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JUNE 2023

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Welcome to June! It's getting into rainy season which means, it's officially the start of Hurricane season. We had a pretty rough one last year that affected many of our members. Sending this reminder now to make sure you are stocked up on your storm supplies and to start hopin' and prayin' that this year will not be as active as last.



I hope everyone took a moment to reflect on Memorial Day of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for us. Those who are unable to be at our dinner tables, at our family celebrations, our picnics. Who gave their lives in honor of our country so we are able to live freely. How important it is for us to remember our heroes and she-roes.

Happy Fathers Day to all our Dads out there reading this. My wish for you is to be surrounded by your loved ones on your day and to NOT get another pair of those darn silly fish socks or another funny tie. Remember when Big Mouth Billy Bass was all the rage for Fathers Day gifts? Good times.

June 17th we are hosting our annual Festa d'Italiano dinner at The Bunker, so all you chefs sign up to make your best Italian or Italian inspired dish because the competition is always fierce for this event! Hope to see everyone get involved with this one. It's ALWAYS a great event. See a bartender for more details.

Finally, Marine Corps Ball tickets are on sale NOW! The ball committee is already hard at work to make this the best event for you and your guests. Tickets are \$60 per person. It's a beautiful night out that is rich with ceremony, tradition, delicious food, drink and great tunes to dance to. Hope to see you there!

See you 'round The Bunker!

Semper Fi
Jim



Marine Corps League

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

Event Calendar for JUNE 2023

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



6/3	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
6/3	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
6/4	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
6/7	1200	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
6/10	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
6/10	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
6/11	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
6/12	1800	E-BOARD MEETING @ THE BUNKER!
6/14	1200	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
6/14	1200	FLAG DAY @ THE BUNKER!
6/15	1200	PISTOL RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE @ THE BUNKER!
6/17	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
6/17	1300	TASTE OF ITALY @ THE BUNKER!
6/17	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
6/18	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
6/19	1830	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ THE BUNKER!
6/21	1200	BURGER DAY @ THE BUNKER!
6/24	1200	BINGO @ THE BUNKER!
6/24	1500	BAR POKER @ THE BUNKER!
6/25	1500	TRIVIA WITH THE "WHIP" @ THE BUNKER!
6/26	1730	HONOR GUARD PRACTICE @ THE BUNKER!
6/30	1200	LAST DAY FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AT OLD PRICE!



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 MAY 2023



Marines being sworn in as Members.

Left is Robert Gronock
Right is Terrence Vanderwal



New Associate Members being sworn in.

Pictured left to right are: Sarah Matuska, Sallie McAteer, Collette Quinehan, and Joseph Gagnon.

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The Grumman F3F-2 Fighter

By John D'Alusio – Historian, MCL Detachment 588

Grumman Aircraft Engineering was located in Beth Page Long Island and was a longtime supplier of carrier aircraft for the Navy and Marines. Known as “Grumman Ironworks” for their rugged planes, the company provided many military designs before, during and after WW II.

The Grumman F3F-2 was the last Navy and Marine biplane fighter. It entered service in 1936, and retired from front-line service five years later in 1941. Known as “The Flying Barrel,” its short operational life served to highlight its role in the transition from fighter biplanes to monoplanes.

A total of only 147 F3Fs of three variants were delivered to the Navy and Marines. The most powerful version sported a 950 HP Wright Cyclone R1820-22 radial engine. The engine's large diameter was evident in the cowling's appearance, making the aircraft look like a barrel with wings. Because it was a biplane with a considerable amount of wind resistance (drag), top speed was only 264 mph at 12,000 ft. This was the frontline US carrier fighter until Autumn of 1941.

The F3F inherited the Leroy Grumman-designed retractable main landing gear configuration used on an earlier Grumman aircraft design. However, the wheels had to be cranked up by the pilot upon take-off. It took 27 cranks of the wheel, located on the right side of the cockpit near the pilot's right knee, to operate the bicycle chain apparatus that folded the wheels into the belly of the forward fuselage. It was easy for the ground crew to tell when the pilot began to crank up the wheels because the motion would translate to his left hand that was on the control stick and the stubby little F3F would begin to sway from side to side until the wheels were fully retracted. The successor to the F3F, the F4F Wildcat, utilized the same hand cranked landing gear design.

