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## Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter

Wednesday evening, July 27th was our monthly meeting of the River Cities Detachment. Two events called to mind what we are all about.

The first was a 'thank you' card we received from the young widow of a Marine we were honored to pay our respects to in June. 45 year old Marine Doug Pearson was killed in a motorcycle accident. We were asked to come to his 'celebration of life' to honor Doug. After saying a few words to the 200 or so mourners, we paid our individual respects to Doug and went out to prepare for a rifle salute. This is what Kelly Pearson said in her note: "To the League—The service you gave my husband, Douglas, was the most honorable moment his children could have possibly witnessed. I'll never be able to repay you for giving us that. I salute you and all you do for our veterans. You are making such a difference. Love and respect... Semper Fi." It was signed by

Kelly Pearson, Josh, Molli, Shiloh & Carter. The service was on a Sunday afternoon and only 7 of us were able to attend. Those of us who were there were proud to be able to offer some measure of comfort to a Marine Family. Kelly's note shows what it meant.

The second event happened at (Continued on page 28)

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## Chaplain's Comments

by Chris Boyd

The Golden Rule, a little humor and a tribute to a fearless Marine.

Over the past two years, our Past Commandant Jim Johnson challenged all League members to reach out to Marines in our communities with the end goal of growing the League. As I have spoken to dozens of Marines in the area, I have been astonished at the number of Marines who attended League activities and did not return for one common reason: people felt previous League members acted in a way that was unprofessional and unwelcoming. In the past, most issues arose at the VFW while others occurred elsewhere. I am glad to report, I have not witnessed any untoward behavior at any of the many League functions I have attended over the past few years with my big family (yes all 22 of them-children and grandchildren). However, I have heard many stories of behavior, years past, which would be deemed both embarrassing and unbecoming of a

Marine.

If you are reading this newsletter and feel you have been offended by a previous or current League member, please contact one of the League leadership team members mentioned on page 24 so we can deal with the issue and move forward as a united brother/sisterhood. Our nation is divided at its worst point in my lifetime. As Marines, we must band together and not allow civil and political discord to divide us. We anticipate meeting many recently discharged Marines over the next few years and must quell any hard feelings amongst the League brother/sisterhood which is **currently stifling our growth potential**. Many of us grew up hearing our grandparents and parents say, "let bygones be bygones", we must heed this advice and keep moving forward as a League family! How preposterous would it be for an (continued on page 5)

## Marine Spotlight On:



**LEE MARVIN, USMC**

He played a lot of tough guys in the movies. But before that he was a Marine Scout/ Sniper. Went on 21 invasions. He didn't PLAAY a Badass...he was the real thing.

Lamont Waltman Marvin, Jr. was born on February 19, 1924. His father was an ad exec and his mother was a fashion writer. He was named in honor of his first cousin, four times removed, Robert E. Lee. As a youngster Marvin studied violin. In his teen years he spent weekends and spare time hunting deer, puma, wild turkey and quail in the wilds of the then-uncharted Everglades. He attended several schools as he was frequently expelled for bad behavior. He left school at 18 to enlist in the Marines on August 12, 1942. He served in the 4th MarDiv as a sniper in the Pacific Theater during WWII. While serving as a member of "I" company 3rd Bn, 24th Marines, he was wounded during the battle of Saipan, during which most of his company were casualties. He was hit by machine gun fire which severed his sciatic nerve, then again in the foot by a sniper. After over a year of medical treatment in naval hospitals, Marvin was given a medical discharge as a PFC. He was previously a corporal but had been demoted for being a troublemaker. (continued on page 15)



made an excellent suggestion. We will have the food booth on site and between turning the meat, we can finish up the repairs in order to be ready for the next time we find a place to set up for a fund raiser.

August is also the month for the MCL National Convention. The convention will be held in Daytona Beach Florida from August 15-20. We have entered our newsletter in the annual competition and the winners will be announced at the convention.

Several of us are planning to attend the 2023 National Convention in Oklahoma City OK. 2023 will be the 100th anniversary of the Marine Corps League., This will also be the year that Mike Mitchell moves up to Pedigreed Devil Dog. ***We don't want to miss this!***

The Department of Indiana Fall Conference will be held on October 1st and 2nd in Plainfield. Several Detachment members are planning to attend. If you are interested in car-pooling with us, please contact me. Paymaster Bryant needs your information as he is the one who submits registration for the Detachment.

