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Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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A Marine is a Marine. I set that policy two weeks ago - there's no such thing as a former Marine. You're a Marine, just in a different uniform and you're in a different phase of your life. But you'll always be a Marine because you went to Parris Island, San Diego or the hills of Quantico. There's no such thing as a former Marine.

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I just got home from the Toys for Tots annual conference in Washington DC. There are about 800 campaigns in the country with about 170 campaigns run by active duty Marines and the other 530 run by either MCL detachments, local civic groups and even a couple run by Air Force and Navy people. Among the Marines were every rank from L/Cpl up to Captain with many senior NCO ranks included. The CEO of the Foundation – retired Brigadier General Osmand – once again impressed on us all the fact that the Commandant feels that TFT is important not only to the children we support but also to the Corps. This is the only community service project sponsored by a branch of the Military. It is a way for America to see the Corps contributing not only to her defense but also to the well-being of her children. In the 69 years that Toys for Tots has been running campaigns more than 200 million children have received in excess of 500 million toys. For seven consecutive years TFT has demonstrated a 97.3% mission to expense ratio. This means that over 97 cents of every dollar collected has gone directly to the purchase of toys. When we are running our campaign in our own Southwest Indiana counties you can be proud to tell our contributors our story. Last year we gave 17,500 toys to more than 5,200 children.

Our annual Rib and Butt sale was a good news/sad news story. The good news is that we sold almost 200 pieces this year. Sad news is that only 10 detachment members sold anything. We had good participation in the preparation of the meat for sale this year. On Friday evening we rubbed all the meat with a special dry rub and packed them in bags in a walk in cooler until 0500 Saturday morning. That was when we lit the grills, put the ribs and butts on and in the next nine hours turned, tested, dipped and wrapped the finished product to be delivered to our customers at JD Byrider's lot on First Ave. By the end of the day everyone was tired but pleased with the final result. Thanks to all the Detachment members who participated in the event. We have heard good reviews from our customers again. We had several requests for additional ribs and butts and sold out the extra we had purchased. Perhaps we can get more participation in sales from the other members of the Detachment next year.



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 September Issue

Korea –

Lieutenant Baldomero Lopez led his platoon up the ladders and into the open just as NKPA gunners opened up from nearby bunkers. Lopez pulled the pin from a grenade, but enemy fire raked him just as he cocked his arm to throw it. He sank to his knees, the armed grenade spinning on the ground, his platoon members rushing up behind him. Lopez did the only thing he could—he dove forward, smothering the grenade with his body, saving his men by absorbing the blast. His would be a posthumous Medal of Honor.

The 5th Marines pressed on. Another platoon in Lieutenant Lopez's company seized Cemetery Hill on the left flank, their only casualties coming from wild firing by U.S. Navy gunners as the LST's chugged in to beach themselves in the shallows.

NKPA defenders on twin-peaked Observatory Hill on the right held out longer, but by 9 p.m. the rifle companies of Captain Sam Jaskilka and Captain Ike Fenton had captured both knobs.

The 1st Marines met less opposition but encountered more snafus in the smoke and growing darkness.

The final shelling had blocked several egress ramps from the harbor with debris; engineers had to rig cargo nets over the rubble for troops to debark. Some troops had to wade ashore several hundred yards (nervously recalling the sense of Tarawa) when their LVTs grounded in mudbanks. Some units landed on the wrong sites, intermingled with other units, creating classic scenes of chaos. Inexperience and absence of a rehearsal landing temporarily slowed the advance.

Chesty Puller came ashore barely thirty minutes behind the first assault wave and stomped up and down the waterfront in a cold fury until things became unscrewed.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry Crowe, a Tarawa stalwart fully accustomed to beachhead chaos, came ashore with his 1st Shore Party Battalion and—his characteristic red mustache bristling—quickly sorted things out as well. Neither Puller nor Crowe suffered fools. Order replaced disorder, the troops moved inland, and combat cargo flowed in on their heels.

