



Bunker News



*A MULTIPLE
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JUNE 2024

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Website: MCL588.Org

Happy Hurricane Season!

Yes, after months of anticipation, we can once again debate the merits of our favorite prediction model. Which one will be the winner this year? Will it be CARQ, AEMN, CHIP or one of the AP models? It's enough to make a weather guesser break out in goose bumps. My favorite is WIJC, otherwise known as 'Where is Jim Cantore'. No matter what the spaghetti plots show, you are in trouble if Jim shows up in town. This is a good time to check your emergency supplies. The FDA recommends replacing bottled water every two years. Canned goods can last anywhere from 1-10 years, depending on what they are. Rice can go 10 but Bourbon, Vodka, Scotch, Gin, etc are good forever. Just say'in.



Many thanks to all who pitched in for field day. The Bunker got a good cleaning from stem to stern. Ron and Tom took turns with our new stripper. Yes, we are talking about our new 20" Floor Buffer. It proved itself to be a very worthwhile investment getting the floor clean enough that you might consider the 5 second rule should your burger end up on the deck.

It's hard to believe that 2024 is almost half over. This means that your board's term is also nearing the halfway point. Thanks to major efforts, particularly by our Paymaster Ron Kosey and Adjutant Bob Fields, we are running smoothly and Joe Intoppa has kept us on a profitable path. If you would like to step up for the board, rest assured that your aren't signing up to crew the Titanic! The Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate are elected positions and must be held by Marines. All other positions are appointed and can be held by associates. The 588 is a rare gem among MCL detachments. Instead of gathering once per month in a spot borrowed from another organization, we have "The Bunker" where we can gather with friends for a variety of activities during the month. Keeping everything running smoothly requires many hands. If you have the time and talent to keep the Bunker moving forward, please consider stepping up.

To our members who are heading north for the warmer months, safe travels. If you have an empty seat, consider taking a neighbor with you. Until next month.

Semper Fi, Joe

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Marine Corps League

Desoto Detachment 588

Event Calendar for JUNE 2024

Open to all Members, Veterans and Guests for all Special Events



6/1	12:00 AM	HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS @ THE BUNKER AND THE REST OF FLORIDA.
6/1	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER WITH GREAT HOT DAWGS!
6/2	3:00 PM	DART MATCHES AT THE BUNKER! DON'T GET STUCK....
6/5	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
6/7	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER!
6/8	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER WITH WONDERFUL HOT DAWGS!
6/9	3:00 PM	DART LEAGUE @ THE BUNKER!
6/10	6:15 PM	E-BOARD MEETING @ THE BUNKER. NO HOT DAWGS
6/12	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
6/14	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER!
6/15	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER WITH FANTASTIC HOT DAWGS!
6/16	3:00 PM	DART LEAGUE @ THE BUNKER?
6/17	6:30 PM	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ THE BUNKER! PLEASE ATTEND.
6/19	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
6/21	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER!
6/22	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER WITH THE WORLD'S BEST HOT DAWGS!
6/23	3:00 PM	DART LEAGUE @ THE BUNKER?
6/24	5:30 PM	HONOR GUARD PRACTICE @ THE BUNKER!
6/26	12:00 PM	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
6/28	6:00 PM	KARAOKE @ THE BUNKER!
6/29	3:00 PM	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER WITH "OUT OF THIS WORLD HOT DAWGS"!
6/30	3:00 PM	DART MATCHES AT THE BUNKER!

MARINE CORPS BALL TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE BUNKER!
SEATING IS LIMITED, SO BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY.
THE BALL IS GOING TO BE HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER AT THE
TARA COUNTRY CLUB.



249th. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

Saturday, November 9, 2024

TARA COUNTRY CLUB

6602 Drewry's Bluff

Bradenton, FL

Directions: East on S.R.70 (53rd. Ave.) Right on Tara Blvd. (last traffic light before I-75)

First right after traffic light on Drewry's Bluff. Country Club is on left ½ mile.



All invited to attend an evening of Tradition, Ceremony, Dinner, Music and Dancing

Dress: Formal or Semi-Formal, all Military Uniforms Welcome

Cocktails 6PM - 7PM

Ceremony 7PM - 7:30PM

Dinner & Dancing 7:30PM – 11:00PM

Boneless Short Ribs with Demi Glaze & Fried Onion Haystack

Bourbon Glaze Salmon

Chicken Marsala

Vegetarian

*Dinners include Garden Salad, Chive Whipped Potatoes, Vegetable Bouquet, Dinner Rolls
& Birthday Cake*

Detach bottom portion & return by November 1

\$60.00 per person

Please send payment or in person.

