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# Semper Fidelis!

## COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE


Danny Fischio



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as your Commandant for the coming year and I will do my best to serve and lead you the Marines of this Detachment. We have accomplished a good deal since we started five years ago and I look forward to us continuing to reach new goals throughout the coming year. As always membership is one key goal to keeping an organization productive, so let us all strive to bring in a new member. I would also like to see more of you become involved in the running of this Detachment, so if you have any ideas or would like to assist with current activities or functions please feel free to contact me.


The 2005 Department of Maryland Convention was held May 5th, 6th and 7th in Ocean City. The Departments' newly elected officers are: Commandant Gerard Devlin, Sr Vice Commandant Jack Severn, Jr. Vice Commandant Gerard Fay and Judge Advocate Bud Raines. Once again we were well represented at the convention and a good time was had by all.

See page 8 for photos



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## Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



*I would like to thank, again, all who helped on the Convention Book, it turned out real well and our Detachment was able to put about \$700.00 dollars in our treasury.*

*The Convention was a success and all who attended I believe had a good time.*

*On wed. a bunch of us will be going back to boot camp, good old Paris Island. I never thought I would be looking forward to going back , but after 52 years I hope they will go easy on me.*

*I would like some feedback on going to the slots in July we need to get at least 35 people any one interested please see me at the next meeting.*

*Semper Fi & Woof, Woof*

## Junior Vice Commandant

Gary Frye



Hello to all the members of the Anne Arundel County Marine Corps League Detachment 1049 and your families.

This is my first entry for the monthly bulletin. I look forward to meeting you all and working closely with all.

With your help we can make this League grow. I'm looking forward to putting some of my ideas to work for the league, and making it grow.

We have 136 members now total paid. Still have a few that hasn't paid their dues. Please send in your dues and don't take a chance of being dropped from the rolls of National. That only cost our league money if and when you decide to come back in the ranks of Detachment 1049.

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting and bring in a new member if at all possible. Like the old saying- Every Little Bit Helps. Good luck to all and enjoy your league meetings.

Semper Fidelis  
Gary Frye  
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## ***Toys for Tots***

**By Bill Creager**

### **Time to start thinking about Christmas.**

The 2005 Toys for Tots Campaign begins in October. Meanwhile, let's take a moment to recall the 2004 fun. We had a great year, helped the Marine Reserve Unit at Fort Meade have their best year ever. A couple thousand toys and a couple thousand dollars means a lot to some unfortunate children. All those Marines we worked with last year have moved on, deployed or transferred.

Yet, I know we can do better. Last year we just scratched the surface. We had five events, two toy drives at MUVICO in the Arundel Mills Mall, two at our detachment meetings and a day with Santa. Four out of five were very successful. We spent a lot of man hours and a lot of preparation, but nobody came to see Santa. It wasn't a bust though because we arranged to pick up a load of toys from a donor in Pasadena who hosted a Toys for Tots party for his friends and relatives and gave us a truckload of toys that day.

The kids that didn't come to the Post to see Santa really lost out. Jim Brady is a riot! Kept us all in stitches. He must have lost ten pounds sweating in that suit. Brittany Ratliff

dressed up as an elf, Marines in dress blues looking sharp and fantastic sunny weather. Just no children. Well, there was at least one on Santa's lap. Looked a lot like our Auxiliary President. Check out the picture.

Glutton for punishment that he is, he came to MUVICO and did it again. We took Polaroid pictures of kids meeting Santa in front of MUVICO and gave them to the parents. That was a big hit. Took a picture of Santa hugging our Commandant, Manny Airey. That one grew legs.

Lots of businesses helped us out, K B Toys in Arundel Mills and Marley Station and several others. Our biggest single monetary donation was from the WAL-MART store off Ordnance Road - \$1000 dollars! Thanks to Co-manager Mike Sly for that and a truckload of toys, The Marines had a big problem using the unit phones to try and handle the calls. Mr. Patrick Kirk of Wireless Toys on Mountain Rd came to the rescue with Sprint phones and free service for the campaign. Check out the pictures of some of our sponsors with their Certificates of Appreciation from the Commandant.

Watch this column for the scoop on the 2005 campaign and get ready to mount-up.



## **Historian**

Vic Halme



### **This Month in History**

#### **Selected Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance**

**2 May 1946:** Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

**5 May 1983:** In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peace-keeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.

**8 May 1995:** In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.

**10 May 1945:** The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

**15 May 1862:** Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

**16 May 1945:** The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day

characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been breached.

