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Commandant's Corner

by Jim Johnson

Marine Corps League Detachment 1090 had its first annual awards ceremony on December the 15th. If you were not there you missed a great evening. We had a great meal and many awards were awarded. If you were not there and had an award coming { everyone in the Detachment had some sort of award coming} you can attend one of our monthly meeting and receive your awards. They are to numerous to mail as it would not be cost effective. (See pictures starting on page 18)

During our December meeting the Detachment has decided to have a quarterly get together to enjoy an evening of fellowship with a meal. The main course being provided by the detachment and everybody brings a dish. We have done this once before and everyone had such a great time that we decided to have one every quarter. The date place and time will be published at a later time. Plan on attending the next one.

All of that being said, I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and a very happy and safe New Year. This spring will also bring the detachments nominations and voting for new officers to run and control our detachment for next year.(Cont. on page 3)

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A Message from the President of the Southern Belles:



Hello everyone. Due to low membership and the unfortunate passing of some of our members, this will be my final newsletter article. The Southern Belles #441 will be disbanding in the month of January with our remaining funds being divided between the Boys and Girls Club of Fulton Square and Isaiah's House.

I would like to thank all of the Ladies Auxiliary's remaining members for your time and faithfulness to our Unit. I am honored to have been your Southern Belles Unit #441 President for many years.

I sincerely hope everyone had a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year. Semper Fi!

Dani Cook

President

Commandant's Corner

(from page 1)

This is a very serious obligation on every member. Please be thinking who you would like to fill each and every position for the next year. The Chaplain and Sgt at Arms are appointed by the newly elected Commandant.



Semper Fi

Notes from the Editor by Bob Reutter

As our Commandant stated in his column, next month, February, we have the first round of nominations for the officers in the River Cities Detachment for 2022-23. In the recent past we have asked people to fill offices because we didn't have enough willing members to do so. With the addition of some 'new blood' in the Detachment, it is time to put more thought into who is filling the offices. With that in mind, I have included the duties of each of the offices we will be talking about in the next two months. These requirements have been taken from MCL National resources and from Detachment requirements.

Chaplain. While not an elected office, the chaplain has more duties than just saying the prayer during our meetings. The chaplain is also responsible for being the contact person with the various funeral homes. The chaplain is responsible for arranging what/when/where we honor fallen Marines. Also the

prayer folder we present in our services is his/her responsibility. The Chaplain also forwards notices to Department when we lose a member.

Sgt. at Arms. The Sgt. at Arms is responsible for maintaining order at the meetings. They are also responsible for setting up the room for our meetings. Arranging the flags, podium, and other material needed at a regular meeting. They are then responsible for breaking down the room after the meeting. If unable to be in attendance at a meeting, he/she should notify the Commandant in time that a replacement can be found.

Judge Advocate. The JA provides legal counsel and opinions on by-laws, policies and parliamentary procedures. The JA's chief role is to assure the legal and operating integrity of the Detachment within the framework of Detachment by-laws and policies. The JA must be ready to fill in for any absent officer.

Paymaster. The paymaster plays a major role in assuring and maintaining the financial integrity of the Detachment. This officer acts as the controller of the Detachment funds and is responsible for revenues and expenditures. The Paymaster keeps the members aware of financial status and insures funds are used properly and within by-laws and policies. Financial reports, fees, taxes, scrutiny of expenditures and bookkeeping all fall under the purview of the Paymaster.

Adjutant. The Adjutant is the recording secretary for the Detachment. The Adjutant provides support to the officers through correspondence, documentation and written communication. The Adjutant is responsible for official notifications to members as well as accurately record resolutions, minutes of meetings, and maintains and files records/archives.

Junior Vice Commandant. Holds a crucial position in the Detachment. The JVC is re-

sponsible for recruiting and retention of members. The JVC is also responsible for maintaining records of awards and ribbons for all members. This ensures members are rewarded for participation in Detachment events, committees and other things that encourage participation and recognition of members. The JVC works closely with the chairperson of all committees to gather information on member participation.

Senior Vice Commandant.

The SVC is second in command of the Detachment. The SVC is logically the successor to the Commandant and is therefore required to be fully familiar with the Commandant functions. The SVC should have the ability to support the Commandant and complete Commandant assignments on short notice.

Detachment Commandant.

