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Lore of the Corps

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The havoc unleashed by the indiscriminate COVID-19 pandemic has not only ravaged the respiratory systems of the American public and U.S. military alike, but jeopardized a well-oiled machine hell-bent on maintaining readiness and tradition as well. Defense Department travel has been suspended, mass formations canceled or amended to meet social distancing requirements, work-from-home policies encouraged when possible, and grooming standards relaxed to, in the very least, keep service members away from the cramped confines of barber shops. That is unless it comes to the hard-charging tonsoriums at Marine Corps installations like Camp Pendleton in California, where it was announced Friday that barbers would remain open in order to preserve a high-and-tight heritage that forms the very foundation of nearly 245 years of esprit de corps.

“In today’s challenging environment, the barber-shops are providing Marines and sailors with essential services,” the base announced. The California Department of Public Health recently classified “essential services” throughout the state as establishments like gas stations, pharmacies, grocery stores, banks, and laundromats. Barber shops were inexplicably absent from that list. And yet, the Marine Corps beats on, boats against the logical current, borne back ceaselessly into a motivated past.

To deny a Marine a skin fade on a Sunday, after all, is to disrupt the natural order of things. Therefore, it is the duty of barber shop employees —

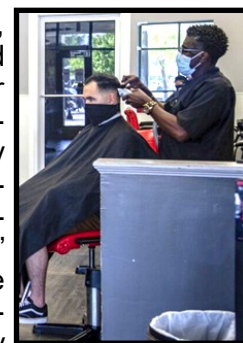
not Marine Corps leadership — to improvise, adapt, and overcome.

“Each barber is provided gloves, mask, alcohol, and Lysol to clean all touch points and barber chairs,” the video continued. “What barbers are not provided, however, are weed-whackers, the only tool manufactured to successfully cut hair while simultaneously adhering to social distancing guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Practically speaking, a haircut using the landscaping apparatus would result in no more blood-letting than those performed by the heavy-handed employees at MCRD San Diego or Parris Island.

Still, barbers remain undeterred, eager to locate, close-with and cut the hair of patrons in order to enhance readiness and lethality. Teacher says, “Every time a Marine first sergeant receives a flat-top horseshoe haircut, an angel gets its wings.”

“The barbershops aboard the installation will continue to monitor the environment and quickly adapt to keep their employees and patrons safe while using their services,” the video said. What additional adaptations can be made in an environment that consists of a barber shop and the un-groomed heads of Marines is difficult to imagine.

But in these trying times common sense is an uncommon virtue, and as Captain William Bligh famously remarked during the 1789 mutiny aboard the Royal Navy vessel HMS Bounty, “The haircuts will continue until morale improves, 'rah?”



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Advanced Combat Optic Gunsight (ACOG)

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A Sight for Your Eyes

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Remember sitting for hours at a time at Parris Island or MCRD San Diego and trying to master the fundamentals of marksmanship using the iron sights on your M16A2 (or M16A1, or M16A4, or M-14, or M-1, or...)? Well, the days of iron sights gracing the weapons of your average Marine are over and have been for nearly a decade!



A recruit puts in time on the range with a M-16A4 and attached RCO.

Beginning in late 2005, the USMC began fielding a new optic, the TA31-RCO (Rifle Combat Optic) a fixed 4X magnification glass optic in an extremely tough, forged aluminum body. The sight, made by Trijicon and formally

known as the Advanced Combat Optic Gunsight (ACOG), requires no batteries, instead using a combination of ambient light enhancing fiber optics and tritium illumination to light up the sight's reticle. Far from being 'new', however, variants of this sight have been around since 1987. By 2012, routine use of iron sights for basic training marksmanship qualifications and sustainment qualifications for fleet forces had been discontinued by the Marine Corps, and by 2016 it was announced that carrying handle iron sights were

being phased out of inventory entirely. Today, if you see a picture of a Marine deployed either stateside or to remote areas of the globe, you



A Marine using a rifle topped with an RCO engages insurgents in Ramadi, Iraq.

will see every rifle equipped with some variant of the ACOG/RCO. Is the elimination of iron sights the end of 'every marine a rifleman' as the Corps substitutes nuclear powered magnified optics for tried-and-true peep sights and good old-fashioned windage calls? Not according to recently deployed Marines and the men and women who train them. The practically indestructible ACOG/RCO has achieved near universal praise by grunts in the field, who consider the ability to more easily identify and engage long-distance targets as well as the ability to use the optic in close quarters 'both eyes open' gunfights a major force multiplier. These magnified optics (as well as a host of battery powered non-magnified optics) are here to stay, and the new normal for our front-line Marines and soldiers.

The only thing certain is change, and readers can rest assured that a Marine and their rifle is still the most dangerous thing on the battlefield. The strong emphasis on basic marksmanship is still present in both boot camp and fleet training, and gear and techniques have changed to keep our grunts and support personnel ahead of the curve to meet whatever threats the future may hold.

Rifle Qualification Badges



Pistol Qualification Badges



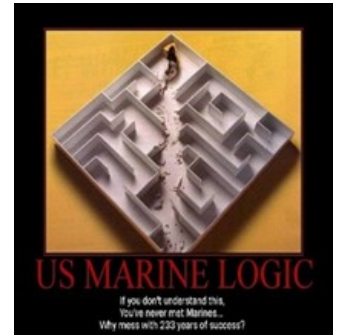
Humor in (Marine) Uniform

Bob Reutter

So, since we are all stuck at home for the most part, I think this month I will slide away from just military humor and branch out for just plain funny or though provoking. Thanks to Tom Kick and Ray Ko for some of these.

Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw fish to them?

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it.



When I offer to wash your back in the shower, all you have to say is yes or no.

Not all this "who are you and how did you get in here?" nonsense.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a scale. And then the fight started.

Then there was a woman who said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married, and by then, it was too late."

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Hospitality: Making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.



Most of the people reading this have been through tough times. We survived then like we will now. Until this is all over you should take life with a grain of salt - plus a slice of lime, and a shot of tequila. Stay safe. Bob

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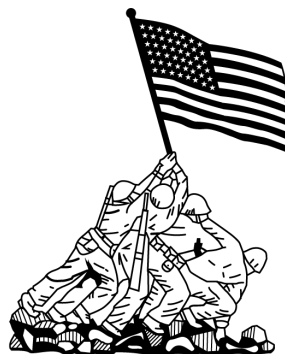
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***In Memory of
Marine Tommy Collins
And Deceased
Detachment Members***

Our prayers for our nephew who was recently deployed. May God bless all of our service members, protect them, and give them strength to carry on, Amen!

Roy & Carolyn McWilliams



Semper Fi

09/2020

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In memory of Detachment #1090 members who have gone on to guard the streets of Heaven.



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Semper Fi

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