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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Danny Fischio



I would like to thank Marines, Guy Hall and Ken Rollins for representing the Detachment in DC at the National Memorial Day Concert held on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, on Sunday evening, May 30th. I understand that the Marine Corps League received plenty of media attention as the event was nationally televised on PBS and simulcast on NPR. Also, a thank you to all the Detachment

Marines that participated in the Glen Burnie Parade, wreath laying ceremonies with VFW Post 160 members, and those that attended the Memorial service at Crownsville Cemetery.

Over the next few months the Detachment will be putting on various fund raisers, from a Bus trip to Midway slots, ticket raffle, and Friday night dinners. We need you support on these fund raisers in order to meet our financial goals to support the Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball and other charitable contributions the Detachment makes throughout the year.

Congratulations to Past Junior Commandant Manny Airey on his selection as Detachment Marine of the Year.

Semper Fi
Dan Fischio



Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



I must say the trip to Parris Island was much better than the first time I was there in 1953. We really had a great time. We had our own D.I. we slept in the barracks and ate in the mess hall. Our D.I. kept us moving. We got to see the recruits in all phases of training and we attended a graduation. My thanks to Guy Hall and Gary Frye for a great trip.

We are going to have a bus trip to Midway Slots in Delaware on July 31st 2005, the bus will leave from from VFW Post #160 at 10: A.M. and return at 6:P.M. the cost is \$ 15.00 per person which includes a \$ 5.99 coupon that can be used for the Buffet and \$ 5.00 cash coupon. We need a minimum of 35 people to satisfy the bus requirements. The bus will hold 45 so tell your friends. I would like to get a feel of how many people are going to make it so please let me know either at the next meeting or you can call me at 410-987-1297.

Junior Vice Commandant

Gary Frye



Since last months newsletter we have added four new members to our league, this brings the total to 140 paid. I am currently in the process of getting an updated roster from headquarters to verify all of our members addresses, membership numbers etc., so these items will be available to you if needed.

I would also like to see more members become life members, this would benefit our detachment as well as you. As of this date anyone ages 51-60 would pay \$200.00, in 2007 this rate would be \$250.00, and the proposed rate in 2009 would be \$300.00. As you can see, this would be a significant savings on your part. In addition, the above is just an example, if you do not fall within this age bracket I will be available at the June meeting to verify what the cost would be for you.

Last but not least, I have forwarded numerous applications to several members. I encourage everyone to bring in a new member so the league can grow and prosper.



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Color Guard Commander

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A reminder to those interested in participating in the Severna Park, 4th of July parade, we will be meeting at St Martin's Church on Benefield Road at 0900, Monday July 4th. We will have a color guard flag detail with several jeeps following behind in the parade.



Legislative Affairs

The following is the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA) - Legislative Update from May 27, 2005

Issue 1: House Passes Defense Bill.

The House made quick work of the FY2006 Defense Authorization Act Wednesday, considering amendments on issues ranging from BRAC delays to allowing space-available travel for gray-area Reserve retirees.

Issue 2: Urge Your Senators to Support Key Amendments.

The Senate will consider its own version of the Defense bill the week of June 6. We need a barrage of grass-roots inputs urging senators to support amendments to improve SBP, concurrent receipt, and Guard/Reserve health care.

Issue 3: "Disabled Veterans Tax" Discharge Petition Introduced.

Rep. Jim Marshall (D-GA) has introduced a discharge petition to force a House vote on Rep. Mike Bilirakis' (R-FL) H.R. 303, which would end the disability offset to military retired pay.

Issue 4: House OKs VA/Military Appropriations Bill.

Authorization bills change the law to authorize new programs, while appropriations bills provide the funding for them. The first appropriations bill passed for FY2006 provides funds for VA programs and military housing and health care, with most of the focus on the VA health budget.

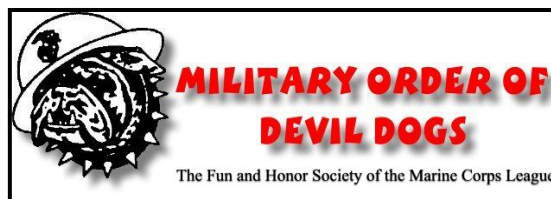
Issue 5: MOAA President Urges Guard/Reserve Employer Tax Relief.

On Thursday, MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan Jr., USN (Ret.), attended a press conference in support of Sen. Mary Landrieu's (D-LA) new bill that would provide tax breaks to employers of National Guard and Reserve members.

