



# "The Teufel Hunden"

A General Roy S. Geiger Detachment #1047

## Newsletter



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SVCDD Steven Jimenez  
JVCGeorge Cater  
Judge AdvocatePDD Charlie Myers  
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Sgt. At Arms

### Nomination of Officers

Wednesday January 15th, 2025  
Detachment General Meeting  
Detachment HQ  
Clay Co., FL



Nominations for Officers has begun. At the last Detachment meeting, the nominees are:

**Commandant:** PDD Fred Gilmore  
**Senior Vice Commandant:** Don Okuley  
**Junior Vice Commandant:** DD Steve Jimenez  
**Judge Advocate:** George Cater

All nominees have accepted their nomination. Nominations will open once again at our February 19th, 2025 General Meeting.

If there is any Regular Member you want to nominate, they must be in attendance at the meeting. In order to be nominated a member must be a MCL Member in Good standing.

### Good Citizenship Award

Monday, January 7th, 2025  
Church Hall  
Fleming Island, FL

We want to share the good news that Andrew Leverette, Troop #482 has earned the highest honor of the Scouts of America.

Junior Vice Commandant DD Steve Jimenez presented the Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award to Eagle Scout Leverette.

Congratulations on attaining the highest ranking within Scouting. The realization of this outstanding achievement will undoubtedly lead to success throughout life.



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### Zeffy is here!

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Motion #011525.02; "to proceed with bringing Zeffy into our ability to collect dues and donations." was passed at the January meeting.

Zeffy is a "free" 100% fundraising and donor management platform for nonprofits: (i) Sell and manage tickets to events, (ii) Make donations easy, (iii) Fundraising, and (iv) accept payments. Now you can pay your dues on line by linking to our Zeffy Account or scanning the QR Code.



## Commandant's Corner



Greetings all,

I am happy to say thanks to our Paymaster (Randy Case) for setting up Zeffy. Thank you to Charlie Myers for setting up the QR code on our web site. Zeffy will make paying your Dues and other donations fast and easy.

This month we will have our second round of Nominations for elected offices. We are still looking for a Paymaster to replace Randy Case and a Chaplain to replace Felix. Anyone who would like to step up into either position, please let me know - we will train and help you to be successful in either positions.

The Department of Florida ("DOF") Spring Conference is coming up in April. This month will be the final sign up for registration. Anyone wanting to attend the Professional Development Program ("PDP") will need to sign up this month. The Detachment pays for the registration for the conference, and for the PDP. You will need to set up the hotel on your own as well as making reservations for the Banquet.

I would like to thank all of our members who continue to uphold and bring recognition to our detachment.

I say it often, that I am truly proud of this detachment and its members.

We have several members and their family members on the sick list, please reach out and check on them when you can.

God bless be safe.



*Semper Fi*  
Commandant Fred

## Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service

### "VAVS"

Just a friendly reminder that Rusty Parks has stepped up to assist with our Monthly VAVS reporting.

Send Rusty your monthly VAVS hours and monetary donations, either by email, text, our VAVS form or better yet; just give him a call.



*Semper Fi*  
Rusty Park



## Officers Directory

Wednesday January 15th, 2025  
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Motion #011525.01: "to have all Detachment Leadership (elected and appointed) contact information included in the Detachment Newsletter." was passed with 16 in favor and 1 opposed.

The Officer's directory has now been added to and made a part of our Newsletter (page 4 - 4)



## Dept. of Florida Spring conference

Conference information packet can be found on the DOF website.

Our Detachment Ad for a full page Ad has been submitted. Here is a copy of our Ad.

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Detachment of the Year 2024

General Roy S. Geiger  
Detachment #1047

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"We have not come this far to have just come this far"



## Fundraiser

**Saturday — Sunday,  
January 18th—19th  
Cliff Hangers Gun Show  
Maxwell Snyder Armory  
Jacksonville, FL**



Kudos go out to Junior Vice Commandant DD Steve Jimenez for coordinating another Fundraiser at the Cliff Hangers Gun Show. And, yes; Steve did secure permission from the Jacksonville Det. #059 to hold our fundraiser in their Detachment area.

