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## Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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Those of you who are acquainted with me know that it doesn't take much for me to show my pride at two things: being an American and being a Marine. The River Cities Detachment 1090 took part in two things in April that gave me the opportunity to be very proud of both.

We were invited to attend a picnic held by the area Marine recruiters. The picnic was for the young men and women who have joined our Marine Corps but have not yet left for boot camp and their families. In addition to about a dozen recruiters from all over the Louisville

Recruiting District, Sgt. Major John Wyatt (our main speaker at the Evansville celebration of the 240<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Corps,) his commanding officer, Major Donald Hotchkiss and an active drill instructor from Parris Island. There were about 50 young recruits as well as perhaps 200 family members on hand. The recruits watched while the drill instructor put the recruiters through their 'paces.' Then the young people were divided into squads and did PT under the watchful eyes of the recruiters while the senior recruiter explained to the families what they were watching. The families had lots of questions and all were addressed. The recruiters in each of the area recruiting stations hold regular weekly meetings with their recruits to help them be physically and mentally prepared for boot camp. Members of our detachment were there to show the boots and their families that

being a Marine is a lifelong commitment. Our detachment members circulated among the families introducing ourselves and talking about anything they wanted to ask. Major Hotchkiss told me that over 90% of the recruits from our area graduate from boot camp and have success as Marines. Seeing the enthusiasm and dedication shown by the Marines on hand – both current and future – gave me hope that our Corps is in good hands for the immediate future.

The second event this past month was homecoming of the April Honor Flight of Military Veterans from Dress Airport on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Several members of our detachment were in the crowd to honor 73 men and one woman veterans of World War II and Korea. These veterans left Evansville in the wee hours of Saturday for a day filled visiting memorials and monuments dedicated to their contribution to those conflicts. The airport was full of people of all ages to welcome the heroes back to their point of origin. The flight was al-

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most an hour late returning but the spirits of participants and spectators were not diminished as the line of Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen deplaned with their escorts for a parade lap of the entire terminal to the continuous cheering of the crowds. Each participant was accompanied on this parade lap by his/her trip chaperone and by a young person carrying a picture from the hero's time in the service. Many of the veterans walked all or most of this lap and stopped frequently to shake hands with spectators. The River Cities Detachment was well represented on the flight with three of our Life members present: Keith Benedict, Marine from WWII; John Mills, Marine and Clarence Mitsdarfer, FMF Corpsman during the Korean Conflict.

Two distinctly different events but both showing once again – Once a Marine, Always a Marine!  
Semper Fi

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## MODD - Enough Said Pound #294

By PDD Don Landers

Here are the dates of our next two meetings please mark your calendars.

July 25 2016 Hill Top Inn

August 22 2016 Acropolis

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Pound Keeper	PDD Timothy Jones	Dog Robber	PDD Donald Landers
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## Humor in (Marine) Uniform

A Marine walked into a bar, sat down and said, "Hey barkeep, have you heard the one about the four sailors in a farmhouse?" Chairs scraped the floor as 4 of the biggest, meanest guys in the place stood up.

The biggest, meanest looking of the four said "We're in the Navy. Are you sure you want to tell that story?"

The Marine looked the four up and down and said "Nah, I guess you are right. I don't want to have to explain it *four* times."

## Marine Quotes

Courage is not having the strength to go on, courage is going on when you don't have the strength.  
- Theodore Roosevelt

"I must do something" will solve a lot more problems than "Something must be done." -Anonymous

"Old breed? New breed? There's not a damn bit of difference so long as it's the Marine breed!" - Lieutenant General Lewis B. 'Chesty' Puller

"Marines divide the world into two classes: Marines and those who are not good enough to be Marines." - David B. Wood

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## Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

*The following is an excerpt from "Wikipedia".*

*This article is a break from the monthly routine because of the importance of this man to the Marine Corps and the Corps image in Europe.*

Colonel Pierre (Peter) Julien Ortiz OBE (July 5, 1913 – May 16, 1988) was one of the most decorated Marine officers of World War II. He served in both North Africa and Europe throughout the war, as a member of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), operating behind enemy lines several times. He became a film actor after the war.

Although born in New York City to a Spanish-American mother and French-American father, Ortiz was educated at the University of Grenoble in France.<sup>[3]</sup> He spoke ten languages including Spanish, French, German and Arabic.

On February 1, 1932, at the age of 19, he joined the French Foreign Legion for five years' service in North Africa. He was sent first to the Legion's training camp at Sidi Bel-Abbes, Algeria. He later served in Morocco, where he was promoted to corporal in 1933 and sergeant in 1935. He was awarded the Croix de guerre twice during a campaign against the Rif. He also received the Médaille militaire. An acting lieutenant, he was offered a commission as a second lieutenant if he would re-enlist. Instead, when his contract expired in 1937, he went to Hollywood to serve as a technical adviser for war films.

With the outbreak of World War II and the United States still neutral, he re-enlisted in the Legion in October 1939 as a sergeant, and received a battlefield commission in May 1940. He was wounded while blowing up a fuel dump and captured by the Germans during the 1940 Battle of France. He escaped the following year via Lisbon and made his way to the United States.

