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**Lynn A. Bolte, Detachment Commandant**

**Columbia River Detachment #826 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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## **Valentines wanted: 104-year-old Iwo Jima Marine veteran wants one thing this Valentine's Day**

By Andrea Scott, Marine Times

A 104-year-old Marine veteran is hoping to add to the memory collection on his bookshelf this year by asking the public near and far for Valentine's Day cards.

California resident and native retired Marine major Bill White spent 30 years in the active-duty Corps, he told KTXL.

His bookshelf already is full of memories he is proud of, he told KTXL — including the Purple Heart medal he was awarded after leading Marines under heavy Japanese fire during the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II — but the retired Marine major wants more.

"I'll save every one of them like I've been saving little things that have come up until right now and they'll be a personal part of my history," he told KTXL.

Valentine's Day cards can be sent to:

### **Operation Valentine**

ATTN: Hold for Maj Bill White, USMC (Ret)  
The Oaks at Inglewood 6725 Inglewood Ave.  
Stockton, CA 95207



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**Newsletter Editor—Marine Pete Thornton**

**Meeting 2nd Thurs of Each Month: 1900 @ Elks Lodge 823, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd. Vancouver WA 98683-5203**



## FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDANT

**Greetings from your Commandant,**

**Our new year has come ready or not! I have been looking forward to 2020 since 1964 in high school when I wrote a speech on what it would be like in the year 2020. Not quite like I envisioned it! Ha!**

**Our last detachment meeting was attended by a lively group and a lot of discussions were brought up. Under old business, we were happy to fill the vacancy of Detachment Chaplain. Doc. Toby Clairmont requested that he could be both Judge Advocate and Chaplain. The body present quickly agreed that would work out fine.**

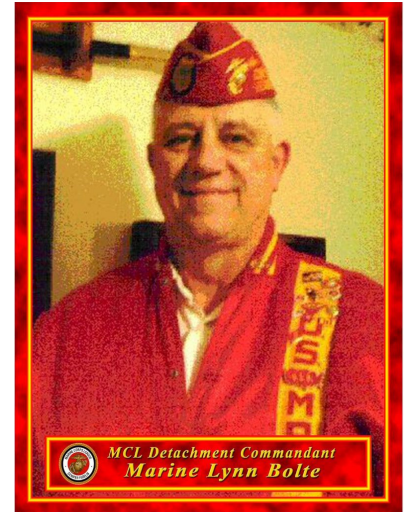
**Marine Bill Hauser and John Stofiel are working on a fund raiser at a local golf course. Good luck and hoping it works out and we get a lot of support from the detachment.**

**Our next detachment meeting is 13 February 2020 at 1900 at the Elks Club.**

**Next Lewis and Clark Pound #225 Growl is 8 February 2020 at 0900 at the Mill Creek Pub in Battle Ground.**

**Best wishes in the new year and good health to all. Go out and recruit new members!**

**Semper Fi,  
Lynn Bolte, Commandant**



***“The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!”***

***Eleanor Roosevelt***

**IMPORTANT— OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE  
1900 - 13 FEBRUARY 2020, AT THE ELKS CLUB, VANCOUVER.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



## Corps increases time-in-service requirements for sergeants and staff sergeants, revamps re-enlistment

By: Philip Athey, Marine Corps Times

In an effort to increase experience of non-commissioned Officers, the Marine Corps is preparing to increase the time-in-service and time-in-grade requirements for promotion to Sergeant and Staff Sergeant.

Starting in January, the Corps is doubling the time-in-service requirements for Marines looking to be promoted to Sergeant from 24 months to 48 months. For Sergeants looking to be selected for Staff Sergeant, time-in-service requirements will increase from 48 to 60 months, while time-in-grade will be bumped from 27 months to 36 months, according to a recently released MARADMIN.



This change also adds a two-year commitment requirement for promotion to Staff Sergeant.

“We need to get back to historical norms,” Col. Christopher Escamilla, branch head for the Manpower Plans, Programs and Budget section for Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, told Marine Corps Times in an interview Wednesday in Quantico, Virginia.

Historically it’s the four-year-mark plus or minus where you become selected to Sergeant and for right now we are trending to be less than that - for some MOS’s quite less than that,” Escamilla said.

The move also is meant to standardize how long it takes to become a Sergeant or Staff Sergeant regardless of how low the cutting score is for any particular military occupational specialty. So, when a Marine comes across a Sergeant, they will know that Marine is someone who has spent at least four years in the Corps and has some level of expertise in their field.

