



"THE TEUFEL HUNDEN"

A GENERAL ROY S. GEIGER DETACHMENT #1047

NEWSLETTER



New Year, New Style

Wishing all of our Members
a Happy Prosperious and Healthy New Year!

We have undertaken a significant update to our Monthly Newsletter. This change comes in response to Microsoft's announcement that Publisher will no longer be supported. As a result, we found it necessary to adapt our approach and find new ways to continue delivering our newsletter effectively. Our team has worked diligently to ensure the newsletter remains a valuable resource for everyone, demonstrating our commitment to improvising and adapting in the face of evolving technology.



PDD Charlie Myers, Editor

Officer Nominations

Wednesday, January 21st, 2026
Detachment Headquarters
Detachment Monthly Meeting
Orange Park,, FL



The positions open for nomination are:
Commandant
Senior Vice Commandant
Junior Vice Commandant
Judge Advocate

Now is the time for members to step up and demonstrate their leadership skills. If you feel inspired to take on a greater role or if you know of a Regular Member who you believe can contribute significantly to the mission of our Detachment, please consider participating in the nomination process.

Toys for Tots

Detachment Warehouse
Orange Park,, FL



Thanks to our outstanding Zone Capt.'s, volunteers, and a very supporting community, our T4T 2025 Campaign was great!

This year, we successfully distributed approximately 18,532 toys through our Toys for Tots (T4T) program. This remarkable effort ensured that 6,177 children each received three toys, bringing joy to many families during the holiday season.

Although our T4T program is not considered one of the largest—especially when compared to programs like JAX—we remain deeply committed to our mission. The time and effort invested by our team would be well worth it, even if it meant helping just one family in need.

Semper Fidelis and may the Good Lord bring you a great year!

Tom Lewnes

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Commandant's Corner

Greetings to all. I hope everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we begin this new year, we are starting the process for nominations for upcoming elections. Please consider how you can contribute to our detachment by serving in an elected or appointed position. There is nothing more rewarding than being of service to your fellow members and to the league.

Our Toys for Tots campaign had another successful year. Special thanks go to Tom and everyone who contributed to making it a wonderful achievement. Our detachment is truly fortunate to have members like you who are willing to work tirelessly to make this program a success.

This year's detachment Christmas party was a delightful event attended by 43 members. We enjoyed good food, fellowship, and lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate, and to those who helped with setting up and cleaning up. I hope you all had as much enjoyment as Suzanne and I did. A special thank you goes to Gayward Hendry for once again allowing us to use the community center for our celebration..

Congratulations to our Marine of the Year. I am humbled and honored to have received this recognition, and I am grateful for the confidence you have placed in me. Congratulations also to Keith Johnson, Associate Member of the Year, who has set a wonderful example through his continued dedication and service to our detachment.

Please remember that we have several members and family members who are currently on the sick list. A thoughtful call from a fellow member can brighten their day and remind them that we are thinking of them during this time.

God bless, and please stay safe.



*PDD Fred Gilmore
Commandant*

Good Citizenship Award Eagle Scout Ryan Bowmaster Scout Troop 482



**January 3rd, 2026
Grace Anglican Church
Fleming Island, FL**

Eagle Scout Ryan successfully earned all 21 required Merit Badges, demonstrating a broad range of skills and commitment to the Scouting program. He served actively in a position of responsibility for six months, fulfilling roles such as Senior Patrol Leader. This experience provided him with valuable leadership opportunities and experience in managing troop activities and members.

As part of the path to Eagle Scout, Ryan planned, acquired necessary materials for, supervised, and completed an approved Eagle Scout Project. This project showcased his ability to organize, lead others, and make a positive impact in the community.

Ryan participated in a Scoutmaster conference, where he discussed his journey and accomplishments. Finally, he successfully passed an Eagle Board of Review, which was conducted by the adult members of the Troop Committee and a District Representative. This final step confirmed his readiness and qualifications for the rank of Eagle Scout.

JVC DD Steven Jimenez, presented Ryan with the Marine Corps League Eagle Scout Good Citizen Certificate and the Challenge Coin, further honoring his accomplishment and commitment to citizenship.

*Article contributed by
JVC, DD Steve Jimenez*

Back in the day!



This section is dedicated to collecting your "not as mean, but still a Marine" photos. If you have a photo that fits this theme, we encourage you to share it.

To submit your photo, send it to :
Editor PDD Charlie Myers

Last issue was:
Paymaster DD Rich Bolduc



Depat. of Florida 2026 Spring Conference



Hilton Orlando / Altamonte Springs
April 16 - 18, 2026

The DOF 2026 Spring Conference packet will be available soon on the DOF website.

Regularly checking the DOF website is essential for staying informed about important updates and announcements. By visiting the site frequently, you ensure that you have access to the latest information relevant the DOF.

Clay County Veteran of the Year Award

This award will recognize a veteran who has made significant contributions to their community through exceptional service and dedication to veterans, veteran families, and the community at large.

- The nominee must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces, which includes Reserves, National Guard and Merchant Marines.
- The nominee demonstrates leadership, excellence, creativity, and initiative in the community.
- Nominee has made significant contributions at the local, state, and/or national level demonstrated by going above and beyond the call of duty, specifically for volunteer work supporting Veterans, the military, and the community.
- The nominee participates in activities that help promote Veterans and their families, enhancing the awareness of Veterans and their sacrifice.
- The nominee's volunteer work must have contributed to the advancement of Veterans, the military, and their families in Clay County from January 1–December 31 of the previous year.
- If you know a stand-out veteran who matches this description, you can submit the application using the [online form](#) or download the [nomination form](#), fill it out, and hand-deliver it or mail it to the Clay County Veterans Services Office at 420 College Drive, Middleburg, FL. Applications must be received by the close of business on February 16, 2024.



JVC DD Steve Jimenez has brought to attention that the latest edition of the Neighbor to Neighbor Newspaper features a prominent display of the General Roy S. Geiger Detachment. This recognition is highlighted in two separate articles within the publication, underscoring the detachment's active presence and contributions within the community.

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



Please keep the following members and their families in your prayers:

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| Donn Brammer (Sheila) | Kurt Ensell |
| Bill Carter (Emily) | Steve Jimenez (Robin) |
| Fred Gilmore | Rusty Park (Denise) |
| Suzanne Gilmore | Herb Steigleman |
| Felix Ramos-Vargas | Fred Wainwright |
| Bobby Turner | Gayle Plant (Jim) |
| Lee Hart | Rich Bolduc (Eileen) |
| Gayward Hendry | Chris Rodatz |
| Andy Hefty
(former member) | Jack Campbell |

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:
"Half way, then he will be running out!"



"A cowboy rides into town on Friday, stays for two nights, and leaves on Friday. How is this possible?"



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



"I sold my vacuum the other day. All it was doing was collecting dust."



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