Being a two-winged fighter, the F3F could perform acrobatics like nobody's business. It was a marvelously maneuverable plane, and the Navy and Marine fighter jockeys loved it. However, besides being relatively slow in level flight, it had an anemic battery of only two machine guns. Both were cowl mounted behind the propeller, firing through the prop via an interrupter gear. One was a 0.30 caliber (7.62 X 63) and the other a 0.50 caliber (12.7 X 99) machine gun. A serious deficiency was in the amount of ammunition. The .30 caliber had a reasonable amount at 500 rounds, but the F3F carried just 200 for the heavy 0.50 caliber. The F3F could also carry one 116 lb. bomb under each wing.

The entire F3F-2 production series was delivered in between 1937 and 1938. When deliveries ended, all seven Navy and Marine Corps pursuit squadrons were equipped with the Grumman F3F single-seat biplane fighters.

The Navy was desperate for a monoplane fighter and put out contracts to both Brewster and Grumman in 1939 for a single wing carrier fighter. The F2A Brewster Buffalo won the competition, but Brewster dropped the ball and couldn't deliver large quantities of the Buffalo, and what they did deliver had a myriad of quality control issues. Performance also was less than ideal when armor and self-sealing fuel tanks were added.

The Brewster Buffalo's gestation and QC issues opened the door for Grumman. They began to immediately deliver the F4F Wildcat in sufficient quantities with little mechanical issues. With the coming of the F4F Wildcat, the now obsolete F3F was relegated to stateside duties.

Of the 147 F3F fighters delivered to the Navy and The Corps, 140 were still in service as trainers in the US at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December, 1941.

The F3F was the basis for a design that ultimately became the Navy and Marine workhorse fighter of early WW II, the famous F4F Wildcat. Although no thoroughbred (it was inferior in level speed, climb, maneuverability, and range of its chief nemesis, the Japanese A6M2 Zero), when flown intelligently, the F4F could hold its own with the Zero.

By December 1941, all carrier fighter squadrons had been re-equipped with F4F Wildcats, except one Marine and one Navy pursuit squadron who were saddled with the Brewster Buffalos, which were quickly deemed “flying coffins” against the Japanese Zero.

Of the 147 F3F fighters delivered to the Navy and Marines, only a handful of F3Fs remain, with four or less in flyable condition.



An F3F in Marine Corps Markings, circa 1938

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”



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There is a 5 part series on Fox Nation about the Korean War hosted by Bret Baier. Very well done. If you don't have it, it's only a couple of \$ a month. There is also an awesome series about the founding of Yellowstone Park with Kevin Costner.....

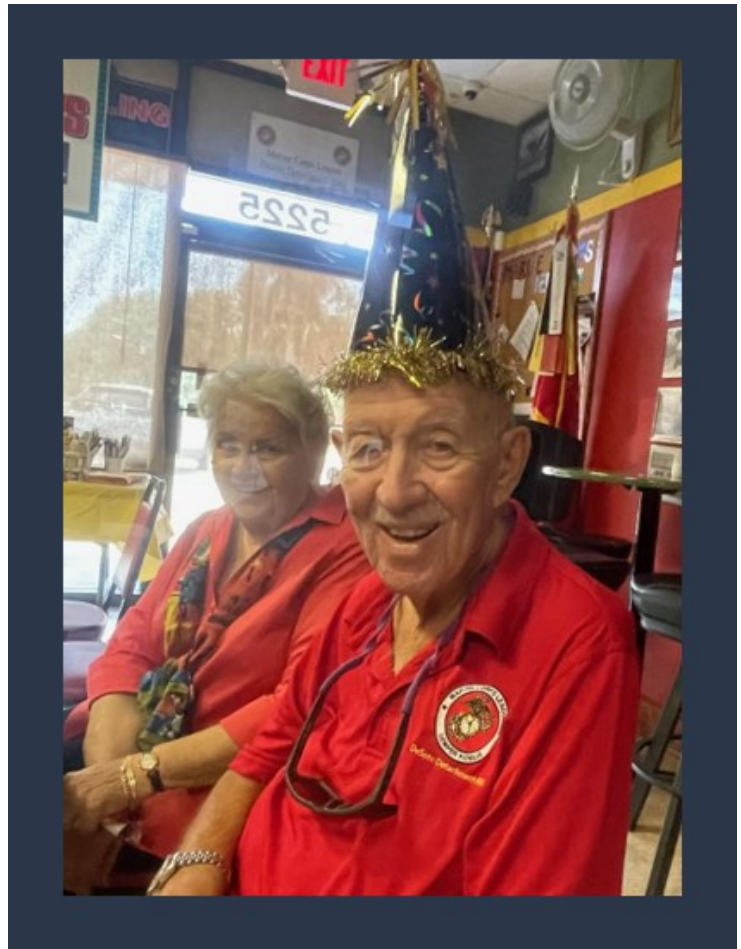
For veterans and active duty Fox Nation is free for a year. FoxNation.com

