



# River Cities News



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Marine Corps League—Evansville, Indiana

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## Chaplain's Corner

by Bob Reutter

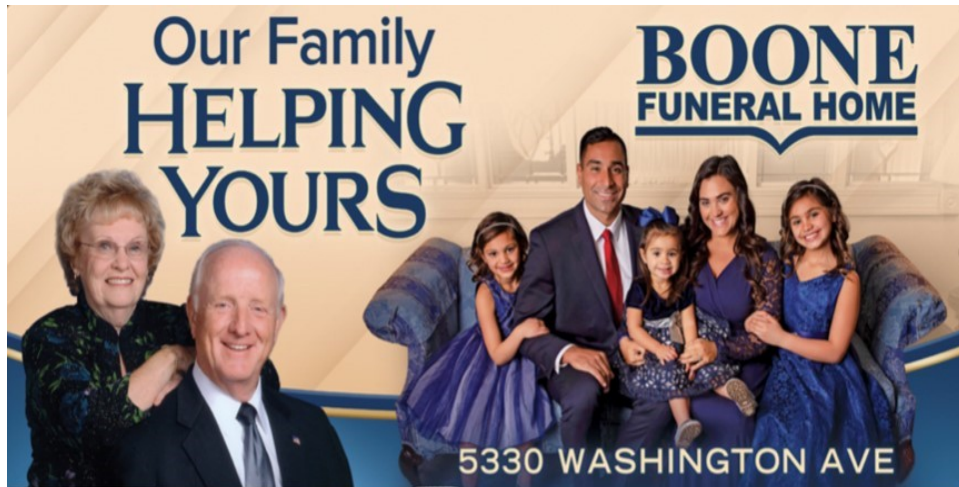
Each month the National Commandant holds a Zoom meeting. The main topic of each is a subject that is beneficial to all local Detachments. September's subject was recruitment. I don't know if any of our members were able to be on the call which was held on September 23rd. Recruitment is a subject that I have 'mentioned' (some would say 'harped on') many times when I was commandant and ever since. Why, you ask? The Marine Corps League is no different than any other organism. Like a living body, the League, our detachment and every other group needs a constant supply of new blood to be healthy. Like a living body, without new blood to keep things vibrant, things turn sluggish and eventually die. A year ago we almost died when we had no one to fill the hole left when our Paymaster died. Recruiting is not just my job, not just your job, it is the job of every member of the River Cities Detachment.

Recruitment does not mean going out and accosting every

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## Veterans Overview

The basic Military Funeral Honors (MFH) ceremony consists of the folding and presentation of the United States flag to the veterans' family and the playing of Taps. The ceremony is performed by a funeral honors detail consisting of at least two members of the Armed Forces.

The Funeral Honors rendered to you or your veteran will be determined by the status of the veteran. The type of Funeral Honors may be Full Military Honors, 7 Person Detail or a Standard Honors Team Detail.

At least one of the funeral honors detail will be from the Armed Force in which the deceased veteran served. Taps may be played by a bugler or, if a bugler is not available, by using a quality recorded version. Military Funeral Honor Teams may act as Pall Bearers if requested by the veteran/family.

### ***How do I establish veteran eligibility?***

The preferred method is the DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If the DD Form 214 is not available, any discharge document showing other than dishonorable service can be used. The DD Form 214 may be obtained by filling out a Standard Form 180 and sending it to:

National Personnel Records Center(NPRC)  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132



The Standard Form 180 may be obtained from the National Records Center or via the following web site: <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>



# Marine of the Year



One of the highlights of the annual Marine Birthday Ball is the presentation of the Detachment Marine of the Year Award. Every Marine member of our Detachment is eligible. Here is the description from our Awards Program document:

## **Detachment Marine of the Year Award**

**Description:** May be awarded annually to any regular detachment member whose personal acts and deeds has provided a noteworthy contribution to the River Cities 1090 Detachment, and whose personal conduct has reflected favorably on and has brought credit to the Marine Corps League and the United States Marine Corps. Activities to consider: regular attendance and participation in League functions (meetings, fund raisers, leading committees, work details, etc.,) and other things to support the League.