“I’m a Sergeant but I’ve only got three years of experience, what’s the difference between me and a Corporal with three years experience? I’ve got an extra chevron,” said Col. Samuel Cook, the enlisted assignment branch head at Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Marines who genuinely become experts in their MOS before the time-in-service requirements for Sergeant or Staff Sergeant will still be eligible for meritorious promotion, Escamilla said.

The change makes the promotion process “more focused on experience and having that no-kidding subject matter expert at the tactical level,” Cook said.

In addition to standardizing what it means to be a Sergeant for Staff Sergeant the Marine Corps said this change would help reduce the turnover at the two ranks by only promoting those Marines who have re-enlisted or made additional time commitments to the Corps.

Roughly 38 percent of Sergeants left the active-duty Marine Corps within 12 months of being promoted, Escamilla said of fiscal year 2019.

By changing the requirements to 48 months - the same length of the standard enlistment contract - most Marines would have to re-enlist in order to be promoted to Sergeant while on active duty.

Cook said the change would prevent Marines with no intention of re-enlisting from becoming Sergeants, providing more promotion opportunities for Marines who have re-enlisted.

While the MARADMIN did come out with more strict promotion requirements, it also included changes to the re-enlistment process that seek to make the process easier for bright Marines in the hopes of improving retention.

“We’re not talking just an average tier one individual,” Escamilla said. “We’re talking the top tier guy that the CG and Sergeants Major chain recognize and identify, this is the guy or gal that we want to keep.

*Old Breed? New Breed? There’s not a damn bit of difference so long as it’s the Marine Breed*

*Chesty Puller*



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY  
COLUMBIA RIVER UNIT**



**Brunch/Meeting, January 11, 2020**

**Lisa's Country Kitchen**

**In attendance: Karen Baste', Jeanette Bolte, Patti Kuhar, June Lasch, Karen Wheeler.**

**Patti gave the treasurer's report. Patti donated her expenses for the VA Veterans Christmas Project. Patti and her husband, Chuck, delivered the gift bags along with scarves of the Veteran's choice. The bags and scarves were very well received.**

**We netted \$109.00 on the Scarf Project. We donated the remaining 110 scarves to Open House Ministries who were very appreciative to receive them. Since we did not do very well selling the scarves at the Hockinson Bazaar this year, we will not be repeating it for next year. There seemed to be a trend this year at bazaars of lots of lookers, but very few buyers.**

**Due to the rising cost of purchased snacks for Child Protective Services, a motion was made by Karen Wheeler to add \$15.00/month to the budget for OLA. Patti seconded and the motion was passed. To cover the cost of this motion, another motion was made by Patti to move \$300 from the VA Clothing Project (which is in limbo right now) to the General Fund. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**If any of you have ideas for fund raisers, please let us know.**

**Next meeting is February 8, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Lisa's Country Kitchen.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeanette Bolte, President**





## COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT #826,

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Elks Lodge #823 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98683-5203

Minutes of 9 January 2020



**OPENING CEREMONY: 1900**

**INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES:**

Marine of the Year: Pete Thornton

National Officers/Chairs:

Department WA Officers: Paymaster Bill Hauser

Past Department Of Washington Commandants ~ John F. Stofiel

Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Lewis and Clark Pound Keeper: DD Henry Lasch;

Past Detachment Commandants: John F. Stofiel, Lynn A Bolte, and Bill Hauser

Past Detachment Marines Of The Year: John Stofiel, Lynn Bolte, Bill Hauser, and Steve Slegers

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS** All present.

**QUORUM OF OFFICERS: YES**

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (Adjutant John Stofiel) – Read Letter from the Secretary of the Dept. of WA Marine of the Year Society instructions on submitting nominations for Dept. Marine of the Year.

**ADJ/PAYMASTERS REPORT:** John Stofiel – Members: 70 (- 1- Assoc LM) = 69 Pd Mbrs div x 15 = 4.6 = 5 voting delegates. (46 LM's 35 eligible for interest payment); Read Paymasters report. Motion to approve Pete Thornton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Slegers, carried.