Contributed by: Carolyn Fairbank

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to
Tony Lovretta



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

New Gun Raffle Begins Thursday, 15 June at Noon

By John D'Alusio

Next weapon up for raffle is a **Sarsilmaz 2000** 9mm semi-automatic pistol. This is no Tupperware (polymer) frame pistol. It is all stainless steel.

Sarsilmaz (SAR for short) may be the most often misspelled (and mispronounced) name in the firearm industry. These guns are manufactured in Turkey. Sarsilmaz has been in the firearms business since 1880, so they know how to build a solid pistol. The SAR 2000 is a clone of the often-copied CZ75 selective double-action 9mm pistol. CZ stands for Czech Armory, and they began making military weapons in 1937. So, if you are going to make a clone of a legendary pistol, the CZ75 is a good one to copy.

Like the CZ75 series, this SAR 9mm will feel great in most hands. At 35 ounces unloaded, this stainless steel 9mm has extremely mild recoil. You also have the versatility of selective double action. The double action trigger pull is heavy and up in revolver territory at 11 pounds. However, the single action pull comes in under 6 pounds.

The rubber grip panels are comfortable, with well-placed palm swells. The fixed sights are standard issue: large, high-visibility white dots, one front and two rear. The trigger pull is reasonably smooth and without stacking (that is, resistance does not increase through the length of the pull).

This pistol is high capacity and comes with two 17 round magazines. With a 4.5" barrel, and 35-ounce unloaded weight, the SAR 2000 is a duty sized weapon best suited for home defense and the range. Can it be concealed carried? Absolutely, as long as you have the proper holster (normally an "Outside the Waist Band" or OWB belt holster works best) and a shirt long enough to cover the entire rig.

As usual, there will only be 100 raffle tickets available at a price of \$10 each. This high-quality stainless-steel pistol should be a popular weapon for the raffle, so get to The Bunker early on 6/15 to score your tickets and avoid disappointment ("What? They're all sold out already?" was the common refrain of the last two raffles).

After all 100 tickets are sold, the winner will be selected. Good luck to all entrants in the raffle.



On Sunday, 20 May at 1200, a Farewell Party was held at The Bunker for Gabby Wedrow Parent. Gabby has been the Canteen Manager at The Bunker since 2018. She recently decided to resign her volunteer position to take a bartending job (for pay) at The Drift Inn on Cortez Road.

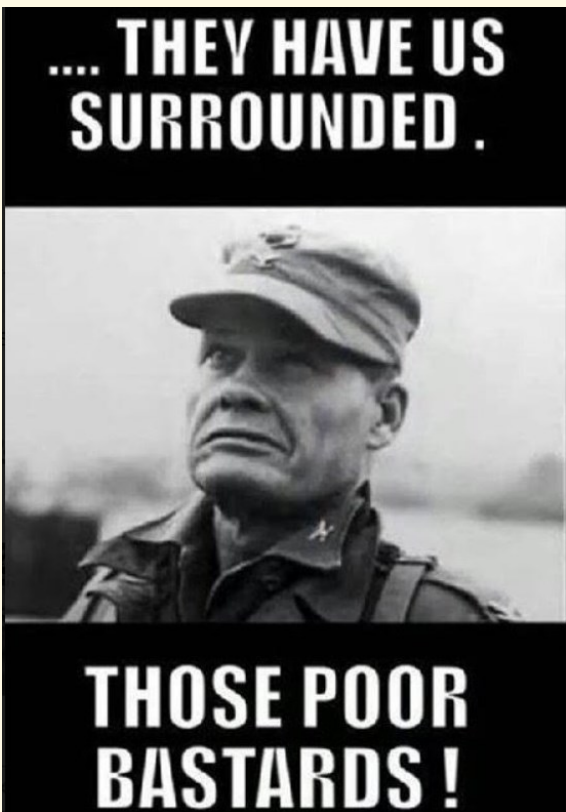
The party was catered by Mission BBQ, who donated a plentiful amount of BBQ delicacies to help see Gabby off. The attendees also brought numerous home-made appetizers and desserts to round out the party. Joe Intoppa and Ron Darden manned the bar to keep the participants thirst in check.