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Rifle & Pistol Captain

Jake Jahelka



Members of the Detachment's Pistol team participated in the Marine Corps League,

Department of PA, 2005 Service Pistol match held on 3-5 June at Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA. We survived the rains on Friday and early Saturday morning for what turned out to be a beautiful day for a match.

Rifle shooters, the Department of MD is participating in an invitational rifle match to be held on Sunday, July 24th at Marriottsville Range from 1000 – 1430. Specific details will be provided as soon as available, so let me know if you're interested, you can contact me at 410-799-7578.

Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

2 June 1918: At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

8 June 1995: A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

10 June 1898: The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. LtCol Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

12 June 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

15 June 1944: Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

20 June 1993: The 24th Marine Expeditionary

Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

25 June 1950: Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

25 June 1966: In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

26 June 1918: BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."



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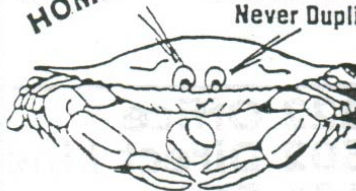
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Honoring Our Medal of Honor Recipients



Albert J. Smith
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United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor — 1921
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CITATION:

At about 7:30 a.m. on the morning of 11 February 1921, Private Smith, while on duty as sentry, rescued Plen M. Phelps, late machinist's mate, second class, United States Navy, from a burning seaplane which had fallen near his post, gate No. 1, Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. Despite the explosion of the gravity gasoline tank, with total disregard of personal safety, he pushed himself to a position where he could reach Phelps, who was pinned beneath the burning wreckage, and rescued him from the burning plane, in the performance of which he sustained painful burns about the head, neck and both hands.



Randolph C. Berkeley
Major
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor — 1914
Vera Crus
CITATION:

For distinguished conduct in battle, engagements of VERA CRUS, April 21st and 22nd, 1914; was eminent and conspicuous in command of his battalion; was in the fighting of both days, and exhibited courage and his skill in leading his men through action. His cool judgment and courage and his skill in handling his men in encountering and overcoming the machine gun and rifle fire down Cinco de Mayo and parallel streets accounts for the small percentage of the losses of Marines under his command.



Alfred M. Wilson
Private First Class
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor -- 1969
3/9/3 Vietnam
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 M, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division in action against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam. On 3 March 1969, while returning from a reconnaissance in force mission in the vicinity of Fire Support Base Cunningham in Quang Tri Province, the First Platoon of Company M came under intense automatic weapons fire and a grenade attack from a well-concealed North Vietnamese Army force pinning down the center of the column. Rapidly assessing the situation, Private First Class Wilson, acting as Squad Leader, skillfully maneuvered his squad to form a base of fire and act as a blocking force while the point squad moved to outflank the enemy. During the ensuing fire fight, both his machine gunner and assistant machine gunner were seriously wounded and unable to operate their weapon. Realizing the importance of recovering the M-60 machine gun and maintaining a heavy volume of fire against the hostile force, Private First Class Wilson, with complete disregard for his own safety, followed by another Marine, fearlessly dashed across the fire-swept terrain to recover the weapon. As they reached the machine gun, a North Vietnamese soldier threw a grenade at the Marine. Reacting instantly, Private First Class Wilson fired a burst from his M-16 rifle killing the enemy soldier. Observing the grenade fall between himself and the other Marine, Private First Class Wilson, fully realizing the inevitable result of his actions, shouted to his companion and unhesitatingly threw himself on the grenade, absorbing the full force of the explosion with his own body. His heroic actions inspired his platoon members to maximum effort as they aggressively attacked and defeated the enemy. Private First Class Wilson's indomitable courage, inspiring valor and selfless devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.



MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (June 17, 2005) -- Marines from 2nd Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force, were greeted by friends, family and fellow Marines upon their return from Iraq June 17.

The leathernecks arriving at Camp Lejeune via bus were greeted by families lining the roads, holding colorful, hand-made banners, waving American flags and cheering as the chartered buses pulled up to the battalion area.

"This is very exciting," said Jim Bethany, father of Duncan, Okla., native Cpl. Joshua B. Bethany. "It's good to see him back safe and sound."

The families had been hosted in style for the special event, with pizza, sodas and music to entertain them while they waited for the moment they had been anticipating.

The Marines came home after 10 months operating in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom - a period of time the warriors' families were happy to see come to an end.

"There are no words for it. We're very excited," said Linda Riley, grandmother of Paducah, Ky., native Lance Cpl. Steven C. Irvan. "We haven't seen him for 11 months."

