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Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commanant

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It has been a busy month since our last Detachment meeting. We provided a color guard for the sixth annual Tri State Women Veterans conference at U of E. We did our funeral home farewell service for some deceased Marines from several generations, in addition to a couple of cemetery services for Marines including graveside service, flag folding, rifle salute and taps. We also worked the lunch crowd at Harbor Freight Tools in Evansville four days selling hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and chips to raise money for the general fund. While this was not as successful as I would have liked, it wasn't bad for a first time. We will discuss doing this one more time before deciding to either continue in the future or decline further involvement.

I would like to thank all the Detachment members who participated in these events. As I was delivering a short talk to the family of a Korean era Marine this week during a funeral home 'farewell ceremony' I spoke to them about the commitment Marines make to their flag, their country, their family and most importantly to their fellow Marines. Several words – Honor, Duty, Commitment – are a large part of being a Marine. It is always gratifying to me to see how many of our Detachment show those traits in the events we are a part of. Each of us has different skills, different work and family restraints but still manage to commit to supporting our Detachment.

At our June Detachment meeting I previewed a brochure I created as a tool to help recruit other Marines into our Detachment. I would ask that each of you ask for a few to keep in your car, truck or van and when you see a Marine step up to him/her and say "Semper Fi. Have you heard about the Marine Corps League?" Give them a brochure (with the application portion partially filled in and your name on the sponsor line. Invite them to visit one of our meetings. Suggest they check out our web page (www.mcliversities.org.) Give them the name of a member who can answer any questions or concerns they might have. At the very least have them join and receive the newsletter so they know what is going on in the Detachment. If you see a Marine Veteran license plate on a vehicle in a parking lot leave a brochure on the windshield. You never know when you will strike pay dirt.

Once again I fall back on that word – commitment. I ask that each of you do some soul searching and ask yourself if you are doing what – to the extent your health, job situation and family ties – you are able to do. Make the commitment to be more involved with your fellow Marines to make our Detachment great.

Semper Fi

Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

The Battle of Fonte Hill, Guam, 25-26 July 1944

The following is an excerpt from the 2003 Marine Corps Gazette-July and written by Capt Mark A Kiehle

In 1944 the tide of war had turned firmly against the Japanese. The U.S. and Allied forces steadily pushed the Japanese military back at all points across the Pacific. To counter this onslaught the Japanese high command reinforced Japanese held islands to create a defensive ring around the Japanese home islands.

The U.S. military chose 21 July 1944 to invade Guam. Asan Beach was selected for the main landing because of its size and suitability to support a large-scale amphibious assault. The mission of establishing the initial beachhead fell to the 3d Marine Division, roughly 17,000 men strong, comprised of the 3d Marine Regiment, the 21st Marine Regiment, and the 9th Marine Regiment.

The 3d Marine Division found itself in a tenuous situation at the end of the first day. The Marines had secured a foothold on the Asan beachhead, but the Japanese still held the surrounding high ground. With excellent visibility from the mountains, the Japanese could identify virtually every Marine position and any equipment on the beach.

From such an advantageous position the Japanese inflicted heavy casualties among the invaders.

At dawn on 25 July 1944, the battle for the Asan beachhead by the 3d Marine Division began its fifth consecutive day. During the first 4 days on the island, the 3d Marine Division encountered extremely stiff resistance on the left flank of the beachhead, directly in front of Fonte Hill.

