



# "THE TEUFEL HUNDEN"

A GENERAL ROY S. GEIGER DETACHMENT #1047

## NEWSLETTER



### Officer Elections

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Detachment Headquarters  
Detachment Monthly Meeting  
Orange Park, FL

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to those who have taken on leadership positions within our Detachment (Elected and Appointed). Your commitment and willingness to lead are vital to our continued progress and success.

By stepping into these roles, you are helping to shape the direction and growth of our Detachment. Your efforts are instrumental in ensuring that we remain strong and united as we move forward.

### Board of Trustees ("BOT")



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Commandant



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**Dept. of Florida 2026  
Spring Conference**

Conference packet can be found on the  
DOF website: [mcl dof.org](http://mcl dof.org)  
\*See DOF Bulletin Board for  
approaching deadlines



# Commandant's Corner

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation, in electing me as your new Commandant for our detachment and for demonstrating your trust in me. I have trust in all of the members of this detachment; it is the members that make this detachment thrive and makes it the success that it is today. I, along with the other elected and appointed positions are here to provide guidance and handle all the administrative details. Do not hesitate in asking questions or providing suggestions to any board member. Our detachment is very active; we have numerous opportunities to volunteer: Coffee and Donuts at the VA, Rose Program, Highway cleanup detail, Pistol Match, Culvers Share Night, Golf Tournament, Marine Corps Ball, Toys for Tots and Color Guard Details.

More now than ever we need volunteers to help out with these events. Our detachment has enough members that we should never have to continuously rely on the same members for each activity. Which ever activity you would like to volunteer for just speak up.

I look forward to this year as your commandant. I am excited as to what this year will hold for all of us. I will, with the help of each member, keep moving forward. We will continue to be the best detachment.

Just as we were in the Marine Corps; we are now in the Marine Corps League. We did not lose that drive to serve when we left the Corps, it is still in us.



*Semper Fi*  
*DD Donald Okuley*  
*Commandant*

# Vietnam War Veterans Day

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**TAPS Monument**  
**915 Walnut Street**  
**Green Cove Springs, FL**



The 2026 Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day "Welcome Home" ceremony was held to honor Vietnam Veterans and their families with speeches, wreaths, and recognition of local veterans.

Attending the ceremony were our Detachment members Randy Case and Herb Steigleman.



*Contributor: Jack Campbell*



# Thank you Sheriff!

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Clay County Sheriff's Office**  
**Clay County, FL**

On a recent visit to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, a gesture of appreciation was made in recognition of the Sheriff's support for our Middleburg Culver's Share Nights. A 250th United States Marine Corps Birthday Challenge Coin, along with coasters for the Administrative Staff, was presented to Sheriff Michelle Cook's Head Administrative Assistant, Denise Flak.

*Contributor: Jack Campbell*



**Welcome to Culver's!**



Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Culver's  
Middleburg, FL

On this day a contingent of our Culver's "Share Knights" visited the Middleburg Culver's to accept a \$964.55 check from Store Manager Jaydynn Garza marking a successful partnership and support for our ongoing initiatives.

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:

**PDD BARRY BROWNY**



L-R: Larry, Glenn, Steve, Rich,  
Store Manager Jaydynn Garza  
Don, Jack, Fred

Contributor: DD Don Okuley

## Black Creek Young Marines

Black Creek Young Marines ("BCYM") recently received a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration award for its drug prevention efforts.

BCYM received a regional Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Award at the national Young Marines 2026 Awards Banquet.

The award, named for a murdered DEA special agent, recognizes units for their work through community education and peer-to-peer role modeling. The BCYM received the award for Division 2, which serves the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern U.S. states.

source: Jacksonville The Florida Times Union



## FYI



Learn how to not engage. You are under no obligation in these modern times to respond to calls, emails or texts from strangers – especially given that so many of them are fraudulent. One option: Open your iPhone's contact list and add your family, friends, doctors and other important numbers. Then go into your phone settings and turn on the setting for "silence unknown callers." This will send any caller who isn't in your contacts list directly to voicemail.

# Officer's Directory

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# VAVS

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."*



Chaplain  
Jack Campbell

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

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Don Brammer (Sheila)    | Steve Jimenez (w Robin) |
| Bill Carter (w Emily)   | Rusty Park (w Denise)   |
| Suzanne Gilmore (Anita) | Herb Steigleman (Lou)   |
| Felix Ramos-Vargas      | Fred Wainwright         |
| Bobby Turner            | Gayle Plant (h Jim)     |
| Lee Hart                | Del Price (w JoAnn)     |
| Gayward Hendry          | Frank Gicalone          |

Prayers for: 31<sup>st</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> MEU

*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:  
*"right between the I's"*



*"The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?"*



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



*"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea"*



Sgt. Chuckels



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