

## Presidents Message

Thank you for electing me as the first President of MEGA. I will do my best to encourage your Officers and Directors to consider the overall objectives of the Corporation towards programs that will serve the member and his family. You are encouraged to submit to me any item you wish for our Board to consider in our next deliberation scheduled for October 16, 1999.

On April 17, 1999 we initiated a comprehensive review of all the sections of our by-laws and much work was generated for all of the elected Executive Officers and most of the Directors. We did approve life membership dues and costs for age groups of 0-40-(\$250) 41-50-(\$200) 51-60-(150) and 61& over-(100). The MEGA news letter will, after this publication, be edited and formatted by the Communication and Membership Committee. Director Ed Vasgerdsian was appointed to be liaison to the Communication and Membership Committee. Director Forest Hunt was appointed liaison between MEGA and MSG Bn as well as to the Reunion Committee. Director Bob Kienietz is liaison to the Scholarship and Awards Committee. Director Tom Butler was appointed Legal Advisor to the Corporation. Charles W. May was appointed to serve as Executive Secretary after Norman Roots resignation was accepted by the Board.  
Pete Jimenez, Jr.

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30 April 1999

LtGen. James L Jones, USMC  
Headquarters, USMC  
Washington, DC  
Sir Commandant,

On behalf of the membership of the Marine Corps Embassy Guard Association, I want to congratulate you on your appointment as the 32nd Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.

We are elated on your appointment and wish you a successful and productive tour of duty. If I can be of service to you do not hesitate to write or call.

Best Wishes,

Pete F. Jimenez Jr., Gy Sgt, USMC, (Ret)  
EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

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## ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Pres. Pete F. Jimenez, Jr. 1950 Pandarey Dr. Los Lunas, NM 87031  
Vice Pres: Thomas Butler 1405 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Apt 3N, New York, NY 10021  
Secretary: Charles May P.O. Box 748, Astoria OR 97103  
Treasurer: Bill Stanson 98 Chelmsford Dr, Aurora, OH 44202-8811

### Board of Directors

Forest Hunt 33945 Calle Borrego, San Juan Capistrano, Ca 92675-5009  
Frank Ellis 3821 E. Windsong Dr. Phoenix, AZ 85044  
Michael Ball 42146 Carriage Cove Circle, Canton, MI 48187  
Ed Vasgerdsian 141 Selborne Way, Moraga, CA 94556  
Robert Kienietz 568 Aaron Ct. Clifton, CO 81520  
James Trout 730 Ash Street, Brockton, MA 02401

Our thanks goes out to all those who participated in the election and those who ran for various offices. It is members like these who make an organization grow and prosper. Thank you all!

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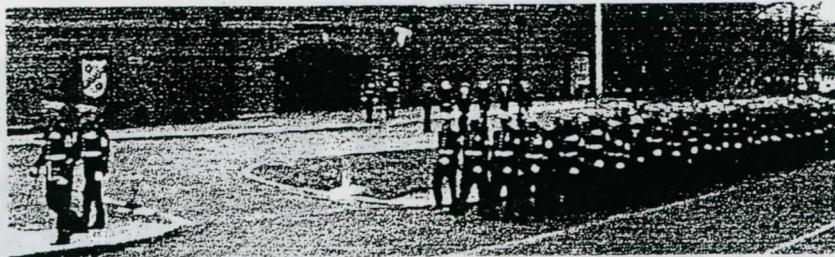
## Treasurers Notes

Mr Bill Stanson is our treasurer. He reminds us that ALL members (except life time) who have not paid their \$15.00 dues for 1999 should do so now. There had been some talk early in the formation of the association about charter members not having to pay dues. However financially we can not afford that luxury, so ALL members should make sure their dues are paid. If your dues are not paid, this will be your last newsletter and your name will be taken off the roster. We don't want to lose you, so let's get that check in the mail. The treasurer's mailing address is: Mr Bill Stanson, 98 Chelmsford Dr, Aurora OH 44202-8811 (e-mail: [wjstanson@worldnet.att.net](mailto:wjstanson@worldnet.att.net))

**MEGA meets MSG Bn.**

Colonel David S. Burgess received the plaque dedicated to the MSG Bn's 50th anniversary as presented by the members of MEGA. This presentation commenced two days of reunion with the Battalion. MSG Bn hosted an "open house" complete with refreshments and later presented us with a tour of the training facility and an introduction to classes as taught at Marshall Hall. Those of us who had been away for many years were really impressed with the high level of training and discipline taught the students. Following the mornings activities we had "chow" in the mess hall and were later transported to the Px, where MSG ribbons were on top of the list.

