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100 years ago, Belleau Wood forged Marines

By: Col. Joe Long, USMC(Ret)



On June 6, 1918, Marines of the 6th Marine Regiment attacked across a field of wheat toward a tree line bordering Belleau Wood, France, into the teeth of withering German Machine gun fire. Taking heavy casualties, the Marines were forced to “hug the deck.” Progress seemed impossible. Sergeant Major Dan Daly was one of those Marines.

Forty-four-year-old SgtMaj. Daly had already received two Medals of Honor for heroic action during China’s Boxer Rebellion and later in Haiti. Now his frustration level reached its zenith in that wheat field. He stood to his feet in the midst of the shower of German lead, and shouted. “Come on you

Son’s of Bitches, Do you want to live forever?” The Marines rose to their feet and followed him into the woods where hand-to-hand fighting ensued against a well-entrenched enemy. The battle lasted for several days, and in the end the Americans were victorious. Because of their tenacious fighting, the Germans labeled the Marines “Teufel Hunden— Devil Dogs— an unofficial moniker we carry proudly to this day.

That salient event is generally seen as the catalyst that changed the United States Marine Corps from a small, ship-bound service into a serious force capable of being used for major land operations.

Between World War I and World War II the concept of “amphibious warfare” was developed, whereby Fleet Marine Forces could forcibly secure a beachhead and expand it to accommodate and sustain a fighting force for 30 to 90 days. So, by the time the Battle of Guadalcanal emerged as a necessity early in WWII, the Marines had a doctrine in place to meet the need. After WWII the Marines continued as a formidable land force in Korea and Vietnam. Changing from “amphibious” to “expeditionary” in the 1980s, the Corps now utilizes the latest in movement and rapid build-up capabilities. During my 37 years in the Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve I have seen many of these changes take place.

As the Corps’ project manager for the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA., it was my privilege to work with our team in taking careful pains to ensure every detail is explained accurately, including an immersion experience of Belleau Wood and the display of both of Dan Daly’s Medals of Honor. I even took our designers to Belleau Wood, where so much started for the Corps 100 years ago this week.

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Newsletter Editor—Marine Pete Thornton



FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDANT

Greetings Marines.

Our Department Convention was held June 7th, 8th, and 9th. We elected and installed a new slate of Officers to lead the Department into 2019 and beyond. Bonnie Holden is the new Department of Washington Commandant. The other Officers are T.J. Morgan as Sr. Vice Commandant, George Hilbish as Jr. Vice Commandant, John Moysiuk as Judge Advocate and Jim Renton moving to Jr. Past Commandant. Our new Department Adjutant is Randy Ott and I stayed on as Department Paymaster. The high point of the Convention was the banquet Saturday evening where following all of the awards I was honored to be selected as Department of Washington, Marine of the Year.

Last Saturday night (June 23rd) was Heroes Night at the east county Costco store. Our Detachment was well represented by Marines Lynn Bolte and Ron Brandon. They had the Detachment Colors and a

table filled with information about the Marine Corps League and where and when the Detachment meets. There seemed to be several veterans showing interest in the Detachment. We'll have to see how many show up at a meeting

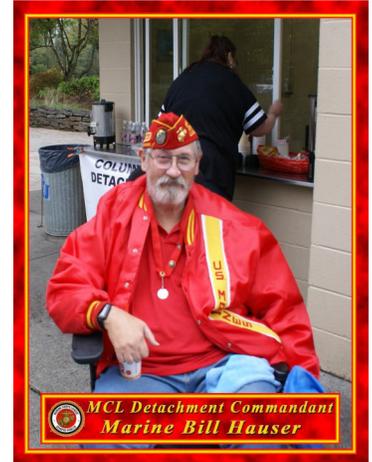
Speaking of the next meeting. It is not our normal business meeting so I've arranged for something different. Detachment member Jerry Kelly is going to present his fun historical program called a What Is It show. The program allows the members to handle and discuss what historical items are and were used for. He will pass groups of items out to the tables, give the attendees about 3 minutes to examine that particular grouping. They then will view the next group of items. This will continue until everyone has seen all of the items. From time to time he will give a clue and at the end identify all of the items. He has been doing the

What Is It show for over 20 years. The program is suitable for mixed groups. I'm going to try to get the Elks Lodge to give us a larger room for that night. If I can get one then I'll have the Detachment Adjutant email the information on the room change.

Remember your Detachment dues are coming due at the end of August. You can pay them anytime before then and save the Detachment Paymaster having to track you down to pay them. You can mail them to ; **Attn CRD 826 Paymaster, 15509 SE Mill Plain #8, Vancouver WA 98684-4644.**

I could bore you with another list of coming events but there are too many to list without missing some. Check out our Detachment website: (<http://marinecorpsleaguev.wix.com/crdmcl826>). Marine Thornton has designed us a top notch website with all kinds information and links.

I am asking all Officers and Program/Project directors who are giving a verbal report at any Detachment



meeting, please prepare a written or printed summary of your report to give to our Adjutant to add to the meeting minutes.

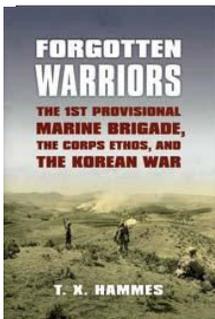
In closing I leave you with some words shared at a recent Detachment meeting. Marines, go forth and Recruit, Recruit, Recruit.

