



Bunker News



**A MULTIPLE
AWARD WINNING
NEWSLETTER!**

JULY 2023

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Happy flag waiving, American pride having', 247th birthday to the good ole' US of A! Hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits.

July has us well into storm season and although we have had some rumbles of thunder and a few good summer rainstorms, please keep in mind it's early on in hurricane season and you should be checking on your storm supplies. Batteries, bottled water, give that generator a tune up if it needs it, check those fences to be sure they're sturdy, get that roof work done if you have a leaky roof and get going' on that pesky yard work you've been putting off so nothing comes through your sliding doors or windows. Whew! I should take my own advice because I feel like I'm constantly mid project around the house and yard.



We are having an Independence Day celebration @ The Bunker on Tuesday, July 4th. Dig out your red, white and blue duds because we're pulling out the hot dog roller and throwing on those juicy bunker dogs everyone loves. See a bartender to sign up to bring a covered dish, side dish or tasty sweet treat. This event is free to our membership. Starts at noon and goes on til all the food is gone.

We have a "basket of cheer" that we are selling raffle tickets for. 5\$ per ticket gets you an entry to win a basket full of booze, scratch off tickets and a \$50 bill. Support your league and buy up some tickets!

Our Italian Fest was a hit and there was soooo much good food entered. Thank you to those who entered for sharing your dishes with us and congratulations to Peggy Turner, our prize winning chef. Already looking forward to our next one!

That's it for me for now. Stay frosty!
Semper fi

Jim Grote



Marine Corps League

Desoto Detachment 588

5225 26th Street West, Bradenton (941-301-4598)

Event Calendar for JULY 2023

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



7/1	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
7/1	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
7/2	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
7/4	1200	INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION @ THE BUNKER!
7/8	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
7/8	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
7/9	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
7/10	1800	E-BOARD MEETING @ THE BUNKER!
7/12	1200	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
7/15	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
7/15	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
7/16	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
7/17	1830	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ THE BUNKER!
7/19	1200	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
7/22	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
7/22	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
7/23	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
7/26	1200	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
7/29	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
7/29	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
7/30	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
7/31	1730	HONOR GUARD PRACTICE @ THE BUNKER!



248th. MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

Sponsored by Marine Corps League, Detachment #588



Friday, November 10th. 2023

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 the traffic light on Drewry's Bluff. Country Club is on left 1/2 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 (B)

Bourbon Glaze Salmon (F)

Chicken Marsala ©

Vegetarian

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

Detach bottom portion & return by November 1

\$60 Per person

Please send payment or in person:

Marine Corps League Desoto Detachment #588
5225 26th. St. West – Bradenton, FL 34207

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

Credit Card – Master Card ___ Visa ___ Discover ___ Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ CVV # _____ Zip Code _____

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

1 (| _____) Check one choice B ___ F ___ C ___ V ___

2 (_____) Check one choice B ___ F ___ C ___ V ___

3 (_____) Check one choice B ___ F ___ C ___ V ___

4 (_____) Check one choice B ___ F ___ C ___ V ___

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

Any Questions, please contact the Marine Corps League Bunker at 941-301-4598

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 2023

Nine new Associate Members were sworn in. Too many for one photo so here they are in a series of photos. They are: Cindy Clark, Kevin Windisch, Sandy Bradley, Debra Husted, Liz Colvin, Pam Miller, Heather McNeal, Jeffery McNeal and Raymond Moran.

WELCOME ABOARD!



Sergeant at Arms Jason Barth ready to take the new recruits out for a little close order drill!



**50/50 Winner of the BIG BUCKS was *Cindy Clark*...
Whoo Hooo!
The IRS will be paying you a visit shortly.**

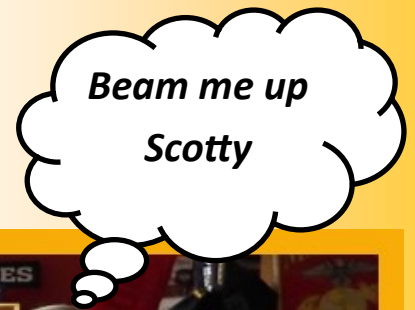
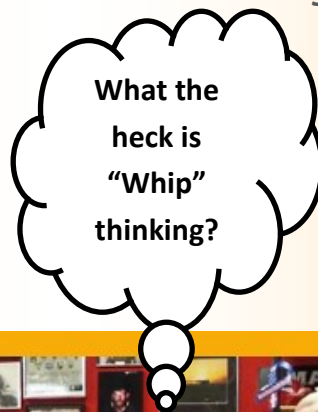
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 2023



Hey Joe...Whatcha doing?



