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Commandant's Corner

Jim Johnson

For those that missed our Thanksgiving dinner at the American Legion Funkhouser post, not only did you miss a great meal but a great time as well. As an older Marine (I missed being in the old Corps by one day) I really enjoyed listening to the younger Marines talking about the present day Corps with all the new weapons systems and what is expected of Marines to complete the mission.

Our next Marine Corps League Detachment #1090 meeting will be held on Wednesday the 23 of December. I hope to see everyone there. Our meetings begin at 1900 hours but plan on coming early with your spouse and enjoying a meal (off the menu) before the meeting starts. Funkhouser post has a very good

menu and very reasonably priced. Another reason to attend, all members receive a Marine baseball cover and our very own Det. #1090 challenge coin, if you haven't already

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Lore of the Corps

By Bob Reutter

USMC establishes service space command

Space Marines are on their way, kind of. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger directed the activation of Marine Corps Forces Space Command, according to a Marine Corps press release. The Marines in the command "will focus on providing space operational support to the Fleet Marine Force while building a convergence capability to increase warfighter lethality," the release said. MARFORSPACE will be commanded by Maj. Gen. Matthew Glavy and will consist of space focused Marines who were formally assigned to Marine Corps Forces Strategic Command, according to the release.

Glavy currently commands Marine Forces

Cyber Command in addition to the newly created MARFORSPACE, but both units will remain separate, the release said.

"I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to lead this new organization," Glavy said in the press release. "The commandant has made the bold move Marines are known for to ensure our relevancy and readiness."

"Space and cyber are critical capabilities in the information environment that, when brought together, can provide a competitive advantage. Convergence requires flexible and interconnected teams focused on solving hard problems .

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Balikpapan

(cont. from page 3) 14 destroyers were committed to this action. A total of 17,250 shells were expended by the naval bombardment group in this effort.

Meanwhile, the assault troops aboard nine tank landing ships (LSTs) made for the transport area where they were transferred to smaller landing craft, including Alligator tracked landing vehicles (LVTs), DUKWs and LCVPs. These craft were crewed by US personnel, mainly from the 672nd and 727th Amphibian Tractor Battalions and the 593rd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment. Under the cover of the bombardment they began their run to the shore in several waves. When they were 1,300 yards (1,200 m) from the shore, the naval bombardment ceased. The ramps came down on the landing craft as they hit the beaches just before

9:00 am. The landing was carried out on a two-brigade front. The 2/10 and 2/12 Battalions of the landed on the left at Red and Yellow Beaches, while the 21st Brigade's 2/27th Battalion landed on the right at Green Beach. The division's third brigade remained embarked initially to act as a floating reserve. The assaulting troops were landed at the wrong place due to obscuration of key features ashore as a result of the pre-landing bombardment, and a failure to clear all of the beach obstacles.



American sailors deliver Australian troops

As a result two of the three assault battalions landed too far left, and troops from each battalion became mixed up with others, causing some confusion. Despite this, the landing was opposed only by a small volume of fire, and within 15 to 20 minutes the assault troops had established a beachhead. The landing force suffered no casualties during this first part of the operation.

After the beach maintenance area was secured, the 18th Brigade was tasked with capturing the high features north of Klandasan, which blocked the advance towards Balikpapan town, while the 21st Brigade was tasked with advancing along the coast road to capture the airfields at Sepinggang and Manggar. During the fighting around Klandasan, the 2/10th



18th Brigade troops on Balikpapan

Battalion attacked a feature dubbed Parramatta Ridge, which was strongly fortified with pillboxes, tunnels, land mines and booby traps. Due to a last minute diversion and communications issues, the battalion's fire support was unavailable, and the tanks that had been assigned to support them broke down, nevertheless the battalion's commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Daly, pressed home the attack despite likely heavy casualties. (end of part 1)



Marine Spotlight On: John Mills



John Mills - 1947



2010

John Mills was born on May third, 1930 in Morganfield, KY. The story has gone around that when John Mills joined the Marine Corps , he was required to bring his own musket. Actually, John joined the Corps on May 20, 1947. John served at several duty stations after attending boot camp at Parris Island. In 1950 he was serving as security detail on board the cruiser CA-123 (USS Albany) on a Med cruise when he (along with every other able bodied Marine) received orders for Japan in June of

1950. John was classified as 0336 (machine gun platoon leader) and after crash training his mostly-reservist troops, made the landing at Inchon in September 1950. John was in action until the first week of December (during the Chosin campaign) when he received several bullet wounds and was sent to Memphis, TN via several stops. John is still fighting with the frostbite he got during the Chosin Campaign.

