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Mr. Eric Nelson

Past National Vice President (PNVP) Eric W. Nelson, Chief Warrant Officer-2 (Ret.), has been a life member of Quantico Chapter #32 for over 10 years. Eric is a small business owner of Nelson Intelligence Solutions (NIS) which he started in 2014, while the Chapter President of Quantico Chapter #32. As a business owner he led Quantico Chapter #32, like a business. His first order of business was to reestablish the Chapter's 501(c)3 status to legally receive donations and to be able to provide donors a tax-deductible receipt. He also researched several financial companies to relieve the Chapter Treasurer of the responsibility of preparing and submitting the Chapters taxes.

Eric also designed the current Quantico Chapter #32 website and although he provides permissions for the elected Officer, many do not have the knowledge to make certain updates and edits and it falls back on him. Through the Chapter website members can learn of the history of the Montford Point Marine and Association, pay their annual dues both Chapter and National, purchase annual Gala tickets, download the annual Chapter Scholarship and view a variety of other information.

In 2015, Eric resigned as the Quantico Chapter #32 President after being elected as the National Vice President (NVP) to dedicate his time and effort in that role in the Association. As the NVP he was the

Association whip, making sure everything ran like a machine and to make certain the President didn't have any missteps, especially as it pertained to finances. Eric researched the best financial programs to manage the Association funds and determined QuickBooks would be the best application for the needs of the Association. QuickBooks allows the financial team to provide, clear and reconcilable financial reports e.g., Statements of Activity (monthly transactions and account balances), General Ledgers (Summary of each account), Financial Position (Total Assets of all accounts and extracting tax information for annual taxes.

As Eric continued his turnover with the previous administration in 2016, he found that while the Association had a variety of fund-raising efforts, the Association was not taking advantage of a free database that specializes in reporting on nonprofit agencies; GuideStar. He provided the 2016 Spring Council attendees with an over view of GuideStar; it seeks to revolutionize philanthropy and nonprofit practices by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving. In laymen's terms it is used by people and other organizations to check the legitimacy of an organization for donations. Eric's foresight and understanding of the importance of registering the Association with GuideStar, has provided the Association with the ability to reach over 2.7 million different nonprofit organizations to partner with, 26 million annual searchers that could potentially donate, and 3.4 million leaders reviewing our Association and checking our status.

As a registered organization with GuideStar we have received undisclosed donations via the Good Network another organization that manages non-profit donations. The Association has been elevated from an unknown non-profit organization to one that is now Platinum Status in GuideStar terms, and the Association has received donations we previously were not inclined to receive, and we now have millions of opportunities to receive additional donations.

Over the course of the 51st through the 54th conventions, NVP Nelson's oversight has ensured the Convention Director, host Chapter President, Auxiliary Representative, and Special Projects Officer, all worked hand in hand to ensure each evening event was successful, that the return-on-investment bottom line was a profit, and that those in attendance were so pleased they would attend the next convention.

Because of his commitment to service, Eric W. Nelson was inducted into the NMPMA Inc. Hall of Fame.

