



Anne Arundel County  
Detachment 1049

# Newsletter

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## Detachment Members Meet the Governor



*Thank you for honoring us with an invitation to your event.  
It was our pleasure to be with you!  
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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
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# Semper Fidelis!

## **COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE**

**Manny Airey**



The last week of July and the first week of August were not good for us. There were three deaths of fellow Marines in our area during this period. Two of the departed Marines were not of our detachment; Lawrence Bradenberg and Charles Thompson III, Services were conducted for both of these Marines. We were notified on August the 4<sup>th</sup>, through Guy Hall, that Alvin Newton Junior of our detachment had passed away. Guy and I made several telephone calls, and were able to muster 22 Marines from our detachment for services at the funeral

home that evening. It was requested by the wife of the departed that we perform grave side services the following morning at Glen Haven Memorial Park. Nine of our Marines were on hand for this service. As Commandant of this great detachment all I can say is "THANK YOU ALL, FOR A JOB WELL DONE".

Now on a happy note; congratulations are in order for Mike Hadley, Danny Fischio and Warren Lindgren. These Marines moved up the ranks in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs from "DD" (Devil Dog) to "PDD" (Pedigree Devil Dog) at the National meeting of The Marine Corps League and initiations in Texas. Well done Devil Dogs!

I am sorry to say that one of the Devil Dogs scheduled for this prestigious event could not make the trip. The father of Vic Halme's wife had passed away, and Vic was unable to attend. I want to convey our deepest sympathy to Vic and his wife.

I have been standing before this detachment for about 16 months and have yet to see a RED MARINE CORPS LEAGUE COVER ON EVERY HEAD! Why don't we do something about this? If you don't have a cover, get with the Quartermaster Fred Kaminski, and have him order one for you. The cover and emblem cost approximately \$30.00 including shipping. If you have a cover, wear it! This will make our detachment meeting really look great. By the way the minimum official uniform requirement for the Marine Corps League is the red cover. No other head gear should be worn during the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting at 1900 on August 23, 2004.

**Semper Fidelis.**

Manny Airey, Commandant

## **Senior Vice Commandant**

**Tom Maiorana**



Ticket sales is one our main money makers, along with "Day at The Races". It takes all of us to make these projects a success. This year I am mailing tickets to all our members that can't make the monthly meetings, hoping they can help us build our bank account up.

Last year we sold all the tickets and it helped us through this year. One of the great things we bought this year was the Electronic Bugle that plays taps, It sounds great and makes a big difference at the funerals and wakes that we attend. The families of the fallen Marines really appreciate it. Ticket sales are a bit slow so we really need your help.

Our Day at the Races is on Oct. 2nd. Last year everyone had a great time, for \$7.00 a ticket you get a spaghetti dinner and plenty of beer, and a whole afternoon of races, poker, over under tables and the Wheel. Danny's spaghetti alone is worth the \$7.00. I'm probably going to drive all you guys and gals crazy with the ticket sales but that is the main job of the Sr. Vice.

**Semper Fi Marines**

## **Junior Vice Commandant**

**Denny Bynum**



Greetings members of 1049. The month has gone by pretty fast. But I would like to welcome the latest three members to join our League. Mr. Franklin Wood, Owen Wood and Christopher L Hamilton. Welcome aboard Marines. Also I would like to congratulate our newest PDD members to the Honor Society of the Marine Corps League. "DEVEL DOGS".

Now for the good of the League: I got the word that the DUES will be on the rise. So there is no better time than the present to become a LIFE member in the League. Better do it soon, because if you are interested in life membership, it will be considerably higher in the near future. Anyway, have we all recruited a new member this month???? We have had a few renew their membership this month, but a lot are over due. So please check your membership cards and see if you are due for renewal. If so send it to me, Or better yet bring it to our next meeting. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

**Semper Fi.**  
Denny Bynum

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## **Chaplain**

**Les Bates**




We attended the funeral of one of our own member, Al Newton. Services at Singleton's. The detachment performed military honors at the gravesite also.

