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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Manny Airey



Hi Marines

I would like to wish everyone the best for the upcoming Easter Holiday.

Well we are nearing the end of my second year as your commandant. For me it has been two fun years. I would like to thank all the officers who have been at my side for the past two years for all there help. Thanks again for a job well done.

Nomination of officers will be held the 28th of March, and elections and installation of officers will be on April 25, 2005.

At the April 25th meeting I would like to see all the officers who have been at my side for the past two years. I would like to thank each one of them for a job well done.

Your Commandant,

Manny Airey
Semper Fi and Woof, Woof



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A Day At The Races

April 9, 2005

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Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



Marines don't forget to get your tickets for the Day at the Races, they can be purchased at the VFW for \$ 7.00 or at our meeting on Monday the 28th of this month, we

need a good crowd to make it a success.

We are now selling ads for the MCL Convention book if you know anyone that might like to place an ad or business card or just put their name in as a sponsor. Contact me at number below, any money we make over \$300.00 we split with the Department of Maryland. For info on prices or ad sizes contact me at 410-987-1297.

We are having nominations for officers again Monday the 28th, we would like to see as many members as possible participate. Come to a meeting and join in the fun, help us be the best detachment in Maryland.

Tom Maiorana
Senior Vice Commandant



Junior Vice Commandant

Denny Bynum



Greetings to the 1049 members. Here it is, another news letter coming to you.

Hope every one has their thinking caps on for the nominations of the officers on 28 March, 05.

Hope every one is doing well and looking for a new member. We need all that we can get.

I have Life Membership Cards and Certificates to be presented at the next meeting. They are: Rudolph A. Snyder, Charles E. Sutton, Franklin I. Wood, Charles P. Fisher, Wyman N. Bailey, Gerald W. Grimes, Richard J. Johnson, and Philip T. Schwarzenberg. Please come to the meeting and receive them.

Congratulations to our newest members: James E LeGette and Andrew M. Shaw.

Welcome aboard.

Semper Fi. and Woof, Woof
Denny M Bynum
Jr. Vice Commandant

VFW Commander-in-Chief Testifies on Legislative Priority Goals

VFW Commander-in-Chief John Furgess testified before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees on the VFW's legislative priorities.

In his statement, Chief Furgess urged members to increase the budget for veterans' health care, approve a GI Bill for the 21st Century, enhance and improve quality of life for our service men and women and approve full concurrent receipt for all disabled military retirees, among many other issues.

His testimony was part of the VFW's annual Legislative Conference attended by VFW leaders who travel to Washington to take their concerns about veterans and military issues to the Hill.

To read the entire statement, go to: <http://www.vfwdc.org/files/cic.pdf>

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Upcoming Events

Detachment 1049 Marines, time for making your reservations for the Parris Island is closing fast. So don't miss out on this memorable event and make your reservations today. The bus is scheduled to depart at 0600 May 18th and return May 21, 2005. Cost of the trip is a non-refundable fee of \$150.00 per person. Reservations and money need to be made by April 4, 2005, after which the trip will be opened up to Marines from other Detachments. Marines desiring to take this trip can make their reservations by contacting Guy Hall at 443-790-3355 or Gary Frye at 410-491-7153.

Veterans History Project, The Library of Congress, American Folklife Center, collects and preserves wartime stories of ordinary people. According to information on the site, these stories can be told through correspondence, personal narratives or visual materials and their primary focus is on first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from the following 20th Century wars:

- World War 1 (1914-1920)
- World War II (1939-1946)
- Korean War (1950-1955)
- Vietnam War (1961-1975)
- Persian Gulf War (1990-1995)
- Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001-present)

For more information or to learn how you can participate in this project, visit the web site at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html>

Don't forget the Detachment's, Day at the Races, April 9, 2005, from 1pm – finish of last race. Tickets are \$7.00 and includes Spaghetti with meat sauce, sodas and draft beer.

