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Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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"To err is human, to forgive, Divine. However neither is Marine Corps policy."

Anonymous

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Recently, I was at a community event where a large group of people gathered to do a fund raiser for a local man who is well respected in his community. One of the groups I belong to brought our grills and helped prepare lunch for over 800 people. There was a young man there who saw my shirt and cover and asked about being a Marine. He said he had 'always' wanted to be a Marine and that was his plan upon graduating from high school. I told him it would be the best thing he could do for himself. We talked about what it meant to be Marine and to be a Marine.

Being Marine means you have earned the right to claim the legacy of Belleau Woods, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Chosin Reservoir and Fallujah. You stand tall and proud whenever you hear the Star Spangled Banner and see our nation's flag flying. Being a Marine means you are an important part of the whole Corps mystique. You have agreed to the responsibility of representing that legacy by stepping up to honor our Marine heritage at funerals, civic meetings and anywhere people gather. You stand when you hear the Marine Hymn. You greet other Marines on the street, in restaurants and other public places because they are part of your Marine family. Like any other family you don't always agree but you will support and defend them because they are family.



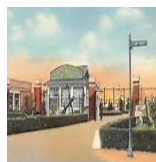
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I WANT YOU On August 13th we will be having our Marine and family picnic at the FOP camp in Evansville. It will be a chance to spend the day enjoying not only our biological families but our Marine family as well. I hope everyone who reads this has made plans to attend. Show your esprit' and have an enjoyable day with the Marines.



Semper Fi and Gung Ho!
Bob

Humor in Marine Uniform



(True story) A few years back one of the new Marines assigned to the Barracks at Yorktown Va. was standing guard at the main gate of the Naval Weapons Station. The duty policy was to check 100% of all ID cards including military in uniform, regardless of rank. A Navy sedan drove up to the gate with a young seaman at the wheel and a Rear Admiral sitting in the back. The young Marine PFC signaled for the car to stop, approached the driver and asked for both ID cards. The Admiral told the Marine that he was on his way to meet with the station CO and he didn't have time for such nonsense.

The Admiral told the drive, "Go ahead."
The PFC told the driver, "Don't do that, Sir!"
The Admiral told the driver, "You heard me, drive on."
As he drew his .45 the PFC said to the Admiral, "Sir this is my first time on post. Do I shoot you or your driver?"
The Admiral showed his ID.

Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

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

Continue from the July issue

The Marines found the North Koreans to be good fighters, adept marksmen, camouflage-disciplined, unafraid of close hand-to-hand combat, and well supported by damnably accurate machine guns, mortars, and artillery.

That the Marines fought consistently as a combined-arms team made the difference between victory and defeat.

Their small tank and artillery components surpassed themselves in supporting the infantry. But what really saved the Marine Brigade's bacon was Pusan was the bravura performance of their Corsair pilots.

Captain Vivian Moses of VMF—323 was shot down on August 10 behind NKPA lines but was hauled out by that superb new rescue device, the helicopter. On the very next day NKPA gunners shot him down again as he roared through Taedabok Pass in support of the 5th Marines. He crashed and drowned in a rice paddy, the first Marine aviator to die in Korea. Luck comes and goes quickly in the Marine low-level air support business.

After driving the North Koreans back almost twenty-two miles in the first significant UN offensive action of the war, the Marine Brigade's advance on Sachon was interrupted by word of an emergency in another sector of the perimeter. Twenty-five miles away, in the area of Chindong-ni, two Army artillery battalions had been overrun by NKPA forces. A major breakthrough seemed imminent.

General Walker called for his "fire brigade," ordering General Craig to assist the beleaguered Army units. The promising Chinju-Masan counteroffensive had to be abandoned.

Craig rushed Lieutenant Colonel Robert Taplett's battalion of the 5th Marines to Chingdong-ni. Taplett arrived in good order, stanching the rupture, restored the lines. Craig, now operating on two fronts, shuttled back and forth effectively by helicopter.