This is the most important office in the Detachment. This position is vital in how the Detachment is viewed by not only (Continued on Page 6)

Editor's Notes (Continued from page 6) the Detachment members but also how the Detachment is view by Department and National MCL. Duties of the Commandant include:

- ◆ Leading concise, effective Detachment meetings
- ◆ Effective communications with Detachment members
- ◆ Training, education and support to improve Detachment job level skills.
- ◆ Clear understanding of subordinate officer duties and responsibilities.
- ◆ Clear understanding of financial and fiscal requirements.
- ◆ Preparation of Detachment reports for Department Conferences and Conventions.
- ◆ Leadership in creating committees and projects. Committees are formed to accomplish a specific task or tasks. The Commandant should select chairpersons and monitor the progress of standing and special committees.

One very important segment of the Commandant position is positive public relations. The Commandant is looked to by the Detachment, the Department, the MCL and the community as the primary contact and promoter of Detachment events. Public relations includes direct meetings, media contact and appearance at appropriate civic and military events. The leader of the organization, by virtue of the Commandant position will be the primary provider of information, the primary representative of the Detachment at functions and the primary salesman for the League and Detachment.

Ship's Store

The Ship's Store will return next month. It is taking a one month vacation so the space can be used by pictures from the recent River Cities Detachment Awards Banquet.

We will be back next month with even more items available. Editor

Landing on Emirau

By Gary Burk

The Landing on Emirau was the last of the series of operations that made up Operation Cartwheel, General Douglas MacArthur's strategy for the encirclement of the major Japanese base at Rabaul. A force of nearly 4,000 United States Marines landed on the island of Emirau on 20 March 1944. The island was not occupied by the Japanese and there was no fighting. It was developed into an air-base which formed the final link in the chain of bases surrounding Rabaul. The isolation of Rabaul permitted

MacArthur to turn his attention westward and commence his drive along the north coast of New Guinea toward the Philippines.

Strategy In February 1943, General MacArthur had presented the US Joint Chiefs of Staff with his Elkton Plan for an advance on the Japanese stronghold of Rabaul. In this "scheme of manoeuvre" the penultimate stage was the capture of Kavieng, an important staging post for aircraft moving from Truk to Rabaul. The Allied occupation of Kavieng would cut this route and isolate Rabaul. The Allied victory in
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Landing (from page 8) the Admiralty Islands campaign in March 1944 prompted the Joint Chiefs of Staff to consider accelerating the tempo of operations in the Pacific. They solicited opinions on the matter from the theatre commanders. On 5 March 1944, armed with detailed information about Japanese deployments and intentions as a result of the capture of Japanese cryptographic materials in the Battle of Sio, MacArthur recommended omitting the proposed attack on Hansa Bay in favor of moving further up the coast of New Guinea to Hollandia. As this would be out of range of his land-based aircraft, he proposed that aircraft carriers of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz' United States Pacific Fleet, which were to cover the Manus and Kavieng operations could provide air cover until land-based aircraft could be established ashore. Admiral Nimitz, in Washington DC for consultation, objected to this proposal to retain forces in the South West Pacific theatre after the capture of Kavieng, as it would disrupt his plans for upcoming operations in the Pacific Ocean theatre. The Joint War Plans Commit-

tee discussed these alternatives, and recommended to the Joint Chiefs that Hollandia be seized on 15 April, but that the Kavieng operation be canceled.

MacArthur's Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Ricard K. Sutherland, representing his commander before the Joint Chiefs, strenuously objected to the omission of Kavieng, which he believed could be captured on 1 April without delaying other operations. There was debate over how much of a threat the Japanese base at Kavieng was. Nimitz felt that as a result of the Battle of Eniwetok, Truk itself would soon be under constant attack and the flow of aircraft to Rabaul would be cut off. On 12 March orders went out to MacArthur and Nimitz cancelling Operation FOREARM (Kavieng) and ordering them to "complete the isolation of the Rabaul-Kavieng area with the minimum of commitment of forces." In the opinion of the commander of the South Pacific Area, Admiral Wm. Halsey, Jr. "the geography of the area begged for another bypass." On receipt of orders from MacArthur revoking plans for Kavieng and ordering him to occupy Emirau. Halsey ordered

ordered the commander of the III Amphibious Force, Rear Admiral Theodore S. Wilkinson, to occupy Emirau on 20 March.

Emirau (or Emira) is an island in the Bismarck Archipelago in the south eastern portion of the St. Matthias Islands, located 25 miles (40 km) from Mussau Island, the other principal island in the St. Matthias group, and 90 miles (140 km) from Kavieng. Emirau is about 8 miles (13 km) long and 2 miles (3.2 km) wide, hilly, and heavily wooded. Inland is a 90-acre (36 ha) plateau. The climate is tropical, with high humidity and heavy rainfall. There is a small harbor, Hamburg Bay, on the north west coast. About 300 natives lived on the island. but all available intelligence indicated that the Japanese had not occupied the islands in any appreciable strength. Emirau was considered suitable for development as an airbase and base for PT boats. A photo reconnaissance mission on 16 March revealed no indication whatsoever of enemy activity or installations.

