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MARSOC Foundation Financial Information

In our first official year, the MARSOC Foundation has raised over \$240,000! Thank you to everyone who donated funds, time, ideas & feedback this past year!

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As of December 3, 2012:

The Foundation has paid out over \$53,000 in assistance to MARSOC personnel & their families so far this year. Direct assistance has accounted for 73.92% of our expenditures for 2012.

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The Foundation's operating expenses have accounted for 7.91% of total expenses. These expenses include the hosting of our website, postage, computer software, telephone/fax service, office supplies & accounting fees.

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Fundraising expenses from our Miles for MARSOC program have accounted for 12.19% of our expenses. These include advertising & race apparel costs. The Miles for MARSOC program brought in over \$56,000 this past year!

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The remaining 5.98% of our expenses are from our inaugural event held this past May, as well as the Scottsdale Gun Club Auction, which raised over \$31,000 for the Foundation.

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The Foundation will post its financial information annually on our website following the preparation of tax forms by a Certified Public Accountant. Please email the Foundation with any questions regarding our financial information at:

info@marsocfoundation.org.

Ride430 Raises \$50,000 for Foundation

On October 10, 2012, over 65 cyclists & their valuable support crew embarked on a 4-day, 430-mile journey from Scottsdale, Arizona to Camp Pendleton. Along the way, they encountered howling cross winds, below normal temperatures, & even a few rain drops, but this did not stop the determined group of amazing Americans from raising over \$500,000 total for three charities: the MARSOC Foundation, Semper Fi Fund, & Knights of Heroes Foundation. Cyclists came from all walks of life, from investment bankers to small business owners, active duty & retired military service members to a mother and son who had recently lost their son & brother, Staff Sergeant Sky Mote, while he was deployed to Afghanistan.



The Ride430 Team outside of DNA Cycles in Scottsdale, AZ, their starting point on their 430-mile ride

Cyclists and support crew all wore wristbands with the names of the 8 fallen MARSOC Marines & Sailors lost during July & August of 2012. Each time the riders & volunteers looked down at that wristband, they were reminded of the service & sacrifice each man made while fighting for his country, providing them with the strength & power for each & every mile of their ride. The team finished its 4-day journey at the hangar of HMLA-369 aboard Camp Pendleton.



Marcia Mote wearing her son SSgt Sky Mote's name tape on her jersey

Representatives from all three charities were present to receive their "big checks," & John Greenway, Ride430

founder, emphasized the importance of giving back to our service members & their families. The 2012 Ride430 created lifelong memories & will allow all three charities involved to continue to make a difference in the lives of service members & their families. Thank you to everyone who was a part of the 2012 Ride430!



Andy Christian, John Greenway, Joe Limer & Paul Thompson pose with "big check"



The team preparing to depart Scottsdale



The entire Ride430 Team at the Finish!

Haley Strategic Hosts Auction That Raises Over \$30,000 for Foundation



Travis Haley is a businessman with heart. After serving in the Marine Corps for over 15 years, Travis started his own business, Haley Strategic Partners LLC, to provide quality products & training related to arms & ammunition. After the losses suffered by MARSOC over this past summer, Travis wanted to ensure that the needs of these special warriors would continue to be met. He decided to hold an online auction for a customized shotgun & donate 100% of the proceeds to the MARSOC Foundation. The bids continued to climb with a final winning bid of over \$20,000! The interest in the auction prompted Travis to offer an additional shotgun to the bidder who was runner up! One online auction later, the Foundation received over \$31,000 in funds that will help our MARSOC warriors & their families. One person can truly make a difference. Thanks, Travis!

Honoring the Fallen on Veterans Day

In Northern California, two MARSOC Marines were honored in their home towns during the Veterans Day weekend. In Placerville, California, the Friends of El Dorado County Veterans Memorial dedicated a granite bench in honor of Staff Sergeant Sky Mote, who was mortally wounded on August 10th while deployed to Afghanistan. Sky's family & some of his fellow Marines took part in the ceremony that included a fly over of T-6 aircraft, presentations honoring Korean and Vietnam veterans, & guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Richard Crevier, Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines.



In San Francisco, California, St. John Armenian Apostolic Church hosted a Veterans Dinner in honor of Captain Matthew Manoukian, who was mortally wounded on August 10th while deployed to Afghanistan. Matthew's family attended the dinner along with 38 veterans & over 170 parishioners. Attendees heard of Matthew's story as well as stories from others who have served our country. Special emphasis was placed on educating the younger generation about service and sacrifice for our country.

Miles for MARSOC Athlete Raises \$18K & Runs 100 Mile Race

John Dailey, a retired Marine, wanted to give back to his MARSOC brothers who have given so much. As an avid runner, he decided to train for one of the toughest running races in the nation, the Grindstone 100, a 100-mile race through the mountains of Virginia with over 23,000 feet of climbing. While logging countless miles in preparation for the grueling event, John embarked on a fundraising campaign that raised over \$18,000 total. He not only went to friends & family, but also approached businesses for sponsorship. John recruited a large number of corporate sponsors including First Spear, Hydro Worx, Columbia River Knife & Tool, Pro Sol, 2XU, Thread FX, Knesek, Corps Technologies Group, Horizon Performance, Corsair Engineering, Professional Solutions, & Aptima Inc. He designed a race shirt that highlighted these companies & their generosity.