**SICK AND /OR IN DISTRESS:** Rex Hopper out with a cold; Phil Ruhmshottel having difficult time recovering w/some memory loss.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

- Commandant Lynn Bolte – No Report
- SrVice Cmndn't Henry Lasch – No Report
- JrVice Cmndn't Pete Thornton – I have been checking out other detachments and they seem to be doing a lot of different things to help them raise funds, like 5K runs. Have we ever done things like that? We have a lot of members and no one comes to anything, to speak of and I am wondering if we tried to do something like that if we could get more participation out of our members. Lynn Bolte -We do fundraisers car washes, rest stop, raffling off items. Pete – thinking along the lines of more fun events that do not require a lot of work, 5k, mud run, golf tournaments, I know there is a lot of work behind the scenes for these things but a lot of our members are still into the physical fitness, running, playing golf. John S- I have considerable experience in setting up and coordinating a golf tournament, we have no real problem retrieving golfers, the real problem is getting volunteers to carry out the various parts of the tournament, i.e. welcome table, retrieving golf items to present to the golfers on their arrival; Hole in One Comp (getting a prize usually a car) for the winner and having a volunteer on site to verify the action; Closest to the Hole (prize) Longest Drive (Prize) Trophy's for the 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place teams; setting up an onsite auction/raffle for the lunch/dinner reception where you recognize the top teams and share with each other in closing out the event. Bill Hauser mentioned he had talked with a pro at The Cedars on Salmon Creek about a tournament for CMAC, but they were not interested in doing that. John S & Bill H will be following up with the golf pro at Cedars Golf Course.
- Judge Advocate – Toby Clairmont – No Report
- JrPast Cmndn't Bill Hauser – No report

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- **Clark County Veterans Advisory Board:** Steve Slegers/John Stofiel – I attended the meeting today with Steve, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting attendance since I left the board a few years back and was tremendously impressed with what they are doing for the homeless of Clark County. The board is serving us well, we went from having 2.5 million tax dollars for homeless veterans to what it is today helping 100s of homeless veterans... We originally contracted a VSO from the American Legion who was not able to have the program work to its maximum capacity with helping the homeless Veteran; a lot of policy and procedure changes were made and now we contract with the Veterans Homeless Assistance Program that works directly with the homeless downtown Vancouver providing a walk-in venue and providing services and needed comfort items for their immediate needs. Excellent program. There continues to be problems, i.e. taking away parking on Columbia Blvd which is important to our volunteers working with the veterans. Steve Slegers – The building they are in now is about 4,000 sq. ft. and they actually need double that space in order to be proficient in what they are accomplishing. Right now they are in the process of looking for sites they can afford with more space, county has been asked for use of empty county sites to no avail at this time. They are looking at how to do a grant to support the growing concerns over the current site. There is 137,000 in the county veterans assistance bank that could be used to assist this program in enlarging their capacity; a concern was brought forth at the last meeting that those funds are to be used to help indigent veterans and their families not for expanding the program; Our County rep will be reporting back on whether or not those funds can be used to expand the program or not and we will be making a decision in the next few months on that issue.

**One day, you'll get out of the Marine Corps; you'll put your uniform up, but you'll never not be a Marine.**

**John F. Kelly**



- **Marine Corps Coordinating Council of OR/WA** Bill Hauser/John Stofiel – No Report.
- **Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services:** Rex Hopper/Jim Renton abs; John Stofiel Rex shared in telethon that he would forward information on volunteers needed for the upcoming wheelchair games hosted by VA.
- **Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC):** Bill Hauser – No Report our meeting is tomorrow.
- **Lewis & Clark Young Marines:** John Hudson – Absent

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

- **Veterans Day Parade:** Bill Hauser – We have received a certificate of appreciation for our participation in the Hough Legacy Veterans Day Parade.
- **Awards Committee:** John Stofiel – No Report

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Doc Toby Clairmont volunteered to serve as our Detachment Chaplain. Members need to contact him if they or their family members are having medical issues or need assist to be able to conduct a prayer tree & or bring support to those who need it. Toby - [toby@clairmont.org](mailto:toby@clairmont.org) 808-864-7723

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- “Operation Helping a Hero” I received only two responses on this program back from when I sent this out to all of our members. I believe I need to reduce the size of the proposal, select one area for our detachment to possibly cover and then send it out again. For this to work we would need strong support from all of our members in order to have positive results. With the current lack of interest shown we may need to drop this venue.

#### GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:

**Marine Military Expo – West** February 6-7, 2020 @ Camp Pendleton.

**Lewis & Clark Pound 225 MODD** 8 February 0900-1030 GROWL @ our Dog House.

**MCL Mid-Winter** – Norfolk, VA., February 27-29th, 2020.

**Department Spring Staff Meeting** – Yakima, April 3rd & 4th, 2020.

**2020 Department Convention** – Pending resolution to be hosted in Spokane.

**2020 Northwest Division Conference** – TBD.

**2020 Nat'l Convention** August 8-15<sup>th</sup> @ the Hilton Oceanfront Resort 100 N Atlantic Ave. Daytona Beach, FL 32118 code: mcl20; reservation number: 866-536-8477.

