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Commandant's Corner

Jim Johnson

"We are United States Marines, and for two and a quarter centuries we have defined the standards of courage, esprit, and military prowess." {a quote by Gen Jones, 32nd CMC}

We had scheduled a work day on 14 September at the TFT warehouse to repair the food booth. We had a very poor showing. Only two Marines showed up (I was not one of them) with tools to repair the booth. Like most I thought there would be plenty of help. We are going to set up another work day to finish the job. Let's have a much better showing.

We may not make much money with the food booth but we get to meet a lot of Marines that are not in our MCL Det. #1090. It is a great recruiting tool. We all need to try and recruit as many as possible to build our ranks. Each Ma-

rine in our detachment should carry with them a pamphlet explaining our mission and goal. If you need some to pass out to other Marines that you meet let me know at the next league meeting.

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball is approaching fast. We need to sell as many tickets as possible. You will have three choices for dinner beef, chicken, and fish. At our next Marine Corps League meeting we will have tickets to sell and ledgers to record sales.

"Women Marines don't have a nickname, and they don't need one. They get their training in a Marine atmosphere, at a Marine post. They inherit the traditions of the Marines, They are Marines. (a quote in 1943 by LtGen Holcomb, 17th CMC

From the Editor

Paula Landers

I would like to thank John Mills, TC Shane, John Bryant, Bob Reutter, and Don Landers for coming to the workday on our food booth. Don and I brought some basic tools, thinking this was going to be a simple task of replacing a couple of boards. Thank goodness Bob had the foresight to bring all of his battery powered tools including a circular saw. It turns out we had to completely replace both flaps over the openings and several other trim boards. What was suppose to be a quick fix turned into an all day project. Ending up with Bob and John Bryant finishing the flaps.

The booth is now parked at Don Landers house because it appears someone was using it for target practice.

Don and I have been able to complete the painting and trim work at our house. We have 2 major projects to still to complete. One being the roof of the food booth and the other mounting a rack on the back of the booth for the generator.

We will be scheduling another work day to replace the roof. If no members have the expertise to supervise this project then we will hire a handyman to do it. Funds were approved at our September meeting to mount the rack on the booth for the generator.

Reminder: Marine Corps Birthday Ball tickets are now on sale on our web site mclrivercities.org/ball2019

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Marine Corps History

Gary Burk

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

STRANGLING RABAUL (1943)

The joint amphibious campaign to seize New Georgia and wipe out the nettlesome Japanese airfield at Munda Point bogged down because of inexperience, inadequate resources, and deadly enemy resistance. No Marine divisions were available for Operation Toenails. Thirty thousand Army troops would provide the bulk of the landing forces, beefed up by the Marines' 9th Defense Battalion. Marine raiders and parachutists would execute special operations missions behind Japanese lines.

Two companies of Marine Raiders jump-started the New Georgia operation on June 21, 1943, landing at Segi Point, rescuing an endangered Coast Watcher, then crossing the island in four brutal days to surprise and destroy the Japanese coast defense guns at Viru Harbor.

Admiral Kelly Turner landed the Army's 43d Division and the 9th Defense Battalion on Rendova Island on June 30, scattering the handful of Japanese defenders. The veteran Marine defense battalion went right to work, registering their new 155mm "Long Tom" guns, digging in their AA guns, using their light tanks and LVTs to traverse deep mud. Soon Long Toms began pommeling Munda, eight miles away. So far so good.

Then came Japanese air raids from Rabaul. The first evening a Japanese pilot hit Turner's flagship, the *McCawley*, with a well-aimed torpedo. That was bad enough—Turner switched to a smaller ship, a tug took *McCawley* under tow—but the embarrassing conclusion came after dark when an American PT boat skipper mistook the huge transport for an enemy vessel and sank her with a spread of "friendly" torpedoes.

The disasters continued. On D+2 (the second full day after the D-Day landing) a flight of eighteen Mitsubishi "Betty" bombers and Zero escorts surprised the amphibious force and devastated the congested beachhead, bombing and

strafing at will. By a combination of bad luck and human errors, every search radar on the island had become inoperational during that specific half hour, allowing the surprise attack. Marine 90mm gunners wheeled into action, eventually driving the raiders away, but the beach resembled a charnel house.

Among the 200 American casualties was a pugnacious and now incensed lieutenant colonel named David Shoup, an observer from the 2d Marine Division. Indelible helpless chaos Tarawa, four months later.

The star-crossed campaign struggled on. Army troops landed on northwestern New Georgia on July 2-3. Across the island, at Rice Anchorage on the Kula Gulf coast, Marine Colonel Harry Liversedge led a composite regiment of Raiders and Army infantry ashore. "Harry the Horse" Liversedge, an Olympic shot-putter and veteran of World War I, had too many missions for his light forces, but he exerted a magnificent effort.

Fighting through the jungle in a driving rainstorm, Liversedge's force crossed the Giza Giza River on improvised rafts of logs and ponchos, then drove the Japanese from the villages of Maranuso and Enogai on the east side of the Dragon's Peninsula. A futile roadblock in the middle of the jungle failed to restrict Japanese movements and tied up half the command. Liversedge let the rest of his men against the port of Bairoko.