On our second day we returned to Quantico to witness and participate in the MSG graduation class ceremonies. The presence of one hundred twenty members of the Marine Embassy Guard Association was given formal recognition by the guest speaker Assistant Secretary of State Thomas R. Pickering. The graduating class and ceremonies were impressive, and when they sang the Marines Hymn, there were few dry eyes in the audience. We were very proud to a part of the event. A special thanks to Col. Burgess and his staff for providing us such a memorable time as well as the Marine Corps buses which transported us to and from the Sheraton National Hotel at Arlington to Marine Base Quantico for these events.



Reunion Banquet: We enjoyed Col David S. Burgess as the guest speaker who gave us a view of the future of the Marine Corps and MSG Bn. The dinner was great and then the music started. Unless you have seen some older MEGAs doing the 'chicken dance' you really have no idea what FUN is all about. I believe everyone had a super time and are eagerly awaiting reunion 2000

Unknown to the founder Robert Kienietz, sometime during the reunion a collection was taken and a beautiful plaque was ordered honoring him as founder. It arrived after the festivities and he wants to thank each and every one of you for the plaque and your kind thoughts. THANKS to all of MSG BN for the wonderful days spent there. It was GRAND!!

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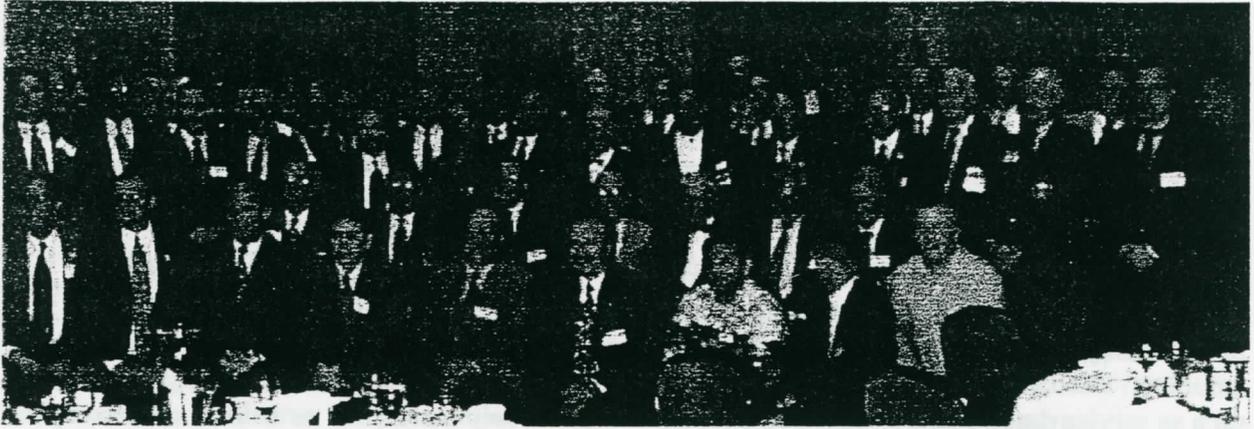
### Welcome the New Secretary

Norman Root has resigned as MEGA secretary, and we want to thank him, and his wife Kathryn, for all their efforts in setting up the secretary position, and for handling all the reunion registrations, applications and other paper work that was deposited on them at the time. At a Board meeting on 17 April, Mr. Charles May (#394) was interviewed and appointed as our new secretary.

All correspondence relating to membership; address, email, phone number changes, etc, should be directed to him. He can be contacted at Charles May, P.O. Box 748, Astoria OR 97103, or at [mayc@pacifier.com](mailto:mayc@pacifier.com).

Please check your mailing label. If there is a notation after your name that says "99 Paid", the Association records indicate that you have paid your dues for 1999. If the notation says "99 Due", the Association records indicate that your dues have not been paid. If you feel that you have paid your 1999 dues, and it says "99 Due", please contact the Treasurer to resolve the discrepancy.