Thanks to his efforts on & off trail, John is our top Miles for MARSOC fundraiser to date! Way to go, John! We appreciate your hard work & dedication to the Marines & Sailors of MARSOC! Happy trails as you continue to conquer off-road racing in the future!

Neighborhood Turkey Trot Benefits MARSOC Foundation

On November 18th, the Mimosa Bay neighborhood in Sneads Ferry, North Carolina came together to raise funds & awareness for MARSOC families. The rain & wind didn't stop friends from donning their running shoes & sloshing through puddles in their 5K Turkey Trot. Runners received goodie bags & top finishers went home with pumpkin pies for their efforts. Kids were able to compete in a One-Mile Fun Run. This was a great example of an event that brought together a community for fun, friendship & a worthy cause. The 2012 Mimosa Bay Turkey Trot raised \$325 for the MARSOC Foundation. Those smiles speak volumes! Thanks, Christina Actis, for putting everything together!



Christina Actis & Jennifer Reneau, Race Directors for Mimosa Bay Turkey Trot

Miles for MARSOC Community Athletes Raise Over \$57,000 in 2012

The Miles for MARSOC program continues to grow & thrive as we round out 2012! Community athletes have raised over \$58,000 since the program began in early 2012! Athletes have competed in events ranging from 5 & 10K's to neighborhood Turkey Trots, 100+ mile cycling & running events, adventure races, & both half and full Ironman triathlons.

Derek Abbey, one of our Community Athletes, stated, "Where other organizations require a minimum amount to be raised, Miles for MARSOC acknowledges that any amount helps and is appreciated. This adds no extra stress to the process & leaves it up to the athlete to set their own fundraising goals, just like in their personal training." John Dailey added, "I decided that Grindstone would be the race that I would use to raise money & awareness for the Marine Special Operations Command (MARSOC) Foundation. During the hot coastal NC Summer months I trained knowing that our Marines in Afghanistan had it far worse then I did. Over the course of the summer, seven special operations Marines & one Navy special operations Corpsman died serving their country. The thought of their sacrifice & the ongoing efforts of all of our Special Operators provided the necessary motivation for my training; often topping 70 miles per week with solo runs of up to 30 miles on a Saturday followed by 20 miles on Sunday." Michael Montoya, who was part of the Marine Corps Marathon 10K team honoring Captain Matthew Manoukian replied, "It was not only an honor but cathartic as well to be able to participate in the 10K for such an honorable cause. This is definitely something we'd like to continue doing each and every year going forward. It really makes me happy to know that through the MARSOC Foundation we were able to make a difference in the lives of these Marines & Sailors as well as their families." The common thread in the feedback we have received from Miles for MARSOC Community Athletes is powerful & reiterates how participating in the program definitely adds meaning to a competitive event or athletic goal!

Would you like to become a Miles for MARSOC Community Athlete? Simply choose an event (or create your own), set a fundraising goal, & contact our secretary at schristian@marsocfoundation.org for details on setting up your fundraising page. Raise a minimum of \$2,000 & earn a race kit specific to your event (we have cycling kits, triathlon kits & running kits)! The MARSOC Foundation appreciates your support in helping raise both funds & awareness for our MARSOC warriors & their families!



Mike Montoya, Kimberly Baker, Shelby Thompson, Noah Miretsky & "The Predator" raised over \$15,700. They ran in honor of their friend Captain Matthew Manoukian, who lost his life while deployed in Afghanistan this past summer. The team ran in the Marine Corps Marathon 10K in October. Thank you for being a part of Miles for MARSOC!



Paul Marcy raised over \$4,300 in under two months! He competed in the SuperFrog Half Ironman Tri in Coronado, CA! Awesome job, Paul!



John Dailey ran in the Grindstone 100, a 101.85 mile adventure run through the mountains of Virginia, climbing over 23,000 feet! John raised over \$18,000 for MARSOC Marines/Sailors & their families by engaging corporations for sponsorship & through an amazing grass roots campaign! We truly appreciate your efforts, John!



Derek Abbey ran in the Twin Cities Marathon in October. He raised just shy of \$4,000 & hopes to race again for the MARSOC Foundation in 2013! Thanks, Derek!

Thank You To Our Donors & Volunteers

The MARSOC Foundation would like to express our deepest appreciation to:

Haley Strategic for conducting an online auction that raised well over \$30,000 for the Foundation! Congratulations to top bidders Michael "Fuzzy" Mauldin & Ben Ewing!

Ruckpack Combat Nutrition for continuing its "10% Back Pact" Program where 10% of their profits are donated to the Foundation.

The Free Wheel Foundation & all of the Ride430 riders, volunteers, sponsors & donors for making it possible to give the Foundation a check for \$50,000!

Engage Armament for donating a portion of their profits to the MARSOC Foundation.

Tom Peterson from Lemonstripe Marketing and Graphic Design of Wilmington, North Carolina for donating his time to help our Miles for MARSOC athlete Sage Goyda create his 40 Pounds of Sacrifice website!

Old Pueblo Gymnastics Academy of Tucson for donating the profits from their Veterans Day Kids Camp & matching that amount. Thank you, Randy & Alacia!

Ambrose Fisher for his very generous donation. Thank you, Ambrose!

St. John Armenian Apostolic Church in San Francisco for donating the proceeds from their Veterans Day Dinner to the Foundation. The dinner hosted a total of 38 Veterans on November 17th & was given in honor of Captain Matthew Manoukian.

Everyone who has contacted us through our "Get Involved" link on our website! We appreciate your support & will continue to keep you up-to-date on news & events!

To all of you who have visited our website, "liked" our Facebook page, followed us on Twitter, & emailed or called us wanting to learn more, thank you for your support! We truly appreciate everyone who has helped make 2012 an amazingly successful year for the MARSOC Foundation!



Please Join Our Holiday Campaign

This holiday season, consider giving the gift that gives back. Donate to the MARSOC Foundation on behalf of a friend or family member this year. Your gift recipient will receive a holiday card containing a hand-written note acknowledging your gift. Supporting Marine Special Operations Command Marines/Sailors & their families is a gift that won't be returned because it isn't the right size or color, it won't be put away on a shelf or in a closet or forgotten, & it will let MARSOC personnel know that people recognize & appreciate their service & sacrifice. Donations can be made at our website, www.marsocfoundation.org, or via mail. Please indicate your gift recipient's name & address, as well as your own (for online donations, please use your information for billing & recipient's information for shipping). Email our secretary with any questions at schristian@marsocfoundation.org. Thank you!



Join the Miles for MARSOC Project Black Team for the Leadman Tri-125 in Tempe on April 14th!

Do you have what it takes to join Team Project Black? Are you ready to swim 2.5K, bike 111.5K & run 11K through Tempe, Arizona, raising money & awareness for MARSOC Marines/Sailors & their families? Check out the Leadman Tri Tempe 125 at www.leadmantri.com. Accept the challenge & contact us (schristian@marsocfoundation.org) to find out how you can be a part of a "special force" of athletes & fundraisers, training and competing in honor of Marine Special Operations Command forces & their families! Special incentives for reaching specific fundraising benchmarks (including a cool race kit), pre-and-post-race festivities, & the great feeling you'll get from showing support for our MARSOC warriors & their families! Relay teams & individuals welcome! Registration discount code of 30% offered for Project Black team members! Join today!!



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MARSOC Foundation Progress Report

- Provided funding for etchings on MARSOC Memorial at Camp Lejeune
- Provided funding for wounded MARSOC Marine to participate in Project Walk, an innovative therapy for spinal cord injuries
- Provided travel funding for families of wounded MARSOC Marines enabling them to be bedside with their husband & son
- Brought family of fallen MARSOC Marine to USMC Birthday Ball
- Purchased equipment to allow wounded MARSOC Marine to continue rehabilitative treatment following combat injuries that resulted in spinal cord injury
- Sent active-duty Marines to memorial service for fallen comrade held on Veterans Day 2012
- Provided funding to transport personal vehicles of spouses of wounded Marines to temporary location while Marine undergoes medical treatment
- Committed to assisting wounded MARSOC Marine in his desire to compete in Ironman event to race in honor of his fallen comrade

Since the horrific events of 9/11, the demands on Special Operations Forces & their families have been unprecedented in our Nation's history.

Today, MARSOC is deployed in over 40 countries around the world. The average MARSOC Critical Skills Operator is away from home & family more than 50% of the time, either on deployment or out-of-area training. During their service to our country, they are often exposed to combat & other hazardous activities that can have immediate & lasting impacts. As demand grows for the unique services of MARSOC, so too does the need for benevolent support.

The MARSOC Foundation was established to provide benevolent support to active duty & medically retired MARSOC personnel & their families as well as to the families of Marines who have lost their lives in service to our Nation.

“Helping those who have sacrificed the most”

What You Can Do:

- Donate online at www.marsocfoundation.org or on our Facebook page
- Share this newsletter with others in your network
- “Like” the MARSOC Foundation on Facebook
- Encourage others to “Get Involved” on our website
- Become a Community Athlete in the Miles for MARSOC program
- Follow the MARSOC Foundation on Twitter
- Donate EBay proceeds to the MARSOC Foundation

Honoring Our Fallen Heroes



SSgt Sky Mote



Sgt Michael Roy



HM1 Darrel Enos



SSgt Nicholas Sprovstoff



SSgt Gregory Copes



Sgt Justin Hansen



GySgt Jonathan Gifford



Capt Matthew Manoukian



GySgt Ryan Jeschke



GySgt Robert Gilbert



HM2 Luke Milam



GySgt Daniel Price



Cpl Travis Woods



SSgt Christopher Antonik



SSgt Edgar Heredia



Capt Garrett Lawton



Capt Joshua Meadows



SSgt Charles Cartwright