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From the Editor

Paula Landers

Congratulations to Barb Kortz and Don Cole. They tied the knot on July 27th.

We will be having a work day on the food booth about mid - August making some repairs and updates along with general cleaning. More information will be sent out via e-mail. Please send an e-mail to mclrivercities@gmail.com with your current contact information. So I can update the e-mail list.

We can no longer set up at Rural King. It appears they changed the requirements for the groups they will allow. At this time only youth groups just as Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts are permitted to set up to sell items.

I am looking for another venue that we can set up at 3 or 4 times a year. Any and all suggestions would be greatly appreciated.



Don't forget the Marine Family Picnic is Saturday August 3rd at the FOP Camp on Happe Rd on the far westside of Evansville from 1100 to ?? Use this link to make your reservations.

mclrivercities.org/picnic2019

There is no cost to attend, we only ask that you bring a covered dish and your own beverages. We will be serving up Fried Chicken and a fun

time for all. Fishing is permitted at the lake (catch and release).



Our member Melissa West is one of 25 finalists for the title of Ms Veteran America. The final competition is on October 13, 2019 in Hollywood California. Their slogan is "Women Beyond the Uniform" Along with being Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, Sailors and Coasties; they are also Mothers, Wives, Daughters, and Sisters! Proceeds from this event provides housing for homeless women Veterans and their children. Good luck Melissa.



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Marine Corps History

Gary Burk

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

STRANGLING RABAUL (1943)

Easily a hundred thousand Japanese occupied Rabaul in 1943. Rabaul, capital of the Bismarcks, whose looming mountains protected superb harbors and airfields, crouched like a medieval dragon on New Britain, readily reinforced from Truk to the north and fiercely defended by a circle of strong positions on New Ireland, Bougainville, and New Georgia.

MacArthur wanted to conquer Rabaul directly; Halsey had huge doubts. The Joint Chiefs of Staff decided for them: Neutralize and eventually bypass Rabaul in 1943 by a series of low-budget half-steps—working sequentially “up the ladder” of the Solomons and Bismarcks. Doing so would entail a very hazardous year’s work for a still under-equipped, understrength Marine amphibious force: a full-scale air war and three major assault landings.

Rabaul lay 560 air miles northwest of Guadalcanal. Since the island-studded seas posed a hazard to Halsey’s two carriers, the air war against Rabaul would be waged predominantly by land-based aviation, which meant a significant role for the Marines. Thirty-three squadrons of Marine tactical aircraft would fight in the skies over Rabaul and its protective network. Their principal mission: defeat of the formidable Imperial Naval Air Force.

Marine Brigadier General Francis “Pat” Mulcahy, one of the few Leatherneck aviators to shoot down a German fighter in World War I, commanded the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing. Mulcahy’s immediate concern became the new Japanese airfield built at Munda Point on New Georgia. The Munda fighter strip, only 175 miles from Guadalcanal, gave the Japanese Zeros much longer “legs” in the air battles over the Solomons. Mulcahy’s pilots hit Munda often and viciously, but the enemy’s air defenses and fighter cover exacted a high price. Munda would have to be seized by a landing force. The tedious joint planning process began.

Concurrently, the savage air war raged unabated. Marine pilots engaged in desperate air-to-air battles each day, making the most of the limited attributes of their F4U Wildcats with “hit and run” tactics against the superbly maneuverable Zeros. Then, on February 12, 1943, the first squadron of USMCF4U Corsairs fighters arrived in the theater. The tables were about to be turned in the air war.

In the right hands, the Corsair became such an efficient flying and killing machine that a new generation of Marine fighter pilots emerged as legendary aces in the skies surrounding Rabaul. Lieutenant Kenneth Walsh became the first Corsair ace on May 13, 1943, shooting down his fourth, fifth, and sixth Zeros in a hectic morning. Walsh had earned his pilot’s wings in 1937 as a Marine private and proved absolutely fearless in aerial combat. On August 30 he stormed single-handedly into a formation of fifty Zeros attacking USAAF B-24 bombers over Bougainville. In the wild melee that ensued, Walsh shot down four enemy before being forced to crash at sea. Walsh survived, receiving the Medal of Honor, and returned to the air campaign, eventually claiming twenty-one authenticated kills.

