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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Manny Airey



Hi Marines

It is that time of the year again, ***nomination of officers*** the 28th of February.

I received in the mail the other day a newspaper called the Cootie Courier, which has a picture on the front page of Tom Tweet who is the Supreme Commander of the Military Order of The Cootie of The United States (MOC) placing the Cootie wreath at the Tom of the Unknowns. This took place at Arlington National Cemetery in November of 2004. You are wondering why I brought this up, as you know members of our detachment are members of the VFW and also of the MOC. Members of Pup Tent 3 were also on the front of this paper. We were escorts for the MOC members and the Ladies of the Auxiliary while laying over 400 wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown. It was also an honor for me to be part of this ceremony. I want to point out that other members and associate members were also involved laying of the wreaths.

Marines, we need someone to step up and take over the newsletter. If not **NO NEWSLETTER AFTER APRIL.**

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 the new year is here and so are our fund raisers, one being in April. A Day at the race will be held Saturday April 9th starting at 1 PM and lasting until the last

race is over, tickets are \$7.00 each, which includes a spaghetti dinner and the liquid to wash it down. We need a good crowd and would like to see members of our detachment that are unable to make the monthly meetings. Tickets can be bought at the VFW post #160 or at our meetings, for info on tickets call 410-987-1297 or 410- 255- 9129. We will start nominations for Officers this next meeting, if you would like to run for office or would like to help in any way please let us know. We need someone to take over the Newsletter if you think you would like to do it we would be grateful. The money we make at our Friday night dinners, a Day at the Races, and Raffle tickets at the end of the year are our main source of funds and we thank you for participating. Hope to see you at the Races.

Semper Fi!



Junior Vice Commandant

Denny Bynum



Greetings to the members of the AA County MCL League Detachment 1049. Here we are in the second month of the year 2005 already. Time is flying by, especially for us older ones. We have to start getting all members interested in the MCL affairs, so they will be able to take new positions within the Detachment. Time is near when we will be making notations for the officers for the next year. Now is the time to start thinking for whom you want to be your new leaders. Think about it and be ready to give your input at the next meeting. Also---Bring a new candidate for new membership. We can't seem to get off the 130 number for the total members. We are getting new members at a slow rate, But some of the members are forgetting to pay their dues. It is easy to forget, but try to send it in as soon as you get the renewal slip and you won't take the chance of forgetting and being dropped from national MCL rolls. If a member has an address change, please get the new address to me and I'll make sure it is forwarded to National. If you bring in a new member, I really need the application, the money and a copy of the DD-214, ID card or discharge papers before I can forward it to National. They expect the detachments to have this information so we can produce it when they ask for it. Will see you all at the next MCL meeting on the 28th of Feb 2005. If I can be of any assistance to anyone, let me know. My phone # is 410-672-3305.

Semper Fidelis
Denny M. Bynum

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Legislative Affairs

Danny Fischio



What are the issues and legislation that affect you the veteran? One source to find these answers is Military.com, an online military site that offers free resources to all veterans, their family members, defense workers and those considering military service. Specifically, the Legislative Center provides access to the following web pages:

- Issues & Legislation – Lists the Important issues and legislation affecting the military community. Currently the site lists 7 Current Action Alerts, 75 Current Senate/House of Representative Legislation Bills in Congress and Key Votes in the Senate and House.
- Congress & President – Provides you with a source to find and contact your elected officials directly.
- State Officials – Allows you to find your state representatives.
- Guide to the Media – Write and/or contact media organizations near your.
- Today's House Schedule
- Today's Senate Schedule
- Committee Hearings Search

Want to know how to communicate with elected officials? The site provides tips such as; Telephoning your Elected Representative, Writing Congress, Addressing Correspondence and E-mailing Congress. Hope this has been informative.

Public Relations

Danny Fischio



Upcoming Events

Detachment 1049 Marines, reservations for the Parris Island trip are filling up fast. I understand that only a limited number of seats are still available! The bus is scheduled to depart at 0600 May 18th and return May 21, 2005. Travel includes 3 meals per day on Thursday and Friday and billeting while on the Island. A Drill Instructor will be assigned to the group, you will be able to tour the base, observe recruit training, and the trip will climax with attendance at a Graduation ceremony. 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. So don't miss out on this memorable event and make your reservations today.

