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Commandant's Corner

Jim Johnson

Here's hoping that everything is going well with you and your families. We are anticipating this summer will be a little different than last summer. We are planning a family type picnic sometime this summer. We are also planning to hold our 246 Marine Corps birthday ball. Marine Melissa West is the Chairperson for the Ball. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the Ball see her. We are also hoping to have our food booth at the West Side Nut Club festival. Participation at the Festival will depend on having enough people to work the booth for the 6 day event. Chairperson for that event is Paula Landers. Again if you have any ideas and/or suggestions, see her. Also if you know of any event where we could set up our food booth and make a little money please let us know.

Since we have invited our wives and are having dinner before our meetings they have

become a lot of fun and informative. If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, please consider attending one. (cont. on page 22)

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Pre-Arrangement Planning. When it comes to your final arrangements, shouldn't you make the decisions? The arrangements you make will reflect your exact wishes and desires. Pre-arranging your own service will help to ease the burden of your loved ones. It will also alleviate any questions, problems or differences, which can occur among family members.

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Chaplain's Message

By **Bob Reutter**

April was a busy month for the Marines of the River Cities Detachment. It started on the last day of March with an 83 year old Marine. He was past president of the Labor Temple, active in the Eagles and Owls and was married to the same woman for 61 years.

We followed that up with an 83 year old Marine spent over 20 years at his first job before getting into the ministry. He directed music for Youth for Christ for 15 years, was Minister of Music for Baptist Churches for 62 years married to his wife for 62 years as well.

We finished the month with services for a 79 year old Woman Marine. She had served as chaplain for the Navy Mother's and also an American Legion Post in Evansville. She volunteered with Right to Life, was an officer with DAV, American Legion Post 8 and the local veteran's council. Her husband of 53 years passed away in 2015.

Why am I telling you about these three? While not all Marines are as successful or dedicated to their fellow man as these were but it is true more often than not.

What we learned in the Corps gave us a basis to form lasting friendships, family relationships and deep commitments to our community. While some of us have demons that interfere with our lives, others are there to support brother and sister Marines—as well as other veterans—to share the strength we learned in boot camp.

We all learned the value of teamwork. We learned that the strength of the fire team, squad, company and so on is much greater than the sum of its parts. Working together gave us the ability to do things that we could never have done as a bunch of ragged individuals. Belleau Woods, Iwo Jima, Chosin, Hue City and the

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Lore of the Corps

By Bob Reutter

Oldest recruit in history of Parris Island

The average age of a United States Marine Corps recruit is 21 years old. When Paul Douglas enlisted in 1942, he left behind his wife, child, and career and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island at the ripe age of 50.

Even though thousands of visitors have walked the halls of the Douglas Visitor Center, very few know the story of the man behind the namesake, who became the oldest recruit in the history of Parris Island.

Born in 1892, Douglas embarked on a career as an Pvt.



Paul Douglas, age 50, preforms pistol qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot S.C., 1942



Pvt. Paul Douglas, age 50, preforms a rifle inspection with his drill instructor aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot S.C., 1942. (Marine Corps photograph)

economics professor, teaching at multiple universities across America from 1916-1942. In 1939 Douglas ran for Chicago City Council and won.

By 1942, Douglas had made many acquaintances in high places; namely Frank Knox, an associate he befriended during his tenure at the Chicago Daily News who later became Secretary of the Navy. With a little help from Knox, Douglas enlisted in the United States Marine Corps as a private, five months after the attacks on Pearl Harbor, as the country was plunged into a second world war. Douglas had wanted to see combat and fight (Cont on page 6)

Marine History

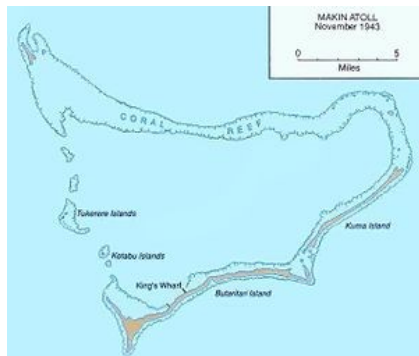
By Gary Burk

Battle of Makin (1942)