Irene Airey is home recuperating after a knee replacement and doing well and taking great care of our commandant. Manney's spirits are improving also.

Linda Ross, MCL Aux. Member and wife of Ed Ross, (J.A.) is at home after a brief stay in the hospital recently.

## **Public Relations**

**Danny Fischio**

 The 81<sup>st</sup> MCL & MCLA National Convention was held the week of August 1 – 7, 2004 in Irving, Texas. Texas BBQ, Louisiana Alligator Creole, and Roast Pig Creole were only a few of the delicacies that were available in the hospitality room. If you have not attended a National Convention of the MCL, VFW, American Legion, or another Service Organization, you have missed one informative and exciting experience. Weathering the 100+ degree temperatures, not all that bad inside the hotel, your Detachments' Delegates upheld the highest Detachment 1049 standards. Although, you might want to ask Warren about using someone's room to change clothes when yours isn't ready. As you can see from the photo montage in this issue, the Devil Dogs going up for Pedigree Dog had an unusual experience, although a very enjoyable initiation. On a more serious note there were a number of National Bylaw and Administrative Procedure changes voted on, and with any Bylaw or Administrative changes there ensues much constructive discussion before they are finally voted on and either approved or not. Full details of the new changes will be passed on upon official receipt from National, however, on a brief note, the one of most importance is the one approved on Life Membership dues. Beginning in 2005, 2007 and completing in 2009 the Life Membership dues will increase in January of each of those years. So if you have been contemplating going for life membership the sooner that you act the less it will cost you. There will be a hand out at the next meeting outlining the Life Membership Fee changes approved. The 82<sup>nd</sup> National Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio and there is talk of getting a bus lined up to travel to the convention. So set aside some vacation time next August and stayed tuned for details for next years convention.

MCL Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a Flea Market on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM to 1 PM. The Flea Market will be held at the VFW Post 160, Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie.

## **Public Relations**

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The cost is \$10.00 per space; tables are available for an additional \$5.00 charge per table. Food and beverages will be sold. To reserve your space today, or for additional information please contact Patty Robidoux at 443-366-4777 or email her at [pattyandroland@comcast.net](mailto:pattyandroland@comcast.net).

Don't forget the VFW Friday night dinners, the September 3<sup>rd</sup> dinner will be prepared by Detachment 1049 and will consist of BBQ Country Style Pork Ribs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Roll. This is a Detachment fund raising event so come out and support the effort.

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## **Judge Advocate**

**Ed Ross**



Greetings All!

Don't forget the Marine Corps Ball is coming up on November 13, 2004. Tickets will go on sale the last week of September. The price is \$35.00 per person. We will have a cocktail hour, flowers for the women, live music and a terrific dinner. Come and celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday. Be ready for a good time!

## ***Historian***

Vic Halme



### **My Rifle**

#### **The Creed of a United States Marine**

This creed, accredited to Major General William H. Rupertus, USMC (Deceased) and still taught to Marines undergoing Basic Training at the Recruit Depots at San Diego and Parris Island, was first published in the San Diego Marine Corps Chevron March 14, 1942.

- 1. This is my rifle. There are many like it, but this one is mine.***
- 2. My rifle is my best friend. It is my life. I must master it as I must master my life.***
- 3. My rifle, without me, is useless. Without my rifle, I am useless. I must fire my rifle true. I must shoot straighter than my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must shoot him before he shoots me. I will ...***
- 4. My rifle and myself know that what counts in this war is not the rounds we fire, the noise of our burst, nor the smoke we make. We know that it is the hits that count. We will hit....***
- 5. My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother. I will learn its weaknesses, its strength, its parts, its accessories, its sights and its barrel. I will ever guard it against the ravages of weather and damage as I will ever guard my legs, my arms, my eyes and my heart against damage. I will keep my rifle clean and ready. We will become part of each other. We will....***
- 6. Before God, I swear this creed. My rifle and myself are the defenders of my country. We are the masters of our enemy. We are the saviors of my life.***
- 7. So be it, until victory is America's and there is no enemy, but peace!!***

## ***Historian***

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#### **History of the Creed:**

