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Commandant's Corner

Jim Johnson

I hope this finds everyone in good health of mind and body. It looks as if this year will be quite different from last year, I know a lot of you have strong feelings about the COVID - 19 vaccination. My personal choice was to get the vaccine. I was one of the first to get the vaccinations and I work around COVID-19 patients every day. I am confident that the vaccinations work.

Detachment 1090 has a lot of plans for this summer and I hope you plan on being part of these plans. First, we are planning a family picnic sometime this summer. I hope everyone reading this plans to attend. Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish and a cooler with their favorite drink. We have not yet chosen a time, date or location but we will inform you as soon as the details are confirmed,

We are planning a grand Marine Corps Birthday Ball this

year. It will be held at the Evansville Country Club on Saturday November the 6th. The start time and menu will be
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Veterans Overview

The basic Military Funeral Honors (MFH) ceremony consists of the folding and presentation of the United States flag to the veterans' family and the playing of Taps. The ceremony is performed by a funeral honors detail consisting of at least two members of the Armed Forces.

The Funeral Honors rendered to you or your veteran will be determined by the status of the veteran. The type of Funeral Honors may be Full Military Honors, 7 Person Detail or a Standard Honors Team Detail.

At least one of the funeral honors detail will be from the Armed Force in which the deceased veteran served. Taps may be played by a bugler or, if a bugler is not available, by using a quality recorded version. Military Funeral Honor Teams may act as Pall Bearers if requested by the veteran/family.

How do I establish veteran eligibility?

The preferred method is the DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If the DD Form 214 is not available, any discharge document showing other than dishonorable service can be used. The DD Form 214 may be obtained by filling out a Standard Form 180 and sending it to:

National Personnel Records Center(NPRC)
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132

The Standard Form 180 may be obtained from the National Records Center or via the following web site: <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>



Editor's Message

By **Bob Reutter**

Have you wondered what it takes to deliver your copy of the River Cities News each month? Most people have no idea. I thought I would be nice to offer some insight into this.

Like most newsletters, ours is not the work of just one person. We have several contributors (we can always use more.) These individuals write articles and stories that are of interest to our readers. They can spend hours researching and creating their work. Once complete, they send it to the editor (me.) I have a basic format as a guide to fill each issue. Remembering to change the dates, check for spelling, and a multitude of other things that can spoil the appearance of the finished piece. In February, I had printed the newsletter and was getting ready to fold and staple it. Two people had proofed it for me. As I picked up the very first one, I noticed the calendar didn't look right. I had downloaded the 2020 calendar. I had to reprint

that page and replace it on each newsletter. DUH!

Editing the newsletter takes about 8 hours, once all the words are written. After proofing it several times, it goes to my color laser printer. This issue will take about 3 hours to print on both sides of the pages. It will take 1,400 sheets of paper and about \$40 worth of colored toner. When the printing is finished, folding and stapling is the next step. Folding 200 newsletters takes about 90 minutes.

Putting two staples in the edge of each takes about 45 minutes. To meet USPS requirements, two pieces of tape must be placed on the open end of each piece. This requires an additional 45 minutes. The pieces must be in zip code plus 4 order. Finishing the USPS paperwork is a 15 minute job. The weight of one piece, the number of pieces in a pound, total weight and (continued on page 11.)

Lore of the Corps

By Bob Reutter

Six Boys and Thirteen Hands



Editor's Note: *Michael T. Powers is a Wisconsin resident who annually attended a class trip. The story is his remembrance of one of those trips to Washington DC.*

Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI., where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capital, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history -- that of the six brave soldiers raising the American flag at the top of a rocky hill

on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WW II,

Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, 'Where are you guys from?'

I told him that we were from Wisconsin. 'Hey, I'm a cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story.' It was James Bradley who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke

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Marine History

By Gary Burk

Battle of Makin (1942)

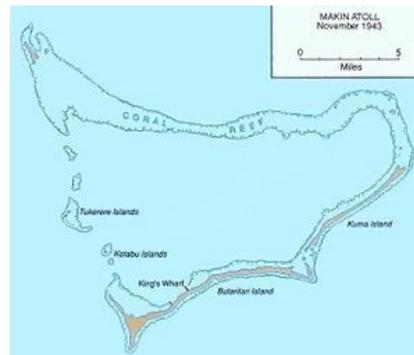
(This is the final part of the article.)

