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Commandant's Corner

Bob Reutter, Commandant

The River Cities Detachment is now in full swing with our 2017 Toys for Tots campaign. I am reminded once again about the way our Southern Indiana neighbors support our program. Today I was called to visit the American RV Center on Baseline Road north of town. They host an annual RV Camp-In at Harmony State Park in New Harmony. It is a three day camp-in with hundreds of RV's from all over the country enjoying food, music and fellowship with others who enjoy RV-ing. Last year they were surprised by the response as many who came found the park full and were unable to camp. This year they advertised that while there are no additional spaces available they are also selling daytime only passes for those who want to attend but must park somewhere else close and attend the festivities during the day. What this all has to do with us is that admission to the event is at least one \$10 toy for TFT. Right around the corner is a place called Carts Gone Wild. They specialize in golf carts from plain jane to ultra fancy. The service manager there is a young Marine recently separated from active duty. His brother-in-law (and best friend) is also recently separated from Marine active duty. Carts Gone Wild has donated a custom cart that will be raffled off during the American RV Camp-in. Tickets are either \$10 each or one \$10 toy per ticket. The cart is valued at several thousand dollars. I couldn't see it today because the owner of the cart place had decided it needed more 'bling' before the event the first weekend in November. All proceeds from the raffle go directly to TFT. Not profit from the event, **all proceeds** from the event.

We have over 200 toy collection boxes being distributed in our 4 county AOR. As in past years collection will be slow at first cresting the week before distribution on 16 December. Many of the detachment

Marines took routes to distribute and service the boxes. We also have many money collection boxes for those who want to help but don't (or can't) want to shop. We will take every dollar of that donated money and shop for toys to fill the areas that our toy donors seem to miss each year (0-2 and 13-15 year olds.) You have not had fun until you see a bunch of crusty, old Marines at Toys R Us filling shopping carts with toys.

In October we tried out our recently refurbished food booth which one of our newest recruits – Kyle Swain – made into a much, much more workable area. He had the axle cut off, moved back and a second axle welded on. This makes the booth much more fun to tow. I look forward to taking it to area events next summer to perhaps make some dollars for the Detachment but more importantly make more Marine contacts and grow our membership!

If you are a member of the Detachment please contact me for a supply of our recruiting brochure. You can put your name on the application as sponsor and stick one on every car you see in a parking lot with a Marine license plate, a Marine logo on the window or Corps bumper sticker. This will stimulate membership as well. It amazes me each time I talk to an area Marine and they say they have never heard of the League.

By the time you receive this newsletter you will have only 3 or 4 days to get your tickets to the 242nd Birthday Ball. You can purchase you tickets at www.mclrivercities.org/ball2017. I can assure you it will be a grand time on 11 November at the Evansville Country Club. Our guest speaker will be impressive, our cake (supplied by Piece of Cake in Evansville) will be magnificent and the entire evening will be one not to miss. See you there!

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242nd Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Who: Everyone is invited

Where: Evansville Country Club

When: Saturday, 11 November 2017

Schedule:

Social Hour:	6:00-7:00
Cake Ceremony:	7:00-7:30
Buffet Dinner:	7:30-8:15
Marine of year:	8:15-8:25
Keynote Address:	8:25-8:45
Music and Dancing:	8:45-Midnight

Tickets: \$ 35 per person

For more information or to make your reservations please contact Bob Reutter

or use the following link

www.mclrivercities.org/ball2017



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Semi-formal to
Formal*

Marines in the Public Eye

Bob Reutter

There has been much in the paper lately about the admission of females to front line posts in the military. Whether you (or I for that matter) think it is a good idea, our guest speaker at the 242nd Ball in Evansville makes a very strong case for what is good about the idea. Major Emily J. Culver was born in Edina, Minnesota, and is a 2005 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, achieving a Bachelors of Arts degree in Economics and Business with a concentration in Financial Management. She was commissioned in 2005 as a Logistics Officer. After completing The Basic School and Logistics Officers Course, she was assigned to Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, serving as the Executive Officer.

She deployed to Anbar Province, Iraq, from January 2008 to February 2009 with Truck Company, I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group (Forward), where she served as a convoy commander. Upon returning from Iraq, she served as the Company Commander of Truck Company Bravo, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division from March 2009 to January 2010.

She deployed as the Female Engagement Team Company Commander, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) from March 2010 to October 2010. During this tour, her 16 Female Engagement Teams conducted engagement operations throughout Helmand Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. As you know Muslim women cannot speak to men to whom they are not related. Major Culver set up teams of female Marines who spoke the language to act as liaison between Muslim women and the combat commands, thus enhancing intelligence gathering at the front. Returning from Afghanistan in October 2010, she provided capabilities briefs concerning the employment of

Female Engagement Teams to multiple events including a Congressional Breakfast and the Role of Women in Global Security Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. She also served as an advisor for Army Cultural Support Team training pipeline, a program that mirrors the Female Engagement Teams that operate in support of Army Special Operations Units.

In January 2011, she reported to the 1st Marine Division, to serve as the Headquarters Battalion, Operations Officer before executing orders in May 2011 to the United States Naval Academy to complete the Special Education Program. She completed her Professional Masters Degree in Leadership and Education Development at the



University of Maryland and served as 5th Company Officer for two years following the completion of the degree. Following her tour at the United States Naval Academy, she executed orders to 1st Marine Raider Support Battalion, Marine Special Operations Command. After completing the Basic Airborne Course, Survive Evade Resist and Escape School, SOF Fiscal Management and the Non-Standard Logistics Course, she deployed as the Logistics Support Team Officer in Charge, MARSOC Detachment Pacific, Marine Special Operations Company Bravo,

Pacific TF SOF Maritime (NSWU-1/CTF-71). Returning from the MARSOC Detachment Pacific, Major Culver took command of the Logistics Company, 1st Marine Raider Support Battalion, Marine Raider Support Group, Marine Special Operations Command. Following MARSOC, Maj. Culver served as the Future Operations Officer at Combat Logistics Regiment-15 until being selected to serve as Recruiting Station Commanding Officer in Louisville, Kentucky.

