



"THE TEUFEL HUNDEN"

A GENERAL ROY S. GEIGER DETACHMENT #1047

NEWSLETTER



Officer Nominations and Elections

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026
Detachment Headquarters
Detachment Monthly Meeting
Orange Park, FL



At our upcoming March Detachment meeting, we will reopen nominations for officers. Following this, elections will take place, and we will conduct the installation of the officers. Additionally, there will be ***"Free Food"*** provided by Mission BBQ.

Now is an excellent time for members to step up and demonstrate their leadership skills. If you're inspired to take on a bigger role, or if you recognize a Regular Member who could significantly enhance our Detachment's mission, we invite you to participate in the nomination process.



Nominees are:

Commandant: DD Don Okuley
Senior Vice Commandant: George Cater
Junior Vice Commandant: Stacy Francisco
Judge Advocate: Art Grimaldi



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Dept. of Florida 2026 Spring Conference



Conference packet can be found on the
DOF website: mcl dof.org
*See DOF Bulletin Board for
approaching deadlines



Commandant's Corner

This month marks our final round of nominations, elections, and the installation of new officers. The incoming team is prepared to assume their roles and guide our Detachment forward. I am eager to collaborate with all of them.

- ***Don't forget**:** Mission BBQ will be providing a meal for us before our meeting this month, so come hungry!

This meeting will serve as the last opportunity to sign up for the DOF Spring Conference in April, and we also need to know who is interested in attending the PDP class.

We had our Culver's Share Nights on: ****March 4th**** at Middleburg Culvers (16:00 - 20:00) and on ****March 11th**** at the Culvers on Parramore Rd. (17:00 - 21:00). It was fantastic to see many members and their spouses come out and support us. I am confident that we will raise a good amount of funds from both events.

As this is my final month as your Commandant, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the honor of serving in this role over the past two years. It has been a genuine pleasure to work alongside all of you, and I am immensely proud of our Detachment and its members. I would also like to extend my thanks to all my elected and appointed officers for their dedication and hard work; our achievements were made possible through everyone's teamwork. - thank you!

As always, please keep in mind that several members and their families are on the sick list. A call from any member would surely brighten their day and remind them that we care.

God bless, and stay safe!



PDD Fred Gilmore
Commandant



Wednesday, March 4th, 2026
Culver's Share Night
Middleburg, FL



MIDDLEBURG

This month, we experienced a "double bubble" at Culver's, as our "Share Knights" stepped up to deliver smiles and provide "not fast food," but rather "good food fast!"

Wednesday March 11th, 2026
Culver's Share Night
Orange Park, FL



COLLINS ROAD

A heartfelt "Oorahh" goes out to our coordinators, Jack Campbell for the Middleburg location and Fred Gilmore for the first time at the "Collins Road" location (7923 Parramore Rd.) (*Don't be confused by the location, it's across from Costco*)

Back in the day!



This section is designed for gathering your "not as mean, but still a Marine" picture. If you have a photo that aligns with this theme, we invite you to share it with us.

To submit your photo, please send it to:
Editor PDD Charlie Myers

In our last issue, the featured member was:

DD RUSTY PARK



Yes, it is true. I am pleased, happy, proud, humbled, honored to announce that I am one of twenty-two Military Veterans scheduled to depart to Washington DC this coming April 25, 2026 for the Honor Flight.

I was notified on February 25 that I was selected. I have an orientation, the flight and a Homecoming to review the trip in case someone had forgotten certain points of interest. Lewis Turner of First Coast News, is the official photographer for the Honor Flight.

Most of you are aware that John Van Brocklin had taken this flight prior to his passing. I want to re-live this flight for John, see it through his eyes. This flight isn't for me, it is for John first and foremost, as well as for the Detachment.

Until then, "Semper Fidelis".



DD Steve Jimenez Jr. Vice Commandant

What's in your Sea Bag?

All deployed Marines are equipped with Ballistic Hearing Protection (BHP), a two-sided, dual-purpose earplug that protects against steady-state noise and impact noise produced from aircraft, vehicles, machinery, gunfire, and explosions. When the yellow side of the earplug is inserted into the ear, the BHP will block loud impulse noise without suppressing critical ambient sounds such as verbal commands. When turned around, so that the green end is inserted into the ear, it provides steady protection against constant, high-level sound sources. It is protective to 190 decibels (dB), which is greater than the noise of a jet fighter during take-off, with afterburners at a distance of 50 feet (130 dB).

Source: Marines.com

VA Claim Assist Portal

VA is making it easier than ever to keep your claim on track. With the new Claim Assist Portal, you'll have a faster, more convenient way to respond when additional information is needed.

If you've filed a benefits claim, you may receive an email with a direct link to the portal, helping you respond quickly and confidently so your claim can keep moving forward. No paperwork, scanning or searching through VA.gov required.

Source: VA News

FYI

Computer overheating starts to physically affect the internal components and will shorten their life span.

Make it last!

Keep your desktop where it won't get regular direct sunlight. Don't use laptops on blankets or pillows, which trap heat. Propping them on a computer stand, rather than just setting the unit on a table. "That's going to ensure you have airflow going all around the system."

Crumbs, dust and coffee are the enemy. Debris can stop up the physical components inside computers. Dust restricts the cooling fan's movement and airflow.

Pet hair also can damage computer systems and keyboards. Set routine times to gently clean your system.



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Please send me your VAVS report via:
email, text, call or just tell me.



DD Rusty Park
VAVS Officer

Let Us Pray

"Father, your love is as wide as the oceans, as deep as the sea, and as tall as the heavens. May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and come and restore those who are ill. Amen."

Please keep the following members and their families in your prayers: Semper Fidelis and may the Good Lord bring you a great year!



Chaplain
Jack Campbell

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| Donn Brammer (Sheila) | Kurt Ensell |
| Bill Carter (w Emily) | Steve Jimenez (w Robin) |
| Fred Gilmore | Rusty Park (w Denise) |
| Suzanne Gilmore | Herb Steigleman |
| Felix Ramos-Vargas | Fred Wainwright |
| Bobby Turner | Gayle Plant (h Jim) |
| Lee Hart | Rich Bolduc (w Eileen) |
| Gayward Hendry | Chris Rodatz |
| Andy Hefty | Jack Campbell |
| (former Det. member) | Del Price (w JoAnn) |
| | Art Yeaman (family) |

Any one knowing of a member and/or family member sick or in distress, please contact Chaplain Jack Campbell

Exercise Your Brain!

Last issue's answer:

"move the first letter to the end, it spells the same word backwards"



"What does this mean? I Right I"

Offering a "FREE" breakfast to potential new members, every Monday
Grumpy's Restaurant
834 Kingsley Avenue
Orange Park,, FL 32073
Doors Open: 0530
Breakfast: 0700



"Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while I was a suspect."



Sgt. Chuckels



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