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## Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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Half of 2016 is now in the books. June was quite an experience for the members of the River Cities Detachment 1090. We bid farewell to way too many Marines of all ages. We did 5 funeral home visits, 3 graveside services and had 4 or 5 more families that for one reason or another asked us not to attend. I suspect in these cases because the Marine didn't talk about his experiences in the Corps (most were veterans of WWII, Korea or Viet Nam) the family didn't know how much the Corps meant to their loved one.



We provided color guards for several events including the Seventh Annual "Honoring Women Veterans Conference" at the University of Evansville and the Flag Retirement ceremony at St. Ben's Church.

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We set up our food booth at Harbor Freight Tools' June "Sidewalk Sale" the second week end in June.



We attended the annual Shriners Fest from June 23rd to June 26th on the Riverfront in Evansville.

Don and Paula Landers attended the summer MCL State Convention in Terre Haute (since it coincided with the Shriners Fest) while working in our booth both before and after driving to the convention, so our Detachment would be represented.

We also provided a color guard for the fledgling Evansville World II Museum meeting during Saturday of the Shrine Fest.

With everything else going on we managed to recruit 3 new members. We swore in 2 at the June meeting and will vote on the third in July. We have his application and money and need only to see his DD-214 and have the vote of the body. That makes around a dozen new members in the past year or so. Outstanding work on the part of all our

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members.

I would like to personally thank all who took part in the various things we did in June. Our solid core of workers were there for everything we did. We have some ambitious things in the works for the next few months including our Family Day picnic which has expanded to include all Marines who are members (with their extended families,) any Marine and family who might be prospective members as well as the local recruiters and their poolees who have signed on to be Marines but have not left for boot camp yet (and their families.) Our annual Detachment Golf Scramble is 5 weeks away as well.

As you can see there is little grass growing under the feet of the members of the River Cities Detachment. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Semper Fi and Gung Ho!

Bob Reutter

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## 241st Ball Committee Report

By Jim Johnson

The Marine Corps 241<sup>st</sup> birthday is fast approaching and will be here before we know it. The Birthday Ball committee has met and the following was decided:

- The Ball will be held on Thursday evening, the 10<sup>th</sup> of November (the actual birthday!)
- It will be held at the Evansville Country Club in the Main Ballroom.
- The cost of the tickets will be the same as last year - \$30 per individual

The Birthday Ball is the social event of the year for all Marines. Start planning now to attend as we would like to see 100% participation by all River Cities Detachment #1090 members. You are encouraged to invite your friends, neighbors, and family members. Just a reminder, this is a formal event so don't forget the dress code.

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## Humor in Marine Uniform

A Marine Master Sergeant was sitting on a plane waiting for takeoff. He was sitting in the middle seat of a 3 seat row. Just before the door closed a pair of men in dress white uniforms got in and sat on either side of him. After the plane was in the air the first Navy officer reached over him to shake hands with the other. "I am Vice Admiral Jones. I served in the Navy for over 20 years. I served in both middle east wars. I have been married to my wife for 35 years. We have two sons, both of whom are lawyers."

The Navy man on the left reached over the Master Sergeant shaking hands with the other saying, "I am Rear Admiral Smith. I served in the Navy for 30 years fighting in the middle east and Viet Nam. My wife and I have been married for almost 40 years. We also have two sons. They are both Doctors."

Finally the Master Sergeant had had enough. Without looking at either of the swabbies he said "I am Master Sergeant Chesty Krulak Williams. I served in this man's Marine Corps for 37 years, fighting in every engagement my country had during that time. I have two sons by two different women, didn't marry either of their mothers. They are both Admirals."

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## Marines in the Public Eye

By Bob Reutter

Let's go back to Hollywood this month. There are several actors you might never guess were Marines.



You are probably accustomed to seeing him in a different uniform with a gold helmet and the logo CHiPs on his shoulder but Larry Wilcox (Officer John Baker) is a Marine. Larry Dee Wilcox (born August 8, 1947) is an American actor, best known for his role as Officer Jonathan "Jon" Baker in CHiPs, an American television series. He is a decorated Marine veteran, accomplished motorcycle rider, race car driver, Bonneville Salt Flats Land Speed Record holder, and private pilot. Wilcox joined the Marines in May 1967 and served 13 months in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant in 1973.



Don Adams served in the Corps from 1941-1945. He was wounded during the Battle of Guadalcanal, nearly dying. He also contracted blackwater fever, a complication of malaria. After his recovery and return to the states he served as a drill instructor. As a Marine Corps drill instructor he was commended by his superiors for being able to exceed the performance of his recruits at every required physical task. In his 5 decades of television he was best known for his role as Maxwell Smart in the situation comedy "Get Smart" which he also sometimes wrote and directed. He didn't, as he liked to say on the show, "miss it by this much."



Dan Lauria grew up in Lindenhurst, NY, and developed his interest in performing from his aunt who used to awaken him to watch old movies on TV. A joke cracked on the football field in college led to acting lessons with Yale's Constance Welch. During a three year stint in the Marines, he served in Vietnam. Lauria was a Marine Corps lieutenant aboard a helicopter assault vessel in the South China Sea. Then a platoon commander at An Loc near the Cambodian border. , Lauria returned to school and earned an MFA in playwriting. He is probably best known as the father on the TV show "The Wonder Years."