Glenn trying to make that bottle move through the power of thought.





Mike Ryan is happy to have visitors from the 588. He is at Greenbriar Rehab in Bradenton. This photo was taken the morning of 6/27. Go and see Mike and he'll tell you how proud he is of his new USMC blanket.



The team name (just for yesterday because Ron is out) was Skid Joe.

The trophy reads "The Bunker's Weekly Trivia Champions".

The Ka-Bar Knife

By John D'Alusio – Historian, MCL Detachment 588

There's no more recognizable American knife. The Ka-Bar went to war in 1942, and hasn't left the field of battle since. It needs little introduction to the majority our Detachment members (one hangs over the bar at The Bunker).

The **United States Marine Corps picked up the fixed blade Ka-Bar** near the end of 1942. The US entered World War II following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December, 1941. At that time the country, just emerging from the Great Depression, was dealing with a plethora of issues including supply shortages, massive production demand, and obsolete designs. Many soldiers heading to Europe and Marines to the Pacific were bringing along hunting knives from home. This was an indictment of the inadequacies of the combat knives issued to our troops in the nascent stages of the war.

After the Marines adopted the Ka-Bar, the Navy did the same. The Marines eventually designated the design the USMC Mark 2 after the Navy designated their version the USN Mark 2. Like the old 1911s of this time (along with the Garand, the M1 Carbine, the BAR, etc.), the Ka-Bar was produced by multiple companies. The design was built by at least four corporations: Union Cutlery, Robeson, PAL and Camillus.

The development of knives is traditionally "leisurely." While there can be some significant improvements with materials and changes for tempering techniques or grind angles, the basics tend to endure. Many fighting knives of this era were long and double-edged. Sharp tipped stabbing designs are meant for thrusting. The blades are thin, difficult to sharpen, and less about general utility and more about producing deep wounds in your enemy.

Hunting knives were different. The blades were wider. Weight was somewhat controlled by the addition of convex "blood grooves," and most were either flat or convex grinds that aimed at maintaining the structural integrity of the edge.

The Bowie Knife clip-point was still in fashion at this time. The Ka-Bar took some attributes of the Bowie Knife such as the sharp point and kept the opposing dull edge to allow the knife to have more punching potential. Even with the width of the blade, this made it a more versatile fighting knife.

The Ka-Bar design had a hint of brilliance. It isn't a full-tang knife. It could have been made that way, and that would have made the design stronger. However, this was wartime and metal conservation was extremely important. The Ka-Bar was made strong-enough, while also conserving steel.

The knife used 1095 carbon steel for its blade. That'll make you recoil in horror if you are one of those blade-steel snobs who pay hundreds of dollars for "designer" knives. The 1095 carbon steel is as basic as steel comes these days. It is moderately easy with which to work, wears fairly well, can be sharpened easily. It also has more than a century of history as a proven material for cutting tools.

In the Ka-Bar, the cross guard, blade, and pommel are parkerized. That provides the rudimentary protection that a carbon steel blade requires (all but the cutting edge), minimizing the potential for rust. Minimizing, but not eliminating. The Ka-Bar design will always require some care, or rust ye shall see.

Another unique design point is the stacked leather handle. These leather discs may well be the best grip material ever developed for both comfort and feel. Also, a well-worn stacked leather handle absorbs shock, and provides an excellent grip surface without being too aggressive. Being leather, it isn't as slippery or cold-to-the-touch as some plastics or even other natural materials such as scrimshaw.

With a bit of oil to wipe down the blade and a shot of leather preservative on the handle, the Ka-Bar will be serviceable for a long time.

If you interested in acquiring a "mature" Ka-Bar, look for shrinkage in the handle leather washers. The pommel is peened on with the handle being compressed, but if the leather dries out, it will shrink and the cross guard may pull away.

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The original design was meant to function as both a fighting knife (for any Marine that wasn't issued a bayonet) and as a utility knife. The fighting function is facile to envision. The blade length was increased (over most of the commercial hunting knives and previously issued utility knives) to 7 inches. This was considered at the time to be the optimum length. The blade was long enough to hit internal organs, but light enough to carry without inducing fatigue.

As a utility knife, the Ka-Bar remains a solid performer. The blade is a competent slicer and rather easy to keep sharp. The grind angle is fairly wide with a 20-degree angle. The knife is also solid for chopping, splitting, prying, and basically anything else you want a basic camp knife to do.

