



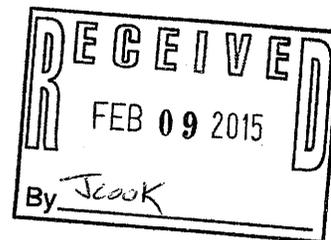
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Mr. Jeff Meilbeck
Interim Manager, City of Flagstaff
Flagstaff City Hall
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Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Dear Mr. Meilbeck:

In accordance with Resolution 2001-73, we are writing to you with a proposal for renaming the Flagstaff Recreation Center, located at 2403 N. Izabel Street, the "Hal Jensen Memorial Recreation Center." Sadly, Hal Jensen passed away on October 6, 2012 after many years of giving back to the community of Flagstaff. This letter will serve to present his lifetime record of "long term unconditional service to the community", including his outstanding volunteer contributions in Flagstaff since his family moved here in 1978.

Harold "Hal" Jensen, II was born and raised in Eugene, Oregon, where his sense of community service was instilled in him by his family. During the summers of World War II, he served as a U.S. Forest Service fire fighter. He also helped roll bandages for the Red Cross, assisted his father in plane lookout, participated in U.S. War Bond drives and collected items essential to the war effort. Having given up a basketball scholarship to Oregon State University to join the United States Marine Corps in 1948, he rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant and later served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968.

Hal retired as a Major from the Marine Corps in 1974 after over 26 years of distinguished service and accepted a position as the Senior Military Instructor for the Marine Corps Junior ROTC program at Tuba City High School. In 1978, he moved his family to Flagstaff, where he worked for Golightly Tire Company, and then went into the real estate business until his retirement. He encouraged his family to be active in the Flagstaff community, setting an example himself as an avid hiker and marathon participant, as well as a supporter of many Flagstaff events and non-profits.

*Benefiting Local Charities including Flagstaff Community Toys for Tots,
the Wounded Marine Program, and Flagstaff Youth Program*

He was a charter and life member of the Marine Corps League, San Francisco Peaks Detachment #912 from its incorporation in 1995. Hal had a deep interest and passion for the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program, and he worked tirelessly through the Marine Corps League and the Detachment's Marine League Charities programs to establish Flagstaff Community Toys for Tots here in Flagstaff. In its very first year (1995), the Detachment held three Christmas parties – at Killip and South Beaver Elementary Schools, and the Hotel Monte Vista - and distributed 3000 toys to 1000 deserving children.

On June 1, 2005, Hal Jensen and Jim Cullen were recognized and received "The Chapel of Four Chaplains" award for raising community awareness of the need for cooperation among all people through the Flagstaff Community Toys for Tots Program. This award is given to those who "model the giving spirit and unconditional service to community, nation and humanity." Previous recipients include Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, James Carter and Ronald Reagan, as well as deserving military personnel, veterans and civilians that exhibited those same characteristics.

Since its inception, the Flagstaff Community Toys for Tots program has continued to expand and thrive annually in our community, spurred on by Hal's continual reminder: "Every child deserves a Christmas." In 2011 – Hal's last year of participation before his death – 14,749 toys were distributed to 9,633 needy kids, and that performance continues to grow, thanks to dozens of hard-working volunteers who have been indelibly inspired by the tireless example set by Hal Jensen over many years of devoted service.

In recent years, Hal served as Vice President to the Board of Marine League Charities (MLC). In that leadership role, he contributed countless hours in support of the Board's impressive charitable programs. In addition to Flagstaff Community Toys for Tots, Hal actively participated and garnered community support for:

- **The Flagstaff Youth Program**

Established to provide financial support to youth arts, academics, and sports programs of Northern Arizona and to fund in part community summer youth programs, this MLC initiative contributed over \$9000 to Flagstaff youth for these activities in 2011.

- **The Coconino Community College Scholarship Fund**

This fund provides an annual \$1000 scholarship for the benefit of Marine veterans and/or their sons and daughters to be used in the pursuit of an Associate Arts/Science Degree.