Marine Corps League Desoto Detachment #588

5225 26th. St. West- Bradenton, FL 34207

Phone: (941) 301- 4598

Amount of payment _____ (Please write Birthday Ball in memo field on check)

First & Last Name of each attendee and Dinner Choice – Phone Contact _____

1 (_____) Check one choice - B ____ C ____ F ____ V ____

2 (_____) Check one choice - B ____ C ____ F ____ V ____

3 (_____) Check one choice - B ____ C ____ F ____ V ____

4 (_____) Check one choice - B ____ C ____ F ____ V ____

Tables are set for 10 people – (table requests - please write one table name for all people to be seated at your table)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 2024



Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran
Dennis Stafford is sworn in. AND YES
he went to MCRD San Diego.



New Associate Members being sworn in: Front Row Left to Right:
Gary Clark, Maureen Graham, Anthony Pesiri, Joan Pesiri, Makayla
McClean. Back Row: Severo Covian Jr. and Scott Bouchard.



Some very serious thoughts happening here.



Judge Advocate Denny Palmer monitors the
ceremony.

WELCOME

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAY 2024



The Bunker's Brig awaits anyone who violates our regulations. Our Sergeant at Arms will put them in there and throw away the key.



Sergeant at Arms, Matt Richards, ensures that good order and discipline are the order of the day.

Happy 90 Years Young Tony Lovretta



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The First Marine to be Awarded the Medal of Honor

By John D'Alusio – Historian, MCL 588 Detachment

The Marine Corps has certainly had its share of recipients of the Medal of Honor. But who was the first Marine to earn that award?

John F. Mackie (October 1, 1835 – June 18, 1910) was a USMC sergeant during the Civil War. He was awarded the nation's highest military decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor for his actions aboard the USS *Galena* during a battle with Confederate Marines (yes, the Confederacy had its own Marine Corps) and artillery batteries at Fort Darling near Richmond, VA, on May 15, 1862.

Sgt. Mackie was the first Marine to receive the Medal of Honor in the history of the Marine Corps.

By way of background, Mackie enlisted in the Marine Corps from New York on April 24, 1861. His first assignment was with the Marine Detachment on board the USS *Savannah*. He was promoted to corporal on March 1, 1862. On April 1, he began serving on the ironclad USS *Galena*.

The *Galena* was a broad-sided ironclad with a maximum speed of 8 knots. She carried a crew of 164 and was armed with only six heavy cannon (four 9" smoothbore Dhalgrens and two 100 pound Parrot rifles). She was only clad in 3" of iron, which left her vulnerable to enemy fire from anything larger than 12 pounders.

During Union General McClennan's Peninsula Campaign, on May 15, 1862, a five-ship Union Navy squadron, including the *Galena*, steamed up the James River to test the defenses of the capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, VA. After reaching a bend in the river, the squadron encountered submerged obstacles and heavy fire from two battalions of Confederate Marines positioned on the banks of the river along with artillery fire from Fort Darling atop Drewry's Bluff about eight miles below Richmond. The Confederates had installed numerous cannon including one 10" and two 8" columbiads at Fort Darling. The columbiad was a large caliber smoothbore muzzle loading cannon able to fire heavy projectiles at both high and low trajectories. This feature enabled the columbiad to fire solid shot or shell to long ranges, making it an excellent seacoast defense weapon for its day.

Mackie commanded 12 Marines on the gun deck of *Galena*. During the battle (which would come to be known as the Battle of Drewry's Bluff), most of *Galena's* naval gun crew was killed or wounded. John Mackie was a Marine sharpshooter handling a musket and firing at the Confederate Marines who were manning the banks riverbank around Ft. Drewry. Seeing the numerous casualties among the Naval gun crews, Mackie spontaneously led a group of

Marines to take over operation of two of the cannon of the *Galena* for the remainder of the battle.