Preparations Halsey's message reached Wilkinson on Guadalcanal on 15 March, by which time ships were al-

ready loading for the Kavieng operation, which had originally been scheduled for 18 March. This operation was to have been carried out by Major General Roy S. Geiger's I Amphibious Corps, with the 40th Infantry Division and 3rd Marine Division, reinforced by the 4th Marines.

For Emirau, Lieutenant Colonel Alan Shapley's 4th Marines would be sufficient, reinforced by Company C, 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion; Company A (Medium), 3rd Tank Battalion, equipped with M4 Sherman tanks; a company of pioneers from the 2nd Battalion, 19th Marines; signals, ordnance and motor transport detachments; and a composite anti-aircraft battery of the 14th Defense Battalion. This would be the first operation for the 4th Marines, which had been reformed on 1 February 1944 from four battalions of Marine Raiders, the original 4th Marines having been destroyed in the Battle of Corregidor. Commodore Lawrence F. Reifsnider was appointed to command the amphibious operation. Brigadier General Alfred H. Noble, the Assistant Division Commander of the 3d Marine Division would command the expeditionary (Continued on page 10)

Landing (from page 9) troops. Noble, who was also slated to become island commander, was given a small staff created from I Amphibious Corps and 3rd Marine Division personnel. An air command was organized for Emirau under Colonel William L. McKittrick from the larger one intended for the Kavieng operation.

No opposition was expected on Emirau, but strong naval and air support was provided. A covering force under Rear Admiral Robert M. Griffin, consisting of the battleships *New Mexico*, *Mississippi*, *Idaho* and *Tennessee*, accompanied by the escort carriers *Manila Bay* and *Natoma Bay*, and 15 destroyers, carried out part of the original Kavieng plan—the bombardment of Kavieng and the surrounding area. In all, some 1,079 rounds of 14-inch and 12,281 rounds of 5-inch ammunition were fired. Unfortunately, the bombardment gave Rear Admiral Ryukichi Tamura the impression that the expected invasion by Allied forces was imminent and he gave the order to kill all the European prisoners in Kavieng. At least 25 of them were executed in the Kavieng Wharf Massacre,

which later led to six of the perpetrators being sentenced for war crimes in 1947. Sentenced to death by hanging, Tamura was executed at Stanley Prison on 16 March 1948.

Operations The assault force left in two echelons. The Marines of the two assault battalions, the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 4th Marines, traveled on nine high speed transports (APDs) while the remainder of the force were on the dock landing ships (LSDs) *Epping Forest*, *Gunston Hall* and *Lindenwald*, and the attack transport (APA) *Callaway*. One LSD carried the 66 LVTs for crossing Emirau's fringing reef, one carried three LCTs, two of them loaded with tanks, and the third carried three LCTs with radar sets and anti-aircraft guns.

The attack group arrived in the transport area at 06:05 on 20 March. The LVTs were launched, and the assault troops transferred to the amphibious tractors using the APDs' boats, supplemented by those from *Callaway* while Vought F4U Corsairs of VMF-218 flew overhead to make a last-minute

check of the island for any signs of the Japanese. The assault waves touched down on schedule. The reserve 3rd Battalion's boats grounded on the reef soon afterwards, and its marines waded ashore through knee deep water. The only problem encountered was with launching the LCTs carrying the tanks. The LSD's flooding mechanism failed and the LCTs had to be dragged out by a fleet tug. While the detachment sent to occupy Elomusao Island was approaching the beach, some supposed opposition caused the amphibious tractors and then a destroyer to open fire, and a man was wounded by a shell fragment. However, the natives informed the marines that the Japanese had left Emirau two months before and only a small detachment remained on Mussau

Island. Supplies began landing at around 1100, first from the APDs and then from *Callaway*. Some 3,727 troops and 844 tons of cargo were ashore were by nightfall, when the ships sailed. Within a month, some 18,000 men and 44,000 tons of supplies had been landed.

Intelligence reports indicated that there were Japanese fuel and ration dumps on Mussau, and a radio station on a nearby island, so on 23 March these areas were shelled by destroyers. On the 27th, a destroyer intercepted a large canoe carrying Japanese troops about 40 miles (64 km) south of Mussau. The Japanese soldiers replied with their rifles and machine guns, and the destroyer
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Landing (from page 11) returned fire, destroying the canoe and killing the occupants. Thus ended the only fighting in the St. Matthias Group.