**Semper Fi!**

A Marine General was being interviewed on National Public Radio. The female interviewer asked "General, several dozen boys will be visiting your base for a 'summer camp. What do you plan to teach them?"

General: "We are going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery and shooting."

Interviewer: "Shooting! Isn't that a bit irresponsible?"

General: "No, they will be supervised on the ranges."

Interviewer: "This is a dangerous activity to be teaching children.

General: " I don't see how. We will be teaching them proper rifle discipling before they ever touch a rifle.

Interviewer: "You are equipping them to be violent killers."

General: "Well ma'am, you are equipped to be a prostitute. Are you one?"

The radio went silent and the interview ended.

**Ooh-Rah!**

**Commandant** (from page 1)

our meeting at the Golden Corral. We had finished our meals and were about 20 minutes into our meeting when the door was opened and a young man with a backpack poked his head in and said "I just wanted to say thank you for your service. I am a Marine also." Immediately several members of our group offered to provide him with an application. I was already standing so I got to him first. As we so often see, he had never heard about the Marine Corps League, a situation that we quickly cured. He was given an application, copies of two past issues of our newsletter and several member's cards with heart-felt wishes for him to join us. We got his email address, mailing address and contact information so we will keep him in our thoughts and perhaps convince him to join. The outstanding thing about this incident is that every member of our detachment, spanning 5 decades of living, reached out with encouragement to our young Marine brother. If nothing else, he felt welcome to join our group. "Once a Marine..." well, I guess I don't need to tell you.

These two incidents, while miles apart in content, show

that the idea of being Marine family is more than just a slogan.

It looks like the American Legion Post 8 has hired a new cook so our August meeting will be back at Funkhouser. We have been very happy at Golden Corral but since they close at 2000 and our meetings start at 1900 we feel we are better at the Legion. Also, while Rick Riddle (owner of the Golden Corral) is very supportive of any thing veteran, we feel we need to support the Legion. If circumstances change, we have the Corral as a 'fall-back' position. Come early on August 24th, have dinner with your spouse and then attend our meeting beginning at the regular time of 1900.

August is also the month to get out and sell ribs and butts to help support your Detachment. We have an excellent product and we earn \$10 for each rib or butt we sell. They will be ready on Saturday for Labor Day picnics so tell your family and friends. We had to raise the price \$5 due to the cost of meat but it is still a good value for the quality of product we provide. We will be cooking on Saturday morning and we always have a good time with that as well. Senior Vice West

**Chaplain** (from page 3)

Honorably Discharged Marine to walk into the VFW two weeks after leaving Camp Lejeune and someone tells him not to join the Marine Corps League in Evansville because their feelings were hurt seven years ago.

While I was assigned to Camp Pendleton, I had the honor of meeting some famous Marines: LtCol Oliver North, GySgt R. Lee Ermey, etc.

Imagine the following conversation:

League Member Fred Flintstone: "GySgt Ermey, I attended a League meeting seven years ago and one of the officers named Barney Rubble said something I didn't like.

GySgt Ermey: "Listen here cupcake, grow a pair, be a Marine for Christ's sake, get you're a\*\* back to that League meeting and shut the F\*\*\* up"

League Member Fred Flintstone: "but GySgt, Barney hurt my feelings and I don't want to go back to the League meetings anymore".

GySgt Ermey (using 2022 vernacular) "Stop being a Karen, get over your pathetic pity party, be the Marine you are supposed to be and get back to the League functions. Is that clear little cupcake or do I need to give you a safe space to cry in?"

As you laugh at the above imaginary exchange, you know this is exactly the way it would go with GySgt Ermey, either the old school way or the 2022 way. Regardless, it's time to laugh a little, heal from the issues of the past and rejoin **your** League Family. We want to see you and your family become active League members again.

