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### Mr. Edward Sutton Sr.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Edward Sutton Sr. "Ed" has been a faithful and engaged member of this Association for over 30 Years. He served as the Atlanta Chapter President from 2012 to 2014.

From 2015-2019 Ed was appointed and served as the National Committee Chair, responsible for the providing and Chairing the Association Rules, Credentials, and Resolutions during four National Spring Council meetings and National Conventions.

During this tenure as Atlanta Chapter President, Ed helped build an incredible team of members that went on to become National Officers and helped to move our association forward. They include;

- Fred Codes, who served as the Association Southern Regional Vice President.
- Linda Sykes, who served as Atlanta Chapter President and helped to orchestrate the largest and most vibrant Convention known throughout the Association.
- Ambassador Theodore Britton, a Montford Point Marine and a staunch advocate for the Association that has opened many doors for the association based on his standing in the community.

During his tenure as the Atlanta Chapter President, Edward "Ed" also worked tirelessly in ensuring the Atlanta Chapter was engaged within the community and especially our schools. He leveraged his position as a Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) Instructor to foster relationships that otherwise would not be born.

He singled handedly crafted a curriculum during Black History Month for the Chapter to engage with the schools and the community to "Tell the Montford Point Story". He also worked hand in hand with his members to ensure our Montford Pointers we highlighted within the Atlanta Market by always being there to help with the logistics of getting our Montford Pointers to where they needed to be, whether it was a Ball Game, a Radio or Television Interview or just being there for them and their families.

His love for the Montford Point Marine Association spans 30 plus years. A Marine's Marine, he served in every billet in the Atlanta Chapter; Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. Never one to look to be "patted on the back", Ed truly loves this association. He has attended every convention since 1985 and has participated in all efforts to grow our Association.

Truly a "Leader to the other members of the Chapter it was easy to take his "Lead" because his unselfish professionalism was always to "promote the Montford Pointers" and the Association as a whole.

Throughout his more than 30 years of membership and service as a National Officer, Edward Sutton, Sr. has selflessly given his time and talent to ensure the legacy of the Montford Pointers is preserved.

Because of his commitment to service, Edward Sutton Sr., was inducted into the Nation Montford Point Marine Association Inc. Hall of Fame.

