by the Marine Corps nor their own country for which they served.

We gather at this year Anniversary to honor the Montford Point Marines while ensuring the preservation of their legacy continues. In doing so, we will celebrate the future of the Marine Corps and the role that African American will continue to play in ensuring our success. It will be our distinct pleasure for you to share in this monumental celebration.

We have a myriad of meeting and training planned to strengthen our Association and celebration planned for you to enjoy. We shall begin our celebration with the classic President’s Reception on Wednesday and culminate on Saturday with our traditional Award Banquet recognizing our 2023 Hall of Fame Recipients.

Let us show our Montford Point Marines our sincere appreciation for their service, sacrifice, and perseverance by making this a memorable occasion. The National Vice President Mr. Ron C. Johnson and I, along with the Auxiliary National President Mrs. Latasha Alexander and National Vice President, Ms. Bernita banks look forward to greeting you in Jacksonville, North Carolina to celebrate the 58<sup>th</sup> NMPMA, Anniversary!

Sincerely,

*James T. Averhart, Jr.*

Dr. James T. Averhart, Jr.  
National President  
National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc.

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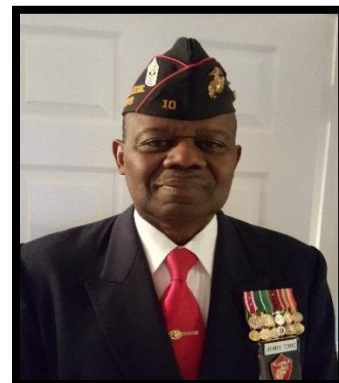
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**WELCOME**

**TO THE 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Jacksonville, NC**

Greetings,

On behalf of the Membership of Camp Lejeune Chapter #10 Montford Point Marine Association Inc., we would like to say how elated we are to host the 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention. I want to take this opportunity to express how proud we are to be a part of keeping the legacy alive of the Montford Point Marines. We boldly take on the responsibility and commitment in educating our visitor's and local community on the sacrifices of those that serviced a country that did not service them.



These Marines endured many hardships just to prove to the world that all they needed was a chance. As they make the journey back to this hollow ground, I can only imagine how they must be feeling. I believe the struggle started long before they arrived here. It may have started in their mind as a thought and then in their heart as a desire to service their country or a means to change the world as a whole. We know that they came from many different locations throughout the United States. We now understand that as they traveled to this place now called Camp Johnson, they endured segregation on all sides: riding in the back of the bus, rail cars and even walking.

History will show that these warriors distinguished themselves in war and peace. They had to fight for the right to fight. I challenge you to continue to Promote and Preserve the Legacy of the Montford Point Marines through renewed friendships by devoting yourselves to furtherance of this outstanding Association.

I know that the success of this event is directly attributed to the hard work of your committee and the strong support of the community, businesses, State and Federal Government. We ask for your continuous support. I encourage you to enjoy the areas on and around Camp Lejeune, Camp Johnson and Marine Corps Air Station, New River. In doing so you will get a revised understanding of what these heroes went through.

***Jacksonville is a community that loves its Veterans', so look forward to smiles, handshakes and a heartfelt THANK YOU.***

*Johnny B. Young Jr.*

President

Camp Lejeune Chapter #10

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**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

**(All Attendees of the National Convention and its events must register to attend)**

Name: (Please Print)	Telephone #:	Chapter:
		Title:

Address:

City:	State:	Zip:
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Email Address:	Dietary Restriction:
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**CONVENTION BADGES REQUIRED (Please Check Appropriate Boxes)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MPMA National Executive Council Member | <input type="checkbox"/> MPMA Active Member     | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest/Caregiver   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MPMA/AUX National Council Member       | <input type="checkbox"/> MPMA/AUX Active Member | <input type="checkbox"/> MPMA/AUX Delegate |

**Hotel and Early Bird Registration deadline is 23 July 2023. Hotel information on next page.**

I am registered at: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend; I am making a donation to the National Monument Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check box if you desire transportation from the airport to the hotel (Information on next page).**