Lieutenant Robert Hanson became the greatest Corsair ace of the war, achieving twenty-five kills from his F4U in the South Pacific. Hanson’s performance was so meteoric that his squadron mates had barely started to call him “Butcher Bob” before he was done and gone. Days before he was due to be rotated back to the States, Hanson lost a duel with anti-aircraft batteries at Cape St. George. His Medal of Honor was a posthumous award.

(to be continued)



USAAF B-24 Bombers

The Lore of the Corps

Bob Reutter

The following information was contained in an email forwarded by our Department of Indiana PDC Mike Lieber. Seems to me that it puts to rest the question about the parentage of the Corps.

Origin, Legal Status, and Mission

The United States Marine Corps is a military service forming part of the Naval Establishment. The Continental Congress on November 10, 1775, authorized Marines as part of the Continental military forces, but they were disbanded after the Revolution. An Act of Congress, dated July 11, 1798, established the Marine Corps. Reference is made in the Act to the employment of Marines in the Navy in the following words: "The President of the United States may detach and appoint such of the officers of this Marine Corps to act on board the frigates and any of the armed vessels . . . in the service of the United States." The Marine Corps was charged in the Act with other duties as follows: "The Marine Corps . . . shall, at any time, be liable to do duty in the forts and garrisons in the United States, on the seacoast, or any other duty on shore, as the President, at his discretion, shall direct."

Nowhere in the Act is the Marine Corps described as part of the Navy, or of the Army. The working of the Act led to much argument for many years as to the legal status of the Marine Corps with respect to the other armed services of the Federal Government. An Act of Congress, dated June 30, 1834, clarified the matter somewhat, but the only references to the Navy

or the Navy Department in that Act are found in Section 2, "that said Corps shall at all times be subject to and under the laws and regulations . . . established for the better government of the Navy except when detached for service with the Army," and in Section 4, "that no officer of the Marine Corps shall exercise command over any Navy Yard or vessel of the United States."

Additional legislation and interpretations of laws affecting the Marine Corps followed in later years. An example is a Comptroller's decision and Attorney General's opinion given on page 359 of "Laws Relating to the Navy--Annotated--in Force March 4, 1921" stating that "The Marine Corps is not one of the Bureaus of the Navy Department. It is a part of the Naval Establishment, but it is not a part of the Navy Department as established at the seat of government; it is under the supervision of an Executive Department but that relation to the Department is not the same as being part of it."

By World War II it had been generally accepted that the Marine Corps is not an integral part of the Navy, but is a part of the Naval Establishment, and that only the Secretary of the Navy as the **Deputy of the President** (*my emphasis*) has authority to give direct orders to the Commandant of the Corps.

(from: "Administration of the Navy Department in W.W. 2, Chapter 14", by Julius Augustus Furer, Rear admiral U.S.N.)

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15th Annual Bar-B-Que Fundraiser



We will be taking orders until Monday, August 26, 2019. Either e-mail or text Bob Reutter with the number of ribs and butts you have sold by Tuesday morning. So he can place the order with Dewigs. Order forms and money must be turned in prior to our Detachment Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

Orders may be picked up between 2 pm and 4 pm on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at J.D. Byrider, 2116 N. First Avenue, Evansville, IN

If you would like to take orders, please send an e-mail to MCLRIVERCITIES@GMAIL.COM requesting an order form. You may also go to the detachment web site www.mclrivercities.org/rib to download an order form.

