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

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## Historic “Battle of Chapultepec” Remembered

By: Lance Corporal Carrie Booze, Marine Corps Recruiting Cmd., Quantico, VA.



We recently marked the 160th anniversary of the battle of Chapultepec. On the 13th of September, 1847, 120 U.S. Marines and soldiers stormed the Chapultepec castle, a fort being used as a Mexican Military Academy, to engage in what would be the last battle before invading the Mexican capital of Mexico City.

In order to advance into the city, Army General Winfield Scott made the decision to enter Mexico City by using causeways leading to its western gates. This strategy made it necessary for the troops to seize Chapultepec Hill, a heavily reinforced 200-foot hill that included a 12-foot wall designed to protect it against enemy attacks.

The American forces struggled as they attacked the steep hill from all directions and were greeted by the Mexican Army through massive amounts of musket fire and artillery bombardment.

When they reached the western walls, the troops were forced to engage in vicious hand-to-hand combat. Finally, they were able to hoist scaling-ladders into the fort and claim the defensive positions.

Once the troops entered the castle known as the Halls of Montezuma, they raised the American flag symbolizing their triumph. When General Scott walked into the castle he found the surrounding streets guarded by the remaining U.S. Marines.

During this battle, 90 percent of the Marine Officers and noncommissioned officers who fought were killed.

Today the Marines’ actions in the battle of Chapultepec are remembered in the opening lines of The Marines’ Hymn, “From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli.”

Marine officers and noncommissioned officers also added scarlet stripes to their blue dress trousers, which are now referred to as “blood stripes,” to commemorate the Marines’ blood shed at the battle of Chapultepec. The week of the 13th of September was a time to reflect on the contributions made by Marines in the past and to honor their courage during the final stronghold of the Mexican War.



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### FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDANT

Greetings Marines,

Is your car due for cleaning? This Saturday (September 29th) would be a great day to visit the Hazel Dell car wash at 8200 NE Highway 99. That's the day of our detachment fundraiser there. If you have your car washed anytime that day we get \$1.00 donated to us. If you don't have a blue card and want one, contact me and I'll get you one. We cannot hand them out the day of event. If you don't want your car washed but want to donate, you can come inside and we'll have someone manning a table and you can donate there.

We currently have a member searching for a location, menu and price for our annual Marine Corps Birthday dinner. We'll get his recommendation at our next detachment meeting and make a selection. As soon as we have one we'll notify everyone by email.

Veterans Day is coming (November 10th). We are once again entered in the Parade and will have vehicles with several seats available for anyone needing to ride. More information as we get closer to the parade date.

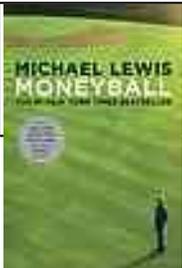
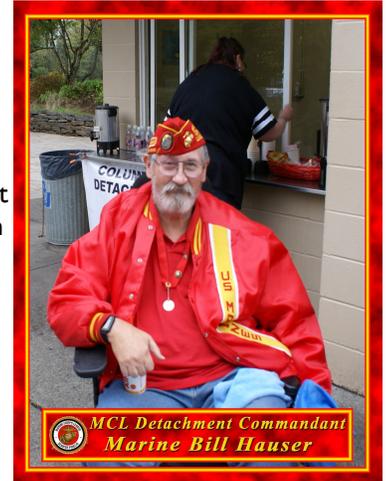
The Toys for Tots program is in the planning stages and we should be getting information about the needs for this year's toy drive. From what I've heard, the Active and Reserve units are slowly pulling away from the program. They just don't have the funding to support it which leaves more for the volunteer groups like the Marine Corps League. Last year we had a 78% increase over the previous year in pickup locations in the Portland/Vancouver area and we did it all with just 27 volunteers. If you are able to help with just a couple of locations please let me know and we'll get you on the list. There'll be more on this as time goes by and we'll be looking for help.

CMAC is planning to host a **free** ice cream social on November 11th, Veterans Day at the Fort Vancouver Artillery Barracks (600 Hatheway Road) from 3pm to 5pm. Everyone is welcome.

Next detachment meeting is October 11th at the Elks Lodge. This will be our normal business meeting and a good time to bring a prospective member

S/F Bill

Bill



## Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game

By: Michael Lewis

Added to the Commands Reading List

This book explains how Billy Beane, the general manager of the Oakland Athletics, is using a new kind of thinking to build a successful and winning baseball team without spending enormous sums of money. The author examines the fallacy behind the major league baseball refrain that the team with the biggest wallet is supposed to win. Over the past four years the Oakland Athletics, a major league team with a minor league payroll, have had one of the best records in the country. General Manager Billy Beane is putting into practice on the field revolutionary principles to build his team that have been concocted by geek statisticians and college professors, rather than using the old scouting technique called "gut instinct." The author takes us behind the scenes with the Oakland A's, into the dugouts, and into the conference rooms where the annual Major League draft is held by conference call, and rumor mongering is par for the course as each team jockeys for position for their favored player.

"I wrote this book because I fell in love with a story. The story concerned a small group of undervalued professional baseball players and executives, many of whom had been rejected as unfit for the big leagues, who had turned themselves into one of the most successful franchises in Major League Baseball. But the idea for the book came well before I had good reason to write it, before I had a story to fall in love with. It began, really, with an innocent question: how did one of the poorest teams in baseball, the Oakland Athletics, win so many games? This book is a quest for something as elusive as the Holy Grail, something that money apparently can't buy: the secret of success in baseball."

**IMPORTANT— OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE  
11 October 2018, AT THE ELKS CLUB, VANCOUVER.**



## MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY COLUMBIA RIVER UNIT



Brunch/Meeting, September 15, 2018  
Lisa's Country Kitchen

Those attending: Jeanette Bolte, Patti Kuhar, June Lasch, Bibbi Lee, Dee Anne Osorio, Caroline Ruhmshottel, Shellie Towne and Karen Wheeler.