All religions mention the ethos of *treating others the way one-self prefers to be treated*. Let us exercise this Golden Rule and let go of any past offenses distracting from our League fellowship at this most pivotal time in our nation's history. Commandant Reutter addressed this issue in the April Newsletter asking everyone to come together as a League

family. Let's move past these past events/hurt feelings and do so today! The future of the League depends on it. Our current leadership team maintains a strong Espirit de Corps and I hope ALL MEMBERS who are physically able will feel welcome and attend our August League Meeting back at the American Legion.

Remember: E Pluribus Unum- **out of many, one** (the motto of the US). We are planning a variety of League events in 2022 and 2023. Many events are family-focused with the desire to see all Marines and their families participating in more than one event. Please help our League reach its maximum potential by getting past any past hurtful issues and banding together.

#### TEAM:



**Together Each Achieves More.**

**Semper Fi!**

As we move from July into August, we are reminded of the heroic ac-

tions 80 years ago this month of Sailors and Marines who launched one of the most important amphibious assaults of WWII and beyond, in our Corps history: August 7-9, 1942, Guadalcanal.

General Vandegrift, who commanded the 1st Marine Division during the engagement: "We struck at Guadalcanal to halt the advance of the Japanese. We did not know how strong he was, nor did we know his plans. We knew only that he was moving down the island chain and that he had to be stopped. We were as well trained and as well armed as time and our peacetime experience allowed us to be. We needed combat to tell us how effective our training, our doctrines, and our weapons had been. We tested them against the enemy, and we found that they worked. From the movement in 1942, the tide turned, and the Japanese never again advanced."

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whelming odds twice to destroy enemy strongholds and save the lives of his Marines. In 1942, on Guadalcanal he displayed extreme fearlessness resulting in The Medal of Honor in recognition of his outstanding heroism where he was serving with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, he used a machine gun and a pistol to kill 38 of the enemy from his emplacement. At Iwo Jima, GySgt Basilone again distinguished himself, single-handedly destroying a Japanese blockhouse while braving smashing bombardment of enemy heavy caliber fire. He was killed in action on D-Day, 19 February 1945. He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross. While at Iwo Jima he was attached to the 1st Battalion, 27th Marines, 5th Marine Division.

As you expect, Gunnery Ser-

geant John Basilone was the only enlisted Marine to receive both the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross. Following World War II, GySgt Basilone's remains were reinterred in the Arlington National Cemetery, and in July 1949, the USS Basilone, a destroyer, was commissioned in his honor at the Boston Naval Shipyard.

### Medal of Honor Citation:

For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action against enemy Japanese forces, above and beyond the call of duty, while serving with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division in the Lunga area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on 24 and 25 October 1942. While the enemy was hammering at the Marines' defensive positions, Sgt. Basilone, in charge of two sections of heavy machine guns, fought valiantly to check the savage and determined assault. In a fierce frontal attack with the Japanese blasting his guns with grenades and mortar fire, one of Sgt. Basilone's sections, with its guncrews, was put out of action, leaving only two men able to carry on. Moving an extra gun into

# Woof Woof, Devil Dogs

Pound Keeper PDD Bob Reutter

Well, the July Growl was either a raging success or a total failure, depending on your point of view. We had planned to have a good meal, practice our rifle firing and then have the Growl. My dear wife made two different types of cole slaw (since some like creamy and some sweet/sour.) She also made baked beans, tea and heated a slab of BBQ ribs, planning for the normal 10-12 Devil Dogs. The 6 of us who bothered to show up had a great meal. Needless to say, we didn't practice the rifles. We didn't hold nominations for '22-'23 officers. As a matter of fact, we didn't hold the growl. We did, however have a 'Fun and Honor' evening. Joining me were DD Mike Mitchell, Pup Roy McWilliams, PDD Melissa West, PDD John Bryant and Pup Chris Boyd. We took the opportunity to present Pup McWilliams with his advancement to Devil Dog.

We solved the problems of the

world, we discussed our Detachment and our Pound and the things that we might do to help both.

Our August Growl will be back at my house. I am not asking my wife to prepare a meal again so I will ask each attending Dog to bring a 'sack dinner' and we will go from there. We really need to practice our rifle detail so it would be good for all hands to be on deck. Also we will need to do nominations and elections for officers at this Growl. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 10. at 1830. Woof, woof Dogs.