Semper Fi-

Bill Hauser

FORGOTTEN WARRIORS

By: T. X. Hammes



When the Korean War broke out in 1950, the Marine Corps was ordered to deploy an air-ground brigade in less than ten days, even though no such brigade existed at the time. Assembled from the woefully under strength 1st Mar Div and 1st MAW units, the Brigade shipped out only 6 days after activation, sailed directly to Korea and was locked in combat within ninety-six hours of landing. Despite these enormous handicaps and the numerical superiority of enemy forces, the Brigade won every one of its engagements and helped secure the Pusan Perimeter.

Despite its remarkable achievements, the Brigade's history has largely been lost amid accounts of the sweeping operations that followed. Its real history has been replaced by myths that attribute its success to tough training, great conditioning, unit cohesion, and combat experienced officers. Nothing could be less true. The writers now reveals the real story of the Brigade's success, prominently citing the Corps' crucial ability to maintain its ethos, culture, and combat effectiveness during that period of our history between World War II and Korea, when our very existence was being severely challenged at every step. T. X. Hammes, a 30 year Marine Corps Veteran himself has given us a book that is more than a mere battle history, Forgotten Warriors gets to the heart of Marine culture to show what fighting forces have to both remember and learn. As today's Marines prepare to face similar challenges, this book confirms that culture as much as technology prepares Them to answer their country's call and reminds us that our Corps is always ready to do what is required and what is needed to protect this country and its commitments.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY COLUMBIA RIVER UNIT



Marine Corps League Auxiliary
Columbia River Unit
June/July 2018

There is no meeting scheduled for the Marine Corps League Auxiliary for the months of June or July 2018.

The Auxiliary will hold it next meeting:



At Lisa's Country Kitchen

**9324 NE 76th Street
Vancouver, Washington 98661-7453
11 August 2018 11:00am**

Jeanette Bolte, President

**Just a reminder for all you Dogs of the Devil:
Our next scheduled meeting of the Lewis and Clark Pound, #225
Military Order of the Devil Dogs Is**

0900 Kibbles and Bits

0800 Meeting

18 August 2018 at

Lisa's Country Kitchen

9324 NE 76th Street

Vancouver, WA 98661-7453

SEE YOU THERE



**IMPORTANT— OUR NEXT MCL MEETING WILL BE
JULY 12, 2018, AT THE ELKS CLUB, VANCOUVER.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



Marine Corps (History) Trivia Quiz

- What color was the first Marine Corps uniform jacket?
 - Blue
 - Grey
 - Green
 - Red
- What actor enlisted the Marine Corps?
 - Cling Eastwood
 - Gene Hackman
 - Paul Newman
 - Mr. "T"
- Which Marine illegally joined the USMC at age 14 and received the Medal of Honor in 1945 at age 17 for his actions on Iwo Jima?
 - Jacklyn H. Lucas
 - Richard E. Kraus
 - Chesty Puller
 - Elbert L. Kinser
- Which 19th-century President wanted to abolish the Marine Corps?
 - Andrew Jackson
 - John Quincy Adams
 - John Tyler
 - Zachary Taylor
- How many Marines were awarded the MOH during Korea?
 - 42
 - 49
 - 67
 - 68
- How many Assistant Commandants of the Marine Corps later assumed the duties as Commandant of the Marine Corps?
 - One (1)
 - Six (6)
 - Seven (7)
 - Nine (9)

(Correct answers can be found on page 16)



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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



New Vision and Dental Plans Coming Soon to Military Families and Retirees

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), in partnership with the Defense Health Agency (DHA) and the Department of Defense (DoD), announced the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) will be offered for the first time to TRICARE eligible retirees and their families during the 2018 Federal Benefits Open Season. Active duty family members will be eligible to enroll in FEDVIP vision insurance.

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program ends on Dec. 31, 2018. Those enrolled in TRDP must choose a dental plan through FEDVIP to have coverage in 2019. Enrollment is not automatic. Today's announcement affects 1.63 million beneficiaries enrolled in TRDP and offers a choice to an additional 1.3 million eligible retired beneficiaries not currently enrolled in TRDP.

Most beneficiaries in a TRICARE health plan may enroll in a FEDVIP vision plan. This comprehensive vision coverage, including eyeglasses or contacts, is in addition to the routine eye examination benefit that many beneficiaries have under TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select.

The Federal Benefits Open Season enrollment period, Nov. 12, 2018 through Dec. 10, 2018, runs concurrently with the TRICARE Open Season. Coverage will be effective Jan. 1, 2019.

FEDVIP currently serves more than 3 million Federal employees, retirees and their families. FEDVIP enrollees give the program high marks for quality and value. It provides comprehensive dental and vision insurance at competitive group rates with 10 dental and four vision carriers for enrollees to choose from.

“OPM is thrilled to offer a variety of quality vision and dental plans to our military retirees and their families, and for the first time, an option for vision insurance to active duty family members,” said OPM Director Jeff Pon. “We look forward to providing FEDVIP to the military, their families, and retirees.”

For more information, visit TRICARE.benefeds.com to sign up to receive messages, updates, and reminders on the FEDVIP throughout the rest of this year.

