

Ted Bolender Scholarship Program



2012

“Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource.”

- President John F. Kennedy

FALL SEMESTER

The Intracoastal Detachment 1058 Marine Corps League is pleased to announce the 2012 Fall Semester Ted Bolender Scholarship Program. In honor of his legacy of giving and support, we continue our effort to give back to our MCL community, in his name.

The scholarship program is intended to provide financial assistance to individuals who are members of the family of an Intracoastal Detachment 1058 Marine Corps Leaguer or of an MCL Auxiliary Intracoastal Unit 1058 member. Please view the following pages for program information and carefully follow the instructions for all Applicants, Sponsors, and Officer's. "Good luck to all".

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ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE INTRACOASTAL DETACHMENT 1058

Ted Bolender Scholarship Program, Fall 2012

This packet contains general information about the scholarship program along with the application and instructions for the Applicant, Sponsor, and Detachment / Unit Officers. Any Questions regarding the scholarship program or application should be directed to Chairman V. Matthew Rao at (561)451-8772 drvmatthewrao@juno.com, or Past Commandant Ed Johnson at (954)786-8253 emjacj@aol.com, or Kevin Bolender at (954)969-5300 kbgcpi@gmail.com, or Cmdt. Scott Vulpis at (954) 801-4366 mclfl1058@aol.com.

The purpose of the 2012 Scholarship Program is to grant bookstore scholarships to qualified family members of Marine Corps Leaguer's who are pursuing full time undergraduate or technical training at a full time, recognized institution. Scholarships are awarded on a competition basis where applicants are judged on their eligibility, compliance, academic achievement, and original essay response. Scholarship awards for the Fall 2012 academic semester will not exceed \$500 maximum per applicant and the total number of scholarship awards issued will depend on the availability of funds. All scholarship awards will be transmitted electronically to the bookstore of the applicants designated learning institution and only used for textbooks and learning supplies. Award recommendations and final selection will be at the discretion of the Ted Bolender Scholarship Committee.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Only the Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and Step-Children of an Intracoastal Detachment 1058 Marine Corps League and MCL Auxiliary Intracoastal Unit 1058 member in good standing. These are the only eligible applicants.
2. Must be enrolled as a full time student or minimum of 12 credit/semester hours in an accredited college or university, in pursuit of a degree, or in a vocational program pursuing certification. Official proof of enrollment from your accredited learning institution, for the Fall semester of 2012, must accompany your completed application.
3. Must show proof of satisfactory academic progress. A copy of your latest official transcript must accompany your application. If you have never attended a college or trade school, your high school transcript will be the document that you provide. If you were home schooled, you must submit your GED, SAT, or ACT score.
4. Must submit an original essay, typed, double spaced, and a minimum of 500 and no more than 1000 words, answering the following question: "What is the value and importance of community service in our society and tell us what it means to you?" *Please retype the question at the top of your essay response and omit your surname so that your essay may be evaluated objectively.*

SPONSOR'S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. They must be a parent, step-parent, or grandparent of the individual they intend to sponsor. Must ensure that the person who they intend to sponsor, is a member of the sponsor's immediate family. No nieces, nephews, or neighbors. Step children and adoptee's are considered family members.
2. Upon certification, the Sponsor must show evidence to the Commandant/ President of the Detachment /Unit, that the sponsor is a legal resident of the State of Florida. Only, a photo I.D of either a driver's license, state I.D., or US passport is acceptable.
3. Proof is to be furnished to the Commandant /President of the Intracoastal Detachment/Unit, that the sponsor is a Regular or an Associate Member who is in good standing with either the Marine Corps League or MCL Auxiliary. In good standing requires that all dues are paid and up to date or that the sponsor is a Life Member of the League or Auxiliary. If the Sponsor is the Commandant/President, or the Paymaster/Treasurer of the Detachment/Unit, the Commandant/President must appoint the Senior Vice Commandant/Vice President to approve the application.