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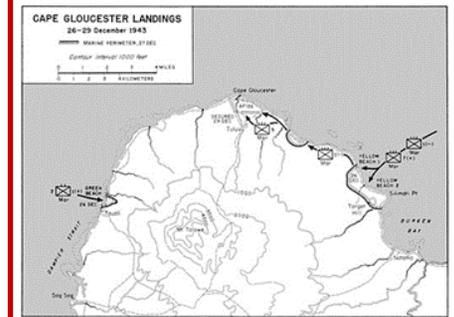
**Battle of Cape Gloucester** by Gary Burk

(\*editor's note: This is the third installment of a multiple part story. The story will be continued in the September issue.)

**Embarkation:**

The Allied plan called for a two-pronged landing at several beaches to the east and west of the peninsula, followed by an advance north towards the airfields at Cape Gloucester. Final rehearsals were carried out on 21 December after which the troops embarked on their vessels early on Christmas Day at Oro Bay and Cape Cretin, near Finschhafen. The convoy, designated Task Force 76 under Rear Admiral Daniel E. Barbey, consisted of nine APDs, 19 Landing Craft Infantry (LCIs), 33 Landing Ship Tank (LSTs), 14 Landing Craft Mechanized (LCMs) and 12 Landing Craft Tank (LCTs), escorted by 12 destroyers as well as the task force flagship *Conyngham*, three minesweepers and two rocket-carrying DUKWs that were carried aboard the LCMs. These two amphibians would support the western landings, while two LCIs had been similarly modified to support the

eastern landing. The troops were carried aboard the APDs, while the LSTs carried the heavy vehicles including bulldozers, tanks and trucks. In order to supply the force, a total of 20 days of supply of rations was detailed for assault troops, while the follow-on troops were to land with 30 days of supply. Both groups were to carry three units of ammunition resupply, while five days were needed for anti-aircraft weapons. Nevertheless, space was at a premium and in some instances, this could not be met. In order to speed up the unloading process and reduce congestion on the eastern beaches, a mobile



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If you have not already responded (or if you don't receive my emails) please send me your birthday so I can add you to this column. Email me at [rapid1@evansville.net](mailto:rapid1@evansville.net).

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day objectives had been secured by 10:00. Due to interference from the surrounding terrain, the Marines were unable to raise their divisional headquarters, and were instead had to relay messages through headquarters Sixth Army (Alamo Force). By nightfall, the Marines had secured a perimeter and had cut the coast road, establishing a road block. This prevented the Japanese from using it to reinforce their positions around the airfields, but a secondary route, to the east of Mount Talawe, remained open to the Japanese, having gone undetected by US intelligence.

Shortly after the western landing, the Japanese dispatched two companies of the 53rd Infantry Regiment to respond. In the days that followed, the Marines clashed with small groups of Japanese, and Japanese artillery and mortars fired on the US perimeter from Dorf Point. Patrol clashes increased until early morning on 30 December when the two companies of the 53rd Infantry attacked the Marines around Coffin Corner, exploiting the concealment of a heavy storm and darkness to launch a concentrated assault along a narrow avenue of approach between two defended ridges. Support-

ed with mortars, machine guns and artillery, a five-hour fire-fight followed before the assault was turned back. Casualties amounted to 89 killed and five captured for the Japanese, against six Marines killed and 17 wounded. Following this, there were no further assaults on the western perimeter. Artillery fell on the position on 31 December, but was met counterbattery fire from the 11th Marines who labored to get their guns into action despite the terrain. Although the Japanese sought mainly to avoid contact as most withdrew to support the fighting on the east coast, patrol actions continued throughout early January 1944, when contact was established around Dorf Point with a company-sized patrol from the 5th Marines that had set out overland from the eastern lodgment. The wounded and heavy equipment were subsequently embarked on 11 January, having been hampered by poor weather previously, and LT 21 then collapsed its position, marching east towards the airfields, and on 13 January they linked up with the main body of US troops, who had captured the airfields in late December.

