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Mr. Allen Leo Williams

Sergeant Allen Leo Williams has been an active member of the New York Metro Chapter #3 New York for decades. Although currently a "Member At Large" in Florida, his tenure and commitment to both the National and local agenda is unwavering.

Allen Williams has served as an advisor to every National President, starting with his friend, deceased Past National President Gene Dougherty. He has represented the Association on dozens of interviews and appearances in print and broadcast media segments.

During Allen's tenure as a member, and often a guest speaker on behalf of the National Agenda, he has worked tirelessly in the quest to ensure the legacy of Montford Point is not forgotten. He has mentored countless Chapter Officers and has provided support for the Chapter's initiative of supporting (financially) the Marine Corps Scholarship initiative in the New York area.

Further, the Allen Williams' family Financial Group has provided tens of thousands of dollars over the years to the National Montford Point Marine Association Inc. Scholarship Journal, often contracting for the second most expensive page. His children Chris and Janice Allen have also assisted in elevating the legacy of Montford Point Marines by establishing a named Scholarship with the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation combined with Williams Capital to help support deserving individuals seeking opportunities in the pursuit of higher education.

Allen was also one of the very first, and most generous, donor for our National Montford Point Marine Monument located at the Lejeune Memorial Gardens, Camp Johnson, North Carolina. He continues to support the Association through his regular donations to our National Queens contest and has assisted the Philadelphia Chapter Scholarship initiative.

In concert with his Marine Corps Training at Camp Montford Point he was well known for his boxing prowess. By the time he had been promoted to Sergeant, Allen had boxed his way from base to base as part of the United States Marine Corps Boxing Team. He served in Guam for eighteen months with the segregated 5th Marine Depot Company, Yokohama, Japan and Honolulu, before returning to Camp Pendleton in 1950. That evolution garnered him the opportunity to box against renowned heavyweight Joe Louis on 3 separate occasions including a stint in Hawaii. Although he did not see combat, he had a brief Professional Boxing Career after leaving the Marine Corps. Well into his 90s, Allen is still a strong voice for Montford Point Marines and the Association and is currently working with an author on a book to document his Boxing Career as a Montford Point Marine.

His Military Occupational Skill (MOS) as an Electrician was the foundation of a 37-year career within the Danbury Connecticut Power and Light Company. He retired with his bride and moved to Florida and over the years he became known as "The Champ" within the Association for his boxing skills.

In 2018 Allen was inducted into the newly formed National Marine Corps' Associations Sports Hall of Fame in for Boxing by retired Sergeant Major Michael Cline.

Allen's stature within the Association; compassion, ties with the local community, relationships with current and past military leaders demonstrate his enthusiasm of preserving the history and legacy of the Montford Point Marine and the Association.

Because of his commitment to service, Montford Point Marine Allen Leo Williams "The Champ" was inducted into the National Montford Point Marine Association Inc. Hall of Fame.