The Men's Auxiliary VFT Post 160 will hold a Casino Night on February 26th at 7pm – 1 am. For more information or tickets contact the post at 410-766-9802 or Sam at 410-627-6835. The Post will also be holding their annual Shrimp Feast and Bull Roast on March 13th from 1 – 6 pm. All you can eat food from 1 – 4 pm with music from 2 – 6pm. Tickets in advance are \$25.00 and \$28.00 at the door.

Budweiser: Here's to the HEROES Program

Free Admission to Annheiser-Busch Theme Parks. Annheiser-Busch has announced that during the 2005 calendar year, active duty personnel and up to three immediate family members will be admitted free of charge (single day admission) to any one of their theme parks: Sea World (Orlando, San Diego, San Antonio); Busch Gardens (Tampa Bay and Williamsburg); and Sesame Place. The offer includes active duty personnel from any of the five service branches; active and ready reservists; and National Guard. Registration is required. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.herosalute.com>. Offer expires on 31 December, 2005.

Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected February Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

2 February 1944: The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

6 February 1968: Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

11 February 1922: BGen John H. Russell was appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie.

15 February 1998: One hundred years ago this date, 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

17 February 1967: The first full day of Operation DECKHOUSE VI, which lasted until 3 March, was conducted near Quang Ngai city. The Special Landing Force (BLT Y4 and HMM-363) accounted for 280 enemy killed.

Historian

(Continued)

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island.

24 February 1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

28 February 1991: Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease-fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history. A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.



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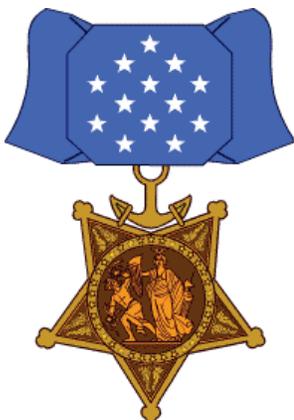
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James D. Howe
Lance Corporal
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor — 1970
3/7/1 Vietnam
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Rifleman with Company I, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division in connection with combat operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam. In the early morning hours of 6 May 1970, Lance Corporal Howe and two other Marines were occupying a defensive position in a sandy beach area fronted by bamboo thickets. Enemy sappers suddenly launched a grenade attack against the position, utilizing the cover of darkness to carry out their assault. Following the initial explosions of the grenades, Lance Corporal Howe and his two comrades moved to a more advantageous position in order to return suppressive fire. When an enemy grenade landed in their midst, Lance Corporal Howe immediately shouted a warning and then threw himself upon the deadly missile, thereby protecting the lives of his fellow Marines. His heroic and selfless action was in keeping with the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.

/S/ RICHARD M. NIXON



Franklin E. Sigler
Private
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor -- 1945
2/26/5 Iwo Jima
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with the Second Battalion, Twenty-sixth Marines, Fifth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces during the seizure of Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands on 14 March 1945. Voluntarily taking command of his rifle squad when the leader became a casualty, Private Sigler fearlessly led a bold charge against an enemy gun installation which had held up the advance of his company for several days and, reaching the position in advance of the others, assailed the emplacement with hand grenades and personally annihilated the entire crew. As additional Japanese troops opened fire from concealed tunnels and caves above, he quickly scaled the rocks leading to the attacking guns, surprised the enemy with a furious one-man assault and, although severely wounded in the encounter, deliberately crawled back to his squad position where he steadfastly refused evacuation, persistently directing heavy machine-gun and rocket barrages on the Japanese cave entrances. Undaunted by the merciless rain of hostile fire during the intensified action, he gallantly disregarded his own painful wounds to aid casualties, carrying three wounded squad members to safety behind the lines and returning to continue the battle with renewed determination until ordered to retire for medical treatment. Stout-hearted and indomitable in the face of extreme peril, Private Sigler, by his alert initiative, unflinching leadership and daring tactics in a critical situation, effected the release of his besieged company from enemy fire and contributed essentially to its further advance against a savagely fighting enemy. His superb valor, resolute fortitude and heroic spirit of self-sacrifice throughout reflect the highest credit upon Private Sigler and the United States Naval Service.