Though the Ka-Bar has a thick "stick tang," it is not full. That remains the weak point of the entire design. It's not going to fall apart, but a full tang would make it much stronger than it is, especially for prying.

The knife's reputation was forged in battle, but it is the quotidian dutiful performance of the knife in every other task that really makes it such an essential tool.

The **current production models** differ from the originals in one primary way. The endcap is pinned on and not peened. Peening was done after the endcap was forced down, and the steel tang was then deformed by peening it over. Once peening is complete, the handle isn't going anywhere.

Pinning, on the other hand, is easier. The leather is compressed until a pre-drilled hole in the tang allows for the pin to be inserted. This holds pressure against the underside of the endcap, which secures the pin and keeps it from shifting.

Peening is somewhat stronger. However, there are some Ka-Bars from the 1940s that are broken at the endcap. Admittedly, though, this is rare occurrence.

If you don't already own one, a new Ka-Bar will currently set you back around \$90 these days. However, given a moderate amount of care and maintenance, it will last a lifetime and beyond. That's a pretty good investment of \$90 from any angle.



The USMC Ka-Bar



It's time to start thinking about supporting "Toys for Tots" for Christmas 2023. Marine Corps League Members and Associate Members volunteering are key to making the campaign a success! Stay tuned for details on how you can help.

Be decisive.

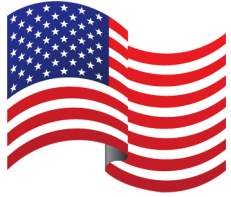
Right or wrong, make a decision.

The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

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"

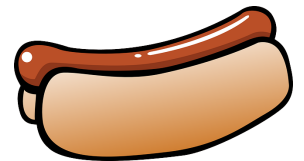




Celebrate our INDEPENDENCE

on the 4th of July

at the Bunker, Noon til ???



All American Hot Dogs provided by the Bunker. See a bartender at the Bunker to sign up for bringing a side dish. Come celebrate with friends,!



Winner of Gun Raffle for SAR 2000 ST Semi-Auto Pistol

By John D'Alusio

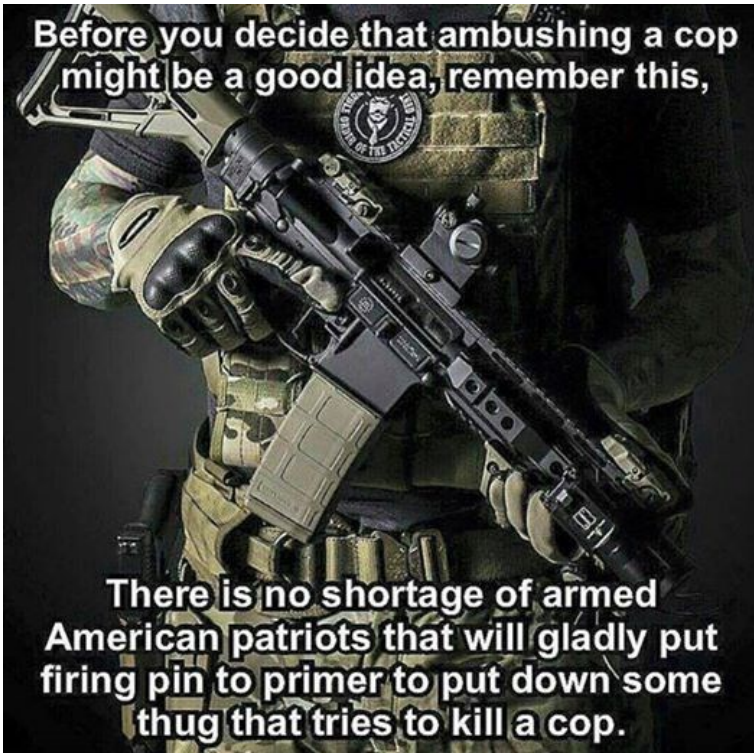
It's exceedingly difficult to predict the enthusiasm (or lack thereof) of our membership regarding gun raffles. By way of example, the two raffles before this one sold out in a day and half and in one day, respectively. The latest one took a full 13 days to sell the 100 raffle tickets. The relative long period of time for completion of the raffle was even more of an enigma given the fact that the firearm was an all cold-forged stainless-steel high-capacity 9mm hammer fired semi-automatic pistol that retailed for \$600.