Base Development Construction activities were taken in hand by the US Navy Seabees of the 18th Construction Regiment, which consisted of the 27th, 61st and 63rd Construction Battalions and the 17th Special Battalion, which arrived between 25 and 30 March, and the 77th Construction Battalion which arrived on 14 April. The 27th built a PT boat base, an LCT floating drydock and slipway, and roads. The 61st constructed housing, ammunition storage facilities, a runway, and some of the buildings at the PT boat base. It also handled sawmill operations. The 63rd assisted at the sawmill and worked on the roads, camps, harbor facilities, warehouses, magazines and avgas dumps. The 77th built taxiways, hardstands, aviation workshops and the avgas tank farm. The 88th worked on runways, roads, radar stations and a causeway at the eastern end of the island. Two airfields were constructed, Inshore and North Cape. These

were heavy bomber strips, 7,000 feet (2,100 m) long and 300 feet (91 m) wide. The former had parking for 210 fighters or light bombers; the latter for 84 heavy bombers. Both were fully equipped with towers, lighting, and a dispensary. The aviation tank farm consisted of three 10,000-barrel (~1,400 t) storage tanks and nineteen 1,000-barrel (~140 t) storage tanks, together with the appropriate filling and distribution points. A reserve of 40,000 barrels (~5,500 t) was stored in drums. Three hospitals were established, a 100-bed naval base hospital, the 160-bed 24th Army Field Hospital, and the 150-bed Acorn 7 Hospital. The anchorage at Hamburg Bay could accommodate up to five capital ships. Port facilities included eight cranes, 42,000 cubic feet (1,200 m³) of refrigerated space, and 400,000 square feet (37,000 m²) of covered storage. The port could handle 800 measurement tons (910 m³) of cargo per day. Connecting the various facilities was 40 miles (64 km) of coral-surfaced all-weather road. All this work was completed by August and Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 502 as-

sumed responsibility for maintenance work. All the construction battalions departed by December.

Garrison The 4th Marines were relieved as the garrison of Emirau by the 147th Infantry on 11 April 1944. The next day, Noble was replaced as island commander by a marine aviator, Major General James T. Moore, the Commanding General of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. In turn, the 147th Infantry was relieved as garrison by the 369th Infantry in June. In August, General MacArthur directed that responsibility for garrisoning Emirau would be transferred to the Australian Army. The Australian 8th Infan-

try Battalion arrived to take over the garrison role on Emirau on 30 September. They were met by a small ANGAU detachment that had been on the island since May. Marine Aircraft Group 12 operated from Emirau until December, when it moved to Leyte; its place was taken by squadrons of the RNZAF. On 20 March 1945, General MacArthur authorized a reduction in the garrison size to one company of the 8th Infantry Battalion. In June 1945, it too was withdrawn. CBMU 502 departed for Manus that month. The RNZAF maintained a bomber-reconnaissance squadron at Emirau.

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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Operation Desert Storm starts. Allies launched all out air attacks on Iraq and occupied Kuwait. 1991






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2 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's—Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	3	4
9 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's—Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	10  M.O.D.D. 1830 Funkhouser Post	11
16 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's—Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	17 1st Div. Marines start operations against guerrillas near Pohang, South Korea. 1951	18
23 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's—Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	24 Detachment Meeting Funkhouser Post on New Harmony Road 1900 begins—come early to eat dinner from menu.	25
30	31	

2 JANUARY



MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	5	6	7	8
	12	13 MAG 24 arrive in Luzon, Philippines to provide air support for US forces. 8,842 sorties would be flown and 19,000 bombs dropped 1945	14	15
	19	20 Second Battle of Khe Sanh begins. For the next 77 days Marines and ARVN fought the longest and bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War. 1968	21 1st Aeronautical Company arrives at Ponta Delgada, Azores for anti-sub duties. One of the first completely equipped US aviation units in WWI. 1918	22 Operation Dewey Cannon starts in Vietnam. By mid-March, 1,617 enemy killed and over 500 tons of weapons and ammo recovered. 1969
	26	27 400 Marines and sailors from 2nd MarDiv, 2nd MAW and 2nd Force Service Support Group deploy to Persian Gulf. 1988	28 	29
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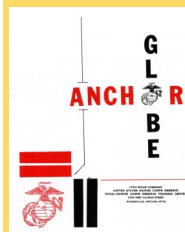
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River Cities Detachment 1090 Awards

Banquet

At the Awards Banquet in December, all of our members received awards for years of membership, Meritorious Unit Commendations presented to the Detachment from the Department of Indiana, another from the National MCL to the Department of Indiana as well as individual awards for service to the community and for individual service. The captions under the pictures tell only some of the awards that each member earned.



