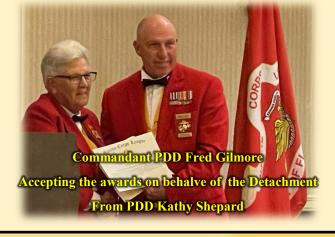


### Dept of FL 2024 Convention June, 6th—9th, 2024 Melbourne, FL

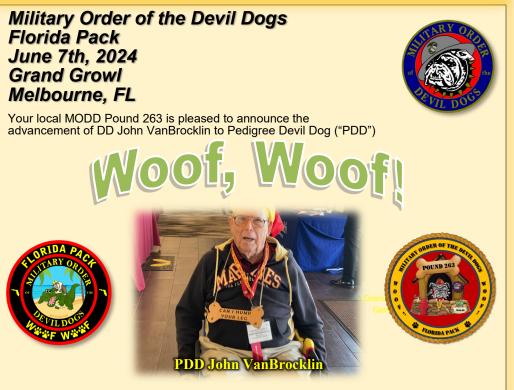
Our Detachment scored big at this year's DOF Convention. We were awarded the DOF Detachment of the Year and in addition our Newsletter won the award of "Best Newsletter."



Fine representation by the Detachment (dom VanBrocklin missed the photo op so we squeezed him in)

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## Commandant's Corner



Greetings to all members, well we are heading into June. I would like to thank all the members of our color guard who gave their time to participate in all of the different events.

I would like to thank all of the members who helped with the leadership awards presentations. Thanks to our Chaplain Jack Campbell for the continued great job of keeping everyone informed as to our members who are having medical problems.

The first thing in June is the Department of Florida Convention in Melbourne, FL 6th - 9th of June, we will be voting to elect our Department Officers and there are a few DOF Bylaws changes on the ballot. If you plan on going need to register now. To those who are going I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Our next regular meeting will be the 19th of June. We will have our pistol match the weekends of 21st-23rd and 28th-30th of June. Please contact SVC Don Okuley to let him know if you can help.

I had planned to help but now found out I will be having surgery on my right shoulder on the 20th of June - so I'll be down and out for a while. I'll will see you all at our next meeting. Thank you all for all you do to keep our detachment looking good and out there in our community.



#### Hail to the Chief Tuesday, May 7th **Orange Park Police Dept Orange Park, FL**

The town council voted 3-0 to appoint Assistant Chief Randy Case as its next chief of Orange Park Police Department on Tuesday, May 7, after he served briefly as interim following the retirement of Gary Goble on March 2.

Congratulations to our Paymaster Randy Case!







# Fundraiser Saturday—Sunday, May 11th—12th Cliff Hangers Gun Show Clay County Fairgrounds, FL

It turned out to be a very light customer day at the Gun Show. However, don't let your heart be troubled, JVC Steve Jimenez and his crew managed to separate donors from a dollar.





#### General Roy S. Geiger Detachment #1047, Clay County, FL NINTH

ANNUAL FREEDOM PISTOL MATCH

**TROPHIES & GIFT CARDS WILL BE GIVEN** 

WHEN: JUNE 21-23 & JUNE 28-30

WHERE: BASIC GUN RANGE 179 College Drive, Suite 5, Orange Park, Fl 32065

> Gun Range Hours: 10am - 5pm Shoot anytime the gun range is open

COST: \$20.00 per entry Any Caliber above .22 (Iron Sights Only)

Shoot 5 rounds at the 5, 10, 15 and 20 yard line.

**HIGH SCORE WINS!!** 

CALL: Commandant Fred Gilmore @ (518) 258-8125 or Sr. Vice Commandant Don Okuley @ (217) 497-9420



#### The Teufel Hunden

Tuesday May 14th Mission BBQ Orange Park, FL



Mission BBQ as they often do during Armed Forces Week, show their appreciation for Veterans and this day was Marine Corps Day.

We had a crew that took advantage of "free food" provided by Tammi, Pasqual, MBBQ Manager.

Tammi also showed her support of our Detachment by allowing JVC Steve Jimenez to set up our Detachment display table.





# MCL 2024 National Convention

August 12th—16th Weston Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa Rancho Mirage, CA



Information can be found on the DOF web.

#### https://mcldof.org/

You may book two (2) rooms with your name. 30 days prior to the convention, you must provide the hotel with the second name. CUT-OFF FOR RESERVATIONS IS JULY 8, 2024. Reservations after that will be at the prevailing rate on space available.

#### Special note:

Please remember – if you need a 1st Floor Room due to physical limitations, please let the hotel know now. They may be able to make accommodations. There are two floors. Second-floor rooms are accessed via stairs.



FYI

Need we say more?



#### Memorial Day Monday May 27th Green Cove Springs / Fleming Island

On this hot and steamy day our Color Guard was able to pull off two (2) missions.

First mission of the day was at 1000 held at the Green Cove Springs Park. Later that day it was off to the Allegro Senior Center, Fleming Island at 1430 (this was an indoor presentation.)

Special thanks go out to our squared away Color Guard whose reputation as ambassadors of the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps League continues to grow in the community.

Special kudos go out to Andy Hefty who rang the bell and braved the heat wearing hie MCL Casual Uniform—Oorahh!

# DOF Marine of the Year!

en Cove Springs Pa

Andy Hefty (Bell Ringer

Saturday, June 8th DOF 2024 Convention Melbourne, FL

For those who may not know Bill Nantz—Bill was our Past District 3 VC, he is currently Commandant of the Oldest City Det. #383 and DOF Sgt. at Arms.

Of course you can always find Bill at our Grumpy's Grunt breakfast get togethers.

#### Congratulations Cmdt. Bill!



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#### The Teufel Hunden







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 Member?**

Hometown: Orange Park

Boot Camp: AOCS Pensacola

Navy: 1980-1997

Jack Campbell

Chaplain

MOS: 1310 Naval Aviator

Unit Served: VT-6, VT-26, VT-25, VT-4, VA-174, VFA-87, FA-18 Fighter Weapons School, VFA-81

Memorable Duty Station: USAF War College, VFA-106

Hobby: Surfing and Woodworking



Last issue was:

**Hector Ortiz** 

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:

Jim Boss **Rich Bolduc** Don Brammer Kurt Ensell (wife Terrie) Jack Campbell (Barb) Stacy Francisco Fred Gilmore Lee Hart

Andy Hefty (nephew Jerry) Steve Jimenez (Robin) Joe Motes Rusty Park Del Price (JoAnn) George Smith Herb Steigleman Gerald Vaughn (widow Stella) John Van Brocklin

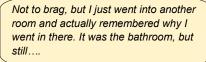
Any one knowing of a member or family member sick or in destress should contact Chaplain Jack Campbell as soon as possible.

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# **MOTIVATION!**

#### Exercise Your Brain! Last issue's answer: "Thousand" "A family has two parents and six sons. Each of the sons has one sister. How many people are in the family?"







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