In a conversation which took place sometime early in 1942 between BGen William H. Rupertus, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, and Capt Robert P. White, USMCR, Public Relations Officer of the base, the general stated that his men must be made to understand "that the only weapon which stands between them and Death is the rifle...they must understand that their rifle is their life...it must become a creed with them." Whereupon Capt White suggested that the general write an editorial to that effect with the tentative title of "My Rifle is My Life." The general, who had won the Distinguished Marksmanship Badge as a second lieutenant in 1915, liked the title but disagreed with the idea of an editorial which he considered would sound like a sermon. Instead, he felt that the rifle creed should be "something so deep, a conviction so great, a faith so lasting that no one should have to be preached to about it."

The very next morning, the general appeared in the captain's office with a "random scrap of paper" on which were penciled the notes which have since become the rifle creed. Capt White's part in the final production of the creed is best expressed in his own words: "All I did was to translate it, type it, suggest a few different word usages and add a line here and there to complete the General's thought. My job was that of an editor; and no editor could have bettered the General's piece in that particular."



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## Auxiliary Unit President

Dawn Parker



Well hello all. We have had a good year so far with some new ideas; such as the Ladies

Auxiliary now has Car Magnets for sale. The small ribbon magnets are \$ 2.00, and the large magnets are \$ 5.00. Marines help out the Ladies with our fund raiser by purchasing these magnets. We are also having a Flea Market on August 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 am until 1 pm at the VFW Post 160. Come on out and have some fun. Spaces are available for \$ 10.00 and if you need a table it is \$ 5.00 dollars extra. There will be food available also for a small cost. I sure hope everyone is having a great summer. See you all at our next meeting in Sept.

Unit President  
Dawn Parker

## Young Marines

George Martin



Nothing to report: New recruits -- 20

Young Marines -- 19

XO -- PO John Lafferty is again on deployment with the UNS Comfort -- this time to NOVA SCOTIA. Good Luck Squid -- the man has to clank those anchors.

The Young Marines took part in the American Legion Convention parade and helped POST 226 win 1st place with their float.

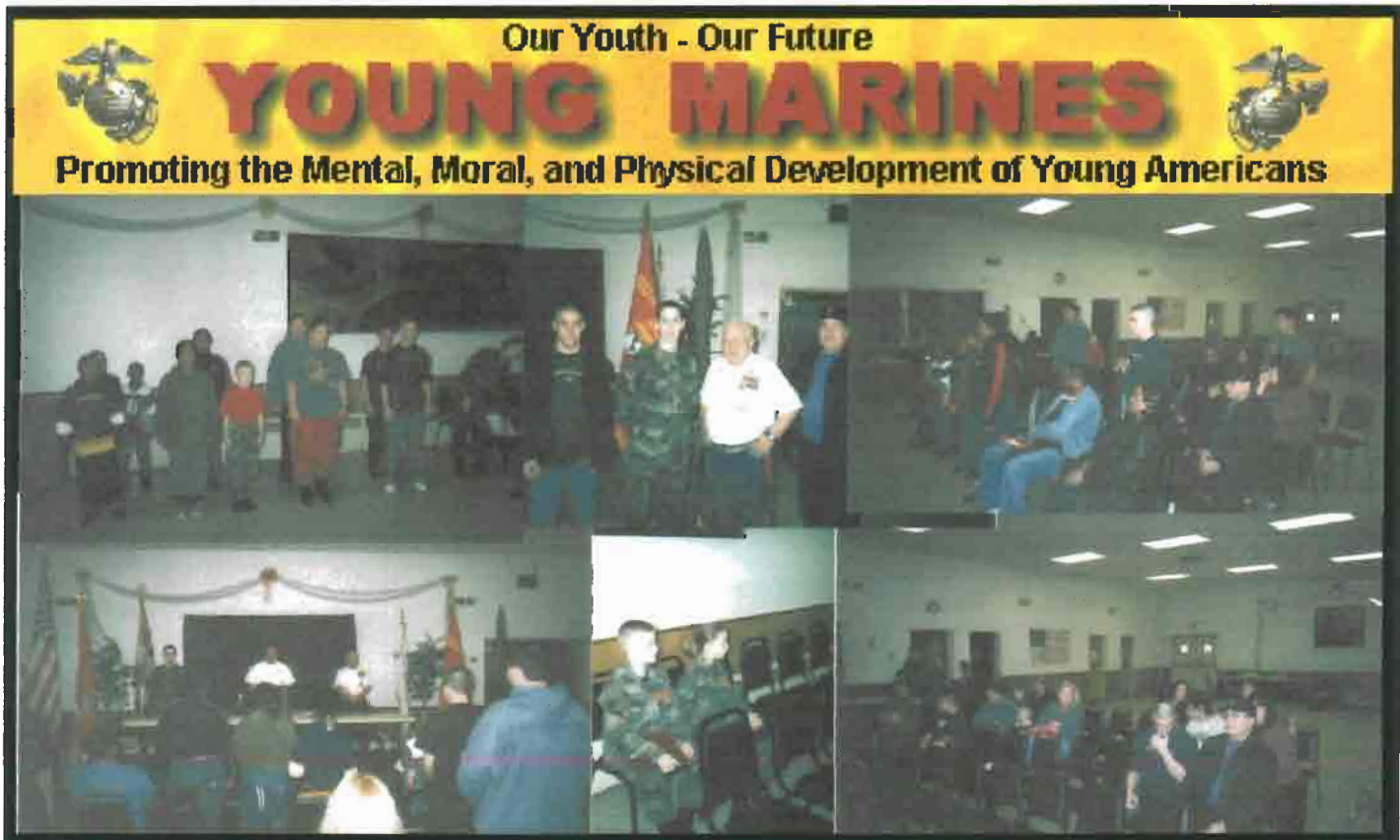
Have 2 Young Marines away at National Encampment.

