

CAROLINA MUSEUM OF THE MARINE



Honoring Carolina Service Master Sergeant Joe Blick, USMC (Ret)

Navy Cross Recipient | Onslow County Resident | 21 Years of Distinguished Service

This month, Carolina Museum of the Marine proudly honors Master Sergeant Joe Blick, a decorated combat veteran and longtime resident of Onslow County whose legacy reflects the very leadership, service, and character we strive to preserve.

Master Sergeant Blick served in the United States Marine Corps for 21 years, retiring in 1969. Over the course of his distinguished career, he earned multiple commendations, most notably the Navy Cross—the United States Navy's second-highest award for valor in combat. The Navy Cross is awarded for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, and Master Sergeant Blick's actions exemplified that standard.

Though many details of his service remain humbly unspoken, his valor, leadership under fire, and lifelong dedication to his fellow Marines stand as an enduring example for the next generation. After retirement, he made his home in Onslow County, where he

continued to embody the Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment until his passing on December 20, 2022 at the age of 92.

We are proud to recognize Master Sergeant Joe Blick as a true Carolina Marine whose service helped define the legacy our Museum is built to honor.

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