Semper Paratus

Land Mobile Radios may interfere with garage door opener controls

Story by: Sgt. Donald Bohanner

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. (March 10, 2005) -- After a long day at the office, sitting in your driveway, would you ever think that a group of Marines 30 miles away conducting a field exercise could prevent your garage door from opening? It just might happen!

Residents living on and near Marine Corps Base Quantico may experience interference to their garage door opener controls that may reduce the operating distance or cause the remote device to stop operating entirely.

This interference results from the Department of Defense-mandated conversion to "narrowband" systems for Land Mobile Radio.

The LMR systems operate on the same frequency as many garage door openers, and are necessary to meet DoD homeland defense mission.

"This is going to allow the military to interact more efficiently with the local authorities and beef up our nation's command and control," said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Chris Woehler, C4 logistic officer, Communications Electronics Division. "With the current system, if there was an emergency and we had to communicate with the local authorities, we would have to either borrow one of their radios or they would have to take one of ours for us to communicate. The new [Enterprise] LMR system will allow us to communicate better with other first responders and eliminate having a guy running around with 12 different radios."

This LMR transition complies with a 1992 Congressional law, a subsequent 1993 mandate and a 2001 DoD policy, which requires DoD Land Mobile Radio systems to operate more efficiently.

All Part 15 devices come with a manufacturer's label stating, "This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: This device may not cause harmful interference; and this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation."

Interference should not affect wall-mounted push buttons, according to the FCC. In some cases, garage door opener manufacturers have made replacement transmitters and receivers that operate on a different frequency available for purchase. Consumers experiencing interference should contact their garage door opener manufacturer.

Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

2 March 1867: Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1864, was this date promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute, however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of Commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin's retirement.

8 March 1965: The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

11 March 1778: Marines participated the action when the Continental Navy frigate BOSTON, en-route to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship MARTHA. As the drum of the BOSTON beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

13 March 1943: The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

17 March 1967: The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty, Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky, began her 18-hour flight to Bien Hoa, 30 miles north of Saigon. MSgt Dulinsky and the other officer and enlisted Women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section providing administrative support to Marines assigned as far north as the DMZ, but two Lieutenant Colonels, Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O'Holleran, served as historians with the Military History Branch, Secretary Joint Staff, MACV.

Historian

(Continued)

25 March 1945: After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties --more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force was killed in the battle.

27 March 1953: The 5th Marines, supported by the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous evening of Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front, counterattacked to regain enemy-held positions. Companies E and F of 2/7, down to only three platoons between them, managed to regain partial control of Outpost Vegas that day.

31 March 1801: On this date, LtCol Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." President Jefferson was a personal friend of the Commandant, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps and accompanied Burrows on horseback on the morning of 31 March. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, bounded by 8th and 9th streets, and a & I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.



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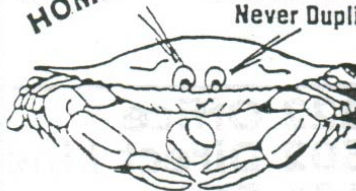
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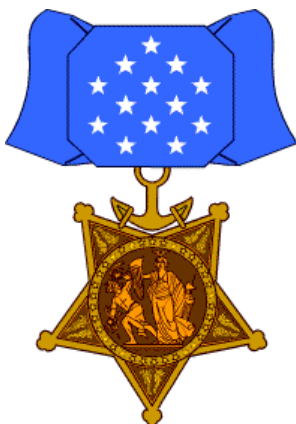


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/S/ FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

NOTE: Major Galer entered service at: Washington. Born: 23 October 1913, Seattle, Wash. Other Navy awards: Navy Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross.