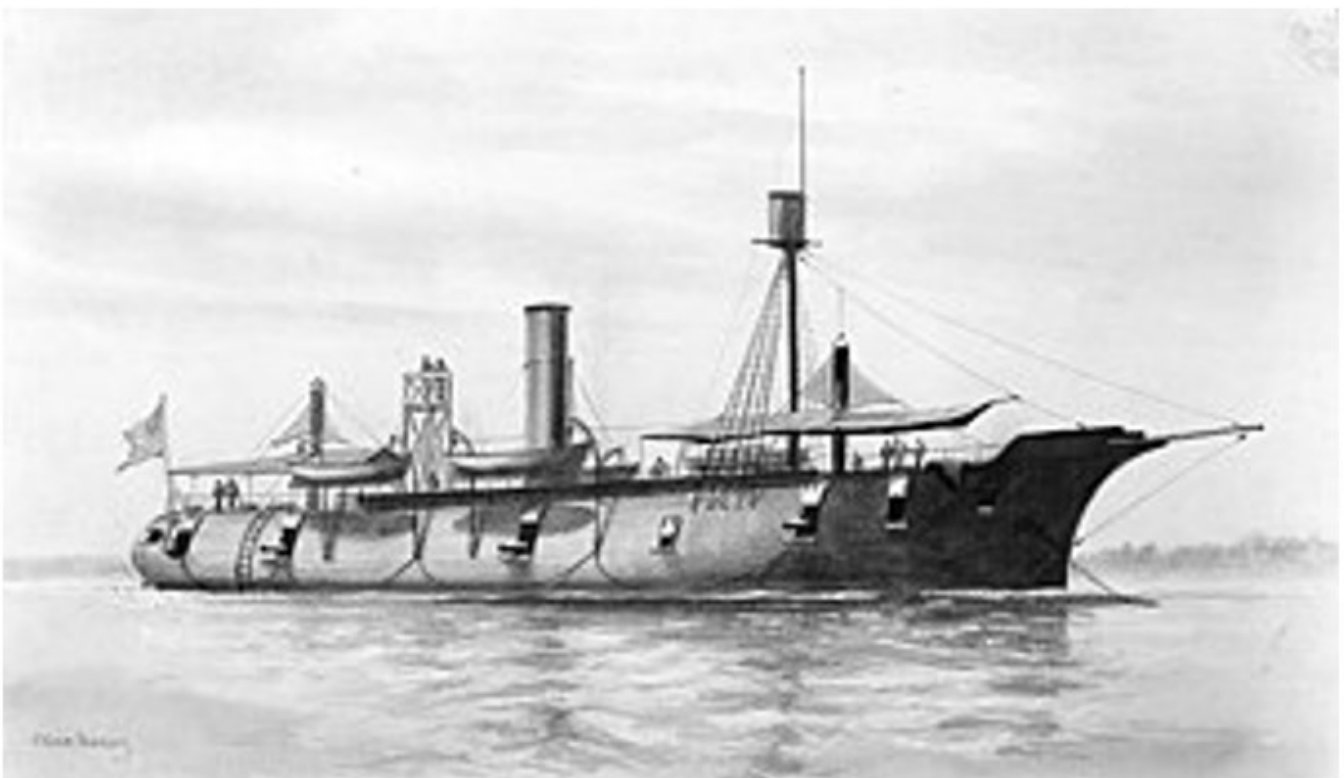
It was hot work. The fire from the Confederate fort resulted in the *Galena* being damaged during the battle because her armor was too thin to prevent the heavy Confederate shots from penetrating. The fort's artillery inflicted severe damage on the *Galena* and forced the Union squadron to turn back down the James River.

On July 10, 1863, Mackie was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions aboard the *Galena* on May 15, 1862. Mackie was particularly mentioned for his "gallant conduct and services and signal acts of devotion to duty".

On October 11, 1863, John Mackie received the medal while on his new assignment aboard the USS *Seminole* which was anchored off Sabine Pass, Texas. Mackie was presented the Medal of Honor during a ceremony on the quarterdeck of the ship.

John Mackie was given an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps on August 23, 1865.

Mackie eventually married and settled near Philadelphia, PA. He died at the age of 74 and is buried in Arlington Cemetery. At Drewry's Bluff, now within Richmond National Battlefield Park, a marker is posted which features Mackie's Medal of Honor action.



USS Galena



VETERANS SERVICES

Goodwill was one of the first organizations to respond to the multitude of challenges faced by veterans, their families, and the families of those who serve on active duty.