A plaque was presented to Gabby by Commandant Jim Grote to commemorate Gabby's years of service to The Bunker.



Gabby claimed that we have not seen the last of her by any means. She will still be Chair of the Annual Golf Tournament held at Peridia, and help out the 588 where possible. She threatens to be seen on the customer side of the bar on the days she is not working at The Drift Inn. So if you missed the going away party, you will still have a chance to buy her a parting shot of Fireball the next time you see her on the drinking side of our bar.



MILITARY SALUTE DURING RECITATION OF PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NOT IN UNIFORM AND BY BETERANS.

Section 4 of title 4, United States Code is amended by adding at the of the following sentence:

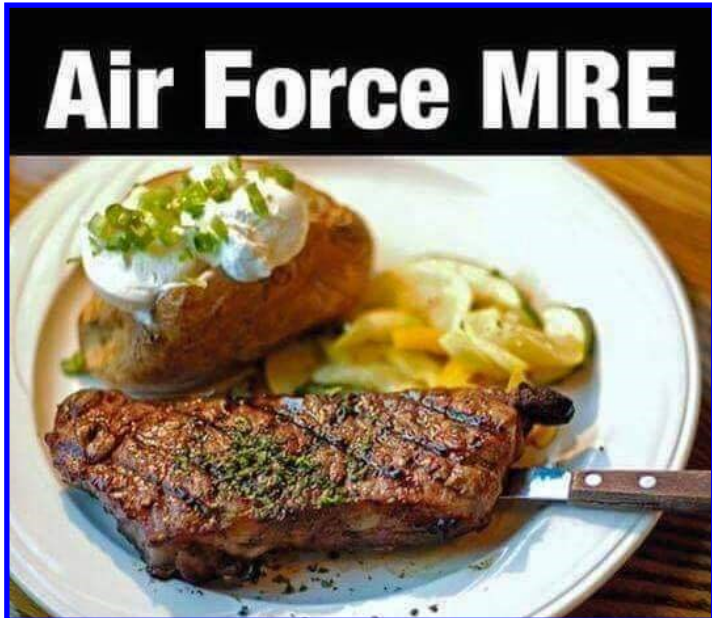
“Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided persons in uniform”

Therefore, if a veteran not in uniform chooses to salute during the Pledge of Allegiance , they must stand at Attention, Salute, and remain silent during the pledge.

Submitted by Dave Hildebrand



New & Returning bartenders
Keri Campagna (Friday Night)
Glenn & Georgetta Weik
(Wednesday),
and
Coco Quinehan (Saturday), and
the Bunker will now be open until
9pm on Fridays.



RIGHT:
Bonnie
wins the
BIG BUCKS!
The IRS
will be
looking
her up.





Photo by Cpl Antonio Mazzamuto

New memorial pays tribute to Corpsmen's sacrifices in service alongside Marines

By LtCol Jenny Hawkes USMCR (Ret)

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. – A statue memorializing U.S. Navy hospital corpsmen was unveiled at the Lejeune Memorial Gardens, 109 Montford Landing Rd., here, on Oct. 12, 2022. The event was attended by hundreds of military and civilian officials, military veterans and family members, and community supporters. Former SECNAV Retiree Council member Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman (AW) Raymond L. Applewhite was instrumental in making it happen.

“The Memorial is a long overdue recognition of the service and sacrifice that Navy corpsmen have paid and continue to pay as they serve alongside their Marine Corps brothers and sisters,” Applewhite said. “The Fleet Marine Force corpsmen are diamonds in the rough. They have a long, storied history of brave and heroic duty in combat with the Marines.”