## Who is that Marine in the Blue Blazer.?



Reunion 99 Members picture. Were you in it.? If not you missed the time of your life  
Don't miss out for reunion 2000 in Las Vegas

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Due to your generous donations we were able to bring Mrs Aliganga (on the right) and her daughter to the reunion Shown here enjoying the evening of the banquet. The experience of attending the MSG graduation ceremonies and other festivities helped them understand the MSG program and what their brother and son had accomplished. A big THANKS to all of you is in order.

Always a happy smile and a positive attitude makes for a great hostess. Thanks goes to Jacqueline Riekema for operating the hospitality suite and keeping our glasses full and also to her husband Kevin for doing such a great job as master of ceremonies. They both made a big impact on the work load of handling the reunion. I can not thank them enough. We wish them well in their new move to Washington State and a new career.



## Members Travels

Cairo re-visited. Member Ed Vasgerdsian recently returned from a visit to his old duty station Cairo. He wrote and had published in the April 99 issue of Leatherneck the findings and interesting comments from that trip. If you have not read the article try and find a copy, it is worth the effort. We are working on posting to the web site also.

Saigon re-visited. Member Howard Evers sent me a short letter about his return to Saigon. I have posted it on the web site for those who have been to Saigon and wonder how things have changed since they were there. He has some notes and findings that are interesting. If by chance you are planning a trip there, contact him (508) 981-0654

To find his letter go to the Web URL <http://www.embassymarine.org/saigon2.html>

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## Founders Forum

As we proceed with the organization of officers, committees and other functions, there will always be glitches and mistakes . I hope each of you will bear with us as we get such problems resolved. Things are really coming together and I see a bright future for this association. It is up to the membership to show the direction they want our elite club to go. So I am asking that you give us some input on what you like and what you would like changed. This especially goes for the newsletter and the web site. For those of you with out internet access, I urge you to go to your public library and visit our web site some time. I hope you will be pleased. I personally want to thank all those involved in making reunion 99 such a great success, especially everyone at MSG Bn.  
THANKS from BigBob

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### ROSTER

A note on the use of MEGA rosters. To all you entrepreneurs, these rosters are provided to members of MEGA so they may reunite with fellow watchstanders or friends. This roster is not to be used as a 'mailing' list for business purposes or for private enterprise. Misuse of this may be cause for action against the person who misuses it.

Current up to date copies of the roster are available from the secretary for a fee of \$3.00 each. Future newsletters will contain the new members and corrections to this roster, so it will be up to you to maintain your roster. Please notify the secretary of any changes in your address, e-mail or phone numbers. Read your information on the roster and inform the secretary of any missing information such as service dates, MSG graduation date etc. This will help make sure we have a more complete and useable roster. The roster will no longer be posted on the web site due to several reasons. If you have a few extra \$\$\$ to help with the mailing and printing costs of the newsletter, please send to the treasurer or at least pay your 1999 dues.. THANKS!!

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### SHIPS STORE



MEGA patches (\$10.00pp) will be ordered from the Sec: Charles May P.O. Box 748, Astoria OR 97103

Beautiful cups are available in blue with MEGA logo on one side and MSG ribbon on the other. Price is \$17.00 postpaid.



Also available is a beautiful enameled lapel pin of the MSG Bn logo crest for \$3.00 pp.

You will love it.

Send check payable to:

Robert Kienietz.. 568 Aaron Ct.. Clifton, CO 81520

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### REUNION 2000

Chairman for the reunion committee is: Bob Harrison, 544 Chicago, Bismarck, IL 61814 (e-mail: samgun1@aol.com) The reunion is scheduled for sometime during the first two week period in May 2000 in Las Vegas. If you would like to have a golf tournament or bowling tournament or other activity please contact him with your ideas. If you would like to help in the pianning give him a hand. Make your pians early and save up your vacation time.

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### Communications & Membership Committee

Chairman for this committee is: Stewart Hill, 14380 Silo Valley View, Centerville, VA 20121 (e-mail: sdhill@erols.com) One of the responsibilities of this committee is the production of the MEGA-NEWS. A member who loves to be an 'editor-in-chief' would be welcomed to join this hard working committee. Contact Stewart and lend a helping hand.

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### Scholarship Committee

Chairman for this committee is: BILL STEEVES 8918 Kenilworth Drive Burke, VA 22015-2174 (e-mail: steevesw@erols.com) This committee is nearing the end of formulating the by-laws and rules by which scholarships will be awarded. They need a few more hands to process and review applications when the time comes. They also need help in raising funds. Contact Bill if this is an interest of yours.

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