Chris McDonald was at the stand down. Paulie Stofiel is on a road trip with John, celebrating their 30th anniversary.

Patti showed us the new Patriotic Bracelets. They are black with silver beads and red elastic thread and look quite nice. They are still selling for \$5.00 ea.

Patti met with the head of the Christmas tree fundraiser with Devine Consign and reported back to us. It was discussed and agreed that it is not a good plan.

Patti gave the treasurer's report and it was filed for audit. OLA \$\$\$ went to purchase snacks for Child Protective Services. Also received money from bracelets sold at Lisa's.

We had the initiation of new member, Bibbi Lee. Welcome!

The Car Wash fundraiser is a go for Saturday, September 29, 2018, starting at 8:00 AM.

Also on the table for further discussion was a patriotic themed quilts for the VA patients.

Jeanette got a nice letter from Ellen with how she and husband Roger are doing. Jeanette also read a thank you card from PNP Karen Aune for a gift donation.

A Marine Corps Birthday card committee was formed to make selections of pictures and verses for us to vote on for this year's card. Caroline volunteered to do pictures and Dee Anne to do verses.

PLEASE KEEP OPEN THESE UPCOMING DATES:

**October 20, 2018, Saturday at 10:00 AM** at the home of Karen Wheeler to address the Marine Corps Birthday cards. This is also a brunch, so bring a dish to share. 4610 NW Daniels St.

No meeting in November, But do not forget the Marine Corps Birthday Party. (Details for follow)

**December 16, 2018, SUNDAY, at 1:00 PM** at the home of Caroline Ruhmshottel. 9503 NE 11th Way. Christmas Brunch—bring a dish to share and a gift (not over \$15.00). We will also help fill 75 Christmas gift bags for the vets. (Patti will send out a list of items she has already gotten).

Next brunch/meeting will be October 20, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Lisa's Country Kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shellie Towne, Secretary



## SPMAGTF-SC CAMP NAMED FOR MARINE HERO

By: SSGT Frans Labranche, Marine Forces South

SOTO CANO AIR BASE, HONDURAS — Marines have reported for rotations of the Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force –Southern Command for years, deploying to a small compound of wooded huts tucked in the corner of this historic place. This semi-secluded area has been known for years as Alpha Block, but this changed with the renaming of the Marine camp.

Dropping the penitentiary-sounding “Alpha Block”, the Marines renamed their camp, ‘Camp Manion’ after 1stLt Travis Manion, who earned a posthumous Silver Star for drawing fire away from wounded Marines in April 2007 in the Al Anbar province, Iraq.

Early in the deployment, the logistics element Marines built a new gateway into the compound, christening it Camp Manion in the bright red and yellow found on all Marine Corps Bases. “This is the first SPMAGTF led by a logistics regiment and 1stLt. Manion was a logistics officer, so his role in his unit is near SPMAGTF-SC and dear to our mission here,” said Lt.Col Erich Bergiel, SPMAGTF-SC executive officer. “As Marines we like to make things our own and we’ve done that here by honoring a very worthy hero of our own.” The Marine Corps is also known for its small size when compared to other services and one officer with the SPMAGTF had the honor of crossing paths with Manion.

“I replaced the good Lieutenant as the motor transport officer at 1st Recon Bn when I was a young lieutenant myself,” said Maj Stephen Bartoszak, SPMAGTF-SC logistics officer. “All of his Marines became my

Marines and I suggested we name the camp after him because of the lasting effect that he had on those Marines and on the Marine Corps as an institution.”

Now the example Manion set for his Marines will live on as part of the Marine Corps tradition for every Marine and Sailor that serves as part of SPMAGTF-SC. “Manion embodied leadership,” Bartoszak said. “His methods and quality of leadership makes him a great example for Marines of all grades and ranks to emulate. Having a whole camp named for him feels like a well-deserved recognition of a great Marine leader.”



## Secretary promises VA will be more “Welcoming” to Women Veterans



Washington—Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie said his department “needs to be more welcoming to women veterans” and promised improvements at the bureaucracy in months to come.

“We are on the cusp of a great change,” Wilkie told veterans attending the inaugural meeting of the Military Women’s Coalition in Georgia on Friday. “This is not my father’s or my grandfather’s VA. It is now your VA. We have to change how we do business, and that means making the institution more welcoming.”

Wilkie did not offer specifics on policies or programs to “make sure the needs of our fighting women are taken care of,” but he did acknowledge that women veterans are the fastest growing demographic group under the department’s watch.

About 10 percent of the veterans population in America today are women, and that number is expected to rise above 17 percent in the next decade. Wilkie, who previously served as the Pentagon’s top personnel official, said more than 250,000 women service members are stationed throughout the world today.

“And the VA has to change to respond to America’s changes,” he said.

The coalition, which includes more than 40 separate service women’s advocacy groups, held the event to discuss “continued structural and cultural barriers women face during and after their service.”

That included discussion of a inspector general released earlier this month that VA officials may have improperly denied benefits to thousands of military sexual assault victims in recent years, due to paperwork and procedural mistakes.

The department has come under criticism in recent years for

its slow response to complaints about a lack of exam space and health expertise for female patients, as well as administration officials’ refusal to reconsider changing the VA motto of “To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan” to less gender-specific language.

Wilkie, confirmed to the top VA post in late July, said he recognizes more work needs to be done and promised that “the department will be walking with you into the rest of the 21st century.”

He also noted that several new leadership officials at the department are female veterans, including Chief of Staff Pamela Powers, whose 30-year Air Force career included a deployment to Kuwait as Chief of Staff to the 9th Expeditionary Task Force.



