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## Commandant's Corner

**Bob Reutter, Commandant**

October has rolled around and that means Autumn is upon us, Halloween is lurking around the corner and (gasp!) Toys for Tots season is here again. River Cities Detachment 1090 is hosting the TFT campaign for our four county Area of Responsibility in southwestern Indiana. Last year we provided over 17,500 toys to more than 5,200 children. Tim Jones has been working to set up collection routes for our toy donation boxes. We will be scheduling a work day on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 0900 to unbox the toys left over from last year and to get the warehouse ready for the new toys that will start coming in very soon. Over the summer I received several pallets of toys from different companies that we can begin to put away as well.

Linda has a group of volunteers that are going to start registering families on Monday, October 2nd. We are using a different registration system this year. Instead of registering online, receiving a call (in most cases several calls) from us to set up appointments to get registered, our clients will bring the required paperwork to the warehouse and get registered in one sitting. This will be much more efficient for our volunteers and much less frustrating. If you (or someone you know) might be interested in working to register our families, they will be working on Mondays from 1300-1800, Thursdays from 0900-1400 and Saturdays from 0900-1700.

The Detachment voted earlier to have the food booth modified to make it more road worthy. Kyle Swain picked up the booth and took it to have the existing axle moved back and another axle added to make the booth better centered

with the weight. This will make it much more stable and allow us to take it to various local summer fairs for fund raising and to make the League more visible to area inhabitants.

Finally, everything is proceeding for the 242<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball to be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Evansville Country Club. Our cake is supplied by Piece of Cake in Downtown Evansville and each year they outdo themselves in providing a beautiful and delicious cake. It helps that one of the owners of Piece of Cake is married to a Marine who is also a member of our detachment! Make plans now to get tickets to the Ball before they are all gone. You can make your reservation online by using the web address below.

<http://mclrivercities.org/ball2017.html>

Semper Fi!

## Toys for Tots is a Top-Rated Charity

Over 97% of your donations goes to our mission of providing toys, books, and other gifts to less fortunate children.

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# 242<sup>nd</sup> Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Who: Everyone is invited

Where: Evansville Country Club

When: Saturday, 11 November 2017

## Schedule:

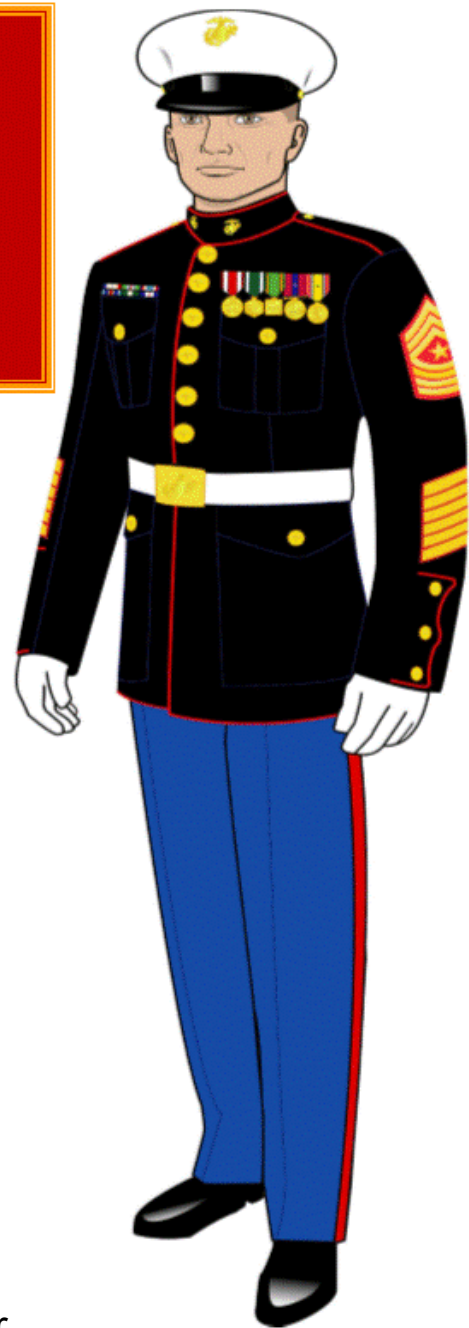
Social Hour:	6:00-7:00
Cake Ceremony:	7:00-7:30
Buffet Dinner:	7:30-8:15
Marine of year:	8:15-8:25
Keynote Address:	8:25-8:45
Music and Dancing:	8:45-Midnight

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](http://www.mclrivercities.org/ball2017)



*Attire:  
Semi-formal to  
Formal*

## Marines in the Public Eye

Bob Reutter

There has been a lot of discussion around the Detachment about when, where and under what circumstances the Marine uniform can be worn. As Marines we want to ensure we bring credit to our Corps by following the proper protocol for showing our colors. The following article has been taken from MCO P1010.34G.