**Hell, these are Marines. Men like them held Guadalcanal and took Iwo Jima. Baghdad ain't shit.
Marine Major General John F. Kelly**



Lewis and Clark Young Marines Today's Youth—Tomorrow's Leaders



June was an extremely busy month .
June 2nd was the make up PFT's at drill and then they all loaded onto the buses and drove to downtown Portland for the General Electric Starlight Parade



June 9th—We were asked again to support the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade in Portland and carry award banners for the floats

June 12-We support the Flag Day Ceremony at Vancouver Elks by performing color guard and a Flag Ceremony



June 16—We had drill and conducted our annual swim qualifications. We loaded everyone up on busses and headed to the Clackamas Aquatic Park

Congratulations to Cpl Nolan Hoover on his retirement from the Young Marines. Cpl Hoover has been a member of the Lewis & Clark Young Marines for 10 years. We wish you well in all your future endeavors!



June 23- Our Young Marines, parents and staff support Costco Heroes Night honoring our veterans, enlisted service members and first responders.



We are still looking for a vehicle to replace our Suburban that caught on fire. We've received a donated vehicle, but it wasn't viable for our use in transporting our youth.

You cannot exaggerate about the Marines. They are convinced to the point of arrogance, that they are the most ferocious fighters on earth - and the amusing thing about it is that they are.

Father Kevin Keaney

2nd BN, 2nd Marines, 1st Marine Division Chaplain, Korea



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COLUMBIA RIVER DETACHMENT # 826

Vancouver, Washington

14 June 2018

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Sergeant-at-Arms secured quarters at 1900, The colors were posted and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Acting Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

The Adjutant called the roll. All officers were present except the Sr. Vice Commandant and Jr. Past Commandant. A quorum was present.

There were no new applications for membership

There were no new members sworn in.

The Paymaster read a summarized financial report. A copy was made available for any/all members to review.

Sick and/or in distress - Ron Brandon was reported as fighting a serious infection.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Bob Costello Memorial Fund (BCMF)

George LaFranzia - Absent/no report.

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board (CCVAC) and Assistance Center (CCVA)

Ron Brandon - Absent/no report

Marine Corps Coordinating Council (MCCC)

John Stofiel - Absent/ no report

Marine Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS)

Steve Slegers - Detailed report available

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)

Bill Hauser - Verbal report given.

Prestige Nursing Home Luncheon

Keith Fitch - Absent—No report

Lewis & Clark Young Marines

John Hudson—Detailed Verbal Report given

Report of Special Committees:

Veterans Day Parade

Bill Hauser - Too Early for details

Gee Creek Rest Stop Fundraiser

Wendy Baker - All shifts covered (special thanks to Pete)

Marine of the Year

Pres. George LaFranzia/Sec. Jim Renton Absent/no report

Car Wash Fundraiser

Ron Brandon - Absent/no report

Old business: NONE

New business: Congratulations to Bill Hauser for being named the Department of Washington, Marine of the year for 2018-2019

Motion by Pete Thornton (seconded by John Hudson) to send \$35 for assignment of National Delegates. Motion Passed.

There being no further business the colors were retired, the closing prayer given and the Sergeant at Arms closed the meeting at 1940.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dickson Lee
Detachment Adjutant

Commandant

Bill Hauser

Sr, Vice Commandant

Lynn Bolte

Jr. Vice Commandant

Henry (Doc) Lasch

Judge Advocate

Lucian Baker

Jr. Past Commandant

William Cason

Adjutant

Dickson Lee

Paymaster

Wendy Baker

Chaplain

Ron Brandon

Sgt-at-Arms

Steve Slegers

Newsletter Editor/Publisher

George (Pete) Thornton

CONGRATULATIONS~CONGRATULATIONS~CONGRATULATIONS

OUR OWN, **MARINE JIM RENTON** FOR HAVING BEEN SELECTED AS
OUR DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR FOR 2017-2018



The Marine Corps War Memorial

Heritage Press International

(excerpt from *Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines*, copyright 2001)

Marion F. Sturkey

Rising from Hallowed ground, the Marine Corps War Memorial overlooks the Potomac River at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. It is the largest bronze monuments in the world. Arguably, it is also the most famous monument in the world. And for all who have earned the title, a pilgrimage to the monument is *required*.

First, a brief historical review: In the closing years of World War II, U.S. Marines fought and bled their way across the Pacific Ocean toward Japan. The Japanese knew their tiny volcanic island, Iwo Jima, would be attacked. Its crucial airfields lay only 650 miles from Tokyo, just over two hours flying time. So, under the command of LtGen Tadamichi Kuribayashi, Japan's best and brightest mining engineers turned remote Iwo Jima into a seemingly impregnable fortress. In the volcanic rock, laborers blasted out 16 miles of tunnels, connecting 1500 rooms. The engineers built underground hospitals and supply rooms under hundreds of feet of solid impenetrable rock. These were linked to over a thousand fortified artillery and antiaircraft batteries, and machinegun and mortar bunkers. Impregnable, they believed.

Preliminary bombardment by the 16-inch guns of U.S. Navy battleships had a negligible effect on the volcanic island fortress. Nonetheless, on 19 February 1945 the Marines stormed the beach. Many never even made it to the shore. From hundreds of fortifications, many atop 550-foot high Mount Suribachi, the Japanese rained a hail of rockets, artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire down upon the attacking force.

