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*William Kyle Carpenter*



MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT







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## **A Message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps**

On 19 June 2014, our great nation recognized an inspiring young man and Marine whose selfless service and heroic actions stand as a testament to the uncommon valor exhibited by Marines throughout our Corps' illustrious history.

On 21 November 2010, then Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter distinguished himself by attempting to shield Lance Corporal Nicholas Eufrazio from a grenade blast with his own body. Although Corporal Carpenter sustained grave injuries, he saved the life of his fellow Marine.

Corporal Carpenter's willingness to sacrifice himself for Lance Corporal Eufrazio epitomizes the very essence of what it means to be a Marine – that Marines place the lives of their brothers and sisters in arms before themselves and will accomplish their mission at any cost.

Corporal Carpenter's compelling story will inspire and motivate current and future generations of Marines. He joins Corporal Jason Dunham and Sergeant Dakota Meyer as this generation's legendary heroes of our Corps. I am exceptionally proud of Corporal Carpenter. His courage, compassion and humility serve as a sterling example for all Marines to emulate. I remain...

Semper Fidelis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James F. Amos", written over a horizontal line.

JAMES F. AMOS

General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps







The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pleasure in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR to

**LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM KYLE CARPENTER  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

for service as set forth in the following

**CITATION:**

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an Automatic Rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, Regimental Combat Team 1, 1st Marine Division (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM on 21 November 2010. Lance Corporal Carpenter was a member of a platoon-sized coalition force, comprised of two reinforced Marine rifle squads partnered with an Afghan National Army squad. The platoon had established Patrol Base Dakota two days earlier in a small village in the Marjah District in order to disrupt enemy activity and provide security for the local Afghan population. Lance Corporal Carpenter and a fellow Marine were manning a rooftop security position on the perimeter of Patrol Base Dakota when the enemy initiated a daylight attack with hand grenades, one of which landed inside their sandbagged position. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, Lance Corporal Carpenter moved toward the grenade in an attempt to shield his fellow Marine from the deadly blast. When the grenade detonated, his body absorbed the brunt of the blast, severely wounding him, but saving the life of his fellow Marine. By his undaunted courage, bold fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death, Lance Corporal Carpenter reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.







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				<i>August 29, 2014</i>	







# I

## CORPORAL KYLE CARPENTER'S ARRIVAL



**MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2014**  
*Arrival at Ronald Reagan  
Washington National Airport,  
Washington, D.C.*













MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2014  
*Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel,  
Arlington, Virginia*





**MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2014**

*Live Social Media*

*Town Hall / Q & A in the  
Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel,  
Arlington, Virginia*