The Marine Corps Uniform Regulation, MCO P1020.34G prescribes wear of the Marine Corps uniform by retirees and veterans.

### Retirees

Retired officers and enlisted personnel are entitled to wear the prescribed uniform of the grade held on the retired list when wear of the uniform is *appropriate*. Wearing a uniform is *appropriate* for memorial services, weddings, funerals, balls, patriotic or military parades, ceremonies in which any active or reserve United States military unit is participating, and meetings or functions of military associations.

Retirees, residing or visiting in a foreign country, will not wear the uniform except when attending, by formal invitation, ceremonies or social functions at which wear of the uniform is required by the invitation or by the country's regulations or customs.

Retirees may wear appropriate uniform or civilian clothing when traveling as passengers aboard MSC ships and AMC aircraft.

Retirees employed in any capacity by a military school, except the MCJROTC program, will not wear the uniform unless specifically authorized by the CMC. Requests for such authority should be addressed to the CMC (MCUB) and will contain a written statement from school officials indicating that the individuals or will be employed there, to include job title. When such authority is granted, personnel will wear uniforms prescribed for persons of corresponding grade on the active list. No school or other unauthorized insignia will be worn on the Marine Corps uniform.

Retirees employed as instructors under the MCJROTC program will wear the Marine Corps uniform during school hours and at other appropriate times according to these regulations.

The wearing of the uniform is prohibited under any of the following circumstances:

(1) At any meeting or demonstration which is a function of, or sponsored by an organization, association, movement, group, or combination of persons which the Attorney General of the United States has designated, pursuant to E.O. 10450, as amended as totalitarian, fascist, communist, or subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their right under The Constitution of the United States, or as seeking to alter the form of Government of the United States by unconstitutional means.

(2) During or in connection with the furtherance of political activities, private employment or commercial interests, when an inference of official sponsorship for the activity or interest could be drawn.

(3) Except when authorized by competent Service authority, when participating in activities such as public speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, rallies or any public demonstration (including those pertaining to civil rights), which may imply Service sanction of the cause for which the demonstration or activity is conducted.

(4) When wearing of the uniform would tend to bring discredit upon the Armed Forces.

(5) When specifically prohibited by Marine Corps regulations.

### Veterans

Former members of the Marine Corps who served honorably *during a declared or undeclared war* and whose most recent service was terminated under honorable conditions (this means an honorable or general discharge) may wear the uniform in the highest grade held during such war service only upon the following occasions and in the course of travel incident thereto:

(1) Military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurations.

(2) Parades on national or state holidays; or other parades or ceremonies or a patriotic character in which any active or reserve United States military unit is taking part.

Wearing of the uniform or any part thereof at any other time or for any purpose is prohibited.

## Marine Corps History

Gary Burk

The following is an excerpt from "The Battle History of the U.S. Marines and internet sites, 'The October War'"

The October War took place from October 6 – 26, 1973.

The war between Israel and her hostile Arab neighbors was the world's first "high-tech" war. In addition to raising U.S. – Soviet tensions to the highest level since the Cuban Missile Crisis, the war provided an eye-opener about the vulnerability of armor and air forces in the modern battlefield. Within three weeks the Mideast deserts were littered with 1,500 destroyed tanks and 500 downed aircraft.

The Marines who deployed to the eastern Mediterranean in event of a wider war—the 4,400-man 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Brigade—read the tea leaves, considered their own thin stocks of missiles and sparse tactical mobility, and frowned collectively.

Developing and acquiring enhanced firepower and mobility for Marine combat units would take a priority effort over the next dozen years.

During the first few days of the war, Egypt and Syria scored astounding victories. Israel was shocked by the attack and was on the verge of defeat. The first Israeli counterattacks failed against both Egypt and Syria. However, Israeli attacks later repelled the Syrian forces and pushed them back further into Syria. The IDF came 40 kilometers from Damascus, the capital of Syria. The Iraqi army joined the war with Syria and the Israeli army stopped advancing.

