

MCDSA COOKOUT



SATURDAY, 18 May, 2019

Location: The property of GySgt Roger and Mrs. Penni Eddington –
1217 Hwy 172, Holly Ridge, NC 28445

Time: 1200 – 1800 (Silent Auction, Raffle and
50/50 Drawing at 1630 (tentative))

Price per person: \$20.00

Menu: Applewood Smoked Pig, Fish, Shrimp, Clams, Clam
Chowder, Frogmore Stew
Salads, Beer, Soda, Iced Tea, Water and Deserts.

What to bring for personal comfort:

- Lawn Chairs (if desired, tables and chairs will be on site)
- Private Coolers (if you bring your own special beer)
- Sunscreen
- Camera
- Hat
- Silent Auction donation items (All proceeds go to Red Book)

Road Trip!!!

2019 MARINE CORPS DISTINGUISHED SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION (MCDSA) COOKOUT

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the late Capt. Frank E. Hensel USMC (Ret) and Capt. David A. Luke USMC (Ret) were brainstorming and discussing some ways of bringing new members into our Marine Corps Distinguished Shooters Association (MCDSA). Capt. Hensel suggested that it would be a good idea for the association to gather at Camp Lejeune, NC during the Marine Corps Matches (MCM) since the largest concentration of "new" shooters would be there. Captain Hensel knew that visiting the "hard holders" on the ranges during the competitions and inviting them to join us at a "cookout" for some chow, to rub elbows, and to just "shoot the breeze" would be a great marketing tool that would surely raise awareness of our association to the new competitors...thus was born a new tradition...the MCDSA Annual Cookout!

Then up stepped Retired GySgt Roger and Penni Eddington. Roger's father, then Cpl Harold R. Eddington became a Distinguished Marksman in 1964, and as you can imagine, Roger himself grew up around some pretty hard holders, the smell of gun powder, and the Marine Corps Competition-in-Arms Program (CIAP). FYI, Roger is also Frank and Joann Kruk's nephew. Because of these special connections, Roger and Penni volunteered to host our very first cookout at their home in Holly Ridge, NC. The following year (2014), Roger and Penni hosted our cookout again at their new home along the New River, and then again in 2015, and 2016.

Unfortunately, the next year the ranges at Stone Bay had to undergo a major upgrade, and HQMC decided to move the 2017 MCM's to the ranges at WTBN, Quantico, VA. Since the MCM's were moved north, we also shifted our 2017 Annual Cookout to Quantico. As most of you know, the weather at Quantico in April can sometimes be quite brutal, and in 2017 it was cold, wet, and muddy. We held the cookout under the new pavilions on Range 2, and although it was a decent turnout, I'm sure the weather kept a lot of folks away. We also held our East Coast Banquet at Paddy's Irish Pub (photos are available on our website – marinedsa.org or

marinedsa.com). Because of the extent of the range overhaul at Stone Bay, the MCM's were again held at Quantico in 2018. We polled our membership, and by popular demand, it was decided to move the cookout back to Roger and Penni's house on the New River in Sneads Ferry. We also decided on the last weekend in June as the date for the event. We had a great turnout, but it was quite warm, so...**WHAT'S UP FOR THIS YEAR???**

The 2019 Marine Corps Matches will again be held at Quantico, VA from 1 thru 19 April, but due to the overwhelming feedback received from our membership, your board voted to hold our 7th (6th annual) MCDSA Cookout a little earlier in the year to try to beat the heat. This year, our cookout will once again be hosted by Roger and Penni, but because of the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence, they will be hosting us on one of their other properties in **Holly Ridge, NC on 18 May 2019** from 1200 - 1800 ±.

RSVP to Danny Burke, email: b12daniel@aol.com or text to 540-287-3833.

IMPORTANT! WE NEED RSVP'S

(Guests and children w/ages) to properly plan food, drinks, and entertainment. We've increased turnout every year, and this year is no exception.