**Gloucester** (from page 11)

**Battle:** The main operation began just after dawn on 26 December with a naval barrage on the Japanese positions on the cape followed by air attacks by the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) and Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). A total of 14 squadrons from the 1st Air Task Force under Brigadier General Frederick A. Smith, were provided for close air support, of which nine were bomber squadrons and five were attack. In addition, several fighter squadrons flew combat air patrols to negate the threat from Japanese aircraft: one squadron covered the approaching convoy, three would cover the landing beaches, and another would cover the seaborne elements that would withdraw in the afternoon. These attacks and an aerial smoke screen were followed by the landing of the 1st Marine Division, at Yellow Beaches 1 and 2, to the east near Silimati Point and Borgen Bay, about 5 miles (8.0 km) southeast of the airfield and a diversion at Green Beach, to the west at Tauali, about 6.5 miles (10.5 km) from Cape Gloucester. The main assault came at Silimati Point with only

one battalion landing in the west. After being transported aboard the APDs from Cape Sudest, the force came ashore aboard landing craft of various types including, LSTs and LCIs

**Western landing:**

The diversionary western landing at Tauali (Green Beach), on the Dampier Strait side of the peninsula was assigned to Landing Team 21 (LT 21), consisting of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines with a battery of artillery from the 11th Marines. Escorted by two destroyers and two patrol boats, the force was embarked upon 31 landing craft of various types (five LCIs, 12 LCTs and 14 LCMs). They carried with them 20 days of rations and six units of artillery ammunition. After departing Oro Bay with the main convoy, this force had broken off around Finschhafen and proceeded on its own through the Dampier Strait. After a preliminary naval and aerial bombardment around 07:30, the Japanese defenses around Green Beach were found abandoned. LT 21 experienced no opposition coming ashore, preceded by heavy preparatory fires including rockets fired from several amphibious vehicles. The beachhead was established by 08:35 and all first

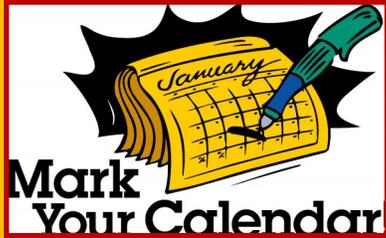
**Gloucester** (from page 9)

loading scheme was devised with the supplies preloaded directly on 500 2.5-ton trucks. These vehicles would arrive on the beaches with the first echelon that would land the assault troops in the morning, and would be able to drive straight off the LSTs and unload their cargo at several dumps ashore before re-embarking on LSTs assigned to the second echelon that would land in the afternoon on the first day with the follow-on troops. Medical teams, including doctors and corpsmen, were assigned to each transport and some LSTs, and these personnel would form part of an evacuation chain that would see casualties transported back to Cape Sudest where an 88-bed floating hospital was established aboard an LST, which would serve as a casualty-receiving station prior to onward movement to base hospitals ashore.

This force was escorted by United States Navy (USN) and Royal Australian Navy (RAN) cruisers and destroy-

ers from Task Force 74, under Rear Admiral Victor Crutchley of the Royal Navy. Maintaining a speed of 12 knots, the convoy proceeded through the Vitiaz Strait towards Cape Gloucester, traversing between Rooke and Sakar Islands. As they made their way towards their objective, Allied patrol boats operated to the north and western approaches, in the Dampier Strait and the southern coast of New Britain. While heading towards their objective, the convoy was spotted by a Japanese reconnaissance plane as well as an observer around Cape Ward Hunt. As a result, their progress was reported to Rabaul. However, the commander of the Japanese Southeast Area Fleet, Admiral Jinichi Kusaka, incorrectly assessed that the convoy was bound for Arawe as reinforcements, and subsequently ordered a heavy air attack there instead of around Cape Gloucester with 63 Zero fighters and 25 bombers from Rabaul.

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Upcoming events  
for our members

Wednesday, August 24th. August meeting of the River Cities Detachment. American Legion Funkhouser Post 8 on Harmony Way. 1900 meeting starts. Come early and enjoy a meal with your fellow Detachment members.

Wednesday, July 10th. Devil Dog Growl. Nominations and elections for 2022-2023 officers. If you are not there you may be elected!

August 27—Rib and Butt cook to benefit the Detachment. See flyer in this issue.

October 1st and 2nd. Fall Conference, Dept. of Indiana. Plainfield, IN.

October 15th. Fall Social Gathering of the River Cities Detachment. More info to follow.

November—Marine Birthday Ball to be held at the Evansville Country Club. Details coming.

---They Help Make This Newsletter Possible

“Oorah”

Stan Rickard

Life Member

River Cities Detachment 1090



05/2023

Compliments of  
Casey Canfield

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River Cities Detachment #1090

01/2023

In Memory Of  
**Marine Tommy Collins**



Semper Fi

And All  
Deceased  
Detachment  
Members

09/2022

Semper Fi!  
**Mike Mitchell**

Life Member

River Cities Detachment  
#1090



06/2023

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In fond memory of my  
life's love

**Dorothy Lee "Dottie"**  
(McCord) Mills



1930-2020

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**For All Who Served  
With The 17th Rifle  
Company.....**



**Semper  
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06/2023



Someone's day is about to go to hell  
in 5, 4, 3, 2...

**Actual lines from officer reports**

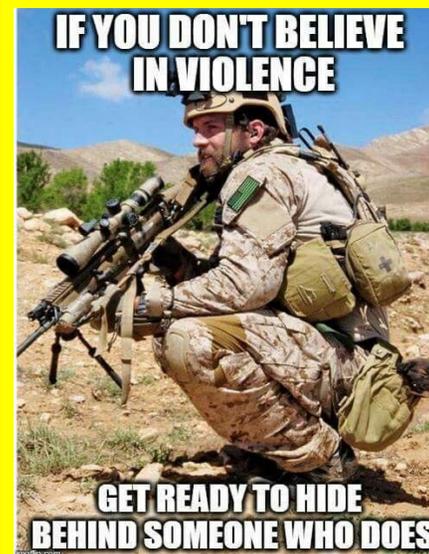
"His men would follow him anywhere  
but only out of curiosity."

"Would be out of his depth in a park-  
ing lot puddle."

"Has the wisdom of youth and the  
energy of old age."

"Is depriving some village of it's idiot."

"Should go far and the sooner she  
starts the better."



## Information on Life Membership

**National Bylaws Article Six - Mem-  
bers,**

**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 here-  
in. A Life Member shall be subject to  
payment of no further dues of a Detach-  
ment, or National, such member shall  
have all the privileges, rights, and ben-  
efits enjoyed as a member so long as that  
Life Member shall live.

**Current Life Membership**

**Price Information**

(As of January 2014)

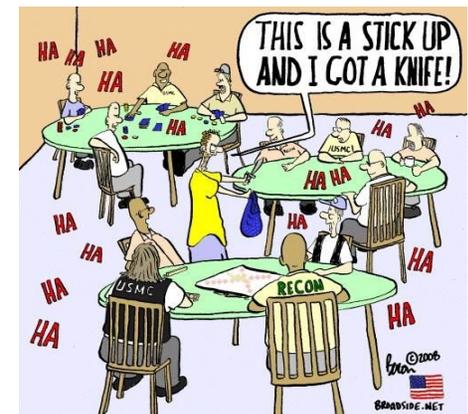
Up to and including age 35 - \$500.

Age 36 up to and including age 50 -  
\$400.

Age 51 up to and including age 64 -  
\$300.

Age 65 and over - \$200.

The cost of replacing a Life Membership



In a case of bad timing, the thief chose  
"Marine Corps Night" to rob the VFW.

position, he placed it in action, then, under continual fire, repaired another and personally manned it, gallantly holding his line until replacements arrived. A little later, with ammunition critically low and the supply lines cut off, Sgt. Basilone, at great risk of his life and in the face of continued enemy attack, battled his way through hostile lines with urgently needed shells for his gunners, thereby contributing in large measure to the virtual annihilation of a Japanese regiment. His great personal valor and courageous initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.

