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Marines From Detachment 1049 Attend Second CSA.



Left to Right: Jay Moore, Woody Bowman, Fred Downey, Bob Lloyd, Ray Gonzales and Paul Downey

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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Manny Airey



Hi Marines

I hope you and your families had a Happy Holiday. We are now starting the New Year. It is time to start thinking about the new officers for the coming year.

As you know we have four elected officers which are Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate. The nomination of officers will be the fourth Monday in February and the final nomination will be the fourth Monday in March. Now is the time to start thinking about who you want to run this Detachment.

I appreciate all the help that I have received the past two years from all my elected officers and appointed officers. Thanks for a job well done.

Also we have to think about the up coming affairs that we have on the calendar. On March 4th MCL Friday night Dinner and April 9th a "Day at the Races." The election of Officers will be the 4th Monday in April

Your Commandant
Manny Airey
Semper Fi! Marines



Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



Happy New year to all you Marines and your families, I hope 2005 brings you health and prosperity. I hope to see some new faces at our meetings this year, we usually have a good turnout and have a good time, the meetings are the 4th Monday of every month at 1900 hours at VFW Post 160 on Dorsey Rd. In 2004 we had a successful Toys For Tots campaign, thanks to the efforts of all of our members. Some of our Marines went to Bethesda Naval Hospital on Christmas Day and New Years to serve dinner to the wounded Marines and their families which the Marines Corps League paid for, and it was a rewarding experience for all that attended. It is a sobering experience to see what these young men have sacrificed to fight terrorism. This year we will have our regular events to raise money for the detachment, I would be pleased to see you at The day at the Races or our bus ride to the Slots, the dates will be announced in the newsletters. Thanks to all that bought tickets for our Raffle, it is an important money maker for us, The winner was Mike Hadley, congratulations Mike.

Get involved.
Semper Fi

Junior Vice Commandant

Denny Bynum



Happy New Year to all the members of 1049. Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season and got lots of presents. Now it is time for all to start looking for new members. We need one new member to be brought in by each of us for this year to be a success. We did pretty good last season, especially in the life member department. We have at last count, 65 Life members. That is about half of our total membership.

I would like to congratulate and welcome our newest members. Allen H. Pendell, Lorenzo L. Turner, Michael E. Nelson, Steven C. Combs, Ronald D. Allander and John P. Purcell. Also Peter A. Pervi, a "member at large" that is in the process of transferring to our Detachment. Hope to see all the members at our next meeting on 24 Jan '05, at 1900 hrs. We have plenty of room, so everyone try and make it.

Thanks.

Semper Fidelis and Woof, Woof.

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Tenacity.

There is a special breed of Americans who embody that word. They wake up every day and look at the world a little differently than most. As kids, they were called "hard-headed" and "stubborn." They were cautioned for playing "too rough" and punished for "taking out" the playground bully. They hated the word "no." These children grew into "pigheaded" teens with a need for challenge. They found it at Parris Island and San Diego, where hammer-fisted drill instructors forged them into proud members of a legendary band of warriors, renowned for its tenacity in combat.

Tenacity.

Marines just don't quit. They have an "in-your-face-put-up-or-shut-up-lead-or-follow-or-get-out-of-the-way-I'm-taking-this-hill" attitude. Don't ask them questions to which you don't want the answers, and don't ask for something you don't want. Because unlike Santa Claus, if you ask Marines for something, and those jarheads set their minds on getting it for you, it's coming. Battered, bruised, dirty and tired, covered in sweat and crusted with blood, they deliver. That's all they know, and Marine athletes take it with them into the competitive sports arena.

Tenacity.

When other branches of the armed forces assign their members to duties that allow them to concentrate solely on their sports, Marine athletes squeeze in athletic training between their military duties. They turn double plays sometimes after working double shifts, competing on bases and stations around the Corps. When deployments take them away and they can't compete in official events, they improvise and adapt, "draining three-pointers" in Djibouti and running 135-mile endurance races in Iraq.

