



# River Cities News

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## Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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In any organization like ours we deal with loss. It is a normal part of life and one that we cannot escape. When we suffer multiple losses in a very short time it pushes the limits of our emotions. We of the River Cities Detachment 1090 suffered two losses at the end of October.

### Charles "Chuck" Bridges 1967-2015



Chuck joined the detachment two years ago. He was out of town frequently working for GE but if in town he made the league meetings and was an active part in them. Chuck and his daughter Elizabeth were very active in Toys for Tots. Both were tireless workers, helping to sort toys and any other job required. They took joy in Distribution Day and filled many toy requests for needy families. They will be missed.

### Armandis Jerome "AJ" Hardin 1949-2015



What can I say about AJ? He was a Marine, he was a friend, he was a very devout Christian who never had an unkind word for anyone. You could count on him to be wherever we had something to do. He was a tireless worker and had a knack for enjoying everything we did. AJ especially enjoyed Devil Dogs and stories of his initiation to PDD are legendary. I feel that the best testament to his character is the number of people who came to the hospital in response to the word that he was near the final roll call. Through our grief those of us there talked of his exploits in the League and our own special remembrances of him.

### Semper Fi Chuck and AJ

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### Third stanza of the Marine Corps Hymn

Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve;  
If the Army and the Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;  
They will find the streets are guarded



## Commandant's Birthday Message

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

On November 10, 1775 the Marine Corps was 'born.' 240 years is a long time for an organization to exist when it is under attack from within. In the past 100 years the Corps has survived every attempt to tear it down. Presidents, Senators, Congressmen, Admirals, Army Generals have all taken their shot at us and we are still "alive and doing well."

In 1957, the commandant of the Marine Corps, General Randolph Pate, sent a brief note to the director of the Marine Corps Educational Center, Brig. Gen. Victor Krulak, in which he asked, "Why does the U.S. need a Marine Corps?" Krulak, already a legend in the Marines, penned a lengthy reply: "The United States does not need a Marine Corps mainly because she has a fine modern Army and a vigorous Air Force. . . . We [the Marine Corps] exist today—we flourish today—not because of what **we** know we are, or what **we** know we can do, but because of what the grassroots of our country **believes** we are and **believes** we can do."

This belief is what separates us from the other services. You are **in** the Navy, **in** the Army, **in** the Air Force but you **are** a Marine. We are part of a service that has stepped up every time our country has called and we have been successful. **The Few, The Proud** is not just a slogan it is what defines a Marine. That we **know** this applies to the Marine on either side of us is what defines the Marine Corps.

On 14 November our Detachment is celebrating the birthday with our annual Birthday Ball. If you have not already made plans to attend you **may** be too late. We have reserved the Bay Room at the Evansville Country Club and can only accommodate 100 guests. Contact one of our members or go to our web site to reserve your place. You will be glad you did.

Semper Fi! See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.



**THERE ARE NO  
EX-MARINES**

## Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

***The following is an excerpt from "Marine Corps Decade Timeline".***

"On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress approved the resolution to establish two battalions of Marines able to fight for independence at sea and on shore. This date marks the official formation of the Continental Marines."

1st Commandant: Major Samuel Nicholas (1775-1783)

A Legacy is Born -

Leading up to the American Revolution, a committee of the Continental Congress met to draft a resolution calling for two battalions of Marines able to fight for independence at sea and on shore. The resolution was approved on November 10, 1775, officially forming the Continental Marines. As the first order of business, Samuel Nicholas became captain and commanding officer of the newly formed Marines and visited numerous public inns and taverns throughout the city of Philadelphia to begin recruiting. One of his first recruits was popular patriot and tavern owner Robert Mullan. Capt Mullan owned Tun Tavern, which subsequently became part of military lore as the birthplace of the Marine Corps.

Each year, the Marine Corps marks November 10 with a celebration of the brave spirit which compelled these men and thousands since to defend our country as United States Marines.

Resolved, that two Battalions of Marines be raised consisting of one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors & Officers as usual in other regiments, that they consist of an equal number of privates with other battalions; that particular care be taken that no persons be appointed to office or enlisted into said Battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve to advantage by sea, when required. That they be enlisted and commissioned for and during the present war with Great Britain and the colonies, unless dismissed by Congress. That they be distinguished by the names of the first & second battalions of American Marines, and that they be considered a part of the number, which the continental Army before Boston is ordered to consist of.

Resolution of the Continental Congress on 10 November 1775

Marines are known by their distinctive dress blue uniform, which has origins dating back to the American Revolution.

In 1776, Marines wore green jackets featuring a high leather collar to protect against close-combat attacks, but in 1798, the jacket changed to blue to represent the Corps' naval tradition. In 1841, Marines began wearing a dark blue jacket and light blue trousers. The high collar remains intact on today's uniform and is also preserved by the nickname "Leatherneck."

The dress blue uniform worn by noncommissioned officers, staff noncommissioned officers and officers feature the scarlet "blood stripe" down each trouser leg. Originally it honored those Marines who died in during the Battle of Chapultepec Mexican War in 1847. Today, the blood stripe honors the memory of all our fallen comrades.

Dress blues are worn for many events, including ceremonies with foreign officials, visits with U.S. civil officials and formal social functions within an official capacity.

NOTE: Comments directly from articles. (Several spelling mistakes corrected from original.)