(This is part one of a two part story. Part two will be in the June issue)

Japanese invasion and fortification

On 10 December 1941, three days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, 300 Japanese troops plus laborers of the Gilberts Invasion Special Landing



Makin Atoll

Force had arrived off Makin Atoll and occupied it without resistance. Lying east of the Marshall islands, Makin was intended as an excellent seaplane base, to protect the eastern flank of the Japanese perimeter from an Allied attack by extending Japanese air patrols closer to islands held by the Al-

lies: Howland Island, Baker Island, Tuvalu, and Phoenix and Ellice Islands.

The end of the Aleutian Islands Campaign and progress in the Solomon Islands, combined with increasing supplies of men and materials, gave the United States Navy the resources to make an invasion of the central Pacific in late 1943. Admiral Chester Nimitz had argued for this invasion earlier in 1943, but the resources were not available to carry it out at the same time as Operation Cartwheel, the envelopment of Rabaul in the Bismarck Islands. The plan was to approach the Japanese home islands by "island hopping": establishing naval and air bases in one group of islands to support the attack on the next. The Gilbert Islands were the first step in this chain.

Marine raid on Makin

On 17 August 1942, 211 Marines of the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion under command of Colonel Evans Carlson and Captain James Roosevelt^[1] were landed on Makin from two subs (Cont. on page 10)

Lore of the Corps

(from page 2)

for his country, so with his connections in the naval service the Marine Corps became the most logical choice. Now the 50-year-old famed economist, professor and politician found himself at the command of drill instructors whom he was old enough to have fathered. After completing boot camp, Douglas proudly wrote "I found myself able to take the strenuous boot camp training without asking for a moment's time out and without visiting the sick bay."

After impressing his command during boot camp, Douglas was assigned to the personnel classification section on Parris Island. With influence from his connections in the Roosevelt administration, three weeks later he passed a test to be promoted to corporal, and one month after that, staff sergeant. Following a recommendation from his commanding officer (and a strong recommendation from his old friend Frank Knox,) Douglas was commissioned as a captain in the Marine Corps, after seven months as an enlisted Marine.

During the battle of Peleliu, while serving as the division

adjutant to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, Captain Douglas



Pvt. Paul Douglas, age 50, preforms rifle qualification aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot S.C., 1942

made trips to the front lines to evacuate the wounded and dead men. During one of these trips Douglas saw that the men were in desperate need of flamethrower and rocket launcher ammo. He swiftly returned to the rear and hand-delivered the men the ammo under heavy mortar and small arms fire. For these heroic actions, Douglas would be awarded the Bronze Star medal. Later into the campaign at Peleliu, Douglas came under fire and was hit by a piece of shrapnel, for which he received his first Purple Heart medal. Douglas went on to serve in the battle of

Okinawa, often being remembered by Marines for running around the battlefield with the vigor of a much younger Marine. He was promoted to major during the battle of Okinawa. Pfc. Paul E. Ison stated that it was after the major had pulled his demolition team aside to assist in resupplying ammo to the front lines that he noticed Douglas had been injured.

Douglas had been hit by a machine gun in his left forearm and was evacuated by the men that he had dedicated his life to serving. After being hit, he proceeded to use his uninjured hand to take off his major rank insignia so that he wouldn't receive special attention.

Ison said, "If I live to be 100 years old I will never forget this scene. There, lying on the ground, bleeding from his wound was a white-haired Marine major. He had been hit by a machine gun bullet. Although he was in pain, he was calm and I have never seen such dignity in a man. He was saying 'Leave me here. Get the young men out first. I have lived my life. Please let them live theirs.'"

