



Marines

The Few. The Proud.

Marines from Golf Company, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Bn., 2nd Marines, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) burn a picture of Saddam Hussein during a patrol in Qalat Sukar during Operation Iraqi Freedom.



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE # 1049

COMMANDANT
Earl Parker

SEMPER FI !!!!!!!!!!!

How time flies!!! Department Convention is right around the corner. Seems like it was only yesterday. Also, elections of officers are in order at this upcoming meeting, Monday, 28 April.

Slate of officers currently nominated are as follows:

Commandant;

Earl Parker
Manny Airey

Sr. Vice Commandant;
Tom Mariano

Jr. Vice Commandant;
Denny Bynum

Judge Advocate;
Ed Ross

All other officers and committee chairpersons will be appointed by the elected commandant.

Nominations other than those listed above will be accepted on the floor prior to the election. Any one who is interested in being placed in nomination that cannot be present must submit a letter of acceptance and intent.

SR. VICE COMMANDANT
Manny Airey

Monday, 21 April we enjoyed a day at the slots at Harrington, DE. 27 people participated in this fund raiser and we raised a little over \$200.00 for our coffers. I would like to thank everyone who participated. I realize we probably should have had it on a Sunday when more people were off from work but it being the day after Easter I thought it would work. This is our first one so please bear with us. We will have another one in the very near future. All stated they had a really great time even though no one broke the bank or at least admitted to it. A 50/50 raffle was held enroute and the winner donated the \$25.00 winning ticket back to the League coffers.

JR. VICE COMMANDANT
Denny Bynum

We voted to accept Christopher P. Burrige, one of our many youngest of Marines into the detachment at our last meeting. Welcome aboard Chris. He comes from a military family. His father is a career Coast Guardsman and was present to witness Chris' being initiated. Other new members sworn in were Marines, O'Toole, Cox, and associate member Grove. Welcome aboard Marines. We had a guest Marine who anticipates becoming a member, Marine Bob Bogdan from Odenton.

New membership is going great. We must strive to keep our current members and revive the members who have dropped due to what ever reason. Please get in touch with the Marine whom you invited into our ranks a couple of years ago and since has not paid his dues. If it is because of a financial or health hardship we can work something out. Just talk with them.

Life memberships are a real buy. Age 61 yrs. and older is just \$75.00. Age 56 to To 60 is \$150.00. Age 46 to 55 is \$200.00. Age 45 and under is \$250.00. We now have 32 life members, 1/3 of our members. Don't have to worry about being dogged every year for your dues?? Take the plunge.

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JUDGE ADVOCATE

Ed Ross

The By-Laws committee has just about completed the changes made and will be presented to the membership in the near future for approval. The Marine Corps Ball festivities are in the works so be prepared to get your tickets early. At the February meeting it was voted to put out the "Smoking Lamp" during regular meetings. Some Marines have some breathing problems. This ruling will also continue to be enforced at the Marine Corps Ball. For those of you who do smoke can go into the bar area and enjoy your pleasures there with out any hassle. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Do to the

unfortunate problems arising last year all tickets must be paid for no later than 1 Oct 03. If something arises after you pay but later have to cancel due to an emergency your money will be refunded. We must have a realistic head count by the above date.

YOUNG MARINES

Carl Shultz, C. O.

George Martin, Exec. O.

We are happy to announce that our first graduating class of Young Marines will be held 3 May, Saturday 03 , 0930 here at the VFW Hall. All families are welcome and encouraged to attend this gala event. There will be a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings after the ceremony. We will be accepting applications for future classes Ages 8 to 18, male or female. You can access more info in reference to this fine organization by utilizing our website--

HISTORIAN

Vic Halme

IWO JIMA- THE ISLAND GATEWAY TO JAPAN. This invasion would be the costliest battle in Marine Corps history. It was an assault that lasted for 36 days and nights. This time there would be more Marine casualties than Japanese. Of the 80 Marines who received the Medal of Honor during WW II, 22 earned it here. It would be a an assault force of 800 ships and 220,000 men. B-24s from the Marianas struck Iwo for 74 consecutive days before the invasion began. It was expected that one in four of the 60,000 assault troops would be either killed or wounded.