Some things to consider when nominating a member:

- \* **Attendance**
- \* **Leadership**
- \* **Recruiting**
- \* **Participation**
- \* **Contribution**
- \* **Enthusiasm**

On the rear of this page is the form to nominate your choice for Detachment Marine of the Year. Complete the form, tear it out of the newsletter (or print it on a plain sheet) and mail (or hand deliver) to Paymaster John Bryant. His address is on the form. **Must be received by 10/22/2021.**

## Marine of the Year Nomination Form

My nomination for 2021 Marine of the Year is:

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Here is why I feel this Marine should be recognized as  
the River Cities Detachment Marine of the Year:

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*(attach another sheet if you have more to include)*

*Hand your form to Paymaster John Bryant or mail it to:*

**River Cities Detachment 1090**

**P.O. Box 6581**

**Evansville, IN 47719-0581**

***Your nomination must be received by Paymaster Bryant no  
later than October 22, 2021 to be considered.***

## Coming Soon!!

**November 6, 2021**

**Evansville Country  
Club**

**246th Marine**

**Birthday Ball**

(Tickets must be purchased in  
advance.)



Tickets will be \$50 per person and will include dinner with your choice of a beef, chicken or vegetarian entrée with appropriate sides.

As always there will be the Birthday Ball ceremony with presentation of the cake and oldest and youngest Marine present. Social Hour will begin at 5:00 with the Opening and the Cake Ceremony beginning at 6:00. The identity of the guest speaker will be revealed in the next issue.

For those of you who have attended one of our Balls at the Evansville Country Club, it is a wonderful venue. The food is excellent. The layout of the room makes it ideal for the ceremony, dinner and dancing after for those so inclined. You can purchase your tickets from many of the League members, at the River Cities website or call one of the Detachment officers to make arrangements.

Semper Fi and look forward to seeing you there!

## Carlson's Patrol—Guadalcanal Campaign

By Gary Burk

On 7 August 1942, Allied forces (primarily U.S. Marines) landed on Guadalcanal, Tulagi, and Florida Islands in the Solomon Islands. Their mission was to deny the Japanese use of the islands as bases for threatening the supply routes between the U.S. and Australia, and to secure the islands as starting points for a campaign to isolate the major Japanese base at Rabaul while also supporting the Allied New Guinea cam-



paign. The landings initiated the six-month long Guadalcanal Campaign. The Japanese were taken by surprise, and by nightfall on 8 August the 11,000 Allied troops—under the command of Lieutenant General Alexander Vandegrift—secured Tulagi and nearby small islands as well as an airfield under construction at

Lunga Point on Guadalcanal. The Allies later renamed the airfield Henderson Field. To protect the airfield, the U.S. Marines established a perimeter defense around Lunga Point. Additional reinforcements over the next two months later increased the number of U.S. troops at Lunga Point to more than 20,000.

In response to the Allied landings on Guadalcanal, the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters assigned the Imperial Japanese Army's 17th Army—a corps-sized command based at Rabaul and under the command of Lieutenant-General Harukichi Hyakutake—with the task of retaking Guadalcanal. Units of the 17th Army began to arrive on Guadalcanal on 19 August to drive Allied forces from the island.

The first Japanese attempt to recapture Henderson Field failed when a 917-man force was defeated on 21 August in the Battle of the Tenaru. The next attempt took place from 12–14 September, ending in the defeat of the 6,000 soldiers under the command of Major General Kiyotake Kawa-

guchi at the Battle of Edson's Ridge. Kawaguchi and the surviving Japanese troops then regrouped west of Guadalcanal.



### ***Battle for Henderson Field***

Between 1 and 17 October, the Japanese delivered 15,000 troops to Guadalcanal, giving Hyakutake 20,000 total troops to employ for his planned offensive. After his staff officers observed the American defenses around Lunga Point, Hyakutake decided that the main thrust of his planned attack would be from south of Henderson Field. His 2nd Division (augmented by troops from the 38th Division), under Lieutenant General Masao Maruyama was ordered to march through the jungle and attack the American defenses from the south near

the east bank of the Lunga River. The 7000-member 2nd Division was split into three units; the Left Wing Unit under Major General Yumio Nasu containing the 29th Infantry Regiment, the Right Wing Unit under Kawaguchi consisting of troops from the 230th Infantry Regiment (from the 38th Infantry Division), and the division reserve led by Maruyama comprising the 16th Infantry Regiment.