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-





## MILITARY TERMS PUZZLE

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| Infiltration     | Target of Opportunity | Insurgency            | Unit              |

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



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

**Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Clark County Sheriff Give Safe Boater Safety Training to Our Young Marines**

We would like to thank the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 13 and the Clark County Sheriff's Office for graciously donating their time to train our Young Marines in "About Boating Safety" an 8 hour boating safety course. Successful completion of this course allows them to earn their Seamanship ribbon and to apply for their Washington State Boater Education Card. The Boater education card is required to legally operate a water craft in the State of Washington, including sailing, cruising, kayaking, canoe, paddle board etc. You can get more information about earning your Boater Education Card at:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=130-07>




**Young Marine Annual Female Scavenger Hunt (How Cool is That)**

Last weekend 10 of our female YM's and 5 female Registered Adults descended on Downtown Portland for our Annual Female Scavenger Hunt! This event is one of our female bonding events which encourages our female Young Marines to get to know each other. 2 teams led by YM/Sgt Chantelle Chapa and YM/Cpl Aleena Chapa hit the streets armed only with maps of Downtown Portland and their hunt list of 34 items! Each team walked approx. 5 miles, Congratulations to the team led by YM/Sgt Chapa for being the 2018 winners.!



**WREATHS across AMERICA**  
 Lewis & Clark Youngs Marines (WA0009P)  
 Please Help us Remember, and Teach on 12/15/18 by sponsoring a Wreath.



LCYM Still Looking for Sponsors for Wreaths Across America.

Donate:

- \$15.00 for 1 Wreath
- \$30.00 for 2 Wreaths
- \$75.00 for 5 Wreaths
- \$150.00 for 10 Wreaths

**Let's help our Young Marines reach their goal.**



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**9 August 2018**

**- This was our bi-monthly gathering.-**

**While this was not our official Detachment Meeting the below was discussed...**

Topics bounced around the table included:

Our pending Car Wash Fundraiser

Our Web Page additions

Membership

Detachment Polo Shirts revisited

And Upcoming events and activities

**CLARK COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER**

Mission: The Clark County Veterans Assistance Centers (CCVAC) mission is to provide a welcoming and safe environment with the goal of assisting Veterans and their families in obtaining benefits, services and resources to meet their basic needs. CCVAC strives to support the reintegration of male and female military Veterans into the community.

We provide financial aid through the Veteran's Assistance Fund for eligible Veterans and through funds raised by the center for Veterans who fall outside of the Fund eligibility criteria. We assist with filing VA disabilities claims or accessing VA benefits. We medical and dental care, and more.

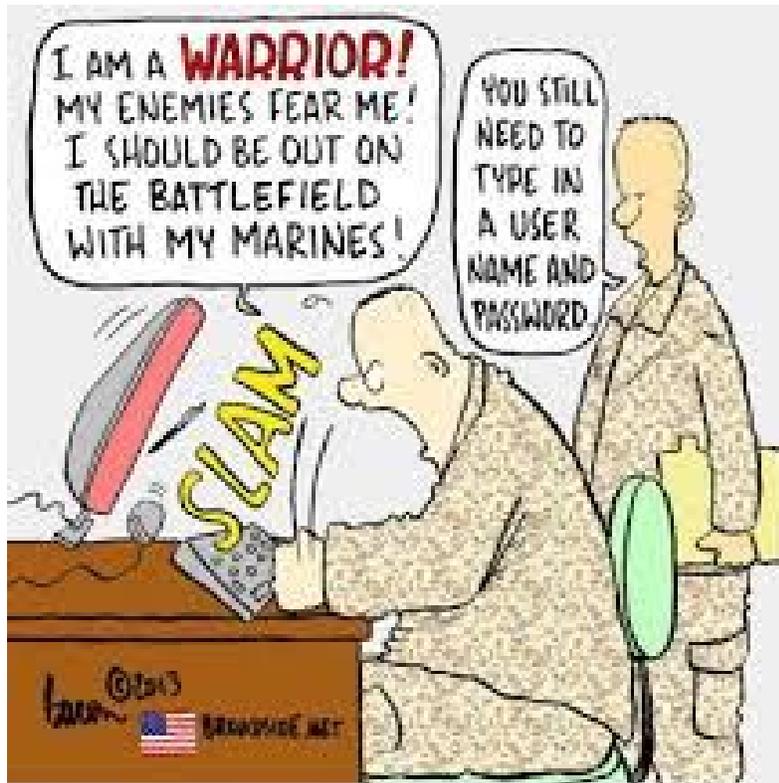
**OUR SERVICES**

- ◆ Financial aid through the Veteran's Assistance Fund
- ◆ Assistance with VA claims and benefits
- ◆ Free Clothing for Veterans in need
- ◆ Free food for hungry Veterans in need
- ◆ Free hygiene items
- ◆ Outdoor equipment for homeless Veterans: backpacks, sleeping

**ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING**

- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Medical and Dental care
- ◆ And much, much more

If you would like to support the Center's efforts, you may donate, supplies; and if you would like to make a financial donation, please make your check payable to: CLARK COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER, 1305 Columbia Street, Vancouver, WA 98660



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**WE THE DETACHMENT HAVE A POSITION TO FILL....**  
If interested contact John Stofiel or Bill Hauser for info and training.

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“One of the first things I learned in the Marine Corps is that any military Mission has to be defined as precisely as you can possibly define it, And then you size the force and equipment force to accomplish that Mission without fail.”

Lt. Col. John Glenn





## TRIP TO THE PAST | U.S. MARINES AND SAILORS VISIT HACKSAW RIDGE

By Lance Cpl. Isabella Ortega, 3rd Marine Logistics Group

### URASOE, OKINAWA, JAPAN

- On April 1, 1945, the Battle of Okinawa began as U.S. Marines and Soldiers made their way to the Ryukyu Islands, including Okinawa. Faced with attacks from Japanese Kamikaze pilots, Japanese soldiers positioned in underground tunnels, and the Yamato, the heaviest and most powerfully armed battleship ever constructed, the Americans fought a grueling 83 day battle and ultimately suffered over 82,000 casualties.