Opposing Liversedge in the thickly jungled Dragon's Peninsula was Rear Admiral Minour Ota, commanding one of the largest concentrations of



rikusentai to fight the Americans in the war. For two weeks the Kure 6th Special Naval Landing Force slugged it out toe-to-toe with the Raiders and soldiers. Both sides suffered heavy casualties in vicious, point-blank jungle fighting. (The Marines would fight Admiral Ota again in 1945

on Okinawa's Oroku Peninsula.)

(to be continued)

The Lore of the Corps

Bob Reutter

Throughout history Marines have been ready to go wherever our country needs them. Not only for combat but for other roles including humanitarian aid and training for our country's allied military.

The 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit is currently deploying to Central and South American waters for just such purposes. Several hundred Marines and sailors are headed for that region aboard an amphibious ship in October, according to military officials. The deployment will be comprised of the command element of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, a platoon of grunts from 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, and a detachment of MV-22 Ospreys from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 166, according to a news release. The primary mission of the deployment will be to focus on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief across Central and South America. The Corps would not disclose what countries the 13th MEU would visit in Central and South America. It's not common for Marines to deploy to South America aboard amphib ships and the 13th MEU has traditionally operated in the Indo-Pacific and U.S. Central Command area of operations. The 13th MEU's 2018 deployment made history with the first combat strikes in Afghanistan by the high-tech stealth fighter F-35b. The command will serve in a headquarters role for what has been dubbed the Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force-Wasp.



"SPMAGTF - WASP is the latest in a long line of engagements with our Central American and South American partners," Maj. Sean Williams,

SPMAGTF - WASP operations officer, said in a command release. "The SPMAGTF - WASP mission will strengthen the interoperability between the Navy-Marine Corps team and partner nations." The South American deployment will not be the first deployment there. The Corps said it carried out a similar deployment in 2018 to Peru. The Wasp MAGTF deployment is expected to build upon that experience. And about 300 Marines with Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force – Southern Command carried out a deployment to Honduras from June 2018 to November 2018.

The Marines helped train partner forces in infantry skills and carried out various engineering projects. The deployment will provide extra training opportunities to work with other countries and bolster humanitarian disaster response capabilities in the region, the release said. "We look forward to serving alongside our Navy counterparts and training with our Central American and South American partners during several humanitarian-themed events, Col. Andrew Priddy, SPMAGTF-Wasp commander, said in the release.





The MCL River Cities Detachment #1090 will host the 244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Double Tree by Hilton, on Saturday, 9 November 2019, 601 Walnut Street, Evansville, IN 47708.

Appropriate Attire:

Marines: Evening Dress or Blue Dress "A"

Marine Corps League: Causal Uniform (Red Blazer) or Dress Uniform

Civilians: Black Tie

Additional Information:

A block of rooms has be reserved for attendees wishing to stay the night. Contact the hotel directly at 812-423-5002, to reserve your room by 10/10/19. Room Rate \$99 plus tax. Overnight parking \$15.

For the comfort and enjoyment of all guests, smoking is not permitted in the ballroom. Designated smoking areas will be available outside of the hotel.

There will be no childcare services at the event.

Sequence of Events:

6:30 pm Social Hour

7:30 pm Official Ceremony

8:00 pm Dinner is Served

9:00 pm Dancing DJ Services by Jim Mattingly

Menu:

All entrees include iced tea, water, freshly brewed Starbucks Coffee, hot tea. Served with garden green salad with chef's choice of two dressing, freshly baked rolls with whipped butter, seasonal vegetable. Our entrees are London Broil with Sherry Mushroom Sauce, Chicken **Saltimbocca**, and **Pan Seared Rainbow Trout**.

Reservations:

Tickets may be purchased online at mclrivercities.org/ball2019 or by mailing the form below.



244th Marine Corps Birthday Ball

<p>NAME: _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____</p> <p>CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____</p> <p>Make checks payable to: River Cities Det. #1090</p> <p>Please Mail with Payment to: Attention: Marine Corps Ball P.O. Box 6581 Evansville, IN 47719-0581</p>	<p>Tickets: \$50.00</p> <p>Quantity: X _____</p> <p>Total: _____</p> <p>Meal Choices: Indicate the number of meals ordered</p> <p>Beef: _____</p> <p>Chicken: _____</p> <p>Fish: _____</p>
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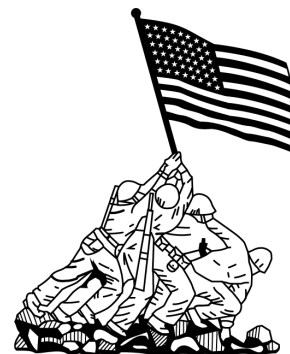
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diligently, and with dedication.



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Marine Tommy Collins
And Deceased
Detachment Members*



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



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 After August 1st - \$35

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River Cities Det. #1090
 Attn: Membership
 PO Box 6581
 Evansville IN 47719-0581

Marine Corps Birthday Ball
Saturday, November 9, 2019

Double Tree Hotel
 601 Walnut Street
 Evansville, IN 47708
 Phone: (812) 423-5002

Tickets will be \$50

Check the Web Site for the most current
 information and to purchase your tickets.

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Semper Fi

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Det. 1090 Breakfast Libby's and Mom's Cafe 0800	2	3 MCLA Southern Belles VA Clinic 8 a.m.-11 a.m.	4	5 MCL/MCLA Dept Of Indiana Fall Conference
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**Newsletter Articles, Ads, and Pictures for November NO LATER THAN
 October 22, 2019 There are No Exceptions to this deadline.**