For both the Japanese and the Marines, the island became a charnel house. Yet, by the fourth day the Marines of 3rd Platoon, Echo Company had clawed their way to the summit of Mount Suribachi. Here they raised a small American Flag. Soon a larger flag was obtained. Five Marines and a Navy corpsman mounted the new flag on a piece of pipe. Together they raised this flag atop the former Japanese bastion. The six flag raisers represented a cross-section of America:

- PFC Ira Hayes, a full-blooded Pima Indian from Arizona.
- Sgt Michael Strank, a Pennsylvania coal mine worker
- Cpl. Harlon Block, a draftee from the Texas oil fields.
- PFC Franklin Sousley, a 19 year old Kentucky farm boy.
- PFC Rene Gagnon, a New Englander rejected by the Navy
- PM2 (corpsman) John Bradley, a funeral director's apprentice

Joe Rosenthal, of the Associated Press, photographed the men as they raised the flag. That picture, stopping time for 1/400th of a second, would become the most famous photograph of all time.

After 36 terrible days, Iwo Jima finally fell to the Marines. Of the forty men in 3rd Platoon who stormed the beach, only four escaped being killed or seriously wounded on Iwo Jima. Of the six men who raised the flag, Cpl. Block, Sgt. Strank. And PFC Sousley were all killed-in-action within days. They are among the 6,821 Americans who never left Iwo Jima alive. Further, and additional 19,217 Americans were maimed or grievously wounded.

In July 1947 the U.S. Congress authorized a Marine Corps War Memorial, based on the timeless photograph by Jose Rosenthal. The new memorial was sculpted by Felix de Weldon. In 108 separate pieces, it was cast in a New York foundry and then trucked to Washington. Ground-breaking and assembly began on 19 February 1954, the ninth anniversary of the Iwo Jima landing. The final cost of \$850,000 was borne entirely by donations, 96 percent of them from U.S. Marines.

The five Marines and their corpsman are forever immortalized in bronze, representing the supreme sacrifice of all Marines who went before them, and will follow. They live eternally.



YOUR MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD

The below information was sent to me by the “Armed Forces Reserve Center here in Vancouver to assist military families in easily renewing ID cards in our area:

1. Two Forms of Identification Are Now Required:

To replace or renew you military ID card, two forms of identification are required:

1. A Valid Photo ID. Acceptable photo identification includes a driver’s license, valid military ID card/ valid passport for permanent resident alien card. All photo IDs must be current, expired IDs are not accepted.
2. A Secondary ID. A secondary ID may include one of the photo IDs listed above or a Social Security card (not a Medicare Card), a voter registration card, birth certificate, or student ID if you are a college student. To avoid delays, call your nearest ID card center for hours of operation and availability.

2. Military ID Cards for Family Members:

Indefinite Military ID cards are now issued to eligible family member who are 75 or older.

The 2007 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the issuance of indefinite military ID cards for incapacitated dependent children over 21. To qualify for an indefinite ID card, a determination of permanent incapacitation must be made by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and a current financial dependency determination (over 50%) is required. **A financial re-determination will also be required every four years.**

Dependent wards, parents, and parents-in-law, including those over 75 with permanent military ID cards will also require a financial re-determination every four years

Full-time students over 21, may be eligible for military ID card benefits until 23 provided they are enrolled fulltime in a college or university and are dependent on the member for over 50% of their financial support. It is the service member’s responsibility to ensure eligible family members are updated in DEERS and to notify DEERS of any changes in eligibility. For more information, call MMSR-6, at Headquarters US Marine Corps.

3. The Retired Military Member ID Card:

When the military service members retires, the ID card issued will have an expiration date on the front and back, coinciding with his/her 65th birthday. ID cards will be replaced if they are lost, stolen, or damaged; they will also be replaced for a name change due to marriage, divorce, or to replace an older version of the ID card. If applicable, divorce decrees, and/or marriage certificates may be required. A retired member’s ID card must also be replaced when turning 65 and enrolling in Medicare Part B. With Medicare Part B enrollment, a retired member is automatically enrolled in TRICARE for Life, which will require updating the medical eligibility date on the back of the ID card. If the dates on the back of your ID card have expired, replace the ID card (and have the Medicare Part B card with you when updating the military ID card).

4. Eligibility for a Military ID Card By Mail:

If you are requesting to have a military identification card by mail, you must have a notary’s signature on the back of the photograph. According to Air Force Instruction 36-3026 (17 June 2009)

NOTE:

You must live
miles away from a

Special Note on Photographs:

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NOTARIZATION ON THE BACK TO INCLUDE WEIGHT, EYE COLOR, AND HAIR COLOR**

center. Include a statement as to why you are unable to travel to an ID card center. Submit a copy of your current military ID card (front and back), a photocopy of your driver’s license, and either your birth certificate, or Social Security card, to HQMC (MFP-1), 2008 Elliot Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5013.

more than 300
military ID card

ID CARD SITE (RAPIDS) LOCATOR: <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl>



Marine Corps League Anniversaries for July



Louis A. Baste 7/17/2006 12 yrs

Congratulations and Thank you for your continued service to the Country, Community and our beloved Corps, Semper Fi.

"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 Auxiliary Marine Corps League 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 will 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.