The Battle of Okinawa was the last battle of World War II. One of the most historic events during the Battle of Okinawa took place at Maeda Escarpment, Okinawa, Japan, or Hacksaw Ridge as it came to be known. The battle of Hacksaw Ridge took place on a 400-foot cliff and lasted 11 days. The Japanese soldiers utilized underground tunnels and bunkers across the ridge which forced American troops to scale the cliff-like terrain to get to the enemy. Both sides bore heavy losses, but on May 6, 1945, the Americans gained control of Hacksaw Ridge.

Over 73 years later, U.S. Marines and Sailors revisited the battleground to pay their respects and learn the history of Hacksaw Ridge. Service members with Headquarters Company, Headquarters Regiment, 3d Marine Logistics Group hiked through the hallowed battleground September 7, 2018. While ascending the ridge, the tour guide helped them discover what transpired at each historic location.

"When you come to Okinawa and come to these battle sites, you get a chance to stand in their footsteps on these fields and understand more about what happened," Chris Majewski, a tour guide with Marine Corps Community Services Tours said.

Majewski led the group atop Hacksaw Ridge and explained details of the battle. He told the group about Corporal Desmond Doss, a U.S. Army Medal of Honor recipient, who as a private first class, single-handedly saved the lives of over 75 people on Hacksaw Ridge during the Battle of Okinawa. "It's important to take the tours because this is our history, our background, this is why we're here," he said. "If you don't learn your history, you're doomed to repeat it."

According to one of the tourists, Lance Corporal James C. Craighead, a data systems administrator with Headquarters Regiment, 3rd MLG, his experience at Hacksaw Ridge helped him learn more about the men who shed blood for their country. He said the tour reminded him that the troops who fought at Hacksaw Ridge were service members just like him. "It takes going there and seeing it, for most people, to imagine what we could potentially go through ourselves," Craighead said.

Craighead said it was a reality check to get the Hacksaw Ridge tour because it made him realize that it wasn't too long ago that troops were making sacrifices in the very place he stood.

Majewski said he has dedicated the past 20 years of his life to telling people about the brave actions of the Americans who fought on Hacksaw Ridge. He said he conducts tours of the battle site twice a month, or whenever he is requested by a specific unit, because it is important to him that those troops are never forgotten.



President Harry S. Truman  
Presenting the Medal of Honor  
to Sergeant Desmond Doss, US  
Army for Hacksaw Ridge



**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**



## Marine Corps League Anniversaries for September 2018

John F. Stofiel	09/28/1992	Mike B. Pettet	09/05/2000	Paul L. Troupe	09/20/2016
Philip E. Ruhmshottel	09/28/1992	Ronnie F. Brandon	09/02/2002	John P. Greer	09/14/2017
Roger Rueckert	09/28/1992	James L. Renton II	09/01/2003		
George Pobi	09/28/1992	David W. Tanner Sr.	09/11/2003		
Nona H. Mallicoat	09/28/1992	Zachary B. Banks	09/20/2007		
Michael R. Lehnert	09/28/1992	Dickson Lee	09/29/2007		
Lynn A. Bolte	09/28/1992	Paul J. Whitney	09/30/2007		
Jonathan M. Unruh	09/01/1992	Leonard P. Stonich	09/01/2008		
Andrew P. Didler	09/05/1998	Steven W. Slegers	09/14/2016		
Robert J. Rector	09/05/2000				

### "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 "Teufelhunde," referring to the fierce fighting dogs of legendary origin. Ooohhh Raaah!**



**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

- October 2018      11      **Marine Corps League Bi-Monthly Business Meeting**
- 13      **Devil Dog Meeting@ Lisa's Country Kitchen**
- 20      **Auxiliary Brunch Meeting @ Lisa's Country Kitchen**

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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS WISHES**

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| Michael B. Wilson  | 9/09/1945 |
| James R, Kenney    | 9/12/1946 |
| Michael C. Mannell | 9/06/1953 |
| George Pobi        | 9/24/1958 |
| Kurt J. Kurandt    | 9/15/1961 |



**LEWIS & CLARK**  
*Young Marines*  
Of the Marine Corps League

**Vancouver, WA**  
[WWW.LCYM.ORG](http://WWW.LCYM.ORG)



The Lewis and Clark Young Marines, a 6-1(c)3 nonprofit youth organization in Vancouver, WA, is reaching out to our Veteran Supporters, Business and Community leaders and past sponsors. We have pledged that this year no Veterans grave will go unhonored on National Wreaths across America Day,

December 15th, 2018. That's right, we are committed to selling 2000 or more wreath sponsorships (only \$15 ea.) in order to honor every single grave at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver. All wreaths will be delivered to the cemetery

To become a sponsor please contact the [WAA@LCYM.org](mailto:WAA@LCYM.org) or send a check to:

Lewis & Clark Young Marines  
11605 SE McGillivray Blvd.  
Vancouver, WA. 98683

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**\$30.00 Annually by 31 August**

Life Membership Fee:

17-35 years	\$ 500.00
36-50	\$ 400.00
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MARINES OF THE YEAR

- John Stofiel 1997 – 1998  
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- George LaFrazia 1999 – 2000  
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- 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

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



## Staff Sergeant Reckless

United States Marine Corps



Staff Sergeant Reckless  
(c. 1948-May 13, 1968)

A dedicated war horse who held official rank in the United States military was a mare of Mongolian horse breeding. Out of a race horse dame, she was purchased in October 1952 for \$250 from a Korean stable boy at the Seoul racetrack who needed money to buy an artificial leg for his sister. Reckless was bought by members of the United States Marine Corps and trained to be a pack horse for the Recoiless Rifle Platoon, Anti-Tank Company, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. She quickly became part of the unit and was allowed to roam freely through camp, entering the Marines' tents, where she would sleep on cold nights, and was known for her willingness to eat nearly anything, including scrambled

eggs, beer, Coca-Cola and , once, about \$30 worth of poker chips.