Per Navy.mil, Navy hospital corpsmen are the most highly decorated rate in the U.S. Navy. As of 2022, Corpsmen account for 22 Medals of Honor, 199 Navy Crosses and 984 Silver Stars. Per the Corpsmen Memorial Foundation website, about 2,000 corpsmen have been killed in action while serving with the Marine Corps: 1,170 in World War II, 109 in Korea, 639 in the Vietnam War, 15 in the Marine Barracks in Beirut and over 55 in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Corpsmen Memorial is in good company. Other memorials at the Gardens commemorate the 10 million men and women who served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam War, including three million who served in theater; the 20,000 Black Americans recruited into the Marine Corps and trained at Montford Point Camp (now known as Camp Johnson) at Camp Lejeune between 1942 and 1949; and the 273 Marines killed in the terrorist attack their barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, on Oct. 23, 1983. An additional memorial features a beam taken from the rubble of the Twin Towers after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The Gardens is also the future home of the Carolina Museum of the Marine.

“Needless to say, some corpsmen made the ultimate sacrifice,” said Applewhite. “The training they receive make them eligible for duty whenever and wherever the Marines deploy.” Applewhite’s name is on file as potentially being the first African American Navy Instructor at Field Medical Service School at Camp Johnson during his assignment there from 1974-1977.

It’s fitting, then, that the Corpsmen Memorial found a home in the Lejeune Memorial Gardens, very near Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Corpsmen such as Applewhite have trained in the area for duty with the Marines since 1950. Said Applewhite, “This memorial means that the Fleet Marine Force corpsmen now have a memorial in place at the Gardens that will forever represent the corpsmen’s mutual respect, admiration and total commitment to ‘take care’ of their Marines!”

Applewhite is a supporter of the Corpsmen Memorial Foundation. The Foundation officially formed in January 2008 and has advocated and raised funds for the Corpsmen Memorial ever since. Prospective supporters can learn more at <https://fmfcmf.org/>. The statue for the Corpsmen Memorial was designed by Abbe’ Godwin, who also sculpted the Gardens’ Beirut Memorial statue.

Applewhite, who retired from the Navy in 1993, served two tours on the SECNAV Retiree Council: 2014-2017 and 2019-2022. To learn more about the Council, visit <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services/21st-Century-Sailor/Retired-Activities/SECNAV-Retiree-Council/>. Access the Council’s Facebook page by searching for Navy and Marine Corps Retirees, then like and follow for frequent news updates.

When everything went to hell in Florida after Hurricane Ian, I didn't see a lot of electric cars, windmills or social justice warriors coming to save the day.

I saw diesel trucks, combustion generators, heavy tractors, fuel tankers and a whole lotta bearded good ol' boys putting some of that "toxic masculinity" to work saving lives and rebuilding society.

God bless the backbone of America: The hardworking men and women of the middle class!

Contributed by Art Diehardt

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

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

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

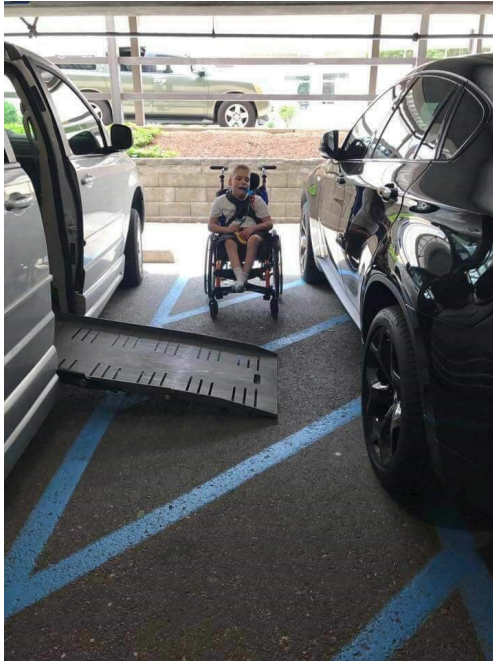
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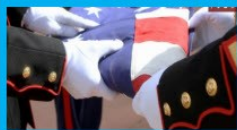
Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMRP)-10

2008 Elliot Rd., Quantico, VA 22134-5030

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



How Often have we seen some inconsiderate person park a car, motorcycle or golf cart in the hatched area next to a disabled parking space? Just as this photo depicts, there is a reason for that hatched area, it is the loading zone for wheelchairs and extension ramps used for rolling a wheelchair into the vehicle. Don't be an inconsiderate person.



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.

