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Commandant's Corner

Jim Johnson

Due to COVID19 virus our Monthly Meeting of 25th of March had to be cancelled. We are in the process of moving our monthly meetings to Funkhouser American Legion Post 8, 6001 New Harmony Road. Our next scheduled meeting will be in the basement (walk-in, walk-out no stairs to climb) at the Funkhouser Post. Our meetings start at 1900, however, I would like to see members meet around 1700 to have a meal together before our meeting at 1900. It would be great if we made this a regular thing and it became a tradition. They serve food every night and they have a very good menu.

At our next meeting (whenever that is) we must have nominations for the election of Officers for the up coming year. I would like to see as many as possible in attendance and vote. Section 940 of the national by-laws states that we must nominate and elect new officers by May 15. They have suspended that because of COVID-19 virus. So whenever we are permitted to hold our next meeting, we need to have as many members as possible present.

Semper Fi

A note from the Chaplain

Bob Reutter

A couple of weeks ago, I was talking to Commandant Johnson about the future of our Detachment. I was frustrated and ready to 'throw in the towel' and walk away. In our conversation, Jim mentioned three things that need to happen if we are to survive as an organization. The three things are inter-connected, and we all need to contribute if we are to make things happen. They are all things that I have been talking about for some time.

First is our newsletter. Paula does a great job of organizing and editing the newsletter each month. The problem is there is not enough 'meat' in it. We have almost 100 Marines in our Detachment. Most of us have served our community in one capacity or another and many of us have had to talk to others during the course of our jobs. It is no different talking on paper than it is talking out loud. If you are worried about your writing skills, both Paula and I would be glad to help. Just put your thoughts down on paper and turn it in to Paula. Just a note

telling us that you would like some assistance to 'clean up' the wording and we can take it from there. We could get more businesses to advertise in our newsletter if there were more than just ads in it. To that end, we need a historian and photographer to go to every event, take pictures and send a monthly article about the things we do each month. Funerals, parades, fund raisers, League meetings – anything we do should have pictures and descriptions to put in print. This alone would help with recruiting when people see that we are more than just trying to assemble each month for a 'business meeting.'

Next is our monthly meeting. Commandant Johnson, at our last Detachment meeting asked for suggestions for things that would make it livelier and more interesting. If we had our meetings at a place that served good, reasonably priced food and drinks, would you be more likely to attend and

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Lore of the Corps

Bob Reutter

George was born on January 19, 1927. He came to Evansville from his home in Augusta Georgia before the war. He met and married his wife Dora and they started their family. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1944 and served in the Pacific until the end of WWII and after the occupation of Japan. After leaving the Corps, George worked at Bucyrus Erie as a CNC Programming Manager and George and Dora raised their family. George and Dora had three children. George died on March 11, 2020.

Glendal 'Glen' was born on January 7, 1945. He joined the Corps and served in Vietnam. When he came home, he married his sweetheart Harriet and they raised a family also. Glen worked for the City of Evansville as a mechanic where he retired after 30 years of service. Glen and Harriet had two children. Glen died on August 17, 2019.

What do these two Marines have in common? In addition to being members of the Marine Corps Family, Glendal 'Glen' Weiss was the son of George Robert Weiss, Sr. George, like many young men of his generation, answered the call of our Country to enlist and go away to fight in the

jungles of the south Pacific islands. After completing his time overseas, he came home to be a productive member of our local society. Glen enlisted to fight in an unpopular conflict, choosing to emulate his father and become a part of the Marine Corps Family. After his time in Vietnam was finished, he also came home to again emulate his father and be an asset to our community.

Last year, at the request of his family, we were honored to be part of Glen's funeral service. At Browning Funeral Home we stood in front of Glen and talked about being Marines. We paid our respects to Glen and went outside the funeral home and fired a rifle salute to honor him. On Wednesday, March 18th six members of our detachment were at Sunset Funeral Home (again at the specific request of the family) to do the same for George. We spoke again about Honor, Respect and Commitment. We told the biological family of George and Glen about the ties to the Marine Family. As we did with Glen in August, we read our Marine prayer, folded the casket flag and paid our final respects to a brother Marine.

Once a Marine, always a Marine. Semper Fi.

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maybe even stick around for a Marine themed movie after the meeting? How about other occasional entertainment during or after our meetings? We are always looking for suggestions to make things more appealing to both our current membership and prospective members.

Finally, the biggest opportunity (and issue) to us is recruiting. Every opportunity, every time we see a Marine during our day, every event we attend should be used as a recruiting opportunity. There are literally hundreds of Marines in our corner of the world. We have had a few come to a meeting and never come back. There are many more that never come to a meeting. All of us have had the issue that when we talk to a Marine in our community we hear "I have never heard of the Marine Corps League," or "I didn't know there was a Detachment here." Any time we are at an event or if you talk to a Marine and give him/her a flyer, get a name and address. We will add them to our Newsletter mailing list for three months to encourage

them to attend a meeting and join.

All the thing above are tied together. We can get more members if we make the meetings more interesting. We can make the newsletter more interesting by adding more articles and information in it. We can add more to the newsletter by photographing what we do to put in the newsletter. We can do more to take pictures of by getting more members. We can take more pictures by making the monthly meeting more interesting and enjoyable.

You see what I mean? Everything is a circle. If we work on small improvements of each item, we can break the cycle and get going again. There is no reason that we can't be as active as Jasper, Owensboro and any of the Detachments north of us. If you have any suggestions about any of these issues or if you have any ideas that you would like to propose, contact any of the Detachment officers. Let's turn this around.