But Walker now faced a far greater emergency. Near Miryang, seventy-five miles farther north, the NKPA 4th Division had forced a crossing of the Naktong River at several points, its troops now consolidating their strength among a nest of steep ridges before snaking eastward toward Miryang. Walker feared the consequences.

On August 15, with the whole at Chindong-ni plugged, General Craig consolidated his brigade and quickly packed them aboard troop trains for the haul up to Miryang.

General Walker put Marines under the control of the Army's hard-pressed 24th Division, although not before warning its commander, "I am going to give you the Marine Brigade. I want this situation cleaned up and quick." Black Jack Pershing had used similar words in 1918.

The Marines would tackle Obong-ni Ridge, a sprawling, mile-and-a-half-long complex dubbed "No-Name Ridge." It would be the Marines' bloodiest battle of the peninsula war.

The Marines' hasty rail deployment to Miryang led to piecemeal tactical commitment, the infantry plunging ahead before its supporting artillery could arrive and roll into firing positions. Compounding the shortfall, miss-communications led to late arrival of the Corsairs. The first day's attack on No-Name was snake-bit before it started.

August 3, 1939-Birthday - War correspondent Ernie Pyle (1900-1945) was born in Dana, Indiana. His syndicated column offered sympathetic insights into the experiences of common soldiers during World War II. He received a Pulitzer Prize for his reports of the bombing of London in 1940 and later war reports from Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. He was killed by machine-gun fire near Okinawa in the South Pacific on April 18, 1945.

Marines in the Public Eye

By Bob Reutter



Our subject this month is a young actor who recently played a major role in the newest Star Wars production “The Force Awakens.” He plays the head villain and does a masterful job in this role. Adam Driver was born in San Diego, Ca. When his parents divorced at a young age his mother remarried and he grew up in Mishawaka, Indiana which he lists as his home town. Upon graduating from high school where he performed in school plays, Adam wanted to be an actor so he applied to the Julliard School in New York. It was the only school to which he applied and when he wasn’t accepted he had no ‘plan b.’ After the events of 9/11 2001 he

joined the Corps. In his own words he was “full of retribution and revenge’ and the Marines offered the potential of carrying out those feelings. After two years in the Corps and just prior to his deployment to either Iraq or Afghanistan, he suffered a serious hip injury in a training accident and was medically separated from the Marines.

Adam was devastated by “losing the closest friends he had had ever known” but in true Marine fashion set his sights on achieving his original goal - acting. He reapplied to Julliard and was accepted this time. At school he applied the lessons learned in the Corps and excelled. He did some Broadway plays, had a major part in the cable TV series “**Girls**” for which he won an Emmy. He helped found and currently runs a non-profit foundation called “**Arts in the Armed Forces**” that stages theatrical performances for military personnel. Again, in Adam’s own words, “*Just the service aspect of running a nonprofit is so gratifying because it takes the attention off yourself. I’m not an acting monk or anything. I’m not, like, the most well-adjusted actor. But it’s really designed to focus on yourself, or it can be. So it’s good to have something else to focus on that reminds you that it’s not always about you. Something I learned in the Marine Corps that I’ve applied to acting is, one, taking direction, and then working with a group of people to accomplish a mission and knowing your role within that team. In the military, you learn the essence of people. You see so many examples of self-sacrifice and moral courage. In the rest of life you don’t get that many opportunities to be sure of your friends.*”

To hear more about Adam there is a short (8 minute) video on Facebook that can be accessed by the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/OWLSLLC/videos/507906979400402/>

**Once A Marine,
Always A Marine**

River Cities Detachment #1090, Marine of the Year Nominations

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Marine of the Year award shall be presented to a regular member of the Detachment who has rendered service(s) and performed deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the River Cities Detachment. Nominations for the Marine of the Year shall be considered and selected by the current members of the Detachment Marine of the Year Society. The Marine of the Year Society shall be comprised of all recipients of the Detachment Marine of the Year Award in good standing with the Marine Corps League. The Society is charged with receiving and reviewing nominations for the Detachment Marine of the Year. The President of the Society will name their selection at the Marine Corps Ball in November. Each recipient of the Marine of the Year Award shall serve as President of the Society for the following year. The Society shall have no less than five members present to deliberate the selection.