Convention Registration Fee:	\$50.00 per person	\$
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Convention Registration Fee Aux Auxiliary	\$50.00 per person	\$
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**DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD & HOTEL REGISTRATION IS 23 JULY 2023. EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTED PRICE IS \$395.00. AFTER 23 JULY 2023, REGISTRATION PACKAGE WILL BE \$490.00**

**SAVE \$95.00!!**

**PURCHASE AN EARLY BIRD PACKAGE BEFORE 23 JULY 2023 IS \$395.00 AND RECEIVE: CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND 1 EVENT TICKET FOR EACH EVENT AND INCLUDES 1- T-SHIRT. AFTER 23JULY 2023, REGISTRATION PRICE WILL BE \$490.00.**

Number of Early Bird Packages:	<input style="width:100%;" type="text"/>
Total Cost:	<input style="width:100%; background-color: yellow;" type="text"/>

**Will you need a base pass?**  Yes  No (If yes, please see page 6 for additional information).

**EARLY BIRD PACKAGE INCLUDES/ REGISTRATION & ALL EVENTS \$395**

**COST BELOW: IF YOU DON'T BUY THE EARLY BIRD PACKAGE or BREAK UP THE PACKAGE !!!**

Event	Day	Per Event Pricing	Tickets	Cost
NMPMA National President's Reception	Wednesday, 23 Aug 2023 (7:00pm)	\$100.00	X	\$
Queen Coronation & Auxiliary Event	Thursday, 24 Aug 2023 (7:00pm)	\$110.00	X	\$
Host Chapter Event	Friday, 25 Aug 2023 (7:00pm)	\$100.00	X	\$
National Convention Awards Banquet	Saturday, 26 Aug 2023 (7:00pm)	\$130.00	X	\$

One souvenir T-shirt with each registration. Please check size for your souvenir T-shirt.

M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

Additional t-shirt & pins can be purchased. See page 6.

Additional souvenir T-shirts purchased:

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Cost: \$20.00

Total Package Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make Payment to Montford Point Marine Association)

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Method of Payment:  Money Order  Check  AMS  Cashier's Check

Mail To: Montford Point Marine Association, Inc., P.O. Box 7001, Jacksonville, NC 28541



# **HOTELS**



## **Courtyard Marriott**

**5046 Henderson Drive  
Jacksonville, NC 28546**

**Convention Room Rate: \$109.00 + tax**

When making your hotel reservations, please contact **Adam Herring/ 910 554-0246**

**The Hotel will not deal with attendees directly. You will provide Adam with the following;**

1. Full Name (Attendee's)
2. Dates of Stay (Check IN / Check Out)
3. Primary Contact Information Cell/Mobile#
4. Email Address
5. Chapter/Designation-Title

**We are required to provide this to the hotel in advance who in turn will then contact you for your CC information to affirm dates**

### **Transportation**

Jacksonville Albert J. Ellis Regional Airport is approximately 25 minutes from the convention site.

**Round trip \$30 to be paid on pick at Airport.**

The hotel does not provide shuttle service. However, Montford Point Marine Association Chapter 10 will provide a shuttle from the airport to your hotel at \$30 per person roundtrip. Please txt (910) 358-1303 for flight information preferably 72 hours in advance.

### **Hotel Parking**

Free self-parking at hotels.

### **Souvenir T-Shirts**

Additional souvenir T-shirts cost \$20 each. For sizes 3X and larger \$23.00. Check size and enter quantity.

M  L  XL  XXL  XXXL

Additional Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**BASE PASS**

**BASE PASS REQUEST INFORMATION:** Please fill out if you need a pass to get on base (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) – Museum and Chapel Dedication requirement

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Car: \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issue \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Data Record**

*Please provide emergency contact information of a person the organization can contact in case of an emergency:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note for Montford Point Marines (Guest):**

**Please remember to bring your health insurance card along with a written list of all medication in the event an incident occurs. Please indicate if you will be attending with a care-giver or guest.**

Caregiver / Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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From The Quartermaster:

Greetings,

The Montford Point Marine Association (MPMA) is pleased to have you consider being a vendor at this year's 58<sup>th</sup> MPMA National Convention being held 23- 27 August 2023 in Jacksonville, North Carolina. If you wish to be considered, please complete and return this form with Confirmation Signature and full payment to post office box above no later than 05 August 2023.