Though deployments to a combat zone are challenging for families, John and Beatrice Harrold see the upside for their son, Cpl. Michael J. Harrold, analyst, 2nd Radio Battalion.

"He went away a young man, but has come back with a self-confidence that can't be bought or taught. You can't get it over the counter or in the classroom. You earn it by going somewhere where things are difficult and overcoming adversity, and performing those things when the stakes are very real," said Mr. Harrold.

Homecoming was a joy not just for the families, but the Marines as well.

"It feels darn good to be back," said Cpl. Harrold, a 2002 Redwood Christian High School graduate and one of three brothers in the Marines. "It's definitely not Iraq."

"I'm overwhelmed to the point of tears. The little one has changed so much since I've been gone," said Cpl. Bethany as he held his young

daughter. "The deployment is not the hardest thing, being over there is not the hardest thing. Being away from family is the hardest thing."

Having loved ones at home thinking of and supporting the Marines forward-deployed was vital in keeping morale up and maintaining focus on the task at hand, said Bethany.

"Knowing that they're back home supporting me when I'm there, doing what I need to do to achieve the battalion's mission, helped me do a better job," he said.

Department Commandant

Jerry Devlin



Department Commandant Jerry Devlin attended the State Convention of the Department of Massachusetts last weekend (June 4-5, 2005) in Hyannis, Mass and made a pitch for the Marines Helping Marines Program.

The New England Division donated \$1,000. A raffle was held and it raised another \$500. Marines voted not to have the usual hospitality room and instead to donate the funds to Marines Helping Marines

Who is this Marine?



Last Month: From Left to right: Ted Kees, Detachment associate member and USN WWII veteran; Ron Becker joined the Corps in late 40's and became a DI at Parris Island; and Thurlow Leister, served with the USMC in WWII and Korea (see photo above).

VAVS

Buddy Cadle

I am pleased to report the 59th VAVS National Advisory Committee Meeting was a huge success. The meeting planners and local hosts planned and implemented an outstanding conference despite the 105 plus degree weather in Scottsdale during the conference.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to Mike Achey, Sheila Beran-Parker, Patrick Connell and the Carl T. Hayden volunteers for their generous hospitality. Thanks also to the VA staff for their participation and assistance to make the conference a success.

My congratulations to the VAVS Award for Excellence, American Spirit Award, NAC Male and Female Volunteers of the Year and the James H. Parke Memorial Scholarship recipients.

The goals of the meeting were accomplished and I believe participants came away with great ideas to implement in their local VA medical centers and local communities. These ideas will enhance the service provided to veterans, VA patients and their families.

Now the hard part begins. To put the ideas gathered into ACTION!

I look forward to hearing from NAC members and participants as to how each have developed program activities from ideas gathered at the conference. If the activities are shared, I will share these initiatives in upcoming newsletters for all to celebrate the fruits of the labor.

The 60th VAVS NAC meeting will be held May 3—6, 2006 in Reno, Nevada. The host hotel is John Ascuaga's Nugget. I look forward to seeing you there to celebrate your past and look forward to our future!

Laura B. Balun



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Chaplain

Les bates



Nancy Cavey, 54 yrs. of age, wife of Marine Clifton "Butch" Cavey, charter member of our detachment, mother of Shane, Shanon, Lori and Shawn.

Nancy lost her battle with cancer 7 June 05. She was buried at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery 13 June 05. Members of our detachment were present at the evening viewing and at the services at the cemetery. Condolences to the Cavey family.

It is sad to announce the passing if Mrs. Richard Lowe, wife of our recent life member, Marine Dick Lowe. She also had been battling cancer for several months. Funeral services were held at Stewartstown, PA. 15 June 05 and the services were attended by Guy Hall, representing our Detachment.

Public Relations

Ed Dahling



The Detachment will host the VFW Post 160 Friday night dinner on July 1, 2005. Dinner will be BBQ Country Style Pork Ribs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and roll. Come out and enjoy a good meal and support your Detachments fund raising event.

Marine Corps League, 82nd National Convention 2005 is just around the corner, August 7 – 13, 2005 in Cleveland, Ohio. If you are interested in attending and would like to represent the Detachment as a delegate, please contact Commandant Dan Fischio. Convention and hotel information can be found at <http://www.colchambersdet.org/national.htm>

The K. G. Taylor Detachment 1084 (Howard County) is hosting a golf tournament on Friday, August 12, 2005 at the Ft. Meade Golf Course. Tee time is 1330 and the cost is \$80.00 per golfer. For more information contact Chuck Casey (410) 796-4119 or Frank Kippenbrock (410) 409-2437.



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