Iwo was only 5 miles long, pork chop shaped. Smelled like rotten eggs. Nothing lived their but wading birds and the waiting Japanese. At the northern end was the 550 ft. volcano, Mt. Suribachi. In the center the Japanese had two airfields, 11 miles of tunnels and a morass of cliffs, ridges and caves.

The assault was on. The Marines were taking a beating. A young Cpl. Tony Stein of Dayton OH had improvised a hand-held machine gun from a wrecked Navy fighter's gun and in those early moments attacked pill box after pill box killing 20 Japanese. Eight times under intense fire he struggled barefooted back to the beach for more ammo. Each time he dragged back a wounded Marine. The 24 yr. Old vet of Gaudalcanal and Bouganville received the Medal of Honor.

Tuesday, the second day of action, Pfc. J. H. Lucas of Plymouth, N.C. and three other Marines were ambushed in a ravine. Two grenades landed among them. Lucas, hurling himself over the other Marines, fell on one grenade and pulled the second under him. He absorbed the explosions with his body. Only 17 yrs and six days old, Lucas was the youngest Marine ever awarded the Medal of Honor. Even to this day in time.

Thursday, Mt. Suribachi, and you know the rest of the story. A day that will be showed and rehashed till the end of time.

ADJUTANT Guy Hall

As you know it takes money to publish this news letter. The price of printing has increased as well as postage stamps. We are not large enough to enjoy bulk postage rates at this time. We hope you enjoy our efforts to get it to you in a timely manner monthly. To help defray some of these expenses we have started an advertising program involving some of our business friends from the surrounding community. We would like to have you solicit some of the people you may be doing business with and help us sell some of the advertising spaces. If you would give me a call at 410-761-2592 I will explain the particulars involved and hope that with your help we can get the job done.



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Thursday, 8 May starts the Dept. Convention in Ocean City ending Saturday, 10 May. It will be held at the Princess Royale Hotel, Bayside. I am sure you received a packet recently. If you did not and would like to attend please get in touch with me at 410-761-2592 ASAP. Time is running out.

A Massing of the Colors will be held at Ft. Meade High School at 0900 hrs Sunday, 27 April. All are welcome to attend. Entry will be off Rt. 175 and Rickenbacher Rd. without any serious security measures.

CHAPLAIN

Les Bates

A few of us has had some problems and have been recuperating at home with home made remedies such as Irish cough syrup, Uncle Jack Daniels concoctions, Southern Comfort Rest medicine to make you rest a lot easier and other good stuff. Our Marine Karl Dungan has really had some terrible times. Too many heart attacks to count and too many hospital visits. At this writing he is at home and about trying to get his health back together under the watchful eye of his wife Karen. Some of you have had problems also but when asked have stated you are great compared to some of the others and thankful.

As I write this item, I am thinking of the young Marine, Cpl. Jason Mileo, formerly of Pasadena who was killed in Iraq last week. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family.

Tomorrow, Wednesday will be a busy day for me and for the rest of you whom I hope will be with me at the viewing taking place in Centerville. The funeral will be held in Severna Park Thursday morning on Truck House Rd. I am trying to make an effort to inform everyone via telephone. Some of you won't be at home so if I missed you, please forgive me.

If you know of anyone that is sick or in distress please let me know. Call me at 410-987-0386. I have an answering machine if I am not at home. Just keep me informed so that I may do my job as chaplain.

VAVS CHAIRMAN

Buddy Cadle

Everyone is aware by now of the cut off of veterans health care benefits that was put on hold recently supposedly for lack of federal funds, especially non-retirees. Promises, promises, promises. If you are having a problem with your VA out-patient clinic please call me and maybe, just maybe together we can work something out. You can reach me at 410-761-9098. Or if you have any other related problems let me know and I will work with you in an attempt to get it resolved.