Douglas expressed passionate interest in returning early to his men to continue serving on the front lines. He was hospitalized in San Francisco and subsequently moved to Bethesda, Md., where it took more than 14 months to be dismissed from the hospital and was medically retired from the Marine Corps, only regaining partial use of his left hand.

Noting his unusual bravery, an officer who served under Douglas said "No one could keep the major out of the front lines. He loves his boys and was right in there with them all the time."

In his command, it had been a normal sight to see Douglas waiting in the back of the chow hall line while fellow officers skipped to the front of the line, picking up garbage so that young Marines wouldn't have to, and anything else he could do to assist the men under him. All accounts of men who served with him said that he was greatly admired by his Marines.

Commenting on the importance of honoring Douglas and his actions through dedicating a building to him, Dr. Stephen Wise, (Cont. on Page 10)



Marine Spotlight On:



Bob
Reutter



In July of 1967, with a draft number of 36, Bob set out to west Illinois street in Evansville to join the Marines Reserves. On August 3, he was sworn in with a boot camp date of November 3. Upon arrival at Parris Island, Bob's civilian job landed him a spot for three days typing dog tags in recruit receiving, drinking Pepsi while the other boots were out sweeping cob webs under the old barracks at P.I. He received his first meritorious promotion to PFC in boot camp. His second meritorious promotion was to Corporal by the 17th Rifle Company, the designation of the Evansville Reserve unit.

After 6 years in the Reserves, having reached the rank of E-5, Bob decided not to re-up.

In July of 1968, Bob married Linda. They have two children, Stacy (49) and Travis (45.) He was in the printing industry for 27 years and retired from the banking industry in 2010 after 15 years in the field. Bob credits his time in the Marines with his success at his final job, managing operations for 40 bank branches in Western Kentucky for the 10th largest bank in the country. He managed 24 women managers with 300 employees. His duties at the bank included overseeing facilities,

housekeeping, security, audit, tellers and maintenance. With tongue firmly in cheek, he says managing 24 strong women managers was “like herding cats.”

He joined the League in 2009 and Devil Dogs in 2010. Bob served as Adjutant for three years and Commandant for 4. He currently is the Detachment Chaplain and Editor of the River City News.

He also lead the Detachment’s very successful Toy for Tots campaigns for 8 years, donating toys to over 5,000 children each year.



Bob was honored by the Detachment with Marine of the Year twice and a Distinguished Citizen Award. He is currently serving as the Pound Leader with the Devil Dogs in Evansville.

Cartoon Caption Contest



Don't call me Sir. I work for a living.

Our winner in April's caption contest was Lt. Col. Richard Schuler. Dick will have his choice of a Detachment Challenge Coin or Picture Frame.

Our May Cartoon is:



Submit your caption idea to rapid1@evansville.net. Deadline is May19. Winner chooses between a Challenge Coin, K-bar letter opener or glass picture frame.

Lore of the Corps

(from page 7)

the director of the Parris Island History Museum stated "It's important to remember Marines who made an impact and influenced the Marine Corps in a positive direction. Douglas was the oldest individual to go through Parris Island, he could have stayed safely on ship and he chose not to; we want people to remember these men and their actions."

Because of his brave actions under fire and unselfish service he was promoted to lieutenant colonel a year after he retired in January of 1947. After returning to Chicago as a war hero, Douglas won his spot as Illinois state senator in 1949. When running for senator the opposing candidate refused to debate him, so Douglas sat down and debated an empty chair, switching chairs and answering for his opponent. He was noted for his support of Dr. Martin Luther King's civil rights movement and advocating for just treatment of Americans. He served in that position for 18 years until retiring at 74 years of age.

In 1977, Parris Island visitor's center was named in Douglas's

honor. His wife, Emily Douglas spoke to the tribute Parris Island had bestowed upon her late husband.



