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From the Editor

Paula Landers

This month's newsletter is going to be very brief, as all are busy enjoying some much needed down time and the holidays. I am very busy these days helping plan the 1st Annual Spring Craft Fair for the MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441. We started planning to have a small event at AmVets #84 but have had such an awesome response from tri-state crafters we have moved to the Coliseum. It is going to be on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The auxiliary also hosted our annual Christmas Party and the Fulton Square Boys and Girls Club in December. It is always such a joy to see the looks on the kids faces when they open their presents. As always our wonderful Santa (aka John Williams) did an awesome job.



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Marine Corps History

Gary Burk

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

STRANGLING RABAU (1943)

With the night a Japanese surface force swept south from Rabaul seeking to achieve another Savo Island victory against the American invasion fleet. This time the U.S. Navy stood ready. The ensuing Battle of Empress Augusta Bay resulted in stinging defeat for the Imperial Navy.

A follow-up counterlanding the night of November 6-7 caused greater concern to the Marines ashore. Nearly 500 Japanese troops fought their way through the surf in the rear of the force beachhead line, too up firing positions along the Koromokina River, and raised hell with Turnage's support echelons. Killing them one by one took the Marines several anxious days.

Japanese air raids materialized each day and night. One flight of torpedo bombers from Rabaul intercepted a U.S. reinforcement convoy the night of November *McKean* with the loss of fifty-two Marines and sixty-four sailors. But by then Turnage had his 21 Marines ashore and was fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with the Army's 37th Division.

General Vandergrift, selected to become the next Commandant of the Marine Corps, turned over command of IMAC to Major General Roy Geiger and departed for Washington. Few Marines even batted an eye that an aviator now commanded the amphibious corps. Geiger was widely known for his enlightened leadership and blazing courage. The battle for the Bougainville beachhead continued in his capable hands.

The SeaBees inspected the swampy interior and determined that the only suitable sites for the airfield lay 1,500 yards inland from the beach. Hyakutake finally released his main combatant units, the 2d Infantry Division and a very good force of *rikusentia*, the Kure 7th, and these troops engaged the Leathernecks and GIs in a series of sharp brawls under hellacious conditions of terrain and foul weather. In six grueling days the 3d Marines fought as many skirmishes, collectively called the Battle of Piva Forks, losing a hundred men but killing a thousand

Japanese.

Not every Marine action enjoyed such success. An ambitious raid down the coast at Koirari by parachutists and raiders on November 29 ran into as unexpectedly large and lethal Japanese battalion. The elite Marine units, long on valor but always short on firepower, suffered grievous losses and had to be withdrawn under heavy fire. This took considerable doing. At the end, protected by close-in destroyers and long-range artillery, the raiding force made it back through the surf to their ships, minus one man in every five.

Bougainville would make the final chapter of Marine Corps special units like rangers and parachutists. They had fought with ferocious courage, but the Pacific War had outgrown their narrow services. Commando forces had proven useful to this point—Edson at Tulagi, Krulak at Choiseul—but henceforth the Marines would need integrated ("homogenized") *divisions*, whose basic maneuver element would be the infantry battalion. Many of the existing raiders and parachutists provided the nucleus of the 4th Marines, reestablished in honor of the regiment lost in the Philippines and commanded by Alan Shapley. Others would provide the cadre of combat leadership for the 5th Marine Division for its single cataclysmic fight at Iwo Jima.



Time to rest in the tropics.

(to be continued)

The Lore of the Corps

Bob Reutter

Plan to ban tobacco sales to anyone under 21 will hit the military too.

Smoke 'em if you got 'em, because troops under 21 won't be allowed to for much longer. A bipartisan congressional plan to raise the federal minimum age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21 was included in a sweeping budget bill expected to be passed into law by the end of the week. And contrary to previous comments from lawmakers, there is no exception in the law for members of the military.

In a joint statement, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., called the move a "lifesaving" change for thousands of young Americans. Advocates estimate that raising the purchase age by three years will cut down smoking-related cancers and respiratory illnesses by more than 220,000 cases in coming years.

When McConnell first introduced the legislation last spring, he acknowledged considering an exemption on the new age limits for military members. But he dropped the idea after discussions with public health advocates, saying that the military should not be "treated differently on a public health issue." Kaine agreed, saying that "as the father of a Marine and as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I feel strongly we should extend the same public health protections to members of the military as we do to their civilian counterparts."

Nineteen states, the District of Columbia and Guam already ban tobacco sales to anyone under 21. The new law will apply to the rest of the country and all military bases. According to a military survey in 2011, about 25 percent of men and 18 percent of women in the military use tobacco products. Members of the Marine Corps were the heaviest users, with nearly one-third of that force actively using tobacco.

The Corps wants a study on how to make recruit training coed.

The Marines still have the only basic training that is still not coed. Congress (a large number of which has never served in the military) is push-

ing to require the Corps to gender integrate training within 5 years. The Marines are requesting a university study on what it would take and what would change if the Corps moved to coed basic recruit training.



Since January, at least three Marine recruit training classes have seen all-male and all-female recruit platoons training side by side in ways that had never been allowed before. Each company has had male

and female recruits share the same barracks, with each platoon having its own squad bay for Marines to sleep, shower and do platoon and individual training. When companies come together for physical training, the obstacle course or the many hours of classroom study, male and female will be side by side. The Corps currently enlists about 3,000 new female recruits annually and that is anticipated to remain static.

I personally think it is interesting to note that the other services have been coed for some time. Army since 1994, Navy since 1992, Air Force in the mid 80's and Coast Guard since 1973. Balance this with the fact that only the Marines have little trouble filling their recruiting quotas each month. There may be a message there. I also believe that if we are to totally gender integrate the Corps, then the standards required to finish boot camp should apply equally to all. **DO NOT** reduce requirements to accommodate differences in genetic makeup. As it has been with male recruits for all time, if anyone can't make basic requirements then move to one of the other services. If you – male or female – can make the grade you should be awarded the EGA. We see the results from our schools when the requirements to pass are lowered to a common denominator. Let's keep the Corps elite. We are '**The Few, The Proud.**' We are not the average. **Semper Fi!**

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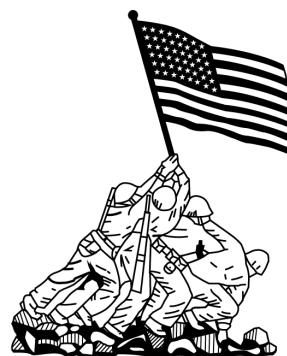
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