The invasion fleet, Task Force 52 (TF 52) commanded by Rear Admiral Richmond K. Turner left Pearl Harbor on 10 November 1943. The landing force, Task Group 52.6, consisted of units of the 27th Infantry Division commanded by Major General Ralph C. Smith, transported by attack transports Neville, Leonard Wood, Calvert, and Pierce; attack cargo ship Alcyone; landing ship dock Belle Grove; and LSTs -31, -78, and -179 of Task Group 52.1.

On the eve of invasion, the Japanese garrison on Makin Atoll's main island, Butaritari, numbered 806 men: 284 naval ground troops of the 6th Special Naval Landing Force, 108 aviation personnel of the 802nd and 952nd Aviation Units, 138 troops of the 111th Pioneers, and 276 men of the Fourth Fleet Construction Department and Makin Tank Detachment of 3rd Special Base Force (3 Type 95 Ha-

Go Light Tanks), all commanded by Lt.j.g. Seizo Ishikawa.^{[4][5]} The number of trained combat troops on Makin was not more than 300 soldiers.

Butaritari's land defenses were centered around the lagoon shore, near the seaplane base in the central part of the island. There were two tank barrier systems: The west tank barrier ex-



Makin Atoll

tended from the lagoon two-thirds of the way across Butaritari, was 12 to 13 feet (4.0 m) wide and 15 feet (4.6 m) deep, and was protected by one anti-tank gun in a concrete pillbox, six machine gun positions, and 50 rifle pits. The east tank barrier, 14 feet (4.3 m) wide and 6 feet (1.8 m) in depth, stretched from the lagoon across two-thirds of the (continued on page 12)

Lore of the Corps

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to us and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.) When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. (Here are his words that night.)

'My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called 'Flags of Our Fathers'. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me.

'Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the

glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old - and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it.

(He pointed to the statue) 'You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph...a photograph of his girlfriend Rene put that in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men.

'The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank (from Johnstown, PA). Mike is my hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country' He

knew he was talking to little boys. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

'The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken).

'The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two

cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that telegram up to his mother's farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

'The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews.

When Walter Cronkite's producers or the New York Times would call, we were trained as little kids to say 'No, I'm sorry, sir, my dad's not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don't know when he is coming back.' My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell's soup.

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Marine Spotlight On:

River City Detachment 1090

Color Guard

.Our Color Guard is called upon several times each year for events ranging from parades, graveside services, opening civic events and other types. The spotlight this month is for the 2021 Memorial Day Services at Locust Hill and Tupman Cemeteries, as well as some Color Guards from the past. As you will see in the images, 2 or 20 members, we will be standing tall when a need is there.



At left, Memorial Day 2021 services at Locust Hill Cemetery in Evansville. The Detachment Color Guard is executing an 'eyes right' for this picture by Detachment photographer Gary Burk. Members from left, John Bryant, Richard Schuler, TC Shane, Jr., Bob Reutter and Guard Commander, Tim Jones.

Right, Detachment 1090 members present Colors, rifle salute and Taps for the Tupman Cemetery Memorial Day services. Bugler Tom Kick, flag bearers Alice Kick and Ray Ko and riflemen Bob Reutter, John Bryant, Jim Johnson, TC Shane, JR and John Mills. Calling commands is Tim Jones. Tom is playing 'Taps' while the rest of the Guard is at 'present arms.'





Bob Reutter, Jim Grayson and Tim Jones at 2018 Women Veteran's Conference.



Butch Effinger, A.J. Hardin, Tim Jones and Trevor Simon at ease during Evansville's 2010 Fourth of July Parade



Bob Reutter, John Mills, Larry Scott and Butch Effinger at the Vietnam Wall display in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.



Butch Effinger, Larry Scott, A.J. Simon and Bob Reutter at the 2010 Marine Birthday Ball.



2009 D-Day recreation at the LST. Benny Benjamin, Larry Scott, Tom Kremer and Joe Filipczak.



Detachment members at the 2009 Evansville Christmas Parade. (cont. page 22)

Lore of the Corps

(from page 7)

But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn't want to talk to the press.

'You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn't see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, 'cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain.

'When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, 'I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.'

'So that's the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is

giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time.'

Suddenly, the monument wasn't just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless.

One thing I learned while on tour with my 8th grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is, that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of 'hands' raising the flag, there are 13. When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he simply said "the 13th hand was the hand of God."