Emily Douglas speaks at the official renaming of the Douglas visitor's center, named after her husband Paul Douglas on Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C.,

"Later in his life many honors came to my husband. But there is none that would have so touched him, made him so astonished as well as thrilled, as having his name associated here at Parris Island."

Even in public office Douglas continued to advocate for the Marine Corps, and proudly kept the Marine Corps standard displayed in office. "All of us have standards by which we measure other men. Paul

Douglas is one of the finest, bravest and truest men that I have known during my lifetime. It was an honor to have been associated with him, to have shared danger with him and to have observed his nobility of character when he was wounded and asked to be left behind so that younger men might live.”

Chaplain

(from Page 3)

Deserts of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan are examples of what Marines can and have done as a team. The three Marines we honored in April are not unique. Long, lasting marriages, giving back to their community, their church and enduring employed careers tend to be the norm, not the exception.

This Marine mystique is yet another reason you should carry some detachment brochures and cards and give them to every Marine you see out in public. Put them on the driver's side door window of cars with USMC decals, license plates or other symbols of membership in the brotherhood of Marines.

You never know when that brother or sister Marine is in a bad place, not willing to talk to clergy, doctors or family. Just perhaps they will open up to a fellow Marine. Your contact just might be the thing that gives ***that*** Marine the strength to go another day, the idea that he/she is not alone and that the Brotherhood of Marines is there for them. At the very least, you have found another Marine that might join our Marine Corps League. What do you have to lose?



The Few

The Proud

Makin (from page 3)

USS *Nautilus* and USS *Argonaut*
The Japanese garrison only posted 83 to 160 men under the command of a warrant officer. The Raiders killed at least 83 Japanese soldiers, annihilating the garrison, and destroyed installations for the loss of 21 killed (mostly by air attack) and 9 captured. The Japanese moved their prisoners to Kwajalein Atoll, where they were later beheaded. One objective of the raid was to confuse the Japanese about U.S. intentions in the Pacific, but it had the effect of alerting the Japanese to the strategic importance of the Gilbert Islands and led to their further reinforcement and fortification.

After Carlson's raid, the Japanese reinforced the Gilberts, which had been left lightly guarded. Makin was garrisoned with a single company of the 5th Special Base Force (700 – 800 men) on August 1942, and work on both the seaplane base and coastal defenses of the atoll was resumed in earnest. By July 1943 the seaplane base on Makin was completed and ready to accommodate Kawanishi H8K "Emily" flying boat bombers, Nakajima A6M2

-N "Rufe" floatplane fighters and Aichi E13A "Jake" reconnaissance seaplanes. Its defenses were also completed, although they were not as extensive as on Tarawa Atoll—the main Japanese Navy air base in the Gilberts. The *Chitose* and 653rd Air Corps were detached and deployed here. While the Japanese were building up their defenses in the Gilberts, American forces were making plans to retake the islands.

U.S. plans to attack

In June 1943, the Joint Chiefs of Staff directed Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet (CINCPAC), to submit a plan to occupy the Marshall Islands. Initially both Nimitz and Admiral Ernest J. King, the Chief of Naval Operations, wanted to attack right into the heart of the Japanese outer defense perimeter, but any plan for assaulting the Marshalls directly from Pearl Harbor would have required more troops and transports than the Pacific Fleet had at the time. Considering these drawbacks and the limited combat experience of the U.S. forces, King and Nimitz decided to take the Marshalls in a step-by-step operation via the Ellice and

Gilbert Islands. The Gilberts lay within 200 miles (320 km) of the Southern Marshalls and were well within range of United States Army Air Forces B-24 aircraft based in the Ellice Islands, which could provide bombing support and long-range reconnaissance for operations in the Gilberts. With those advantages in mind, on 20 July 1943 the joint Chiefs of Staff decided to capture the Tarawa and Abemama atolls in the Gilberts, plus nearby Nauru Island. The operation was codenamed "Operation Galvanic."