Marine Corps History

Gary Burk

The following is an excerpt from the "Learning Network" WORLD WAR I ENDS

On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I came to an end following the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany that called for a ceasefire effective at 11 a.m.— it was on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

The terms of the agreement included the immediate German withdrawal from enemy territories, disarmament and demobilization of the German military, and the release of Allied prisoners.

The terms of the armistice were harsh for Germany, but the country had little choice but to accept. Its allies had all surrendered in the previous two months and its military was depleted. Kaiser Wilhelm, who had led the country into war, abdicated on Nov. 10, and the new government, headed by Friedrich Ebert, was eager for peace. The Times published a statement by Ebert stating that the government "must make every effort to secure in the quickest possible time peace for the German people and consolidate the liberty which they have won."

The armistice, drafted in three days in the Allied war zone in France's Compiègne Forest, was not intended to be a permanent peace treaty. The four Allied powers (Britain, France, Italy and the United States) met in Paris to draft a formal peace treaty. Germany was not asked to participate. The resulting Treaty of Versailles imposed severe punitive measures against Germany, forcing its leaders to accept guilt for the war, pay billions in dollars, relinquish 10 percent of its territory as well as its colonies, and agree to restrictions on its military. Germany, which was in no position to continue the war, had little choice but to sign the treaty.

Known then as the "Great War," World War I was also described as the "war to end all wars," because many believed its high death toll and vast destruction would deter future fighting. This, of course, did not hold true. Because of resentment over the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, the National Socialist German Workers' Party and its leader, Adolf Hitler, rose to power in Germany, seeking to avenge Germany's de-

feat. After invading and defeating France in 1940, Hitler ordered that the French sign an armistice in the Compiègne Forest in the same rail car where the World War I armistice was signed.



Nov. 11 became a holiday in many Allied countries. In the United States, the day was originally celebrated as Armistice Day to honor World War I veterans. In the 1950s, after World War II and the Korean War, the day was renamed Veterans Day and expanded to honor veterans of all wars.

2 November 1962: LtCol John H. Glenn (first American to orbit the earth and the world's only septuagenarian astronaut) became first Marine pilot awarded the Cunningham Trophy. LtCol John H. Glenn (first American to orbit the earth and the world's only septuagenarian astronaut) became first Marine pilot awarded the Cunningham Trophy.

4 November 1948: Col Katherine Towle became the first director of women Marines as regulars and not reservists

11 November 1918: Armistice Day. WW I ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year.

30 November 1962: MSgt Catherine Murray was the first woman Marine to transfer to the FMCR

Veteran Services

Mark Burrier

Volunteers of America-Indiana Supportive Services for Veteran Families Evansville

Benefits Provided:

- Vocational and rehabilitation counseling
- Employment and training services
- Educational Assistance
- Personal financial planning service
- Transportation services
- Income support services
- Legal service referral
- Housing counseling services
- Care Management
- Health Care referral
- Other supportive services, including third party payments to landlords, utility companies, moving companies, and eligible child care providers.

Items to Bring to Your First Appointment:

- Proof of risk of/or current homeless status (eviction notice, letter from shelter, etc.)
- Identification of all family members (State ID/Drivers License; Social Security Cards; Birth Certificates)
- Proof of income of all family members (Employment, SSDI, SSI, SS, TANF, VA Pension, etc.)
- DD214 (with at least 1 day of active duty)

SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) Participant Requirements:

- Discharge under conditions other than dishonorable

- Must be a veteran, or a member of a family in which the head of household is a veteran, or the spouse of the head of household is a veteran
- Household income cannot exceed 50 percent of area median income
- Occupy permanent housing in one of three categories:
 1. Is residing in permanent housing (in jeopardy of eviction)
 2. Is homeless and is scheduled to become a resident of permanent housing within 90 days
 3. Has exited permanent housing within the previous 90 days to see other low-income housing

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) promotes housing stability among very low-income veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing.

Through the SSVF program, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs assists participants to obtain VA benefits and other public benefits.

SSVF Evansville serves the following counties: Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Harrison, Knox, Orange, Perry, Pike Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Washington.

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MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441

Dani Cook, President



The Belles had a great time when they took the Fulton Ave. Boys and Girls Club to tour Toyota on October 10th. We had such a good time and the kids asked some great questions. The Christmas Party for the Club will be coming up in December. Toys for Tots have always been by our side donating toys for the kids. I will have the date of the party in the next Newsletter.

The Toys for Tots kicked off was on October 2nd. We will be needing volunteers to help with that especially on Distribution Day. The date for that will be posted at a later time, please watch the newsletter for all the important updates.

We are still providing and handing out refreshments at the local VA Clinic on the first Thursday

of each month. Anyone interested in joining us on that day is welcome.

We are still striving to recruit Auxiliary Members or Associate Members.

Right now we may be few but we are mighty. We always have our meetings on the 4th Monday of each month at AmVets #84 on the corner of Broadway and Barker Ave. at 6:30pm. Please come join us and find out all of the things we are planning.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Don't forget to be thankful for all of our Service Members, past and present, for all of the freedoms we sometimes take for granted. May God Bless you all.

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Registering families for
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 Starting October 2nd.

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 Thursdays 0900-1400
 Saturdays 0900-1700

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