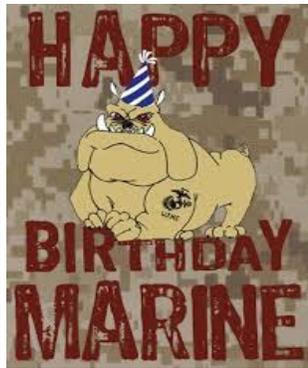


UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 2018 12 MC League Business Mtg@ Elks Lodge

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JULY BIRTHDAYS WISHES

Lee A. Phillips	07/04/1936
Samuel P. Grooms	07/15/1939
Jack N. Clark	07/26/1939
William C. Barnes	07/16/1948
Michael C. Howard	07/29/1954
Kim E. Rich	07/20/1965

USMC Veteran Designs National Native American Veterans Memorial

By Mass Comm Specialist 2d Class Anita C. Newman, HQMC

Fort Meade, Maryland - The National Museum of the American Indian announced its selection, June 26th, of a winning design for the National Native American Veterans Memorial.

Harvey P. Pratt's Warriors Circle of Honor design was selected to be constructed next to the Smithsonian NMAI.

Pratt, a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, is a Southern Cheyenne chief for the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

"I can't believe it will be one of the 12 national memorials in Washington, D.C.," said Pratt.

Pratt's design incorporates many different traditions and beliefs of the Native Peoples, to promote inclusivity among all tribes.

"The sacred circle represents heaven, earth and the pathway followed by honor-bound Native People," said Pratt. "Wind spirits can pass through the stainless-steel sacred circle. Water, fire and the drum are the central design elements within the circle. Water represents purity, prayer, cleansing and reflection, flowing over the drum; water softly pulses over circular ridges, suggesting vibrations of voice and drumbeat in Kasota limestone basin. Fire symbolizes strength, courage, endur-

ance and comfort. The drum is the heartbeat of the memorial and connects all the elements.

"The outer wall is comprised of four sections. It provides an outer perimeter and allows private meditation space on the interior benches. Legacy footprints are integrated along the outer walkway and represent warriors of the past, present and future; white (beginning), red (power of the Creator), Yellow (Mother Earth), black (ancestors). The warriors traditional red road, made of red stone surrounding the outer wall, represents the way of life leading to harmony. Visitors and guests can tie prayer cloths at the base of the four lances for their loved ones. The wind will send the prayers to the Creator."

According to the NMAI website, Congress passed legislation to allow NMAI to create a National Native American Veterans memorial in 1994. The memorial had to be located inside the museum, no federal funds could be used, and only the National Congress of American Indians was allowed to raise funds. In 2013, Congress amended the legislation to allow the memorial to be located on the NMAI grounds and allow the museum to raise funds for the memorial.

The NMAI formed an advisory committee for the memorial, and from 2015 to 2017, the committee

sought input and support for the memorial from tribal leaders, Native veterans and Native community members. From these inputs, the committee created a design competition in November of 2017 with these guiding principles: "...the memorial should honor the interrelated elements of culture, spirituality, sacrifice, place, valor, healing, future service members, and the legacy of veterans past. Design concepts should address balance, inclusivity, respect, sustainability, endurance, accessibility, and interpretation of memorial elements."

There are currently 29 Native American Veteran memorials located through the United States, and the dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial is scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11th, 2020.



RENEWAL TIME

Membership Renewals

\$30.00 Annually by 31 August

Life Membership Fee:

17-35 years	\$ 500.00
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51-64	\$ 300.00
65 +	\$ 200.00

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Wendy Baker - Paymaster CRD-MCL

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Past Detachment Marines of the Year

John Stofiel 1999
George LaFrazia 2000
Lynn Bolte 2001
Phil Ruhmshottel 2002
George Pobi 2003
Rex Hopper 2004
Keith Fitch 2005
Bob Rector 2006
Mike Wilson 2007
Jim Renton 2008
Wendy McKenzie 2009
Lou Baste 2010
Roger Rueckert 2011

Bill Hauser 2012
George Zeleznik 2013
Fiorin Zeviar 2014
2015
2016
2017
Steve Slegers 2018

PAST DEPT. MARINES OF THE

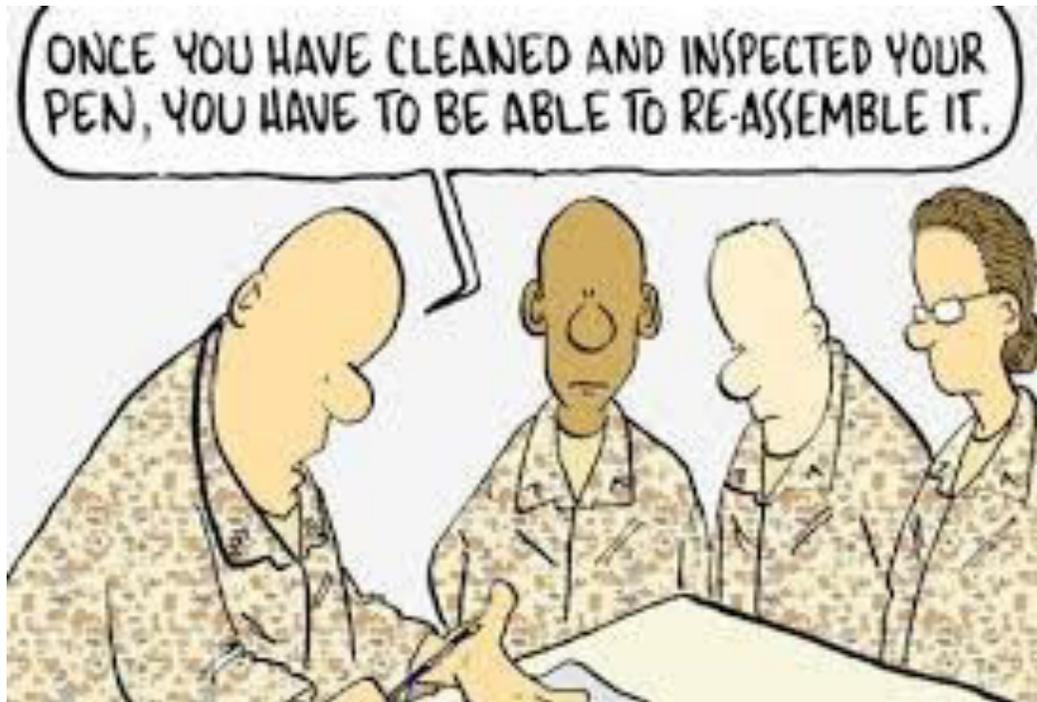
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John Stofiel
Philip E. Ruhmshottel
Rex Hopper
Jim Renton