- Mike Ilitch^[102] — founder of Little Caesars Pizza, owner of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings
- Paul Romanovsky Ilyinsky^[103] — Mayor of Palm Beach Florida
- Don Imus^[104] — Radio talk show host

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- Keith Jackson^[105] — sportscaster
- Brian Gerard James^[2] — TNA professional wrestler
- Bill Janklow^[106] — Governor of South Dakota, U.S. Congressman (R-SD)
- Jamey Johnson^[107] — country music artist
- Howard Johnson^{[108][109]} — American football player for the Green Bay Packers
- George Jones^[110] — country music artist
- James L. Jones^[111] — current National Security Advisor in the Obama Administration

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- Bob Keeshan^{[2][32]} — Captain Kangaroo, original Clarabell the Clown on Howdy Doody
- Harvey Keitel^[2] — actor (*Reservoir Dogs*)
- Brian Keith^[32] — actor (*The Parent Trap*)
- Greg Kelly^[112] — Fox News broadcast journalist, news reporter
- Raymond W. Kelly^[113] — police commissioner of the City of New York
- Skip Kenney^[114] — U.S. Men's Olympic Swim Coach, Head Swim Coach at Stanford University
- Robert Kiyosaki^[115] — motivational speaker, author of *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*
- Ron Kovic^[116] — author (*Born on the Fourth of July*)
- Ted Kulongoski^[117] — Governor of Oregon



Ted Kulongoski

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- Mills Lane^{[2][118]} — boxing referee and TV's People's Court judge
- Eddie LeBaron^[19] — professional football player
- Jim Lehrer^{[2][119]} — journalist, host of the *PBS' NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*
- Alfred Lerner^[120] — financier, Chairman of MBNA Corporation
- Joe Lisi^[121] — actor (*Third Watch*), retired NYPD Captain
- Clayton J. Lonetree^[122] — spied for Russia in the mid-1980s
- Tommy Loughran^[123] — world boxing champion
- Jack R. Lousma^[124] — NASA Astronaut
- Robert A. Lutz^[125] — Vice Chairman of Global Product Development at General Motors Corporation
- Robert Ludlum^[126] — author (*The Bourne Identity*)



Jack Lousma

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

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Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures

By Veterans Affairs January 24, 2023

Photo by Sgt Anthony L. Ortiz

“Airborne hazard” refers to any sort of contaminant or potentially toxic substance that we are exposed to through the air we breathe. While on active duty, military service members may have been exposed to a variety of airborne hazards including:

- The smoke and fumes from open burn pits
- Sand, dust, and particulate matter
- General air pollution common in certain countries
- Fuel, aircraft exhaust, and other mechanical fumes
- Smoke from oil well fires

VA understands that many Veterans are especially concerned about exposure to the smoke and fumes generated by open burn pits.

In Iraq, Afghanistan, and other areas of the Southwest Asia theater of military operations, open-air combustion of trash and other waste in burn pits was a common practice. The Department of Defense has now closed out most burn pits and is planning to close the remainder.

Depending on a variety of factors, you may experience health effects related to this exposure. Factors that may indicate you have a greater or lesser risk of short or long-term health effects include:

- Types of waste burned
- Proximity, amount of time, and frequency of exposure
- Wind direction and other weather-related factors
- Presence of other airborne or environmental hazards in the area

Researchers, including experts at VA, are actively studying airborne hazards like burn pits and other military environmental exposures. Ongoing research will help us better understand potential long-term health effects and provide you with better care and services. Many health conditions related to these hazards are temporary and should disappear after the exposure ends. Other longer-term health issues may be caused by a combination of hazardous exposures, injuries, or illnesses you may have experienced during your military service including blast or noise injuries.



Map of countries and bodies of water currently included in the VA Airborne Hazards and open Burn Pits Registry.

Continued on next page

Presumptive Conditions for Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures

The following are presumptive conditions:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type
- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

Join the Registry

We encourage all Veterans who are eligible to participate in VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR). By joining the registry, you can provide information that can help us better understand the long-term effects of burn pit exposures. Even if you have not experienced any symptoms or illnesses you believe are related to burn pit exposure, your participation could help VA provide better care to all Veterans

- Participation in the registry does not mean you are applying for VA disability benefits or health care. To apply for VA disability compensation, please go to compensation. To apply for VA health care treatment, please go to health care.
- You can save and submit your registry questionnaire and notes from the optional health evaluation support your claim.
- You do not have to participate in the registry to be enrolled in VA health care or file a VA claim.
- You can participate even if you do not recall any exposure to airborne hazards during your military service at an eligible location.
- Visit the registry page to learn more about eligibility and how to get started.

