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Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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Happy Birthday to
the United States
Marine Corps!



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On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Since that beginning the US Marine Corps has met every challenge made by an enemy to our country. In places across the globe the Marines have served in every climate, every type of terrain and every conceivable type of conflict.

On Thursday night, November 10th at the Evansville Country Club the Marines of the River Cities Detachment 1090, Marine Corps League will host the annual celebration of that birth. From the Color Guard of recruiters from the Evansville area in their dress blues to the message from the Commandant of the Marine Corps to the formal cake ceremony the ball will be a special evening. Dinner prepared by the fine chefs of the Evansville Country Club will precede the presentation of the Marine of the Year to a local detachment member. Our keynote speaker for 2016 is MGySgt Jared Cobb. Dancing and socializing to a live band until midnight will cap of an evening for all to enjoy.

We invite all the Marines of the Evansville area to join us in the 241st celebration of the birth of Marine Corps. Take the opportunity to invite your friends and relatives to get first-hand knowledge of the 'lore of the Corps.'

On a different note, I would like to thank the members of our Detachment who helped at our recent fund raising event at Harbor Freight Tools. 12 members of our Detachment helped to man the booth for 4 days, two 5 hour shifts daily with 3 people needed at each shift. A quick math lesson will tell you that too few people worked too many hours. It would be very nice to see a few more of our members assist with the work of supporting the Detachment.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Ball on the birthday of our Corps, November 10th.

Semper Fi and Gung Ho!



**THERE ARE NO
EX-MARINES**

Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

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

Continued from the October Issue

Korea –

Continuation of the Allied thrust at Inchon by redeploying experienced brigades and regiments to reinforce Seoul.

At daybreak on the second day, an advanced outpost of the 5th Marines heard the unmistakable rumble of

T-34 tanks approaching from the direction of Seoul. The troops quickly hunkered down, reported the attack to the rifle company's main body on the hill to the immediate rear, bided their time – then cut loose with small arms fire against the lumbering tanks and their accompanying infantry.

The NKPA slowed to return fire, providing just enough of an opportune target for Corporal Okey Douglas to knock out the lead target with his seemingly toothless 2.36-inch bazooka. This lucky shot caused so much pandemonium among the NKPA armored column they hardly noticed all the activity gearing up on the hill just to the rear.

No ambush in the Old West ever worked to greater perfection. In a series of blinding flashes, Marine Pershing tanks, 75mm recoilless rifles, and 3.5-inch bazookas cut loose on the enemy tanks, While Corporal Douglas and his well armed outpost shot down the NKPA infantry by the score, the big guns on the hill lashed out with terrible lethality. Within minutes the battlefield grew silent: the six T-34s burning furiously, the highway and right-of-way littered with dead and dying NKPA riflemen.

As luck would have it, just as the Marines were poking cautiously through the ruins of the enemy tank column, a convoy of VIPs, reporters, and escorts came whizzing up the highway from Inchon. *General MacArthur was ashore!* Suddenly the skirmish scene became transferred into a giant "photo-op" for the general and his entourage. All sought to be photographed against a backdrop of burning T-34s, the tanks so recently considered impervious to American weapons.

General O. P. Smith seemed embarrassed to be part of this royal bravado. When Army staff officers accused him of staging "another typical Marine publicity stunt," Smith began a slow burn. He hustled MacArthur rearward. There was a war to be fought.

Minutes after the official entourage turned and left, the Marines flushed seven armed North Korean soldiers out of a culvert under the road. General MacArthur's jeep had been parked directly over their heads.

That night, with the 5th Marines hanging on to one corner of the prized Kimpo Airfield, another North Korean tank attacked erupted. These tanks proved harder to kill.

Fierce fighting raged throughout the remainder of the night, but the Marines held. With dawn they swept forward, and by mid-morning the entire 6,000 foot runway was back in American hands. Appropriately, the first U.S. aircraft to touch down that day was a Marine helicopter bearing General Lemuel Shepherd and his operation officer, Colonel Brute Krulak.

On the following day, Major General Field Harris deployed the first three squadrons of his 1st Marine Aircraft Wing ashore at Kimpo.

To be continued –

November 10, 1775 - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.

November 20, 1943 - The Battle of Tarawa began in the Pacific War as American troops attacked the Japanese on the heavily fortified Gilbert Islands. It took eight days for the 5th Amphibious Corps, 2nd Marine Division and the 27th Infantry Division to take Tarawa and the Makin Islands. Over 1,000 Americans were killed with 2,311 wounded. The Japanese lost 4,700 men.

Membership Dues

By Don Landers, Paymaster

All membership dues will now expire on August 31st of each year instead of on a members anniversary month. New membership cards will be dated September 1.

RENEWAL DATES for Current Members.

