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Corporal Edgar Marion Cole  
United State Marine Corps

Edgar M. Cole was born in Dallas Texas on March 12, 1925 He graduated from Booker T. Washington, High School in June 1942. He enlisted the United State Marine Corps, in November 1943 and underwent basic training at Camp Montford Point, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was the Honor Graduate Man of his Platoon in Boot camp. As one of the first African Americans to join the Marine Corps from 1942-1949. Montford Point is now known as Camp Johnson, it was renamed after the acclaimed SgtMaj Gilbert H. "Hashmark Johnson in 1974.

Edgar Cole served from November 30, 1943 to June 14, 1946; he served in numerous clime and places, and functioned in as a Radio Operator low speed in Asiatic Pacific Area, Marshall Islands, Marianas Island, Kwajalein, and Guam Saipan

Edgar M. Cole's decorations include the Rifle Marksmanship, Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Medal.

Corporal Cole was discharged from the Marine Corps in June 1946 and attends Fisk University with a BA Degree, Howard University receiving a MS Degree in Physics. Working in Aero space industry, help designed transmitter for America's first satellite. Mr. Cole is a Life Member of the Los Angeles Chapter #8 of the Montford Point Marine Association Inc. The groups of dedicated retired and former Marines are instrumental in communicating their Legacy, History and profound impact on the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Cole received the Congressional Gold Medal on June 27, 2012 from the Congress of the United States for his dedicated service to this Country.