Goodwill Manasota's Veterans Services Program focuses on providing comprehensive case management and vocational services that assist with employment and barriers to employment, while helping veterans navigate the wide array of available programs.

We are proud to have a wide variety of community partners and alliances with other local organizations committed to serving those who have served for us.



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DD 214s

Marines who have been discharged, separated, or retired on or before 31 December 1998:

National Personnel Records Center

1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, MO

63138

(314) 801-0800; Fax: (314) 801-9195

<https://nrd.gov/resource/detail/8432677/>

[The+U.S.+National+Archives+%26+Records+Administration;](https://www.archives.gov/st-louis)

www.archives.gov/st-louis

Marines discharged/retired/separated on or after 1 January 1999:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)-10

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030

(800) 268-3710; smb.manpower.mmrp-10@usmc.mil

Your time on Earth
is limited. Don't try
to "age with grace,"
age with mischief,
audacity, and a
good story to tell.

**When you are in the Grocery
Store and you see that guy or gal
wearing a USMC ball cap, make
sure you say "Semper Fi" to them
and invite them to the Marine
Corps League. It's the right thing
to do.**

**Come to the bunker and support your
Marine Corps League Detachment. If
you haven't noticed, the Bunker has
been busier lately. Many of our
members who haven't been in for
quite awhile are coming back.**



**Tribute Wreath at Sarasota National Cemetery
in honor of Lance Corporal Everett Whipple.**

On Memorial Day the following members of our Honor Guard provided a Color Guard for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Lakeside West in Sarasota.

- ♦ Joe Filice
- ♦ Denny Palmer
- ♦ Jimmy Grote
- ♦ John D'Alusio
- ♦ Bob Fields

Of Special Note: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Retired LtCol Earl Jacobson, who enlisted at the ending months of WWII at age 17; served as a drill instructor; was commissioned and became a helicopter pilot in Korea, and served in Vietnam. LtCol Jacobson is 94 years young, and was dressed in his full dress blue uniform for the ceremony.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBRA HUSTED!

**Debra won the Girsan MC 14T-Tip-Up 9mm
Pistol Raffle.**



MEMBERSHIP NOTICE:

Section 7050. Life Members. Effective 1 September 2021 the Life Membership fee shall be as established by the National Board of Trustees and shall be posted on the National Website.

The National Board of Trustees has the fiduciary responsibility for the operation and budget requirements of the Marine Corps League. The last time fees were adjusted was 19 years ago. The National Board of Trustees voted and approved the following:

Effective 1 July 2023, the Life Membership Fees will increase as per the following chart:

\$1000.00 – 35 years of age and lower

\$ 800.00 – 36-50 years of age

\$ 600.00 – 51-64 years of age

\$ 400.00 – 65-84 years of age

\$ 100.00 – 85 years of age and higher

The above Fees are only available if the member's annual dues have been paid and the member is in good standing.



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 —



To learn more,
contribute or
volunteer, visit
www.thetun.org



The Tun Tavern Legacy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to rebuild and re-establish The Tun. The foundation needs to raise **\$19 million** to complete the project. When completed, it will serve as a functioning tavern reminiscent of the colonial Philadelphia mariners' tavern that it was, serving period-influenced refreshments, food, and entertainment and offering an educational experience through exhibits, historical documents, and special events. The new location will be approximately 250 yards from the original site, in the heart of Philadelphia's "Old City" district.

Many organizations whose history began at The Tun, such as the United States Marines (1775), Pennsylvania, Freemasons (1731), St. Andrew's Society (1747), Society of St. George (1729), The Friendly, Sons of St. Patrick (1771), United States Navy (1775) are involved in reestablishing The Tun in Philadelphia to support veteran causes, Shriner's Hospitals, educational scholarships, and qualified charities. **The Tun™ is scheduled to open in November 2025**, coinciding with the Navy and Marine Corps 250th Homecoming Celebration in Philadelphia. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for November 2024.