Open Burn Pits – What Was Burned

Waste products commonly disposed of in open burn pits include:

- Chemicals, paint, medical and human waste
- Metal and aluminum cans
- Petroleum and lubricant products
- Plastics, rubber, wood, and food waste

Exposure to smoke created by burning these materials may cause irritation and burning of eyes or throat, coughing, breathing difficulties, skin itching or rashes. Many of these conditions are temporary and resolve on their own when the exposure ends. However, if you were closer to burn pit smoke or were exposed for longer periods of time, you may be at greater risk for longer-term health conditions.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE Life Membership dues will be increasing 1 July 2023

MCL Life Membership dues will be increasing 1 July 2023. It was determined that the Life Membership dues have not been increased for approximately 19 years; the year 2004 was the last time that Life Membership Fees were increased at the National Convention. The MCL National Board of Trustees has been discussing this increase for many years. The following paragraph is reprinted from the MCL National Administrative Procedures:

“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 Life Membership is only available if the member’s annual dues have been paid and the member is in good standing. Any member desiring to pay their Life Membership Fees at the current rate, must do so and be post-marked no later than 30 June 2023. Any Life Membership payments after that date are listed above. Life Membership dues must be paid through your local detachment; submitted with the applicable member transmittal form.

On behalf of the National Board of Trustees,
Semper Fi,
Johnny Baker
National Commandant / CEO
Marine Corps League



Age Group	Until 6/30/2023 // New Life Member Dues 7/1/23
0 - 35	\$500.00 // \$1,000.00
36 - 50	\$400.00 // \$800.00
51 - 64	\$300.00 // \$600.00
65 - Over	\$200.00 // \$400.00
(As of 7/1/23) 85 - Over	\$100.00

Editor’s Note: If you are planning to travel soon, check out the rates on the Marine Corps League Travel Page: <https://mcleague.hotelplanner.com/>

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



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.



The Desoto Detachment Honor Guard has been busy, In the last week we have performed final military honors for Marine Elmer Stahnke's funeral at the National Cemetery; and provided a Color Guard for Military Appreciation Day at the Bradenton Marauders baseball game in LECOM Ball Park. The Color Guard is pictured above as they waited near the dugout for their cue to march on to the field to provide colors during the signing of the National Anthem. Color Guard members were Marines Jason Barth, Joe Filice, Bob Fields and Dennie Palmer

Marine Corps Rule # 49

***MARINES ARE AUTHORIZED
TO RENDER A SALUTE WITH
THEIR LEFT HAND WHEN
THEIR RIGHT HAND IS
INCAPACITATED DUE TO
INJURY.***

**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.**



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.

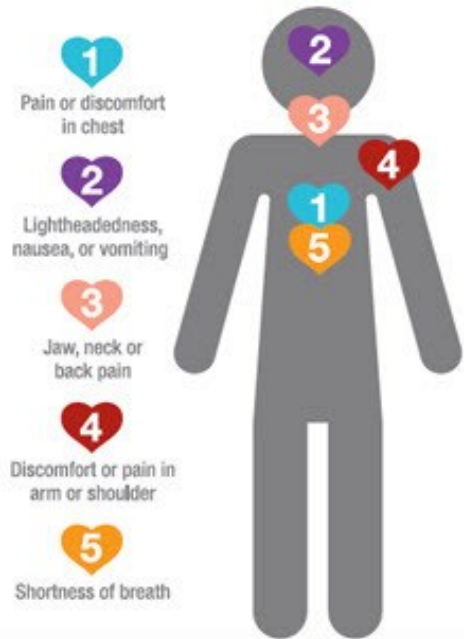
We are proud to have a wide variety of community partners and alliances with other local organizations committed to serving those who have served for us.



**Call TODAY for this
FREE service!
941.355.2721 x.451**



Common Heart Attack Warning Signs



**Run when you can,
walk if you have to,
crawl if you must.
Just never give up.**



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

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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.*

Desoto Detachment #588, 5225 26th Street West, Bradenton, Florida 34207 (941) 301-4598

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

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 box 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.

