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In Loving Memory
GySgt. Glenn J. White (Retired)
1/17/1927 - 1/29/2011

GySgt. Glenn Jimmie White (Ret.), 84 of Jacksonville died Jan. 29, 2011, at Onslow Memorial Hospital.

Viewing is from 12 noon til 4:30pm at Saunders Funeral Home and from 6 to 8 p.m. **Thursday at the Camp Johnson Memorial Chapel on Montford Point Rd.** Formal wake begins at 7 p.m. **Funeral services** are 12:00 noon, Friday, February 4, 2011 at the **New River Air Station Memorial Chapel on Curtis Rd.** Chaplain Rob McClellan officiating.

White was born January 17, 1927, in Longtown, SC. He was the oldest of eight children of the late John C. and Estelle White. White sharecropped and attended school in Longtown. He also attended Rock Hill Baptist Church. At 12, he relocated to Washington, DC where he attended Armstrong High School before entering into the U.S. Marine Corps on July 30, 1945 at Ft. Meade, MD. He completed his recruit training at Montford Point, a segregated boot camp established for blacks during World War II. From 1942 to 1949, the camp trained the first black men admitted in the USMC. These men are the Montford Point Marines.

While in training, White was baptized at the Montford Point (Camp Johnson) Chapel. Following boot camp, White reported to the South Pacific serving in Saipan, Tinian and Guam . Upon his return to the U.S., White reported to Great Lakes and was discharged in 1946. He returned to Washington and re-enrolled in Armstrong and Phelps High Schools . White re-enlisted into the Marine Corps in 1948. He returned to Montford Point and served in a casualty unit and later in motor transport. White's duty stations included Fort Memphis, Korea, Quantico, Camp Lejeune, Okinawa, New River Air Facility (New River Air Station) and Vietnam. White completed his military career at Montford Point where he served as a Motor Transport instructor. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1973 with 27 years of active duty service.

His military decorations included the Presidential Unit Citation 2nd Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Service Medal 9th Award, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal 2nd Award, Korean Service Medal 3rd Award, United Nations Service Medal for Korea, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

Following his military career, White was employed in the meat department at the former Tawara Terrace Commissary before launching an 18-year Civil Service career as a boiler operator aboard Camp Lejeune. White was a Christmas Cheer volunteer with the Salvation Army and life member of the Montford Point Marine Association, Camp Lejeune Chapter 10. White served as an usher with the Midway Park Memorial Chapel in the early '60s. During the '60s and until 1998, he also served as an usher with the Memorial Chapel aboard New River Air Station.

White was preceded in death by his wife the late Annie Pegues White. He is survived by his daughters Deborah-White Skelton of Washington, DC and Gina Francis of Jacksonville; son-in-law Demetric Francis of Jacksonville; sisters Atlay White Jefferson of Martinsburg, WV and Janice White Flannagan of Springdale, MD; brothers James Clinton White of Springdale, MD and Edward White of Washington, DC; brother-in-law and caregiver Walter Pegues of Washington, DC; grandsons Marcus and Andrew Skelton of Washington, DC; godchildren Tony, Alicia and Brittany Braxton of Jacksonville and Gaquinta Braxton Wallace of Quantico, VA and Patrick Paige of Lafayette, LA; aunts, an uncle and a host of relatives.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or The Montford Point Marine Memorial in honor of GySgt. Glenn Jimmie White (Ret.). The website may be found at www.mpmamemorial.com.