COLD WAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Attn: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept. 480

1600 Spearhead Division Ave.

Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

Fax: (888) 276-9472 or (502) 613-9510

<https://www.hrc.army.mil>

Search "Cold War Certificate"

Bunker Field Day



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**DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

SAVE THE DATE

**June 6--9
2024
DOF MCL
CONVENTION**



Hilton Melbourne Rialto

**Mark your calendars,
make your plans to attend the
Department of Florida MCL
2024 Convention**

**Convention Packet scheduled to
be distributed
FEBRUARY 2024**



Free Entrance to National Parks

Explore the outdoors. You can use your [Veteran ID Card \(VIC\)](#) to gain free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including [national parks](#), wildlife refuges, and forests. Gold Star Families and Veterans can [enjoy a variety of activities like camping, hiking, biking, and much more.](#)

Bunker Announcements :

- **NO CHILDREN are allowed to sit at the bar.** *(For legal purposes, this means anyone under the age of 18, though the label may also apply to a few unnamed grunts).* Minors must sit at tables or high tops only.
- **Guests are permitted 3 visits to The Bunker.** *Upon the 3rd visit, they will be required to submit a membership application before returning.*
- Non-members will be assessed an additional **\$1.00 surcharge** on drinks.
- When playing the dice, **3 of a kind gets a free drink** of the kind already purchased, **4 of a kind gets 2 free drinks** of the kind already purchased. Five of a kind receives the monetary amount based on the roll sequence.
- When you are going to use free drink chips to pay for your drinks, **let the bartender know before they tally your “cash out” on the computer.** If you produce the chips after they produce the “cash out” total, it causes issues. Be considerate of your volunteer bartenders and **TIP THEM WELL.**
- **FINALLY, THE BUNKER IS OPEN TILL 2100 ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AGAIN!**

Support your Detachment.

WHEN HURRICANE SUPPLY SHOPPING LAY YOUR BOTTLES FLAT AND YOU CAN FIT MORE IN YOUR CART



FOLLOW ME FOR MORE HURRICANE TIPS

LOCAL AGENCY THAT CAN HELP VETERANS IN NEED

Supportive Service for Veteran Families (SSVF). Administered by ***Turning Points*** in Bradenton. Contact them at 941-747-1509. They are located at **701 17th Avenue West, Bradenton Florida 34205**. Services available include: Outreach Services, Case Management Services, Assistance Obtaining VA benefits, Assistance obtaining other Public Benefits, Rental Assistance, Utility-Fee Payment Assistance, Child Care and other Qualifying Services, and Transportation.

If you have service connected disabilities and hold a VA Card indicating that, you can go to the Myakka State Park Rangers Office, off of State Road 72, and be issued a pass.



MISSION AND PURPOSE

The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

Dedicated to supporting our local veterans and enriching our community, DeSoto Detachment #588 is the local arm of the Marine Corps League, serving the greater Bradenton/Sarasota area. Annual initiatives include Honor Guard and honors services for fallen service members, Toys for Tots drive, charity golf tournament, USMC Ball, scholarships and support for Young Marines, and other community initiatives that support or honor US Marines and their families.



Forget about Thunderstorms, Earthquakes, Tornadoes, Hurricanes and volcano eruptions. There is about to be a Sergeant Major Storm when he sees his shirt.

Marine Corps Rule # 11.93

THE DUTY FIRE WATCH WILL STAY AWAKE AND ALERT. UPON RECOGNIZING A FIRE, THE DUTY FIRE WATCH WILL SOUND THE ALARM, CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ENSURE THE BARRACKS IS EVACUATED. AFTER EVACUATION IS COMPLETED THE DUTY FIRE WATCH WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE REPORT TO THE OFFICER OF THE DAY.

ANY DUTY FIRE WATCH CAUGHT SLEEPING ON DUTY WILL BE SUMMARILY PUNISHED.

The Desoto Detachment Honor Guard practice has been moved to the last MONDAY of each month at 1730.

YOU can become a member of the Honor Guard, both Members and Associate Members are welcome.

No experience necessary.

For more Information, contact JOE FILICE, JOHN D'ALUSIO or BOB FIELDS at the Bunker.

Paperwork will ruin any military force.

- Lt. Gen. Lewis "Chesty" Puller



Bizarre Fact: Three Pigeons Were Awarded a Military Medal in WW II

Submitted by: John D'Alusio, Detachment Historian

Pigeons have always gotten a bad rap, especially when you consider the disparity between their reputation and that of the dove — which is actually just a pigeon with a better PR team. In addition to being much more intelligent than you may have realized, some members of the Columbidae bird family are even war heroes. This includes the three pigeons who were awarded a military medal in 1943, all of whom served in the U.K.'s Royal Air Force. White Vision, Winkie, and Tyke were the inaugural recipients of the Dickin Medal, which was created by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) to honor animals who aided Britain's efforts in World War II; the carrier pigeons delivered lifesaving messages that led to the rescue of ditched aircrews.