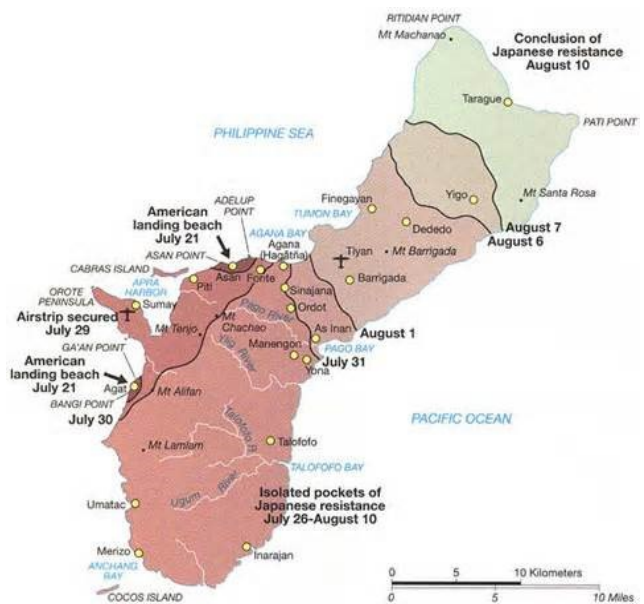
When the Japanese attacks finally subsided around 0900 on the morning of 26 July, the surviving members of 2/9 assessed the carnage around them. In the ferocious battle 2/9 suffered 62 Marines killed and 180 wounded. The bodies of approximately 600 dead Japanese soldiers lay in front of the battalion's lines. None of the Marines knew it at the time, but they had broken the backbone of the Japanese defenses on Guam during the previous night's attack. On the Japanese side of the lines, Lt Gen Takashina assessed his current situation.

After a staff meeting, the general recognized that the counterattack had largely been a failure. He had thrown his best battalions against the Marines and had lost approximately 3,500 of his men.

The loss of commanders in the counterattack of 25 July, when up to 95 percent of the officers of the sector defense forces died.

Over 90% of the weapons were destroyed and combat ability greatly decreased.

Although barely mentioned in history books, the Marine victory of the Battle of Fonte Hill broke the back of organized Japanese resistance on Guam. The majority of the best Japanese troops lay dead or seriously wounded in the mountains overlooking the Asan beachhead. The stalemate was broken on the precarious hold of the critical high ground commanding the Asan beachhead.



A Marine is a Marine. I set that policy two weeks ago - there's no such thing as a former Marine. You're a Marine, just in a different uniform and you're in a different phase of your life. But you'll always be a Marine because you went to Parris Island, San Diego or the hills of Quantico. There's no such thing as a former Marine.

General James F. Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps

Stars in the Corps

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

This Marine was born on 5 May 1914 to an already famous acting family. His great-great grandfather was a well known Irish actor, both his parents were Shakespearian actors. His parents divorced. After he graduated from high school the young Tyrone Power joined his father in Canada where he was encouraged to seek acting roles. His father died in his arms of a heart attack in 1931. Young Tyrone stayed in Hollywood but in the depression of the early '30s work was very hard to find. By 1942 he had a successful acting career and was a hobby pilot with his own plane. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve with the idea of being a Navy Pilot. Some months later, worried about the Japanese advances in the Pacific he checked in with the Navy recruiters to see when he could expect to be called only to find that they had no record of his enlistment! He was told the only way he could be in the Navy was to enlist as an ordinary seaman.

Meanwhile the Marines were landing on the Solomon Islands and beginning the savage battle for Guadalcanal. As Tyrone listened to the radio broadcasts about Marine air support bombing pathways for Leathernecks on the ground he decided that was where he needed to be. On 24 August 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego. Following boot camp at Camp Elliot, San Diego where he was named the 'honor man' of his platoon and earning sharpshooter with rifle and pistol he was one of seventy-two recruits selected for OCS. He finished OCS on 2 June 1943 and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was accepted for flight training and was ordered to NAS Corpus Christi, Tx for instruction. After completing flight training and being promoted to second lieutenant he was ordered to Marine Transport Squadron 352, 9th MAW, FMF where he flew R4D's known as 'Dakotas.'

Tyrone Power finally went to war in March of 1945. He joined Marine Transport Squadron 353, MAG 21, 4th MAW. He flew C-46 Curtiss Commando transport aircraft stationed on Saipan. He flew supplies in and carried out casualties from Iwo Jima and Okinawa. He was one of the pilots who flew wounded from the captured airstrip on Okinawa while it was still under fire.