John married his wife Dottie on Jan. 31, 1953. They have 4

daughters and one son, 10 grandchildren and 7 (so far) great grandchildren. One of his daughters retired from the Navy and as John likes to say "She is the only sailor he ever kissed."

After the Corps, John worked 42 years as an automotive electrician. He still gets requests from some of his faithful customers to rebuild difficult alternators, etc.

John was a charter member of both the MCL Detachments in Evansville. Before her illness stopped them, John and Dottie made every Birthday Ball and

they could really 'cut a rug.'

Today, John spends much of his time returning the love and respect that Dottie has shown him. He makes sure she keeps all her doctor's appts, hair appts, nail appts, etc. He (in his words—I haven't talked to Dottie yet) has become a good cook and enjoys it.



Dottie and John Mills

Commandant's Corner

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received one. These are very nice gifts and will also be given to all new members at their swearing in ceremony so now you have another new recruiting tool.

During these unusual and stressful times with COVID-19 remember "Once a Marine Always a Marine" if you know of a Marine, whether a member or not, check on them and let them know we are here to help if necessary. **Semper Fi**

Just Stay

Chaplain Bob Reutter

A good friend of mine sent this to me in an email. I thought it was worth a story in our newsletter.

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened.

Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.



The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to

his son all through the night. Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her.

"Who was that man?" he asked.

The nurse was startled, "Wasn't he your father?" she asked. "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed."

"I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey. His son was Killed in Iraq today, and I was sent to inform him. What was this Gentleman's Name?"

The Nurse with Tears in her eyes answered, "Mr. William Grey....."

The next time someone needs you just be there. Stay.

We are not human beings going through a temporary spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings going through a temporary human experience. (Love this line.)

Why We Chose To Become MARINES



When We Visited the Armed Service
Recruiters We Were Told:
Army: Be All That You Can Be!
Navy: Accelerate Your Life!
Air Force: Aim High...
So We Chose To Do All Three!



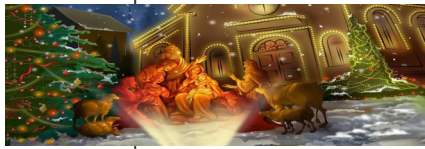
December 20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	30	1 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	2	3
6	7 Pearl Harbor 1941 	8 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	9	10
13	14	15 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	16	17
20 	21	22 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	23 Detachment Meeting Funkhouser Post on New Harmony Road 1900 begins—come early to eat dinner from menu.	24
27	28	29 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	30	31



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DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	4	5
	11	12
	18	19
	25	26
1	2	



Lore of the Corps

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with speed. We cannot be successful in these technology-heavy domains without prioritizing people, ideas and things ... in that order.”



(From left to right) Maj. Gen. Matthew G. Glavy, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command, Vice Adm. Timothy “TJ” White, commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command / U.S. 10th Fleet, Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Gilday and Capt. Ann E. Casey, commanding officer of Navy Cyber Warfare Development Group participate in the Cyber Foundry ribbon

cutting ceremony.

MARFORSPACE will draw from the Marine Corps existing Forces Strategic Command. The formation of MARFORSPACE follows a trend in the increasing importance of space to the US Armed Forces.



All Marines Are Brothers, But These Five Are Sisters too.



Five Sisters: Amber and Ashley Valentine and Maria, Melissa and Vanessa Placido Jaramillo

On November 13, 2020 five new Marines graduated from Parris Island. While this is not an unusual occurrence, it is un-

usual for 5 new Marines to represent only 2 families!

Sisters Amber and Ashley Valentine joined the Corps three days before their grandfather died. Ashley promised him she would carry on his legacy of service to the military and sister Amber decided to join with her.

