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Commandant's Corner

By Bob Reutter, Commandant

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*I come in peace, I didn't bring artillery. But I am pleading with you with tears in my eyes: If you f**k with me, I'll kill you all.*

Marine General James Mattis, to Iraqi tribal leaders

1916 was a momentous year for the Marine Corps. This year saw the opening of Marine Recruit Depot, Parris Island South Carolina. During WWII over 200,000 recruits were trained there. In February the first Women Marine recruits in 1949. Segregated training ended in 1949 as all Marine recruits on the east coast began training here. During the Korean War 138,000 Marines were made there. More than 200,000 more Marines joined the ranks during the Vietnam War. Today the yellow footprints are the starting point for Marines of all races, religions and genders.

The same year also saw the creation of the Marine Corps Reserve. From WWI the USMCR has played an essential role in the Corps. by augmenting, reinforcing and supporting the active component across the full range of military operations. With the Reserves as a backup force the USMC has remained our nation's premier 'force in readiness.' With WWI looming on the horizon, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Marine Corps Reserve into existence. Reserves served seamlessly during such battles as Belleau Wood, Soissons and the Meuse-Argonne. Reserve aviators flew with the British Northern Bombing Group targeting enemy transportation networks.

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Between wars Major General John A. Lejeune (13th Commandant) determined that a healthy reserve component was a strategic necessity to compensate for a smaller regular Corps. In his words, "it is absolutely necessary that there be in the Marine Corps prior to the emergency an adequate and well-trained Reserve." Congress agreed and on 2/28/1925 passed into law the creation of 18 battalions as well as aviation squadrons conducting drills. WWI veterans were encouraged to join and by 1930 the USMCR numbered over 10,000 Marines.

Of the 589,852 Marines to serve in WWII approximately 70% were reservists. Reserves served with distinction during the Island campaigns. 44 of the 82 Marine Medal of Honor recipients were Reserves. Twenty reserve Marines received the Medal of Honor on Iwo Jima alone. Among the Reserve Marine aviators to distinguish themselves were Brigadier General Robert E. Galer, Colonel Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, First Lieutenant Robert M. Hanson and Brig. Gen. Joseph J Foss. Nearly all the combat correspondents covering the war were Reservists. These former reporters and photographers provided the American public back home with a vital link to the Marines serving overseas. After the war they continued to provide robust media coverage of the Corps during the postwar years. More than 19,000 women joined the USMC Women's Reserve to "Free a Marine to Fight." They held over 200 MOS from truck driving to aerial photographers to maintenance. Just as in WWI reserve Marines seamlessly integrated into the active component. Said one official USMC history "the reservist was so indistinguishable Continued on pg 2

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from the regular that to attempt a distinction is irrelevant.”

With the onset of the Korean War the USMCR was able to mobilize 33,528 Marines to reinforce the 1stMarDiv and provide 50% of the manpower during the defense of the Pusan Perimeter, the Inchon landing, the battles at the Chosin Reservoir and along the 38th parallel. These Marines left their civilian lives and went into combat thousands of miles away in less than 3 months. General (and future Commandant) Lemuel Shepherd, Jr. recalled that “had it not been for the mobilization of the Reserves to bring the 1stMarDiv to full strength he never would have been able to offer the Division for Inchon.” During the Korean War over 13,000 reserve Marines were activated with 13 Medal of Honor recipients. One third of all aviation combat missions were flown by Reservists.

Since the end of the Korean War the USMCR has stayed ready. Training in all sorts of climate and condition the Reserve Marines stand ready to step in should the need for a more robust Marine Corps surface again. To demonstrate their readiness, Company B of the 4th Tank Bn. Which arrived in Saudi Arabia just 32 days after mobilization. Picking up 13 M1A1 Abraham tanks they entered an action with Iraqi T-72 tanks. In only a few minutes the enemy lost 34 of its 35 tanks with the loss of zero Marine tanks.

Since the attacks of 9/11/2001 the USMCR has entered more than a decade of continuous unit mobilizations and deployments in support of the global war on terrorism. Reserve Marines have been engaged in major combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, theater security cooperation, counternarcotic and crisis response operation in support of combatant commanders around the globe.

Today, the Marine Corps Reserve is a “Ready, Relevant and Responsive” force. With 38,000 Active Reserve members and 65,000 Inactive Reserve members the USMCR is better trained and better equipped than ever before. In times of war and national emergency – as generations of ‘citizen soldiers’ did before them – reserve Marine will continue to answer the call to duty and contribute to the success of our Marine Corps.

Semper Fi
Bob

Military Order of Devil Dogs

by PDD Don Landers

Next Growl: October 10, 2016	Leroy's	1830 hrs.
January 9, 2017	TBA	1830 hrs.
April 10, 2017	TBA	1830 hrs.
July 10, 2017	TBA	1830 hrs.
August 14, 2017	TBA	1830 hrs.

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.

General James F. Amos, 35th Commandant of the Marine Corps

Marine Corps League members if you are not a member of the MODD ask a member of the order and learn what the MODD is about. You must be a member in good standing with the League and been a member for at least one year to be eligible to join the Military Order of Devil Dogs. You will also need the recommendation of the Commandant to join.

Marines in the Public Eye

By Bob Reutter

Jerry Coleman is the only Major League Baseball player to have seen combat in two wars. Jerry first postponed the start of his career to fly as a Marine Aviator in WWII and then left baseball to fly in the Korean War (during which he survived a scary crash.) in all, he flew 120 combat missions and was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and 13 Air Medals. "The Colonel" went on to win four World Series championships ('46, '50, 51, 56) as a second baseman for the New York Yankees. He went on to have a lengthy broadcasting career, earning an induction into the broadcaster's wing of the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Radio Hall of Fame in 2007.