The SAR 2000 ST went up for raffle starting on 15 June. The last tickets were finally sold on 27 June. After the last ticket was sold, the winning raffle ticket was selected. The winner was newly inducted member, Pam Miller. Pam was installed as an associate member of the 588 at the last general membership meeting on 19 June. She spent her last \$10 that evening on a raffle ticket. It paid off. Pam picked up her pistol on 29 June and was overjoyed with the triumph!

Pam has been associating herself with a women's shooting organization but has held off buying her own pistol until she could determine the type she wanted. The raffle win of SAR 2000 ST solved that conundrum for Pam. She was impressed with the comfortable grip, the solidness of the pistol, and the SA/DA trigger. The SAR 2000 ST will provide Pam with many years of service.

The next gun raffle will not commence until sometime in **August**. I'll announce the make and model of the next firearm in the August edition of The Bunker Newsletter, so stay tuned.





Before you decide that ambushing a cop might be a good idea, remember this,

There is no shortage of armed American patriots that will gladly put firing pin to primer to put down some thug that tries to kill a cop.

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/>

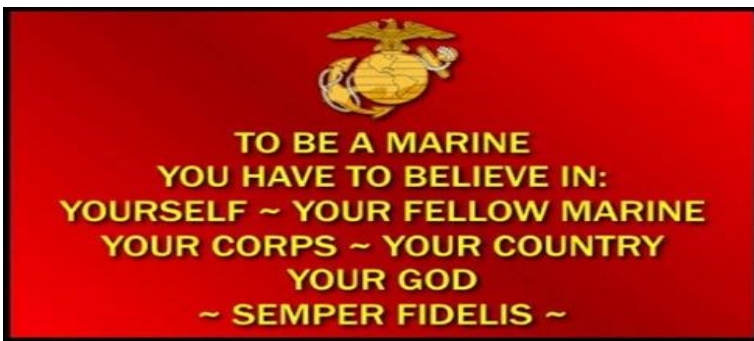
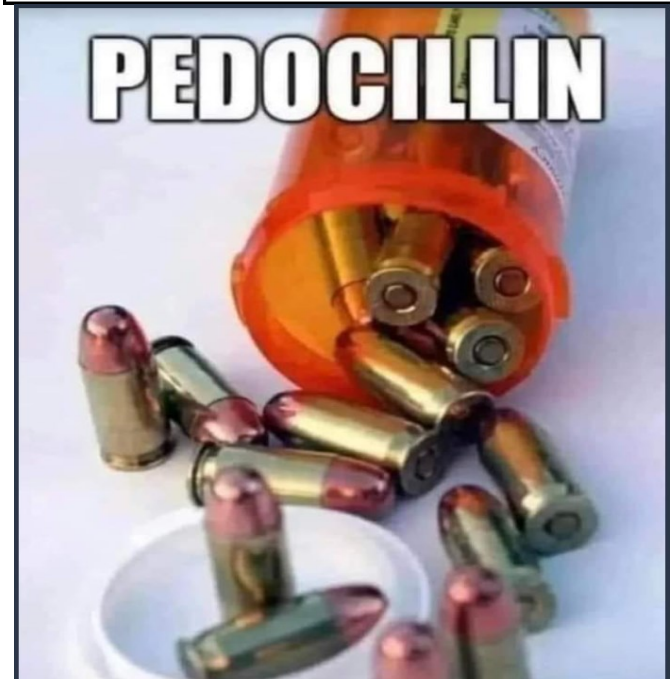
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www.archives.gov/st-louis](https://www.archives.gov/st-louis)

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



MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS OUTSIDE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ANC)

The funeral director (preferred) or a family member can contact the HQMC Military Funeral Honors Section at (866) 826-3628 or (703) 432-9524 to request Military Funeral Honors for a veteran. The funeral director (or family member) must be able to provide the Marine's complete name, SSN, rank, status (retired or veteran), date of birth, date of death, and place of death/interment. In addition, a copy of the Marine's DD-214 needs to be provided for verification of "honorable service". If a DD-214 is not readily available, it can be requested through the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO. The following link provides additional details:

<https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Agencies/Casualty-MFPC/Funeral-Honors/>

MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS FOR BURIALS AT ANC

A family member will need to contact ANC directly. The following link provides information on eligibility, required documents, and additional resources for scheduling and attending funerals at ANC. Marine Barracks Washington provides Military Funeral Honors for Marine burials at ANC.



