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Detachment Color Guard In Action at the Severna Park 4th of July Parade



Left to right. Woody Bowman, Charles Young and Pete Pervi.

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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Danny Fischio



Happy 231st Birthday Marines. The Birthday Cake cutting ceremony and BBQ was a great success and a great time was had by all. I would like to thank all of those that attended and brought covered dishes to round out the wide selection of food. Our guest speaker was Major Cappers, USMC (Ret), who gave an inspirational talk, thank you Major Cappers. Also in attendance were members of the Marine Security Guard Detachment Association Fort Meade, these were Marine Security Guards stationed on Fort Meade in the 1960's and provided security for NSA. Congratulations to Marine Paul (Reb) Taylor who was the lucky winner of the Ball raffle. Also a thank you to the Young Marines Commander George Martin and the Young Marines for the outstanding job they did in providing the Color Guard Detail for the ceremony.

Don't forget to bring in two toys for the 2006 Toys for Tots drive at our meeting on November 27th. We are moving into the busiest time of the year, the Holiday season and we all have busy schedules ahead of us, but please take a little time out your schedule and volunteer a couple of hours to help out at the Muvico Toys Collection events. There is a sign up roster on our Detachment bulletin board at Post 160.

Our Friday night dinner in November was again a success and a thank you to Rich Gonzales for preparing the dinner and Manny Airey and Tom Maiorana for their help serving, also to Cheryl for bring in desert.

Upcoming events to mark your calendars with include:

- Thanksgiving November 23rd
- Toys for Tots Collection at Muvico Arundel Mills Mall on November 25th
- Detachment Meeting November 27th at 1900
- Toys for Tots Collection at Muvico Arundel Mills Mall on December 9th
- Toys for Tots Collection at WPOC Broadcast in Glen Burnie on December 15th
- Detachment Meeting December 18th (Christmas Social)

To the extent possible, hope to see you all at our next meeting scheduled for November 27th at 1900.

Semper Fi
Danny R Fischio



Senior Vice Commandant Steve Salanik



Well the Bull and Oyster Roast is over. The turn out was small. I did not see too many members there. We did manage to raise about \$440.00 from the event. Thanks to all who helped with the affair. Besides our own members the Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary where a big help. There were too many individuals to name separately, but a BIG THANKS goes out to all.

The Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting ceremony was well attended. There was good food and good camaraderie. We drew the winner of the \$300 raffle and Paul Taylor was the lucky winner. Ticket sales were not as good as last year so we did not make a whole lot. I will have the final total at our next meeting.

I would like to see more of our members volunteering not only to help at functions but also run for office or ask to fill and appointed position. Some take a lot of work but others are not too bad. I know we all have other interest, but try to help out if you can. You don't need to be invited to participate, just ask.

Semper Fi, & Woof, Woof
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Hello Marines,

This month we are welcoming two new members to our beloved Marine Corps League, they are Russell "Rusty" Bixler and an active duty Marine Timothy Henry Jr. I have been forwarded the proper documents for both prospective members and we will vote on them this month's meeting.

In addition to the new members, I have received from headquarters several Life Memberships which I plan to present at the December meeting. I realize that it takes time to receive them, however they must come from the engraver with the proper information included. Myself and the Commandant sent the Life certificates to be signed and they have not been returned as of yet, once we receive them Marine Mike Hadley will do his magic and then they will be presented.

In closing, I hope all had a Happy Birthday and we will see you on 27 November 2006.

Semper Fi
Gary Frye



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Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected November Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

1 November 1983: 300 Marines of the 22d Marine Amphibious Unit staged an amphibious and helicopter landing on the island of Carriacou, 15 miles northeast of Grenada, in a search for Cuban military installations or personnel. 17 Grenadian soldiers were captured, and arms, ammunition, and training sites were found. The next day the 22d MAU left the Caribbean area and proceeded to Beirut, Lebanon to replace the 24th MAU.

8 November 1990: President Bush announced that he planned to add more than 200,000 U.S. troops to those already deployed in Operation Desert Shield in the Persian Gulf area. The number of Marines in the area would be doubled by the addition of II MEF units from the Corps' east coast bases, and the 5th MEB from California. Within the next two months, Marine strength in the objective area would increase to nearly 90,000 Marines.

10 November 1921: This date marked the first formal commemoration of the birthday of the Marine Corps as 10 November. On 21 October 1921, Maj Edwin McClellan, OIC of the Historical Section, HQMC, sent a memo to MajGen Commandant John A. Lejeune, suggesting that the original birthday of 10 November 1775 be declared a Marine Corps holiday to be celebrated throughout the Corps. Accordingly, on 1 Nov 1921, Gen Lejeune issued Marine Corps Order No. 47 summarizing the history, mission, and tradition of the Corps, and directed that it be read to every command each 10 November.

