

Passing of Bill Thompson April 24th, 2024 Clay Co., FL

We are saddened to announce the passing of William "Bill" Thompson of Fleming Island, Florida. He passed away surrounded by loved ones at Baptist Medical Center South in Jacksonville, Florida on April 24, 2024 at the age of 75.

Bill was born in Emmetsburg, lowa to Wilfred "Bill" Thompson and Mary (Kollasch) Thompson. He was the oldest of seven children. He attended Emmetsburg Catholic School where he played basketball, football and track.

Bill was interned on May 1st, 2024 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens.

A contingent of our Detachment members attended the viewing and funeral.



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Recognition Award April 26th, 2024 Jacksonville, FL

With great appreciation Past Commandants PDD Scott Westervelt and PDD Barry Brown recognized Tina Clary of Clary and Associates, as a co-title sponsor of our 8th Annual Veteran's Golf Tournament.



Commandant's Corner



I would like to start by thanking everyone for what they did last month, at the Share Night and to those who came and helped at the DOF Conference - not to overlook the continue support of everyone from our detachment - so proud to represent our Detachment.

As we enter the month of May, we have several color guard events coming, on the 18th at Mission BBQ, on the 27th "Memorial Day" Green Cove Springs (at 1000) and the Allegro Senior Living Center Fleming Island. (at 1430)

There's the DOF Convention in June that a lot of us will be attending, let me know if you would like to attend.

The biggest thing this month is Memorial day on the 27th. Please take the time to remember our brothers and sisters who gave their all, and their families who are now missing that important member who is now gone.

I'm still looking for someone to step up to take the paymaster position.

Last, if you have a problem or issue please contact me. Thank you!





Paymaster Wanted

Semper Fi Commandant Fred Gilmore

Upcoming DOF 2024 Convention June 6th—9th

Melbourne, FL

Here is a copy of our Detachment AD that was submitted for the DOF 2024 Convention Ad Book.



Culver's Share Night Culver's **Tuesday, April 16th** Culver's Middleburg, FL



Jaydynn Garza, General Manager of Culver's of Middleburg, presented a check on April 16, 2024 to Commandant Fred Gilmore, Commandant of the General Roy S. Geiger, Marine Corps League, Detachment # 1047, Orange Park, in the amount of \$576.00 for the Marines efforts in greeting and serving food on Share Night, March 27, 2024.



DOF 2024 Spring Conference April 11th—14th Gainesville, FL

Our Detachment was well represented at the 2024 DOF Spring Conference.

In addition, members of our Color Guard participated in raising the Colors at Morning Colors.

Ooorah! To Fred, George and Dawn.



Step forward to be Recognized

Wednesday, April 17th Detachment March Meeting Detachment HQ

Commandant PDD Fred Gilmore on behalf of Jr. Past Commandant Dawn Salmons made the following presentations:

Meritorious Commendation

Randy Case Steve Jimenez Fred Gilmore Andy Hefty Don Okuley Charlie Myers

Certificate of Appreciation

Steve Jimenez Hector Ortiz Ellen Dittman

SE Division Certificate of Recognition

Jack Campbell

DOF Convention Schedule (5-1-24)

June 6th—9th Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place Melbourne, FL

The DOF MCL Hotel Reservation Block has been sold out.

Below is a QR code to access the Convention Schedule. Or, just go to the DOF web: mcldof.org

There will be DOF Officer Nominations and Elections. PDD Barry Brown is campaigning for Junior Vice Commandant and needs our vote.





FYI

"Check Cooking"

In recent years, check washing—in which thieves steal paper checks from mailboxes, wash the ink off with chemicals (leaving the signature), then fill in a new amount and payee.

Now it's "check cooking, in which thieves take a digital picture of a stolen check, then use commercially available software to alter it.

Learn how to pay bills and send money to loved or trusted ones with electronic transfers from your bank. If you truly prefer to mail paper checks, drop them off at the post office.

Stay Safe!

* It happened in St. Johns

(Source: AARP)

Community Service Ribbon NJROTC

Tuesday, April 30th Fleming Island High School Clay County, FL



It is the Detachment's distinct honor and privilege

to recognized the leaders of tomorrow by the awarding of the Marine Corps League Community Service Ribbon. Representing our Detachment at the NJROTC awards dinner was our Det. Judge Advocate George Cater.

"for exceptional volunteer service while serving as a member of the Naval Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps, Fleming Island High School, Fleming Island, Florida during the school year 2023—2024. Throughout this period your tireless and unselfish participation in numerous volunteer programs enhanced the overall welfare of many residents of Clay County. Your exceptional personal example of sacrifice and dedication inspired all who observed you and were in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League."



Sound Off!

Remember that all Detachment members are considered reporters and photographers.

Wherever and whenever you represent our Detachment at events or fundraisers, please take photos and provide an outline of the event.

*Note: for individual photos, you need to secure written consent, especially if it is a minor (Parent or Guardian) . Unfortunately we could not publish the Cadet's facial image.

Thank you!



Semper Fi PDD Charlie Myers, Adjutant

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Just a reminder that this Newsletter is yours and that your articles/stories/ contributions are encouraged.

All submittals are subject to MCL Social Media Protocol and will be reviewed for content. Send to: Adjutant Charlie Myers

WE WANT YOU TO CONTRIBUTE

Newsletter Articles

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Mystery Marine?

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Boot Camp: Parris Island

USMC: 1970—1982

MOS: 0311/4671

Last issue was:

Rusty Parks

Unit Served: K3/2, G2/2, E2/9, B1/2, H&S HQ Bn 2nd MAR Div

HQMC, NPC

Memorable Duty Station: NPC



Chaplain

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:

- Rich Bolduc Don Brammer Kurt Ensell (wife Terrie) Jack Campbell (Barb) Stacy Francisco Lee Hart Andy Hefty (nephew Jerry, sister Ann) Steve Jimenez (Robin)
- Joe Motes Del Price (JoAnn) George Smith Herb Steigleman Bill Thompson Gerald Vaughn (widow Stella) John Van Brocklin

Any one knowing of a member or family member sick or in destress should contact Chaplain Jack Campbell as soon as possible.

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MOTIVATION!

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.



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"incorrectly."

Exercise Your Brain!

Last issue's answer:

If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?

The word:

4 -4