

"REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE, HONOR THE LEGACY"



## Founding of the Marine Scout Sniper Heritage Foundation

- June 2021 The idea for a Scout Sniper War Memorial is born
- May 2023 Marine Scout Sniper Heritage Foundation established
- June 2023 MSSHF receives 501(c)3 designation from IRS
- January 2024 Tim Parkhurst appointed as founding President
- March 2024 Eleven-member MSSHF Board of Directors appointed

## **Tim Parkhurst (Founding President, MSSHF)**

- Former President, USMC Scout Sniper Association (4 Years)
- Former Director, USMC Scout Sniper Association (6 Years)
- 26 Year Career as a United States Marine (Master Sergeant, Retired)

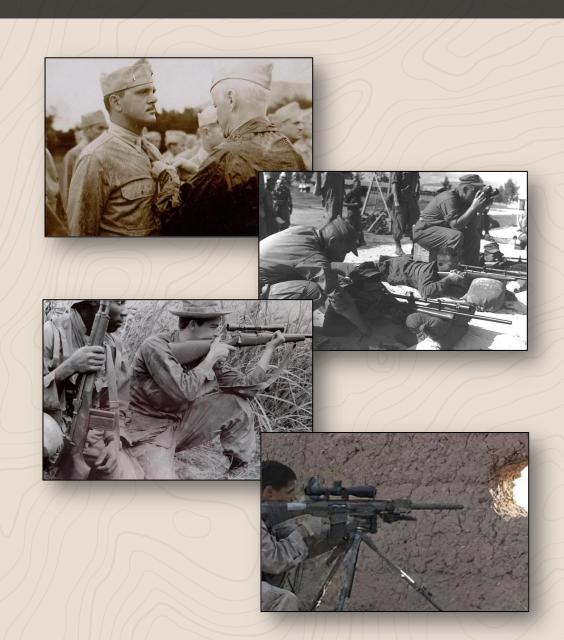




### "REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE, HONOR THE LEGACY"

The mission of the Marine Scout Sniper Heritage Foundation is to remember the sacrifices and honor the rich history and legacy of Marine Corps Scout Snipers. The foundation hopes to accomplish this through a three-pronged approach:

- Researching the long and complicated history of the Marine Corps Scout Sniper program, much of which has been lost or misplaced for decades.
- Honoring those who served as Scout Snipers and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation by erecting a suitable memorial in their name.
- Immortalizing the legacy of Marine Corps Scout Snipers through published works and ongoing educational efforts.

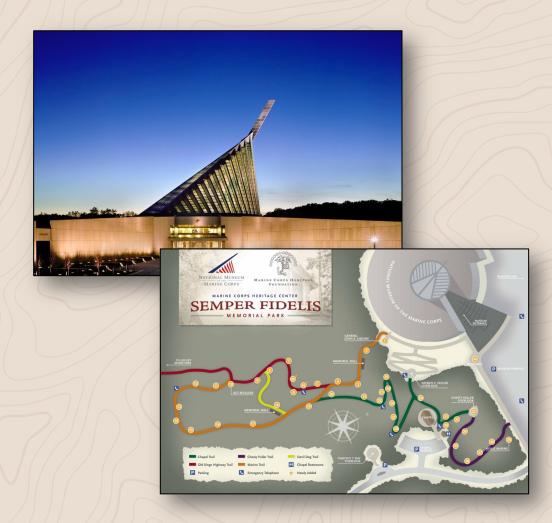




#### SEMPER FIDELIS MEMORIAL PARK

The foundation will establish a "Marine Scout Sniper War Memorial" in partnership with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the National Museum of the Marine Corps to honor those who served as Marine Corps Scout Snipers and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation.

- No such monument currently exists for the Scout Sniper community; this would be the first of its kind.
- Placement within the hallowed grounds of the Semper Fidelis
  Memorial Park would have the "Scout Sniper War Memorial" join
  dozens of monuments that honor the contributions and sacrifices
  of Marines throughout the 249-year history of the Marine Corps.
- Coordination with the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the National Museum of the Marine Corps is already underway to identify and secure the perfect location within the memorial park.



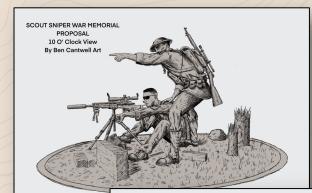
Semper Fidelis Memorial Park is currently undergoing expansion. The proposed "Scout Sniper War Memorial" will be placed in the new expansion area.