13 November 1982: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated this date at the Memorial site in Washington, D.C. The dedication and parade that preceded it were part of a week-long National Salute to Vietnam Veterans.

17 November 1918: The 4th Marine Brigade, as part of the 2d Division, American Expeditionary Force, began its march to the Rhine River, passing through Belgium and Luxembourg, as part of the American forces occupying a defeated Germany.

20 November 1943: The 2d Marine Division, commanded by Major General Julian C. Smith, landed on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. After seventy-six hours of bitter fighting during which almost 1,000 Marines died, and more than 2,000 were wounded, MajGen Smith declared the island secure.

24 November 1992: Marines lowered the flag at Subic Bay, U.S. Naval Facility, Republic of the Philippines, for the last time during ceremonies to turn over the facility to the government of the Philippines. The withdrawal ended almost a century of U.S. presence in that nation.

25 November 1968: The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II ended 10 months of action against the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army troops in the west-central sector of the demilitarized zone region. Over 1,800 enemy were killed, 42 captured, and 913 weapons seized during the operation.

27 November 1950: In a carefully planned assault, eight Chinese Communist divisions in Korea launched a massive attack which had as its expressed purpose, the destruction of the 1st Marine Division. This action led to the successful southward Marine Corps attack out of the Changjin (Chosin) Reservoir to the coastal port of Hungnam.

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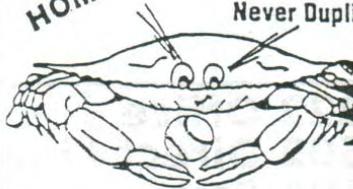
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John Henry Balch
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Medal of Honor — 1918
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On 19 August 1919, Balch was honorably discharged as a Pharmacist's Mate First Class. One-month later, Rear Admiral F. B. Bassett presented the Medal of Honor to him at the YMCA in Chicago, Illinois. On 2 September 1942, Balch rejoined the Navy as a lieutenant and served in the United States, Australia and the Philippines before retiring on 1 June 1950 from the Naval Reserve as a commander.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Balch also received the Distinguished Service Cross (Army), the Silver Star Medal (Army), the French Croix de Guerre with diploma (Gilt Star and Bronze Star), the Italian Crux de Guerre with diploma, and the Portuguese Cruz de Guerra for his actions during World War I.



James E. Johnson
Sergeant
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor -- 1951
3/17/1 Korea
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Squad Leader in a Provisional Rifle Platoon composed of Artillery men and attached to Company J, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces at Yudam-ni, Korea, on 2 December 1950. Vastly outnumbered by a well-trenched and cleverly concealed enemy force wearing the uniforms of friendly troops and attacking his platoon's open and unconcealed positions, Sergeant Johnson unhesitatingly took charge of his platoon in the absence of the leader and exhibiting great personal valor in the face of a heavy barrage of hostile fire, coolly proceeded to move about among his men, shouting words of encouragement and inspiration and skillfully directing their fire. Ordered to displace his platoon during the fire fight, he immediately placed himself in an extremely hazardous position from which he could provide covering fire for his men. Fully aware that his voluntary action meant either certain death or capture to himself, he courageously continued to provide effective cover for his men and was last observed in a wounded condition single-handedly engaging enemy troops in close hand grenade and hand-to-hand fighting. By his valiant and inspiring leadership, Sergeant Johnson was directly responsible for the successful completion of the platoon's displacement and the saving of many lives. His dauntless fighting spirit and unflinching devotion to duty in the face of terrific odds reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service.

/S/ HARRY S. TRUMAN

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Marine to Receive Medal of Honor

7th Marines, investigated his actions and nominated him for the Medal of Honor. After two years and seven months making its way to the White House, the nomination now has the necessary approval from the president. The president will present the medal and citation at a date to be determined.

Hoping the president would make the Medal of Honor announcement on their son's birthday, Dan and Debra Dunham drove to Quantico from their home in Scio, N.Y. Dunham is buried in Scio.

"The public now knows what Jason did," said Deb. "We still have a loss, but the gift that Jason gave helps us go on.

"The good part is that we get to make new memories and bring new people into the family; the bad news is there will be no new memories with Jason."

The president acknowledged Dan and Deb sitting in the front row. The parents held each other close as the audience gave a resounding applause.