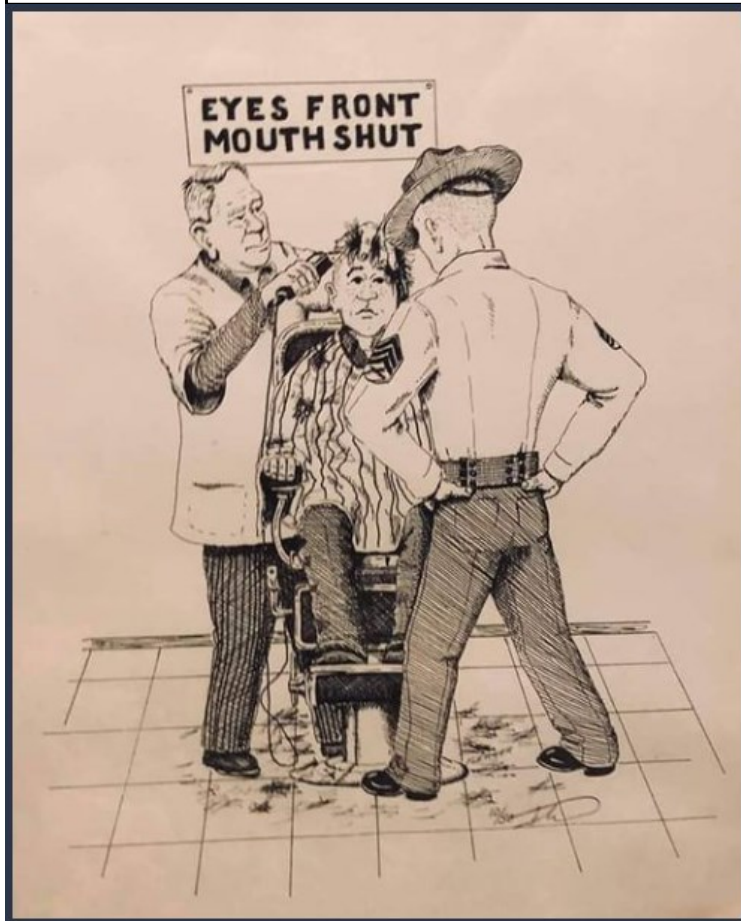
This says you die quick and painless.

This says you die somewhat quick, with some pain.

This one says you die slowly and very painfully.

Either way we will get you.

~ SEMPER FIDELIS ~



I DID A PUSH-UP TODAY.



WELL, ACTUALLY I FELL DOWN, BUT I HAD TO USE MY MY ARMS TO GET BACK UP, SO... CLOSE ENOUGH

NOW I NEED CHOCOLATE

Happy Independence Day

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- William Manchester^[127] — author and historian
- Mike Mansfield^[128] — U.S. Representative and Senator, Senate Majority Leader, U.S. Ambassador to Japan; co-author of the *Douglas-Mansfield Bill* (1951) supporting the Marine Corps
- Lee Marvin^{[2][32]} — Academy Award-winning actor (*Cat Ballou*)
- Bob Mathias^{[32][129]} — two-time Olympic champion in the decathlon — U.S. Congressman (California-R)
- Hugh McColl^{[130][131]} — Former chairman and CEO of Bank of America
- Pete McCloskey^[132] — U.S. Congressman (California-R)
- Robert C. McFarlane^[133] — National Security Advisor to President Ronald Reagan; known for his role in Iran-Contra
- Tug McGraw^[134] Major league relief pitcher and two time World Series winner
- Paul F. McHale, Jr.^[135] — U.S. Congressman from Pennsylvania (D), Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense
- Ed McMahon^[2] — television personality
- Sid McMath^[136] — Governor of Arkansas
- Steve McQueen^{[2][32]} — actor (*Bullitt*)
- Donald E. McQuinn^{[137][138]} — Author of military and science fiction
- Zell Miller^[139] — Governor of Georgia, U.S. Senator (Georgia-D)
- Billy Mills^[140] — Olympic gold medalist (1964), 10,000m run
- Tom Monaghan^[141] — founder of Domino's Pizza
- Elizabeth Moon^[142] — Award winning fantasy and science fiction author
- Alvy Moore^[143] — actor (*Green Acres*)
- Paul Moore, Jr.^{[32][144]} — 13th Bishop of New York
- Jim E. Mora^[145] — NFL head football coach
- Robert S. Mueller III^[146] — current director of the FBI
- Jimmy Murray^[147] — former GM of Philadelphia Eagles and co-founder of Ronald McDonald House charities
- John Murtha^[148] — U.S. Representative (D - PA)
- Franklin Story Musgrave^[149] — NASA astronaut
- Anton Myrer^[150] — author (*Once an Eagle*)