On 23 October, Maruyama's forces struggled through the jungle to reach the American lines. Kawaguchi—on his own initiative—began to shift his right wing unit to the east, believing that the American defenses were weaker in that area. Maruyama, through one of his staff officers, ordered Kawaguchi to keep to the original attack plan. When he refused, Kawaguchi was relieved of command and replaced by Colonel Toshinari Shōji, commander of the 230th Infantry Regiment. That evening, after learning that the left and right

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## Marine Spotlight On:

### Medal of Honor Recipient

Rodney M. Davis



Marine Sgt. Rodney M. Davis had planned to make a career out of the Corps before the war in Vietnam started. Unfortunately, he never came back from his Southeast Asia deployment, but the bravery Davis showed there earned him the Medal of Honor and a legacy that wouldn't be forgotten.

Davis was born on April 7, 1942, in Macon, Georgia. His father, Gordon, served in the Navy during Davis' childhood, so Davis often helped his older brother take care of their two younger brothers and sister. Graduating from high school in May of 1961, he enlisted in the Marine Corps by the end of that summer. He served as an

0311 at Camp Lejeune before doing a three year hitch in England. Early in his Marine career, he married Judy Humphrey. By the time he was sent to 1<sup>st</sup> Bn/ 5<sup>th</sup> Marines in August of 1967 the couple had two daughters. "I knew that going to Vietnam was something he wanted to do," Judy Davis said years later. "He was a military man, and that was his career."

In early September 1967, the 1st Marine Division was tasked with protecting locals in the southern part of the Que Song Valley from intimidation during upcoming elections. When one of its companies was attacked by a much larger North Vietnamese force, Davis' unit,



Company B, was called in to help fight the enemy. After about a day, the enemy retreated, and Company B was ordered to follow them on a search-and-destroy mission known as Operation Swift. On Sept. 6, 1967, Company B was attacked, and Davis' 2nd Platoon was pinned down. He and several other men were in a trench trying to repel the enemy soldiers. Despite the grenades and small-arms and mortar fire coming at them, Davis moved through the trench to encourage his fellow Marines, all while continuing to fire and throw grenades back at the encroaching enemy. Eventually, a grenade landed in the trench amid the men. Without hesitation, Davis threw himself on top of the device, absorbing all of its energy as it exploded. The 25-year-old, who had only been in Vietnam for one month, died instantly. But his sacrifice saved several of his fellow Marines, who were able to hold their vital position until the enemy finally withdrew from the area. According to John D. Hollis, who authored a book about the Marine hero, 48 members of Davis' platoon went into Operation Swift. By the end of Sept. 6, only 11 remained. However, by the time the operation ended, the North

Vietnamese had given up their quest to take over that part of the Que Song Valley.



On March 26, 1969, Davis' family attended a ceremony at the executive office building next to the White House, where Vice President Spiro Agnew presented the Medal of Honor to Davis' widow. Davis' remains were taken back to the U.S. and buried in Linwood Cemetery, an all-Black cemetery in his hometown. According to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, Davis' mother passed on having him buried at Arlington National Cemetery so his family would be close enough to visit his grave.

However, the CFCG said that the cemetery had fallen into disrepair by 2010, and Davis' grave was affected. That bothered some Marines who noticed it, so they (continued on page 22)



## Evansville Vet Center

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**\* What if I have sleep problems?**

A National Center for PTSD fact sheet

- \* PTSD and negative coping
- \* Help for Homeless Veterans
- \* Employment assistance” Career OneStop for Veterans
- \* Filing a disability claim
- \* Gulf War registry examination
- \* My HealtheVet
- \* E-benefits
- \* Information for Veterans” Websites
- \* Points of contact for new combat veterans

**If you feel** than any, some or all of these topics might be beneficial to you, contact The Vet Center at (812) 473-5993 or come by our offices at:

**Evansville Vet Center  
1100 N. Burkhardt Rd.  
Evansville, IN 47715**

**Our hours are      Mon—Thurs 8:00 AM—7:00 PM  
                                 Friday—8:00 AM—4:30 PM  
                                 (Other hours available by appointment)**

**Carlson's Raid** (from page 7)

wing forces were still struggling to reach the American lines, Hyakutake postponed the attack to 19:00 on 24 October. The Americans remained completely unaware of the approach of Maruyama's forces.