Evansville Vet Center

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Evansville, IN 47715

Editor's Note (Continued from 3) total pieces plus costs to mail are noted on the form. The 2 trays of newsletters must be taken to the downtown post office between 0900 and 1530 Monday thru Friday. Any pieces that cannot be delivered are returned to us (at a large fee) and the mailing list must be kept up to date. Start to finish, it takes about 16 hours to produce your newsletter. And Paula Landers did it for more than 10 years! The next time you look at the newsletter, take the time to appreciate what goes into it. Consider what you would like to see and what suggestions you might have to make it better. After all, it is **our** River City News.

Commandant (from page 1) published at a later date. I'm hoping for the biggest and best Birthday Ball ever for Det# 1090. To offset the expense of the Ball, we will have a rib and butt sale this fall (Labor Day weekend.) It will be great if every member of Marine Corps League Det# 1090 participated in this event. Everyone you know could use ribs or butts for their Labor Day family events. It is an easy fund-raiser.

We also have a spot in the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival for our food booth. We will be looking for volunteers to help us in the booth. What products we are going to sell will be determined at a later date.

As you can see we have a lot going on, however we need more participation on behalf of our members. We have been recruiting new members who have taken up the challenge and are doing great. Welcome aboard Marines Mike Cotton and Jerry Smith.

looking forward to a great summer and fall with the Marine Corps League Det# 1090.

Semper Fi, Marines



Makin (from page 5)

bent island and westward with log antitank barricades at each end. It was protected by a double apron of barbed wire and an intricate system of gun emplacements and rifle pits.

A series of strongpoints was established along Butaritari's ocean side, with 8-inch (200 mm) coastal defense guns, three 37 mm anti-tank gun positions, 10 machine gun emplacements and 85 rifle pits. The Japanese expected the invasion to come on the ocean side of Butaritari, following the example of Carlson's raid in 1942, and established their defenses two miles (3.2 km) from where the raid had taken place. Without aircraft, ships, or hope of reinforcement or relief, the outnumbered and outgunned defenders could only hope to delay the coming American attack for as long as possible.

Invasion

Air operations against Makin began on 13 Nov. 1943 with USAAF B-24 bombers of the 7th Air Force from the Ellice Islands. Grumman FM-1 Wildcat fighters escorted Douglas SBD Dauntless dive bombers and Grumman TBF Avengers from escort carriers USS Lis-

come Bay, USS Coral Sea and USS Corregidor, followed by 8-inch (200mm) support guns from fire support ship USS Minneapolis and other war vessels. During the bombardment, a turret explosion on battleship USS Mississippi killed 43 sailors.

Troops began to go ashore at two beaches at 08:30 on 20 November. The initial landings on Red Beach went according to plan with the assault troops moving rapidly inland after an uneventful trip on the ocean side of the island. Their progress off the beach was slowed only by an occasional sniper and the need to negotiate their way around the debris and water-filled craters left by the air and naval bombardment. The craters in particular stymied tank support of the Red Beach forces by the light tanks of the 193rd Tank Battalion when the lead M3 light tank became partially submerged in a shell hole and



M3 Stuart Light Tank, bogged down in a shell crater, holds up the advance on the narrow causeway north of Jill lake.

blocked passage of all the vehicles behind it.

As the landing craft approached Yellow Beach from the lagoon, they began to receive small-arms and machine-gun fire from the island's defenders. The assault troops were also surprised to discover that even though they were approaching the beach at high tide as planned, a miscalculation of the lagoon's depth caused their small boats to go aground, forcing them to walk the final 250 yards (230 m) to the beach in waist-deep water. Equipment and weapons were lost or water-soaked, but only three men were killed approaching the beach, mainly because the defenders chose to make their final stand farther inland along the tank barriers.

The U.S. invasion plan was conceived in the hope of luring the Japanese into committing most of its forces to oppose the first landings on Red Beach and thereby allow the troops landing on Yellow Beach to attack from the rear. The Japanese, however, did not respond to the attack on Red Beach, and withdrew from Yellow Beach with only harassing fire, leaving the

troops of the 27th Division no choice but to knock out the fortified strongpoints one by one. Reduction operations were hampered by the frequent inability to use heavy support weapons, including tanks, because of the danger of cross-fire. The commander of the 165th Infantry Regiment, Col. Gardiner Conroy, was killed in action by a Japanese sniper on the afternoon of the first day and was succeeded by Col. Gerard W. Kelley.

Capture of Makin

Two days of determined fighting reduced Japanese resistance. After clearing the entire atoll, the 27th Division commander, Maj. Gen. Ralph C. Smith, reported on the morning of 23 November 1943, "Makin taken, recommend command pass to commander garrison force."

