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Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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It is an interesting fact of life that you never know what impact your actions might have. A couple of weeks ago I was on my way home from a doctor's appointment on the east side of Evansville. I had to stop at a business that had collected a few toys after Christmas and asked that I pick them up. I turned onto Lincoln Avenue by I-164 and started west toward home. When I got to the house where A.J. Hardin had lived I saw that his American and Marine flags were very faded and extremely tattered. I asked Kelly Williams to contact his family and ask if I could go by and replace the flags. After receiving a positive response from them I thought that some others from our Detachment might like to be involved as well. When I sent the email suggesting we go after breakfast on 16 Feb. several League members said they would be proud to go along. On Monday I thought of our new media partner, Eyewitness News 7/25 and sent them an email telling them of our plan. The program director responded right away saying that this was something they would definitely like to be a part of. Right in the middle of breakfast Joe Bird and Ashley (the camera operator) came to the Pie Pan and started the interview while we finished breakfast. In the report which aired at every news broadcast on both channels 7 and 25 Tuesday evening, they told their audience of the brotherhood that Marines exhibit where ever we gather. After breakfast they accompanied us to AJ's place where we executed 'morning colors' and replaced his flags. We were given the opportunity to tell about a Marine's dedication to his/her country and the flag that represents it.

I believe everyone who joined us was moved by the event. As Americans and members of the Marine Corps League we have a keen sense of what we should do to honor our Country. AJ Hardin had that knowledge and if he were alive his flags would **never** had reached that state they were in. We all paid tribute to him as well as our great country by stepping in for him. Thanks to all who were there in body as well as those who were unable to be there physically but were there in spirit. Thanks to Eyewitness News 7/25 for providing us an opportunity to show the community our commitment and esprit'.

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USMC
Semper Fidelis

Marines in the Business World

By Bob Reutter, Commandant



When the title 'Marine' is mentioned what is the first image that comes to mind? Is it Sgt. Stryker from "**Sands of Iwo Jima**?" Is it possible that Gunny Highway from "**Heartbreak Ridge**" is your first mental image? How about Colonel Jessup from 'A



Few Good Men?'

I would tend to bet that none of the following names would be in the top 10 or even top 100 that you would think of: Glen Bell, Bob Parsons, George Schultz, Frederick Smith, Tom Monaghan or Mike Illitch. Never heard of most of them you say?

Marines receive training that follows them throughout life. All of the names above are Marines who have succeeded in the tough world of national (and international) business. Here are a few of their stories.



Glen Bell: As a Marine in WWII Glen acquired the skills that led him to turn his first hot dog stand opened in 1952 into Taco Bell with 868 locations which he later sold to PepsiCo for \$125 million.



How about Mike Illitch? He served four years in the Corps. after which he played minor league baseball for 4 more with the Detroit Tigers. He was forced out of baseball with a knee injury and started a pizza business in 1959 called Little Ceasars Pizza Treat in Garden City Michigan. He currently owns not only Little Ceasar's Pizza but the Detroit Tiger and Redwings as well.



Unless you don't have a television you have seen advertisements from the internet domain company GoDaddy. They sponsor a NASCAR team that is driven by Danica Patrick. What you may not know is that GoDaddy was founded by Bob Parsons. While in the Corps. Bob served in Viet Nam where he received the Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Gallantry Cross and Purple Heart. His current net worth is estimated at \$1.8 billion.



George Shultz served in the Marines as an artillery officer from 1942-1945 attaining the rank of Captain. He fought on Peleliu during the Battle of Angaur. He received a Ph.D. in economics from MIT. He served as Secretary of Labor from 1960-70 and as Secretary of Treasury from 1972-74. Under President Reagan Shultz served as Secretary of State for 6 ½ years. He was known for selecting officials for their professional credentials instead of political ones.