Finally, late on 24 October, Maruyama's forces reached the U.S. Lunga perimeter. Over two consecutive nights Maruyama's forces conducted numerous unsuccessful frontal assaults on positions defended by troops of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (1/7) under Lieutenant Colonel Chesty Puller and the U.S. Army's 3rd Battalion, 164th Infantry Regiment, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Robert Hall. U.S. Marine and Army rifle, machine gun, mortar, artillery and direct canister fire from 37 mm (1.46 in) anti-tank guns "wrought terrible carnage" on the Japanese. More than 1,500 of Maruyama's troops were killed in the attacks while the Americans lost

about 60 killed. Shōji's right wing units did not participate in the attacks, choosing to remain in place to cover Nasu's right flank against a possible attack in that area by U.S. forces that never materialized.

At 08:00 on 26 October, Hyakutake called off further attacks and ordered his forces to retreat. Maruyama's left wing and division reserve survivors were ordered to retreat back to the Matanikau River area while the right wing unit under Shōji was told to head for Koli Point, 13 mi (21 km) east of the Lunga River. Shōji and his troops began arriving at Koli Point on November 3.

**Aola Bay and the Koli Point action**

At 05:30 on 4 November, two companies from the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion—(commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Evans Carlson,) landed by boat at Aola Bay, 40 mi (64 km) east of Lunga Point. Carlson's raiders—along with troops from the U.S. Army's 147th Infantry Regiment—were to provide security for 500 Seabees as they attempt-

ed to construct an airfield. The Aola Bay airfield construction effort had been approved by William Halsey, Jr.—commander of Allied forces in the south Pacific area—acting on a recommendation by Rear Admiral Richmond K. Turner, U.S. naval commander of amphibious forces for the south Pacific.

The 2nd Marine Raider Battalion was a unique unit in the Marine Corps. The battalion's original organization and tactics were based around Communist Chinese precepts Carlson had witnessed while serving as an observer with the Communists during the Second Sino-Japanese War in 1937-1938. These precepts included promoting equality between officers and enlisted men and making decisions through collective consensus. Unlike the 1st Marine Raider Battalion, which focused on commando tactics, the 2nd Battalion trained to operate as a guerrilla force. The training included an emphasis on infiltration tactics and often involved tactical exercises conducted at night. The battalion was organized into six self-contained rifle companies and a headquarters company. Before landing at Guadalcanal elements of the battalion had





seen action as part of the garrison of Midway Atoll during the Battle of Midway in May 1942 and the near disastrous Makin Island raid in August.

In early November, Vandegrift, fearing that the Japanese were planning an assault on the Lunga perimeter from the east using Shōji's forces plus additional reinforcements, launched an operation against the Japanese units at Koli Point. Beginning on 4 November, two battalions of U.S. Marines and two battalions of U.S. Army troops attacked and attempted to encircle Shōji's men at Gavaga Creek near the village of Tetera in the Koli Point area.

As the American troops were attempting to destroy Shōji's force, Vandegrift ordered Carlson's raiders to march overland from Aola Bay toward Koli Point to cut off any of Shōji's forces that escaped the encirclement attempt. On 5 November, two transport ships headed for Espiritu Santo to pick up three companies from Carlson's battalion while Carlson prepared his two companies already on Guadalcanal to march overland (Continued on page 24)



# October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>If you have anything you would like to submit for the October Newsletter , the deadline for submission is October 22nd.</p>			<p>30</p> 	<p>1</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Marine battalion 3/7 was flown by transport helicopters to a front-line combat position for the first time when Marine Helicopter Transport Squadron-161 (HMR-161) lifted Battalion as a part of Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea. 1951</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700</p>	<p>14</p>  <p><b>M.O.D.D.</b> 1830 Funkhouser Post #8</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Operation Maui peak ended nearly two weeks after it began 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy forces were killed in the 13-day operation. 1968</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's— Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Southern Belles #441 AmVets Post #84 2921 Broadway Ave. 6:30 PM</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Breakfast at Libby's and Mom's—Everyone invited! Assemble after 0600 order at 0700</p>	<p>28</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Detachment Meeting Funkhouser Post on New Harmony Road 1900 begins—come early to eat dinner from menu.</p> </div>	<p>29</p>

