

## **Major Hubert “ Gene” Duncan**

- **There are close to 40,000 stories at Q N C**
- **My Son Eric,**
- **Men - Women**
- **Generals, Sgt. Majors, Privates, Seaman and Airman**
- **Medal of Honor Recipient**
- **A Marine Lt. Col. that was held captive and murdered by Pro-Iranian Terrorists**
- **many that lost their lives on the field of battle**
- **many more that returned home safely**
- **or were never put in harm's way but**
- **THEY ALL SERVED**
- **Today I want to remember one individual, behind us, in sec. 10A grave 243**
- **Born November 3, 1931 died February 14, 2011 after a long fight with cancer**
- **Enlisted in USMC 1950 at age of 18**
- **Served in Korea with 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. 5<sup>th</sup> Marines**
- **And was later Honorably Discharged as a Staff Sgt.**
- **He served in Marine Corps Reserve until 1961 when he returned to active duty as a 2<sup>nd</sup> LT.**
- **He served 2 combat tours in Vietnam where he was wounded twice, the second time very severely, it was these wounds plagued him for the remainder of his life.**

- He retired from active duty as a Major in 1979
- After his retirement, Major Hubert “Gene” Duncan began a second career that included a weekly newspaper column, he authored and published 12 books and was a motivational speaker.
- Often referred to as the Mark Twain of the Marine Corps.
- Gene was publicly praised by then Commandant, General Al Gray for his contribution to the Marine Corps and was presented with a Certificate of Commendation that reads in part,
- “Through his wisdom and serious thought on topics such as ethics, honor, leadership, and moral courage, he not only captured the heart and soul of the Marine Corps but successfully imparted to a new generation of Marines its most valued traditions.”
- During Operation Desert Shield he appealed directly to the Commandant to be returned to active duty. It is said that his application was still being considered when Desert Storm ended.
- To say that Gene Duncan was an interesting and dynamic individual would be a gross understatement. I had the pleasure of his company on 2 occasions, neither am I likely to ever forget.
- President Ronald Reagan once said that “many people go through life wondering if they have made a difference, Marines don’t have that problem”.

- **Gene Duncan made a difference both on and off the battlefield.**
- **Invitation to anyone with a story of a loved one**