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Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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Let's start this month with some good news. The National Marine Corps League website is back in operation. It is not fully functional as of today but it is back online. If you have some time to spare go to <http://www.mclnational.com> take a few minutes to cruise around the new site. There is some good information there including the National By-laws, various official forms, proper protocol in different situations and several other types of documentation. There is also a place to print out a 'Ship's Store' order form. You cannot shop online yet and there are no pictures of the items but there is a list of everything that is available so you can order if you know what you want. You will have to print the order form and mail it at this time. Let's hope this means that the MCL is on its way back.

Plans are well under way for the River Cities Detachment 1090's observance of the 240th Marine Corps Birthday. Tickets are available for \$30 per person. As I mentioned last month we will be limited to the first 100 tickets sold. Our guest speaker will be Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Recruiting Command's 4th Marine Corps District in Louisville, Kentucky, Sergeant Major John K. Wyatt. Location of the Ball this year will be the Evansville Country Club. We are still working on the menu and entertainment and more information will be coming soon.

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This month saw the completion of our second fund raising visit to Harbor Freight Tools. We set up from Thursday to Sunday (8/20-8/23) selling lunch and dinner to Harbor Freight customers. Nine members of the Detachment made the commitment to work either 0900-1400 or 1400-1900 selling food to raise funds for the Detachment. Several other members showed up to work as well. I will report on the income derived from this event in the next newsletter. We will decide at our August meeting (this column is being written prior to our meeting) whether it is worthwhile to continue going to Harbor Freight in the future. Our annual Labor Day fundraiser will be concluded on September 5th and I will report on those results in the September newsletter as well.

I hope every member of our Detachment makes plans to attend the Sock Hop being planned by the Southern Belles in September. It will be a good time, good music, dancing and good fellowship with Detachment members and friends. My wife and I are definitely planning on attending. See you there?

Semper Fi



Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

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

JUNGLE FIGHTERS –

After WW I, Marines were called to action in Nicaragua to help pro-American government of Adolfo Diaz resume power. Pressure from rebel elements led by guerrilla Augusto Cesar Sandino required a major buildup of Marine strength.

After landings at Bluefields, Corinto, and other sites, Marines under Brigadier General Logan Feland had garrisoned fourteen Nicaraguan towns. Eventually, 3,300 men of the 2d Marine Brigade, reinforced by two air squadrons, were in place supporting Diaz's shaky government.

Sandino, who refused to support the "American puppet" Diaz, took his rebels to the northern hills along the Honduran border.

Sandino would prove a formidable foe for the Marines. They pursued him in the Nicaraguan jungles for five frustrating years, engaging in their bitterest guerrilla fighting since the Seminole War in the Everglades.

Thinking of other ways of "skinning the cat" led Captain Merritt "Red Mike" Edson, the thirty-year-old commander of the Marine Detachment on USS Denver, to propose a series of aggressive patrols up the Coco River, along the border of Nicaragua and Honduras.

Red Mike Edson went deep into the bush and stayed there for months, living off the land as necessary, tracking Sandino's confederates. Firefights were vicious and point-blank.

Sandino bitterly began pulling his forces away from the Coco, his main line of communications. Edson then decided to scrap his boats and follow the rebels inland.

Edson's eventual reassignment from Nicaragua, (with a Navy Cross) must have come as a great relief to Augusto Sandino. But other promising Marine combat leaders arose to take his place.

Sandino was vexed by a hard-boiled pair of counter guerrilla fighters whose names had already achieved the status of legend in the American military: Gunnery Sergeant William "Iron Man" Lee and Lieutenant Lewis "Chesty" Puller.

In September 1932, Puller and Lee led their forty-man mounted company north of Jinotega, following a newly discovered guerrilla trail that led into the heart of Sandino's territory.

On September 26, after fighting their way through one ambush while crossing Agua Carta, Puller's force encountered a main enemy force of 150 men flanking them along two looming ridges. Gunnery Sergeant Lee, wounded twice in the initial outburst of firing, wrestled desperately with one good hand to untie his Lewis gun from a pack mule.