If it absolutely, positively has to be there overnight you probably contributed to the success of our next Marine, Frederick Smith. Fred served in the Marines from 1966-69 as a platoon leader and later as a Forward Air Controller (FAC) flying in the back seat of a OV-10 Birdog. Captain Smith flew over 200 combat missions as FAC and received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. While in the Marines he observed procurement and delivery procedures fine tuning his dream for an overnight delivery service. In June of 1971 he founded Federal Express raising \$91 million in venture capital to start his dream. His current net worth is estimated at \$3.1 billion. Ooh-rah!!



Although the list goes on and on I will end with an iconic company. An inspirational story of adapt, improvise and overcome. Tom Monaghan's father died on Christmas Eve when Tom was four years old. His mother couldn't afford to raise her children on \$27.50/week so they went to various foster



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homes and orphanages. After working at selling newspapers, magazines, and working as a pin boy in bowling alleys Tom joined the Marines with the hope it would help pay for his college education. In 1960 the two brothers borrowed \$900 to purchase a local pizzeria named Dominick's in Ypsilanti, Michigan. A year later Tom traded his car to buy out his brother's half of the business. In his first 13 years in business Tom worked 100 hour work weeks and took only one vacation – 6 days to marry his wife Margie. His business plan was to sell only pizza and deliver it within 30 minutes. He located his stores near colleges and military bases. His growth was phenomenal. By the late 70's he was over 200 locations. Sales in 1985 - \$1 billion, by 1988 it topped \$2 billion. The number one pizza delivery company in the world closed out the 80's with over 5,000 locations worldwide. In 1983 Monaghan bought the Detroit Tigers. The very next year they won the World Series. He owned the team from 1983 to 1992. Net worth - \$500 million.



All of these stories have a common thread: lessons learned, skills acquired and work ethic learned in the Marine Corps have contributed to the success of all of these men. There are stories being written today by younger Marines who will eventually join this list.



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Cardinals Baseball - Marines/MCL Day

Indiana Detachments

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Armed Forces Day 21 May 16

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CAMP LEJEUNE: PAST WATER CONTAMINATION

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people serving or living at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. This chemical exposure may have led to adverse health conditions.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR VA HEALTH BENEFITS IF YOU SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY (VETERANS) OR RESIDED (FAMILY MEMBERS) AT CAMP LEJEUNE FOR 30 DAYS OR MORE BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 1953 AND DECEMBER 31, 1987:

- Veterans who are determined to be eligible will be able to receive VA health care. In addition, care for qualifying health conditions is provided at no cost to the Veteran (including copayments).
- Eligible family members receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred from the treatment of qualifying health conditions after all other health insurance is applied.

QUALIFYING HEALTH CONDITIONS INCLUDE:

- Bladder cancer
- Breast cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Leukemia
- Lung cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Female infertility
- Hepatic steatosis
- Miscarriage
- Neurobehavioral effects
- Renal toxicity
- Scleroderma

VETERAN ELIGIBILITY:

- A Camp Lejeune Veteran does not need to have one of the 15 health conditions to be eligible to receive VA health care, nor do they need a service connected disability to be eligible as a Camp Lejeune Veteran for VA health care.

VETERANS

ENROLL IN VA HEALTH CARE

- Inform VA that you served on active duty at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days during the covered time period.
- Already enrolled? Contact your local VA health care facility at <http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/> to sign up for the Camp Lejeune Program and receive VA care.
- Not yet enrolled? Apply online at <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/> or call toll-free 1-877-222-8387.

FAMILY MEMBERS

GATHER DOCUMENTS

- Show your relationship to a Veteran, such as a marriage license or birth certificate.
- VA will assist you with verifying residency on Camp Lejeune during the covered timeframe.

GATHER QUALIFYING EXPENSE RECEIPTS

- By law, VA may only compensate for eligible out-of-pocket expenses after family members have received payment from all other health plans.

APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Apply online at <https://www.cfamilymembers.fsc.va.gov> or call toll-free 1-866-372-1144.

Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

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

Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders battled their way into history at San Juan Hill, and the "Splendid Little War" petered out.

But America was suddenly an imperial nation, with overseas colonies or protectorates in Puerto Rico, Guam, Midway, and the Philippines, and Hawaii. And the Marines, back in favor, abruptly led a lot of Uncle Sam's dirty work to do.

Commodore George Dewey, victor over the Spanish fleet in the Battle of Manila Bay, later confessed to Congress that many of the subsequent problems of the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) could have been avoided "had I had five thousand Marines embarked with my Naval force."

Dewey inadvertently aided the seeds of rebellion by bringing from exile the impassioned Filipino guerrilla chieftain Emilio Aguinaldo to fight against the Spaniards. When hostilities ended, Aguinaldo expected nothing less than full independence for his country. When it was not forthcoming, Aguinaldo turned his guerilla army against his former ally.

The violent Philippine Insurrection foreshadowed the American war in Vietnam sixty years later; a jungle war against shadowy guerrillas – a protracted, brutal campaign increasing unpopular on the American home front.

Washington responded to the guerrillas' challenge by sending overseas the Army's VII Corps and an entire regiment of Marines, the largest organized body of Leathernecks to take to the field in their history.

Emilio Aguinaldo's capture by the U.S. Army forces in March 1901 led to an uneasy peace throughout the Philippine Islands, except for Samar in the southeast. There, six months later, rebel tribesmen attacked an outpost of the 9th U.S. Infantry at breakfast, killing forty soldiers, mutilating their bodies obscenely.

The Marines had fought side-by-side with the 9th Infantry in China and actively sought the mission of seeking retribution against the Samar insurgents.

By this time the Navy Department had deployed nearly a fourth of the entire Marine Corps to the Philippines, organized for the first time in brigade strength.

Major Littleton Waller Tazewell Waller-short, stout, and fierce – commanded the provisional brigade to "pacify" Samar.

Waller's orders from Army Brigadier General Jacob Smith, commanding the Sixth Separate Brigade in the region, seemed unequivocal: "Kill, burn, and take no prisoners."

Waller executed a brilliant three-pronged attack against the heavily jungled cliffside caves. He himself led a flotilla of pole-boats upriver, towing a three-inch Fletcher field gun on a bamboo raft. Two columns of riflemen disappeared into the jungle at different points downstream, cut north, then linked up in the trackless wilderness just adjacent to the stronghold on the opposite of the Sohoton. Their stealthy approach yielded total surprise.

The Marines had taken the pains to drag along the one weapon most feared by the insurgents. The guerrillas were extremely tough fighters but no match for the torrents of fire that lashed at them unmercifully from the 6mm, unmercifully, tumbling their lacerated bodies down the cliffs.

The insurrection on Samar effectively ended with this battle.

THE NINETEEN HUNDREDS:

Decade began with 3,142 Marines (3,066 Enlisted; 76 Officers)
Decade ended with 9,696 Marines (9,368 Enlisted; 328 Officers)

9th Commandant: Maj. Gen Charles Heywood (1891-1903)

10th Commandant: Maj. Gen George F. Elliott (1903-1910)

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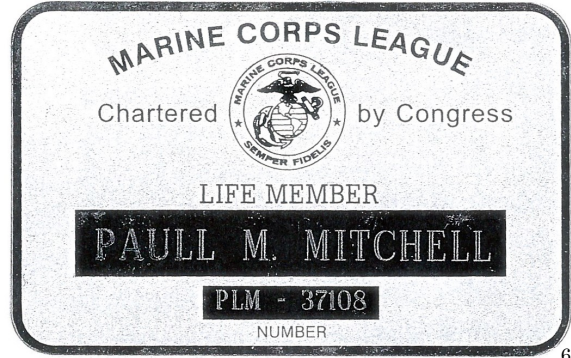
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