He joined the Marines on June 22, 1942. As a result of his training and experience, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant after only 40 days. He was promoted to captain on December 3. With his knowledge of the region, he was sent to Tangier, Morocco. He conducted reconnaissance behind enemy lines in Tunisia for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). At the time though most of Morocco was under a French protectorate Tangiers was under the protectorate of neutral Spain. During a night mission, Ortiz was seriously wounded in the right hand in an encounter with a German patrol and was sent back to the United States to recover.

In 1943, Ortiz became a member of the OSS. On January 6, 1944, he was dropped by parachute into the Haute-Savoie region of German-occupied France as part of the three-man "Union" mission with Colonel Pierre Fourcaud of the French secret service and Captain Thackwaite from the British Special Operations Executive to evaluate the capabilities of the Resistance in the Alpine region. He drove four downed RAF pilots to the border of neutral Spain before leaving France with his team in late May.

Ortiz was the most highly decorated member of the OSS. His decorations included two Navy Crosses, the Legion of Merit, the Order of the British Empire, and five Croix de Guerre. He also was made a Chevalier of the Légion d'honneur by the French.





# **Eighth Annual Marine Corps League Auxiliary Bowling Tournament**



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Bowlers, and non-bowlers can get in on the action of this bowling event. The proceeds from this event will help fund the activities of Southern Belles Unit 441, such as community projects and Operation Care Package. There will be Door Prize Drawings, a 50/50 Drawing, and a silent auction with great merchandise to bid on. So come on down to Franklin Lanes on Saturday, May 21, 2016. If you don't want to get a team together you can still help by participating in the silent auction.

### **Join Us For a Fun Afternoon**

Saturday, May 21, 2015

Franklin Lanes

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$60 per team of 4

9-Pin No Tap \* Three Games

Mixed Teams (No separate divisions)

Registration Deadline is May 14, 2015

#### ***Your entry fee includes:***

Three games of bowling \* Shoe Rental \*  
2 Soft Drinks \* Prize drawings

#### **Prizes**

First Place Team - \$200

Second Place Team - \$100

Third Place Team - \$50

High Series Male - \$25

High Series Female - \$25

*Prizes are based on 40 bowlers, we reserve the right to lower prize money based on number of participates.*

*In case of a tie, prize money will be combined.*

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### **Entry Form**

Contact Person:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2016 Indiana Patriot Guard "Ride To Remember"

May 21/22

**"Never Forget"**



Please join us as we honor our area military members who have given their all in defense of our nation.

## Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Honoring:**

SPC William A. Jeffries, INARNG, 39 Evansville, IN  
PFC Darren A. DeBlanc, USA, 20 Evansville, IN  
SGT Jacen Beck, INARNG, 35, Evansville, IN  
SGT Jimmy Shawn Lee, USMC, 26 Mt. Vernon, IN  
CPL Willard M. Powell, USA, 21 Evansville, IN  
SPC Jonathan R. Pfender, USA, 22 Evansville, IN  
SPC David W. Taylor, USA, 20 Dixon, KY  
SGT Brock A. Babb, USMC, 40 Evansville, IN  
LCPL James E. Brown, USMC, 20 Owensville, IN  
SGT Joseph Ford, INARNG, 23 Knox, IN  
SPC Brandon S. Mullins, USA 21 Owensboro, KY

## Sunday May 22nd:

### **Honoring:**

LCPL Alec Terwiske, USMC 21 Dubois, IN  
SPC Jared Arnn,\* USA, 21 Boonville, IN  
CPL Eric R. Lueken, USMC, 23 Dubois, IN  
SFC David Moore, INARNG, 42 Dubois, IN  
Seaman Apprentice Shayna Ann Schnell, USN, 19 Tell City, IN  
SFC Barry E. Jarvis, USA, 36, Tell City, IN  
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Saturday Assembly: 9AM American Red Cross Evansville 29 S. Stockwell Rd, Ride Length 70 miles.

Sunday Assembly: Evansville 9:00 AM CST: at Bud's Harley Davidson, Morgan Ave. Ride Length 160 miles. Jasper Assembly 11:00 AM EST, McDonalds North on 231 next to Walmart

Additional Information and Maps at [SWINRTR.ORG](http://SWINRTR.ORG)

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*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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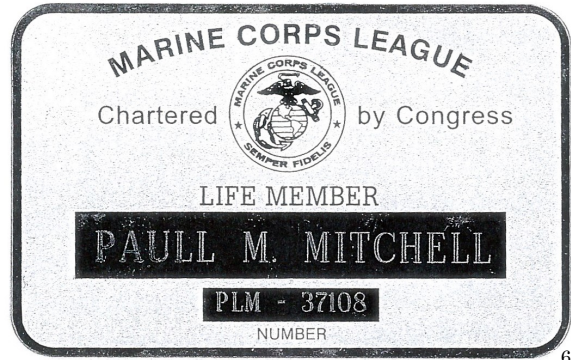
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