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Happy Birthday Marines, Semper Fidelis, and Keep Attacking!

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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Manny Airey



Hi Marines

Before I go any further I want to wish all of you and your family's a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I also want to thank each and every one of you that was at our last meeting for the great turnout.

It was great to see the hall with all of the members present. It was also great to have the officers from the Department at our meeting. Ron Short State Commandant, Jack Severn State Junior Vice Commandant, Jerry Fay State Judge Advocate, Kevin Oliver State Paymaster, and Guy Hall State Sergeant at Arms. We were also honored with the presence of Michael Blum from National Headquarters

I would also like to thank everyone for bring new toys for Toys for Tots. We received 143 toys. As you know we will be collecting toys (new unwrapped toys) for Toys for Tots at the November 22d meeting.

We need for someone to step up and take over the Newsletter, as Mike Hadley will not be able to do the newsletter after this year. Mike is the Web Sergeant for Detachment 1049 (<http://mclaacdet1049.org>) and Department of Maryland (<http://deptofmdmcl.org>) web sites.

Marines, it is great to stand in front of you all at a turnout as we had at our last meeting, we had fifty-five or sixty present. GREAT turnout.

I want to thank all of you again.

Your Commandant
Manny Airey
Semper Fi! Marines



Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



Marines let me wish you all a Happy 229th Birthday, I hope you all celebrated and had a good time. Our annual Marine Corps Ball was a great success, all that attended enjoyed the evening. We thank everyone that helped, with a special thanks to Ed Ross who always does a great job.

This year is quickly coming to an end and I would like to thank everyone that participated in our efforts to put money in our bank account. The bus rides to the slots is always fun. The day at the races is a very big fund raiser and the money we made this year, \$1,000 dollars was donated to the "Marines Helping Marines" program. For those of you who don't know, the money goes to our wounded Marines from Iraq and Afghanistan. Our Friday night dinners did real well this year, and the raffle tickets are also a great way to keep our funds growing. Thanks to all who helped at the dinners and bought raffle tickets, went on the bus rides, and came to our Day at the Races, it's this kind of participation that makes our Detachment a success. I would like to see more of our members come to our events so we can enjoy their company as well.

Semper Fi

Junior Vice Commandant

Denny Bynum



I'd like to welcome our newest Life Member; Charles P. Fisher also the latest new members; Steven C. Combs, Ronald D. Allender and Allen H. Pendell. Very glad to have you all in the League.

At this time we have 127 paid members. Our Life membership has grown to 64 members. Not bad, but I would like to remind you that the life member Dues are going up in 2005, so if you are thinking about becoming a life member you better get on the ball. (Probably tired of hearing this). Any way hope to see all of you at the next meeting, and bring in a new member if possible. Please check your membership cards, if Dues are due please mail it in so you won't be dropped from the current roster. If there is anything that I can be of service to you just call me at: 410-672-3305.

Hope you all enjoyed the Marine Corps Ball.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Semper Fi.

Denny Bynum



Remember

by Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC
"All Gave Some - Some Gave All"

It was the Veteran, not the reporter,
who has given us the freedom of the press.
It was the Veteran, not the poet,
who has given us freedom of speech.
It was the Veteran, not the lawyer,
who has given us the right to fair trial.
It was the Veteran, not the campus organizer,
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Toys for Tots Coordinator

Bill Creager



What an incredible turnout on October 25th. SSgt Tommy Thompson USMCR accepted 143 toys from our Detachment members and supporters. It wasn't easy to pack all those toys into his SUV. We put them on and under the seats, all over the floor space, everywhere. He was lucky he didn't get a ticket. Well done

Marines! Score one victory for the children. Good start. Just 4857 more toys needed. Nobody said this would be easy.

Now, our next T4T event is our November 22nd meeting. Can we do even better? I believe we can. I've talked with several members and it seems most the toys donated at our October meeting were purchased by our members. That leaves a lot of untapped sources. What about all our friends, relatives, co-workers and the public? How about the other clubs and organizations you belong to? Try this for me. Ask around. You'll find, like I did, that a lot of people want to support this project and will be glad to donate a toy for you. And for those of you that forgot to bring a toy to our October meeting, the next meeting is your chance. Don't forget again.

After that, we are assembling beginning at 0930 hrs on November 27th at MUVICO in the Arundel Mills Mall. Eighteen Marines have signed up so far for shifts at this event and joining us will be the Marine Reservists, our Auxiliary and the Young Marines. If you haven't signed up yet, give me a call at (410) 903-4341 and I'll help you pick a shift. We can all expect a call from Dawn Parker on her T4T cell phone as the time approaches to help us remember. Thanks for volunteering for that chore Dawn. You can reach Dawn at her T4T cell phone: (202) 486-1786. I spoke with GySgt Bellew (202) 486-1886 who expressed his gratitude for the cell phone Patrick Kirk of Wireless Toyz arranged with Sprint to donate to our campaign, working great for the Gunny. Mr. Kirk arranged for a second phone as well so Dawn Parker, our Auxiliary President also gets to use one for the campaign.

BREAKING NEWS, the Jolly ole Elf himself is paying us a visit! On December 5th, Santa is taking time from his busy schedule to visit VFW Post 160 and help with our campaign. Bring the children (or grandchildren) and bring and donate a toy to our campaign and get a picture with Santa to keep and take home. Spread the word and come on by.

We will then "wrap up" the campaign on December 11th again at MUVICO. I'll have a duty roster for that event with me at our November 22nd meeting for volunteers to sign up for a shift. Meanwhile, we are still getting calls from people and businesses around the county who want to join the campaign and gather donated toys for us. Our web page draws them right to me, great job WebSgt! We can do this!

Public Relations

Danny Fischio



Don't forget Toys for Tots, we will again be collecting toys at our monthly meeting on November 27th for those still desiring to donate new unwrapped toys.

VFW Post 160's annual all you can eat Bull & Oyster Roast will be held on Sunday, November 21st from 1 – 6 PM [Food: 1 – 4 Music: 2 – 6]. Tickets are available in advance at the post for \$20.00 or at the door for \$22.00. For more information or to get your tickets contact Post 160 at 410-766-9802 [Bar tender has tickets available for purchase], The Post has started collecting non-perishable food items [canned items and dry goods] for their

Christmas Food Basket drive. All food and or cash donations can be dropped off at Post 160 through December 12th. Last year the Post delivered food baskets to 40 needed families throughout our community.

House Of Representatives Approves Cost-Of-Living Increases

The House Representatives unanimously approved a bill July 22, 2004 that would increase the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for disabled veterans and surviving spouses and dependents receiving VA compensation. H.R. 4175, the Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004, would ensure that the amount of the increases would be the same as the percentage increase of Social Security payments. It would become effective December 2, 2004. According to the House VA Committee, some 2.5 million disabled veterans currently are receiving VA disability compensation, and 300,000 widows and surviving dependents receive dependency and indemnity compensation payments. If H.R.4175 is enacted, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the amount of disability compensation paid by VA to disabled veterans would raise by more than \$3 billion over the next five years. The bill also adds Osteoporosis to the list of diseases presumed to be service-connected for former POWs. The Senate VA Committee approved a similar bill, S 2483, on July 20, 2004, and directed that it be sent to the full Senate for a vote.

Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected November Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

1 November 1983: 300 Marines of the 22d Marine Amphibious Unit staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou, 15 miles northeast of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. 17 Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition, and training sites were found. The next day the 22d MAU left the Caribbean area and proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon to replace the 24th MAU.

8 November 1990: President Bush announced that he planned to add more than 200,000 U.S. troops to those already deployed in Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area would be doubled by the addition of II MEF units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area would increase to nearly 90,000 Marines.

10 November 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

13 November 1982: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated this date at the Memorial site in Washington, D.C. The dedication and parade that preceded it were part of a week-long National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

17 November 1918: The 4th Marine Brigade, as part of the 2d Division, American Expeditionary Force, began its march to the Rhine River, passing through Belgium and Luxembourg, as part of the American forces occupying a defeated Germany.

20 November 1943: The 2d Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed

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on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. After seventy-six hours of bitter fighting during which almost 1,000 Marines died, and more than 2,000 were wounded, MajGen Smith declared the island secure.

24 November 1992: Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in that nation.

25 November 1968: The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central sector of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy were killed, 42 captured, and 913 weapons seized during the operation.

27 November 1950: In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which had as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.



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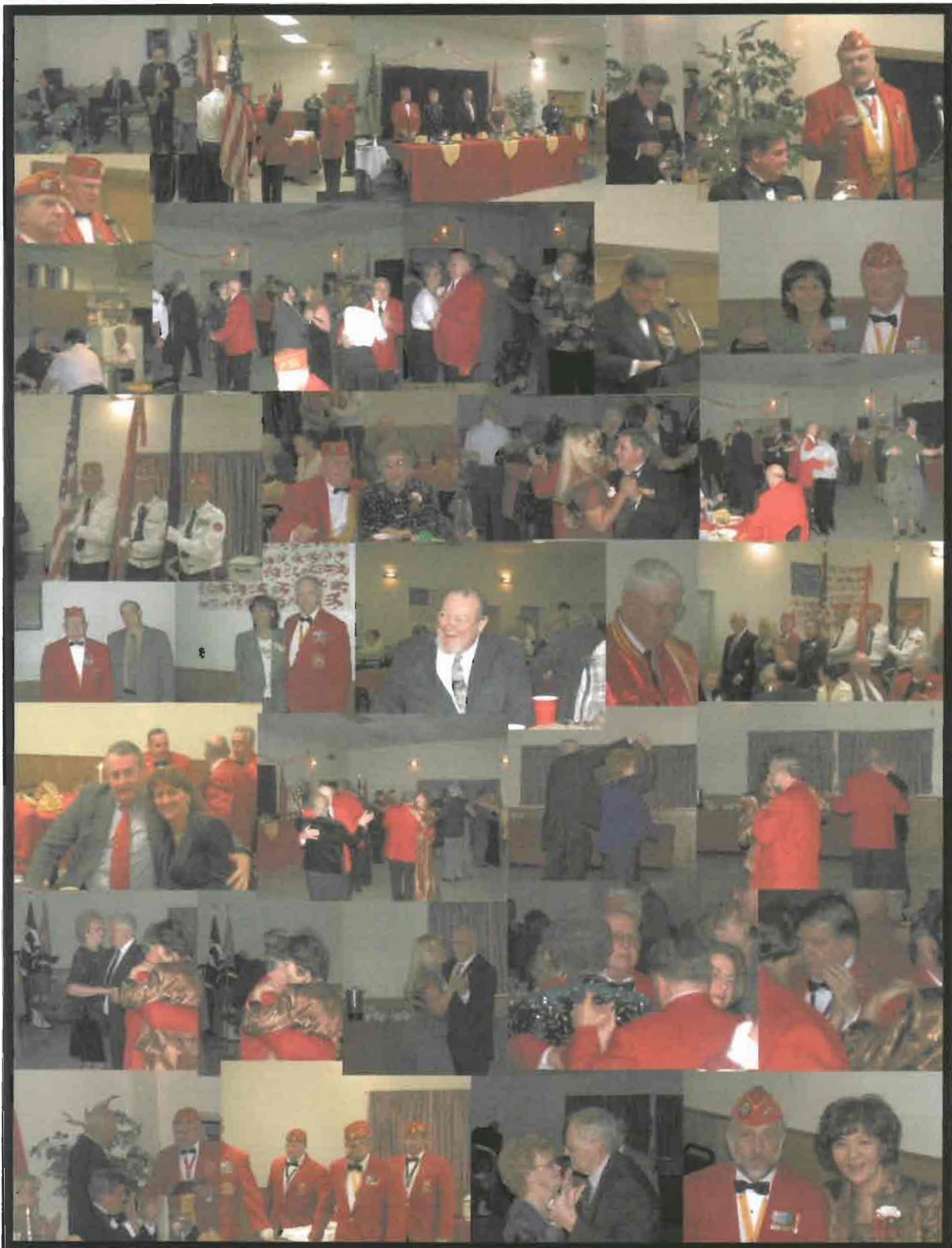
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/S/ RICHARD M. NIXON



HARRY LINN MARTIN
First Lieutenant
United States Marine Corps
 Medal of Honor -- 1945
 5/5/1 Iwo Jima

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Platoon Leader attached to Company C, Fifth Pioneer Battalion, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands, 26 March 1945. With his sector of the Fifth Pioneer Battalion bivouac area penetrated by a concentrated enemy attack launched a few minutes before dawn, First Lieutenant Martin instantly organized a firing line with the Marines nearest his foxhole and succeeded, in checking momentarily the headlong rush of the Japanese. Determined to rescue several of his men trapped in positions overrun by the enemy, he defied intense hostile fire to work his way through the Japanese to the surrounded Marines. Although sustaining two severe wounds, he blasted the Japanese who attempted to intercept him, located his beleaguered men and directed them to their own lines. When four of the infiltrating enemy took possession of an abandoned machine-gun pit and subjected his sector to a barrage of hand grenades, First Lieutenant Martin alone and armed only with a pistol, boldly charged the hostile position and killed all its occupants. Realizing that his remaining comrades could not repulse another organized attack, he called to his men to follow and then charged into the midst of the strong enemy force, firing his weapon and scattering them until he fell, mortally wounded by a grenade. By his outstanding valor, indomitable fighting spirit and tenacious determination in the face of overwhelming odds, First Lieutenant Martin permanently disrupted a coordinated Japanese attack and prevented a greater loss of life in his own and adjacent platoons and his inspiring leadership and unswerving devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in service of his country.

/S/ HARRY S. TRUMAN





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Who is this Marine?



**Hint: "Served with the 1st Marine Division
circa 1969."**

Last Month: Jake Jahelka, USN.

VAVS

Buddy Cadle

VA Issuing New ID Card section

(Taken from Armed Forces News Issue: Friday, November 12, 2004 – Item 9)

Because identity theft is the major fraud reported by Americans in 2003, the Department of Veterans Affairs has designed a new identity card for veterans that will safeguard confidential information. The card, known as the Veterans Identification Card, will have veterans' photos on the front and identify them as enrollees in the VA's health care system. The card includes the words "service connected" under the photo if the veteran has a service-connected disability. Veterans should request the new card at their local medical center. Processing will take five to seven days once eligibility is verified. The VA said it hopes to complete the conversion to the new card by mid-November. Existing cards will remain valid until veterans receive their new cards.

FY 2005 VAVS Priorities

- Recruitment and Retention
- Increase participation by Faith Based and Community Organizations
- Develop creative and innovative assignments and training for volunteers
 - My HealtheVet
 - Care Coordination
 - Research
- Involve VAVS and VSOs in Transitional Assistance Programs
- Develop partnerships with youth serving organizations



THE MARINE

By: Corporal Aaron M. Gilbert US Marine
USS SAIPAN, PERSIAN GULF
March 23, 2003

We all came together,
Both young and old.
To fight for our freedom,
To stand and be bold.
In the midst of all evil,
We stand our ground,
And we protect our country
From all terror around.
Peace and not war is what some people say.
But I'll give my life,
So you can live the American way.
I give you the right
To talk of your peace.
To stand in your groups,
And protest in our streets.
But still I fight on,
I don't bitch, I don't whine.
I'm just one of the people
Who is doing your time.
I'm harder than nails,
Stronger than any machine.
I'm the immortal soldier,
I'm a US MARINE!
So stand in my shoes,
And leave from your home.
Fight for the people who hate you,
With the protests they've shown.
Fight for the stranger,
Fight for the young. So they all may have,
The greatest freedom you've won.
Fight for the sick, Fight for the poor.
Fight for the cripple,
Who lives next door.
But when your time comes,
Do what I've done.
For if you stand up for freedom,
You'll stand when the fight's done.



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Alpha Co. Marine uses humor to boost morale

Story by Lance Cpl. Zachary R. Frank

FORWARD OPERATING BASE ISKANDARIYAH, Iraq (Nov. 13, 2004) -- In an environment riddled with roadside bombs, suicide car bombers and raining rockets and mortars, Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit can be forgiven an occasional bad mood.

But the leathernecks of Alpha Company, Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, have someone to boost their morale when times are tough - company jokester Pfc. Nicholas A. Cisek, a Brooksville, Fla., native and radio operator with 2nd Platoon, who tries to keep everyone's spirits high with his sense of humor.

"Cisek is definitely the company comedian and a very colorful guy," said 1st Sgt. Rodney Carrico, a Loogoote, Ind., native and the company first sergeant.

Throughout the company, Cisek is regarded as a source of laughter, sometimes even when he isn't trying to be funny. It may just be because of his random misfortune or his knack for getting singled out by senior Marines.

Lance Cpl. Andrew J. Abt, an Erie Penn., native, and a team leader recalled one particular inglorious moment.

"We walked out into a field and there was a creek, which was actually a disgusting cesspool," recalled Abt. "Everyone made it across fine, except poor little Cisek."

According to Abt, the platoon was in the field searching for a weapons cache when they came across the obstacle. Every other Marine had made it across, and Cisek was the last one on the other side. As he attempted to jump over it, he slipped and fell in the cesspool up to his waste. The platoon broke out with laughter.

"It was really nasty," said Abt. "But funny."

Such instances keep the atmosphere around Alpha Company a little lighter.

"Most of the time I try to be comic relief, but I know when to be serious," said Cisek. "I take the job more seriously than I did before, but when we get frustrated with things that don't make sense to us, I try to joke so that our morale stays high. After all, what we're doing has to make sense in the grand scheme of things or else we wouldn't be doing it."

His sense of humor has helped lift the spirits of his platoon mates on many occasions, especially one night in August when they earned the nicknamed the "walking dead." That night his platoon was hit by four improvised explosive devices and three separate mortar attacks. Several Marines were wounded.

Since arriving in Iraq, Cisek and his platoon have taken part in daily patrols and several missions leading to the capture of Iraqi insurgents.

Despite the hazards, Cisek is surprised he isn't more miserable.

"This is definitely not what I expected," said Cisek. "I expected to be sitting in a fighting hole in the defense. What I got was a tent with a wooden floor, air conditioning and a humvee to ride around in."

Now beginning his third year in the Marine Corps, Cisek expects to be returning to Iraq before the end of his first enlistment.

"After that, my travel agent is so fired," Cisek joked. "No, I'm just kidding, I know why we're here and I'm glad I can do what I can to make Iraq a better place for its people. I just wish we could do more."



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