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Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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May was a busy month for the members of the River Cities Detachment 1090. Several of our members met at my house to paint our recently acquired food booth. Starting from its original flat brown color it was transformed to a much more Marine looking red and gold. By the time of its inaugural event, the Evansville Streets Alive Festival on way 15th it looked every bit the pride of the Detachment. At the

Festival we sold Angus burgers, grilled chicken breast sandwiches and hot dogs, grapes, oranges and baby carrots. The booth was busy all day and the Detachment members stayed focused on the mission to complete a very successful day. Special thanks to three members – Alice Kick, Paula Landers and Linda Reutter who stuck it out all day in the booth taking orders, filling orders and delivering goodies to our customers.

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After Streets Alive we swung right into a recruiting day at a local BBQ restaurant (Mission BBQ) who allowed us to set up a table on 'Marine Day' – Tuesday of Armed Forces week. We spoke to several Marines who were at the restaurant to pick up their free sandwich. We had a couple of very interested Marines who promised to visit one of our monthly meetings to consider joining our Detachment.

From there we slid right into providing a color guard to open the Vietnam Veteran's recognition ceremony at the Vet Center on Burkhardt Road. The Center had a good turnout of Veterans for the 50th year remembrance of that war. The next day we provided a color guard to support Rolling Thunder's annual 'Ride to Remember' as they visited 5 sites to place flower baskets, American Flags and deliver a prayer to remember fallen comrades from all branches of the services who have lost their lives beginning with Iraq and all conflicts since. We traveled over 50 miles to honor 11 service men and women who sacrificed all in the last 10 or so years.

Members of the Southern Belles were not idle either as they provided bodies to help with most of the events we covered as well as hosting their annual Bowling Tournament at Franklin Lanes on Saturday, May 21.

Detachment members honored the veterans who came before us attending Memorial Day services at Locust Hill and Tupman cemeteries after meeting for breakfast at Denny's that morning.

June is shaping up to be as busy with 2 fund raising events – June 9-12

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at Harbor Freight Tools and June 22-26 on the riverfront in Evansville for the 2016 Shriner Fest. Although very busy days we have a good time and raise money to support the various community service events we support. We would love to see you there.

Gung Ho and Semper Fi!
Bob

Marines in the Public Eye

By Bob Reutter

In the past few months I have written columns about Marines in the movies, sports, the business world. Each month the title of the column has been different. There is one common thread to all however – each person started his/her career as a Marine. So from now on “*Marines in the Public Eye*” will be the title each month. With that being said here we go.

Eugene M. Stoner was born on November 22, 1922 in Gosport, Indiana. He attended high school in Long Beach, California and afterwards worked for the Vega Aircraft Company installing armament. He enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II serving as an aviation ordnance crewman in the South Pacific and Northern China. After the war he worked in a machine shop for a company called Whittaker, and aircraft engineering firm, ultimately becoming a Design Engineer. In 1954 he moved to ArmaLite, a division of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation. During his time with ArmaLite he developed a series of small arms including the AR-3, AR-9, AR-11 and AR-12 none of which saw significant production. His only real success was the AR-7 survival rifle which was adopted by the USAF for pilots who were forced to exit their aircraft. By 1955 Stoner had



developed a light-weight (7.25 pound) selective fire infantry rifle using the NATO 7.62x51mm round. This rifle, designated the AR-10, was smaller, lighter, easier to fire in full auto mode than any of the other submissions. Unfortunately, it arrived late in the evaluation trials and was rejected in favor of what would become the M-14. The AR-10 was licensed to a Dutch company who made the rifle for sale to a number of various foreign military forces.

The AR-10 was later scaled down and redesigned to fire the lighter, faster .223 Remington cartridge. The AR-15 was adopted by the US Military as the M-16. Stoner left ArmaLite in 1961 to serve as a consultant to Colt Inc. and eventually accepted a position with Cadillac Gage where he designed the Stoner 62 weapons system which could be configured as a standard automatic rifle, light machine gun, medium machine gun or a solenoid fired fixed machine gun. Until his death in 1997 Stoner continued to develop new concepts in weaponry. One of his last designs is still in service with the Navy as the SR-25 Mark 11 Mod 0 Sniper Weapon System.



Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

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

The War of 1812

The brief period of peace that followed the Tripoli misadventures ended with a military confrontation between the United States and its former adversary, Great Britain.

When diplomatic efforts failed, the U.S. Congress declared war against England on June 18, 1812.

The Marine Corps, now under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Franklin Warton, a forty-five-year-old Philadelphian, commenced the war with 493 officer and men, most assigned to frigates.