Lee was a world-class shot with the whole family of military weapons. His shooting made the difference. Puller's men gained the first ridge, then turned and fired down at the opposite ridge. The guerrillas followed like wolves, hoping for a complete kill. But Puller paused at every defensible fold of ground to surprise and sting his pursuers with well-aimed, long-range rifle fire.

The patrol returned to Jinotega intact, having covered 150 miles, destroyed two dozen enemy camps, and killed at least thirty rebels.

For this savage running battle, both Puller and Lee received the Navy Cross, the second for Puller (who would retire with an unprecedented five Navy Crosses after the Korean War).



William "Iron Man" Lee, second from right, and Chesty Puller, smoking a pipe, in Nicaragua in 1931. They are flanked by two Nicaraguan Soldiers.

River Cities Detachment #1090, Marine of the Year Nominations

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Marine of the Year award shall be presented to a regular member of the Detachment who has rendered service(s) and performed deed(s) above and beyond the duties and obligations required of a member of the River Cities Detachment. Nominations for the Marine of the Year shall be considered and selected by the current members of the Detachment Marine of the Year Society. The Marine of the Year Society shall be comprised of all recipients of the Detachment Marine of the Year Award in good standing with the Marine Corps League. The Society is charged with receiving and reviewing nominations for the Detachment Marine of the Year. The President of the Society will name their selection at the Marine Corps Ball in November. Each recipient of the Marine of the Year Award shall serve as President of the Society for the following year. The Society shall have no less than five members present to deliberate the selection.

- (1) Nominations for this award will be accepted from any member in good standing of the Detachment.
- (2) Each nomination shall have a brief sketch of the person being nominated as well as a written summery stating why this nominee should be the Marine of the Year. The nominee must also be a member in good standing. The President of the Society shall announce the recipient of the Marine of the Year Award at the Marine Corps Ball in November.
- (3) Nominations will be addressed to River Cities Detachment #1090, ATTN: Marine of the Year Society, P. O. Box 6581, Evansville, IN 47719-0581 and mailed postmarked or hand delivered no later than October 1, 2014. **Nominations received after that date will not be considered.** All letters should be in a sealed envelope and will remain sealed until the Society meets to make the selection. The society will convene on a date determined by the President of the Society in the month of October.

CRITERIA:

There are no minimum criteria to be eligible for this award, but consideration will be given to members who have demonstrated contributions in the following areas:

Commitment: This is defined as a member's participation in Detachment affairs, such as attendance at monthly meetings, working on committees and projects, taking a leadership role in detachment affairs and functions, supporting the various MCL programs sponsored by the Detachment. Also considered is the commitment to perpetuate membership through recruiting and retention efforts.

Service: This is defined as a member's participation in the community, which provides help and relief to underprivileged and reflect positively the Marine Corps League and on the nominee's character. Also, contributing to patriotic programs, which espouse good citizenship and strong moral values. (i.e.—volunteer work in the community, as well as service to church and similar activities.)

Marine of the Year Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Person Nominating: _____

Commitment: (Indicate here MCL activities in which the nominee has contributed)

Service in the Community: (Community Activities— Organizations supported)

Personal Statement of Recommendation: (You may attach a letter if you wish.)

Signature of person making the nomination: _____

Mail to: River Cities Detachment #1090
Attn: Marine of the Year Society
P. O. Box 6851
Evansville, IN 47719-0851

NOMINATIONS MUST POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED

2015 Marine Corps Birthday Ball

Celebrating the 240th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps

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RIVER CITIES DETACHMENT #1090

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015

GUEST OF HONOR - Sgt Maj John Wyatt

Marine Corps Recruiting Center Louisville, Kentucky

Evansville Country Club
3810 Stringtown Road
Evansville, IN 47710

Social Gathering: 6:45 pm to 7:15 pm
Ceremony and Dinner: 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm
Entertainment: 9:00 pm to Midnight

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No tickets will be sold at the door

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240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball	
Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____	Number of Tickets: _____ \$30.00 Each <u>X</u> \$30.00 Total Due: _____
Make Check Payable to: River Cities Detachment #1090 Mail with Payment to : Attn: 240th Birthday Ball P O Box 6581 Evansville, IN 47719-0581	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Please indicate your entrée choices</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chicken Piccata #</u> _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roast Beef Tenderloin #</u> _____</p>

Marine Corps League Auxiliary, Unit 441

By Dani Cook, President

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

MCLA, Southern Belles Unit 441 will be hosting a "50's SOCK HOP DANCE" at Amvets #84 on September 12th from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to dress in your favorite 50's outfit and come prepared for a fun time.

