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Press Release

## HALL OF FAME 2021 Mr. Elijah Abram

Elijah Abram has been a faithful member of the Association for over 40 years. He served as the National Vice President from 1995-2003 and National Quartermaster from 2003-2019 for a total of 24 straight years as a National Officer.

Elijah also served as the Beaufort Chapter President from 1991 to 2013. During his tenure he built an incredible team of leaders within the Chapter that went on to become National Officers.

- Reverend and retired Sergeant Major James Moore who went on to serve as National Chaplain for nearly 20 years.
- MSgt Carmen Cordoba served as National Public Relations Officer and established the first newsletter.
- MGySgt Gilbert Taylor who served as the National Public Relations Officer and is currently the National Webmaster. MGySgt Taylor has also been the go-to person for the scholarship Journals, flyers and other media for the last 20 years.
- MGySgt Joseph Geeter who went on to hold National Office as; Quartermaster, National Vice President, National President, National Public Relations Officer, Regional VP, Legislative Officer and is currently serving as the Philadelphia Chapter #1 President.

Through his leadership and the Beaufort Chapter, the National Website and National Membership cards were established. Elijah also started the Beaufort Jazz Social in 1999, and an Awards Luncheon to recognize deserving members and community supports in the Beaufort area. These events continue today.

In 1998, Elijah arranged for Montford Point Marine Staff Sergeant LaSalle Rogers Vaughn to work with the Parris Island Band director to have his song "I'll take the Marines" put to a Marine march. This song premiered at the National Convention in Louisville. In 1999 Elijah met with the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina for logistical support to host the National Spring Council. This Spring Council is regarded as the most successful in the Association's history. The Montford Point Marines formed a platoon and marched across the sacred Parris Island Parade deck used for recruit graduation.

Additionally, Elijah had a vision to have Montford Point Marines record their story on video and he arranged the recording with Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort SC to record the history of the three Montford Pointers from the Beaufort Chapter.

The longevity of the Beaufort chapter can be traced directly to the leadership of Elijah to have a diverse membership of Active and Retired Marines from all branches of service.

Throughout his more than 40 years of membership and service as a National Officer Elijah Abram has recruited top talent for our association and has selflessly given his time, talent and treasure to ensure the legacy of the Montford Pointers is preserved.

Because of his commitment to service, Elijah Abram was inducted into the Nation Montford Point Marine Association Inc. Hall of Fame.