USS *Constitution's* Marines swayed a key naval battle when *Old Ironsides* locked alongside HMS *Java* in mortal combat. As the British captain tried to lead his boarding party against the *Constitution*, an American Marine marksman shot him down. Other Marine sharpshooters aloft, now armed with the more accurate Model 1808 U.S. musket, tumbled British officers and petty officers into writhing piles along the scuppers.

The Marines in the fighting tops had organized themselves into six-man teams – five men reloading while the sixth, the best shot, methodically raked the opposite decks with rapid, well-aimed fire. The Americans by no means won the majority of battles in this ragged war, and the Marines suffered the same defeats. On June 1, 1813, the American Frigate *Chesapeake* clashed with HMS *Shannon* off Boston. When British broadsides splintered the *Chesapeake*, its inexperienced crew panicked and abandoned their guns. *Shannon* quickly closed for the kill.

A British boarding party took the fight to the American deck. As *Chesapeake's* mortally wounded captain, James Lawrence, was carried below, he issued his now-famous order, "Don't give up the ship."

Only a handful of Marines and sailors stood firm, battling valiantly, swinging clubbed muskets, until over-whelmed by *Shannon's* swirling, slashing boarders. Thirty-two of Lieutenant James Broome's forty-four Marines went down fighting; fourteen died, Broome among them.

In late summer 1814, a confident, combined-arms British force under Vice Admiral Alexander Cockburn and Major General Robert Ross advanced on Washington, brushing militia forces aside contemptuously.

President Madison and his Cabinet fled Washington. So, to his later disgrace, did Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Warton, taking the payroll with him.

General Ross's Redcoats and Royal Marines received an unpleasant shock from the small, resolute naval brigade opposing them on the heights. Barney held his fire until the British were uncomfortably close, then blasted their lead columns with well-served artillery, fired in naval broadsides.

A fierce little battle ensued. The British had the numbers and the experience; the Marines and sailors had grit and the high ground. Out of ammunition, and with Barney and Miller both down with wounds, the Americans withdrew in good order.

Ross and Cockburn burned much of Washington but spared the Marine Barracks and the Commandant's quarters at "8th and Eye," some say out of respect for the valiant Marines who had stung their advance force so sharply at Bladensburg.

Soldiers Engaged - United States: 35,000 British Empire: 48,000

Casualties - United States: 2,200 battle deaths, 15,000 total casualties
British Empire: 1,600 battle deaths, 5,000 total casualties

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.

**For more information or to register call:
Tom Kremer (812) 479-3388**

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.

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)

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

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

Detachment Family Picnic

By Paula Landers

Plans are well under way for this years Family Picnic to be held on Saturday, August 13th at the FOP Camp. There will be activities for everyone, the young and young at heart. For example, we have made arrangement to have inflatables including giant water slide. The detachment will be providing the meat and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish plus their own beverage of choice.

Each detachment member is encouraged to bring their family members. This includes not only your spouse but your children, and/or grandchildren. In addition, you will be permitted to bring a Marine and his family as your guest.

There will be more details and reservation information in the July and August newsletters. Mark your calenders, it is going to be a fun day for all.

The Lore of the Corps - Marine Quotes

To the optimist the glass is half full.
 To the pessimist the glass is half empty.
 To the Sergeant Major the glass is twice as big as it needs to be. *Anonymous*

In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins. No by strength but by perseverance. *Old proverb*

Always use a pile driver to crack a nut. The pile driver sustains no damage and the nut stays cracked. *USMC axiom*



Humor in Marine Uniform

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, "Astronomically it tells me there a millions of galazies 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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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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The cost of replacing a Life Membership Gold Card is \$10.00

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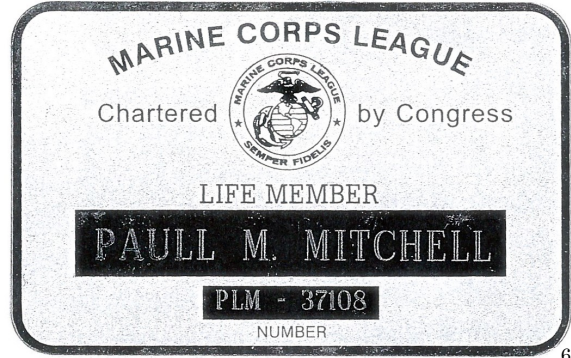
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 ☆ **June 18th** - Seventh Annual
 ☆ Women's Veterans Confer-
 ☆ ence @ U of E Ridgeway
 ☆ Center. 0800 am to 1530
 ☆ pm. Betty Moseley Brown,
 ☆ EdD, from VA is Washing-
 ☆ ton, DC is Special Guest.
 ☆ She served in the Marine
 ☆ Corps 1978-1992.
 ☆ **June 22nd thru 26th** -
 ☆ Shriners Fest at Riverfront
 ☆ **June 24th and 26th** - MCL
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