All three decorated pigeons traveled great distances to complete their duty, with Winkie flying some 120 miles in order to alert the RAF Leuchars air base of his handlers' predicament. The flight crews were located within 15 minutes, and all of them were saved. The birds' medals, meanwhile, included this citation: "for delivering a message under exceptionally difficult conditions and so contributing to the rescue of an Air Crew while serving with the RAF." In the 80 years since the Dickin Medal was created, a total of 32 messenger pigeons have received the medal alongside as many as 38 dogs, four horses, and one cat. The bronze medallion is inscribed with the words "for gallantry" and "we also serve."

How may I get copies or information from my official military records or for those of a family member or military person I am researching?

Write:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

The fax request number is (314) 801-9195. The Center will respond in writing by U.S. Mail. Or visit the National Personnel Records Center online at:<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>.

Or you may also call at: 314-801-0800.

How do I find out what medals and awards for which I am eligible?

Write:

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
Military Awards Branch (Code MMMA)
2008 Elliot Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5030

**Members and Associate Members, male or female, consider
joining our Honor Guard.**

We can teach you everything you need to know.



HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR MARINE CORPS BALL TICKETS YET?

IF NOT, WHY NOT?

**THE MARINE CORPS BALL IS A TIME HONORED TRADITION COMPLETE WITH
CEREMONY, GREAT FOOD AND BEVERRAGES, DANCING AND JUST ONE
HECK OF A GOOD TIME.**

**SO, GET OFF YOUR COUCH, GET TO THE BUNKER AND GET YOUR TICKETS.
A BLANK TICKET PURCHASE FLYER IS ON PAGE FOUR OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

NO EXCUSES!

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If you, or someone you know needs help, support is available 24/7. Service members and their families can call Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647, or chat at militaryonesource.mil. Service members, veterans, and their loved ones can also call the Military and Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat at veteranscrisisline.net, or text to 838255.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available to anyone at 1-800-273-8255.

STOLEN VALOR.....Don't imposters know it is very easy to verify valorous claims in these days of Google and other search engines? There are a lot of fakers out there claiming to be something that they are not.

It is very easy to ascertain heroic status, both in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Don't be a faker. If you earned it, wear it with pride,
if you didn't earn it go crawl back in your hole with the other worms.

For more information about these worms,

Go to:

<http://www.stolenvalor.com/index.cfm>

Or

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Victoria_Cross_recipients_by_campaign

IT'S OUR DUTY TO EXPOSE IMPOSTERS,
BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

If you need help with benefits claims, contact the
Manatee County Veteran's Service Office at

(941) 745-3795

VETERAN'S SERVICES

Here in Manatee County, we appreciate our Veterans for their service and sacrifice and are happy to assist. You will always be treated with respect, courtesy, and compassion while at our office. Again, thank you for your service and we hope to hear from you in the near future.

Our office is committed to providing you professional assistance and guidance throughout your entire VA claim process. There is absolutely **no fee or cost** for our services or for the submission of a claim for VA benefits.

**These have been paid in full
by your service.**

**Please keep Bonnie Grote,
Rex Williams, and Frank
Hartman in your thoughts
and prayers. They are all
experiencing significant
health issues.**

**If you know of members
who are sick or in distress,
please call our Chaplain,
Ron Schneider
941-749-5799**



Military Stories

We are collecting stories by and about military personnel.

If you would like to have your story published email your story to Craig Hullinger at:

craighullinger@gmail.com

Your story can be long or short. The story can cover an interesting event or your entire life. You can write about yourself or a friend or relative that you would like to honor.