Mike Mansfield



Robert S.
Mueller, III

N

- Carlos I. Noriega^[151] — NASA astronaut
- Oliver North^[152] — Iran-Contra involvement; political commentator
- Ken Norton^[32] — world champion boxer, Boxing Hall of Famer

Marines that became famous? Here are the "M's through N's". Submitted by Dave Hildibrand

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MEETINGS ARE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 1830 Website: MCL588.Org



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 **\$.50 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.**
- If you can, **pay your bar tab with cash.** We do accept credit cards, however the Bunker is charged a fee. You are welcome to use your credit card, but if you have the cash please use it.
- **FINALLY, THE BUNKER IS OPEN TILL 2100 ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AGAIN!**

Support your Detachment.

TIME TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Dues were due on September 1st. Please pay them promptly in order to continue your membership and to be able to enjoy the benefits of the Bunker. Maybe it is time to think about a Life Membership.

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 card good for free entry to all Florida State Parks.



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.



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.




Call TODAY for this FREE service!
941.355.2721 x.451



In Memory of Michael Ronald Kennard

June 23, 1971


May 3, 2023



Taps

Day is done,
gone the sun from the lake,
from the hill,
from the sky.
All is well,
safely rest.
God is nigh.

Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun,
'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.
As we go,
this we know,
God is nigh.





Marine Corps Rule # 999

- ◆ *Treat every weapon as if it were loaded.*
- ◆ *Never point a weapon at anything you do not intend to shoot.*
- ◆ *Keep your finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to fire.*
- ◆ *Keep the weapon on safe until you are ready to fire.*
- ◆ *Know your target and what is beyond it.*

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 Matt Richardson at the Bunker.

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

The Ball Committee has confirmed the
 248th. Marine Corps Ball is Friday November 10th.
 at Tara Country Club.

GET YOUR TICKETS AT THE BUNKER.



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.*

FOR SALE ITEMS

TABLE - \$200

CLAW FOOT DINING ROOM TABLE.
APPROXIMATELY 60" LONG. HAS (2) LEAFS THAT ARE 18" EACH. HAS A SMALL SCRATCH AS INDICATED IN PICTURE. MUST CALL TO MAKE APPOINTMENT TO SEE. NO CHAIRS. TOP COMES OFF FROM BASE. \$200 OBO. Call or text Kathy Campbell (423)534-2389.



Dining Room Furniture - \$500 (Bradenton)



Dining Room Furniture - Table, dining room chairs (6)-(2 arm chairs), Lighted China Hutch. Hutch comes in (2) sections. \$500. Must make an appointment to view. Must pick up. Call or text Kathy Campbell (423) 534-2389.

AMMO FOR SALE

I want to sell 5 boxes of 32 S&W Long! \$20 per box!

I also have 1/2 box of 32 S&W Long for \$10.00.

Contact Glenn Weik @ 941-737-8857 or see him on Wednesday at the Bunker when he is the volunteer bartender.

INK Cartridges for Sale

3 units, 950XL Ink Cartridges for HP Printer \$45 for 3 cartridges!

Contact Glenn Weik @ 941-737-8857 or see him on Wednesday at the Bunker when he is the volunteer bartender.



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

VETERANS 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 Mike Ryan,
Tony Rosato, Bonnie Grote,
Gordon Lamb, Debbie
Fields 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. The stories will be posted on: www.militarystories.us

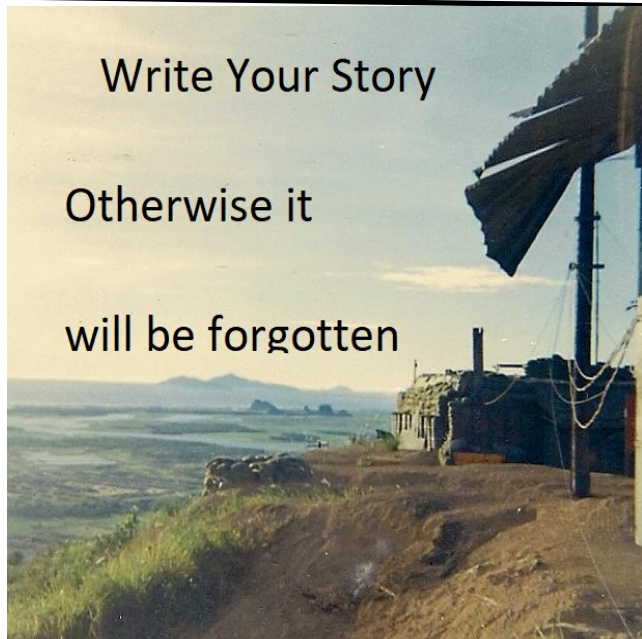
If you would like to have your story published email your story to Craig Hullinger at:

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.