While in Saipan Power soon found that the island did not have decent facilities for USO shows so he undertook (with approval of his superiors) to set about designing and helping oversee construction of an outdoor stage promptly named the Roosevelt Memorial Theater in honor of the late president. He also managed movie showing for his fellow Marines. He screened films each morning and made sure the projectors were shipshape. Everything had to be done the right way in Tyrone Power's wartime movie theater.

After the Hiroshima bomb dropped on 6 August 1945 Power flew missions bringing supplies to Marine troops occupying the county. By November he was on Guam awaiting orders and transportation home. He found transport back to the states, arriving in Portland Oregon on 21 November 1945. He saw his wife and family on the dockside and as soon as the ship was tied down he jumped the railing (cheered by several hundred Marines on shipboard) and ran to hug his wife. He was discharged from active duty and assigned to the 11th Marine Corps Reserve District where he made captain in May 1951 and Major in 1957. He maintained his reserve status for the rest of his life and went out of his way to greet Marines wherever he met them.

Tyrone Power died in 1958 in Madrid Spain while making the movie "Solomon and Sheba." He was buried in Hollywood Memorial Park with full military honors. His six pallbearers were Marine Corps officers with whom he had served in the war and the Marine Honor Guard from El Toro MAS rendered military honors during the burial ceremony.

Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Unit 441

By Dani Cook, President

We have some members having some health problems and procedures coming up. Please be in prayer for: Alice, Pat, Paula and Sue. Also, continued prayers for Larry, Casey and AJ.

Upcoming events are as follows: Auxiliary VA visit will be July 2nd from 8am to 11am. On July 8th Paula and I will be doing inventory for our Care Package items; then on July 9th at 10 a.m. we will be packaging the items to send out. All hands on deck for this. We are getting things lined out for our next fundraiser. We will be having a 50's SOCK HOP DANCE at Amvets #84 on September 12th from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. More info will be following in the next newsletter. Everyone start getting your dance shoes ready! Semper Fi

7th Annual River Cities Detachment Golf Scramble



Hosted by:

River Cities Detachment #1090
Marine Corps League

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2015

Team Check-in: 6:30 AM

Register by July 19, 2015

CAMBRIDGE GOLF CLUB

1034 BEACON HILL

6:30 a.m. - Team Check-in

7:30 a.m. - Shotgun Start

12:30 p.m. - Burger & Braut Buffet

Incorporated by an act of Congress in 1937, the Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps.

The Marine Corp League is a not-for-profit organization within the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c) (4), which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League, and subsidiary units, to be tax deductible by the donor.

Entry fees:

- \$65 per person/\$260 per team includes cart, lunch, and 2 beverage tickets
- Open to the first 15 groups of 4.

Awards: There will be overall team awards given to the top three teams. Individual awards will also be given for closest to the pin, longest putt made, and longest drive.

Place Team - \$300.00

Second Place Team - \$200.00

Third Place Team - \$100.00

(All cash prizes are based on obtaining at least 18 hole sponsors.

We reserve the right to lower the amount of the cash prizes based on the actual number of sponsors)

For more information or to register call:

Dani Cook (812) 401-1939 Tom Kremer (812) 479-3388

Complete this form or register on-line at www.mclrivercities.org/golf

Name

Player 1

Company/Organization

Player 2

Address

Player 3

E-Mail

Player 4

Phone

Mail your registration with fees to:

River Cities Detachment

P O Box 6581

Evansville, IN 47719-0581

Entry Fees: \$260 per team of 4

Make checks payable to : River Cities Det. #1090

Detachment Survey

In an on going effort to increase membership and help our detachment meet the needs of it's members Commandant Reutter would like your input. Please complete this brief survey and mail it to River Cities Det. #1090, P O Box 6581, Evansville IN 47719-0581

What do you see as the best things about our detachment?