DETACHMENT/UNIT OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITIES

The Detachment/Unit officer's main responsibility is to ensure that the applicant is a legal member of the sponsor's family. The Detachment/Unit officers are to print their name and sign the Certification in the appropriate place. (see page 3).

**Send all application packets to: Chairman, Scholarship Committee
PO Box 11248,
Fort Lauderdale FL, 33339**

Remember, all applications must be submitted via US Mail and postmarked by July 14th, 2012.

Late application packages will not be considered for review.

Application / Certification
Ted Bolender Scholarship Award - Fall 2012

Applicants, please complete the following information.

Date: _____

Name First _____ MI _____ Last _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Name and Address of Institution that you are currently attending or intending to apply: _____

School year you will be attending for the Fall semester: (circle one) 1 2 3 4

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Current GPA _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Sponsor Information

Name of Sponsor _____ Membership# _____ Life Member # _____

Sponsor Relationship to Applicant (check one) Father _____ Mother _____ Grand Parent _____

SPONSOR SIGNATURE

DETACHMENT / UNIT CERTIFICATION

This section is to be completed and verified by the indicated Detachment or Unit Officer. In the event that the applicant is related to the Commandant/President or Paymaster/Treasurer then the Senior Vice Commandant/Unit Officer will sign in their stead.

The Paymaster/Treasurer hereby certifies that the Sponsor is a member in good standing with the Marine Corps League.

PAYMASTER/TREASURER _____
PRINT NAME

OFFICER POSITION

SIGNATURE

DATE

The Commandant/President of the Detachment or Unit hereby certifies that the member is qualified to sponsor the applicant named above.

COMMANDANT/PRESIDENT _____
PRINT NAME

OFFICER POSITION

SIGNATURE

DATE

SSGT. Edward Parker (Ted) Bolender

USMC 1942-1945



In the early part of 1942, Ted Bolender and two high school friends walked into the Marine Corp Recruiters Station in Philadelphia, PA, looking to join the WWII war effort. Unfortunately, his two pals were turned down and Ted would have to join without them.

Shortly thereafter, he was sent to boot camp, arriving train at the Yemassee Station in South Carolina and then on to Parris Island Recruit Training Depot where he would graduate and later in life, would have the honor of returning to watch three of his sons graduate as US Marines, as well. After boot camp, as an E-1 Private, he was assigned to aircraft mechanic school in Jacksonville, Florida and upon receiving his MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) in July 1943, he was sent to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, located east of Los Angeles, California. There, he would be assigned to a newly formed Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron, the VMF-114 "Death Dealers", who stayed on the West Coast of the United States until August of 1943 when the unit was transferred to Marine Corps Air Station Ewa in Honolulu, Hawaii. Flying F4-U Corsair fighter aircraft, the squadron continued their training in Hawaii until moving to Midway Island on December 18, 1943. They would return to MCAS Ewa, HI in February of 1944 and in March they would be deployed to the South Pacific theatre.



First, to Espiritu Santo in the Hebrides Islands and then to the Green Islands, located in the Solomon Islands chain. While there, they flew strike missions against Japanese garrisons that had been bypassed in the Bismarck Islands of New Guinea. Then, on to Peleliu, Palau for their next mission where Ted landed on the beach with the 5th Regiment of the 1st Marine Division, fighting his way inland to help capture the Japanese enemy airstrip. His squadron of Corsairs would arrive on Peleliu, on September 17, 1944 and provide most of the close air support for Marine Corps forces during the course of the two month battle. (Ted would return to the island 50 years later, with his wife Peggy, for a reunion of the Battle of Peleliu.)

Ted returned to the US in 1945 and was stationed at Cherry Point North Carolina until his discharge later that year. In his 4 years of service he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant E6. As a result of his strong character and influence, three of his sons served proudly as Marines and two of his grandson's are presently Marines.
 "SEMPER FI, TED"

*By Kevin Bolender - SGT. USMC,
 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment, Republic of Vietnam 1968-69*



An F4U-1D Corsair from VMF-114, taxiing on Peleliu air strip, loaded with a napalm tank.