Tenacity.

Beside the word in the dictionary it should say, "See also Marines."

Public Relations Legislative Affairs

Danny Fischio



Upcoming Events

Detachment 1049 Marines Mark Your Calendars for the trip you all have been waiting for! ****PARRIS ISLAND**** Re-live those lean and mean younger days as a Marine Recruit. The Detachment has scheduled a coach bus trip to Parris Island that departs **0600 May 18th and returns 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 \$100.00 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.

VFW Post 160, Men's Auxiliary is sponsoring a **Valentine's Dinner Dance**, February 12, 2005 from 7 pm to 1 am. Cost is \$15.00 per ticket or \$25.00 per couple and the menu is Stuffed Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Draft Beer and Sodas. Karaoke from 9 pm to midnight.

The following information was reprinted from the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs web page. I recommend that those of you that have internet access visit this site at <http://www.mdva.state.md.us/> as it is an informative source of information for Maryland veterans.

The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs is an Executive Department in Maryland State Government with a service mission to:

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- Maintain and care for memorials for the Maryland Vietnam, Korean, and World War II Veterans.
- Manage Charlotte Hall Veterans' Home
- Provide staff support and assistance to State Veterans' Commissions.

Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected January Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

10 January 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

11 January 1945: The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army.

16 January 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

20 January 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.

21 January 1918: The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.

Historian

(Continued)

22 January 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.

25 January 1856: Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.

27 January 1988: About 400 Marines and sailors from the 2d Marine Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and 2d Force Service Support Group deployed for the Persian Gulf. The Contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) CM 2-88 would relieve Contingency MAGTF 1-88 in the volatile Persian Gulf and provide the effective landing force capability to Joint Task Force Middle East.

29 January 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.



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United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor — 1951
2/1/1 Korea

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Fire Team Leader in Company E, Second Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 10 June 1951. While advancing with his platoon in an attack against well-concealed and heavily-fortified enemy hill positions, Corporal Abrell voluntarily rushed forward through the assaulting squad which was pinned down by a hail of intense and accurate automatic-weapons fire from a hostile bunker situated on commanding ground. Although previously wounded by enemy hand-grenade fragments, he proceeded to carry out a bold, single-handed attack against the bunker, exhorting his comrades to follow him. Sustaining two additional wounds as he stormed toward the emplacement, he resolutely pulled the pin from a grenade clutched in his hand and hurled himself bodily into the bunker with the live missile still in his grasp. Fatally wounded in the resulting explosion which killed the entire enemy gun crew within the stronghold, Corporal Abrell, by his valiant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of certain death, served to inspire all his comrades and contributed directly to the success of his platoon in attaining its objective. His superb courage and heroic initiative sustain and enhance the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/S/HARRY S. TRUMAN



LEONARD F. MASON
Private First Class
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor -- 1944
2/3/3 Asan-Adelup, Guam

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as an Automatic Rifleman serving with the Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces on the Asan-Adelup Beachhead, Guam, Marianas Islands, on 22 July 1944. Suddenly taken under fire by two enemy machine guns more than fifteen yards away while clearing out hostile positions holding up the advance of his platoon through a narrow gully, Private First Class Mason, alone and entirely on his own initiative, climbed out of the gully and moved parallel to it toward the rear of the enemy position and wounded repeatedly in the arm and shoulder, Private First Class Mason grimly pressed forward and had just reached his objective when hit again by a burst of enemy machine-gun fire, causing a critical wound to which he later succumbed. With valiant disregard for his own peril, he persevered, clearing out the hostile position, killing five Japanese, wounding another and then rejoining his platoon to report the results of his action before consenting to be evacuated. His exceptionally heroic act in the face of almost certain death enabled his platoon to accomplish its mission and reflects the highest credit upon Private First Class Mason and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/S/ FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT



On the History Channel

Members of the Detachment are involved in the T.V. Show, "Plot To Kill Nixon," to air on the History Channel on January 27, 2005 at 2000 (8:00 PM). Mark your calendars or set your VCR!