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



Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
1985



WE THE DETACHMENT NEED TO FILL THE BELOW POSITION

If interested contact John Stofiel for info and training to replace him

**DETACHMENT REP ON THE MARINE CORPS
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1000—1300	Bill Hauser	360-608-6672	BHauser1952@msn.com	
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1300—1600	Donna LaFrazia	360-944-6043	dj.lafrazia@gmail.com	Tentative
1600—1900	Steve Slegers	360-290-9403	s.t.slegers@q.com	
1600—1900	Tink Slegers	360-290-9403	s.t.slegers@q.com	
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Monday, July 2nd				
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1000—1300	Bill Hauser	360-608-6672	BHauser1952@msn.com	
1000—1300	"Doc" Henry Lasch	360-513-3540	Ford.f250@comcast.net	
1300—1600	Pete Thornton	808-391-6546	zebrasleeve@gmail.com	
1300—1600	Jim Renton	253-432-1884	jameslrenton@gmail.com	
1600—1900	Steve Slegers	360-290-9403	s.t.slegers@q.com	
1600—1900	Tink Slegers	360-290-9403	s.t.slegers@q.com	
1900—2200	Wendy L. Baker	503-856-6697	techiemarine@gmail.com	
1900—2200	John & Paulie Stofiel	360-907-5342	jstofiel@comcast.net	

Extra Volunteers to Serve As Needed:

Pete Thornton	zebrasleeve@gmail.com	Will fill in if needed Saturday and Sunday/ Monday after 1000 (808)-391-6546
Dave Hancock	sftree@centurytel.net	Will work 7/2 if needed (not driving)



Marine squads will get more range, better comms thanks to Navy satellites

By Todd South, Marine Times



A Navy satellite system will help Marines communicate on the move and in previously difficult environments, such as heavy vegetation or urban areas.

The Mobile User Objective System, or MUOS, is a narrowband satellite system that provides smart phone like capabilities to increase voice and data communications access, according to a Marine Corps Systems Command release.

The system provides more secure and reliable beyond line-of-sight communications, according to the release. Marines should see the first units arriving in the fleet later this year and leaders are targeting operational

capability for first quarter 2019.

“The most obvious (advantage) to operating forces will be the increased accessibility,” said Captain Shawn Avery, MUOS project office in Command Element Systems at Marine Corps System Command. “This will allow us to explore new operating concepts by pushing on –the-move voice and data connectivity to the squad level.”

All five MUOS satellites are on orbit. The new hardware allows the satellites’ signals to focus on a smaller geographic area, which increases connectivity.

“This improvement enables on-the-move access while improving overall reliability in vegetation, urban environments and other extreme conditions where legacy SATCOM was challenged,” Avery said.

Like a cell phone, the new system will be able to roam, seeking out signals as it moves from one location to the next, such as communicating in the continental United States and then immediately deploying to another area.

“This system takes a lot of stress off of the operators, allowing them to walk around on patrol without the range constraints of terrestrial networks, Avery said.

Users will now have access to the Defense Information System Network, or DISN. In the past, Marines had to hold terrain and bring in cable links to provide that access, which increased operational exposure, or lease costly commercial capabilities.

Communicators can now access and move more data more quickly in austere environments than before. Until now infantry companies had limited SATCOM access but with this technology, officials say that company commanders can put Marines beyond line of sight with fewer worries about losing connectivity.

Versions of MUOS technology have been previously fielded with Marine units over the past six years, according to the release, in the AN/PRC-117G and vehicular kit also AN/VRC-114’s to accept MOUS, according to the release.

That system firmware will be updated and three new antenna kits added for different operational configurations.



More fights set over sweeping veterans reforms just signed into law

By: Leo Shane III, Military Times

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed the sweeping \$52 billion VA Mission Act into law on Wednesday. Now the fight starts over what that means.

The measure, which drew bipartisan support in Congress and effusive praise from Trump at a White House signing ceremony, lays the groundwork for the promise of easier access to free appointments with the overhaul of the Veterans Affairs community care “programs, private-Care” doctors for veterans.

But major questions remain over how the new provisions will be funded and exactly who will benefit from the overhaul of Veterans Affairs health care offerings. In his remarks before the signing, Trump insisted the measure gives veterans “real choice” in their health care decisions, adding that “we’ve been looking for choice for a long time.”