That's it for now -- hope to see you on the 21st of August at the Flea Market the Ladies are putting on -- the Young Marines have 2 tables.

Big Note -- the Young Marines assisted the Naval Academy's Naval family assistance group in putting on a FAMILY FUN DAY for the families of the Marines and Naval personnel deployed and getting ready to deploy.

That about covers it for this month.

George Martin, CO





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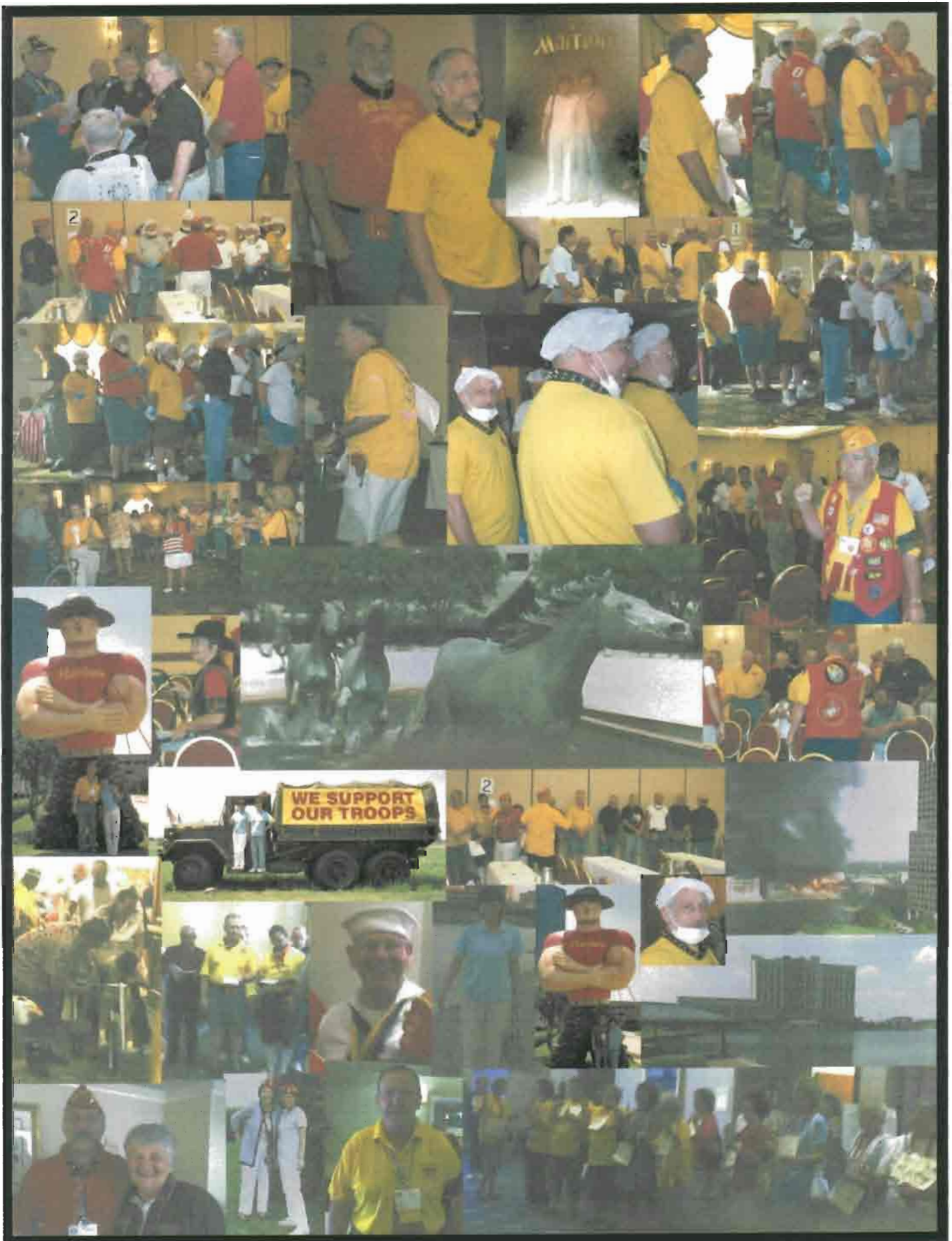
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Medal of Honor - 1965

3/3/3 Vietnam

**CITATION:**

*For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the communist {Viet Cong} forces at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Squad Leader in Company I, Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division {Reinforced} near An Cu'ong 2, South Vietnam, on 18 August 1965. While leading his squad in the assault against a strongly entrenched enemy force, his unit came under intense small arms fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Corporal O'Malley raced across an open rice paddy to a trench line where the enemy forces were located. Jumping into the trench, he attacked the Viet Cong with his rifle and grenades, and singly killed eight of the enemy. He then led his squad to the assistance of an adjacent Marine unit which was suffering heavy casualties. Continuing to press forward, he reloaded his weapon and fired with telling effect into the enemy emplacement. He personally assisted in the evacuation of several wounded Marines, and again regrouping the remnants of his squad, he returned to the point of the heaviest fighting. Ordered to an evacuation point by an officer, Corporal O'Malley gathered his besieged and badly wounded squad, and boldly led them under fire to a helicopter for withdrawal. Although three times wounded in this encounter, and facing imminent death from a fanatic and determined enemy, he steadfastly refused evacuation and continued to cover his squad's boarding of the helicopter while, from an exposed position, he delivered fire against the enemy until his wounded men were evacuated. Only then, with his last mission accomplished, did he permit himself to be removed from the battlefield. By his valor, leadership, and courageous efforts in behalf of his comrades, he served as an inspiration to all who observed him, and reflected the highest credit upon the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service.*