**22 May 1912:** First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

**23 May 1988:** The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

**26 May 1969:** Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemy killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.

**29 May 1991:** Elements of a joint task force that included the 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade departed the Bay of Bengal off the coast of Bangladesh after nearly two weeks of disaster relief operations following a devastating cyclone. The joint task force delivered tons of relief supplies using helicopters, C-130s, and landing craft in Operation Sea Angel.



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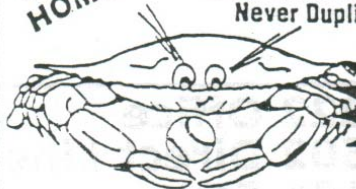
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**Jack W. Kelso**  
**Private**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**Medal of Honor — 1952**  
**3/7/1 Korea**  
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**Gary W. Martini**  
**Private First Class**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**Medal of Honor -- 1967**  
**2/5/1 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, Company F, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam. On 21 April 1967, during Operation UNION, elements of Company F, conducting offensive operations at Binh Son, encountered a firmly entrenched enemy force and immediately deployed to engage them. The Marines in Private Martini's platoon assaulted across an open rice paddy to within twenty meters of the enemy trench line where they were suddenly struck by hand grenades, intense small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire. The enemy onslaught killed 14 and wounded 18 Marines, pinning the remainder of the platoon down behind a low paddy dike. In the face of imminent danger, Private Martini immediately crawled over the dike to a forward open area within 15 meters of the enemy position where, continuously exposed to the hostile fire, he hurled hand grenades, killing several of the enemy. Crawling back through the intense fire, he rejoined his platoon which had moved to the relative safety of a trench line. From this position he observed several of his wounded comrades lying helpless in the fire swept paddy. Although he knew that one man had been killed, attempting to assist the wounded, Private Martini raced through the open area and dragged a comrade back to the friendly position. In spite of a serious wound received during this first daring rescue, he again braved the unrelenting fury of the enemy fire to aid another companion lying wounded only twenty meters in front of the enemy trench line. As he reached the fallen Marine, he received a mortal wound, but disregarding his own condition, he began to drag the Marine toward his platoon's position. Observing men from his unit attempting to leave the security of their position to aid him, concerned only for their safety, he called to them to remain under cover and through a final supreme effort, moved his injured comrade to where he could be pulled to safety, before he fell, succumbing to his wounds. Stout-hearted and indomitable, Private Martini unhesitatingly yielded his own life to save two of his comrades and insure the safety of the remainder of his platoon. His outstanding courage, valiant fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty reflected the highest credit upon himself, the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

## Commandant: Marines Thrive in Chaos

The Marine Corps Commandant, Gen. M. W. Hagee, has issued a 21st Century update of his guidance which he has charged "each and every Marine" to read, understand, fully support and aggressively implement. Key parts: We thrive in the chaotic and unpredictable environments in which our forces are employed, so we will continue to create Marines who thrive in chaotic and uncertain environments. We will preserve our tradition of being most ready when the nation is least ready. Every Marine is a rifleman and a warrior - our link to the past and our key to the future. We train and educate our Marines to think independently and act aggressively, with speed and initiative, and to exploit the advantages of cultural understanding. We will continue to enhance and transform our capabilities for forcible entry from the sea. See ALMAR 018/05.

(see: <http://www.marines.mil/almars/almar2000.nsf/almars>)

## Bush Names Marine General for Chairman Position

By Robert Burns

AP Military Writer; Friday, April 22, 2005; 10:34 AM

WASHINGTON -- President Bush on Friday named Marine Gen. Peter Pace, who quietly helped shape the Pentagon's role in the global war on terrorism, to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Pace, 59, would succeed Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers. He was expected to win easy Senate confirmation.

"He knows the job well," Bush said in announcing the nomination.

The first Marine selected for the top military post, Pace also is only the second vice chairman to rise to chairman. Myers, due to retire Sept. 30 after four years on the job, was the first.

Bush announced his decision in a Roosevelt Room ceremony at the White House.

"The first thing America needs to know about Pete Pace is that he is a Marine," Bush said. "To the American people, the Marine is shorthand for can-do, and I'm counting on Pete Pace to bring the Marine spirit to these new responsibilities."

Praising his "wisdom and determination," the president said Pace would help with the mission of transforming the armed forces "so we can defeat today's enemies while preparing ourselves for military challenges we will face as this new century unfolds."

Meanwhile, the president praised Myers for being "able service over four decades, and his tireless dedication to duty and country."