#### **Navy Cross Citation:**

For extraordinary heroism while serving as a Leader of a Machine-Gun Section, Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Marines, 5th Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands, 19 February 1945. Shrewdly gauging the tactical situation shortly after landing when his company's advance was held up by the concentrat-

ed fire of a heavily fortified Japanese blockhouse, Gunner Sergeant BASILONE boldly defied the smashing bombardment of heavy caliber fire to work his way around the flank and up to a position directly on top of the blockhouse and then, attacking with grenades and demolitions, single handedly destroyed the entire hostile strong point and its defending garrison. Consistently daring and aggressive as he fought his way over the battle-torn beach and up the sloping, gun-studded terraces toward Airfield Number 1, he repeatedly exposed himself to the blasting fury of exploding shells and later in the day coolly proceeded to the aid of a friendly tank which had been trapped in an enemy mine field under intense mortar and artillery barrages, skillfully guiding the heavy vehicle over the hazardous terrain to safety, despite the overwhelming volume of hostile fire. In the forefront of the assault at all times, he pushed forward with daunt-

### **Note from the editor:**

I would like to thank all those who contribute to our Newsletter. No matter if you contribute an article, an ad, are a booster, or just send me suggestions, **everyone** is part of the success.

I am always looking for new ideas for what **you** want to see in our newsletter. Please send me your thoughts so we can keep the River Cities News fresh and alive.

**Bob Reutter**



### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

National changed the due date, so that everyone is paying dues at the same time.

#### **Dues for 2022 - 2023**

If paid between 3/1 and 6/30 - \$25

If paid July 1<sup>st</sup> or after - \$35

Initial Membership Dues are \$35

Mail your annual membership fees to:

**River Cities Det. #1090**

**Attn: Membership**

**PO Box 6581**

**Evansville IN 47719-0581**

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*The River Cities News is the place to get all the information about what is going on in the Detachment. We need you to be an active part in **your** MCL.*



## Humor in (MARINE) Uniform

### The Rabbit Hunt:

The services decided to determine, once and for all, which branch was the best. They released a single, clearly marked white rabbit into a forest.

After three days, the Air Force squad came out swearing that the rabbit never existed.

Two days later the Navy team came out after calling in several fire missions from an off-shore missile frigate. They never found the body of the rabbit but swear if it survived, it wasn't happy.

Some days later the Army squad came out. They brought several dead animals, among them a skunk, squirrel and a ferret, asking if one of them was the rabbit.

Finally after 10 days the Marines strutted out of the forest dragging a badly beaten grisly bear. The bear was swearing up and down, crying "Okay, okay, I'm a rabbit, I'm a rabbit!"

### Three boys playing Marine:

Three little boys were playing out front of their homes. A Captain walks up to them what they are doing. The first boy who is doing air squats says "I am climbing up a wall to ambush the enemy."

The second boy is running in place. He tells the officer "I'm on tour in Iraq. I am running through the desert."

The third boy is doing push-ups on the sidewalk. The Captain says "I guess you are in boot camp?"

"No," says the third boy. "I am friends with the other two. While they are deployed, I am screwing their wives!"



less courage and iron determination until, moving upon the edge of the airfield, he fell, instantly killed by a bursting mortar shell. Stouthearted and indomitable, Gunnery Sergeant BASILONE, by his intrepid initiative, outstanding skill, and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of the fanatic opposition, contributed materially to the advance of his company during the early critical period of the assault, and his unwavering devotion to duty throughout the bitter conflict was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects the highest credit upon Gunnery Sergeant BASILONE and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.



### **Spotlight** (continued from page 4)

His decorations include:

**Purple Heart**

**Navy Commendation Medal with V Device**

**Combat action Ribbon**

**Presidential Unit Citation**

**American Campaign Medal**

**Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal**

**World War II Victory Medal.**

Marvin worked as a plumber's assistant at the local community theatre in New York and was asked to replace an actor who got sick during rehearsals. He got the acting bug and worked for \$7 per week. His film debut was in "You're in the Navy Now" in 1951. Also debuting in this film were Charles Bronson and Jack Warden. He played in several Westerns. One of his most famous early roles was as Liberty Valance opposite two giants in film—John Wayne and James Stewart. He won an Academy Award as Best Actor in "Cat Ballou." 1967's "Dirty Dozen" showcased Lee's personality with a star-studded cast.

Lee Marvin died on August 29th, 1987 at age 63 of a heart attack. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington Cemetery.



Major General Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secure. This declaration came after nine days of fighting Japanese forces that were occupying the island. 1944



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