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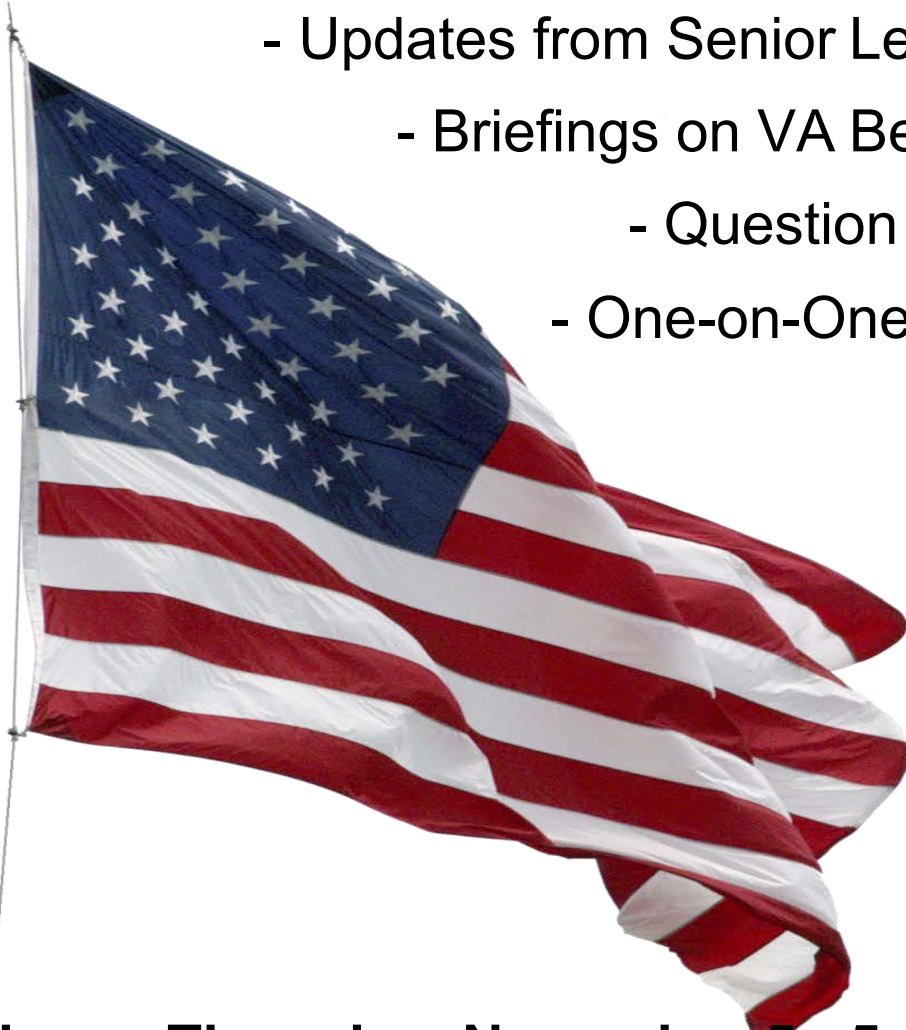
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- Age 51 up to and including age 64 - \$300.00**
- Age 65 and over - \$200.00**

The cost of replacing a Life Membership Gold Card is \$10.00

# Veterans Town Hall Meeting

- Updates from Senior Leaders
- Briefings on VA Benefits
- Question and Answer
- One-on-One Assistance



**When: Thursday, November 5 - 5:00pm CST**

**Where: Evansville Out-Patient Clinic**

6211 E Waterford Blvd, Evansville, IN 47715

Hosted by the Indianapolis VA Regional Office, the  
Marion, Illinois VA Medical Center, and  
the National Cemetery Administration Midwest District Office



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of Veterans Affairs



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# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015

## THE FUN STARTS AT 2:30 P.M.

### WANT TO BE IN THE PARADE?

visit [www.NorthMainChristmasParade.com](http://www.NorthMainChristmasParade.com) or Facebook at Evansville's Christmas on North Main to find out how YOU can participate!



The River Cities Detachment 1090 of the Marine Corps League will have a float in the parade! Join us on the float.

Contact Bob Reutter @ (270) 314-9484 or  
[rapid1@evansville.net](mailto:rapid1@evansville.net)

For information about where and when to assemble.

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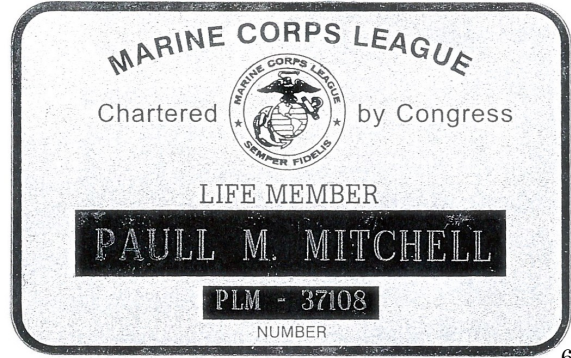
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## November 2015



**NOVEMBER 10, 2015  
 CELEBRATING 240 YEARS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	4	5 MCLA VA Project 8 a.m.  VA Town Hall Meeting Evansville Clinic	6	7
8	9	10 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	11	12	13	14 240 <sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Ball hosted by River Cities Det 1090
15	16	17 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23 MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441 6 p.m. AmVets Post 84	24 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	25 MCL Det. 1090 7:00 p.m. VFW 1114		27	28
29	30	<i>Newsletter Articles, Ads, and Pictures for December 2015 are due <b>NO LATER THAN</b> November 22, 2015</i>				