Pace thanked Bush for his "trust and faith in me."

"This is an incredible moment for me," Pace said. He

said the promotion was "exhilarating," but added, "I know the challenges ahead are formidable."

Bush also said he was nominating Navy Adm. Edmund Giambastiani Jr. as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Giambastiani, 56, was Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's senior military assistant before being named commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command in 2002.

After stumbling over Giambastiani's name several times, Bush said to laughter: "He shall be known as Admiral G."

Later, Pace showed himself to be a quick study. "I am delighted that I'll have the opportunity to work side-by-side with Admiral Ed G.," he said, joking: "I am trainable, Mr. President."

After nearly four years in the No. 2 job -- a period in which the war on terror after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks has been the military's dominant focus -- Pace has remained a relatively unknown figure to the public.

Privately, he is said to get along well with Rumsfeld, who moved Pace into the vice chairman's spot on Oct. 1, 2001, after Pace had served only one year as commander of U.S. Southern Command.

The Joint Chiefs chairman, who normally serves two two-year terms, is the senior military adviser to the president as well as the secretary of defense. However, he commands no troops and is not in the chain of command that runs from the president to the secretary of defense to commanders in the field.

The son of an Italian immigrant, Pace was born in New York City and raised in Teaneck, N.J. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and earned a master's degree in business administration from George Washington University.

He served in the Vietnam War as a rifle platoon leader. He later served in Korea and was a commander for two years during the Somalia intervention that ended in a U.S. withdrawal.

## Who is this Marine?



**Hint:** He is an Associate Member who served in World War II.

**Last Month:** Eugene Lynch circa 1957.



## **VAVS** Buddy Cadle

### **Simple Advice** by Jason Hom

***“As I was leaving, he grasped my hand and held it for what seemed like forever”***

When I reflect upon the time I've spent volunteering at the local Veterans Administration Hospital, two thoughts come to mind. First, I believe that it's the little things that matter when interacting with veterans. Second, I've come to learn that, contrary to what I expected, interacting with veterans is not a oneway, passive endeavor, but rather an opportunity to forge meaningful friendships. Indeed, the patients oftentimes cheer me up more than I cheer them up.

When you see stories about patients in hospitals and rest homes on television and in the movies, you inevitably witness actors experiencing awe-inspiring epiphanies about their lives. In the real world, however, I've learned that the most powerful experiences are often the subtlest.

When I step into the veterans hospital, the sobering reality of life quickly dawns on me: many residents are confined to wheelchairs, depressed, and in need of human contact. They need volunteers who will listen and show them that there are people who genuinely care. It is these small details—brief eye contact, a smile, a wave, a pat on the back as you walk by— that mean the most. These are the small actions that have the power to make someone's day.

I'll never forget my first visit with a veteran named John. He seemed pretty quiet at first; he lay on the bed and said very little. Gradually, however, John began to talk about his wife, his youth, and his dreams for the future. He also gave me advice. John looked me in the eye and told me "Be sure to



read your books" and "Don't forget to go to class." He was trying to help me, and that meant a great deal. As I was leaving the hospital that afternoon, he grasped my hand and held it for what seemed like forever. We didn't say anything; he just grasped my hand. When I left the hospital that day, I was in a really good mood.

## **Semper Ji**

### **Public Relations** Danny Fischio



#### **Detachment 1049**

The 82nd National Marine Corps League Convention will be held August 6th – 13th, 2005 in Cleveland, Ohio. It's not too early to start planning your reservations, especially for those Devil Dogs desiring to rise to the rank of PDD. Hotel information and a tentative schedule of events are available at <http://www.colchambersdet.org/national.htm>.

The Department convention has come and passed, and as always there are few Sea Stories, it's my understanding that Marine Ken Rollins can relate one.

#### **VFW Post 160**

Congratulations to Marine Earl Parker on his election as VFW 160 Post Commander.

All Veterans and Active Duty Military are invited to the 14th Annual Old Soldiers Day on Sunday, May 29th, 2005 from 1 – 5 pm. Food, sodas, draft beer and music provided with free admission. A raffle will be held to help defray the costs.

The Post will be holding a White Elephant Sale & Chili Cook Off on Sunday, June 5th from 1 – 5 pm. Chili entrees must be at the hall no later than 1155 and there will be a \$1.00 entry fee. For more information contact Bob Hole at 410-768-5813.

The Post Canteen now offers a light lunch menu daily, Monday – Friday, from 12 – 2 pm.

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