We will also be pre-selling tickets for \$7.00 a plate for a BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner that will be served starting from 6:30 to 7:30 that evening. To make your reservations contact Dani Cook 812-568-1395 or Paula Landers 812-483-5114. You may also purchase tickets at AmVets Post 84, 2912 Broadway Avenue. Carry out is available for the meal.



Newsletter Booster Club

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Luddie DeVaughn Jr	Oct - 15
Casey Canfield	Oct - 15
Paul & Yolanda Sowders	Nov - 15
Gary Burk	Dec - 15
David Jones	Dec - 15
Southern Belles Unit 441	Feb - 16
John & Dottie Mills	Feb - 16
Tom & Alice Kick	May - 16
Joe and Kathy Filipczak	May - 16
Frank Bockting	June - 16
Bob Moore	July - 16
A. J. Hardin	July - 16
Irene Blessing	July - 16
Art & Mary Beth Midle	July - 16
Bill Bitter	July - 16

A big thank you to all those that donate to the Newsletter Booster Club. We still need Booster Members, **a donation of \$5.00 per individual or more** is all it takes to become a member. As a Booster Member you get your name listed in the Newsletter for 1 year. This lets everyone know that you help support the River Cities News. The Booster Club and Advertisements help to **defray** the cost of printing and postage.

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www.mclrivercities.org/news

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We have space available in our ad pages.

Advertisements are available at the following rates.

- Business Card Size...\$15.00 for 6 months
- 1/4 page \$25.00 for 6 months
- 1/2 page\$50.00 for 6 months

Information on Life Membership

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**
- Age 36 up to and including age 50 - \$400.00**
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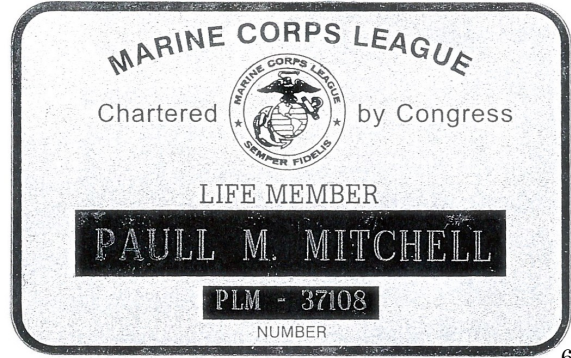
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*240th Marine Corps
 Birthday Ball*

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 reservations for this years
 birthday celebration.

More information on pg 5



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 Richard Schuler

Renewals

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New Associate Members

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Associate Renewals

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**Note: Annual
 Membership Dues New
 and Renewal \$35.00**

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September 2015



Paull Mitchell 9/1
 Ron Sieple 9/4
 Thomas Coomes 9/9
 Gene Stahl 9/16
 David Jones 9/19
 Thomas Kremer 9/19
 Pat Dillback 9/26

Note: If we did not list your
 birthday, it was an oversight
 or we don't have it on our ros-
 ter. Please contact us so we
 can correct the error next year.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	2	3 MCLA VA Project 8 a.m.	4	5 Barbque Ribs Pick up 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. At JD Byrider 1st Avenue
6	7	8 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	9	10	11	12 MCLA Southern Belles Sock Hop AmVets Post 84 See pg 5 for details
13	14	15 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	23 MCL Det. 1090 7:00 p.m. VFW 1114	24	25	26
27	28 MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441 6 p.m. AmVets Post 84	29 Det. 1090 Breakfast Pie Pan 8:00 a.m.	30	Newsletter Articles, Ads, and Pictures for October 2015 are due <u>NO LATER THAN</u> September 22, 2015		

Important Notice

It is time to submit your nomination for River Cities Detachment's "Marine of the Year". Any member in good standing may submit a nomination. For more information turn to page 4.