



"The Teufel Hunden"

A General Roy S. Geiger Detachment #1047

Newsletter

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5/13/1935 — 9/4/2025

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025

Fleming Island, FL: funeral service

Jacksonville National Cemetery: internment

On this day we paid tribute and celebrated the life and legacy of our beloved brother John Van Brocklin. After a two (2) year battle with cancer, it finally took John from us.

Our prayers go out to his wife Dorothy and family. We will not remember John, because we will never forget him.

Our hearts are broken, but are full of gratitude for the years John shared with us. His generous heart and remarkable spirit will always be cherished. John may be gone from sight, but never gone from our hearts.

Rest in peace Marine and Semper Fidelis!



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National Newsletter Award!

MCL National Convention

2025 Grapevine, TX

Wednesday, September 17th

Detachment Meeting

Orange Park, FL

For the first time, we entered the MCL National Newsletter Competition held at the National Convention in Grapevine, TX.

The General Roy S. Geiger Detachment won Third Place Class II National Newsletter Award. Our Plaque will be on display at the Detachment HQ.

Ooorahhh! To editor PDD Charlie Myers



Presented to Editor
PDD Charlie Myers

Congrats:

PDD Scott Westervelt

Wednesday, September 17th

Detachment Meeting

Orange Park, FL

Congratulations to PDD Scott Westervelt for receiving the MCL Distinguished Service Award for his continued commitment and motivation.



Presented to
PDD Scott Westervelt

Commandant's Corner



Greetings all,

As most of you know we have had several members with covid this past month, please be careful out there— it is still around.

I want to remind everyone of the upcoming events in September - this is where we need members' support.

Many Thanks to Scott Westervelt for getting our Golf Tournament underway— please help where you can. GGGT is an enormous fundraiser for the Detachment. The more sponsorships we have, the bigger the end balance.

The fall Convention in Lutz Florida, Hyatt Place Tampa Wesley Chapel is from 9 Oct to 11 Oct. If you have not contacted me, walk in registration will cost you \$6, also be advised that registration for the Professional Development Program ("PDP") is closed, there are no walk ins accepted.

We have several Members and family members on the Sick list, and we have lost another past member. Please reach out and check on them when you can, and continue to keep them in your prayers.

God bless be safe.



Semper Fi
Commandant PDD Fred

Welcome to Culver's!

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025
Middleburg, FL

"Welcome to Culver's" was the battle cry from our "Share Knights" as they once again served up Burgers, Fries, Fish and the day's dessert special: cereal and ice cream (say what?)

Not included on the menu was the humor and smiles delivered to the community for their patronage and contribution to the Marine Corps League.

A big appreciation goes out to Culver's of Middleburg for their continued support of our Detachment.



"The Gate Keepers"
George — Barry



Dawn — Jack — Barb
Mike — Charlie



Don — Rusty — Larry — Rich

Mystery Member?

Hometown: Brentwood, NY

Boot Camp: OCS Quantico

USMC: 1975 — 1990

MOS: 7210: Air Defense Control Officer

Unit: MACS 2,4,7 & 24 / MATCS 48, Det B

Favorite Duty Station: MCAS Futenma, Okinawa

Hobby: 5Ks, Scuba Diving / International Travel



Last issue:
Scott Westervelt

Everything is coming up Ro\$e\$!

Saturday, September 6th, 2025

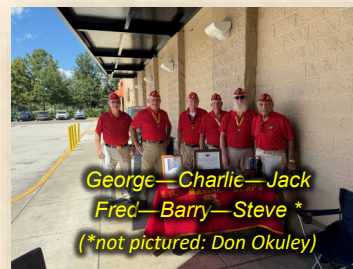
Publix at Hibernia Pavilion

Fleming Island, FL



This was our third time at the Hibernia Publix and you would think that the customers would have said: "not again", but no — their hearts and their wallets opened up once more in support of the MCL Rose Program.

This has always been, not only a fundraiser, but to mingle with the community, to share our mission and to let them know that we are here. For those customers who took time from their busy shopping schedule to stop and listen to our "Sea Stories" was most rewarding.