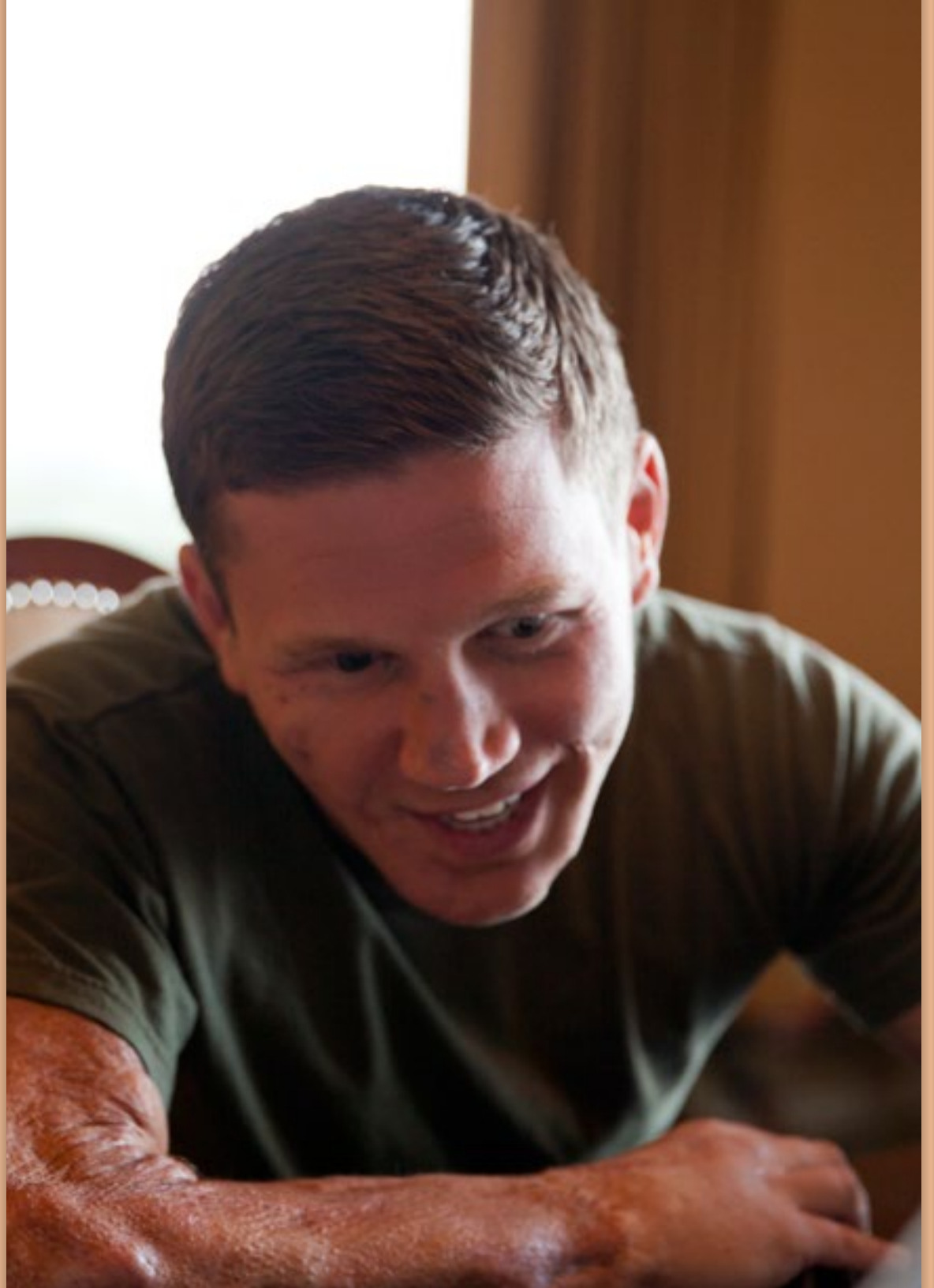






MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2014

*Phone interview with the  
White House in the  
Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel,  
Arlington, Virginia*







MONDAY, 16 JUNE 2014  
*Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel,  
Arlington, Virginia*













TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014  
*Haircut in  
Bethesda, Maryland*







**TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014**  
*Media interviews in the  
Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel,  
Arlington, Virginia*











TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014  
*Interview with Fox News,  
Washington, D.C.*





TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014  
*Tour of HMX-1 in  
Quantico, Virginia*





























## II

WASHINGTON NATIONALS BASEBALL GAME









**TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2014**  
*Washington Nationals vs. Houston Astros*  
*at Nationals Ball Park*  
*Washington, D.C.*

















































































### III

## KYLE'S MEET AND GREET





WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014  
*ESPN E:60 filming at Smith Gym,  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall  
Fort Myer, Virginia*





















WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014

*ESPN E:60 filming at  
Marine Corps War Memorial  
Arlington, Virginia*





WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014

*Tour of the Pentagon,  
Washington, D.C.*









WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014  
*Office call with  
Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus  
in the Pentagon,  
Washington, D.C.*













WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014  
*Office call with  
The Honorable Joe Wilson,  
U.S. Representative for South Carolina's  
2nd Congressional District  
Washington, D.C.*













WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014

*Office call with  
The Honorable Martha Roby,  
U.S. Representative for Alabama's  
2nd Congressional District  
Washington, D.C.*









WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014  
*Office call with*  
*The Honorable Tim Scott,*  
*U.S. Representative for South Carolina's*  
*1st Congressional District*  
*Washington, D.C.*









WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014

*Office call with  
The Honorable Lindsey Graham,  
U.S. Senator from  
South Carolina  
Washington, D.C.*





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corridor, take elevator  
up to Floor 3, continue  
to next elevator bank  
and proceed back down  
to this floor (Floor 2).









WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014  
*Office call with  
The Honorable Pat Roberts,  
U.S. Senator from Kansas  
Washington, D.C.*

















WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2014  
*Welcome Reception in the  
Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel,  
Arlington, Virginia*





























































Medal of Honor





## IV

# THE MEDAL OF HONOR PRESENTATION CEREMONY

















THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2014  
*Medal of Honor Presentation  
Ceremony in the White House,  
Washington, D.C.*



























































































































V

## THE MEDAL OF HONOR RECEPTION





THURSDAY, 19 JUNE 2014  
*Medal of Honor Reception in the  
National Museum of the Marine Corps,  
Triangle, Virginia.*

















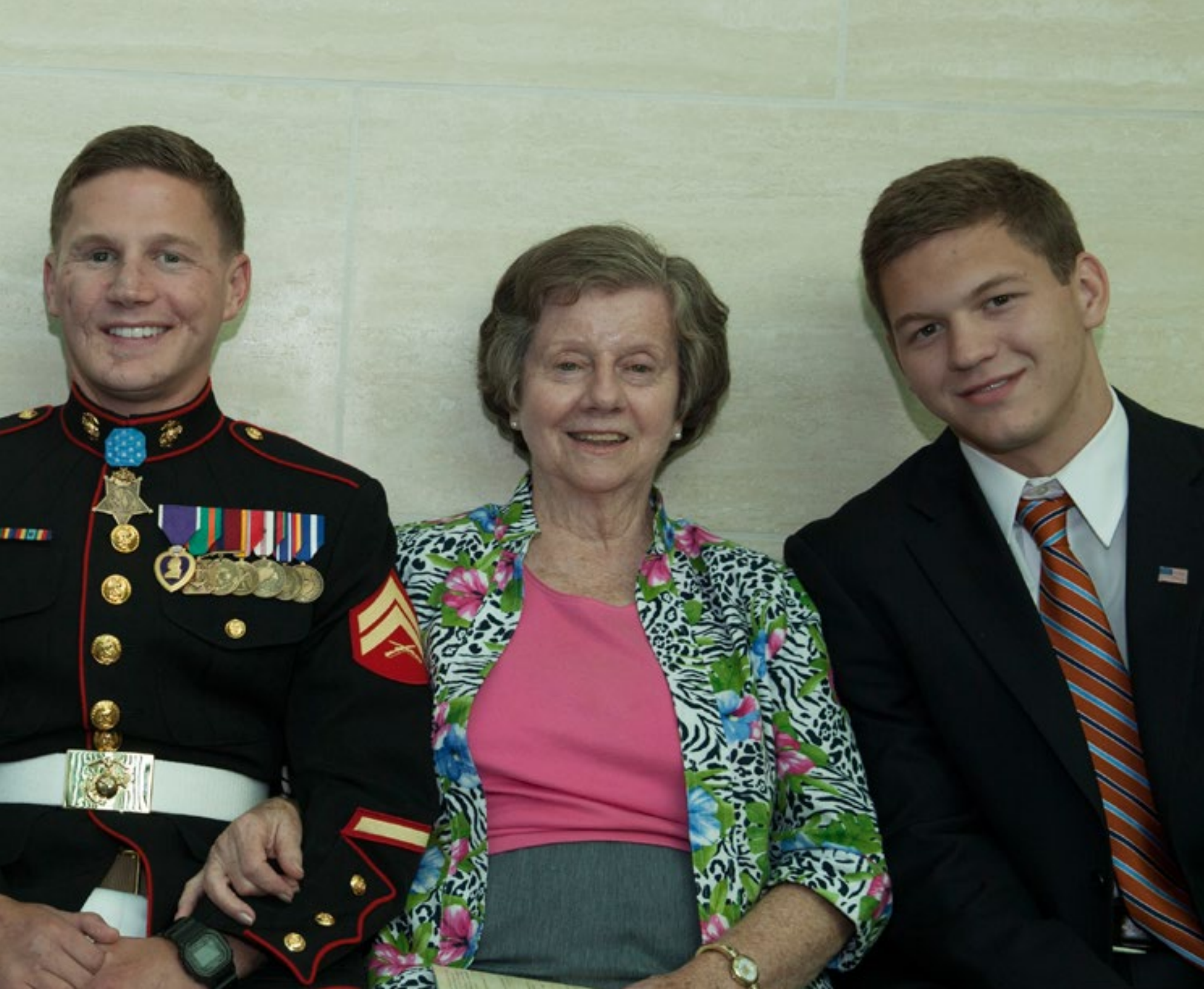




































## VI

# THE MEDAL OF HONOR FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY





FRIDAY, 20 JUNE 2014  
*Medal of Honor Flag Presentation Ceremony  
at Marine Barracks Washington,  
Washington, D.C.*

















