



the LANTERN'S LIGHT

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Spring is upon us, and the MPSAA is ramping up for the Spring Fling coming up on Saturday, April, 27th. Included with the event this year, we will have a few walls full of pictures, several photo books, and a photo booth to continue to create memories.

This year we will have a supper option available for folks that want to come down and catch up before the event. Details will be on our website by March 15th. Our premium gift (the coin) will also be available for pickup at the Fling. I look forward to seeing everyone at the event.

Also coming up this Spring is the Many Point Staff Alumni Work Party. The crew that has been keeping the event alive would like to see

some fresh faces. This is a great time to give back to Many Point, as well as, get some fresh Many Point air before the summer kicks off.

This Spring, we will continue capturing photos. If you have photos of your time at camp, please email or call Al Boyce. Lastly, we are continuing to look for folks that want to get engaged. If you are interested in carving some of your time out to help with mailing parties, being on sub-committees or even more, feel free to contact me. We'd welcome your help.

Until we meet again at the Spring Fling, enjoy the rest of winter....spring can't come soon enough!

-Mike Kuklok, MPSAA President

The Dedication of Voyageur Beach Lieutenant Charley "Tuna" Turner, USN

TO: BOY'S Life Magazine
FROM: Chris Turner, Senate Research
(296-4350)
DATE: July 12, 1991

Dear Sirs:
I have been informed that you are interested in doing a story about my brother, Lt. Charley Turner. That is very flattering, particularly as my entire family has been involved in the Boy Scouts for years and myself and my three brothers all grew up reading your magazine. I have outlined the basic facts about Charley below. Myself, my two older brothers, my parents and Charley's friends would all be happy to speak with you further and provide photos. If necessary.

Charley was born August 3, 1961, the youngest of four boys. We grew up in Richfield, Minnesota, taking every opportunity we could to head up to northern Minnesota to hunt and fish. We all went into cub scouts, then boy scouts. My mother was a den mother and my father a scoutmaster. Michael, Mitchell and myself all became

Eagle scouts. Charley, wanting to be his own man, came within one merit badge of Eagle and then stopped. We all worked as counselors at Many Point Scout Camp in northern Minnesota. Mike and Mitch, who are identical twins, worked at camp from 1969 to 1972. I worked there from 1973 to 1975, and Charley worked there from 1976 to 1982. Charley was one of the best counselors to ever work the camp, and one of the most well liked. He was a program aide, a commissioner, and, in his last years, a waterfront director. His empathy with children and teenagers, his enthusiasm, his natural teaching abilities, his knowledge of the woods and scouting skills and his sense of humor were unparalleled. Testimony to this is the fact that over 100 former camp staffers attended his funeral last March, and the camp is renovating and renaming the beach he directed "Turner Beach."

Charley attended the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1984 with a B.A. in European History. (continued on page 2.)

Upcoming Events

Saturday April 27, 2019
Spring Fling
Turtles, Shakopee, MN
7:00PM

Weekend—May 15-19, 2019
Alumni Work Party

Weekend— May 31-June 2, 2019
Work Party

Weekend August 23-25th, 2019
MPSAA Campout @ Ten Chiefs

Check out our Events
on mpalumni.org.

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He applied for placement in the Navy's Air Officer's Candidate School in Pensacola, was accepted, and in May of 1985 received his commission as a U.S. Navy Officer. He attended flight school in Pensacola, and was assigned to fly the A6-E Intruder, the navy's premier carrier based attack plane, as a bombardier/navigator. He was attached to squadron VA-155 (the Silver Foxes) based out of Oak Harbor, Washington. He loved what he did.

With the onset of Desert Shield on August 2, 1990, we were more concerned about Michael than Charley. A navy doctor, Michael was sent with one of the first Marine brigades to Saudi Arabia. Thankfully, he was rotated home for medical reasons in November. On December 8, 1990, Charley shipped out for the Gulf aboard the carrier U.S.S. Ranger. The enclosed excerpts from his diary, will tell you more about how he felt about the war and his role than I can. He and his pilot were shot down the evening of January 18, 1991, after completing a bombing mission over the port facility of Umm Qasr, Iraq. He was listed as missing in action until March 13, 1991, when the Iraqi government



turned his 'remains over to the International Red Cross. This ended two months of hope 'that he was either a POW or evading the enemy on the ground. He and his pilot, Lt. Tom Costen of St.