Sisters Maria, Melissa and Vanessa Jaramillo came to the US from Panama at a young age and they agreed to join together. Maria (21) and twins Vanessa and Melissa (22) said friendly competition and positive affirmation helped push each other be successful.



Starry, Starry Night

The Company Commander and the Gunny were in the field. As they hit the sack for the night the Gunny said: "Sir look up into the sky and tell me what you see?"

The C.O. said "I see millions of stars."

The Gunny then asked, "and what does that tell you, sir?"

The C.O. replied, Well, astronomically it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically it tells me God is great and that we are all small and insignificant. Meteorologically it tells me we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you Gunny?"

The Gunny slowly shook his head and said "Well sir, it tells me that some SOB stole our tent!"

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2020

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Irene L. Midle-Blessing
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**Roy and Carolyn
McWilliams.**



05/2021

Semper Fi!

Mike Mitchell

Life Member

River Cities Detachment #1090



06/2021

*In Memory Of
Marine Tommy Collins
And All Deceased
Detachment Members*



Semper Fi

09/2021

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The following items are in stock at the Detachment Ship's Store.
The Ship's Store will be brought to each meeting so you may purchase items.

A slight increase in cost over National Ship's Store has been added to cover

Item	Cost	Item	Cost	FMF
EGA Cap Ornament, Regular Member, gold, screw-back \$	5.00	FMF device, for Marine of Year ribbon		1.50
Patch, MCL logo with ASSOCIATE rocker, 3" for right shoulder	4.25	Department Staff Elected ribbon, silver		2.00
Patch, MCL logo, for REGULAR member, 3" for right shoulder	4.00	Detachment Commandant ribbon		2.00
Patch, US Flag, field forward, for regular member, right shoulder	4.00	Detachment Staff Appointed ribbon, bronze		2.00
Sunburst Collar ornament, regular member, prong back	12.00	Community Service Ribbon		2.00
Cover, MCL, woman's, 7 5/8	30.00	National Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon		2.00
Cap Strip, LIFE, Red with gold lettering and border	3.50	Individual Meritorious Commendation ribbon		2.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 3 ribbon	1.25	Ceremonial Guard ribbon		2.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 4 ribbon	2.50	EGA Belt Buckle, for leather belt		18.50
Metal Ribbon Holder, 8 ribbon	3.50	Trousers, dress blue, 44R		45.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 9 ribbon	3.50	Trouser stripe, red, 1 1/8"		15.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 12 ribbon	4.50	Belt, white, for dress blues		15.00
Tie Clasp	9.00	Patch, Devil Dog, 3" round for cover		4.00
Star Clusters for Ribbons, 2 stars, bronze	1.50	Rocker, Colorguard, for Devil Dog Vest		3.00
Star Clusters for Ribbons, 3 stars, bronze	1.50	Cap Strip, Dogrobber		3.50
Patch, Life Member	8.25	Neck Ribbon, PDD, gold with eyelet		5.00
Tie, black	6.00	Neck Ribbon, DD, black with eyelet		5.00
Pin, MCL	1.00			
Pin, MCL Life	1.00			
Pin, MCL Associate	1.00			

Information on Life Membership

***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.

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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 Gold Card is \$10.00



Marine Corps League Department of Indiana News

The following dates have been selected by the Conference/Convention Committee and approved by the members through Motions at the 2020 Fall Conference:

March 6/7, 2021 Department of Indiana Spring Conference

June 4/6, 2021 Department of Indiana Summer Convention

October 16/17, 2021 Department of Indiana Fall Conference

All events will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Plainfield, IN. Specific information on each event will be sent appropriately beforehand, including hotel and event registration, agenda's and other pertinent information.

Questions can be directed to Conference/Convention Chair Glenn Newton at sgtglenn@psci.net or Department Paymaster Dave Englert at englertd@psci.net.



Your caption goes here!

Cartoon Caption Contest

If you have a good caption for the cartoon to the , send it in an email to mclrivercities@gmail.com. Note the spelling of the email address. Winner will receive their choice of either a Detachment Challenge Coin or a K-bar letter opener.

Deadline for submission is 12/19/20



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dues for 2020 - 2021

By July 31st - \$25

August 1st or after - \$35

Initial Membership Dues are \$35

Mail your annual membership fees to:

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