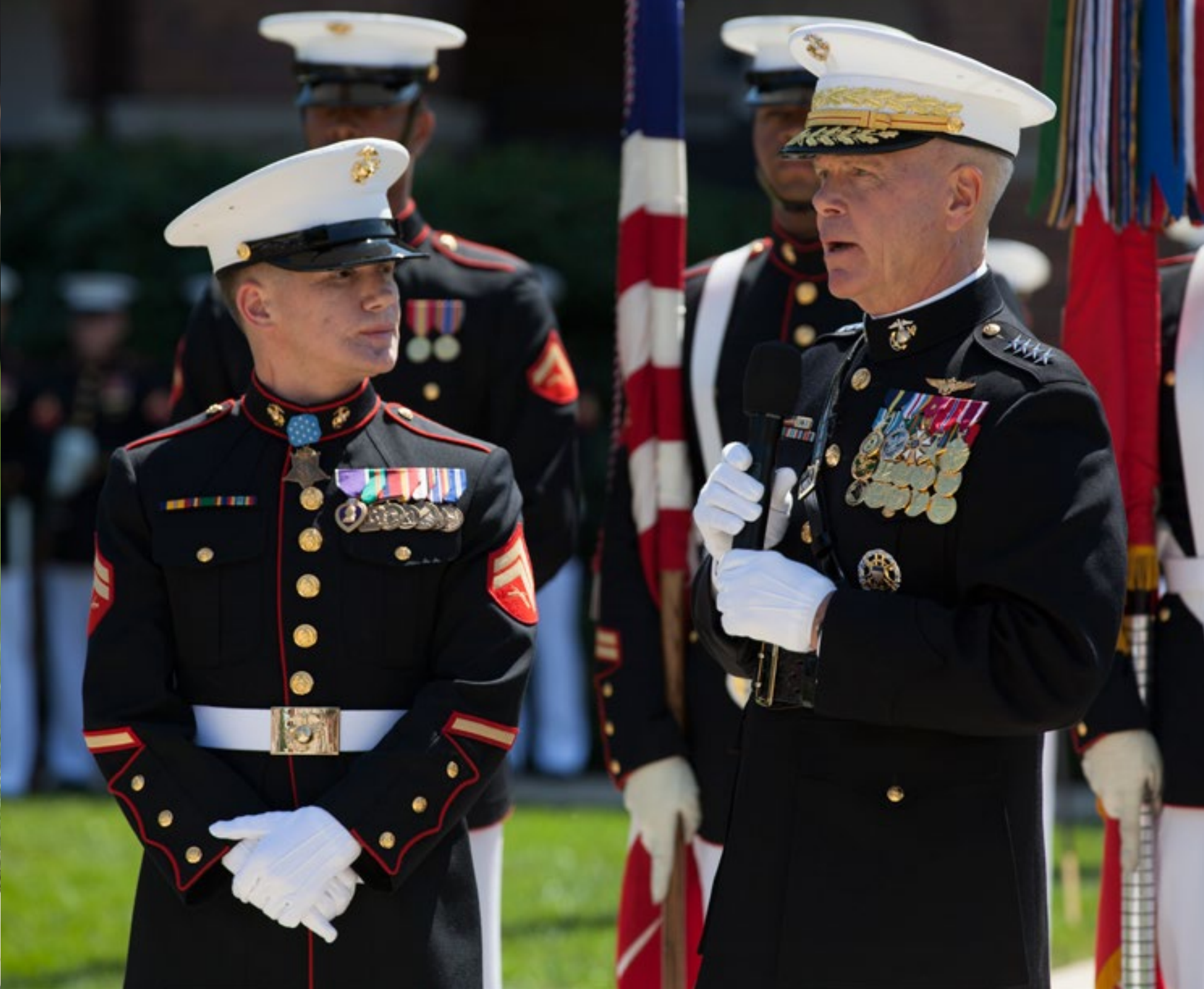












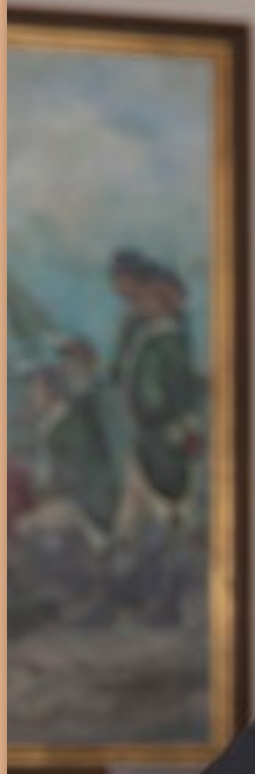














# AFGHANISTAN

- ★ Carpenter, William K., Lance Corporal, USMC ★
- Carter, Ty M., Specialist, USA
- Giunta, Salvatore A. Staff Sergeant (then SPC), USA
- Meyer, Dakota L., Sergeant, USMC
- Miller, Robert J., Staff Sergeant, USA
- Monti, Jared C., Sergeant First Class, USA
- Murphy, Michael P. Lieutenant, USN

