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Detachment Pistol Team Wins Police "L" Team Matches at Lewistown Pistol Club's Yankee 3600 and Harrisburg Hunters & Angler's Walter Wise Matches



Team wins 2d Place Center Fire & 3d Place .22 Team Matches at Harrisburg Hunters & Angler's Walter Wise Police "L" Match. Left to right: Rudy Snyder, Mike Hadley, Ted Kees, Earl Parker & Denny Bynum.



Team on the firing line at Lewistown Pistol Club's Police "L" Match. At left are the team's awards.



Team wins .22 Team Match at Lewistown Pistol Club's Police "L" Match. Left to right: Denny Bynum, Steve Levin, Dave Grove, Mike Hadley & Earl Parker.

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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Danny Fischio



It's with deep regret that I must inform you that we have lost three of our Detachment members to the rolls of fallen comrades; Marine Albert Preston, Marine James Reed Donithan, and Associate Member Thomas Cline (Skippie). Our sympathy and prayers go out to their families. The Detachment charter was appropriately draped in remembrance.

Don't forget to bring in a toys to help kick off the 2006 Toys for Tots drive at our meeting on October 23rd.

Our Friday night dinner in September was a huge success and if you missed it, you missed out on some great BBQ Country Ribs. Thanks go to Manny Airey, Mike Hadley, Denny Bynum, Warren Lindgren, Ken Rollins, and Tom Maiorana for their help in getting the dinner served. Our next dinner fund raiser will be Friday; November 3rd and will be Italian style Paella (combination chicken, seafood, rice and vegetable dish), prepared by Rich Gonzales, so come on out and give it a try.

Upcoming events to mark your calendars with include:

- Detachment Meeting October 23rd 1900 and Toys for Tots kick off drive.
- MCL Bull & Oyster Roast, October 29th 1300 - 1800
- Friday Night Dinner Fund Raiser, November 3rd 1800-2000
- Marine Corps Birthday November 10th
- Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony November 11th
- Detachment Meeting November 27th 1900
- Detachment Meeting December 18th (Christmas Social)

To the extent possible, hope to see you all at our next meeting scheduled for October 23rd at 1900.

Semper Fi

Danny R Fischio



Senior Vice Commandant Steve Salanik



The sale of Marine Corps Ball raffle tickets is not doing well. To date I have not collected enough money to cover the prize money. We will have only two more meetings between now and the drawing. Please pick up some tickets if you haven't already. A big thanks to those who have sold theirs and turned in the money.

We are now planning to host a Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday October 29th at the VFW. Tickets will be \$30.00. Food will be served from 1 to 4 p.m. with a DJ from 2 to 6 p.m. Right now it looks like we will need about a dozen volunteers to help set, fill the food trays and clean up. Please see me at the meeting if you can help.

I am still looking for other ideas for fundraisers. If you know of any that won't overlap what other Post 160 organizations are doing please let me know.

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Steve





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Junior Vice Commandant Gary Frye



Hello Marines,

It has been a slow month as far as membership goes, however our league is still growing. I have not received the Life Membership cards yet for some of our members; however I have been advised by Headquarters that they have been sent to the engraver.

On a more serious note, Jack Severn, Department of Maryland Commandant attended the August meeting and advised that the yearly dues will increase by \$6.00. Now regular members pay \$25.00 per year, this increase will become effective in 2007 to \$31.00 per year. Once again I would encourage all members to take advantage of the Lifetime Membership, for this year the fee is as follows: 0-35 years-\$325.00, 35-40 years-\$300.00, 40-50 years-\$275.00, 51-60 years-\$200.00 and 61 years and over is \$100.00. For the year 2007 the fee will be as follows: 0-35 years-\$400.00, 35-40 years-\$350.00, 40-50 years-\$350.00, 51-60 years-\$250.00 and 61 and over will be \$125.00. As you can see, a savings can be made in the long run.

In closing, Manny and I will be co-chairing the 2nd annual golf outing at Bay Hills in May of 2007, we encourage everyone to get involved and give us some new ideas. See you all at the meeting, and bring a prospective member.

Semper Fi
Gary Frye



A.A. County Det. 1049 Newsletter

The A.A. County Detachment 1049 newsletter is Published monthly. We seek up-to-date and interesting news. Space is always a problem, and we will take "literary license" in order to have the story fit the space allotted in the paper. We will not, however, change the intent of your article.

You may send the articles by land mail, fax, or the most preferred way is by e-mail to newsletter@mclaacdet1049.org. Remember when you are taking photographs to submit to the paper, the lighter the background, the better the photo will look in the paper.

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A Corpsman's Legacy:

He Continues To Heal Others – Through The Daughter He Never Knew

3,000,000 men served in Vietnam, with approximately 1,250,000 seeing combat action. The United States lost over 58,000 men during this time. All service men in Vietnam shared one emotion regarding these deaths, a combination of fear, revulsion and absolute horror, with no time for the mind to adjust to this kind of trauma. Unfortunately, due to the unpopularity of the Vietnam War, these emotions have remained buried and unhealed in many veterans for decades.