MacArthur and the Marines had made their case. By midnight, Smith had 13,000 Leathernecks ashore, rampaging through town. The cost of this great gamble: no ships lost; 22 Marines killed, 174 wounded. Of all the major Marine Landings in the Pacific War, on Guadalcanal and Okinawa had been less costly on D-Day.

As the second day dawned, General Smith assigned his 3,000 South Korean Marines to mop up the bypassed centers of resistance in Inchon while his assault regiments advanced eastward toward Seoul. Three miles outside of the port city, the 1st and 5th Marines linked up along the Inchon/Seoul Highway.

The NKPA troops defending Inchon had been spirited buy disorganized, second-echelon troops seeing their first real combat. These were hardly a match for the Murray's 5th Marines, who had spent the previous month locked in combat with the first-line NKPA troops threatening the Pusan Peninsula. But now the North Korean high command in Pyongyang reacted to the surprise Allied thrust at Inchon by redeploying experienced brigades and regiments to reinforce Seoul.

To be continued –

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.)

Humor in (Marine) Uniform

A young Marine and his Gunny climbed on board a train headed through the mountains of West Virginia. The only place they could find to sit was right across the aisle from a young woman and her grandmother.

After a while, it became obvious that the young woman and the young Marine were interested in each other, but the young woman kept glancing nervously at her grandmother.

Soon the train passed into a pitch black tunnel. There was the sound of a passionate kiss followed by the sound of a stinging slap. When the train emerged from the tunnel, the four sat there without saying a word.

The grandmother thought to herself: "It was very brash for that young soldier to kiss my granddaughter, and I'm glad she slapped him."

The Gunny sat there thinking: "I figured he'd try to steal a kiss, but I sure wish she hadn't missed him when she slapped and hit me!"

The young woman was sitting and thinking: "I'm glad the soldier kissed me, but I wish my grandmother had not slapped him!"

The young Marine sat there with a satisfied smile on his face. He thought to himself: "Life is good. When does a fellow have the chance to kiss a beautiful girl and slap his Gunny all at the same time!"

Marine Corps History continued from pg 2

October 5, 1986 - Former U.S. Marine Eugene Hasenfus was captured by Nicaraguan Sandinistas after a plane carrying arms for the Nicaraguan rebels (Contras) was shot down over Nicaragua.

October 16, 1859 - Fanatical abolitionist John Brown seized the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry with about 20 followers. Three days later, Brown was captured and the insurrection was put down by U.S. Marines under the command of Col. Robert E. Lee.

241st Marine Corps Birthday Ball

hosted by
 River Cities Detachment #1090
 Marine Corps League, Inc.

Evansville Country Club
 3810 Stringtown Road
 Evansville, IN 47710

Thursday, November 10, 2016
 6:00 P.M. To Midnight

Schedule of Events

Meet & Greet 6:00 - 7:00
 Ceremony 7:00 - 7:30
 Dinner 7:30 - 8:15
 Marine of the Year 8:15 - 8:25
 Guest Speaker 8:25 - 8:45
 Music and Dancing 8:45 - Midnight

Once again River Cities Detachment #1090 will be hosting the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Please join us in celebrating the anniversary of our Marine Corps and honoring our Marines.

The menu this year includes your choice of 3 entrees (listed below) with Salad, Southern Green Beans, and Garlic Whipped Potatoes.

We will have Tommy Stillwell and *band again this year for your listening and dancing pleasure. They are a great band so come dance the night away.*

Tickets maybe purchased on-line at mclrivercities.org/ball2016 or by mailing the order form below to the detachment. Reservation must be in by November 1st.

