



# "The Teufel Hunden"

A General Roy S. Geiger Detachment #1047

## Newsletter

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### General Geiger Golf Tournament "10th GGGT"

Friday, November 7th, 2025  
Eagle Harbor Golf Club  
Fleming Island, FL



We need members to step up and secure sponsors for our 10th Annual GGGT. The GGGT Packet, created by PDD Scott Westervelt, is available on our website. Everyone's support is essential for our continued success.

### 250th Marine Corps Birthday!

Saturday, November 8th, 2025  
Hill Top Restaurant  
Orange Park, FL



SVC DD Don Okuley is leading the Detachment of this year's United States Marine Corps (USMC) 250th Birthday Ball.

The ticket price for the event is \$80 per person.

If you are available to assist or have any suggestions to make this year's celebration special, please contact SVC DD Don Okuley.

**Note: The deadline to register is October 31st.**

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### "Walk a mile in my shoes!"

Adopt A Mile  
Monday, October 13th  
CR 220 Clean Up  
General Geiger Highway  
Middleburg, FL



Fueled by a hearty breakfast at Grumpy's, a small but dedicated group of Detachment members set out early this morning to participate in the highway beautification project along Route CR 220.

The team worked together on the busy highway, moving at a steady pace of about one mile per hour. Despite the fast-moving vehicle traffic and the limited number of volunteers, the group managed to clean one side of the highway for a distance of two miles±.

The progress was slower than anticipated due to the small size of the group and the challenging traffic conditions. With greater participation from the membership, the project could have achieved even more substantial results.



## Commandant's Corner



Greetings all,

This year is moving quickly, and our operations are picking up. We will need member support for several activities in the coming months, starting with the Toys for Tots campaign, which just launched. Tom Lewnes welcomes any assistance.

We have launched the Gen Roy S Geiger Golf Tournament and need help securing sponsorships, gift cards, and assistance on tournament day, 7 November. Scott Westervelt could use extra hands—this is an important fundraiser for us.

George Cater has started our highway clean-up—please check for sign-up sheets to join in.

The Fall Conference at Hyatt Place Tampa Wesley Chapel in Lutz, Florida included PDP classes and provided updates regarding the department's status in Florida.

The Marine Corps Ball will be held on November 8th. Please purchase your tickets and make arrangements to attend as we celebrate our 250th birthday.

The next month's meeting will take place at Watson Realty (153 Blanding Blvd) on November 19th. Mission BBQ will provide a meal prior to the meeting.

Our color guard has multiple upcoming presentations, and we welcome the addition of new members to our team.

Several members and their families are unwell; please check on them when possible and keep them in your thoughts.

As a final note, please be mindful of children who will be out on Halloween at the end of this month.

God bless be safe.



*Semper Par*  
Commandant PDD Fred

## Welcome Aboard Thomas Deem!

Our Detachment continues on its growth spurt with the addition of a new Associate Member.

Although Thomas Deem has not served in the military himself, he holds veterans in the highest regard. His dedication to supporting our mission is evident through his strong family ties to the Marine Corps League. Both of Thomas's brothers are actively involved in the Daytona Detachment, contributing their time and effort to the organization. Furthermore, Thomas's brother Mike serves as the District 11 Vice Commandant, underscoring the Deem family's ongoing commitment and leadership within the League.



## Mystery Member?

**Hometown:** Des Plaines, IL

**Boot Camp:** OCS, Quantico, VA

**USMC:** 1965 — 1970

**MOS:** 7582, RIO and FAC

**Unit:** 3/5, FAC tour, MAG (Chu Lai), MAG 32, Beaufort

**Favorite Duty Station:** Beaufort, SC

**Hobby:** Travel, poker and fishing



**Last issue:**  
**Art Grimaldi**

## Welcome to Culver's!

**Wednesday, October 23rd, 2025**  
**Culver's**  
**Middleburg, FL**



Several of our "Share Knights" gathered to accept a generous \$569 donation check from Culver's Manager, Jaydynn Garza. This contribution reflects the local community's support for our organization and the ongoing partnership with Culver's.

As we reflect on the effort and outcomes associated with these fundraising nights, it is essential to consider whether the benefits justify the work and fun involved. Based on our experiences and the results we have seen, the answer is yes. The support and contributions received demonstrate that these events have a meaningful impact and are worth the commitment required from our membership.





## Happy 250th Birthday Messages from the Commandants

you can view the messages with the below links  
or  
go to the DOF website under "Bulletins"



**General Eric M. Smith**  
**Commandant**  
**Marine Corps**



**PDD TJ Morgan**  
**Commandant**  
**Marine Corps League**



**PDD John Gionet**  
**Commandant**  
**Department of Florida**  
**Marine Corps League**

### **CDCE Award ("VAVS")** **Wednesday October 15th, 2025** **Detachment Meeting** **Orange Park, FL**

We would like to extend special kudos to DD Rusty Park for his unwavering perseverance and effort in ensuring that our volunteer hours received proper acknowledgment. His relentless pursuit played a vital role in our detachment being recognized for its service.

Now: "Center for Development and Civic Engagement"



## **FYI**

The Department of Florida ("DOF") website is consistently maintained through a process of Continuous Quality Improvement ("CQI"). This ongoing effort ensures that the site meets high standards and adapts to evolving needs.

Numerous upgrades and design changes have been implemented to make the website more user-friendly. These improvements focus on creating a navigational experience that is intuitive and accessible for all users.

To remain updated with important information, users should regularly check two main sections of the website: the "Bulletin Board" and the "Calendar." These areas provide timely updates and essential details relevant to users' interests and needs.



### **Color Guard Details**

#### **GGGT**

**Friday November 7th, 2025**  
**Eagle Harbor Golf Course**

Arrive: 1140, Start: 1200

#### **Veterans Council Clay County**

**Saturday, November 8th, 2025**

**Veterans Day 5K**  
**Oakleaf High School**  
Arrive: 0730, Start: 0800

#### **Mission BBQ**

**Tuesday, November 11th, 2025**  
**Veterans Day**  
**Orange Park, FL**



***Semper Fi***  
***PDD Charlie Myers***

**Wanted:**

your volunteer  
hours / \$\$  
send via, email,  
text, call  
or just tell me

**Officer Directory**

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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 (Sheila)**

**Scott Westervelt**

**Ski Wojciechowski**

**Del Price (JoAnn)**

**Bill Carter (Emily)**

**Felix Ramos-Vargas**

**Fred Gilmore (Suzanne)**

**Jack Campbell**

**Rusty Park (Denise)**

**Herb Steigleman**

**Kurt Ensell (Terrie)**

**Steve Jimenez (Robin)**

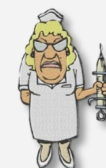
**Lee Hart**

**Fred Wainwright**

**Gayle Plant (Jim)**

**Gayward Hendry**

**Bobby Turner**



**MOTIVATION!**

*Any one knowing of a member or family member sick or in distress contact*

**Chaplain Jack Campbell.**

**(904) 705-8065**



**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: "An hourglass. It has thousands of grains of sand."



*"What begins and ends with  
an E but only has one letter?"*

*"Buffet" is a French word  
that means "get up and get  
it yourself."*



**Sgt. Chuckles**



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