**Department Fall Staff Meeting** – Yakima, October 2nd & 3rd, 2020

**MODD** members will be having a brief growl following this meeting to determine new location of our Dog House.

#### SAVED ROUNDS:

Bill Hauser, John Stofiel and Pete Thornton will be following up on the possibility of hosting a golf tournament.

**PRESENT:** Skip Barnes, Lynn Bolte, Ron Brandon, Toby Clairmont Bill Hauser, Henry Lasch, Steve Slegers Pete Thornton and John Stofiel

Respectfully Submitted  
John Stofiel  
Adj/Paymaster

## General Paul X. Kelley, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

### 28th Commandant of the Marine Corps

### Passed away on 29 December 2019

Throughout his tenure as CMC, General Kelley's personable and engaged leadership style saw the Marine Corps through several major challenges. He played a pivotal role in re-establishing the identity and character of the Marine Corps following high-profile scandals, and he effectively oversaw one of the most intense periods of modernization in Marine Corps History.

General Kelley will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on 13 February following the memorial service at Memorial Chapel on Fort Myer.

All installations will half-mast the National Ensign on 13 February, the date of interment.



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*Chesty Puller*



## Marine Corps League Anniversaries for January 2020



G. ANDREW "ANDY" LAFRANZIA	01/30/2008
GEORGE L. "PETE" THORNTON JR	01/22/2013



### "Uncommon Valor"

*Refers to the victories in World War II, especially at Iwo Jima, the largest all-Marine battle in history. Admiral Nimitz's ringing epitome of Marine fighting on Iwo Jima was applied to the entire Marine Corps in World War II: "Uncommon valor was a common virtue."*

## Why Join the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary?



When you join and/or invite someone you know to join the Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps League Auxiliary, you do more than increase our ability to help America's Veterans and their families; you could be helping that new member live a longer, more fulfilling life. In recent years, U.S. populations have become more solitary, and more than a quarter of U.S. households are made up of people living by themselves.

Sadly, research has found that 25 percent of Americans said they had no one to talk to about important matters and social isolation may increase a persons risk of early death  
The good news is that every Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary member has the opportunity to help ebb the loneliness epidemic! Most of our members take time to visit those veterans at VA

Hospitals and Veterans homes. Our Veterans feel loved and appreciated when our members visit them and feel useful and connected. Your involvement is key to the success of each one of our Detachments, Auxiliary Units and our Organization. It takes each and every one of us pulling together to get the important work done of serving our Veterans and their families, our communities, and our country.



**In the Belleau Wood fighting in 1918, the Germans received a thorough indoctrination in the fighting ability of the Marines. Fighting through supposedly impenetrable woods and capturing supposedly untakeable terrain, the persistent attacks, delivered with unbelievable courage soon had the Germans calling Marines "Teufelhunden," referring to the fierce fighting dogs of legendary origin. Ooohhh Raaah!**



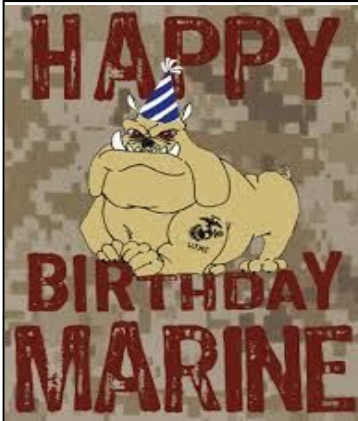
## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

8 February 2020  
8 February 2020  
13 February 2020

**MCLA Meeting, I I AM, Lisa's Country Kitchen**  
**Devil Dog Growl, Mill Creek Pub, Battleground**  
**Marine Corps League Business Meeting, Elks**  
**Lodge**

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### January 2020 BIRTHDAYS WISHES

GEORGE A. LAFRAZIA	01/10/1937
JONATHAN M. "Jon" UNRUH	01/15/1972
DEVIL M. LEWIS	01/25/1992

***A Marine is a Marine. I set that policy two weeks ago - there's no such thing as a former Marine. You're a Marine, just in a different uniform and you're in a different phase of your life. But you'll always be a Marine because you went to Parris Island. San Diego or the hills of Quantico. There's no such thing as a former Marine.***

**General James F. Amos,  
35th Commandant of the Marine Corps**

### RENEWAL TIME

#### Membership Renewals

**\$30.00 Annually by 31 August**

Life Membership Fee:	
17-35 years	\$ 500.00
36-50	\$ 400.00
51-64	\$ 300.00
65 +	\$ 200.00