Specifics of who will be eligible for the new community care offerings won’t be settled for another year. Veterans groups are gearing up for months of negotiations behind the scenes on rules regarding when patients can seek outside care and what role department medical officials will have in continued oversight of their medical treatments.

“We have faith this administration will properly execute on the regulatory process,” said Dan Caldwell, executive director at Concerned Veterans for America. “We’re going to be monitoring the rule-making process, and we’re hopeful we’ll get a good set of regulations that come out and ultimately increase choice for veterans in ways that are difficult to undermine by the bureaucracy.”

The bill also includes an expansion of caregiver benefits to veterans of all eras and plans for a review of all VA facilities in coming years, with an eye towards dramatic changes in the department’s national footprint.

But the health care aspects were the most controversial and most challenging for lawmakers. Although the legislation received bipartisan support in Congress and among veterans groups, critics of Trump have warned that the reforms could open the door to widespread outsourcing of veterans medical care to private-sector doctors.

That makes the upcoming rule making for the VA Mission Act a potential battlefield for both advocates and lawmakers. Numerous Democrats have accused Trump of working to privatize VA responsibilities, and major veterans groups have expressed concerns with funding being sent from within the department to outside doctors.

Officials from Vietnam Veterans of America noted that deadlines mandating certain decisions on the new regulations be completed within 120 days have the potential to produce rushed, problematic new guidelines.

“Will Congress still retain authority over this proposed shadow healthcare delivery system?” asked John Rowan, executive director at the VA. “Oversight with accountability is not spelled out to our satisfaction in this legislation.” “Expanding the scope of the program and services of Choice without a firm foundation is a recipe for disaster which will ultimately cheat veterans out of the care they have earned and deserve.”

Also complicating the issue further is a memo to Hill staffers from White House officials opposing a Senate plan to raise non-defense spending caps to cover the costs of the new VA reforms. Administration officials say that money should come from cuts elsewhere in the federal bureaucracy.

The looming fights come after more than a year of intense debate on the issue of VA health care. More than one-third of all VA-funded medical appointments are handled outside the VA medical system, but Trump has repeatedly lamented that too many veterans are trapped using the federal system as their only health care option.

“If the VA can’t meet the needs of a veteran in a timely manner, that veteran will have the right to go right outside to a private doctor,” the president said. “So simple and yet so complex.”

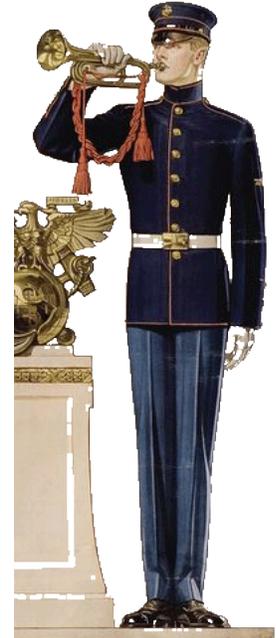
Trump praised Republican congressional leaders for passage of the measure, but did not invite Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee ranking member Jon Tester, D-MT. and a co-author of the measure, to the event.

Rule-making responsibilities fall on acting VA Secretary Peter O’Rourke to oversee, although he is expected to return to his role as chief of staff after the confirmation of Robert Wilkie as the new permanent VA secretary. No timeline has been set for that process.





TAPS



Charles W. Bailey 0531 - 1214
 Noah Baird 03-95 - 12- 13
 Dan Brennan 05-32 - 05-10
 Cedric Bruns 04-91 - 05-03-Iraq
 Harry Callicote 05-31 - 12-04
 Louis A. Claudio 09-47 - 01-15
 Lyle Cornwall 09-25 - 07-10
 Robert 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 'Ted' Dravis 08-32 - 05-17

Adam Emul 04-88 - 01-07-Iraq
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 Kane M Funk 11-84 - 06-02 -Iraq
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 Samuel P Grooms 07-39 - 08-17
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 Alan Miksch 10-51-11-01
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 Sherrill Parson 03-23 - 02-05

Howard Pearson 03-12 - 03-96
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 Harry Rea 06-46 - 01-12
 David Reis 01-75 - 11-04-Iraq
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 Michael Scholl 06-75 - 11-06-Iraq
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 Richard Zoller 04-20 - 11-04

The Senate Sends Major Overhaul of Veterans Health Care to President Trump for Signature

The Senate gave final passage in May to a multibillion –dollar revamp of the veterans health care system, consolidating seven Veterans Affairs Department health programs into one and making it far easier for veterans to take their benefits to private doctors for care.

The legislation, which passed 92 to 5, also EXPANDS popular stipends to family caregivers of veterans who served during the Vietnam War era or after. This legislation establishes a nine-member commission to study

the department’s current infrastructure to determine where its health system should expand and contract.

The comprehensive bill has been a year in the making, and ultimately won the support of Republicans and most Democrats. The House passed it last month, 347 to 70, and President Trump signed it into law. The bill rounds out an ambitious legislative agenda on veterans issues that has bridged the administrations of President Barack Obama and President

Trump, and largely united moderates in both parties who set out to make major changes to the Department of Veterans Affairs

after a 2014 scandal over the manipulation of data on patient wait times. President Trump has already signed laws that make it easier for the department to remove and fire employees and for veterans to appeal benefits decisions, as well as a rewrite of the G.I. Bill for post-9/11 veterans.