COOKOUT LOCATION:

The address for the 2019 MCDSA Annual Cookout will be: **1217 Hwy 172, Holly Ridge, NC 28445**. Directions from Stone Bay: Turn left onto NC 210, turn right at the light onto NC 172, drive till you see the big boat on the right in the yard in front of the green "A" frame. If you reach Rt 17, you've gone too far (turn around and go approximately 2000 ft and look for driveway on the left). Roger and Penni have hosted our cookouts five of the last six years. We help, but they put forth a tremendous effort to pull this off. Our association cannot thank Roger & Penni enough for their unselfish devotion our organization!!!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR WORKING PARTIES!

(Contact Danny Burke @ 540-287-3833 if you would like to volunteer)

COST: The cost of the Cookout will be \$20.00 per person and includes all food and drinks. There will also be a Silent Auction and several raffles throughout the afternoon. **If by chance you have any items that you no longer use and would like to donate to the auction, it will help fund the publication of the 2nd Edition of the Red Book.** We've had many donated items – shooting gear, paintings, holsters, ammunition...you name it, and someone just might like to have it for themselves. All proceeds will go directly toward "The Red Book - The History of Marine Corps Competitive Marksmanship". The first edition was printed in 1961 and covered from 1901 - 1959. This second edition will cover from 1960 to 2010.

DOD DECALS: The bases here in the Camp Lejeune area are no longer issuing or requiring a base decal to gain access to our bases. Any active, retired, or dependents I.D. will be shown to the sentry and access will be granted. Vehicle Registration: 910-449-5513

PICTURES: A NOTE FROM YOUR

TREASURER: To all shooting team members. Please bring any Marine Corps Shooting Team photos you may have to the cookout. Your MCDSA is organizing an historical photo data base. I will be bringing a photo scanner, and all photos will be scanned and returned to the owners that same day. Please identify all photos so they can be returned to the owner. Semper Fidelis! Joe Moreno.

LODGING:

QUALITY INN & SUITES, 1565 Hwy 210, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460. The normal daily rate is \$223.35 + Tax, but we have negotiated a **MCDSA Group Rate of \$150.00 + Tax per night** for any night from 16-18 May 2019. **When booking, remember to use the Code: "MCDSA" for the Special Group Rate**, and you must book your room(s) **NLT 25 April 2019**. Our POC at the Quality Inn and Suites is Annette - 910-327-8282. She said the hotel would honor additional nights if anyone wanted to come earlier, or stay a bit longer to play golf, go fishing, take in the sights, or whatever, but you need to make those arrangements when you make your reservation. Book your room(s) early if you think you will be able to attend, as we only blocked 10 rooms. The entrance to the Quality Inn is on N. Shore Drive immediately following the entrance to the North Shore Golf and Country Club.

WEB SITE FOR ONSLOW BEACH RESERVATIONS:

<http://www.mccslejeune-newriver.com/beach/accommodatons/>

OTHER LODGING IN THE AREA:

HAMPTON INN, 1248 NC-210, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460 - 910 327-5555 see website.

SEAWARD INN, 1122 Hwy 210, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460 - 910-327-0469 (may be under construction)

TOPSAIL SHORES INN, 1325 Hwy 210, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460. 910-685-0969

MCB CAMP LEJEUNE HOSPITALITY INN: 910-451-3041.

NEW RIVER AIR STATION (VOQ/BEQ):

Newriver.vog@usmc.mil 910-449-5024 (option 2).
Address: 705 Flounder Rd, MCAS, New River, Jacksonville, NC 28540 (Rooms starting at \$35.00 per night – suites available).

CLNC PHONE DIRECTORY:

www.lejeune.marines.mil/.

SPECIAL NOTE: Members that will be arriving using the airlines, check the flights carefully. It may be cheaper to fly into Raleigh, NC and rent a car, than to fly into Jacksonville, NC.

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