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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Danny Fischio



I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe 4th of July holiday weekend. The Detachment has a new Sgt-at-Arms, Chris Kalwa, taking over from Spike Miller. I would like to thank Spike for his service and support to the Detachment over the last 5 years as Sgt-at-Arms. Job well done Marine.

Our Friday night dinner was a huge success and if you missed it, you missed out on some great BBQ Country Ribs. Thanks go to Manny Airey, Mike Hadley, Warren Lindgren, and Tom Maiorana for their help in getting the dinner served. Our next dinner will be Friday, September 2nd, so mark your calendars. By the way, each Friday a different organization of Post 160 hosts the dinner, starting at 6pm till 8pm, price of meals range from \$5.00 - \$7.00.

By now if you haven't gotten your name on the list for the Midway Slots Bus trip, you'll have to wait until next trip. The bus filled up by the end of the 2nd week of July with a total of 47. Can't wait to hear all the sea stories from the trip. The next big fund raiser will be the yearly ticket raffle to be drawn at the Detachment's, Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Sr Vice Tom Maiorana will have more information on ticket sales at our next Detachment meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, scheduled for July 25, 2005 at 7pm.

Semper Fi
Dan Fischio



Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



Cold war Certificate Program

In accordance with section 1084 of fiscal year 1998 national Defense Authorization Act , the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Certificates to all members of the Armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States during the Cold war era which is defined as Sept.2, 1945 to Dec. 26, 1991 are eligible. For more Information on how to apply for the certificate, visit the Cold War Certificate webpage .

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Greetings to the members of AA County MCL Detachment 1049. During the month of June I had the opportunity to enter all of our membership data into the computer and update any address changes etc., the transition was made possible because of Denny Bynum's thorough record keeping from his Jr. Vice days.

As of this date, myself and Danny Fischio are planning to shred all COPIES of members DD-214, and return all originals to our members. We have decided that reviewing a members DD-214, ID card and Discharge papers and returning them immediately is the way to go. In addition, once an application is received, the prospective members information will be reviewed by myself and Danny to verify that a person is eligible, and as stated above, all will be returned.

In closing, I would like to welcome the following new members: James Donithan, Robert Shepard and Charles Quick.

Semper FI

Gary Frye



Public Relations

Ed Dahling



Hurricane Season

According to the National Weather Service, this year's hurricane (June 1 – to – Nov 30) season is expected to be an active one. According to National Hurricane Center spokesperson Frank Lepore, "Everyone needs a plan." "If you live in a flood plain, you need to know that and where you are going to go during an evacuation. If you are living in a hurricane-heavy area, you should know what you need." For more information on hurricane preparation and planning for other disasters, visit the following Web sites:

Red Cross Web site: www.redcross.org
National Hurricane Center: www.nhc.noaa.gov
National Weather Service: www.srh.noaa.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency: www.fema.gov



Legislative

Danny Fischio



Senate VA Committee Holes Hearing on Benefits Bills. VFW testified before the senate Veterans Affairs Committee on veterans benefits legislation. Some of the bills discussed would increase life insurance benefits available to disabled veterans and active duty service members, provide for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), improve VA outreach services, and expand benefits for POW's.

House Vet Committee Holds Hearing / Clears Bills. The House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations marked up draft legislation which addresses VA third-party collections. The Veterans' Medical Care Revenue Enhancement Act creates demonstration projects to improve VA's ability to collect payments from veterans's insurance companies for the treatment of non-service connected conditions. VA collects just a fraction of the amount of money from insurance companies that it should, which is especially important at a time when VA funding increasingly relies on this type of funding instead of appropriated dollars from congress. On Thursday the full committee amended and passed HR 1220 — the Veterans Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment Act will increase disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation rates for disabled veterans—effective December 2005. Authorize a two-year demonstration project to improve VA's third party insurance collection process.

For more HVAC committee information go to:
<http://www.house.gov/va/news/109/6-9-05.html>

Semper FI
Danny Fischio



Historian

Vic Halme

July Dates in Marine Corps History



1 July 1920 – MajGen John A. Lejeune became the 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps

4 July 1800 – The Marine Corps Band played at Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, in their first public appearance.

11 July 1798 – The U.S. Marine Corps was re-established by an Act of Congress, succeeding the Continental Marines.

18 July 1918 – The 4th Marine Brigade sustained 1,972 casualties in the first two days of battle in an attack near Soissons, France.

26 July 1947 – The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operations incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918 – BGen John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Army Division in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.

