



## **MONTFORD POINT MARINE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Mr. James H. Carr**

**Master Gunnery Sergeant (USMC Ret.)**

National Vice President

(2009 – Present)



MGYSGT James Carr was born on 1 Nov 1953 in New York City. He joined the Marine Corps in September of 1974, from RS, Bronx NY. Attended Recruit Training at MCRD, Paris Island, South Carolina. Upon graduation from recruit training, assigned HQ & Service Co 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 6<sup>th</sup> Marines Camp Lejeune NC. Transferred Camp Johnson (formerly the site of Montford Point), Basic Radio and Communications School; reassigned back to H&S Co upon successful completion. Here he served as a Basic Radio Operator (MOS 2531). In 1982, reported to 6<sup>th</sup> Communications Bn Communications Support Co Radio Plt, after a brief hiatus in the IRR. During this period he served in varying roles, and capacities including Section Chief, Battery NCO, Frequency NCO and Platoon Sergeant and ultimately promoted to SSGT by 1990.

In November 1990, deployed Southwest Asia in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Assigned to Theatre ComSec Management Office, Joint COMSEC Office provided support to MARCENT, ARCENT, SPACOM and JCOM Riyadh Saudi Arabia. As a COMSEC and Data Systems Manager, duties required oversight of all key material used between US and joint forces theatre-wide. Upon return to CONUS served in various capacities within the Bn to include Radio Chief, Battalion Assistant Ops Chief, Battalion Ops Chief, and as Support Company Ops Chief. In June 2001, promoted to Master Gunnery Sergeant and re-assigned to General Support Co. 6<sup>th</sup> Communications Bn. In Dec 2002 6thComm notification of deployed supporting Operation Enduring Freedom supporting IMEF (Marine Expeditionary Forces) in Camp Commando Kuwait. During this deployment served as the Support Company Operations and Communications Chief and was responsible for detachment and the coordination of communications and support personnel. Ensured advanced ground combat communications requirements outlined by higher headquarters and coalition forces were sustained (OEF/OIF). In concert with Command objectives participated in various mission (C4I, SATCOM, and Blue Force Tracker and related Threat & SAR) requirements which took Marines throughout the Kuwait and Iraq theater. After the cessation of hostilities coordinated retrograde of all Marines within Bn. back CONUS and reuniting them with their families.

Currently serving a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as the National Vice President of Montford Point Marines, is the Director of Information Services and Network Security Officer at Lincoln Hospital Center, Bronx New York and has over 30 years within the Health Care system. Serves as a supporter of multiple VSO (Veteran Service Organizations) including 3 terms as Chapter President Montford Point Marine Association (2004-2010), Vice President for Operations NY Leatherneck Ball Committee -Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, American Legion-Inwood Post, VFW, Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Marine Corps Reserve Association, Marine Corps League, NYPD Marine Association and others.

Personal decorations include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, South West Asia Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, several Meritorious Mast and Certificates of Appreciation.