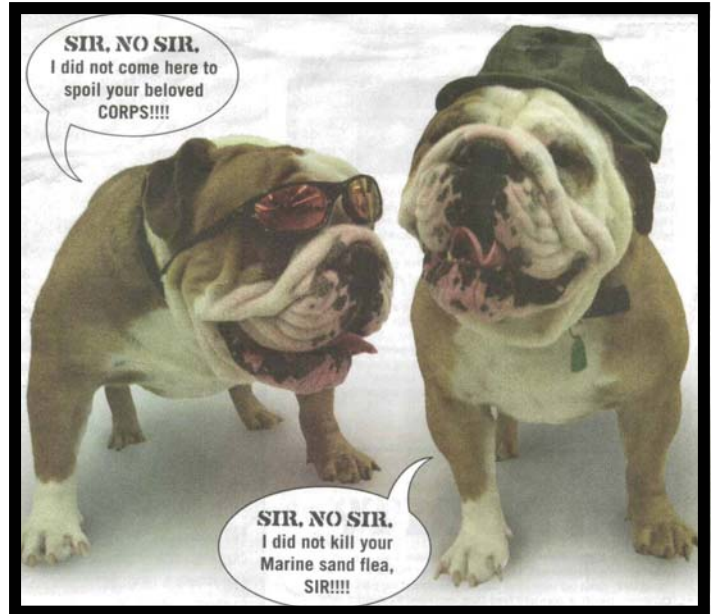
William G. Windrich
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United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor -- 1950
3/5/1 Korea
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Platoon Sergeant of Company I, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Yudam-ni, Korea, the night of 1 December 1950. Promptly organizing a squad of men when the enemy launched a sudden, vicious counterattack against the forward elements of his company's position, rendering it untenable, Staff Sergeant Windrich, armed with a carbine, spearheaded the assault to the top of the knoll immediately confronting the overwhelming force and, under shattering hostile automatic weapons, mortar and grenade fire, directed effective fire to hold back the attackers and cover the withdrawal of our troops to commanding ground. With seven of his men struck down during the furious action and he, himself, wounded in the head by a bursting grenade, he made his way to his company's position and, organizing a small group of volunteers, returned with them to evacuate the wounded and dying from the frozen hillside, staunchly refusing medical attention himself. Immediately redeploying the remainder of his troops, Staff Sergeant Windrich placed them on the left flank of the defensive sector before the enemy again attacked in force. Wounded in the leg during the bitter fight that followed, he bravely fought on with his men, shouting words of encouragement and directing their fire until the attack was repelled. Refusing evacuation although unable to stand, he still continued to direct his platoon in setting up defensive positions until, weakened by the bitter cold, excessive loss of blood and severe pain, he lapsed into unconsciousness and died. His valiant leadership, fortitude and courageous fighting spirit against tremendous odds served to inspire others to heroic endeavor in holding the objective and reflect the highest credit upon Staff Sergeant Windrich and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country. /S/ HARRY S. TRUMAN

Marines Face Foe at Home

Armed Forces News Issue
Friday, March 18, 2005

The 1st Battalion, 24th Marines helped take the Japanese island of Iwo Jima in 1945, but when today's members of that organization parked Japanese cars in the United Auto Workers Solidarity House lot in Detroit, the UAW told them to leave. The UAW even banned Marine reservists' cars made in America if they sported a pro-President bush bumper sticker. After several days of bad publicity, UAW President Ron Gettelfinger, who is a former Marine reservist, reversed the decision on March 14. "I made the wrong call on the parking issue," Gettelfinger stated. But his retraction came too late for the aggressive Marines. "The decision's already been made that we're not going to park there," said Marine Lt. Col. Joe Rutledge of the nearby Marine Corps Reserve center. "We've already made other arrangements to park elsewhere." The union had allowed the Marines to park without conditions for 10 years.



Quartermaster Fred Kaminski

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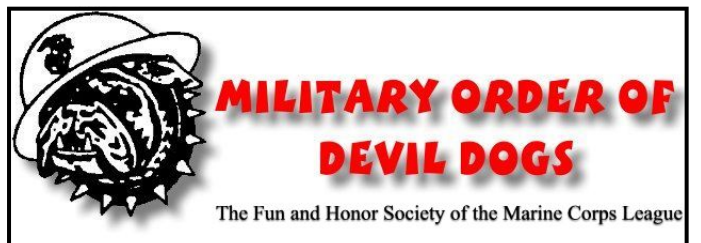
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Who is this Marine?