12 July 1924 Marines Brigade leaves for Dominican Republic.

25 July 1930 Lt. Lewis Puller wins first of five Navy Crosses chasing Sandion guerrillas in Nicaragua.

7 July 1941 1st Provisional Marine Brigade lands At Iceland.

21 July 1944 3rd Marine Division opens battle for Guam.

Who is this Marine?



Hint: He is a member of the Detachment Staff. But he is not a Cootie
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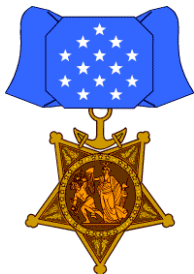
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United States Marine Corps

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an Assistant Fire Team Leader with Company E, Third Reconnaissance Battalion, Third Marine Division, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. While conducting a patrol during the early morning hours of 24 August 1969, Lance Corporal Anderson's reconnaissance team came under a heavy volume of automatic weapons and machine-gun fire from a numerically superior and well-concealed enemy force. Although painfully wounded in both legs and knocked to the ground during the initial moments of the fierce fire fight, Lance Corporal Anderson assumed a prone position and continued to deliver intense suppressive fire in an attempt to repulse the attackers. Moments later he was wounded a second time by an enemy soldier who had approached to within eight feet of the team's position. Undaunted, he continued to pour a relentless stream of fire at the assaulting unit, even while a companion was treating his legs wounds. Observing an enemy grenade land between himself and the other Marine, Lance Corporal Anderson immediately rolled over and covered the lethal weapon with his body, absorbing the full effects of the detonation. By his indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and selfless devotion to duty, Lance Corporal Anderson was instrumental in saving several Marines from serious injury or possible death. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.



HECTOR A. CAFFERATA, JR.
PRIVATE
United States Marine Corps

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Rifleman with Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 28 November 1950. When all other members of his fire team became casualties, creating a gap in the lines, during the initial phase of a vicious attack launched by a fanatical enemy of regimental strength against his company's hill position, Private Cafferata waged a lone battle with grenades and rifle fire as the attack gained momentum and the enemy threatened penetration through the gap and endangered the integrity of the entire defensive perimeter. Making a target of himself under the devastating fire from automatic weapons, rifles, grenades and mortars, he maneuvered up and down the line and delivered accurate and effective fire against the onrushing force, killing fifteen, wounding many more and forcing the others to withdraw so that reinforcements could move up and consolidate the position. Again fighting desperately against a renewed onslaught later that same morning when a hostile grenade landed in a shallow entrenchment occupied by wounded Marines, Private Cafferata rushed into the gully under heavy fire, seized the deadly missile in his right hand and hurled it free of his comrades before it detonated, severing part of one finger and seriously wounding him in the right hand and arm. Courageously ignoring the intense pain, he staunchly fought on until he was struck by a sniper's bullet and forced to submit to evacuation for medical treatment. Stouthearted and indomitable, Private Cafferata, by his fortitude, great personal valor and dauntless perseverance in the face of almost certain death, saved the lives of several of his fellow Marines and contributed essentially to the success achieved by his company in maintaining its defensive position against tremendous odds. His extraordinary heroism throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Chaplain Les Bates



The Flag- Raisers

The six men who raised the second flag over Suribachi personified the stereotypical American cross-section one might find in a Hollywood movie of that era. There was Ira A. Hayes, a pima Indian from a reservation in Arizona and a former Marine paratrooper with combat experience at Bougainville. Michael Strank was the son of Czech immigrants who lived and worked in the coal fields of Pennsylvania Harlon H. Block was drafted in 1943 after a year of working in the Texas oil fields. Franklin R. Sousley, a 19 year old draftee, had grown up on his grandfather's small Kentucky farm. Rene A. Gagnon had been rejected by the Navy for low blood pressure, but with schooling from a doctor had succeeded in passing the Marine Corps physical. John H. Bradley reenlisted in the Navy to become a corpsman.

Sgt. Strank, Cpl. Block, and PFC Sousley were killed in action. The Marine Corps never made awards to the men raising the flag, though several of them received decorations for other acts of courage.

Strank, Hayes, and Gagnon now lay buried in Arlington National Cemetery not far from the monument they inspired.

In honor and memory of the men of the United States Marine Corps who have given their lives to their country since 10 November 1775.



VAVS Buddy Caddle



VA Admits Funding shortfall for the current year is currently \$1 billion below what they need to care for veterans. The shortfall is forcing them to use money from an emergency reserve fund and around \$600 million from construction and maintenance accounts. They attribute the shortfall to poor estimates, which didn't account for the increasing demand for veterans health care. Some estimates say that VA's budgeting model could mean an additional \$2 billion shortfall in the next fiscal year, which begins in October.





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