The most difficult problem capturing Makin was coordinating the actions of two separate landing forces, made more difficult because the defenders did not respond as anticipated. The unsuitability of the narrow beaches for supply landing operations —

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
30 	31	1 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	2 At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 1st Marine Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines fought with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German 1st Army a major setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood, which would soon follow, although at great cost.	3
6 Marines escorted Commodore Matthew C. Perry ashore at Naha, Okinawa. 1853	7	8 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	9	10
13	14 Two companies of Marines defeated the Spanish near Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. 1898	15 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	16	17
20	21 The Battle of Okinawa ended as LtGen Roy S. Geiger raised the American flag. 1945	22 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	23 Detachment Meeting Funkhouser Post on New Harmony Road 1900 begins—come early to eat dinner from menu.	24
27 	28 Southern Belles #441 AmVets Post #84 2921 Broadway Ave. 6:30 PM 	29 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	30	1



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Battle of Midway (June 4-6). VMSB-241, VMF-221 and the 6th Defense Battalion began the Battle of Midway. 1942



Army LtGen Simon Buckner was killed and Marine MajGen Roy S. Geiger assumed command of the 10th U. S. Army on Okinawa. 1945

BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine." 1918

If you have anything you would like to submit for the July Newsletter, the deadline for submission is June 22nd.

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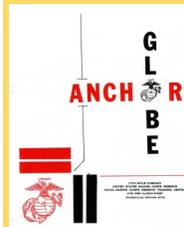
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Patch, MCL logo with ASSOCIATE rocker, 3" for right shoulder	4.25	Department Staff Elected ribbon, silver		2.00
Patch, MCL logo, for REGULAR member, 3" for right shoulder	4.00	Detachment Commandant ribbon		2.00
Patch, US Flag, field forward, for regular member, right shoulder	4.00	Detachment Staff Appointed ribbon, bronze		2.00
Sunburst Collar ornament, regular member, prong back	12.00	Community Service Ribbon		2.00
Cover, MCL, woman's, 7 5/8	30.00	National Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon		2.00
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Metal Ribbon Holder, 3 ribbon	1.25	Ceremonial Guard ribbon		2.00
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Metal Ribbon Holder, 9 ribbon	3.50	Trouser stripe, red, 1 1/8"		15.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 12 ribbon	4.50	Belt, white, for dress blues		15.00
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Tie, black	6.00	Neck Ribbon, DD, black with eyelet		5.00
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Section 645 - Life Members:***

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Marine Corps League Department of Indiana News

The following dates have been selected by the Conference/Convention Committee and approved by the members through Motions at the 2020 Fall Conference:

June 4/6, 2021 Department of Indiana Summer Convention

October 16/17, 2021 Department of Indiana Fall Conference

All events will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Plainfield, IN. Specific information on each event will be sent appropriately beforehand, including hotel and event registration, agenda's and other pertinent information.

Questions can be directed to Conference/Convention Chair Glenn Newton at sgtglenn@psci.net or Department Paymaster Dave Englert at englertd@psci.net.

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Dorothy Lee "Dottie"

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08/2021

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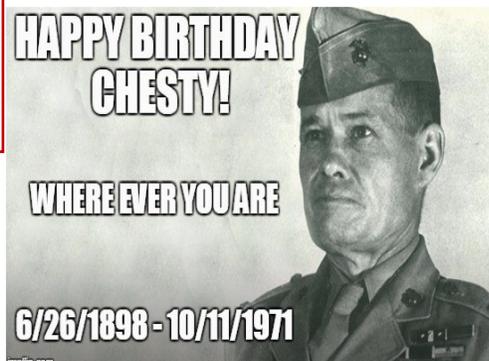
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Q. How many Marines does it take to change a light bulb?

A. None. Marines are not scared of the dark.



Cartoon Caption Contest



I was at Chosin. Half got shot off and the other half froze.

Our winner in May's caption contest was Marine John Mills. John will have his choice of a Detachment Challenge Coin, K-bar letter opener or Picture Frame.

Literary Easter Eggs are hidden words/phrases or items that an author hides within a story for sharp-eyed readers to spot. I have hidden a series of eggs in the first six issues of this newsletter. The first person to spot them and email me at: rapid1@evansville.net

will win a 1 year booster recognition to our newsletter and everyone who finds them by June 19th will receive a "Well Done" notice in July.

(Editor)



Don Landers, Jim Grayson, Butch Effinger and Bob Reutter at 2012 Downtown Parade



Butch Effinger, Joe Filipczak, Don Counts, Barb Cole, Bob Reutter and Jim Grayson at Patriot Guard "Ride To Remember" in 2011.