V Amphibious Corps and 27th Infantry Division commanders

On 4 September, the U.S. 5th Fleet's amphibious troops were designated the V Amphibious Corps and placed under Marine Corps Major General Holland M. Smith. The V Amphibious Corps had the only two divisions, the 2nd Marine Division based in New Zealand, and the U.S. Army's 27th Infantry Division based in Hawaii. The 27th Infantry Division had been a New York National Guard unit before being called into federal service in October 1940. It was transferred to Hawaii and remained there for

1½ years before being chosen by Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson Jr., U.S. Army Commanding General in the Central Pacific, for the Gilbert Islands invasion. Captain James Jones (father of James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps 1999-2003), Commanding Officer of Amphibious Reconnaissance Company, VAC performed a periscope reconnaissance of the Gilberts aboard the submarine *USS Nautilus*, establishing accurate accounts of the beachheads for the upcoming invasion. The 27th Infantry Division was tasked to supply the landing force, with one regimental combat team (the 165th Infantry Regiment, the famed "Fighting 69th" of the New York National Guard), reinforced by a battalion landing team (the 3rd Battalion, 105th Infantry Regiment), supported by the 105th Field Artillery Battalion and the 193rd Tank Battalion, under Major General Ralph C. Smith, a veteran of World War I, who had assumed command in November 1942. He was one of the most highly respected officers in the U. S. Army of the time. In April 1943, the 27th Infantry Division had (Cont. on Page 22)



May 20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
25 	26	27	28	29
2 Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary. WO C.L. Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty. 1946	3	4 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	5 First 29 Navajo Code Talker recruits arrived at MCRD San Diego. In time, 420 Navajo trained to help shorten WWII. 1942	6
9	10 The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa. 1945	11 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	12	13
16 The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached. 1945	17	18 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	19	20
23 The V-22 Osprey made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praised the versatile rotor craft designed to meet	24 Southern Belles #441 AmVets Post #84 2921 Broadway Ave. 6:30 PM 	25 Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700	26 Detachment Meeting Funkhouser Post on New Harmony Road 1900 begins—come early to eat dinner from menu.	27
30	31 Memorial Day 	1	2 	3



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WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	30	1 
	7	8 Marines at NAS Lakehurst helped rescue Hindenburg survivors. 1937
	14	15 First Marine detachment transferred to the newly opened post at Quantico, VA 1917
	21	22 First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning. 1912
	28	29
	4	5

Marines from FMF arrived in New Orleans and within 24 hours had evacuated 2,500 civilians during hurricane. 1955

Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries. 1862

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

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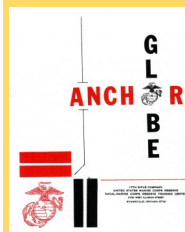
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“Oorah”

Stan Rickard

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River Cities Detachment 1090

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

Roy and Carolyn McWilliams.




05/2021

Semper Fi!

Mike Mitchell

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Item	Cost	Item	Cost	FMF
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Patch, MCL logo with ASSOCIATE rocker, 3" for right shoulder	4.25	Detachment Commandant ribbon		2.00
Patch, MCL logo, for REGULAR member, 3" for right shoulder	4.00	Detachment Staff Appointed ribbon, bronze		2.00
Patch, US Flag, field forward, for regular member, right shoulder	4.00	Community Service Ribbon		2.00
Sunburst Collar ornament, regular member, prong back	12.00	National Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon		2.00
Cover, MCL, woman's, 7 5/8	30.00	Individual Meritorious Commendation ribbon		2.00
Cap Strip, LIFE, Red with gold lettering and border	3.50	Ceremonial Guard ribbon		2.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 3 ribbon	1.25	EGA Belt Buckle, for leather belt		18.50
Metal Ribbon Holder, 4 ribbon	2.50	Trousers, dress blue, 44R		45.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 8 ribbon	3.50	Trouser stripe, red, 1 1/8"		15.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 9 ribbon	3.50	Belt, white, for dress blues		15.00
Metal Ribbon Holder, 12 ribbon	4.50	Patch, Devil Dog, 3" round for cover		4.00
Tie Clasp	9.00	Rocker, Colorguard, for Devil Dog Vest		3.00
Star Clusters for Ribbons, 2 stars, bronze	1.50	Cap Strip, Dogrobber		3.50
Star Clusters for Ribbons, 3 stars, bronze	1.50	Neck Ribbon, PDD, gold with eyelet		5.00
Patch, Life Member	8.25	Neck Ribbon, DD, black with eyelet		5.00
Tie, black	6.00			
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Pin, MCL Life	1.00			
Pin, MCL Associate	1.00			