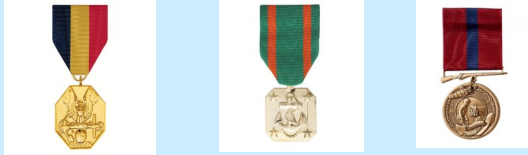
Write Your Story

Otherwise it

will be forgotten

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

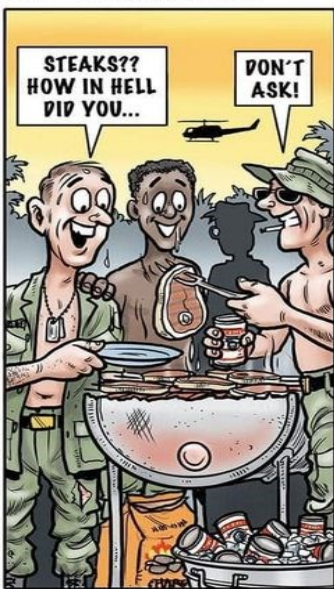
Navy Personnel Command
Liaison Office Room 5409
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100



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. Our Adjutant has diligently put this together. The website will host announcements, photos, archived newsletters, etc. So go right now and put MCL588.Org into your browser.

IN-COUNTRY



ALL HAIL...THE SCROUNGER!



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



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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 Jarhead@BrightHouse.com by the 25th of the month.
- ⇒ The Bunker is now open on Sundays 1100-1800 & Friday's until 2100.
- ⇒ HONOR GUARD PRACTICE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1800. COME JOIN IN, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WELCOME.

***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, the stamps 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.

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY: **KATHY CAMPBELL**

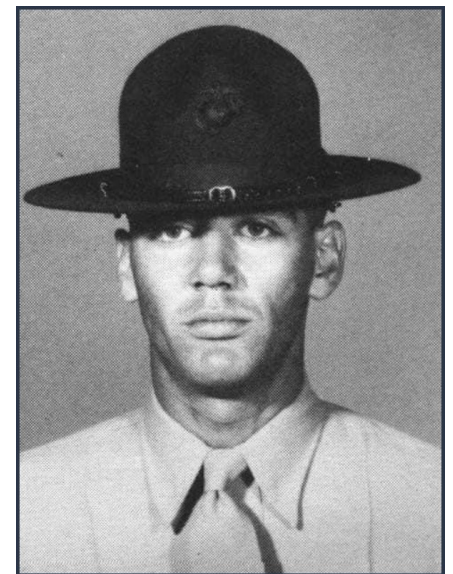
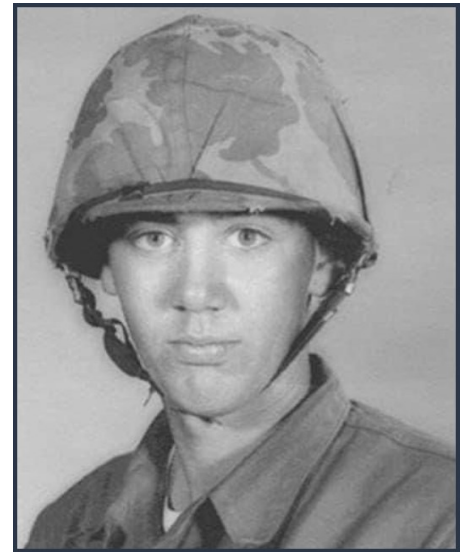
In 1961, at age 17, R. Lee Ermey enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and went through recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in San Diego, California. He served in the aviation support field for a few years before becoming a drill instructor in India Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, where he was assigned from 1965 to 1967.

Erme y then served in Marine Wing Support Group 17 at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Okinawa, Japan. In 1968, he was ordered to South Vietnam with MWSG-17, and spent 14 months in-country. The remainder of his service was on Okinawa, where he was advanced to staff sergeant (E-6). He was medically retired in 1972 because of several injuries.