She served in numerous combat actions during the Korean War carrying supplies and ammunition, and was also used to evacuate wounded. Learning each supply route after only a couple of trips, she often traveled to deliver supplies to the troops on her own, without benefit of a handler. The highlight of her nine-month military career came in late March 1953 during the Battle for Outpost Vegas when, in a single day, she made 51 solo trips to resupply multiple front line units. She was wounded in combat twice, given the battlefield rank of Corporal in 1953, and then a battlefield promotion to Sergeant in 1954, several months after the war ended. She also became the first horse in the Marine Corps known to have participated in an amphibious landing, and following the war was awarded two Purple Hearts, a Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, was included in her unit's Presidential Unit Citations from two countries, as well as other military honors.

Her wartime service record was featured in *The Saturday Evening Post* and *Life Magazine* recognized her as one of America's 100 all time heroes. She was retired and brought to the United States after the war, where she made appearances on television and participated in the United States Marine Corps birthday ball. She was officially promoted to Staff Sergeant in 1959 by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. She gave birth to four foals in America and died in May 1948. A plaque and photo were dedicated in her honor at the Marine Corps Base stables and a statue of her was dedicated on July 26, 2013 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. On 12 May, 2018, a bronze statue of Sergeant Reckless was placed and dedicated in the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Kentucky.



### VA researchers work to create 3D-printed artificial lung that may revolutionize the treatment of Veterans with lung disease

Washington - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) scientists at the VA, Ann Arbor Healthcare System in Michigan recently announced that they are working to create a 3D-printed artificial lung that could potentially revolutionize treatment of Veterans affected by lung disease.

Through still in its infancy, VA researches hope to build what they call the first artificial lung that closely replicates the natural lung, resulting in compatibility with living cells and a very small size protable or wearable short - and long - term respiratory support.

In the near term, the device could be used as a temporary measure - a bridge to help patients waiting lung transplant or an aid for Veterans with recovering lungs. According to researchers, future versions could have longer-term applications.

"Our Veterans deserve the highest quality of care and the latest breakthroughs in medical science," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This exciting project is the latest in a long string of incredible Research and medical advancements developed by VA researchers over the years. The results of this project could change millions of

over the years. The results of this project could change millions of lives for the better."

Exposure to burn pits, sand, diesel exhaust and chemicals are some of the most commonly cited factors that led to lung problems for active-duty military. About 20% of patients with severe traumatic brain injury also have acute lung injury.

One lung disorder VA researchers hope to tackle with the 3D lung is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), regarded as one of the most prevalent and costliest ailments in the Veteran population, COPD affects 5 % of Americans and 16% of Veterans. Most people with COPD have emphysema, in which the air sacs of the lung are damaged and enlarged, and chronic bronchitis, a long-lasting cough caused by chronic inflammation of the bronchial tubes. The disease is characterized by an airflow limitation that is often linked to an abnormal response of the lungs to noxious particles or gases, such as those in cigarette smoke.

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

*Chesty Puller*



Warning Order

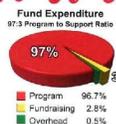
## “TOYS for TOTS 2018”

Well, here we go. The 2018 Toys for Tots season is quickly approaching and the Columbia River Detachment Marine Corps League is getting ready to jump in with both feet and start “Marking Time.” This year will see some changes as they relate to our participation in that the Marine Corps Reserve will be passing more of the torch to us as they either officially or unofficially start to back off on the program. While this may seem like we are going to be left hanging, we have really known for some time now that this was inevitable as the operations tempo for the Marine Corps as a whole is taking a hit and the troops are needed for more vital tasks and missions. As they start to pass more and more of the gauntlet to the League we will be needing more volunteers and helpers than we have in the past to ensure that every child in the Vancouver, Clark County area gets a visit and gift from Santa. Please **HELP** with as much time as you have to assist us with this project so **“NO” child is left out.**

Remember, our mission might have changed but our belief in who and what we can do has never. This time....

SANTA NEEDS OUR HELP, LETS TELL HIM...

## SEMPER FI, SANTA



### Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation enjoys one of the very best program-to-support ratios within the nonprofit world — 97.3! This means that over 97% of your donation goes directly to our mission of providing toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate children. The 3% spent on support principally covers fundraising expenses — **not one donated dollar goes to salaries or any manpower costs!**



Santa & Mrs. Claus' last day of vacation before preparation for Christmas.

### Portland OR

Toys for Tots Coordinator  
GySgt Sean Bazar



### 2018 Events and Drop/Donation Sites

The area and cities that Portland Toys for Tots is responsible for



“Every Child deserves a Little Christmas”

On **Wednesday, Nov. 7th at 5:00PM** at Oregon National Guard's Camp Withycombe, we will be honoring veterans with “Veterans - An Evening of Honor”. If you are interested in attending this event please email Ken Buckles at [ken@rahusa.us](mailto:ken@rahusa.us). *Please do not call, as availability is limited to prepare for this event.*

> Registration is **FREE** for veteran & spouse/guest **AND DUE BY 28 September.** (Seating is 8 per table)

## Nov. 7th 2018

# • Veterans •

## An Evening of Honor

Attend a once in a lifetime event at Camp Withycombe, an Oregon National Guard Army, to honor veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflicts, from D-Day to the mountains of Afghanistan, meet with these amazing Veterans and visit with them as they share their experiences serving in the U.S. Military.

