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New Look for MARSOC Memorial at Camp Lejeune

The MARSOC Foundation was honored to provide funding to Marine Special Operations Command Headquarters in order to add "Spiritus Invictus" to the MARSOC Memorial. Spiritus Invictus translates to unconquerable spirit, a trait that is shared by all MARSOC Marines & Sailors. The MARSOC Memorial honors those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, having given their lives while serving our Country. The MARSOC Foundation is committed to providing funds to maintain the memorial and to date has been able to assist with adding the names of the eight brave MARSOC Marines & Sailors who lost their lives while on combat missions in Afghanistan during the Summer of 2012. A visit to the memorial is a powerful reminder of the service and sacrifice of the Marines Sailors and families of MARSOC.



El Dorado Hills Elementary School Dedicates Flag Pole to Honor Fallen Marine



The Foundation would like to share a letter that it recently received from Brian Hicks, William Brooks Elementary PTA President:

"Dear MARSOC Foundation,

My name is Brian Hicks, and I am the current PTA President at William Brooks Elementary School, located in El Dorado Hills, California. Last August, our teacher & parent community was deeply shocked & saddened when we heard that Staff Sgt Sky Mote was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan. Marcia Mote, Sky's mom, is a teacher at our school. There were many families that wanted to do something to help the Mote family and to honor Sky. An idea came up to refurbish our school's 50-year-old flag pole and dedicate it in Sky's name. The funds that were raised allowed us to strip and repaint the pole, and install a new brass plate that will forever honor the service and heroism of Sky. On November 30th, we had a dedica-

tion ceremony in front of the entire school study body, and a new U.S. flag was raised on the newly refurbished flag pole. The El Dorado Hills Fire Department & El Dorado County Sheriff's Department provided an honor guard & assisted in the flag raising. It was a great way to honor a true American hero. Due to the generosity of the families that donated to the memorial fund, & the fact that the labor to refurbish the flag pole was donated, we had money left over in the account established for the flag pole memorial. Russ and Marcia Mote asked that any additional funds be donated to the MARSOC Foundation. So included in this letter is a check that is to be donated to your organization in the memory of Sky Mote. We hope that this will help you to continue the great things that you do to support those who benefit from your assistance."

The MARSOC Foundation would like to thank everyone from William Brooks Elementary School - the staff, students, families - for their generosity and dedication to honoring a true American hero!

MARSOC Foundation Announces 2013 Events

The MARSOC Foundation is proud to announce upcoming events for 2013!

- * MARSOC Foundation will host a Friends of MARSOC Day on April 26th at 1st Marines Special Operations Battalion
- * The Free Wheel Foundation is hosting an Evening with the MARSOC Foundation on May 31st at the Scottsdale Gun Club: <http://www.freewheelevens.org/>
- * Dana Point Concours d'Elegance hosts their Orange County Collector Car & Motorcycle Weekend June 21st through 23rd, proceeds of which will benefit the MARSOC Foundation & two other military charities: <http://www.danapointconcours.org/>
- * NAIOP San Diego is hosting a Suitcase Hangar Party on July 19th at Palomar Airport to benefit the MARSOC Foundation: <http://www.sdsuitcaseparty.com/>
- * The Free Wheel Foundation is holding its sixth annual Ride430 Challenge October 9th to the 12th, which will benefit the MARSOC Foundation along with two other charities: <http://www.therideforsemperfi.com/>
- * The Miles for MARSOC Marine Corps Marathon Team will race in the 2013 Marine Corps Marathon October 27th in the Virginia & DC area, helping to raise funds & awareness for the MARSOC Foundation
- * RacENC holds the Croatan 24 on November 9th, with proceeds going to the MARSOC Foundation: <http://www.croatan24.com>



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Leadman Tri Project Black Team Gearing Up for April 13th!

We have had a great response to our call for Project Black Team Members to accept the challenge & race in the first annual Leadman Tri 125 on April 13th in Tempe, Arizona! Our team has a mix of relay teams & individuals, including MARSOC leadership, active-duty Marines, civilians, past Miles for MARSOC athletes & some of our friends from the Ride430.

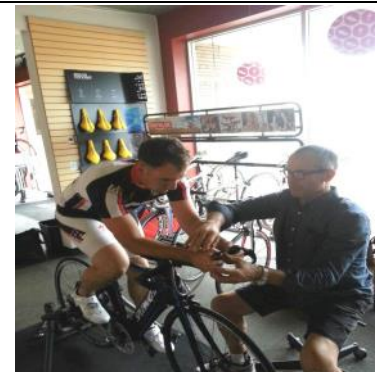


You may be wondering what the "125" means in the race title, right? Well, the race is a total of 125 kilometers (that's a little over 77 1/2 miles). Team members will be swimming 2.5K, biking 111.5K, & running 11K. The race directors at Lifetime Fitness have been very accommodating & generous, providing a team discount for Project Black Team members! The MARSOC Foundation would like to thank Casey Brown & Stephanie Weber of Lifetime Fitness!

So far, our team has raised over \$21,000 & are still going strong! We can't wait for race day & hope that Project Black will become a regular component of our Miles for MARSOC program! Please visit the team's fundraising website at: <http://www.active.com/donate/MARSOCProjectBlack>. You can learn more about the Leadman Tri race series at <http://www.LeadmanTri.com!>

MARSOC Foundation & B&L Bikes Get New Ride for Sergeant Brian Jaques

Sergeant Brian Jaques is on a mission. After being wounded in August 2012 while deployed to Afghanistan, Sergeant Jaques was looking for a way to honor his fallen MARSOC brothers as he rehabilitated from his injuries. He decided to compete in the 2013 Ironman Lake Tahoe along with Russ Mote, father of Staff Sergeant Sky Mote, who was killed during combat operations in Afghanistan in August 2012. The two will race in honor of Sky & his fellow fallen MARSOC Marines and Sailors. The MARSOC Foundation, thanks to the generosity of Mark Palmer of B & L Bikes Solana Beach, was able to provide a new Specialized triathlon bike for Brian to train and race in. B & L Bikes graciously provided Brian with additional equipment that will help him get ready for Ironman Lake Tahoe. The MARSOC Foundation wishes Brian & Russ the very best when they race this September! Thank you to Mark Palmer of B & L for your support & selflessness! We hope to see Brian on the road real soon!



Brian Jaques getting fitted on his new ride by Mark Palmer of B&L Bikes

Miles for MARSOC Community Athletes Start Out Strong in 2013

We are very excited about the continued growth and success of the Miles for MARSOC program! Our Community Athletes continue to amaze us not only with their athletic endeavors, but also with their selflessness and dedication to raising funds and awareness for the MARSOC Foundation! While January and February are considered off-season for most running, cycling and triathlon events, we are proud and honored to have eleven current Community Athletes who have races slated between now and the end of the year! As of mid-February, over \$8,000 has been raised so far! Community Athletes currently training, raising funds, and prepping for their upcoming events include:

Brian Von Herbulis, who will be competing in the Big Sur Marathon. Brian has already raised over \$1,700!

Arron Tschida has a number of races on his calendar for this year, including the Chicago Marathon. Arron has surpassed the \$1,000 mark and is on his way to \$2,000!

Jennifer Larson, Lara Boyer, Eric Cloutier, Jeffrey Quirin, and Jody Lynch have all recently joined the Miles for MARSOC program and have begun their fundraising campaigns! We wish everyone the best of luck in their training and fundraising efforts!

Would you like to become a Miles for MARSOC Community Athlete? Simply choose an event (or create your own), set a fundraising goal, & join the team by visiting <http://www.active.com/donate/MilesForMARSOC>! Please contact our secretary at schristian@marsocfoundation.org if you have any questions or concerns. Raise \$2,000 in donations & earn a race kit specific to your event (we have cycling kits, triathlon kits & running kits)! Make those miles more meaningful by joining the Miles for MARSOC team! We appreciate your support in helping raise both funds & awareness for our MARSOC warriors & their families!



Charles "Chunks" Padilla ran back-to-back Ultra Marathons in California over a two-day period in late January...that's 100 miles, folks! Chunks raised over \$2,500 in about two weeks! Way to go, Chunks! And we love the smile—after day two of racing!



Worth Parker ran 100 miles (yep, 100!) in the Graveyard 100 in North Carolina just last weekend! That's Worth on the left, holding the names of the MARSOC Marines & Sailors from the MARSOC Memorial Wall. His support chief, Chris, is on the right. Worth raised over \$4,600! Awesome job, Worth!

In December, Matt Trollinger ran in the Kiawah Island Marathon in South in December. He raised over \$6,600, helping the Foundation to end 2012 with a bang! Matt sought out donations from friends, family and local businesses! Thanks, Matt!



MARSOC Foundation Hears From Recipients of Assistance

The Foundation would like to share some of the thanks we have received from MARSOC Marines, Sailors and their families:

"The MARSOC Foundation was essential in starting the healing process and helping with the grieving process when our son was killed in combat. It was essential in connecting us with our son's unit and those he served with."

"The MARSOC foundation has been excellent as they have recently helped me with many travel arrangements to coordinate with families in the community. They are currently going to help me personally with the purchase of a bike so I can run an Ironman with a friend of mine's father. I could not be happier with my interaction and didn't even know organizations like this existed."

"This foundation is truly amazing! They know how much the MARSOC community sacrifices and they want to give back in ways that they can to help the MARSOC community! I have heard of so many ways that this foundation have helped the marines and it is unbelievable! I hope I'm able to somehow, someway, give back to this foundation as it will always hold a special place in my family's heart!"

"The MARSOC Foundation's continued support sends a clear message to the members of MARSOC & their families the value & appreciation you place on their sacrifices. We are truly thankful for the steadfast & faithful support that you have given us."

Thank You To Our Donors & Volunteers

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

- * William Brooks PTA for donating funds raised for their flag pole dedication to SSgt Sky Mote's family.
- * Mark Palmer of B & L Bicycles of San Diego/Solana Beach for assisting a wounded MARSOC Marine in obtaining a road bicycle & equipment.
- * Michael Solovey of Solovey Art & Jimmy Slaughter of V & J Laser Engraving for donating artwork for an upcoming event.
- * Glock USA, Smith & Wesson, Vickers Tactical, HammerFour, & US Tactical Supply for donating auction items for the upcoming event at the Scottsdale Gun Club.
- * Lifetime Fitness for their support of our Leadman Tri Project Black Team!
- * Dan Charlier & Christopher Schloeman of the World Financial Group for allowing the Foundation to speak to their employees about the MARSOC Foundation at their 2012 Gala Event.
- * NAIOP San Diego Chapter, Whole Foods and Westcore Properties for their generous end-of-year corporate donations!
- * The Free Wheel Foundation for its Scottsdale Gun Club Event & NAIOP of San Diego for its Hangar Suitcase Party, 2013 events planned that will benefit the Foundation.
- * Bullets2Bandages, Level Zero Heroes & Croatan 24, our current third-party fundraisers partners who are donating proceeds from sales/events to the Foundation.
- * FirstGiving for generously donating a one-year subscription to the Foundation.
- * Jeff Spellens and Rod Keller of Dana Point Concours d'Elegance for bringing the MARSOC Foundation on board as an official charity.
- * Haley Strategic for donating proceeds from their recent online auction, & Brandon Fuller for having the winning bid!
- * Recent EBay sellers who portions of their sales to the MARSOC Foundation: warriorwoundcare, thingstobuyauctions & greenmtngrain.
- * Everyone who participated in our 2012 Holiday Campaign!
- * Our Miles for MARSOC community athletes & Leadman Tri Project Black Team members for their outstanding efforts in raising funds & awareness for the Foundation!
- * To all of you who have donated, visited our website, "liked" our Facebook page, followed us on Twitter, & emailed or called us wanting to learn more! We truly appreciate everyone who made 2012 an amazingly successful year & appreciate your continued support in 2013!



Join Miles for MARSOC at the 2013 Marine Corps Marathon

Are you thinking of running the 2013 Marine Corps Marathon this year? Do you need a little extra motivation and want to race for something more than to beat a personal record? Please consider joining the MARSOC Foundation, an official Charity Partner! The Foundation has a limited number of race entries for the marathon, a race that has historically sold out within a few hours! Please visit our link at <http://www.firstgiving.com/MARSOC/2013-marine-corps-marathon> to register! Simply pay the \$99 registration fee & agree to raise a minimum of \$500 for the MARSOC Foundation! Whether this is your first or twenty-first marathon, the MARSOC Foundation wants you on our team! Our Miles for MARSOC Community Athletes of the past & present can attest to the great feeling you get from competing for a cause! You can earn a MARSOC Foundation technical t-shirt & visor to train & race in simply by reaching \$2,000 or more in donations. This is very doable, folks! We have had 18 of our Community Athletes reach & exceed this goal, some in as little as two weeks! Right now we have our youngest Community Athlete to date, Caleb Wilson, a 12-year-old Young Marine who has been "begging" his dad to run the Marine Corps Marathon. Caleb has aspirations of attending the Naval Academy & becoming a Marine Officer! Wouldn't you love to share the road with Caleb & his dad on race day? Register today!





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- Become a Community Athlete in the Miles for MARSOC program
- Follow the MARSOC Foundation on Twitter

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"

Honoring Our Fallen Heroes



SSgt Sky Mote



Sgt Michael Roy



Sgt Justin Hansen



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SSgt Gregory Copes



HM2 Luke Milam



Capt Matthew Manoukian



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