Erme y continued to visit Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in San Diego, California and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island in Beaufort, South Carolina to visit with and speak with recruits. Erme y filmed an episode of Mail Call at Parris Island.

On May 17, 2002, Erme y received an honorary post-service promotion to Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) from the Commandant of the Marine Corps General James L. Jones in recognition of his continuing support to Americans in military service.

He conducted morale tours, visiting United States troops in locations such as Al Kut, Iraq, and Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, in which he filmed parts for his television show Mail Call. While at Bagram Airfield, he held a USO-type show in which he portrayed GySgt Hartman and conducted a comedy routine. He also did the same at Doha, Qatar and Camp Doha, Kuwait City, Kuwait, in 2003.



Erme y died at a hospital in Santa Monica, California, from complications related to pneumonia on the morning of April 15, 2018, twenty-two days after his 74th birthday. His funeral was held in Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, January 18, 2019, where his ashes are buried.

He came to fame for his role as Gunnery Sergeant Hartman in the movie "FULL METAL JACKET".



SAMUEL I. FELTON Jr.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

HOMETOWN: LORAIN OHIO

BORN: 1949 DIED: 2020



Private First Class Samuel L. Felton, Jr. disobeyed an order to stay put behind cover, and instead single-handedly rescued three Marines trapped 75 yards outside the wire in a listening post. Wounded, with a Marine slung over his shoulder, and wading through a knee-deep rice paddy, Felton fired his rifle one-handed killing two NVA at point-blank range. For his boldness and heroic efforts, PFC Felton was awarded the Navy Cross.

“...serving as a Fire Team Leader with Company C, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, in the Republic of Vietnam. Early on the morning of 11 June 1969, Company C was established in a battalion night defensive perimeter two miles west of An Hoa Combat Base when its sector came under a heavy volume of rocket, mortar, recoilless rifle, and automatic-weapons fire followed by a determined assault by an estimated 100 North Vietnamese Army soldiers. When communications with a three-man listening post 75 meters forward of the perimeter were lost, PFC Felton established voice contact and learned that all three Marines were wounded and unable to return to the perimeter unassisted. With resolute determination, he left his fighting hole and although wounded by enemy fire, continued across the open terrain until he reached the beleaguered Marines. After administering first aid and ensuring that no equipment or ordnance was left behind, he provided covering fire as he directed the two least seriously wounded men across the hazardous area to the company lines. Despite his weakened condition from loss of blood, PFC Felton began to carry the most seriously injured Marine through the knee-deep mud and water of the rice paddy. Suddenly two hostile soldiers jumped in front of him, blocking his chance to return to friendly lines. Reacting instantly, he fired his M-16 with one hand while supporting the wounded Marine with his injured arm, killing both of the enemy, and fearlessly continued his Herculean efforts until he delivered his wounded comrade to the battalion aid station. He then returned to the perimeter and continued fighting the attacking force until the enemy was repulsed. His heroic actions and bold fighting spirit inspired all who observed him and were instrumental in saving the lives of several fellow Marines.”

Felton served three combat tours in Vietnam before leaving the Marines as a Sergeant in 1972. Samuel Felton passed away in 2020.

MARINE CORPS HISTORY IN JULY

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The USS IWO JIMA was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The Iwo Jima was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, MajGen Schmidt declared the island secure.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.





MAJOR

KENNETH D. BAILEY

Born: OCTOBER 21, 1910

Died: SEPTEMBER 26, 1942

Hometown: DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

BORN IN PAWNEE OKLAHOMA



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

**MAJOR KENNETH D. BAILEY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For extraordinary courage and heroic conduct above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of Company C, First Marine Raider Battalion, during the enemy Japanese attack on Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on September 12–13, 1942. Completely reorganized following the severe engagement of the night before, Major Bailey's company, within an hour after taking its assigned position as battalion reserve between the main line and the coveted airport, was threatened on the right flank by the penetration of the enemy into a gap in the main line. In addition to repulsing this threat, while steadily improving his own desperately held position, he used every weapon at his command to cover the forced withdrawal of the main line before a hammering assault by superior enemy forces. After rendering invaluable service to the Battalion Commander in stemming the retreat, reorganizing the troops and extending the reserve position to the left, Major Bailey, despite a severe head wound, repeatedly led his troops in fierce hand to hand combat for a period of ten hours. His great personal valor while exposed to constant and merciless enemy fire, and his indomitable fighting spirit inspired his troops to heights of heroic endeavor which enabled them to repulse the enemy and hold Henderson Field. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.

/S/FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



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