The Western world expected Israel to win quickly against Egypt because of its better military. The Egyptian army crossed the Suez Canal on October 6 and destroyed the Israeli defenses and forts on the other side. Israel tried for the next few days to defeat the Egyptians and push them back behind the canal. However the Israelis could not push them back. The United States of America started sending ammunition and weapons to Israel using airplanes to help the

Israeli army win the war in *Operation Nickel Grass*. Syria soon pleaded Egypt to attack Israel to lessen the pressure on it. On October 14, Egypt attacked again, trying to advance even more into the Sinai. Israel defeated the attack, and the Egyptians lost about 250 tanks. After this, the Israelis attacked again. After heavy fighting, they crossed the canal at its center, between two Egyptian armies. They advanced north and south. They kept moving south until they reached the city of Suez, and they trapped a large Egyptian force on the eastern side of the canal, in the Sinai. The Israelis tried to capture Suez, but they were defeated. They also failed to advance north. They reached an area 101 kilometers from Cairo, the capital of Egypt.

The war ended on October 26, 1973. After the war, Egypt and Israel negotiated. They reached an agreement to separate their forces. The agreement led to Israel retreating behind the Suez Canal. The Egyptian forces stayed in the Sinai near the canal and did not retreat from the places they captured. There was a large distance between Egyptian and Israeli forces in the Sinai as part of the agreement.

Israel also held negotiations with Syria and agreed to withdraw from the places they captured in Syria, but they stayed in the Golan Heights. Egypt and Israel kept their negotiations, and in 1979 they signed the Egypt–Israel Peace Treaty. The treaty brought peace between Israel and Egypt, and Israel retreated from the whole Sinai and returned it to Egypt. The treaty still holds to this day. In the war Israel was called the winner and the Arab countries were called the losers even though no real military victory was ever won; it was a military "stalemate" (where no one won and no one lost). However the war agreed to be a political victory for the Arabs, especially for Egypt. Syrians on the other hand do not like to talk about the war as much of it was seen as a defeat rather than a victory or stalemate.





## Humor in (Marine) Uniform



### Sharing Hotel Rooms

By the time a Marine pulled into a little town, every hotel room was taken. "You've got to have a room somewhere," he pleaded. "Or just a bed, I don't care where." "Well, I do have a double room with one occupant, a Navy guy," admitted the manager, "and he might be glad to split the cost. But to tell you the truth, he snores so loudly that people in adjoining rooms have complained in the past. I'm not sure it'd be worth it to you." "No problem," the tired Marine assured him. "I'll take it." The next morning the Marine came down to breakfast bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. "How'd you sleep?" Asked the manager. "Never better." The manager was impressed. "No problem with the other guy snoring, then?" "Nope, I shut him up in no time." Said the Marine. "How'd you manage that?" asked the manager. "He was already in bed, snoring away, when I came in the room," the Marine explained. "I went over, gave him a kiss on the cheek, said, 'Goodnight, beautiful,' and he sat up all night watching me."



### GI Insurance

Lance Corporal Jones was assigned to the induction

center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, especially their GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Jones had almost a 100% record for insurance sales, which had never happened before. Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones's sales pitch.

Jones explained the basics of the GI Insurance to the new recruits, and then said: "If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6000."

"Now," he concluded, "which bunch do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

### Military Etiquette

Officer: Marine, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again. Do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: No, SIR!



In memory of Detachment #1090 members who have gone on to guard the streets of Heaven.



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Roy McWilliams*

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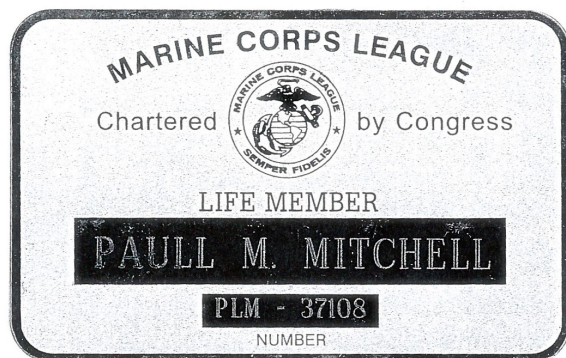
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 TFT at the warehouse.  
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 Thursdays 0900-1400  
 Saturdays 0900-1700

**Semper Ji**

**October 2017**

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