In 1996, Stephanie Hanson became another victim of this war when she discovered her birth father was killed in Vietnam, two months before she was born.

Adopted at birth, she grew up never knowing who her birth parents were, but at the age of twenty-six, was forced to find them when a doctor diagnosed her with a congenital illness. The story uncovered is amazing and changed her life, as well as the lives of many others. A Corpsman's Legacy is the story of her journey and the thousands of lives it has touched.

She located her birth mother and learned her father, Gary Norman Young, served in the war as a Navy Corpsman. His obituary stated he was killed in a helicopter crash, but that wasn't enough information for Stephanie.

She sent out hundreds of inquiries to anyone she thought might be able to help and astonishingly received over 1,000 responses in the first eighteen months. She quickly learned the reason for the high number of responses was because of the remarkable bond between Marines and their Navy Corpsmen.

By opening up to Stephanie and sharing stories of their time in Vietnam, a catharsis occurred, allowing many to expose their pain for the first time and therefore begin an emotional healing.

She finally located her birth father's military squadron, the lone survivor of his helicopter crash, witnesses to the accident, and even men from the recovery team in Vietnam who retrieved his remains. From phone calls, emails, and written reports, she pieced together a complete picture of exactly what had happened the day he died.

Stephanie tracked down the other families of the men who died with her father and informed them just how their sons died. Her investigations also helped veterans locate buddies they had been searching for, as well as discover the details of the accidents which took the lives of fellow comrades.

With the help of Senator Max Cleland, she obtained the medals her father earned, but never received. Also, the Marine Corps Commandant personally sent

a 3-Star General to posthumously award her father's Combat Aircrew Wings 33 years after he earned them.

A Corpsman's Legacy tells the story of tremendous kindness of strangers to a Corpsman's daughter, the courage of our nation's veterans as they begin opening up about a time that shaped their lives forever, and the power of one man's legacy to heal countless lives.

PISTOL TEAM SHOOTS LPC YANKEE 3600 AND HH&A WALTER WISE MATCHES



HARRISBURG, PA (September 17, 2006): Detachment pistol team members shot two Police "L" pistol matches in Pennsylvania during the month of September. They shot the Lewistown Pistol Club's (LPC) Yankee 3600 and the Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers (HH&A) Walt Wise matches. Team members included Denny Bynum, Earl Parker, Rudy Snyder, Ted Kees and Mike Hadley (alternates included friends of the MCL Steve Liven and Dave Grove). Ted Kees, once again, was on special assignment for the newsletter and submitted photos of the team for inclusion in the newsletter See photo mosaic on page-8.

The matches were no alibi Police "L" and used the Lewis scoring system. The matches consisted of 360 rounds; A .22 rim fire and a center fire match was fired each of two days with a total of 180 rounds with the .22 rim fire and 180 rounds with any center fire pistol. The matches were fired at 25-yards with the follows course of fire:

- Slow fire — 20 shots total. 4-minutes per 10 rounds
- Police "L" course — 30 shots total. 10 slow, 10 timed and 10 rapid.
- Timed fire — 20 shots total 15 seconds per 5 shots.
- Rapid fire — 20 shots total 11 seconds per 5 shots.

All fired on Police "L" targets.

At the completion of each match, the scores are sorted highest to lowest. Then the list is divided into equal thirds (called A, B & C classes). The top three to ten in each class are awarded money for placing. No one knows where they place until all the round have been shot. This makes it FUN!

At LPC the team won a third place in the .22 team match. At HH&A the team won third place in the .22 and a second place in the center fire team matches.

All detachment members are welcome to shot the match next year. Furthermore, the Marine Corps League Auxiliary and other official subsidiaries with the Marine Corps League are permitted to enter. If you are interested, contact the Shooting Team Captain, Mike Hadley (410-340-9033).

GOOD JOB team members! Remember, sight alignment, trigger pull and keep your powder dry.

Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected October Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

1 October 1997: The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank of colonel. She was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.

5 October 1775: Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

6 October 1945: Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

8 October 1899: A force of 375 Marines under command of future Commandant George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novalleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and linked up with U.S. Army troops. There were 11 Marine casualties.

9 October 1917: The 8th Marines was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Although the regiment would not see combat in Europe during World War I, the officers and enlisted men of the 8th Marines participated in operations against dissidents in Haiti for over five years dur-

ing the 1920s. During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2d Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and earned three Presidential Unit Citations.

11 October 1951: A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline combat position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

19 October 1968: Operation Maui Peak, a combined regimental-sized operation which began on 6 October, ended 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy were killed in the 13-day operation.