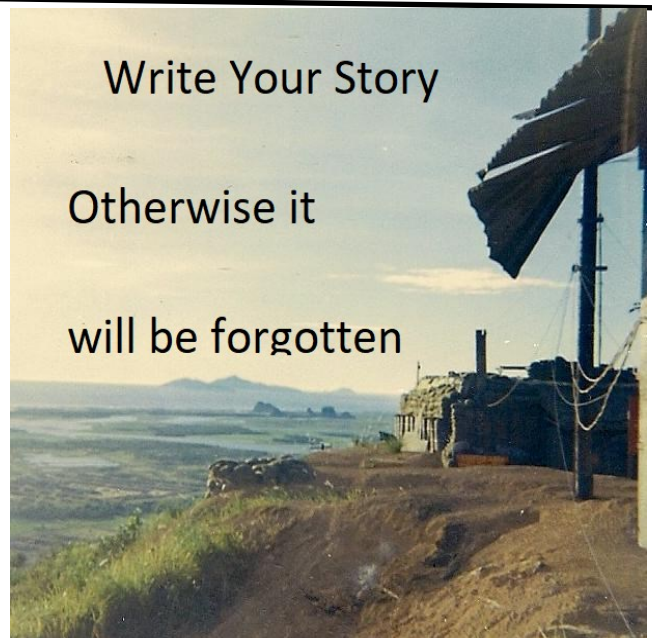
Pictures are worth a thousand words. You can write the story for a relative, friend, or ancestor. You can add to your story. We look forward to publishing your story on the blog.

Thank you for your stories.

Write Your Story

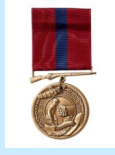
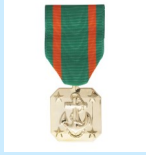
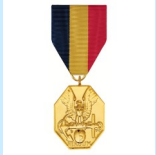
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will be forgotten



Where to write for your medals
(no cost to you):

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 Liaison Office Room 5409
 9700 Page Avenue
 St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**



BAR POKER

EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON

3:00 –5:00 PM

AT THE BUNKER

Our Detachment has a new website that is now up and running.

Please visit it at: MCL588.org. The website will host announcements, photos, archived newsletters, etc. So go right now and put MCL588.Org into your browser.

**Veterans
 Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION
 715 Broadway St., Quantico, VA 22134
 (866) 622-1775, ext. 100, Fax: (703) 640-0162
mca@mca-marines.org

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leatherneck@mca-marines.org
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 (800) 336-0291, ext. 144; Fax: (703) 630-9147
gazette@mca-marines.org





SCUTTLEBUTT

The Word



- ⇒ When is the last time you invited a potential member to the Bunker or to a MCL Meeting? Invite that guy or gal down the street that has the USMC decal on their car.
- ⇒ See JOE INTOPPA to become a celebrity poker dealer for Bar Poker. Little to no experience required.
- ⇒ Send your photos, articles or announcements to Editor Bob Fields for inclusion in the Bunker News. Send to RMFields0117@gmail.com by the 25th of the month.
- ⇒ The Bunker is now open on Sundays 1100-1800 & Friday's until 2100.
- ⇒ HONOR GUARD PRACTICE COME JOIN IN, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WELCOME. See any member for details.

Remember to always tip your

VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS

at the Bunker very generously.

They are unpaid and giving up their

time to keep

the Bunker Running.

Bar Manners: It certainly isn't mandatory, but when a member wins a large pot on dice or pull tab cards, it is generally an accepted practice to

tip the bartender VERY generously, and to buy the bar a round of drinks.

People who win big money and just leave a drink chip or small tip are frowned upon by all and called names that I can't put in print.

MARINE CORPS HISTORY IN JUNE

2 June 1918: At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

8 June 1995: A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

10 June 1898: The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. LtCol Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

12 June 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

15 June 1944: Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

20 June 1993: The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

25 June 1950: Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

25 June 1966: In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

26 June 1918: BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."



PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD C. AGERHOLM

Born: JANUARY 29, 1925

Died: JULY 7, 1944

Hometown: RACINE WISCONSIN



The President of the United States takes PRIDE in presenting the **MEDAL OF HONOR** posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAROLD C. AGERHOLM

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with the 4th Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on Saipan, Marianas Islands, July 7, 1944. When the enemy launched a fierce, determined counterattack against our positions and overran a neighboring artillery battalion, PFC Agerholm immediately volunteered to assist in the efforts to check the hostile attack and evacuate our wounded. Locating and appropriating an abandoned ambulance jeep, he repeatedly made extremely perilous trips under heavy rifle and mortar fire and single-handedly loaded and evacuated approximately forty-five casualties, working tirelessly and with utter disregard for his own safety during a grueling period of more than three hours. Despite intense, persistent enemy fire, he ran out to aid two men whom he believed to be wounded Marines but was himself mortally wounded by a Japanese sniper while carrying out his hazardous mission. PFC Agerholm's brilliant initiative, great personal valor and self-sacrificing efforts in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon himself and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

//FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT//



USS Agerholm (DD-826)