Hint: His Photo was taken while he was a member of the 1st Marine Division.

Last Month: Master Sergeant Danny R. Fischio USMC Retired (circa 1990).



Fellow Korean War Veterans (Please pass the word!)

We have just received a "special" subsidized "Revisit Korea" tour quota. The dates are depart Los Angeles 22 May and return 28 May 2005. The occasion is the dedication of the new Memorial on Geoje-do Island (off Pusan) for the Hungnam Evacuation Operations in December 1950 - Code named "Christmas Cargo"!

Those who participated in the evacuation of the thousands of refugees from Hungnam, or were involved with their safe journey to the sea from the Chosin Reservoir area of operations in North Korea, are cordially invited by the Korean Government to participate.

Leading the tour will be Captain Tom Hudner, USN (Ret) who was awarded the Medal of Honor for action in close air support of the Marines and Soldiers fighting their way out of the Chinese trap, as well protecting the refugees as they moved south to the Port of Hungnam.

This is a special tour that it will be housed in Pusan, the second largest city in Korea, and the areas of operations in and around the "Pusan Perimeter" Campaign, in the early parts of the war in 1950.

There will be a post tour to Beijing, China since the flight time is less than two hours from Incheon and the "price if right"! Eligibility:

- Veteran of the Korean War from 25 June 1950 to 15 October 1954.
- Have not participated in a subsidized "Revisit Korea" tour before.
- Be a member in good standing of the Korean War Veterans Association.
- Those eligible may take one immediate family member with them. (Double occupancy)

This forty (40) person quota will go fast so please submit your application ASAP. An application form can be found on page 75 of the January/February 2005 issue of "The Graybeards" magazine, the Official Publication of KWVA. According to the KWVA SOP, applications are based on "First Come - First Served," so please don't procrastinate! Note: Those previously registered will receive first priority.

Sincerely and respectfully

Warren Wiedhahn
KWVA Revisit Coordinator
Korea - 1950 - Pusan, Incheon and "Chosin"



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2005 Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver Dollar



This year, the United States proudly honors the Marine Corps and all Marines who have sacrificed and contributed in our Nation's service. Public Law 108-290, signed August 6, 2004, authorizes the minting of a Silver Dollar to commemorate the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the raising of two battalions of American Marines, thereby creating the legendary institution today known as the United States Marine Corps. From the Nation's birth to the present day, the Marines represent a proud culture of service and contribution in defense of the values and freedoms at the heart of the American experience.

According to the United States Marine Corps Hymn, Marines have "fought in every clime and place" throughout our Nation's history. The story of the Marine Corps is the personification of American military history beginning with the American Revolution. The flag raising at Iwo Jima, represented at the Marine Corps War Memorial, is ingrained in the public mind as perhaps the enduring image of World War II.

Today, the Marines continue to exemplify the warrior ethos that has made it a fighting force of international repute. The philosophy of the Corps—and of the hundreds of thousands of individuals who have earned the title "Marine" over the last 230 years—is simply stated in its core values: Honor. Courage. Commitment.

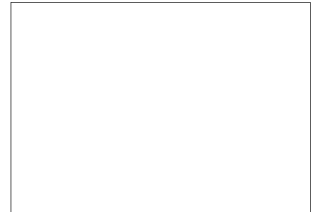
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Surcharges from the sale of each coin are authorized for the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia, which is being developed as a partnership of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the United States Marine Corps.

Coins are tentatively scheduled to be released in summer 2005.



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Day at the Races — April 9, 2005



For the first time, the Marine Corps' newest generation of transport and aerial refueling aircraft, the KC-130J Hercules, populate the flight line of Al-Asad air base, Iraq. Marine Aerial Transport Refueler Squadron 252, based out of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., is flying the technologically advanced aircraft in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06. Photo taken by Cpl. Rocco DeFilippis.