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Mr. Forest E. Spencer Jr.

Past National President (PNP) Forest E. Spencer Jr., Gunnery Sergeant (Ret.), has been a life member of Quantico Chapter #32 for over 10 years. He lives and breathes Montford Point Marines in his daily routine. Consistently, brainstorming ways to improve membership, streamline administrative processes, and through the use of technology, to ensure the new generation of members and leaders of the Association have tools at their fingertips to preserve the legacy of the Montford Point Marines.

During the 2012 calendar year, while the Vice President of Quantico Chapter #32 Forest developed a Financial Excel spreadsheet for the treasurer's monthly report and another spreadsheet for the annual budget to provide members financial transparency. He also developed an Excel spreadsheet for the Queens Contest ticket for the Public Relations Officer to streamline the process of tracking ticket sales. This same spreadsheet is currently used by the Special Projects Officer to report to the National Executive Committee and Council.

During this same year Forest volunteered and was appointed as the National Standing Committee Chair (NSCC), responsible for the Bylaws, Credentials, Resolutions, and the Rules Committees. In this role, he drafted the Resolutions Committee Standard Operating Procedures (RC SOP) that were adopted 1 March 2014.

In 2015, Forest was elected as the Association's 18th National President. At the conclusion of the 50th National Convention he found that the Association's financial position was not as sound as originally thought. President Spencer along with the financial team developed and implemented a number of financial processes to ensure there was transparency of all financial transactions within the Association. Additionally, with redefined Chapter assessments, the Association Operational budget has been approved and adopted, and the lifetime membership account has shown growth.

In 2016, there remained a shortage of funds to complete the Montford Point Marine Memorial. President Spencer communicated this to retired Major General (MGen) Cornell Wilson of North Carolina's Military and Veterans Affairs Department. MGen Wilson shared the deficiency with Senator Harry Brown. During the 51st National Convention in Jacksonville, NC., Senator Brown presented a check in the amount of \$330,000.00 from the State of North Carolina as directed by House Bill 1030 to President Spencer. After the completion of the Memorial PNP Spencer presided over a gifting ceremony in 2018 to the Department of the Navy.

During Forest's second term as National President he began working on and developed a new Association website <https://montfordpointmarines.org> and an Association Membership System (AMS). The website provides the public with a clean, professional look, information to learn about our Association, and just a click to join or donate to the museum or scholarship funds. Association members have the same initial view of the website, however, once a member logs into the AMS depending on their role they have access to a wealth of information that the public cannot view.

Forest's military outreach reestablished the Association partnership with the National Marine Corps Council (NMCC) that is acknowledged by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Marine Corps Museum of the Carolina's, a 501(c)3 organization.

Because of his commitment to service, Forest E. Spencer Jr. was inducted into the NMPMA Inc. Hall of Fame.