Gil Hodges made his major league debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1943. Born in Princeton, Indiana his family moved to Petersburg when he was seven. Starring in 4 sports at Petersburg High School he declined a contract offer from the Detroit Tigers in 1941 to attend St. Joseph's College. Gil had served in the PRTC during his college years at St. Joseph's so he joined the Corps. He saw action during the battles of Tinian and Okinawa service as an anti-aircraft gunner. He received a Bronze Star and a Combat Action Ribbon. He was discharged from the Corps in 1946 and returned to baseball hitting 370 home runs over an 18 year career. Hodges was an eight time All Star, three time World Series champion and three time Gold Glove Award winner.



Ahmard Hall attended high school in Angleton, Texas. He served in the Corps between 1998 and 2002 as a field radio operator and earned the rank of Sergeant while deployed in Afghanistan. After the Corps he walked on to the football program at University of Texas. After playing fullback for the Longhorns (including their 2005 National Championship team) he was drafted by the Tennessee Titans. In 14 games during his rookie season he rushed 7 times for 21 yards, caught 15 passes for 138 yards and made 5 tackles on special teams. He has started at fullback for the Titans his last several seasons leading the way for running backs in the offense. Hall's wife – Joanna – also served 4 years in the Marine Corps. This Marine established a tradition by taking Titan players and cheerleaders to Nashville's VA Hospital to offer gifts and greeting to older military veterans and injured servicemen from the Iraq and Afgan wars.



Shrine Fest 2016

By Arthur Midle, Shrine Fest Chair

To all the Marines and their wives that helped at Shriner Fest 2016. Yes, it was HOT and the crowd was small, but we did meet a lot of Marines and their families. We got to talk to them about the League and hopefully we did some good in our recruiting efforts. The comraderie was good and those that braved the heat remembered the summer in Boot Camp and shared their stories.

I did plan on a small crowd but not as small as it was and after the final count we did not make a profit and the loss was small compared to some other not-for-profit food booths. I am proud of all that were there to help. Thank you,

Semper Fi

Marine Corps History

By Gary Burk

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

Continued from the August Issue

The North Koreans, virtually untouched by the reduced preliminary bombardment, waited until the 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, advanced halfway up the exposed slopes before shredding them with cross fire from both flanks.

The Marines were ripped and torn, smashed and hammered. Scores of casualties soon littered the hillsides. Marines and corpsmen going to their rescue fell in droves. It was an awful morning as the battalion ever experienced in Okinawa, or Belleau Wood. Sixty percent of the assault force went down before noon. The attack failed. As Colonel Murray would later report, "2/5 took a terrible beating."

With the dawn, the surviving Marines, thoroughly enraged, coalesced quickly into fighting units, and attacked Hill 117.

The first light meant Marine Corsairs back on station, and the North Koreans began to lose heart. When Captain John Kelley dropped a 500-pound bomb precisely in the middle of four NKPA machine gun nests- and less than fifty yards from the advancing Marines-the enemy knew this day was going to be different.

The Marine Brigade inflicted 4,000 casualties on the 4th NKPA Division and captured thirty-four major artillery pieces. The threat to Pusan, for now, eased.

INCHON

The U.S. naval bombardment resumed at 1430, setting the Inchon waterfront ablaze. Low-flying planes swept over the city, streaming fire into NKPA emplacements. Close-in fire support craft poured 6,000 rockets into the objective area as the Marines debarked into their landing boats and amphibian tractors. The late afternoon light began to fade. As the assault craft neared shore, Inchon City was barely visible through the smoke and haze.

Puller's 1st Marines would land by LVTs over Blue "Beach," three miles to the southeast, a suburban industrial area with few egress ramps from the shallow water. The first men over the crest of the seawalls experienced the same sense of vulnerability to direct enemy fire as their ancestors in the same regiment felt I "going over the top" in the trench warfare of 1918. (Continues in October Newsletter)

"Truman's Police Force"

As the first Marine Division took dead aim at the difficult objectives of Inchon and Seoul, their hometown newspapers erupted with a negative slam against the Corps by the Commander-in-Chief. In response to a congressman who had written suggesting the Marine Commandant be accorded a voice among the Joint Chiefs, President Harry S Truman vented his spleen. "For your information," he replied, "the Marine Corps is the Navy's police force and as long as I am President that is what it will remain. They have a propaganda machine that is almost equal to Stalin's."

A firestorm of outraged public opinion appeared when this letter was published in the papers on September 5 (a mere ten days before D-Day at Inchon). Truman seemed amazed at the extent to which the Marines' unofficial "subway alumni" took offense at his remarks. He apologized to Commandant Cates. The Marines in Korea took the news in stride. But more than a few crews of Pershing tanks and amphibian tractors emblazoned the sides of their vehicles with "TRUMAN'S POLICE

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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.

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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, 2016. **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
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and with dedication.



Semper Fi
Roy McWilliams

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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.



Roy and Carolyn McWilliams

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The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!

Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the United States, 1945

Dedicated to the memory of good Marines and good friends:

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Semper Fi Marines!

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12th Annual Rib/Butt Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 3th
 Pick up Orders Between
 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
 at J.D Byrider on First Avenue

MCLA Southern Belles #441

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Sept. 17th
 AmVets Post 84
 2912 Broadway
 8 a.m. to 11 a.m
 Adults - \$5.00
 Under 10 - \$3.00

Devil Dog Growl

Next Growl (2nd Monday)
 October 10, 2016
 Leroy's 1830

Marine Corps Birthday Ball

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

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