Bobby Troup Served in the Marines from 1941-1946. Best remembered as Dr Joe Early on TV's "Emergency" Troup upon graduating from college in 1941 enlisted in the US Marines, but did not receive orders until January 1942. After completing officer training, he was assigned as one of two dozen white officers to direct recruit training at Montford Point, recruit depot for the first African-American Marines.




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Always A Marine**

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# 8th Annual River Cities Detachment Golf Scramble

*Hosted by:*

River Cities Detachment #1090

**Date: Saturday, August 6, 2016**

Team Check- in: 6:30 AM

Register by July 30, 2016



**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



## **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:  
Tom Kremer (812) 479-3388**

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**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.**

***Register on-line at [www.mclrivercities.org/golf](http://www.mclrivercities.org/golf)***

This is a fundraising event to support the activities of the Marine Corps League, River Cities Detachment 1090

## Detachment Family Picnic

By Paula Landers

Mark your calendars for Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> and bring your family out to enjoy the company of other Marine Families at the FOP Pal Camp. Please complete the reservation form and mail to the address shown, be sure to include all your guest in each age group. Alternately you can email the information to [mclrivercities@gmail.com](mailto:mclrivercities@gmail.com) This will help us plan activities to make the event fun for everyone. We need to have all reservations in by August 7<sup>th</sup>.

There are a few details to still iron out but we are working really hard to make this the premier event of the summer. There will be inflatables for the younger children including a small bouncy house for kids 7 and under. There is a small lake for swimming, and canoeing if you bring your own canoe.

The Detachment will be providing the meat and each family is encouraged to bring a covered dish, dessert, or snack to share and the beverage of their choice.

The FOP Pal Camp is located at 5417 N Happe Rd, just off WestDiamond Avenue (IN-66 W).

**Marine Family Picnic  
Saturday, August 13, 2016  
1100 to 1700  
FOP Pal Camp**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ages 12 - 17:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ages 7 & under:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Attn: Family Picnic Committee  
P.O. Box 6581  
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## Quotes by or about Marines

"We are at last standing up against a modern day Hitler and using our fist. If we had done something positive the first time the Trade Center was bombed, we would have six thousand more citizens today." **Medal of Honor recipient Colonel Wesley Fox, USMC**

"I'd give a million dollars to be a Marine" **Former heavyweight boxing champion Riddick Bowe. (He lasted eleven days on Parris Island before he quit.)**

"I liked being in the Marines. They gave me discipline I could live with....sure I was pretty wild – but I had a lot of rough edges knocked off." **Steve McQueen**

"When I presented the flag to the mother, wife, or father (of a fallen Marine) I always said "All Marines share your grief." I had been instructed to say "On behalf of a grateful nation," but I didn't think the nation was grateful, so I didn't say that." **Lieutenant Colonel George Goodson**



## Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

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

The invasion of South Korea by the well-trained North Korean People's Army had just passed the sixteen-day mark.

In the dark of night, the American heavy cruiser *Juneau* and the destroyer *Mansfield* knifed through the waters off North Korea's northeast coast, slowing only long enough to launch a whaleboat embarked with five Marines, heavily armed, faces grease-painted.

This was not the first time the U.S. Marines splashed ashore in Korea with fixed bayonets. Captain McLane Tilton's seagoing detachments had stormed the Salee River forts in bloody fighting back in 1871. His description of the country would not improve over eighty years. "Appalling mudflats, surrounded by a chopped sea of immense hills and deep ravines lying in every conceivable direction."

The Marines debarked at Pusan on August 2, a month to the day after MacArthur's initial request to the Joint Chiefs.

Army Lieutenant General Walton Walker commanded the Eighth Army, a thankless job. His force was in dire straits, having been hammered by the NKPA back into a 100-mile semicircle around the port of Pusan.

By the end of July, Walker had suffered 6,000 U.S. casualties; the ROK Army had lost 70,000. His only hope was to hold the perimeter to permit reinforcements to land at Pusan.

On July 29 Walker addressed his harred troops: "A Marine unit and two regiments are expected in the next few days to reinforce us. . . . There will be no Dunkirk, no Bataan. We must fight until the end."

Here, in the south, in the height of summer, the temperature surpassed 112 degrees. This was Peleliu heat. *Vietnam rice-paddy heat*. Unconditioned troops dropped like flies to heat exhaustion. (None could know that four months later these same Marines would be fighting and losing fingers and toes to unbearably frigid arctic conditions.)

The many greenhorns in the ranks committed the usual first-battle blunders---bunching up by day, waxing trigger-happy by night. The veteran NCOs maintained a steady stream of profane guidance, punctuated by an occasional well-placed boondocker.

(Continue in the August issue)

**July 4, 1863- Vicksburg**, the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrendered to General Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege. With the Union in control of the Mississippi, the Confederacy was effectively split in two, cut off from its western allies.

**July 8, 1776** - The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence occurred as Colonel John Nixon read it to an assembled crowd in Philadelphia.

**July 27, 1953** - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.

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Saturday, August 6 2016  
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 donations, sponsors, and teams

**Marine Family Picnic**

Saturday, August 13, 2016  
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 mclrivercities@gmail.com

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