Make check/money orders payable to;

CRD-MCL mail to:

**John Stofiel Paymaster CRD-MCL**  
**6204 Kansas Street**  
**Vancouver, WA 98661-6924**

### PAST DETACHMENT MARINES OF THE YEAR

John Stofiel 1997 – 1998  
1998 - 1999  
George LaFranzia 1999 – 2000  
2000 - 2001  
Lynn Bolte 2001 – 2002  
Phil Ruhmshottel 2002 – 2003  
George Pobi 2003 – 2004  
Rex Hopper 2004 – 2005  
Keith Fitch 2005 – 2006  
Bob Rector 2006 – 2007  
Mike Wilson 2007 – 2008  
Jim Renton 2008 – 2009  
Wendy Baker 2009 – 2010  
Lou Baste 2010 – 2011

Roger Rueckert 2011 – 2012  
Bill Hauser 2012 – 2013  
George Zeleznik 2013 - 2014  
Florin Zeviar 2014 - 2015  
Lucian Baker 2015 - 2016  
John Hudson 2016 - 2017  
Steven Slegers - 2017 - 2018  
Pete Thornton - 2018-2019

### DEPTMENT OF WASHINGTON MARINES OF THE YEAR

#### FROM CRD #826

John F. Stofiel  
Philip E. Ruhmshottel  
Rex Hopper  
Jim Renton  
Bill Hauser

*Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they really make a difference in the world. But Marines don't have that problem.*



**Ronald Reagan**  
President of the United States  
1985

**Don't you forget that you're Marines - First Marines! Not all the communists in hell can overrun you!**

*-Col. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, rallying his 1st Marines near Chosin Reservoir, Korea, December 1950*





## VA IN THE NEWS JANUARY 2020



### News Releases

[VA releases updated DOD list identifying Agent Orange sites outside of Vietnam](#) - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released in January an updated Department of Defense (DOD) list of locations outside of Vietnam where tactical herbicides were used, tested or stored by the United States military.

[VA launches diabetes campaign to help Veterans, health care teams better manage care](#) - he U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched a new campaign this month to give Veterans a better understanding of their diabetes numbers, which are critical to their well-being.

[VA announces proposed rule regarding equal treatment of faith-based organizations in VA-supported social service programs](#) - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposed a rule, Jan. 16, that would implement President Trump's, May 3, 2018, Executive Order (EO) establishing a White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative, to remove regulatory barriers allowing religious and non-religious organizations equal treatment in VA-supported programs.

[VA's Veterans Health Administration Central Office gets realignment to improve care for Veterans](#) - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced Jan. 1, the redesign of the Veterans Health Administration Central Office (VHACO) as part of its modernization efforts.

[Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act claims now being determined](#) - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will begin deciding claims for the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 at 12:01 a.m., Philippine Standard Time, Jan. 1, 2020, as the Philippines is the farthest east VA regional benefits office.

[VA announces proposal to increase access to dental care](#) - Today the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it has submitted to Congress a waiver request and pilot program under Section 152 of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act) to improve access to dental care for Veterans.

[VA, Walmart open telehealth locations to serve Veterans in rural areas](#) - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Walmart cut the ribbon in Asheboro, North Carolina, Dec. 10, for a new VA-led Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations (ATLAS) services pilot location.

Any officer can get by on his Sergeants.  
In order to be a Sergeant you have to know your stuff.  
I'd rather be an outstanding Sergeant than just another officer.  
- SgtMaj Daniel Daly 1873-1937-





## January's new military shopping benefit delayed for tens of thousands of veterans

By Karen Jowers, Military Times

With less than two months before a new on-base military shopping benefit is scheduled to roll out to more than 4 million disabled veterans, it appears there may be a delay for some to get the benefit.

The Defense Department has apparently pulled back on a plan that would have allowed access to veterans who are eligible for this benefit, regardless of whether they are eligible for the Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC). A source outside the Pentagon said security concerns have been raised by DoD's facilities access officials regarding the plan. There's no information from DoD or VA on a timeline for a solution, and both agencies referred questions to the other agency.

Federal officials determined earlier this year that veterans would use their VHIC in order to get access to DoD and Coast Guard installations, and to shop at commissaries, exchanges and use certain morale, welfare and recreation facilities as of Jan. 1, 2020. That plan is still intact.