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	23	24
	30	31

3 Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, of Columbus, Ohio, became the first African-American female Marine to achieve the rank of Colonel during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. 1997

10 1875 Marines under the command of future Commandant of the Marine Corps George F. Elliott captured the insurgent town of Noveleta, Luzon, in the Philippines during the Philippine Revolution. There were 11 Marine casualties. 1899



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### For All Who Served With The 17th Rifle Company.....



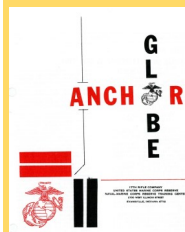
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**Stan Rickard**

Life Member



River Cities Detachment 1090


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***Semper Fi!***

**Mike Mitchell**

Life Member

River Cities Detachment #1090



06/2023


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*In Memory Of*

**Marine Tommy Collins**

*And All Deceased*

*Detachment Members*



**Semper Fi**

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The following items are in stock at the Detachment Ship's Store. The Ship's Store will be brought to each meeting so you may purchase items. A slight increase in cost over National Ship's Store has been added to cover shipping costs.

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

## Information on Life Membership

***National Bylaws Article Six - Members,  
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**Current Life Membership**

**Price Information**

*(As of January 2014)*

**Up to and including age 35 - \$500.**

**Age 36 up to and including age 50 - \$400.**

**Age 51 up to and including age 64 - \$300.**

***Age 65 and over - \$200.***

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



## 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:

**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](mailto:sgtglenn@psci.net) or Department Paymaster Dave Englert at [englertd@psci.net](mailto:englertd@psci.net).

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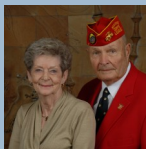


*In fond memory of my life's love*

*Dorothy Lee "Dottie"*

*(McCord) Mills*

*1930-2020*



08/2022

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**Jr. Vice Commdt.** Melissa West

**Jr. Past Commdt.** Bob Reutter

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Bob & Linda Reutter.....	Aug-2022
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Jim and Christie Johnson.....	Aug 2022

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## Spotlight

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raised more than \$80,000 to repair the cemetery and have a monument erected. The excess funds were used to create the Sgt. Rodney M. Davis Medal of Honor Scholarship in his memory, which is administered by the CFCG. Perhaps the largest tribute to Davis was the commissioning of the USS Rodney M. Davis in 1987. The guided-missile frigate served the Navy for 28 years. It was the first Navy ship to be commissioned in honor of a Black Medal of Honor recipient.



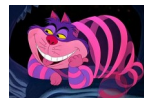
Submitted by Chris Boyd. Researched from Ammoland magazine.



## Literary Easter Eggs

OK. We made it through 9 months with no one emailing me to tell me they had solved my mystery. There are 9 enlisted ranks in the Marines, E-1 thru E-9. Somewhere in each of the first 9 issues—prominently displayed—was the chevron (or chevrons) for that month's rank. Last month September, (the 9th month,) on page 22 were the chevrons for E-9 Master Gunnery Sergeant and Sergeant Major. In June (the sixth month) on page 25 was the chevron for E-6 Staff Sergeant and so on..

Did anyone actually spot them but just didn't respond to the editor? I sure hope so.



**Chaplain** (from page 1)

person you see in case they are or know of a Marine to recruit. Recruiting can be as simple as keeping a supply of our brochures and business cards to put on the window of a car you see in the parking lot at Walmart or Lowe's or McDonalds. If you see a Marine cover in public, greet the wearer with 'Semper Fi' and ask if they have heard of the Marine Corps League. You will find a disappointing number of them have not. That is

your chance to spread the word about our League and specifically our Detachment. Give them a brochure telling some of the things we have done. Tell them about our meetings and stress the part about bringing a spouse for dinner to make it a couples activity. Like any other social gathering, the more people of diverse interests we attract, the more enjoyment we all can gather.