George—Charlie—Jack
Fred—Barry—Steve *
(*not pictured: Don Okuley)

Carpet One "floored us"

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

Detachment HQ

Orange Park, FL

Commandant PDD Fred Gilmore presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bonnie Modling Fenwick, Calvin Modling and Bonnie's son Cameron Harris of Carpet One for their generous donation of the new flooring material for our Detachment HQ.



Cameron — Fred — Bonnie — Calvin



L-R: Steve — George — Cameron
Bonnie — Calvin — Jack — Don — Rusty

Pistol Match

Saturday, September 13th, 2025
Clay County Adventure Park
Clay County, FL

Our Detachment had its annual pistol match with revised course of fire and a new venue. The pistol match was held at the new Clay County Adventure Park on South Blanding Blvd. where the range manager, Aaron Davidson and his assistants are all Marines. They graciously hosted and ran the event.

The top three (3) of the twenty three (23) shooters were: Robert Goodner (271-4x), L. Lippecott (249-4x) and Chris Reedy (241-0x). They received a Geiger Memorial Pistol Match Plaque and \$200, \$150 and \$100 respectively.

Special thanks go out to George Cater for his tireless efforts in coordinating the Pistol Match.



STAY TUNED

Welcome Aboard!

At the last two regular Detachment meetings (August and September) Detachment continues to grow. We had four (4) new Marines join our ranks.

Welcome Aboard Marines!

Art Grimaldi
Rich Cable
Rich Klose
Mark Brennan



2025 DOF Fall Conference

October 9th—11th

Hyatt Place Tampa Wesley Chapel
Lutz, FL



The DOF 2025 Fall conference Packet is available on the DOF website. mcl dof.org.



Detachment Picnic

Saturday, September 27th, 2025
Green Cove Springs Park
Green Cove Springs, FL

Are you coming? How many in your party? What's your menu choice? How about bringing a side dish or a dessert.

If you have not submitted a reply to the Detachment Bulletin "Survey", then how would we know if you are coming and what provisions to order.

Your point of contact for reservations is Adjutant PDD Charlie Myers.

The deadline for reservations has been extended until September 22nd.



Happy 250th Birthday USMC!

Saturday, November 8th, 2025

Hill Top Restaurant
Orange Park, FL

SVC DD Don Okuley along with Ansil Lewis are chairing this year's USMC Birthday Ball and need your help. Ticket price is \$80 per person.

Contact SVC DD Don Okuley and/or Ansil if you are available and if you have any ideas to make this one special.



General Geiger Golf Tournament "10th GGGT"

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



We are still looking for the membership to step up to the Green and secure sponsors for our 10th Annual GGGT. A sponsor list will be distributed via a Detachment Bulletin soon.

PDD Scott Westervelt has composed the GGGT Packet, which has been posted on our website. We need everyone's support and to continue on with our GGGT success story.

Color Guard

Veterans Council Clay County

Sunday, November 9th, 2025

Veterans Day 5K

Opening of the Veterans Day 5K (0800) at the Oakleaf High School.

Mission BBQ

Friday, November 11th, 2025

Veterans Day

Orange Park, FL

Our Color guard has been requested by Mission BBQ to present the Colors at 1130. Contact Commandant PDD Fred Gilmore.



Wanted:

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



DD Rusty Park

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Jack Campbell

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 (W: Sheila)

Del Price (W: JoAnn)

Ski Wojciechowski

Felix Ramos-Vargas

Bill Carter (Emily)

Dorothy Van Brocklin

Jim Barlow

Jack Campbell

Rusty Park Family

Herb Steigleman

Kurt Ensell (W: Terrie)

Steve Jimenez (W: Robin)

Lee Hart

Fred Wainwright

Gayle Plant

Gayward Hendry

Bobby Turner

Wayne Stewart

Ashton & Casey Kroner

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

Chaplain Jack Campbell.

(904) 705-8065



MOTIVATION!



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: "your name"



"A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?"

"Where there's a will, make sure you're in it."

Sgt. Chuckles



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