- (1) Nominations for this award will be accepted from any member in good standing of the Detachment.
- (2) Each nomination shall have a brief sketch of the person being nominated as well as a written summery stating why this nominee should be the Marine of the Year. The nominee must also be a member in good standing. The President of the Society shall announce the recipient of the Marine of the Year Award at the Marine Corps Ball in November.
- (3) Nominations will be addressed to River Cities Detachment #1090, ATTN: Marine of the Year Society, P. O. Box 6581, Evansville, IN 47719-0581 and mailed postmarked or hand delivered no later than October 1, 2016. **Nominations received after that date will not be considered.** All letters should be in a sealed envelope and will remain sealed until the Society meets to make the selection. The society will convene on a date determined by the President of the Society in the month of October.

CRITERIA:

There are no minimum criteria to be eligible for this award, but consideration will be given to members who have demonstrated contributions in the following areas:

Commitment: This is defined as a member's participation in Detachment affairs, such as attendance at monthly meetings, working on committees and projects, taking a leadership role in detachment affairs and functions, supporting the various MCL programs sponsored by the Detachment. Also considered is the commitment to perpetuate membership through recruiting and retention efforts.

Service: This is defined as a member's participation in the community, which provides help and relief to underprivileged and reflect positively the Marine Corps League and on the nominee's character. Also, contributing to patriotic programs, which espouse good citizenship and strong moral values. (i.e.—volunteer work in the community, as well as service to church and similar activities.)

*Marine of the Year
Nomination Form*

Nominee: _____

Person Nominating: _____

Commitment: (Indicate here MCL activities in which the nominee has contributed)

Service in the Community: (Community Activities— Organizations supported)

Personal Statement of Recommendation: (You may attach a letter if you wish.)

Signature of person making the nomination: _____

Mail to: River Cities Detachment #1090
Attn: Marine of the Year Society
P. O. Box 6851
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NOMINATIONS MUST POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED

NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2016

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In recognition and appreciation to Dakota Meade who recently graduated from Parris Island. He is the sixth of our family to become a Marine.



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“In the Army, shock troops are a small minority supported by a vast group of artisans, laborers, clerks and organizers. In the Marines there are nothing but shock troops.” *Combat correspondent John Lardner on Iwo Jima, 1945*

Dedicated to the memory of good Marines and good friends:

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A.J. Hardin

Semper Fi Marines!

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 REMEMBER**

8th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 6 2016
 www.mclrivercities.org/golf
 Contact **Tom Kremer** at
 (812) 479-3388 to help with
 donations, sponsors, and teams

Marine Family Picnic

Saturday, August 13, 2016
 More info on page 4
 E-mail your reservations to
 mclrivercities@gmail.com

**12th Annual Ribs/Butts
 Bar-b-que Fundraiser**

Saturday, September 3, 2016
 More info on page 4
 Orders and Payment no later than
 August 24, 2016

Devil Dog Growl

Monday, August 22, 2016
 1830
 Acropolis Restaurant
 501 N. Green River Rd.

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August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 0800	3	4 MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441 VA Project 8 a.m.	5	6 8th Annual Golf Outing Cambridge Golf Course
7	8	9 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 0800	10	11	12	13 Marine Family Picnic FOP Camp 1100
14	15	16 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 0800	17	18	19	20
21	22 MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441 6 p.m. AmVets #84	23 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 0800	24 MCL River Cities Det. #1090 1900 VFW 1114	25	26	27
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