That new patron group includes all veterans with service-connected disabilities, veterans who are Purple Heart recipients, veterans who are former prisoners of war, and those designated as primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs caregiver program. The new privileges were granted by law under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018.

The vast majority have, or are eligible for, a VHIC. Of the 4.1 million people eligible for the new benefit, an estimated 37,000 people — less than 1 percent — don't qualify for the VHIC. The VHIC must display the veteran's eligibility status — Purple Heart recipient, former POW, or service-connected.

In October, a DoD spokeswoman told Military Times VA will issue letters to these veterans without a VHIC, confirming their eligibility. But federal officials have apparently scrapped that plan. A fact sheet posted Wednesday afternoon on MilitaryOneSource.com states, "On Jan. 1, 2020, only veterans with a secure, scannable VA-issued VHIC will be authorized access to in-person commissary, military exchange and morale, welfare and recreation privileges on DoD and Coast Guard installations."

It notes that when DoD and VA identify a credentialing solution for all veterans eligible under the law, DoD "will roll out a new phase of access to accommodate current veterans who are not eligible to obtain a VHIC but are eligible for these privileges."

Previously only veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability ratings were authorized shopping and MWR privileges. The new law now allows all those with service-connected disability ratings, including 0 percent, to have those privileges.

But some of those with 0 percent rating don't have a VHIC, because their income exceeds the Housing and Urban Development indices. A number of veterans have contacted Military Times over the last five months asking about how they would be able to access their benefit.

In October, a DoD spokeswoman confirmed that officials had determined that "VA will provide a letter to these disabled veterans indicating they are eligible for these privileges, even if not eligible for the VHIC. This letter paired with an acceptable credential (e.g. REAL ID-compliant driver's license or U.S. passport) will facilitate installation and privilege access."

The Military OneSource fact sheet doesn't mention such a letter, but mentions a "new phase" once DoD and VA officials decide on a credential. The source outside the Pentagon said there was concern among DoD facilities personnel that people could present a fraudulent letter.

As for authorized primary caregivers of veterans, they will receive a letter from the VA Office of Community Care indicating they are approved as the primary caregiver of an eligible veteran under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, and are eligible for these privileges. These caregivers will also show an acceptable credential, with that eligibility letter.

During the first visit to the installation, eligible veterans and caregivers must stop at the visitor control center. Depending on the type of installation and the credential presented, the veteran and caregivers may be enrolled for recurring access, so they wouldn't have to stop at the visitor control center each time they visited in the future.

Until officials come up with a credentialing solution for those who don't have a VHIC card, other veterans can shop at the military exchanges online and at the American Forces Travel site.

**NO ONE EVER DROWNED IN SWEAT**

USMC(UNKNOWN)



**COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
ADOPTED SHIRT FOR WEAR AT FUNCTIONS OF THE DETACHMENT**



50/50 cotton/poly preshrunk jersey with stain resistant finish w/Embroidered Logo (name optional)

The shirt embroidery is done by Excel Designs 6019 NE 109th Ave Vancouver, WA 98662 360 892 8465

<http://www.exceldesigns.com/>

Prices are based on a minimum order of 5 shirts per order. Please make your check payable to CRD826MCLand Mail to Paymaster John Stofiel 6204 Kansas St Vancouver, WA 98661-6924 indicate by letter described below and if w/name indicate spelling of same on the for line of your check and the

**JERZEES® - Spot Shield™ 5.6-Ounce Jersey Knit Sport Shirt. 437M**

<i>WITH NAME</i>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
Shirt	Small thru XL is 12.99	2XL 16.45	3XL 18.83	4XL 21.25
EGA	09.75	09.75	09.75	09.75
Name (10 Characters)	07.50	07.50	07.50	07.50
	30.24	33.70	36.08	38.50
WA sales tax is .084	02.54	02.83	03.03	03.23
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<b>32.78</b>	<b>36.53</b>	<b>39.11</b>	<b>41.73</b>
<i>WITHOUT NAME</i>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
Shirt	Small thru XL is 12.99	2XL 16.45	3XL 18.83	4XL 21.25
EGA	09.75	09.75	09.75	09.75
	22.74	26.20	28.58	31.00
WA sales tax is .084	01.91	02.20	02.40	02.60
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<b>24.65</b>	<b>28.40</b>	<b>30.98</b>	<b>33.60</b>