Jim Johnson, Jim Grayson and Bob Reutter at the 2018 Downtown Evansville Christmas Parade.



Entire Detachment on Memorial Day 2009 at Tupman Cemetery on Evansville's west side..



In Recognition of Family Members

who have served, or are now serving in the United States Marine Corps.



Now serving

Nephew—Dakota Meade



Served in the past

Edward Mangold—(Dakota's Great Grandfather)

William Joseph Maurer (my first cousin and brother to Michael)

Michael Maurer (my first cousin and brother to William)

Marion Thomas McWilliams (my brother)

Curtis McWilliams (Marion's Son)

Roy McWilliams (me)

Semper Fi, Marines

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Makin

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which went undiscovered by pre-invasion reconnaissance — was also a severe handicap.

Sinking of USS *Liscome Bay*

In the early hours of 24 November 1943, the escort carrier and flagship USS *Liscome Bay* was sunk by the Japanese submarine *I-175*, which had arrived near Makin just a few hours before. A single torpedo, launched as part of a torpedo spread by *I-175*, detonated the *Liscome Bay's* aircraft bomb stockpile, causing an explosion which engulfed the entire ship, causing it to sink quickly. The attack on the *Liscome Bay* accounted for the majority of American casualties in the Battle of Makin. Of the 916 crewmen of *Liscome Bay* only 272 were rescued, while 644 perished (53 officers and 591 enlisted men), including the flagship's admiral and task force group commander, Rear Admiral Henry M. Mullinnix, carrier captain, Captain Irving Wiltsie, and Pearl Harbor Navy Cross recipient Cook Third Class Dorie Miller.

The loss of the *Liscome Bay* on the eve of Thanksgiving that year was due to a few factors. Two destroyers of the destroyer screen, USS *Hull* and USS *Franks*, left the destroyer screen, leaving a gap in the screen. Also, the task force which included the *Liscome Bay* was not zigzagging. The Japanese submarine *I-175* approached the task force undetected and fired a spread of torpedoes through the gap in the anti-submarine screen, one of which struck and sank the *Liscome Bay*.

The complete occupation of Makin took four days and cost considerably more in naval casualties than in ground forces. Despite possessing great superiority in men and weapons, the 27th Division had difficulty subduing the island's small defense force. One Japanese Ha-Go tank was destroyed in combat, and two tanks placed in revetments were abandoned without being used in combat.

Against an estimated 395 Japanese killed in action during the operation, American ground casualties numbered 66 killed and 152 wounded. U.S. Navy losses were significantly higher: 644 deaths

on the *Liscome Bay*, 43 killed in a turret fire on the battleship USS *Mississippi*, and 10 killed in action with naval shore parties or as aviators, for a total of 697 naval deaths. The overall total of 763 American dead almost equaled the number of men in the entire Japanese garrison. End.

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National Center for PTSD Fact Sheet by Jennifer Gregg, PHD

Depression is a common problem in which severe and long lasting feeling of sadness or other problems get in the way of a person's ability to function. In any given year, as many as 18.8 million American adults—9.5% of the adult population—experience some type of depression. Unlike a blue mood that comes and goes, depression is a persistent problem that affects the way a person eats and sleeps, thinks about things and feels about him— or—herself.

What are the symptoms of depression? The symptoms of depression can vary quite a bit, but most people who experience depression feel down or sad more days than not, or find that things in their life no longer seem enjoyable or interesting. Additionally, people with depression may notice changes in their sleeping, eating concentration, or feelings about themselves, and may find themselves feeling hopeless. The symptoms typically last for at least 2 weeks without letting up.

What Can I Do about Feelings of Depression?

Depression can make a person feel exhausted, worthless, helpless, hopeless and sad. These feelings can make you feel as though you are never going to feel better or that you should just give up. It is important to realize that these negative thoughts and feelings are part of depression and often fade as treatment begins working. In the meantime, here is a list of things to try to improve your mood:

- * **Talk with your doctor or healthcare provider**
- * **Talk with family, and friends and let them help you.**
- * **Participate in activities that make you feel better, or that you used to enjoy before you began feeling depressed.**
- * **Set realistic goals for yourself.**
- * **Engage in mild exercise.**
- * **Try to be with others and get support from them.**
- * **Break up goals and tasks into smaller, more reachable ones.**

Where can I find more information about depression?

National Institute of Mental Health Depression Fact Sheet:

www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/depression.cfm

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill: - **www.nami.org**

National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: - **www.ncptsd.org**

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