### WANT TO SIT WITH A LEGEND?

#### Sponsorship Levels

**\$5,000** 4 Guests will dine in the front row with WWII Ex-POWs and VIPs

**\$2,500** 4 Guests will dine with veterans from WWII to Afghanistan.

**\$1,000:** Seats for 20 Vets & spouses

**\$500:** Seats for 10 Vets & spouses

**\$250:** Seats for 5 Vets & spouses

**\$125:** Two Diner tickets

**\$100:** Sponsor a veteran & receive an additional dinner ticket

**\$75:** Individual dinner ticket

100% of proceeds are applied to our Living History Day Program expenses.

Remembering America's Heroes  
(www.rahusa.us) is a registered 501-C-3.  
Donations can be made online at  
[www.rahusa.us](http://www.rahusa.us)  
RAH Tax ID# 75-2977111

### VIP Guests Confirmed

**Master of Ceremonies**  
Bill Schonley, Marines, China  
Speaker of the National Football League

**Coach "Moose" Davis**, Navy  
Legendary Fun & Shook Festival, Coach

**MSGt. Chris Spence**  
Army Special Forces, Afghanistan, Portrayed in the movie "12 Strong"

**Lt. Col. Alex Jefferson**  
Tuskegee Airman, Ex-POW, Purple Heart

**1st Lt. Marcella LeBeau**  
Army Nurse, WWII, Europe - 77 years old

**Bill Overmire**  
Army, WWII, Corporal, Ex-POW

**Lt. Gen. Russell Davis**  
Air Force - First Chief, National Guard Bureau

**MSGt. John Steinbaugh**  
Army, Medic, Special Forces, 13 tours Iraq & Afghanistan, Purple Heart

**Oscar Leonard**  
OCS - Predecessor to the CIA, WWII, Philippines, Ex-POW

Camp Withycombe 15300 SE Minuteman Way, Clackamas, OR 97015  
1800 - 2100/6:00pm - 9:00pm (Doors open at 5:00 PM)  
Prime Rib/Salmon Dinner •Caterer - The Bomber Restaurant  
Check website for updates: [www.rahusa.us](http://www.rahusa.us)

We are still looking for sponsors or donations. We've asked businesses to sponsor for a table or two for their employees who are veterans and have received commitments from Precision Cast Corp., PGE, Revmed, Portland Police Department, Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs, Veterans Care Centers of Oregon, Nike Military Veterans Dignity Memorial, Westin KIA, Korean Society of Oregon, NW NATURAL, and more.

# Join Us For

## Coffee WITH A Cop

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and a conversation.

**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*



# Veterans Benefits Administration



The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) provides a variety of benefits and services to Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families. Below are some of our major program offices within VBA.

**Compensation Service:** Oversees the delivery of disability compensation, a tax-free monetary benefit paid to Veterans with disabilities that are the result of a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service.

**Pension and Fiduciary Service:** Provides program oversight that helps wartime Veterans, their families, and survivors with financial challenges by providing supplemental income through Veterans Pension, Death Pension, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. Protects the benefits paid to our most vulnerable beneficiaries who, because of disease, injury, or infirmities of advanced age, are unable to manage their VA benefits.

**Insurance Service:** Maintains life insurance programs that give financial security and peace of mind for Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families.

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**Benefits Assistance Service:** Facilitates outreach, web/social media communications, and public contact services cross the administration, oversees transition assistance, and ensures quality and training for VBA employees who engage with Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families through client services such as the National Call Center.

**Education Service:** Administers VA's education programs that provide education and training benefits to eligible Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Servicemembers, Veterans, and dependents.

**Loan Guaranty Service:** Provides oversight of the VA Guaranteed Home Loan Program that guarantees home loans in varying amounts. Ensures Veteran's rights are protected when purchasing a home under this program. Oversees administration of specially adapted housing grants for certain severely disabled Servicemembers and Veterans so they can adapt or acquire suitable housing.

**Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) Service:** Assists Servicemembers and Veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment; start their own business; or receive independent-living services. Oversees their education and provides career counseling to help guide career paths and ensure the most effective use of VA benefits.

**Office of Field Operations:** Provides operational oversight to over five district offices and [56 regional benefit offices](#) within the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines. The five district offices include the North Atlantic District, Philadelphia, PA; Southeast District, Nashville, TN; Midwest District, St. Louis, MO; Continental District, Lakewood, CO; and Pacific District, Phoenix, AZ.

**Records Management Center:** Houses most service treatment records forwarded by the Department of Defense (DoD) to VA.

**Appeals Management Center:** Processes most appeals that have been returned to VBA by the Board of Veterans Appeals.

**Office of Business Process Integration:** Ensures VBA's strategic needs and requirements for business and data systems are properly documented, integrated, and communicated.

**Veterans Benefits Management System Program Office:** Developing an end-to-end paperless claims processing system that incorporates improved business processes with technology.



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



THE COMMUNITY MILITARY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO  
**SUNDAES ON SUNDAY WITH VETERANS**

**ENJOY A COMPLIMENTARY ICE CREAM SUNDAE**

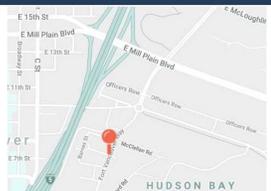
ALL VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WELCOME

**NOVEMBER 11TH**

**3 PM - 5 PM**



**FORT VANCOUVER ARTILLERY BARRACKS**  
600 E HATHEWAY, VANCOUVER, WA



Join us for a *clothing drive*  
BENEFITING OUR LOCAL VETERANS.

Taking care of each other is what community is all about. You're invited to join fellow businesses and organizations in the Vancouver area in a special clothing drive contest benefiting the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. We're proud to support their mission to provide a welcoming and safe environment with the goal of assisting veterans and their families in obtaining benefits, services and resources to meet their basic needs.

CLOTHING DRIVE CONTEST

**SEPTEMBER 15-DECEMBER 15, 2018**

The following items are acceptable for donations (must be new):  
> Socks > Gloves > Hats > Undergarments

Donations may be dropped off at Vancouver Funeral Chapel. Please ensure donations are provided in a bag or box with your business's name and contact information included.