241st Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Make Check Payable to: River Cities Detachment #1090

Mail with Payment to : Attn: 241st Birthday Ball

P O Box 6581

Evansville, IN 47719-0581

Number of Tickets: _____

\$30.00 Each \$30.00

Total Due: _____

Please indicate your entrée choices

Panko Crusted Chicken Breast # _____

Dijon Herb Crusted Tilapia # _____

Roasted Top Round of Beef # _____

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Dorothy Odom	June - 17
Tom & Alice Kick	July - 17
Joe & Kathy Filipzcak	July - 17
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National Bylaws Article Six - Members, Section 645 - Life Members:

Any member of the Marine Corps League who is in good standing may become a Life Member, upon proper payment of the fee, as is required herein. A Life Member shall be subject to payment of no further dues of a Detachment, or National, such member shall have all the privileges, rights, and benefits enjoyed as a member so long as that Life Member shall live.

Current Life Membership Price Information

As of January 2014

- Up to and including age 35 - \$500.00**
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12/2016

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For all who served diligently,
and with dedication.



Semper Fi
Roy McWilliams

02/2017

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In recognition and appreciation to Dakota Meade who recently graduated from Parris Island. He is the sixth of our family to become a Marine.



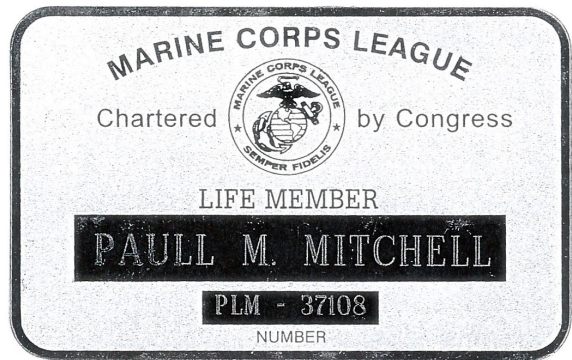
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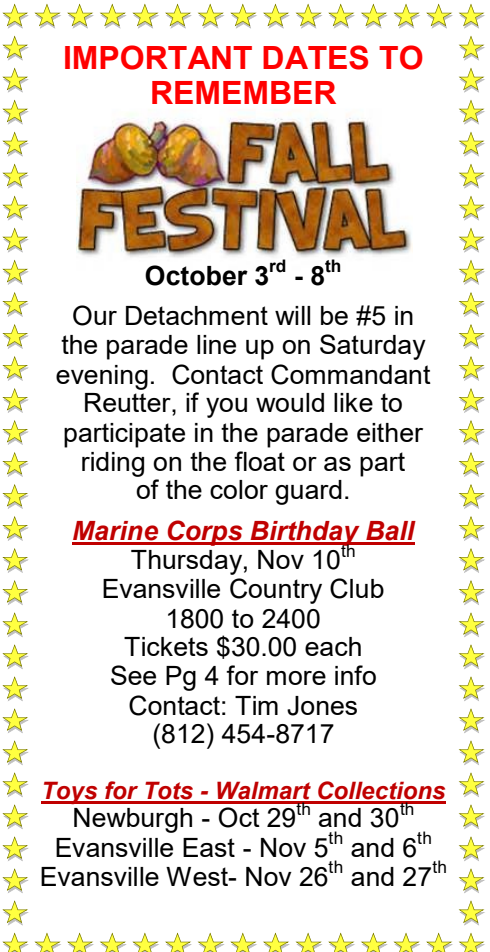
New Members

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 James Callahan

Associate Members

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Note: Important change in membership due date go to page 3 for the update.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



October 3rd - 8th

Our Detachment will be #5 in the parade line up on Saturday evening. Contact Commandant Reutter, if you would like to participate in the parade either riding on the float or as part of the color guard.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Thursday, Nov 10th
 Evansville Country Club
 1800 to 2400
 Tickets \$30.00 each
 See Pg 4 for more info
 Contact: Tim Jones
 (812) 454-8717

Toys for Tots - Walmart Collections

Newburgh - Oct 29th and 30th
 Evansville East - Nov 5th and 6th
 Evansville West- Nov 26th and 27th

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October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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