Oorahh! Also goes out to those members who volunteered their time from their weekend to show case our Detachment once again.

Yes, these are VAVS hours.



**Saturday's Crew**

**Sunday's Crew**



## What's in your Sea Bag?



At the Chosin Reservoir in the winter of 1950, the First Marine Division and other units survived 17 days of sub-zero temperatures of more than 30 degrees below zero. Everything froze.

Besides it being so cold for so long, the Marines were out of ammunition and had called in for 60mm mortar rounds. The code name for the rounds was "Tootsie Rolls."

When the radio operator received the request, the word is that he didn't have the code sheets to tell him what "Tootsie Rolls" were. He knew, though, that whatever was being requested was needed quickly. When he called in the order for "Tootsie Rolls," pallets of the candy started dropping from the sky to many of those in the First Marine Division.

Not only did the Tootsie Rolls help sustain the Marines, but they soon learned that the pliable candy could also be used to plug the bullet holes in gas tanks, fuel hoses, radiators and also in their shelters to help keep out some of the cold. It's not surprising that "many troops credited their very survival to Tootsie Rolls."

(source: "Tales Press")



## Mystery Member?

**Hometown:** Abilene, TX  
**Boot Camp:** Parris Island  
**USMC:** 2007—2015  
**MOS:** 0621 Radio Operator and 8411 Recruiter  
**Units Served:** 8th Comm., RS Albany, B-Billet 1/8  
**Favorite Duty Station:** Camp Lejeune  
**Hobby:** Adventure Parks / traveling



**Last issue was:  
Michael Bourre**

## Culver's Share Night

**Wednesday, March 12th (1600—2000)  
Culver's, Middleburg, FL**



Volunteers report time: 1545, Culver's 1767 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg, FL 32068. Please wear slip resistant footwear or closed toe shoes. UD: MCL cover, Red Detachment Shirt, and Khaki Trousers.

The main body of volunteers will deliver food and other volunteers clean up the dining area or staff our display table.

Please bring your family and/or friends. This adds to our revenue, not to say fun!

Jack Campbell is your point of contact.

Yes, these are VAVS hours.

(Article contributed by Jack Campbell)

*Semper Fi*  
**Jack Campbell**  
[semperdad@campbelldmd.com](mailto:semperdad@campbelldmd.com)



## Happy 100th Birthday Marine!

WWII Marine Veteran Richard Kolodey is turning 100 on Valentine's Day and he is requesting birthday cards. This Marine Dive Bomber flew over 100 missions. If you would like to send Marine Kolodey a birthday card, here is the address:

**Marine Richard Kolodey c/o Kelli Oakley  
106 Bruner Drive  
Wilmore, KY 40390**

(Article contributed by Randy Case)



## WE WANT YOU TO CONTRIBUTE Newsletter Articles

*\*All submittals are subject to MCL Social Media Protocol and will be reviewed for content.*

send to:  
Adjutant PDD Charlie Myers  
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## 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:

Don Brammer and wife Sheila  
Pasquale Wojciechowski  
Scott Westervelt  
Jack Campbell  
Rusty Park (Family)  
Kurt Ensell and wife Terrie  
Rich Bolduc  
Fred and Suzanne Gilmore  
Gayle Plant

Del Price and wife JoAnn  
Felix Ramos-Vargas  
John Van Brocklin  
George Smith  
Herb Steigleman  
Steve Jimenez and wife Robin  
Fred Wainwright  
Larry Johnson (Family)  
Andy Hefty (Nephew) Jerry



**MOTIVATION!**

Any one knowing of a member or family member sick or in distress please contact us through our website as soon as possible.

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# FREE BREAKFAST

**Grumpy's Grunts**  
Offering a FREE Breakfast  
to potential new members  
**Grumpy's Restaurant**  
834 Kingsley Ave  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Doors Open: 0530  
Breakfast: 0700



## Exercise Your Brain!

Last issue's answer: "5.5"



*"What has cities, but no houses;  
forests, but no trees; and water,  
but no fish?"*

*"Women always have the Last word in an argument. Anything a man adds after that is the beginning of a new argument."*



**Sgt. Chuckles**



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