The organization with the most donations will receive a complimentary lunch.\*  
For more information, contact us at 360-693-3633.

**VANCOUVER FUNERAL CHAPEL**

110 E 12th St., Vancouver  
VancouverFuneralChapel.net



\*Lunch value limited to \$250 and must be used by January 15, 2019 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm) at a restaurant in the downtown Vancouver area. No purchase necessary to enter contest. In the event of a tie, the organizations with the most donations will be entered into a drawing to determine the winner.

**Please Join Us For an Amazing 2019 National Convention in Historic Billings, Montana!**  
**August 4th - August 9th, 2019**



Please plan on joining the [Eugene Sara Detachment](#) in Billings, Montana for an amazing 2019 National Convention. Experience some western hospitality and get the opportunity to join us for some fun activities in the historic Billings Area.

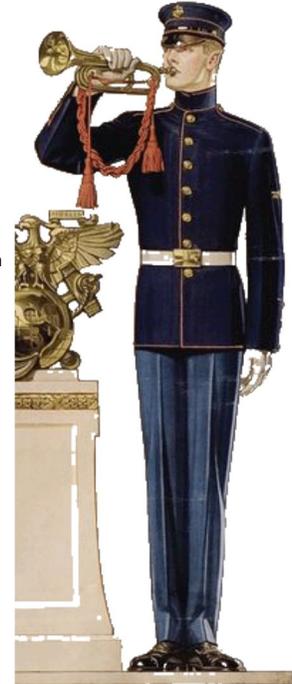
We have a wide range of activities planned ranging from some historic tours along the Lewis and Clark Train and the famous Custer Battlefield to guided scenic Mountain tours, visiting some award winning local breweries and even events for the ladies such as shopping trips and a visit to a local winery. There is definitely something for everyone. Check out more information on the National Marine Corps League Website.

<https://mclnationalconvention2019.com>



# TAPS

## Gone But Never Forgotten



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| Charles W. Bailey 05-31-12-14     | Kane M. Funke 11-84 - 06-02 -Iraq      | Jason D. Peto 01-79 - 12-19 Afghanistan |
| Noah Baird 03-95 - 12-13          | Fenton A. Grahnert 06-23-12-12         | Charles Quatier 01-36 - 12-08           |
| Dan Brennan 05-32 - 05-10         | Samuel P Grooms 07-39-08-17            | Harry Rea 06-46 - 01-12                 |
| Cedric Bruns 04-91- 05-03 Kuwait  | William J. Hendricks 2/14/42 - 6/23/18 | David Reis 01-75 - 11-04-Iraq           |
| Harry Callicote 05-31-12-04       | Walter J. Hicks 01-23 - 10-12          | David Sailer 01-53 - 10-12              |
| Louis A. Claudio 09-47-01-15      | Bernard H. Kendall 12/32 - 5/18        | Michael Scholl 06-75 - 11-06-Iraq       |
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| Roger Dahl 07-17-08-10            | Richard A. McKenzie Jr. 09-54 - 01-12  | Blaine Turner 03-20 - 05-01             |
| Jefferson E. Dean 06-25-12-11     | Jerome Merrill 01-28 - 09-10           | Robert Vollmer 06-33 - 11-13            |
| Robert E. Dean 07-23- 03-14       | Alan Miksch 10-51-11-01                | Arlos Waters 03-20 - 01-09              |
| David W Dowdakin 03-25-04-16      | Gladyce Moeller 10-21- 08-12,          | Fiorin Zeviar 01-37 - 01-14             |
| Theodore 'Ted' Dravis 08-32-05-17 | Jeffrey A. Paullin 08-86 - 11-13       | Richard Zoller 04-20 - 11-04            |
| Adam Emul 04-88-01-07-Iraq        | Sherrill Parson 03-23 - 02-05          |   |
| Robert Fish 06-19-02-05           | Howard Pearson 03-12-03-96             |   |

### Marines from Camp Lejeune break out amphibious assault vehicles during Florence relief efforts

Two Amphibious assault vehicles and two hardback Humvees were deployed from II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to aide in the rescue of approximately 20 local residents, according to the Marine Corps.

The rescue took place Saturday, roughly three miles off the Marine base. The civilians rescued were in danger due to rising waters because of continuing effects from Tropical Storm Florence.

Onslow County's emergency Operations Center took full advantage of the branch that has specialized in amphibious operations since 1775. According to a Marine Corps press release, the call from Onslow County went directly to Camp Lejeune's Security and Emergency Operations Center for a request for support.

After completion of the rescue, the civilians were transported to the Piney Green Volunteer Fire Department.

Rescue assistance by base commanders was recently authorized by Secretary of Defense James Mattis during a media briefing on storm preparations.

Commandant of the Marine Corps General Robert B. Neller took to Twitter to remind the local community that the Marines are assisting in evacuations, as well as to inform those Marines that chose to evacuate the area to not return to base until September 24th.

According to the Marines, the county is requesting additional support from the base. The Marine Corps has reported that they will be moving to support these requests for aid.

Last week, Retired Marine Jason Weinmann, 47, was using an old "deuce and a half" military transport truck he bought at an auction to rescue people from flooded homes, according to reporting by CNN. Weinmann, is quoted by CNN as saying, "that's why I got this thing, to use in times like this."



### CONGRATULATIONS~CONGRATULATIONS~CONGRATULATIONS

OUR OWN, **MARINE BILL HAUSER** FOR HAVING BEEN SELECTED AS  
OUR DEPARTMENT MARINE OF THE YEAR FOR 2018-2019



## VA SAIL report scorecard shows majority of VA medical centers have improved over past year in quality of services provided to Veterans

**WASHINGTON** - Using a web-based report scorecard that measures, evaluates and benchmarks quality and efficiency at its medical centers, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently released data that showed significant improvements at the majority of its health care facilities.