History of the Marine's Hymn

Researched by Bob Reutter

We all know the words to (at least) the first stanza of the Marine's Hymn, but how much do you know about the history of the song? The "Marine's Hymn" is the official hymn of the United States Marine Corps. It is the oldest official song in the United States Military. We sing it at the position of attention as a gesture of respect. Our newest Commandant has issued an order that all Marines, upon hearing the song are to stand at attention and sing the words. Let's look at the verses and discuss origins and meanings. Let's start with the first stanza:

"From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean.
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine."

The first line refers to the Battle of Chapultepec during the Mexican-American War in 1847. The 'blood stripe' on the trousers of NCO and Officers was incorporated because of the losses to those two groups as they led from the front during the battle. The second line refers to the Battle of Derne in 1805, during the First Barbary War. Lt. Presley O'Bannon raised the American flag over the old world for the first time. The third line (often mis-spoken as 'we will fight') says that we do, not will, fight to defend our country and its ideals, and that we will do so honorably. The next two lines are self-explanatory. On to the second stanza:

"Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in ev'ry clime and place
Where we could take a gun.
From the snow of far-off Northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
The United States Marines.

The second stanza tells the story of our Corps. Regardless of where our Country calls on us to go, we are 'first to fight.' From the frozen mountains of Korea, the wheat fields of Flanders, to

the jungles of the south Pacific and south-east Asia. From the countries of South and Central America, to the deserts of the Middle East you will find us. For nearly 245 years we have stood to answer the call of our Nation.

"Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines."

The third and final stanza is often used as a toast at Marine Birthday Balls and other formal (and informal) Marine gatherings. Once again, it tells the story of the dedication of Marines, past, present and future, who have carried on the legacy of all those who have preceded us. When you graduate from Marine boot camp, you have been 'indoctrinated' with the legends of those who went before. You know of the 'Devil Dogs' of WWI, the Cactus Air Force and its defenders at Guadalcanal, the 'uncommon valor' of Iwo Jima, the Frozen Chosin, the 'forgotten' Marines of Vietnam and today's Marines who have taken the fight to those who would oppress others in the Middle East and eventually, if not checked, bring the fight to our shores.

It is not a coincidence that many of us have this music as the 'ring tone' on our cell phones. It is not a fluke that you see window decals, bumper stickers, license plates and other Corps related 'stuff' on our cars and trucks. It is pride in our Corps that causes us to wear our Eagle, Globe and Anchor on our shirts, jackets and covers when we are out in public. As you have seen on recruiting ads on television, the title "Marine" is earned, never given. So the next time you are out at an event and they play 'our song,' stand up and let those around you know you are "proud to claim the title of United States Marine."



**River Cities Detachment 1090
Ship Store Surplus**

The items listed below are surplus from various Birthday Balls in the past. They are available on a 'first come, first served' basis and are in limited quantities. They are available for pickup in Evansville with prior arrangement. Shipping rates are listed.

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	243 rd Ball 7 1/2 in K-bar style letter opener with canvas sheath. Each \$ 10.00 Shipping add \$ 4.00		243 rd Ball Glass Picture Frame 8" x 11" holds 4"x6" picture Each \$10.00 Shipping add \$ 5.00
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243 rd Ball 7 1/2 in K-bar style letter opener	Quantity: _____	X \$10.00	Total: _____	+ \$4.00 Shipping
243 rd Ball Glass Picture Frame	Quantity: _____	X \$10.00	Total: _____	+ \$5.00 Shipping
US Flag and Marine Flag Lapel Pin	Quantity: _____	X \$5.00	Total: _____	+ \$2.00 Shipping
244 th Ball Challenge Coin	Quantity: _____	X \$10.00	Total: _____	+ \$2.00 Shipping
15 ounce Stemless Wine Glass	Each	Quantity: _____	X \$8.00	Total: _____ + \$3.00 Shipping
15 ounce Stemless Wine Glass	Set 4	Quantity: _____	X \$30.00	Total: _____ + \$6.00 Shipping
15 ounce Stemless Wine Glass	Set 8	Quantity: _____	X \$50.00	Total: _____ + \$10.00 Shipping

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 messages for the latest
 updates on meetings and
 social activities.*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Newsletter Articles, Ads, and Pictures for May 2020 are due NO LATER THAN April 22, 2020 There are No Exceptions to this deadline.			1 April Fool's Day	2 HAPPY BURRITO DAY!!!	3 National World Party Day	4 National Hug a Reporter Day
5 National Deep Dish Pizza Day	6 National Siamese Cat Day	7 National Beer Day	8 Passover	9 National Winston Churchill Day	10 Good Friday	11 National Pet Day
Happy Easter	13 National Scrabble Day	14 National Ex-Spouse Day	15 Tax Day (Not this year)	16 Wear Pajamas to Work Day	17 National Cheese Ball Day	18 Husband Appreciation Day
19 National Garlic Day	20 National Look-Alike Day	21 National Bulldogs Are Beautiful Day	22 National Jelly Bean Day	23 National Picnic Day	24 National Pigs in a Blanket Day	25 National Hug a Plumber Day
26 National Pretzel Day	27 National Prime Rib Day	28 National Superhero Day	29 National Shrimp Scampi Day	30 International Jazz Day	<i>Just a fun Calendar to show you there is always something to celebrate.</i>	