

Subj: Recommendation for the Montford Point Marine Association Hall of Fame Award

Mr. Crutcher,.

In accordance with the criteria for consideration to be nominated to the MPMA Hall of Fame, I recommend GySgt Noddie L. "Duke" Gayles USMC Ret,d) GySgt Gayles entered the Marine Corps in 1942 and retired in 1973. During his years on active duty he helped numerous marines learn skills that helped them progress during their years in the Corps. Many Commanding Officers requested his presence in their commands once they found out that he was on board.

GySgt Gayles joined the Los Angeles Chapter in 1978 and has always worked to enhance the chapter by recruiting new members, participating in events that bring the MPMA to the forefront throughout the civilian community.

He was a member of the 1995 convention committee that hosted the National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. That convention was one of the most successful in MPMA history. He was also a member of the 1999 convention committee that was also held in Las Vegas. He has participated in the Toys for Tots programs for the past 31 years and was instrumental in acquiring and making sure the distribution of toys was equitable to the many youth and religious groups in the greater Los Angeles area.

He has attended and participated in several ROTC functions and to further educate and promote the values of the MPMA and the United States Marine Corps.

He has held the position of Chapter Quartermaster for over 20 years, making sure that the proper dress code is promulgated throughout the MPMA by coordinating with the National to ensure that every member is cognizant of the proper dress.

GySgt Gayles has been married for 59 years and has been a bulwark to any community he has resided in from coast to coast. He is known throughout the Corps among all marines as outstanding in his demeanor and performance as a Marine.

Based on the aforementioned data I recommend that GYSgt Noddie L. Gayles be considered for inclusion to the Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted,

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