You can use this form to order your Ribs and Butts or for your convenience you can also order online at the above link . Bar-b-que Ribs are \$20 each, the slabs weigh 4 to 4 ½ pounds. Smoked Butts are \$25 each and weigh 7 to 8 pounds.

Bar-B-Que Fundraiser Order Form	
<p>NAME: _____</p> <p>PHONE: _____</p> <p>Ribs: # ordered _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____</p> <p>Butts: # ordered _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total \$ _____</p>	<p>Make Checks to: River Cities Det 1090</p> <p>Mail to: <i>Don Landers, Sr.</i> <i>807 Frank Avenue</i> <i>Evansville, IN 47712</i></p>

It was voted to give a discount on this year’s Marine Corps Birthday Ball tickets based on the number of items (ribs and/or butts) you sell to family and friends. When you sell 10 or more items you will receive \$10 off one (1) Ball ticket, sell 20 or more and receive \$20 off two (2) tickets. This discount only applies towards 2 tickets.

We are hosting the Ball this year at the new Double Tree downtown on Saturday, November 9, 2019. The cost per ticket this year will be \$50. Watch your newsletter for more information.

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<i>Booster Member</i>	<i>Expires</i>
MCLA, Southern Belles Unit 441	Oct- 2019
Joe & Kathy Filipczak	Dec - 2019
David Jones	Dec - 2019
Casey Canfield	Feb - 2020
Bob & Linda Reutter	Feb -2020
Tom & Alice Kick	Mar - 2020
Gary Burk	April - 2020
Richard Schuler	July - 2020
Roy & Carolyn McWilliams	Aug - 2020

A big thank you to all those that donate to the Newsletter Booster Club. We still need Booster Members, **a donation of \$5.00 or more per individual** is all it takes to become a member. As a Booster Member you get your name listed in the Newsletter for 1 year. This lets everyone know that you help support the River Cities News. The Booster Club and Advertisements help to **defray** the cost of printing and postage.

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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

As of January 2014

- Up to and including age 35 - \$500.00**
- Age 36 up to and including age 50 - \$400.00**
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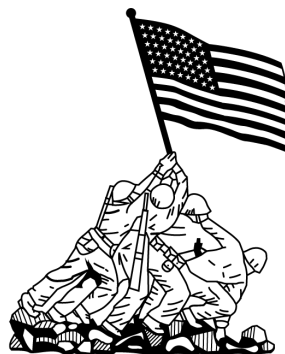
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 Before August 1st - \$25
 After August 1st - \$35

Initial Membership Dues are \$35

Mail your annual membership fees to:

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 Attn: Membership
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***Text or E-mail Bob Reutter with your
 Ribs/Butts Order by Monday, August
 26th. He just needs the numbers
 sold to place the order on Tuesday.***

(270) 314-9484
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***Order forms and money must be
 turned in before the meeting
 Wednesday, August 28th between
 1830 and 1900***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Newsletter Articles, Ads, and Pictures for September 2019 are due NO LATER THAN August 22, 2019 <i>There are No Exceptions to this deadline</i>				1 MCLA Southern Belles VA Clinic 8 a.m.-11 a.m.	2	3 <i>Marine Family Picnic FOP Camp 1100 - ????</i>
4	5	6 Det. 1090 Breakfast Libby's and Mom's Cafe 0800	7	8	9	10
11	12 MODD Growl Funkhouser 6001 New Harmony Rd, 1830	13 Det. 1090 Breakfast Libby's and Mom's Cafe 0800	14	15	16	17 Tentative Food Booth Work Day
18	19	20 Det. 1090 Breakfast Libby's and Mom's Cafe 0800	21	22	23	24
25	26 MCLA Southern Belles Unit #441 AmVets #84 6:30 p.m.	27 Det. 1090 Breakfast Libby's and Mom's Cafe 0800	28 MCL River Cities Det. #1090 VFW 1114 1900	29	30	31 Rib/Butt Cook 0600 and Distribution at 1400