Tom Kick receives his awards for 15 years membership, 2 individual Merit, 3 distinguished Service and 2000 hours community service and Ceremonial Honor Guard Award.



Chris Boyd receives his membership award from Commandant Johnson.



Commandant Johnson presents Ray Ko with his 15 year pin, Individual Merit, 500 hours community service and Ceremonial Honor Guard.



Associate member Alice Kick receives her membership pin, and community service .



Mike Mitchell receives his 20 year pin and 500 hours community service.

quet December 2020



Barb Cole received her 15 year pin, Distinguished Service, Distinguished Citizen, Individual Merit, Detachment Recruiter and 2000 hours community service.



John Mills is awarded his 20 year pin, 3 Individual Merits, Distinguished Service, 3 Ceremonial Col- or



Roy McWilliams receives his 5 year pin and Distinguished Service Award.



Tim Sherman receives his 5 year pin from Commandant Johnson



Tom Kremer receives his 20 year pin, 2 Individual Merit and 1500 hours community service.



T.C. Shane Jr. receives his 5 year pin and Ceremonial Color Guard Ribbon.



Melissa West receives her 5 year pin and a Meritorious Service Award.

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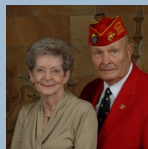


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Gary Burk receives his 10 year pin, 2 Individual Merit, 1 Distinguished Service and 500 community service hours.



Commandant Johnson presents Associate member Linda Reutter with her 10 year pin, 2 Individual Merit, Distinguished Service and 2000 hours community service.



Commandant Johnson presents Bob Reutter with his 10 year pin, 3 Individual Merit, 3 Distinguished Service, Distinguished Citizen, Certificate of Achievement 2 Detachment Recruiter awards and 7000 community service hours. Reutter was also recognized for holding 11 Detachment and 3 Department offices including 4 times as Detachment Commandant.

Tim Jones is awarded his 15 year pin, 2 Individual Merit, Distinguished Service, 3 Ceremonial Honor Guard and 2000 hours community service. Jones was also recognized for holding 15 elected offices including twice being Commandant.



Chaplain Bob Reutter presents Commandant Johnson with his ten year pin, 3 Ceremonial Honor Guard and certificate for being elected Commandant three times.



Also receiving awards but not pictured was Don Counts who received his 10 year pin, Individual Merit, Distinguished Service and 1500 community service hours awards.

Associate member Don Cole was awarded his membership pin but was not in attendance due to hip replacement surgery the day before.



Commandant Johnson presents the 2021 Marine of the Year award to Marine John Bryant. John stepped up to take over Paymaster duties when no one else was interested. John has done an excellent job with a difficult job, learning as he goes. In addition to his MOY award, John received his membership pin, 3 Ceremonial Honor Guard awards and has been elected to Detachment offices 3 times. John has also represented us at Department of Indiana conferences and conventions.

John's wife Judy has also joined the Detachment as an associate member.



Congratulations John, on a job very well done !

*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.*

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Dues for 2021 - 2022

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Marine Spotlight On: Marine Drill Instructors from the Movies.



Major Benson Winifred Payne

Major Payne is a Marine Killing Machine. Unfortunately, wars are no longer being fought on the battlefield. He is discharged by the Corps and takes a job as CO of a local schools' JROTC program.

Payne's methods seem extreme and in the end he takes a bunch of children and gives them the tools to succeed in life.

Actor: Damon Wayans - Movie: "*Major Payne*" (1995)

Gunnery Sgt. Jim Moore

Gunny Moore is a no-nonsense EO who is convinced he can make a recruit who is haunted by his family combat history and who falters under pressure, into a Marine.

Actor: Jack Webb—Movie "*The D.I.*" (1957)



Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Highway

Marine Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Highway (Clint Eastwood) has been in the Corps since the Korean War and would

like to see some action and a victory before he retires. He requests to be transferred to the unit of which he was once busted out. Upon arriving, Commanding Officer Major Malcolm Powers (Everett McGill) knows of Highway's reputation, especially of his lack of respect for his superiors, and warns him that he is going to keep an eye on him. Highway's assigned to train a recon unit which consists mostly of deadbeats. But Highway's determined to turn them into true Marines and they are not exactly pleased with him, at first. Great movie line: *"I'm mean, nasty and tired. I eat concertina wire and piss napalm and I can put a round in a flea's ass at 200 meters. So why don't you go hump somebody else's leg, mutt face, before I push yours in."*

Actor: Clint Eastwood—Movie: **"Heartbreak Ridge"** 1986

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