Answer’s to Marine Corps Quiz found on Page 5

1. C Green
2. B Gene Hackman
3. A Jacklyn H. Lucas
4. A Andrew Jackson
5. A 42
6. C 7





AT THE WINE MERCHANT

Special Thanks to the “Gunny” for this one

At a wine merchant’s warehouse, the regular taster died, and the director started looking for a new one to hire. He posted a sign at the entrance to the building... EXPERIENCED WINE TASTER NEEDED — POSITION STARTS IMMEDIATELY.

A retired Marine named Gunny, drunk and with a ragged dirty look and smelling of last night’s rounds, strolled by the building and saw the sign. He went into the building to apply for the position.

Aghast at his appearance, the director wondered how to send him away but, to be fair, he gave him a glass of wine to taste. The old “jarhead” held the glass up to his left eye, tilted his head toward incoming sunlight and studied the contents looking through the glass. He then took a sip and said, “it’s a Southern California Muscat. Three years old, grown on the north slope, matured in steel containers. Somewhat low-grade but acceptable.”

“That’s correct,” said the boss. Glancing at his assistant he said... “Another one, please.”

The old Marine took the goblet, full of a deep red liquid, stuck his nose into the glass, sniffed deeply and took a long slow sip....rolling his eyeballs in a circle, he then looked at the director and said.... “It’s a Cabernet Sauvignon, eight years old, south-western slope, oak barrels, matured at eight degrees. Requires three more years for the finest results.”

“Absolutely correct. A third glass.” said the director.

Receiving another glass, again, the Marine eyed the crystal, took in a little bit of the aroma and sipped very softly.... “It’s a Pinot Blanc champagne, very high grade and exclusive,” said the drunk calmly.

The director was astonished and winked at his assistant to suggest something.

She left the room and came back in with a wine glass half-full of urine.

The old Marine Gunny eyed it suspiciously...a color he could not quite recall. He took a sip, swishing it over his tongue and across his teeth, musing upward all the while.

“It’s a blonde, 26 years old, three months pregnant, and if I don’t get the job, I’ll name the father.”

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UNDERESTIMATE THE TALENTS OF A UNITED STATES MARINE STAFF
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The relation between officers and men should in no sense be that of superior and inferior nor that of master and servant, but rather that of teacher and scholar. In fact, it should partake of the nature of the relation between father and son, to the extent that officers, especially commanding officers, are responsible for the physical, mental, and moral welfare, as well as the discipline and military training of the young men under their command.

Major General John A. Lejeune, 13th CMC 1929



ANNUAL DEVIL DOG PICNIC PHOTO ALBUM A GREAT DAY WITH GREAT FOLKS

This year once again the Bolte farm was the site of the Annual Devil Dog Picnic. This was a day when our membership had the chance to have fun and camaraderie in a family setting, mixing and mingling with good friends and great Marine families. The Detachment would like to thank Lynn and his bride Jeanette for taking on this project every year and giving our membership a chance to mix and mingle in an atmosphere fun and brotherhood.





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Semper Fidelis!

“THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY”

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

- 14 June 1777 The Congress officially adopts the Stars and Stripes as the National Flag of the United States
- 21 June 1801 The U.S. Government purchases land at the corner of 8th and I Streets in Washington, D.C. for \$6,247.18 for a site of the Marine Corps Barracks.
- 12 June 1805 Marines cover the seaborne withdrawal of Eaton's force from Derna Tripoli
- 12 June 1814 Captain Samuel Miller leads a small battalion of Marines from Washington, D.C., to reinforce American units guarding the approaches to the capital along the Patuxent River.
- 30 June 1834 Congress passes "An Act for the Better Organization of the United States Marine Corps." The key provision states that Marines are under Naval jurisdiction unless detached by the President for service with the Army.
- 26 June 1891 A small Marine guard is established to protect the new Naval Base at Port Royal, South Carolina. This base will eventually become known as Parris Island.
- 17 June 1915 Three companies of the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment in San Diego embark on cruiser Colorado (CA-7) and remain on station off the west coast of Mexico for six weeks
- 6 June 1918 The Marine Brigade launches a counterattack to gain better defensive positions around Belleau Wood. Marine Casualties for the day, 1,087 killed or wounded –exceed the total losses suffered by the Corps in its entire history up to that point
- 5 June 1925 Marines go ashore at Shanghai in China, from the USS Huron when fighting breaks out between rival factions.
- 21 June 1943 The 4th Raider Battalion and two Army infantry companies land at Segi Point, New Georgia, to stave off a Japanese advance against a coast watcher. This marks the earlier-than-planned opening of the campaign to seize the island.
- 2 June 1944 Elements of the 8th Marines occupy Iheya Shima north of Okinawa to provide a base for early warning radar.
- 1 June 1946 I/3 is disbanded on Chichi Jima in the Bonin Islands. The 1st Base Headquarters Battalion becomes Marine Barracks Guam
- 25 June 1950 Eight Divisions of the Communist North Korean People's Army (NKPA) sweep over the 38th Parallel into South Korea and begin to roll over their weaker neighbor.
- 1 June 1968 In an effort to burn away foliage in support of Operation Allen Brook, 9 C-130s drop 31,000 gallons of fuel drums on Go Noi Island, in Vietnam
- 19 June 1985 Communist guerrillas fire on an outdoor café, killing 13 people, including 4 off duty Marine Embassy Guards