For those members whose dues are due between July 2016 and December 2016, they will pay **\$35** and dues will be due again on 31 August 2017. (Cards will be dated 1 September 2017) Members with expiration dates between January 2017 and June 2017 will pay **\$25** and their dues will be due again on 31 August 2017. (Cards will be dated 1 September 2017)

Only the current fiscal year will be affected; all other years will be the amount of the current annual dues and they are due on 31 August.

NEW MEMBERS

1 September through 28 February: Cost will be the full annual dues of **\$35** (The card will be dated 1 September and renewal dues will be due by 31 August)

1 March through 31 July: Cost will be **\$25** (The card will be dated 1 September and renewal dues will be due by 31 August)

1 August: Cost will be the full annual dues of **\$35** (The renewal date will be 31 August of the following year - they will get 13 months of membership for the cost of 12 months.)

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Marines in the Public Eye

By Bob Reutter

Since this is November I thought it would be nice to review a few of the more notable Marines throughout history.

Robert Mullan – Who, you ask was Robert Mullan. When Samuel Nicholas was commissioned by the Continental Congress to raise two Battalions of Marines he went (as you know) to Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. He appointed Mullan, the proprietor of the tavern to the job of chief Marine Recruiter. Using his place of business he got men to flock to join with 2 basic offers – first, the opportunity to serve in the new Corps of Marines and second cold beer!

The first Marine recipient of the Medal of Honor was Corporal John F. Mackie, who during the attack on Fort Darling in the American Civil War at Drewry's Bluff, Virginia, "fearlessly maintained his musket fire against the rifle pits on shore, and when ordered to fill vacancies at guns caused by men wounded and killed in action, manned the weapon with skill and courage."

The longest serving Commandant of the Marine Corps was the "Grand old man of the Marine Corps" Archibald Henderson who filled the post from 1820 until 1859. 39 of his 54 years in the Corps was as Commandant.



Lewis Burwell "Chesty" Puller (June 26, 1898 – October 11, 1971) is the most decorated Marine in American history. He is one of two U.S. servicemen to be awarded five [Navy Crosses](#) and, with the [Distinguished Service Cross](#) awarded to him by the [U.S. Army](#), he is the only person to have received six of the nation's second-highest military awards for valor. Puller retired from the Marine Corps with 37 years service in 1955 and lived in [Virginia](#).



The first Marine Corps Aviator was Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Austell Cunningham was a United States Marine Corps officer who became the first Marine Corps aviator and the first Director of Marine Corps Aviation. His military career included service in the Spanish–American War, World War I, and U.S. operations in the Caribbean during the 1920s.



The first Commandant of the Marine Corps was the man charged by the Continental Congress with raising the "two Battalions of Marines" in 1775. In March of 1776, Nicholas led his men on the first landing on a hostile shore in Marine Corps history when he led approximately 210 Marines on a raid of Nassau on the Island of New Providence in the Bahamas. The raid, while not as successful as initially hoped for, did succeed in capturing the town, along with a large number of guns, mortars, and gun powder. March also saw the first Marine combat death, that of Lieutenant John Fitzpatrick.



The first Marine in space was also the first American to orbit the earth. John Glenn made history again when, at the age of 77 he became the oldest person to travel in space. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Glenn entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Program. He ultimately flew 59 combat missions in the Pacific during WWII. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1965 as a Colonel.

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Roy McWilliams

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Roy and Carolyn McWilliams

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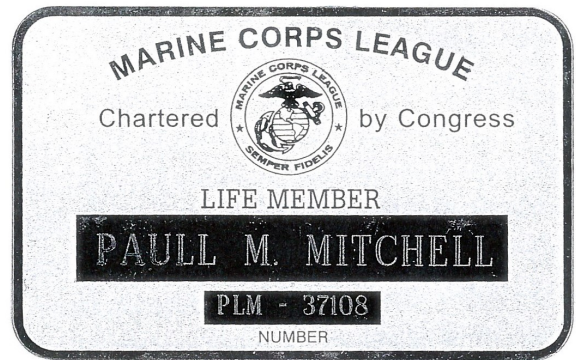
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November 2016

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Veterans Day Ceremony
Thursday, Nov 10th
Cynthia Heights School
900 (Assemble at 0830)

Marine Corps Birthday Ball
Thursday, Nov 10th
Evansville Country Club
1800 to 2400

Toys for Tots - Walmart Collections
Evansville East - Nov 5th and 6th
Evansville West - Nov 26th and 27th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 0800	2	3 MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441 VA Project 8 a.m.	4	5 TFT Collections Walmart East 1000 - 1700
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13	14 No Devil Dog Growl	15 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 0800	16	17	18	19
20 Downtown Christmas Parade	21	22 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 0800	23 No MCL River Cities Det. #1090 Meeting	24 	25	26 TFT Collections Walmart West 1000 - 1700
27 TFT Collections Walmart East 1000 - 1700	28 MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441 6 p.m. AmVets #84	29 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 0800	30	Newsletter Articles, Ads, and Pictures for December 2016 are due NO LATER THAN November 22, 2016		