What do you see as the most serious problems within our detachment? Keep it factual, not personal.

What would you like to see our detachment do differently? Include during the meetings and outside of the meetings.

How can we reach out to more Marines to increase our membership?

What else would you like to change about our detachment?

Please check any of the following that would interest you and that you would attend and help with?

<u>Event</u>	<u>Attend</u>	<u>Help</u>
1. Recruiting drives at local retailers including manning a table and passing out brochures about the detachment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Quarterly gathering at local restaurant for detachment members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Summer gathering for Marines and families.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Fund raising events for detachment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Scheduled Movies for detachment members. i.e. Sands of Iwo Jima or Code Talkers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Caravan trip to local attractions like Vincennes military museum.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Other things you would like to see us do:

Newsletter Booster Club

<i>Booster Member</i>	<i>Expires</i>
Luddie DeVaughn Jr	Oct - 15
Casey Canfield	Oct - 15
Paul & Yolanda Sowders	Nov - 15
Gary Burk	Dec - 15
David Jones	Dec - 15
Southern Belles Unit 441	Feb - 16
John & Dottie Mills	Feb - 16
Tom & Alice Kick	May - 16
Joe and Kathy Filipczak	May - 16
Frank Bockting	June - 16
Bob Moore	July - 16
A. J. Hardin	July - 16
Irene Blessing	July - 16
Art & Mary Beth Midle	July - 16
Bill Bitter	July - 16

A big thank you to all those that donate to the Newsletter Booster Club. We still need Booster Members, **a donation of \$5.00 per individual or more** 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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We have space available in our ad pages.

Advertisements are available at the following rates.

- Business Card Size...\$15.00 for 6 months
- 1/4 page \$25.00 for 6 months
- 1/2 page\$50.00 for 6 months

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National Bylaws Article Six - Members, Section 645 - Life Members:

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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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The cost of replacing a Life Membership Gold Card is \$10.00

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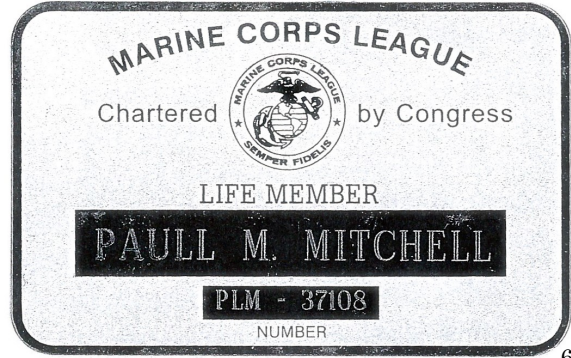
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- Jack Burgdorf 7/6
- Janet Boyd 7/7
- Frank Bockting 7/15
- Jim Phillips 7/16
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- James Grayson 7/21
- Paula Landers 7/22
- Robert Wilson 7/27
- Clinton Greathouse 7/28
- Ken McWilliams 7/29

Note: If we did not list your birthday, it was an oversight or we don't have it on our roster. Please contact us so we can correct the error next year.

GOLF COMMITTEE

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- July 16 6 p.m. VFW 1114
- July 30 6 p.m. VFW 1114
 (Bring all donations)

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July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Newsletter Articles, Ads, and Pictures for August 2015 are due NO LATER THAN July 22, 2015</i>			1	2 MCLA VA Project 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.	3	4
5	6 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	7	8	9 Operation Care Package 10 a.m.	10	11
12	13 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	14	15	16 Golf Committee Meeting 6 p.m. VFW 1114	17	18
19	20 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	21	22 MCL Det. 1090 7:00 p.m. VFW 1114	23	24	25
26	27 Southern Belles 6 p.m. AmVets Post 84 Devil Dog Growl Lamasco 6:30	28	29	30 Golf Committee Meeting 6 p.m. VFW 1114	31	