/S/ HARRY S. TRUMAN

Bulk Fuel Reunion

Marine Bulk Fuel Reunion will be held on the weekend of May 14, 2005 at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Please contact Beth Farmer, Secretary at farmer10@earthlink.net. All current and former members of Marine Bulk Fuel Units are invited and encouraged to attend.

Semper Fi
Paul Rice

VAVS Buddy Cadle

I remember some time ago I visited a very wonderful home for old people. There were about forty people there and they had everything, but they were all looking toward the door. There was not a smile on their faces, and I asked the sister in charge of them, "Sister, why are all these people not smiling? Why are they looking towards the door?" And she, very beautifully had to answer and give the truth: "It's the same every day. They are longing for someone to come and visit them."

Mother Theresa

TOYS FOR TOTS



Who is this Marine?



Hint: His birthday is this month.

Last Month: Ed Darling and wife circa 1969.

Quartermaster Fred Kaminski

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WHAT'S A GRUNT?

His grandfather was a "doughboy" His father was a "GI." And he's a "GRUNT." Different names, different times, different wars, but the job of the combat infantryman remains the same. It's a 24-hour-a-day working, sweating job of giving all he can, and then giving a little more. But believe it or not, he's proud of the name GRUNT.

True at the end of any given day, the grunt would never be chosen for an honor guard on appearance alone. Because of the work he must do, it is inevitable that his hair be mussed up and sun-bleached, his uniform dirty, wrinkled and torn, his face grimy from mud and dust. Those boots, a sort of trademark of his are brown-not-black and scratched from scrambling in and out of helicopters. The dirt is unavoidable, and though he doesn't like it he learns to live with it as an irrevocable part of war.

He works hard. On a combat assault, he'll walk over rock-hard dikes, through deep mud and stinking, leach filled canals. He'll "hump" up "one more hill" and on the other side only to find a mountain he must ascend. And always there are the huge red ants and the bloodthirsty mosquitoes. Sometimes these prove to be more of a challenge than the enemy, and they are certainly more plentiful.

When he does get a chance to relax, he stops and reaches for that old-worn out sock and pulls out some C-rations. Washing his food down with ample gulps of warm canteen water, he thinks about home, his wife or sweetheart, or flying home in that "big beautiful freedom bird," back to the times when things were better.

Now that he has those rare, spare moments to rest, he scrawls an answer to one of those stained, soggy letters he's been carrying around in his pocket. Then, if only for a moment, he dozes into a sleep so deep only those who have worked to near exhaustion can understand. And yet the slightest sound will wake him up. In a fire fight, the grunt's display of courage is common - but courage is never commonplace. Sure he's scared, but he has no time to think about being scared, and the difference is self control.

The grunt is a special kind of man. He lives with dirt, danger and destiny unknown. In the field, he lives the way most people will never experience in their worst nightmares, the kind of living that has to be fully imagined.



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Yes this is the combat infantryman - the "GRUNT". He even calls himself a grunt. And he's proud of it because it's more than a name it's a title. And the Combat Infantryman's Badge is more than just another hunk of metal. It's a badge - one that identifies it's wearer as a member of the proudest, most elite fraternity in American society - the brotherhood of the doughboy, the GI, and the grunt. "THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN."

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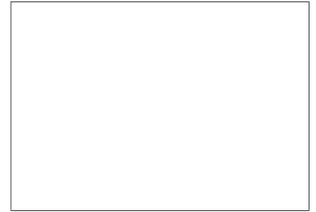


The faces on the "Distinguished Marines" stamp series include Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone of Guadalcanal fame; two-time Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant Major Daniel Daly; Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, the 13th Commandant and Camp Lejeune's namesake; and Lieutenant General Lewis "Chesty" Puller, who needs NO introduction.

Ooh-rah!



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