- **The Wounded Marine Program**

This program provides activities and funding for Wounded Marines and for relatives and friends visiting wounded Arizona Marines during their hospitalization and convalescence at the various Naval Hospitals and Wounded Marine Barracks throughout the country. Funding is also provided for activities and for relatives and friends visiting members of the other U.S. Armed Forces as funding permits.

- **The Marine Relief Program**

This program funds and supports local Marines and former active duty Marines and their families when a need arises.

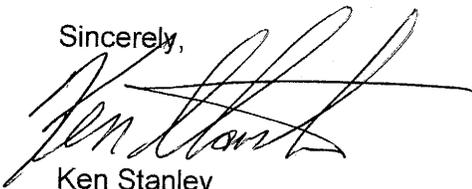
Hal's friends remember him fondly as a determined and creative fund raiser. His leadership and tireless efforts were key in the development of the annual "Raffle Party" at the High Country Conference Center, the major fundraiser for Flagstaff Community Toys for Tots. His gentle demeanor earned him the friendship and respect of potential contributors who quickly became supporters of MLC's various programs. And when it came to recruiting volunteers, apparently no one could ever tell Hal "no"!

The loss of Hal Jensen has left a significant void in the Flagstaff volunteer community. Always humble, Hal quietly devoted his life to providing help for those in Flagstaff who needed it most. Notably, he exhibited a unique, extraordinary commitment to the young people of our town. It is for that reason that we propose The Flagstaff Recreation Center be renamed "The Hal Jensen Memorial Recreation Center" in honor of his devotion to Flagstaff's youth.

The approval of this proposal would have no financial impact to the City of Flagstaff. All signage requirements and commencement ceremonies would be paid for by Marine League Charities.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ken Stanley
President, Marine League Charities Board

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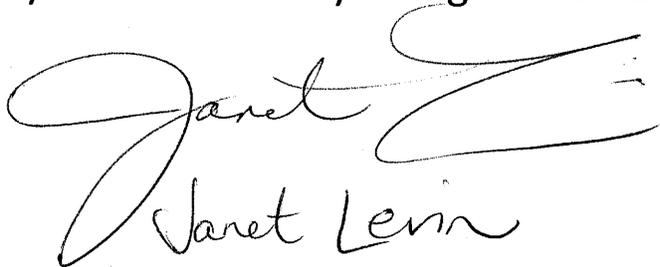
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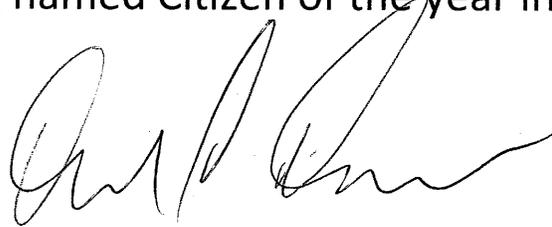
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David McCormick', written in a cursive style.

DAVID MCCORMICK



AN AMERICAN HOLIDAY TRADITION

Christmas is a time of joy, happiness and goodwill. It is a time of giving and helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves, especially impoverished children. For the past 67 years, one organization – the U.S. Marine Corps – is the unchallenged leader in looking after America's needy children at Christmas.

In 1947, Major Bill Hendricks – with the support of members of his Los Angeles Marine Corps Reserve Unit – collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. Bill's program was so successful that in 1948, the U.S. Marine Corps adopted it and expanded it nationwide as the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. In the intervening years, Marines have conducted 67 successful campaigns, collecting and distributing over two hundred million plus toys.

The program has enjoyed the support of an array of notable Americans. Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo. Nat "King" Cole and Peggy Lee recorded the Toys for Tots song. Bob Hope, John Wayne, Brooke Shields, and Johnny Carson are but a few of the long list of celebrities who have used their time and talent to promote Toys for Tots. Former First Lady Barbara Bush served as the honorary national chairperson in 1992 and in her autobiography named Toys for Tots as one of her favorite charities.

Today, Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps' premier community relations program. For many Americans, Christmas isn't complete without the image of uniformed Marines collecting and distributing toys to needy children of their communities. Distributing an average of seven million toys annually, Marines bring the joy of Christmas to nearly three and one half million needy children each Christmas.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHRISTMAS