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Commandant's Corner

Bob Reutter, Commandant

The Marine Birthday Ball is right around the corner! Its only April you say. Why am I talking about the Ball in **April!**? As much as we enjoyed having the young Marines from the Terre Haute Reserve unit attending our Ball in 2018, their parent unit (2/26) sent down an order restricting them from traveling more than 50 miles from their Reserve Center to plan a Ball. That gives us 2 options – to travel to Terre Haute to have a joint Ball with them again or to do our own thing like we have for many, many years. After much discussion we decided for the safety of our Marines and guests (many of us no longer spring chickens) to hold our Ball here in Evansville. Our Ball has been well planned, well organized and well attended in the past. We have facilities in Evansville surpassing anything within 100 miles of us. For those reasons reserve Saturday, November 9th on your calendar to attend the 244th Marine Birthday Ball right here in Evansville.

In the past we have done a BBQ rib and pork butt sale to help defray the cost of the Ball. Unfortunately, we have had only a small handful of attendees support that fund raiser. This year we discussed offering an 'encouragement' to everyone who wants to participate. There will be a set price for the tickets. For anyone who buys any combination of 5 butts or slabs of ribs (either for their own use or to sell to their friends/families) will receive a \$10 reduction off the cost of one ticket. If you have sampled the ribs or butts in the past you know the quality of the product. We will start taking orders on May first for delivery

on Labor Day weekend. Cost of a slab of BBQ ribs (4 ½ - 5 pounds) will be \$20. Cost of a boneless pork butt (6 ½ - 7 pounds) will be \$25. My wife and I keep several slabs of ribs and a couple of butts that we have shredded in the freezer. We will have instructions available on how to reheat them so plan on stocking your freezer, helping the Detachment and lowering the cost of your tickets. They are great for your Labor Day picnics!

The May issue of our newsletter will have a new author of the Commandant's Corner. After three years as Commandant, I have stepped down to allow 'new blood' at the top. It has been my pleasure to serve as Commandant. During my term in office we have done many good things in the Detachment. Some of them include our food booth which has been a money maker. We have recruited quite a few new members (which are necessary to keep up with the **fact** that our membership is aging,) and we **finally** purchased all weather coats for our outside activities. I was not responsible for these things. I was just privileged to be at the helm when they happened. I am certain the leadership of the Detachment will be in good hands going forward. I challenge every member of our Detachment to support the new Commandant by attending our activities, actively recruiting every Marine you see out in the community and by stepping up to take an active role in running the Detachment. We are **Marines**.

Semper Fi!

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Marine Corps History

Gary Burk

The following is an excerpt from "The Battle History of the U.S. Marines"

MARINES IN THE CIVIL WAR

Reynold's Marines had the mission of supporting Captain Charles Griffin's West Point Battery, artillerymen of the Regular Army. As the confused fighting of Manassas ebbed and flowed, Griffin and Reynolds found themselves defending the crest of Henry House Hill, the battle's epicenter.

When a blue-clad infantry regiment emerged from a nearby wood line on the battery's flank, the artillerymen and Marines breathed a sigh of relief, sensing reinforcements at hand. Too late they saw the muskets being leveled their way. The 33d Virginia, as yet too proud of their original blue uniforms to adopt Confederate grey, unleashed a point-blank volley that devastated Griffin's battery, and the Marines beyond. The fight for the guns became desperate.

Three times the Marines fell back under a hail of minié balls; three times their NCOs and officers led them back to the crest. The battle hung in the balance until a late Confederate charge swept the Union forces from Henry House Hill.

The exhausted Marines joined the retreat, which began in orderly fashion, then became a formless rout when Rebel artillery shelled the new bridge across the creek. The troops of all units flowed back to Washington, terrified, exhausted and resentful.

Colonel Harris forwarded Major Reynold's action report to the Secretary of the Navy with a heavy heart, noting that "the battle represented the first instance in the Marine Corps history where any portion of its members turned their backs to the enemy."

Harris could have provided a more positive endorsement had he left his office to observe his Marines in action firsthand. Green as they were, the Leathernecks had fought with considerable bravery. And John Reynolds had redeemed himself under fire.

But Reynolds luck remained snake-bit. Given command of another Marine battalion, he trained and embarked his Leathernecks for what would have been a major amphibious campaign in South Carolina. But his troopship floundered and sank in a Cape Hatteras storm, another disaster. Most of the Marines escaped, barely, but the loss of their equipment knocked them out of the campaign.

Fort Sumpter, squatting in Charleston Harbor as a symbol of Southern armed insurrection, remained a defiant monolith throughout most of the war, withstanding repeated efforts by the Union Fleet to obliterate it with heavy gunfire. But at midnight on September 8, 1863, the Union commodore would launch a boarding party of 500 Marines and bluejackets to storm the bulwarks and overrun the sleeping garrison.

Captain Charles McCawley, veteran of Chapultepec and a future Commandant, led the Marines. The landing party planned to attack the fort from thirty-five converging rowboats.

The plan, unrehearsed and poorly coordinated, unraveled tragically. Slowed by the ink-black night and a punishing headwind, the boats became separated; the noise of their oarlocks alerted Confederate sentries, who opened fire. The appearance of two small enemy gunboats anchored in the shadows behind the fort surprised the attackers.

(to be continued)



Evansville Vet Center

Mark Burrier

Coaching into Care (CIC)- When a Veteran you know needs help

Coaching into Care is the VA's confidential national call center for family members and friends of Veterans. When a loved one returns from deployment, separates or retires from military service he or she may have difficulty transitioning to civilian life. This transition can be an adjustment for family members as well as the Veteran. In addition, combat stress is not always recognized and sometimes Veterans are reluctant to reach out for the assistance they are entitled to receive.

When to Call Coaching into Care

If you are observing some of the signs of distress listed below regarding the Veteran in your family or community, please call Coaching into Care. They will help you assess and understand the situation, work with barriers to getting care and provide suitable resources and referrals.

You may notice changes in the Veteran's behavior or personality.

You recognize that the Veteran is anxious, irritable, agitated or moody. They may not be able to sleep or may be easily angered.

You observe a decrease in personal care or hygiene. Changes in usual judgment such as abusing alcohol, drugs or risky behavior may be present.

You notice increased isolation or withdrawal from others. If severe, the Veteran may stop attending work, school or functioning as a parent or spouse.

You become aware that the Veteran seems hopeless, overwhelmed or suicidal.

How Coaching into Care Helps

They offer families and loved ones encouragement and support along with the following services:

- Educational materials and print and online topics such as readjustment, mental health concerns and substance abuse.
- Consultation with a coach to develop ideas

for improving communication and understanding the problem.

Referrals to services for Veteran, their families and loved ones.

Value Your Privacy

Every aspect of your interactions, from the initial contact to any service provided will be kept in confidence, except for cases in which they protect the life of the Veteran, caller or others.

The highly trained staff members are experts in bridging the worlds of mental health and military culture and can assist you with resources, navigating the VA, and finding appropriate treatment. **Please call 1-888-823-7458 Monday through Friday 8am to 8pm EST** www.va.gov/coachingintocare and on Facebook.



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Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year or go online at <http://veteranscrisisline.net/>



11th Annual Marine Corps League Auxiliary Bowling Tournament



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Bowlers, and non-bowlers can get in on the action of this bowling event. The proceeds from this event will help fund the activities of Southern Belles Unit 441, such as community projects and Operation Care Package. There will be Door Prize Drawings, a 50/50 Drawing, and a silent auction with great merchandise to bid on. So come on down to Franklin Lanes on Saturday, April 27, 2019. If you don't want to get a team together you can still help by participating in the silent auction.

Join Us For a Fun Afternoon

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Franklin Lanes

11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$60 per team of 4

9-Pin No Tap * Three Games

Mixed Teams (No separate divisions)

Registration Deadline is April 20, 2019

Your entry fee includes:

Three games of bowling * Shoe Rental *
2 Soft Drinks * Prize drawings

Prizes

First Place Team - \$200

Second Place Team - \$100

Third Place Team - \$50

High Series Male - \$25

High Series Female - \$25

Youth: Ages 16 and under

Individual prizes for High Series

Prizes are based on 40 bowlers, we reserve the right to lower prize money based on number of participants.

In case of a tie, prize money will be combined.

Sponsorship Opportunities

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Entry Form

Contact Person:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Team Name: _____

Team Members:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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David Jones	Dec - 2019
Casey Canfield	Feb - 2020
Bob & Linda Reutter	Feb -2020
Tom & Alice Kick	Mar - 2020

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- 1/2 page\$50.00 for 6 months

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National Bylaws Article Six - Members, Section 645 - Life Members:.

Any member of the Marine Corps League who is in good standing may become a Life Member, upon proper payment of the fee, as is required herein. A Life Member shall be subject to payment of no further dues of a Detachment, or National, such member shall have all the privileges, rights, and benefits enjoyed as a member so long as that Life Member shall live.

Current Life Membership Price Information

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- Up to and including age 35 - \$500.00**
- Age 36 up to and including age 50 - \$400.00**
- Age 51 up to and including age 64 - \$300.00**
- Age 65 and over - \$200.00**

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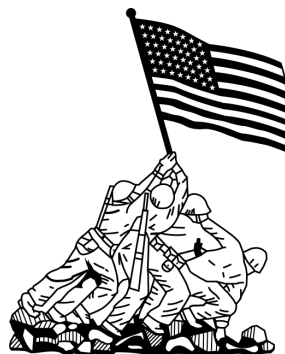
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*In Memory of
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And Deceased
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In memory of Detachment #1090 members who have gone on to guard the streets of Heaven.



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 Spring Conference
 April 13th and 14th

You may register online at :
mclrivercities.org/springconf2019

Online registration will be closed 4/5/2019



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