Even beyond our external recruitment, we can reach out to Detachment members we have not seen in a while. I have been with the League since October of 2008 (WOW 13 years.) During that time I have not had the opportunity to meet about half the membership. Many of them are Life members who are perhaps elderly and no longer feel able to attend. Practicing what I am preaching, I have talked to many Marines who tell me they are MCL members but won't attend because of issues they have had with this or that person or strife at a meeting that put them off of being active. I like to

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**IMPORTANT**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**National changed the due date,  
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### Carlson's Raid (from page 13)

towards Koli Point. Carlson arranged for rear echelon personnel at Aola to resupply his patrol with rations every four days at a prearranged point on the coast. A patrol with native carriers would meet the boat and manpack the supplies inland to Carlson's patrol base.

#### Initial actions

At first light on 6 November, Carlson and his command group, two of his companies, and a group of native scouts and carriers commanded by Major John Mather of the Australian Army and Sergeant Major Jacob C. Vouza of the Solomon Islands

Police Force set out from Aola on the patrol. The group marched along a jungle trail northwest to the Reko River, arriving on 7 November. At the Reko, Carlson learned that the local Christian mission had recently been raided by Japanese troops who had killed two of the missionaries before moving west. Pushing across the river with one platoon of troops, Carlson encountered a small group of Japanese who shot and severely wounded the native scout leading the Marine column. Returning fire, the Marines killed two Japanese sol-

diers and drove off another three or four. Carlson's main body then arrived and the column bivouacked for the night.

On 8 November, the column continued through the jungle to the northwest, striking the coast at the Kena River, and made camp at the village of Tasimboko, 15 mi (24 km) from Aola Bay. The next day they crossed the Berande and Balasuna rivers and reached the village of Binu—10 mi (16 km) southwest of Tasimboko—in the afternoon. At Binu, about 3 mi (4.8 km) southeast of Koli Point, Carlson established his base camp and prepared to block the movement of any Japanese forces in Koli to the east and south.

The other three raider companies arrived at Aola on 8 November. On 9 November, they moved by landing craft to Tasimboko and, on 10 November marched overland—guided by native scouts—toward Binu. On the way, the raiders encountered a small group of Japanese soldiers and killed three of them before arriving at Binu in the afternoon of the same day.

the meantime, Hyakutake ordered Shōji to abandon his positions at Koli and rejoin Japanese forces at Kokumbona in the Matanikau area. Although



American forces had almost completely encircled Shōji's troops along Gavaga Creek at Koli, a gap existed by way of a swampy creek in the southern side of the American lines. Taking advantage of this route, Shōji's men began to escape. The Americans closed the gap in their lines on 11 November, but by then Shōji and between 2,000 and 3,000 of his men had escaped into the jungle to the south.

On 11 November, Carlson sent four of his battalion's companies—"C", "D", "E", and "F"—to fan out and patrol the area to the north and west of Binu. The remaining company, "B", stayed behind to provide security for the Binu base camp. At 10:00, Company C, which had marched directly west toward the village of Asamana, encountered a large body of Shōji's troops camped near the Metapona River and were quickly pinned down by rifle, machinegun, and mortar fire. Carlson responded by directing Companies D and E to come to C's aid, attacking the Japanese forces from two different directions.

Part two (conclusion) in November)

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assure them that we work very diligently to make our League meetings productive and entertaining—in a positive sort of way! Ask them to give us another chance to show how we have evolved. We will never be able to end personality conflicts. We are, after all, humans and suffer from human foibles. We all need to try to remember that the other person has opinions and those differences make life interesting.

So go out into the world and look (like we all do anyway) for those Marine bumper stickers, window stickers, EGA patches on covers and jackets. Almost every Marine likes to be recognized as a brother or sister Marine. If nothing else you will get the chance to share experiences with someone who has done what you have done. Wear your League colors proudly. Get out there and recruit!

**Semper Fi**

## Mark these dates on your calendars:

**October MODD Growl**  
**Wednesday, Oct 13th.**  
**1830 at Funkhouser Post 8**  
**Woof, Woof Devil Dogs**

**When: November 6, 2021**  
**What: 246th Marine Birthday Celebration**  
**Watch this space for further information.**

*The River Cities News is the place to get all the information about what is going on in the Detachment. We need you to be an active part in **your** MCL.*

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