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Who is this Marine?



Hint: "Served with the 5th Marines in RVN circa 1969."

Last Month: Your websgt, Michael Hadley, M 4/11, An Hoa, RVN circa 1969.

VAVS
Buddy Cadle

Don't Underestimate Emotion

What do successful solicitors do to close gifts? One element of a successful close is emotion. If there's no sense of urgency, the solicitation process can drag on. To close more gifts more often, keep up the emotional momentum.

"Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Quartermaster
Fred Kaminski

To all Marines in Post 1049: As quartermaster it is my responsibility to order and distribute needed supplies for our post. Please inform me if you need hats, emblems, shoulder U.S. Flags, or an other items.

Thanks for supporting the sale of our Marine memorabilia at our meetings. We are now at work on our third hundred dollar donation to our new Marine Corps Museum in Quantico VA.

Semper Fidelis
Fred Kaminski

The Soldier

The following passage is from a sermon by John Hagee.

"I want you to close your eyes and picture in your mind the soldier at Valley Forge as he holds his musket in his bloody hands. He stands barefoot in the snow, starved from lack of food, wounded from months of battle and emotionally scarred from the eternity away from his family, surrounded by nothing but death and carnage of war.

He stands though, with fire in his eyes and victory on his breath. He looks at us now in anger and disgust and tells us this ... I gave you a birthright of freedom, born in the Constitution and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it.

I fought barefoot in the snow to give you the freedom to vote and you stay home because it rains.

I left my family destitute to give you the freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues because it might be bad for business.

I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you and it has stolen democracy from the people.

It's the soldier, not the reporter who gives you freedom of the press.

It's the soldier, not the poet who gives you freedom of speech.

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer who allows you to demonstrate.

It's the soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag!

Father of us all, hold our troops in you loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need."

When you read this please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and all over the world.



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ScanEagle proves worth in Fallujah fight

Submitted by: American Forces Press Service
Story by Mr. Jim Garamone

FALLUJAH, Iraq (Jan. 11, 2005) -- It's called ScanEagle, and it has already saved the lives of many Marines.

ScanEagle is an unmanned aerial vehicle that the Marines used during Operation Al Fajr, the coalition operation to remove insurgents from this city.

The ScanEagle system, developed by Boeing and the Insitu Group of Bingen, Wash., had its baptism of fire during some of the heaviest urban combat Marines have been involved in since Hue City in Vietnam in 1968. The UAV performed flawlessly, I Marine Expeditionary Force officials said today.

ScanEagle is a relatively low-cost UAV at \$100,000 a copy. But it's real worth was giving Marines in Fallujah a real-time picture of the enemy and helping them close with and kill insurgents without becoming casualties.

Driven by a small propeller, the aircraft can stay airborne for 19 hours on just a gallon and a half of gas.

It is a "launch-and-forget" system. A catapult launches the 40-pound aircraft, and a computer operator just clicks the cursor over the area of interest. The aircraft operates autonomously.

The cameras -- either for day or night -- have enough definition to identify individuals and show if they are carrying weapons. "This was a true advantage for us during the operation," said Marine Col. John Coleman, chief of staff for I MEF. The rules of engagement were such that Marines could not engage unless they were sure the proposed target was carrying a weapon or intent on harming coalition forces.

ScanEagle enabled commanders to ascertain targets and provided specific coordinates via the Global Positioning System.

The system can also track moving targets. ScanEagle gives commanders at several different levels real-time video. With the explosive growth of using the Web in warfare, commanders many miles away can direct the system.

All of this is not bad for a system designed to find tuna fish. Insitu developed the aircraft to be launched and recovered by tuna boats. Fishermen would use the UAV to spot schools of tuna.

Marine officials do not know the true extent of the system's use. "You never really know until the Marines push the capabilities," Coleman said. "Our young Marines are the experts. They know what they need, and they have the knowledge to try new methods and stretch the capabilities of most pieces of equipment."



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