The mission and goal of the Montford Point Marine Association (MPMA) is to preserve the legacy, memories, and core values of those brave souls who have passed before us. The Montford Point Marine Day Ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2023.

This event is culminated with a formal banquet, which will recognize the Original Montford Point Marines on August 26, 2023. You can take advantage of our Souvenir Journal Advertisement. This is a great way to show your ongoing support to our association.

**Requested Information:**

Name of Exhibitor / Vendor	
Exhibitor / Vendor Website	
Exhibitor Home Location (Address, City, State, Zip)	
Exhibitor Point of Contact (POC) name and contact info (Include Phone & Fax number)	
Exhibitor Special Needs – including electrical requirements. (if None, enter N/A)	
Description of Items / Services to be exhibited	
Exhibit space requirements (i.e. size of space and location)	
Expected set-up time (#of hours, date, and time)	
Expected hours of operation	
Additional comments	

**Vendor Fees:**

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**Exhibitor / Vendor Fee** - \$50 per table per day

Please indicate how many days you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Exhibitor / Vendor fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information:**

Check Enclosed  Money Order Enclosed  Cashier's Check Enclosed

Please charge my: Visa  Master Card  PayPal  Confirmation number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Total Exhibitor / Vendor Fee paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Booth Space Selection** Booth location in the exhibition area will be assigned by MPMA. Please indicate on your registration form if there are any special circumstances regarding your exhibit and/or display.

**Electrical Requirements** Expense is borne by the Exhibitor / Vendor and must be identified in advance in order to facilitate with hotel staff.

**Cancellation Fee** If request for cancellation is received in writing by August 5, 2023, you will receive a refund less a \$25 processing fee.

This application and contract for exhibitor / vendor space at the MPMA 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention 2023 is between the Montford Point Marine Association, Inc., and your organization and will become effective upon receipt of submitted contract and full payment. If full payment is not received by the deadline set forth above, any partial payment received at that time will be forfeited and non-refundable.

**Acknowledgement**

- Exhibitor / Vendor shall be fully responsible to pay for any and all damages to property owned by individual convention hotels.
- Exhibitor / Vendor agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the assigned convention hotel, MPMA, its owners, managers, officers or directors, agents, employees, subsidiaries, and affiliates, from any damages or charges resulting from Exhibitor / Vendor's use of the property.
- Exhibitor / Vendor's liability shall include all losses, costs, damages, or expenses arising from, or out of, or by reason of any accident or bodily injury or other occurrences to any person or persons,



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including the Exhibitor / Vendor, its agents, employees, and business invitees, which result from, or out of, the Exhibitor / Vendor's occupancy and use of the exhibition premises, or any part thereof.

- The Exhibitor / Vendor waives all claims of any kind against the Montford Point Marine Association (MPMA) and its employees and agents arising from the conduct of the Exhibition, and agrees that none of the parties referred to above shall be liable for any loss, damage, or destruction of property belonging to the Exhibitor / Vendor, its agents or its employees, nor for any personal injury that may occur to the Exhibitor / Vendor, its agents or its employees, nor for any other loss or damage whatsoever, including, without limiting the foregoing, any loss or damage to the Exhibitor / Vendor's business by reason of failure to hold the conference and/or the Exhibition, or failure to provide space for an exhibit or the removal of an exhibit, or for any action of the parties referred to above.
  
- The Exhibitor / Vendor further agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless MPMA and its respective employees and agents from any and damages, claims, or other liabilities resulting from any act or omission connected with Exhibitor / Vendor's participation in the convention and/or exhibition, whether negligent or not.

Confirmation Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_