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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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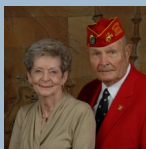
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Dorothy Lee "Dottie"

(McCord) Mills

1930-2020



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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

(09/2021)

Commandant (from page 1)

Recruiting remains one of our top priorities. We have new Detachment brochures and business cards to assist you in recruiting. If you do not have any, please pick some up at our next meeting and pass them out to every Marine you see. New members receive a new Marine Corps League cover and a Det#1090 challenge coin.

Semper Fi



Here are some big changes that *may* be coming to the Marine Corps

Command Element

- Established the Marine Forces Space component command.
- Continued divestment of active duty law enforcement, keeping a single law enforcement battalion in the Marine Corps Reserve.
- Examined a Marine Information Group redesign to support the Marine Expeditionary Force.

Ground Combat Element

- Infantry Battalion Experiment 2030 preparations that will experiment with one battalion for each of the three active duty divisions over the next two years.
- Organic precision fires for infantry battalions, which will include loitering munitions.
- Started enhanced infantry training program.
- Preparing to shed three active duty and two reserve infantry battalions.
- Began elimination of two Assault Amphibian companies
- Started fielding Amphibious Combat Vehicle
- Decided not to replace the Light Armored Vehicle with a similar armored, wheeled or tracked manned vehicle. Examining options to convert light armored reconnaissance capabilities to a “more broadly capable Mobile Reconnaissance.”

Aviation Combat Element

- Started shedding all RQ-21 aircraft and introduced MQ-9A and VBat Unmanned Aerial Systems for additional experimentation.
- Started divestment of two Medium Tilt-Rotor Squadrons, planning to being a third in 2021; two Helicopter Marine Light Attack squadrons; 2.75 Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadrons.

Logistics Combat Element

- Finished divestment of all heavy bridging capabilities.
- Examined options for LCE capability/capacity redesign.
- Began studies & analysis for creating unmanned logistics

(Editor's note: information reprinted from the Marine Corps Times.)

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begun preparing for amphibious operations. Planning for the 27th Infantry Division's role in "Galvanic" (the Army portion was codenamed "Kourbash") began in early August 1943, with Nauru Island in the western Gilberts as the original objective. Unlike the other objectives, Nauru was an actual island, much larger in size and more heavily garrisoned.

However, in September 1943 the 27th's objective changed. The difficulty of providing adequate naval and air support of simultaneous operations at Tarawa and the much more distant Nauru, plus lack of sufficient transport to carry the entire division required to take the larger, more heavily defended Nauru, caused Admiral Nimitz to shift the 27th's objective from Nauru to Makin Atoll, in the northeast Gilberts. The 27th Infantry Division staff learned the change of target on 28 September, scrapped the original Nauru plan, and began planning to capture Makin.

Heavy aircraft losses and the disabling of four heavy cruisers in the Solomon Islands meant that the original Japanese plan of a strike at the American invasion fleet by forces based at Truk in the nearby Caroline Islands (South Pacific Mandate) was scrapped. The garrisons at Tarawa and Makin were left to their fate.

(End of part one. Part two: Prelude and attack.)



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