



Hall of Fame



Montford Point Marine Association, Inc.

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Awards Committee

Montford Point Marine Association Inc.

Attn: National Award Chairperson

1stSgt Kenneth Crutcher USMC retired

Mr. Crutcher,

It is with great joy that I recommend the individuals in the attached for consideration for the noted Montford Point Marine Association Awards. I sincerely believe that each of these individuals has distinguished themselves in the performance of their duties for the greater good of the entire Association and they are deserving of the awards they are recommended for.

If any clarification is needed please contact me direct.

Respectfully submitted;

Joseph H. Geeter III

Master Gunnery Sergeant USMC retired

National President

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Hall-of Fame Nomination

For

MR. Louis Gossett Jr.

It is recommended that Louis Gossett Jr. be inducted into the Montford Point Marine Hall of Fame. When funding for our much anticipated documentary on the Men of Montford Point was approved the documentary team sought out an authoritative voice to bring the history of the Montford Pointers to the American people. At the very top of this list of individuals was Academy Award Winning Actor Louis Gossett Jr. Mr. Gossett received his Academy Award for portraying Gunnery Sergeant Emil Foley in the Major Motion Picture "An Officer and Gentlemen". When approached by our documentary team Mr. Gossett immediately agreed to be part of this important project. Our documentary film was previewed at the MPMA National Convention in Jacksonville NC in 2006 and Mr. Gossett personally attended this event. Not only did Mr Gossett attend but he spent a great amount of time with the individual Original Montford Pointers signing autographs and listening to their story. Mr. Gossett also graciously accepted our invitation to be the honor speaker at our National Banquet in Jacksonville, NC.

Mr. Gossett personally told me that his commitment to tell the story of the Montford Pointer would not end with this one visit. A man of his word, Mr Gossett returned to Camp Lejeune to be the feature speaker at the Marine Corps Base annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Mr. Gossett also personally attended the premier of this documentary film at the University of North Carolina Wilmington where he again spent quality time with individuals responsible for the making of this film and members of the Montford Point Marine Association. Our Documentary film premiered on 87 Public Broadcasting Station Markets in November 2007 and is currently on regular rotation for many PBS Stations particularly during the months of February (Black History Month) and November (Veterans Day and the Marine Corps' Birthday). Mr Gossett continues to be involved and engaged to tell the story of the Men of Montford Point and because of his personal dedication of his time millions of Americans are finally learning the story of these American Pioneers. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Mr Louis Gossett Jr. for inclusion in the Montford Point Marine Association Hall of Fame!