**Hell, these are Marines. Men like them held Guadalcanal and took Iwo Jima. Bagdad ain't  
Shit.**

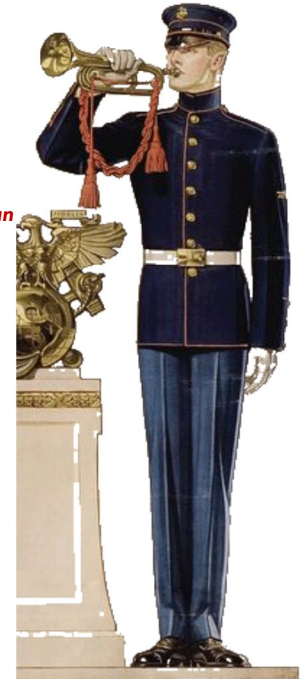
**Major General John F. Kelly**



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Charles W. Bailey 05/31 - 12/14  
 Noah D. Baird 03/95 - 12/13  
 Daniel P. Brennan 10/32 - 05/10  
**Cedric Bruns 04/81 - 05/03 - Kuwait**  
 Harry Callicote 05/31 - 12/04  
 Louis A. Claudio 09/47 - 01/15  
 Lyle E. Cornwall 09/25 - 07/10  
 Robert R. Costello 03/19 - 01/98  
 Roger Dahl 07/17 - 08/10  
 Jefferson E. Dean 06/25 - 12/11  
 Robert E. Dean 07/23 - 03/14  
 David W Dowdakin 03/25 - 04/16  
 Theodore L. Dravis 08/32 - 05/17  
**Adam Q. Emul 04-87 - 01/07 - Iraq**  
 Robert Fish 06/19 - 04/05  
 Carnett L. Falconbury 2/28 - 10/18  
 Robert Fish 06/19 - 04/05

**Kane M. Funke 06/84 - 08/04 - Iraq**  
 Fenton A. Grahmert 06/23 - 12/12  
 Samuel P Grooms 07/39 - 08/17  
 William J. Hendricks 2/42 - 6/18  
 Walter J. Hicks 01/23 - 10/12  
 William W. Hillgaertner 08/39 - 10/18  
 Bernard H. Kendall 12/32 - 5/18  
 Michael C. Leinweber 11/47 - 07/09  
 Jack L. Lewis 04/25 - 02/10  
 Charles J. Louviere 08/45 - 08/18  
 Richard A. McKenzie Jr. 09/54 - 01/12  
 Jerome Merrill 01/28 - 09/10  
 Alan Miksch 10/51-11/01  
 Gladyce Moeller 10/21- 08/12,  
 Jeffrey A. Paullin 08/86 - 11/13  
 Sherrill W. Parson 03/23 - 02/05  
 Howard W. Pearson 03/12 - 03/96

**Jason D. Peto 01/79 - 12/10 - Afghanistan**  
 Lee A. Phillips - 07/36 - 10/18  
 Charles H. Quatier 01/36 - 12/08  
 Harry Rea 06/46 - 01/12  
**David G. Reis 06/75 - 11/04 - Iraq**  
 David E. Sailer 01/53 - 10/12  
**Michael Scholl 05/85 - 11/06 - Iraq**  
 William Stofiel 04/21 - 12/98  
 Robert D. Storey 10/28 - 07/95  
 Blaine L. Turner 03/20 - 05/01  
 Robert Vollmer 06/33 - 11/13  
 Arlos Waters 03/20 - 02/09  
 Fiorin Zeviar 01/37 - 01/14  
 Richard Zoller 03/20 - 11/04



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Marines take pride in our heritage. Every Marine knows the Corps’ motto: Semper Fidelis, and we’re all quick to correct someone when they call us soldiers or sailors.

