

Howlin' Mad Smith Detachment of the Marine Corps League Scholarship 2008/09 Stewardship Visit

My Dear Friends with the Howlin' Mad Smith Marine Corps League Detachment,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the Distinguished Service Award presented to me at your meeting on June 20, 2009. I am extremely honored and humbled by the receipt of this award. I cannot accurately express through words the magnitude of the impact this award has had on me, but I will do my best to convey to you how I feel.

My work at UAB is extremely rewarding. It is my pleasure to serve as a liaison between the University and our donors, and it is incredibly satisfying to see students who might not otherwise be able to afford a higher education pursue their dreams thanks to individuals like you who have a desire to help others. The Howlin' Mad Smith Detachment of the Marine Corps League Scholarship is a critical source of funding for Marines who attend UAB, and being able to serve the Detachment and these outstanding Marines in this way is a true privilege. Thank you for giving me this opportunity and for supporting our Marines at UAB.

For those of you who do not know, my father-in-law, Ralph Powell, was a Marine who served in World War II. He was a member of the 2nd Marine Division and served at Saipan and Tinian. Although I never had a chance to know him personally, I know through his wonderful family the kind of man that he was, and he was a Marine through and through. For this award to be presented to me on Father's Day weekend means a great deal to me and makes me feel closer to him. I know he was smiling down on me when the award was presented.

I love the United States of America, but being short in stature and weak as a kitten, I never thought I would be able to serve my country in any capacity. To know that the work I do on behalf of the Marine Corps League is recognized by you as a distinguished service in the interest of our country and all Marines is more gratifying than anything I have experienced in my life. I have shown my award to everyone with whom I have come in contact since it was given to me, and I am proudly displaying it in my office for all to see.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your generosity, your love for others, your willingness to help our Marines in so many ways through all the Detachment's outreach efforts, and for this Distinguished Service Award. My warmest thoughts and wishes remain with each of you.



Warm regards,

Daphne

On June 20, 2009, Commandant Walter Williams presented Daphne Powell, UAB Director of Stewardship, with a Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Award for her dedication to the Detachment in raising funds to help meet the needs of Marines who are students at UAB. Pictured left to right: Walter Williams, Daphne Powell, and George Lawson.