## VII

### THE HALL OF HEROES INDUCTION CEREMONY





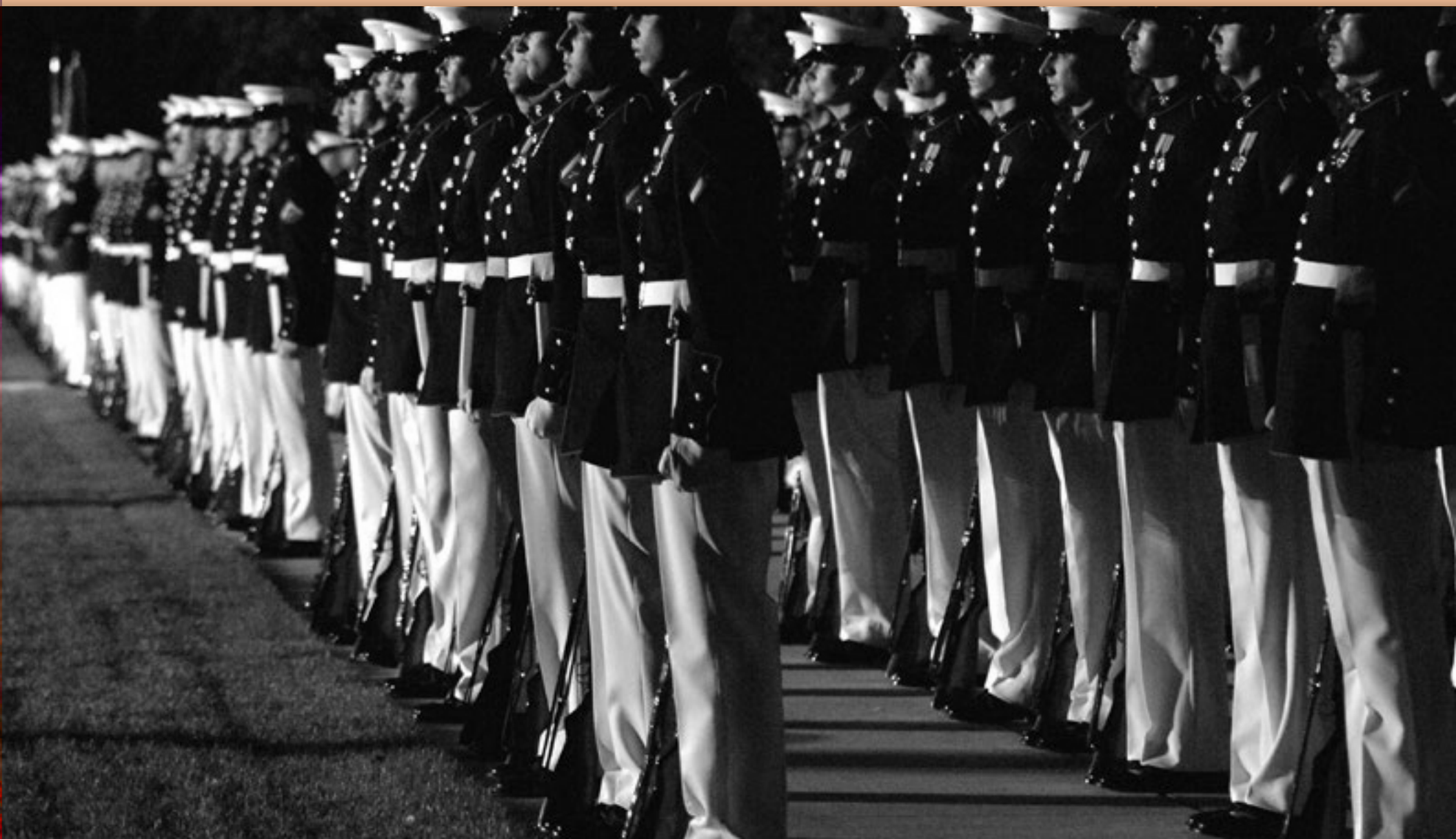












## VIII

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE EVENING PARADE





FRIDAY, 20 JUNE 2014

*United States Marine Corps Evening Parade with Guest of Honor:  
The Honorable, Mr. Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense  
at Marine Barracks Washington,  
Washington, D.C.*





















































































































































































































IX

CORPORAL KYLE CARPENTER'S  
MEDIA/ENGAGEMENT TOUR





SUNDAY, 22 JUNE 2014

*San Diego Padres vs.  
Los Angeles Dodgers game*

*First Pitch on the field  
& 3rd Inning Interviews*

*Talking baseball in the dugout with  
Padres Manager Bud Black*

*at Petco Park,  
San Diego, California*





















































































**MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2014**  
*Wounded Warrior Battalion-West,  
Camp Pendleton, California*

























MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2014  
*Base Theater,  
Camp Pendleton, California*

































































**MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2014**  
*Marine Corps Recruit Depot,  
San Diego, California*













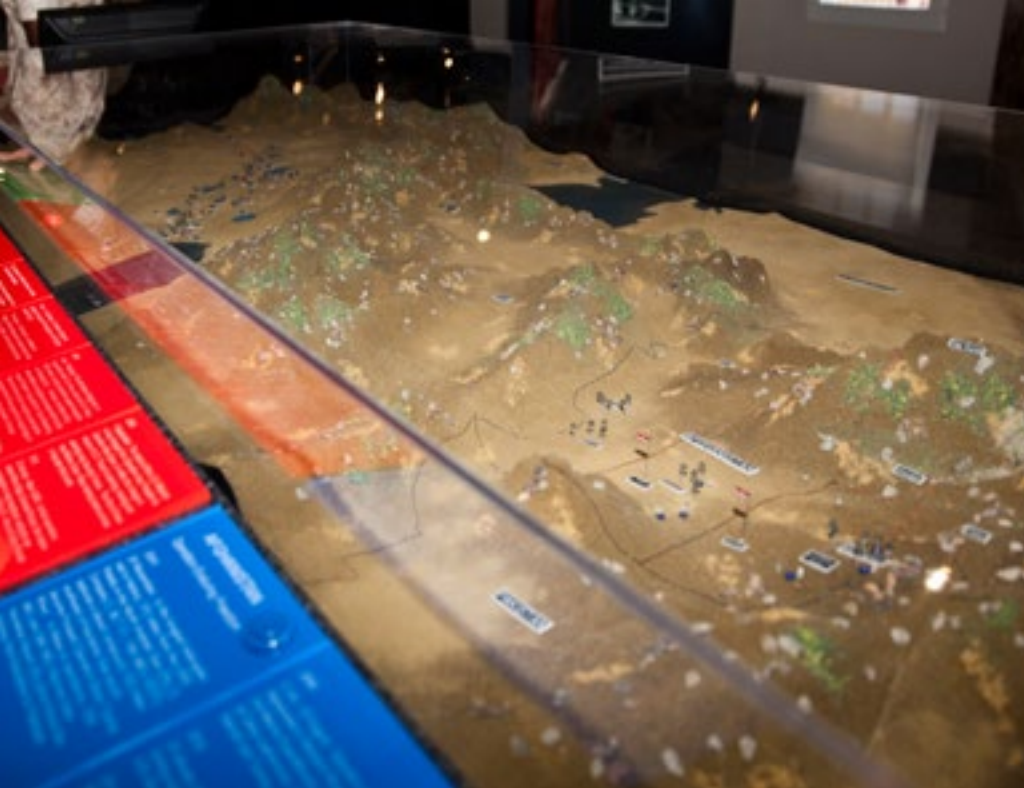
















MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2014  
*3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Evening Colors Ceremony,  
Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, California*













































TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2014  
*Rocky, The Musical*  
*at Winter Garden Theater*  
*New York City, New York*





























WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014  
*New York Stock Exchange*  
*New York City, New York*

















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*Q1 Brunswick Corp Raised to Buy from Hold by KeyBank Capital Markets									
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SYNE	-0.29							TRIN	.92
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UTL	+0.24	Bank						COMP	4,356.52
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WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014  
*9/11 Memorial,  
New York City, New York*

























WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014  
*9/11 Memorial Museum,  
New York City, New York*









**NO DAY SHALL ERASE YOU FROM THE M**





# MEMORY OF TIME

Virgil





WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014

*Freedom Tower*

*New York City, New York*









Alexander  
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THE HIXSON  
SERVING

Valle 11/1/13

July 11 2013  
NEVER FORGET  
CHRIS  
SPRINGER Nick  
PA-CO CENTS  
Blessings

MITCHELL  
BLOSKY  
5/10/14

Never  
Good

forget  
Shirley

Ross Jannick  
12/13

Danuel  
WARDING

USMC  
Fantastic  
Wade!

Tan Gragnano  
5/8/2014

Blessings  
to all who served  
11-12-13

EW LU  
USMC

SGT  
Name









WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014  
*The Late Show with David Letterman*  
*New York City, New York*





































WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014  
*New York Athletic Club  
and American Legion Reception,  
New York City, New York*













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LEGION  
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IN HONOR OF YOUR SERVICE TO  
OUR COUNTRY  
**Corporal W. Kyle Carpenter**  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB  
June 25, 2014





THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2014  
*Officer's Club,  
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina*









FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2014  
*Wounded Warrior Battalion-East,  
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina*





















FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2014  
V29 CP,  
*Camp Lejeune, North Carolina*





















FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2014  
*Wallace Creek Dining Facility,  
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina*









FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2014  
*2nd Marine Division Headquarters,  
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina*













FRIDAY, 27 JUNE 2014  
*Base Theater,*  
*Camp Lejeune, North Carolina*













X

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
MEDAL OF HONOR EVENING PARADE





FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST 2014  
*United States Marine Corps Medal of Honor Evening Parade  
at Marine Barracks Washington,  
Washington, D.C.*









































































































































































































*William* "Kyle" Carpenter was born in Flowood, Mississippi on October 17, 1989, and attended high school at W. Wyman King Academy, Batesburg, South Carolina, graduating in 2008. In February 2009, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at Recruiting Station Columbia, South Carolina, and completed his basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina, later that year.

At the time of his deployment in 2010 to combat duty in Afghanistan in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, he was a Lance Corporal serving as a Squad Automatic Rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, Regimental Combat Team-1, 1st Marine Division (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward).

In July 2013, he was medically retired as a Corporal due to his wounds. He is currently a full time student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

His personal awards include the Medal of Honor, a Purple Heart Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon. His other awards and decorations include the Navy Unit Commendation, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one bronze star, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal ISAF for Afghanistan, and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge.