4th OF JULY 2013, MCITTA 11th GATHERING THEIR MONUMENT AND YOU?

[America's] glory is not dominion, but liberty. Her march is the march of the mind. (She) LIBERTY has a spear and a shield: but the motto upon her shield is Freedom, Independence, and Peace. This has been her Declaration: this has been, as far as her necessary intercourse with the rest of mankind would permit, her practice. (JOHN QUINCY ADAMS’ Address on U.S. Foreign Policy July 4, 1821).

MCITTA has reached a truly HISTORIC time in its short history. The monument to our fallen brothers will be dedicated with a Memorial Service on 8 October, 2013 during our 11th Gathering. What better time than the 4th of July when Independence was declared from England should we declare “We will not allow any fallen Marine to ever believe that they are The Forgotten Ones? Therefore, I encourage all of their fellow ITT Marines to stand tall and reach into your pockets and make the choice to attend the dedication of their Monument.

Our motto Semper Fidelis distinguishes the Marine Corps (bond) from all (any) others (.); it goes beyond teamwork – it is a brotherhood and lasts for life and beyond.

Latin for "always faithful," *Semper Fidelis* became the Marine Corps motto in 1883. It guides Marines to remain faithful to the mission at hand, to each other, to the Corps and to our ITT brethren, no matter what.  Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to carry on our Marine tradition and attend the dedication of their monument. Failure is not an option because it dishonors their devotion to duty and the heritage of MCITTA. Freedom is not free and our brothers paid the ultimate price.

Semper Fidelis

Vince Burdelski

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