"We took (the applause) as a thank you for us, but it was for Jason," Deb said. "At that point, Dan and I were missing Jason a lot."

Addressing Dunham's parents, Bush said, "We remember that the Marine who so freely gave his life was your beloved son. We ask a loving God to comfort you for a loss that can never be replaced.

"As long as we have Marines like Cpl. Dunham, America will never fear for her liberty."

Before Dunham, the last Marine actions to earn the medal happened May 8, 1970, in Vietnam, according to Marine Corps History Division records. A Medal of Honor citation details Lance Cpl. Miguel Keith's machine-gun charge that inspired a platoon facing nearly overwhelming odds: Wounded, Keith ran into "fire-swept terrain." Wounded again by a grenade, he still attacked, taking out enemies in the forward rush. Keith

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Toys for Tots

Bill Creager

It was hard to get traction, but we're rolling now. We have a SSgt Nick Rowe that has joined the team and his enthusiasm is absolutely infectious! He could use some hands to help prepare storage and sort toys on Ft. Meade. Give him a call at 410 858 7019 and volunteer some time if you have the ability.

Millennium Cable is about to start running TV spots for us again and the calls and emails are starting to come in. Thank the Lord for Nila Caulder for volunteering to man(?) the Campaign phone for us at 410 766 0805. If people have questions, give her a call. Thanks to all our volunteers that have signed on to cover the various stores and businesses that are serving as drop-off locations. Thanks to Guy Hall for arranging to park a trailer at the post for temporary storage and to the VFW for allowing us to park it there. At least the Post won't be stacked with toys and some of our supporters can have their homes back.

I checked and saw our duty roster on the bulletin board, but we only had one person signed up for the toy drive at MUVICO on November 25th (Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend.) It is a big day for us. I know we will have plenty of Marines there, but if you would please pick a time slot (or two) it would help us make sure we have continuous coverage throughout the day. We will also need a few extra hands to set-up around 0800 and pack-up around 2000 (That's 8:00 PM case you forgot.)

Lest we forget, we will need to repeat the process on December 9th and we won't have another newsletter before then so let's all sign up for a couple shifts for that Toy drive as well. And remember, WPOC radio is doing remote broadcasts at Arundel Mills and the Center at Glen Burnie on December 15th so we need to establish a duty roster for those events too.

Diane and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the outpouring of love and prayers we received from you all as she fights this new round of cancer and I thank each of you that have volunteered to gather toys from the businesses that are helping us, as my time to visit them is kinda limited this year. You are the most wonderful, kind and generous people I have ever known. I just feel so blessed that you allow me to be a member of this group.

OK, so we got off to a slower start this year, but you know, I still believe we're going to have a bigger year than last!



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fought until mortally wounded; his platoon came out on top despite being heavily outnumbered.

The last Marine to receive the Medal of Honor was Maj. Gen. James L. Day, who distinguished himself as a corporal in the Battle of Okinawa in 1945. On Jan. 20, 1998, more than half a century later, President Bill Clinton presented the medal to Day, who passed away that year.

Since the Long War began, the president has presented one Medal of Honor. On April 4, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith posthumously earned the medal for organizing a defense that held off a company-sized attack on more than 100 vulnerable coalition soldiers. In the defense, Smith manned a .50 caliber machine gun in an exposed position until he was mortally wounded.

Color Guard

Woody Bowman

The Color Guard has been busy again this past month representing the Detachment at the following events:

- November 5th at the Pasadena – Care Sharing Community Harvest with 3 Jeeps (1950, 1951, 1960) on display. Color Guard members in attendance Charlie Young, Don Thompson, Bob Mimms, Paul & Fred Downey, Spike Miller, Ray Gonzeles and Woody Bowman
- November 8th at the Severn Elementary School for Veteran's and USMC Day. Mac Machiela represented the American Legion Post 276 and the Color Guard members Paul Downey, Ray Gonzeles, and Woody Bowman. Military Vehicles and Airplane models were on display for the students to view.
- November 9th at Ridgeway Elementary School for Veteran's Day Mac Machiela represented the American Legion Post 276 and the Color Guard members Paul Downey, Ray Gonzeles, and Woody Bowman. On display were 1950 and 1951 jeeps and military items that Marines carried during World War I and II.
- November 11th the Color Guard Posted Colors for Veteran's Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post 276. Color Guard members in attendance were Ray Gonzeles, Pete Pervi, Jay Moore, and Woody Bowman.
- November 11th the Color Guard members; Pete Pervi, Spike Miller, Don Thompson, Woody Bowman participated in the Crownsville Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Ceremony.



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