Louis, were both awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, naval aviation's highest honor.

Charley was married with a five month old son when he shipped out. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He was a naval officer, a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend. He served his country well and is as fine an example 'of what the Boy Scouts of America are about as I can think of. He would be flattered that you are interested in his story.

Sincerely,

Chris L. Turner.

Charley's Journal

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My 29th birthday was the day before yesterday and my life is just beginning with my beautiful newlywed wife and newborn son. My excitement level is rising with current events yet I am not a fool. Combat may very well await me on this upcoming cruise and I yearn to prove my skills and training in the arena. Yet I've always known that the only glory in war is in surviving. And oh how much I have to survive for these days. Everything about my family life is wonderful. Yeah, I love what I've got and I don't want to lose it but my duty calls and irrational as it may sound, I may have to put it all on the line in the name of duty to my country. That is really a silly and romantic thing to say but such cliches are what makes a good movie, and I'd hate to disappoint anyone. If Saddam were smart none of this would be necessary.

To Be Continued...

PHOTO CALL

Over the past few months we have been collecting staff photos on the MP Alumni FACEBOOK page. If you have any to share please log on and add them . Our board has created an album for EVERY year. Simply upload to the proper year (or the closest year). This has been a wonderful way to reconnect with old staff and share stories from years past!



IN-THE-SEARCH: MANY POINT HISTORY CENTER IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Original Staff Lanterns Tags
2. Staff neckerchief slides made or worn at Many Point.
3. Many Point Staff neckerchiefs.
4. Many Point memorabilia (Key fobs, pen, coins, medallions, coffee mugs)
5. Many Point "pre - Loon" patches. (We have the big patches)
6. 1930s-1940s Fishing plugs/lures
7. Kitchen items used in 1930s cabins (pots/pans, ice tongs, ice picks, lanterns,
8. Pictures of early water craft (canvas canoes, Wooden rowing boats,
9. Lost logging artifacts (boom chains, cant hooks, railroad spikes
10. Early Scout manuals, Scout books, signed books given to Many Point in 1947-1948, etc.)

If you would like to donate any of these items please Contact Doug Palmer at 952-831-5006.



2019 MANY POINT STAFF ALUMNI

SPRING FLING

**SATURDAY
APR. 27, 2019**

**TURTLE'S 1890
SOCIAL CENTRE**

**SHAKOPEE
MINN**



\$10
ALL STAFF, FAMILY & FRIENDS INVITED
VISIT MPALUMNI.ORG FOR DIRECTION, PARKING, LODGING



SPRING FLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

Mark your calendars for this amazing event. On Saturday, April 27th, the MPSAA will hosts its annual Spring Fling in the historic downtown Shakopee at Turtles 1890 Social Centre.

Optional Plated Dinner with your closest friends prior to the Evening Social.

Amazing food, awesome activities, and great fellowship.

Details on the event will be posted on our website, Facebook, email and future newsletters. Don't miss it!

- Cost \$10 a person
- 7pm to Midnight
- Family and Friends Invited
- Awesome food and appetizers included
- Cash Bar
- Photo Booth
- The Wall of Photos
- Drawing for MP Memorabilia
- Will have premium coins available



Alumni Work Party

This year's Many Point staff alumni work party will be May 15-19, 2019. Mark your calendar and we hope you can join us. We will not be building chairs or tables this year, but have other suggested projects to work on. If you have other suggestions, let us know.

History Center

- * General cleanup (vacuum, dust).
- * Small housekeeping repairs, including:
 - Complete loon patch collection;
 - Camping award patches (1940-1950's);
 - Glenn Wallace picture and biography.
- * Launder Scout uniforms that are in the displays.
- * Do an initial sorting/filing of Many Point history donations and collections.

Gaylord's Lodge

- * Wash windows.
- * Kitchen cleaning (clean cabinets, sharpen knives, etc.).
- * Repair screen doors as needed, and other minor repairs.

And, of course, a warm fire in the fireplace and good conversation!

If interested, email Dave Price at d.garrett.price@gmail.com. Give us an idea of what days you plan to be there so we can get a rough meal count. Please confirm by the beginning of April, or right now if you want.

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Your gift today (in any amount) will impact the strength of the You can designate how your contribution will be used on the contribution form enclosed with this letter.