/S/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON



**GEORGE H. O'BRIEN, JR.**  
**Second Lieutenant**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
**RESERVE**

Medal of Honor - 1952

3/7/1 Korea

**CITATION:**

*For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a Rifle Platoon Commander of Company H, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 27 October 1952. With his platoon subjected to an intense mortar and artillery bombardment while preparing to assault a vitally important hill position on the main line of resistance which had been overrun by a numerically superior enemy force on the preceding night, Second Lieutenant O'Brien leaped from his trench when the attack signal was given and, shouting for his men to follow, raced across an exposed saddle and up the enemy-held hill through a virtual hail of deadly small-arms, artillery and mortar fire. Although shot through the arm and thrown to the ground by hostile automatic-weapons fire as he neared the well-entrenched enemy position, he bravely regained his feet, waved his men onward and continued to spearhead the assault, pausing only long enough to go to the aid of a wounded Marine. Encountering the enemy at close range, he proceeded to hurl hand grenades into the bunkers and, utilizing his carbine to best advantage in savage hand-to-hand combat, succeeded in killing at least three of the enemy. Struck down by the concussion of grenades on three occasions during the subsequent action, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated for medical treatment and continued to lead his platoon in the assault for a period of nearly four hours, repeatedly encouraging his men and maintaining superb direction of the unit. With the attack halted, he set up a defense with his remaining forces to prepare for a counterattack, personally checking each position, attending to the wounded and expediting their evacuation. When a relief of the position was effected by another unit, he remained to cover the withdrawal and to assure that no wounded were left behind. By his exceptionally daring and forceful leadership in the face of overwhelming odds, Second Lieutenant O'Brien served as a constant source of inspiration to all who observed him and was greatly instrumental in the recapture of a strategic position on the main line of resistance. His indomitable determination and valiant fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon himself and enhance the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.*

/S/ DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

## ***Legislative Affairs***

**Danny Fischio**

Legislative Affairs [Dan Fischio, Legislative Officer]

This is an election year and your vote counts. Ever wonder what Bills are being considered in Congress or what your elected representatives are doing in Washington; where you're Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans stand on key issues that affect you as a veteran? Take a little time out and visit the following sites to get a view of the issues and the stances:

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## ***Who is this Marine?***



**Hint:** He does recruiting for the detachment. He served in the US Army, but he is not an Associate Member.

**Last Month:** Seaman Recruit Tom Maiorana Navy Boot Camp, Bainbridge Md. September 1952.

## **VAVS**

**Buddy Cadle**

### **DoD Aids Electronic Health Records System Initiative**

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 21, 2004 – The Defense Department will share its expertise using electronic health care records as part of a government initiative that aims to establish and link such a system nationwide by the end of the decade.

Making electronic record-keeping part of the public health care system would improve medical care and save money, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson noted here today at the HHS-sponsored Secretarial Summit on Health Information Technology.

Across-the-board implementation of health information technology could save the nation about \$130 billion a year in health costs, Thompson said. And, he added, use of electronic medical records likely would improve the nation's correct medical treatment rate, currently at 55 percent.

"Don't you think, in America, we deserve (medical) treatment that's better than 55 percent correct?" Thompson asked his audience.

In April, President Bush directed DoD, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Personnel Management to examine how they'd advance health information technology for public use nationwide in 10 years.

DoD will join with the Department of Veterans Affairs and HHS, explained Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, in developing "usable standards" for public sector application of electronic storage and movement of medical information.

DoD, through its vast health care system that includes contracted civilian-sourced providers as part of the Tri-care system, also would "encourage the use of health information technology and health information exchange" across the private sector, Winkenwerder noted.

It's logical, Winkenwerder noted, for DoD to share its computer expertise in developing a national electronic health records system. "After all, the Internet did, in fact start at the Department of Defense," he said.

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

## **Toys for Tots Coordinator**

**Bill Creager**



Christmas is Coming, So are the Marines! Had our first conversation with GySgt Bellew, Toys-For-Tots Coordinator for the Marine Reserve Unit at Fort Meade. Gunny and I are both new this year, so we plan to learn together.

Fortunately Steve Salanik, last year's Detachment TFT Coordinator and Dawn Parker, Auxiliary President have experience we can draw on.

Gunny Bellew and his reserve Marines are prepared to pick-up the toys we collect at all four of the events we have scheduled as well as the Dorsey MARC train station. Remember to bring toys to our October 25th and November 27th meetings and to sign-up for a shift at MUVICO on November 27th and December 11th.

