

The CWO4 Vernon Leubecker Prize Essay Contest

CWO4 Vern Leubecker began his Marine Corps Reserve career in the S6 of a unit in Baltimore which was activated to serve in the Korean War. Following his deployment, he transferred to an Artillery Battalion, and later a Communication Company stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Upon release from active duty he rejoined the Baltimore unit which later was designated the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, MFR. After a few years as the Communications Chief, he was appointed a Warrant Officer. He served in that position on two occasions spanning a period of twelve years during which he reached the rank of CWO-4

His civilian career was also in the communications field. He retired in 1989 from Bell Atlantic, now Verizon, as a Division Manager. His responsibilities included the development and maintenance of Operations, Engineering and Revenue Accounting computer software applications for seven telephone companies. Coincidentally he earned a BS degree from the Johns Hopkins University.

He was extremely active in MCRA for 25 years, serving in numerous National Level Leadership positions.



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The annual Marine Corps Reserve Prize Essay Contest invites participants to answer the following question:

“With the current restructuring of the total force to support Force Design 2030, and the development of near peer capabilities around the world, what skill sets should the Marine Corps Reserve focus on?”

Instructions

The contest is open to all Marines, active and reserve, as well as Marine Corps veterans and retirees. Send your entry to Adam.Fullerton@USMCRA.org as an attachment. A cover page should be included identifying the manuscript as a Prize Essay Contest entry and include the title of the essay and name(s) of the author(s). Repeat the title on the first page. There will be a 1,800-word limit on all entries, exclusive of title page and reference page. Multiple entries are allowed, however only one may receive an award. Manuscripts will only be accepted digitally.

Prizes

First place is \$1000, second place is \$500, and third place is \$250. Each winner will also receive an engraved plaque. All entries are eligible for publication.



Deadline: 21 May 2022