Compared with [data from the same period a year ago](#), the July 2018 release of [VA's Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning \(SAIL\)](#) report showed 103 (71 percent) VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) have improved in overall quality — with the largest gains seen in areas where there were VA-wide improvement initiatives, such as mortality, length of stay and avoidable adverse events. Seven (5 percent VAMCs) has a small decrease in quality.

“This is a major step in the right direction to improving our quality of services for our Veterans,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “Over the past year, we were able to identify our problems and implement solutions to fixing the issues at 71 percent of our facilities. I’m extremely proud of our employees and the progress they have made to raise VA’s performance for our nation’s heroes.”

Additionally, of the 15 medical centers placed under the Strategic Action for Transformation program (StAT), an initiative that monitors high-risk medical centers and mobilizes resources to assist the facilities, 33 percent (five medical centers) are no longer considered high-risk and 73 percent (11 medical centers) show meaningful improvements since being placed under StAT in January 2018.

The quarterly SAIL report, which has been released publicly since 2015, assesses 25 quality metrics and two efficiency and productivity metrics in areas such as death rate, complications and patient satisfaction, as well as overall efficiency and physician capacity at 146 VAMCs. It is used as an internal learning tool for VA leaders and personnel to pinpoint and study VAMCs with high quality and efficiency scores, both within specific measured areas and overall. The data is also used to identify best practices and develop strategies to help troubled facilities improve.

## The Corps’ New, “Pajama-like” tropical uniforms will be available in June

By: Shawn Snow, Marine Times



The Corps’ new lightweight and faster drying tropical uniform is just around the corner, and it couldn’t come at a better time as the Corps ramps up its footprint across the Pacific.

On August 29th the Corps issued an award to SourceAmerica, in Vienna, Virginia, for \$954,713m to produce the new tropical uniform, according to Barbara Hamby, a spokeswoman for Marine Corps Systems Command.

First article samples of the new uniform are due by the end of March with a follow-on 60 days of testing. After that, an initial 2,600 uniforms will be delivered by late June 2019.

The tropical uniforms have undergone several years of testing with 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, in Hawaii and Japan.

The Marines have heaped praise on the new lightweight uniform, at times describing them as “faster drying” and “light, like pajamas.”

The new tropical uniforms come at a time when the Corps has been fixated on the Pacific. Marines are currently in the middle of one of the largest movements to the region since World War II.

The Corps is rapidly modernizing its force to prepare for a potential conflict with rising near-peer competitor China.

The Corps has steadily been increasing its footprint in Australia, while decentralizing its forces off Okinawa, Japan to other locations like Guam and Hawaii in preparation for a potential conflict.

The new tropical uniforms will be delivered to the Consolidated Storage Program to be issued for contingency operations and training in tropical environments, according to Hamby.

The Uniforms will not be a sea bag item, or part of a Marines general issue, but will soon be certified and available in the exchanges for sale. The tropical uniform will be authorized for field use only.

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

**All other conditions are secondary.**

**A. M. Gray**

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MARINES AND NAVY CORPSMAN  
CONTINUING SERVICE TO THE  
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We welcome all Marines and Navy Corpsman for community service, social interaction and camaraderie. We have members from all eras of service and lots of experience and community resources to share. Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Vancouver Elk's Lodge upstairs meeting room.

(11605 SE McGillivray Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98683)

Semper Fidelis!

We're on the Web at  
<https://www.mcleague-crd826.org>

### "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

- 7 Sept 1775 Hannah and her Marines recapture the unarmed Unity off Massachusetts.
- 23-24 Sept 1800 The sloop Patapsco bombards protective forts in the harbor of Willemstad, Curacao, then her Marines land and assist Dutch forces defending the town against the French invasion.
- 16 Sept 1814 Marines and soldiers form the landing party that wipes out the pirate stronghold on Grand Terre Island at the mouth of the Mississippi River.
- 13 Sept. 1847 Watson's Marines participate in the battle at Chapultepec on the edge of Mexico City.
- 22 Sept. 1855 A landing party of Marines and sailors from John Adams seizes the king on Viti Levu Island and convinces him to guarantee protection to American property.
- 24 Sept 1873 Steamers Pensacola and Benicia deploy Marines and sailors ashore to protect American lives and the railroad during a revolt in the Panamanian Isthmus of Columbia.
- 23 Sept. 1899 Marines from Baltimore, Charleston, and gunboat Concord land with support of naval gunfire near Olongapo, Luzon, drive off a rebel outfit, and destroy a large-caliber coastal defense gun.
- 29 Sept. 1906 Two thousand Marines go ashore at Havana and fan out to garrison various key points in the country.
- 28 Sept. 1918 While flying with a British squadron, Lieutenant Everett S. Brewster and Gunnery Sergeant Harry B. Wersheimer become the first Marines to shoot down an enemy plane.
- 16 Sept. 1943 Maj. Greg Boyington of VMF-214 shoots down five Zeros near southern Bougainville.
- 21 Sept. 1944 The 7th Marines assume responsibility for the center of the 1st MarDiv zone and takes up the assault on the coral ridges. The 1st Marines focuses its remaining combat power on the narrow plain on the west coast of Peleliu.
- 1 Sept. 1945 Marine Barracks Guantanamo Bay is redesignated as a Marine Corps Base.
- 1-2 Sept. 1952 The 1st Marine Division conducts MARLEX VII, another in its series of amphibious exercises, with HMR-161 flying off USS Sicily (CVE-119) and delivering 1/7 to its assigned objective.
- 7-10 Sept. 1966 7th Marines (1/7 and 3/3) attack a Viet Cong concentration in the Batangan Peninsula, a few miles south of Van Tuong, killing 163 Viet Cong and North Vietnam Regulars.