On the distribution side, Gunny says two of the three organizations that carried out the distributions for the Marines last year have not signed on for this year.. What do we call that? **OPPORTUNITY!!!** MARINE CORPS ORDER 5726.14E, encourages coordinators to use local social service agencies, church groups and other legitimate organizations to identify children and distribute toys. This means we can arrange with a local organization this year to identify children in need, right here in our area.

This month's goals are to line up our volunteers, line up our corporate sponsors, and now, line up the group we want to work with to find the children in need. Any ideas? Let me know and we'll put that group in touch with the Gunny for approval. Likewise, if you know of a company that would be interested in participating in this year's campaign, let me know.



## **Message from Detachment Member Warner I. Sumpter**

Thought you folks might be interested to know that "old Marines" are still serving. I was sponsored by Chap. Bates and joined about a year or two ago. Since then, with the GWOT and service as the Commander of the Maryland Army National Guard, I've been unable to attend a meeting. Then when I was less than a year from military retirement, I decided on another full time career change and accepted a position as Police Chief for the Maryland Department of General Services Police. And, I thought perhaps I'd have time to attend a meeting with fellow Marines. Well won't you know it, In April I get notification that I was being mobilized. But, unfortunately (or fortunately depending on your view) I'm assigned in the states as the Acting Commanding General of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center & Ft. Huachuca, AZ. We train all the services at the installation in military intelligence skills (and the Marines look sharp and excel at all they do here at the "school house"). I've been here since June 15th and should return to Maryland sometime this fall. I must retire from the military (by law) on Dec. 1, 2004, so then my calendar will definitely be clear. So from an "Old Marine Sergeant" who enlisted 13 NOV 1962 . . . "some of us are too dammed dumb to know when to quit". I will make a meeting.

### **Semper Fi**

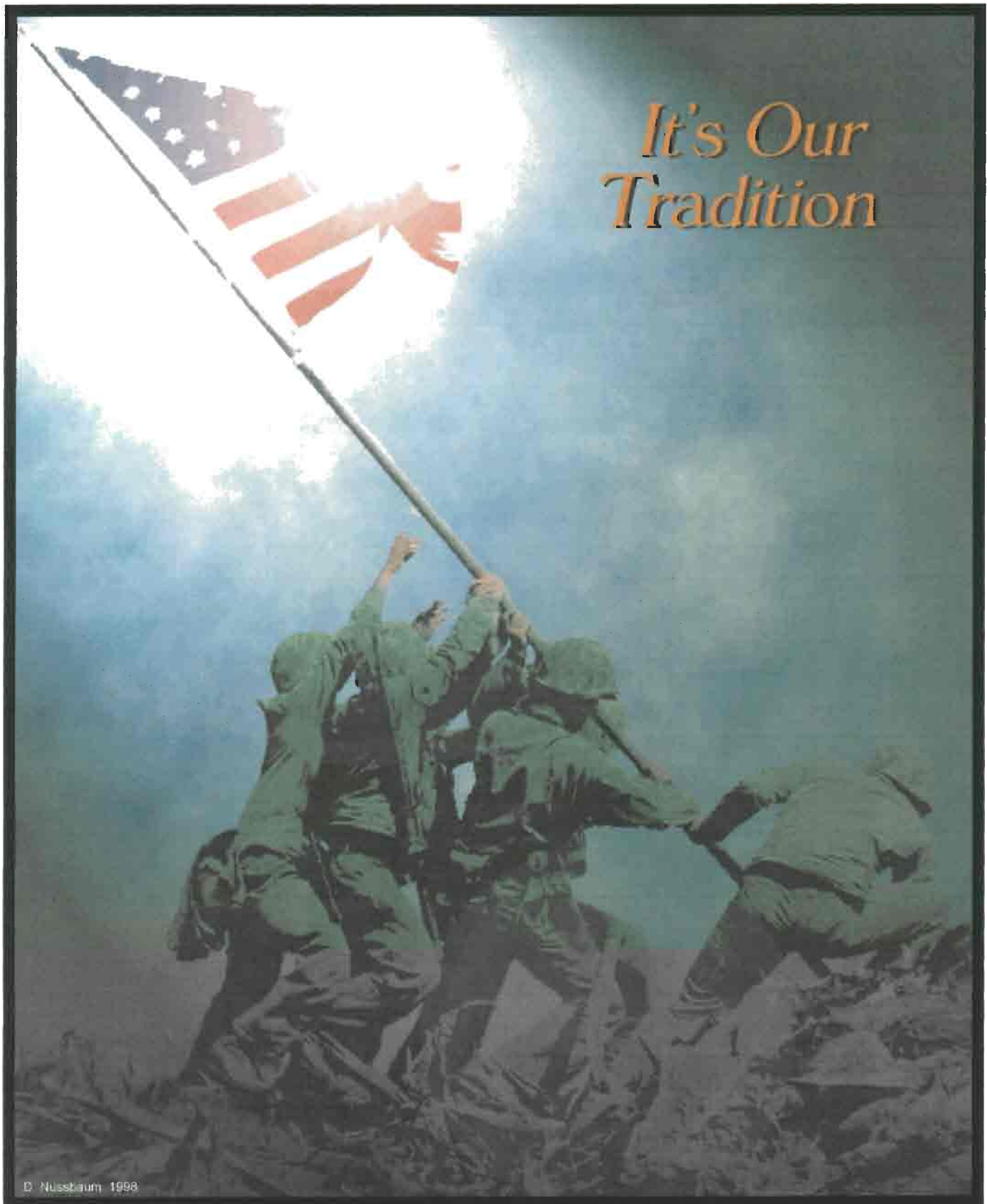
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Pound Growl, August 22, 2004 at the Dog House (VFW Post 160).