Called my stockbroker
this morning and
asked him, "What
should I be buying?"

He said, "Canned goods
and ammunition."



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, 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

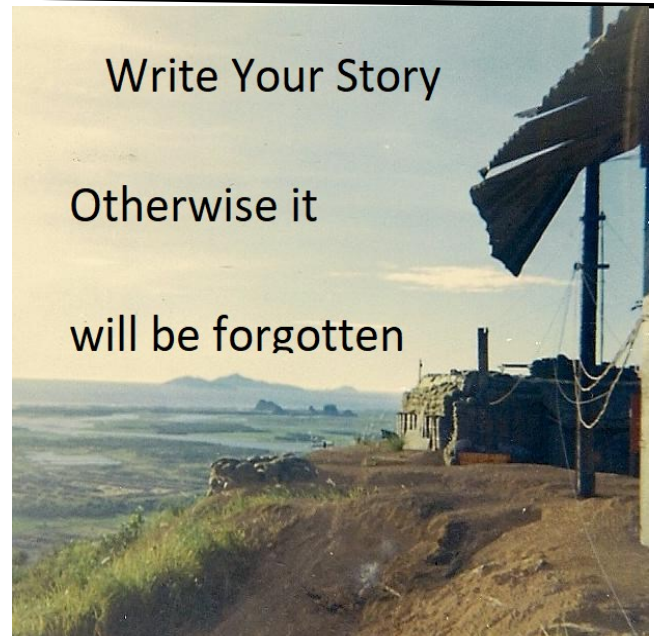
If you would like to have your story published email your story to Craig Hullinger at:

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.

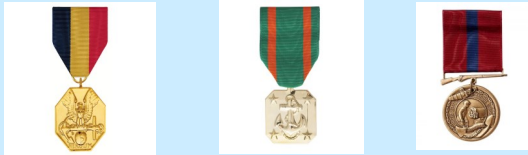
Pictures are worth a thousand words. You can write the story for a relative, friend, or ancestor. You can add to your story. We look forward to publishing your story on the blog.

Thank you for your stories.



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.

I NEVER CALLED YOU STUPID, BUT WHEN I ASKED YOU TO SPELL "ORANGE" AND YOU ASKED ME THE FRUIT OR COLOR IT KINDA CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD.



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



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 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.

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.



**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
DANIEL DEAN BRUCE**

Born: MAY 18, 1950

Died: MARCH 11, 1969

Hometown: MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA



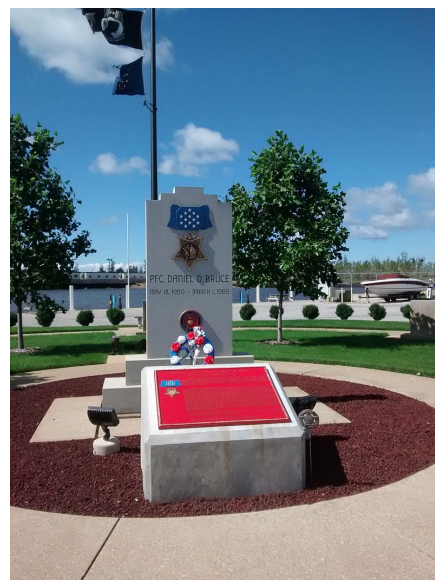
The **President of the United States** takes pride in presenting the **MEDAL OF HONOR** **posthumously** to

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
DANIEL DEAN BRUCE
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 as a mortar man with Headquarters and Service Company 3d Battalion, against the enemy. Early in the morning Pfc. Bruce was on watch in his night defensive position at Fire Support Base Tomahawk when he heard movements ahead of him. An enemy explosive charge was thrown toward his position and he reacted instantly, catching the device and shouting to alert his companions. Realizing the danger to the adjacent position with its two occupants, Pfc. Bruce held the device to his body and attempted to carry it from the vicinity of the entrenched marines. As he moved away, the charge detonated and he absorbed the full force of the explosion. Pfc. Bruce's indomitable courage, inspiring valor and selfless devotion to duty saved the lives of three of his fellow marines and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/S/ RICHARD M. NIXON



Monument to Daniel D. Bruce in his hometown of Michigan City, Ind