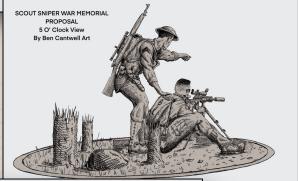


#### SCOUT SNIPER WAR MEMORIAL CONCEPT

For most of the modern era, the Marine Scout Sniper Team has consisted of two men - a shooter and an observer. We will depict the two-man team in heroic-scale bronze in the classical figurative style.

- The observer will be portrayed as a Marine Scout Sniper from the World War I era to represent the program's foundation and honor our storied history.
- The shooter will be portrayed as a Global War On Terror (GWOT)
  era Marine Scout Sniper to represent the program's final days and
  provide an appropriate bookend to a legacy that spans more than
  105 years.
- The positioning of the figures is intended to evoke the symbolism every Marine is familiar with in the cake-cutting ceremony of the Marine Corps birthday celebration, where the oldest Marine passes knowledge and experience to the younger generation.









#### PROGRESS TO DATE

Marine Scout Sniper Heritage Foundation has made extensive progress on the design of the memorial, archival research to identify those we intend to honor with it, and the assembly of a world-class team to build it.

- The initial concept seen here has been thoroughly vetted and socialized throughout the Scout Sniper community and our internal stakeholders.
- We have identified the origin date of Marine Scout Snipers as February 1918.
- We are honor-bound to identify every Marine who
  ever served as a Scout Sniper to fulfill our promise to
  remember their sacrifice and honor their legacy.
  To that end, we have identified more than 139 Marine
  Scout Snipers killed in action, and more continue to
  be added as our relentless research agenda
  progresses.





#### **OUR TRUSTED PARTNERS**

Over the course of the past year, MSSHF has assembled a "Dream Team" to build the Marine Scout Sniper War Memorial. In addition, we developed partnerships with various institutions that can help in our ongoing research and educational efforts.

- Master Sculptor Sabin Howard
  - www.sabinhoward.com
- · Architect, Eric Kerke
  - www.erickerke.com/about
- Contractor, Grunley Construction, Rockville, MD
  - www.Grunley.com
- Marine Corps Heritage Foundation
  - www.Marineheritage.org
- Marine Corps History Division, Archives Branch
  - www.usmcu.edu/Research/History-Division/
- Leatherneck Magazine
  - www.mca-marines.org/magazines/leatherneck/
- Carolina Museum of the Marine
  - www.museumofthemarine.org/

















#### MASTER SCULPTOR SABIN HOWARD

Sabin Howard is a classical figurative sculptor based in New York City. He is a board member of the National Sculpture Society, with sculpting experience spanning a range of projects. He recently completed work on the National World War I Memorial that will be unveiled in Washington D.C. on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

- Sabin has a deep connection to the Marine Corps, with family members who served in combat in Operation Enduring Freedom
- Sabin met with our Scout Sniper community during our 2023 reunion and immediately demonstrated the skill and understanding required to sculpt the "Scout Sniper War Memorial"
- See Sabin's website at www.sabinhoward.com



Sculptor Sabin Howard in front of the sculpture, "A Soldier's Journey" – January 2020





#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

The Marine Corps Scout Sniper Heritage Foundation is seeking support:

- We must raise ~\$5 million dollars to fund the full construction of the war memorial and complete the research needed to have a full accounting of those Marine Corps Scout Snipers who made the ultimate sacrifice.
- We need assistance hosting high-yield fundraising events to contribute to this
  effort, whether they are black-tie galas, long-range shooting experiences, or
  friendly golf tournaments. We can make the event happen, but we need wellconnected patrons who, rather than opening their own checkbook, would be
  willing to open their rolodex to help fill the room with the right people to donate to
  our cause.
- Please help us get the word out! We will be frequently publishing information about our history and our current efforts via most major social media channels and would always appreciate a like, share, or repost to expand our reach!
- Finally, we would be immeasurably grateful for any donations to our foundation.
   All event proceeds and other donations will go directly to our war memorial effort and will go a long way toward ensuring we can appropriately memorialize our fallen brothers to <u>remember their sacrifice</u>, and honor their legacy...



# THANKYOU



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