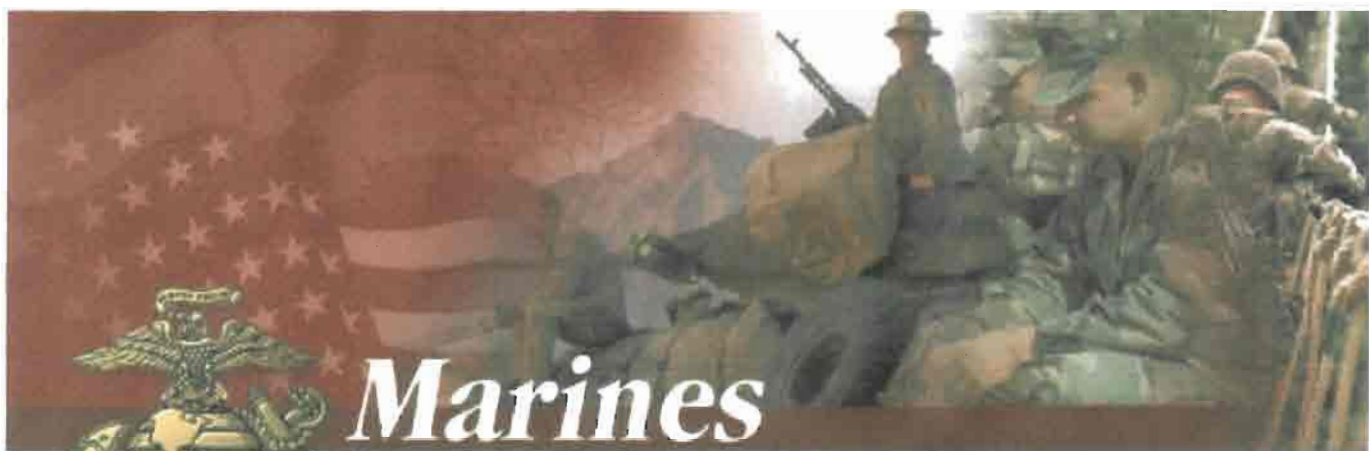
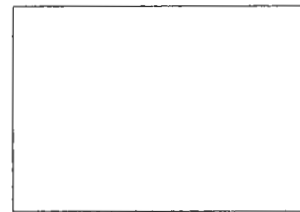
Pack growl, September 11, 2004 at Elkridge, MD.







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