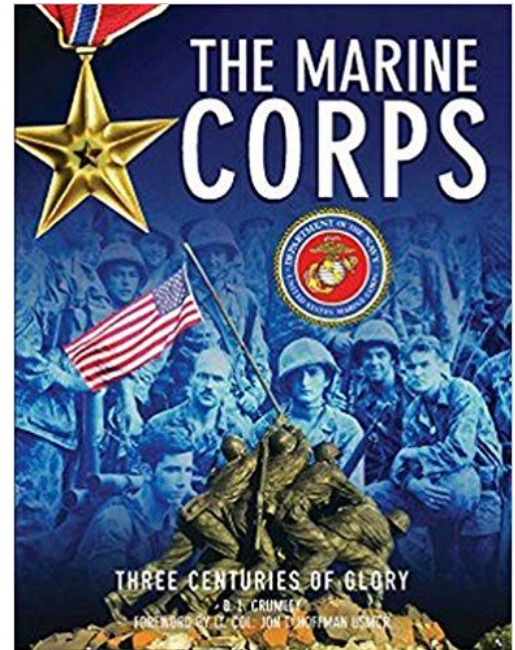


## THE MARINE CORPS: Three Centuries of Glory

By: B. L. Crumley

New at Amazon

The United States Marine Corps is one of the most famous military units in the world. The *Marine Corps: Three Centuries of Glory* tells the story behind one of the most famous military units in the world from its creation in the 18th century through to the present day. The book begins with the Marine Corps' origins during the colonial period, where battalions of American Marines were raised to fight alongside their British counterparts. It was not until 1798, however, that the Marine Corps was officially created by an act of Congress. Since that date, it has fought in Central America, China, both world wars, Korea, Vietnam, Beirut, Grenada, Iraq and Afghanistan. The book describes the full combat record of Marines and details the Corps' organization, equipment, uniforms and insignia. Some of the men who have made the Corps what it is today are profiled, as the key events where the Marine Corps has gained its glorious reputation — Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, Inchon, Khe Sanh—these great battles are core battles for any student of military history. Written in an engaging yet informative style. The *Marine Corps* is a classic history of one of the world's greatest fighting units.



## New in 2020: More gigantic exercises for the Marine Corps

By: Phillip Athey, Marine Corps Times

In 2019 Marines participated in large exercises more reminiscent of Cold War workups than preparations for counter-insurgency deployments to the Middle East—and so far 2020 looks to be no different.

In June 2019 the 2nd Marine Division, based in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, conducted the largest air assault in decades when nearly 500 Marines loaded onto six CH-53E Super Stallions and eight MV-22 Ospreys, to offload and set up a perimeter meeting an opposing force of more than 60 Marines.

In November 2019, the 2d Marine Division once again conducted an unprecedented exercise: Sending roughly 10,000 U.S. Marines sailors and British Royal Marines to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in 29 Palms, CA., for an unscripted force on force exercise.

Major General David Furness, the division's commanding general, said a Marine exercise of this scale: "force-on-force, multi-regiment outfitted with significant information operations

and UAS assets - hasn't been conducted the Marine Corps in my lifetime.

To finish the year, the 1st Marine Division kept with the theme conducting the largest ever steel knight annual 1st Marine Division exercise.



**Every Marine is, first and foremost, a rifleman.**

**All other conditions are secondary.**

**A. M. Gray**

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Semper Fidelis!

### "THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY"

This area contains only snippets of the vast history of our Corps & is not a complete listing of all events throughout our history for the Month

- 2 Jan 1777 Major Samuel Nicholas and his battalion participate in Washington's defense of Trenton against Lord Cornwallis' British Army. The Marines help hold the important Assunpink Bridge against a Hessian attack.
- 2 Jan 1839 Marines land from frigate Columbia and sloop John Adams to seize forts and burn a town in Sumatra in retribution for harassment of American Commercial shipping.
- 22 Jan 1848 The Marines in the San Jose Mission are besieged by Mexican soldiers, but hold on until relieved by naval forces on 15 February.
- 18 Jan 1885 In response to revolutionary activity in Colombia and the Isthmus of Panama, Marines from gunboat Alliance land at Colon, Panama to protect the Caribbean end of the railroad. They remain only a few days
- 9 Jan 1915 The Marine Section is established at the Navy Flying School, Pensacola, Florida.
- 25 Jan 1922 Following growing political unrest in Nicaragua (including a bloody fight between Marines of the Legation Guard and Managua policemen), the Marine Detachment of cruiser Galveston (C-17) goes ashore at Corinto and proceeds to the capital.
- 28 Jan 1932 Japanese troops garrisoning their portion of the International Settlement launch a major attack on Chinese forces in the remainder of Shanghai. The 4th Marines establishes defensive positions on the perimeter of the U.S. enclave of the settlement.
- 13 Jan 1943 The 2nd Marine Division begins a coordinated attack with the Army's 25th Div. to destroy remaining Japanese forces west of the American perimeter on Guadalcanal. The advance continues through 17 Jan.
- 6 Janu 1944 Marine Captain Peter J. Ortiz, a former member of the French Foreign Legion, parachutes into south-eastern France with two Allied officers to assist the French in establishing additional guerrilla units. His team remains on the ground until early May.
- 10 Jan 1951 The 1st MarDiv begins a movement north from the Bean Patch to the vicinity of Pohang, a port on the east coast of South Korea. A major airlift effort, much of it provided by VMR-152.
- 22 Jan 1968 1st Battalion, 9th Marines arrives in Khe Sanh to reinforce the 26th Marines.