23 October 1983: At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans--including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

28 October 1962: An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2d Division units and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups were deployed at Key West, Florida, or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

31 October 1919: A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.

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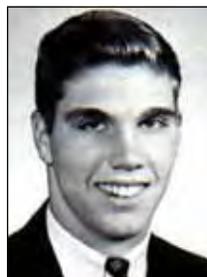
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United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor — 1901
Samar, P.I.
CITATION:

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/S/ H. J. ROOSEVELT



William D. Morgan
Corporal
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor -- 1969
2/9/3 Vietnam
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 with Company H, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division in operations against the enemy in the Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. On 25 February 1969, while participating in Operation DEWEY CANYON southeast of Vandegrift Combat Base, one of the squads of Corporal Morgan's platoon was temporarily pinned down and sustained several casualties while attacking a North Vietnamese Army force occupying a heavily-fortified bunker complex. Observing that two of the wounded Marines had fallen in a position dangerously exposed to the enemy fire and that all attempts to evacuate them were halted by a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire and rocket-propelled grenades, Corporal Morgan unhesitatingly maneuvered through the dense jungle undergrowth to a road that passed in front of a hostile emplacement which was the principal source of enemy fire. Fully aware of the possible consequences of his valiant action, but thinking only of the welfare of his injured companions, Corporal Morgan shouted words of encouragement to them as he initiated an aggressive assault against the hostile bunker. While charging across the open road, he was clearly visible to the hostile soldiers who turned their fire in his direction and mortally wounded him, but his diversionary tactic enabled the remainder of his squad to retrieve their casualties and overrun the North Vietnamese Army position. His heroic and determined actions saved the Lives of two fellow Marines and were instrumental in the subsequent defeat of the enemy. Corporal Morgan's indomitable courage, inspiring initiative and selfless devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/S/ RICHARD M. NIXON

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What Volunteering at the VA Means to Me

By Andrew Wisneski, San Francisco VAMC

Over the past two summers of 2005 and 2006, I have had the memorable experience of volunteering at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco. On one level, volunteering at a hospital is community service, and it is always a great thing to give back to society. It is a uniquely special way to give back to the community through service to those who have served in the armed forces. It gives me great pride as an American to be providing service to our veterans, who have given so much for preserving the values and sovereignty of our country.

On another level, volunteering at the VA has greatly influenced my life, and has aided me in my decision to pursue a career as a medical doctor. The invaluable knowledge I have gained and the incredible events I have witnessed could only occur in the real hospital environment. The healthcare professionals I have worked with in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab have graciously permitted me to be right alongside them during their daily duties, and are always eager and willing to share their knowledge and experiences with me.

This also makes me appreciate the "teaching hospital" aspect of the VA, in which education of students is a goal as well as outstanding healthcare. It is amazing to see a team of medical professionals united to reach a common goal of improving the lives of patients, and I have gained a perspective of what real medical care is all about.

In Dr. Michael Mann's Cellular Research Lab, I have acquired a new understanding of the scientific method, as it is applied in real scientific research, not just to school science projects. The research project dealt with methods to improve heart function after heart attacks. Heart attacks and coronary artery disease are prevalent health issues among the veteran population. It is exhilarating to be participating in research that could one day lead to improved lives for patients suffering heart problems after heart attacks. Volunteering at the VA has impressed upon me a fascinating view of the healthcare system and its processes, and I go home having learned a new thing everyday.

The Saga of Earl Parker

by Ted Kees

Earl Parker is his name,
Shooting bullseye is his game.

On the weekend of Sep 9 to
Lewistown he did go.

To shoot two days in a row,
with members of 1049 in tow.

On Saturday Earl was down,
for some of his shots went into
the ground.

Old Ted thought he cold teach
Earl a few tings, so he took him
under his wings.

Old Ted pushing seventy-nine,
Earl looked at him and said your
going to be mine.

On Sunday old Ted was tried and weak,
For over night his diaper leaked.

But Earl was at his peak.

In five matches that day, Earl put Old Ted away.

Thanks Earl for what you have done,
For old Ted has faded away into the setting sun.



REUNION NOTICE: Marine Barracks FGGM

We are searching for marines who were stationed at Marine Barracks, Fort George G. Meade. Plans are being made to organize a reunion for next summer at Camp Lejeune. Major Jim Capers will be our host. Please contact Tom Kiniry at tkiniry@msmary.edu or phone 717-642-6368, or Gary Orders at GaryOrders@ChampionRealty.com or phone 410-271-3086.

Toys for Tots

Bill Creager

Here we go! Three in a row!

We can do this. Each year we continue to grow out Toys-for-Tots campaign well beyond what we thought we could do. Consider this - in spite of last year's disasters and the demands for help for Katrina and tsunami victims, we and the Ft. Meade Marines both had the best year ever.

Drawing on past experience we can operate more efficiently and make better use of our time and resources, allowing us to accomplish more. Everybody, EVERYBODY! Do just what you did last year - then just a little more. Ask around. People love to support us.

Remember our October 23, and November 27, meetings are toy drives and remember to sign up for a shift at our toy drives at MUVICO in Arundel Mills on November 25 and December 9 and the Glen Burnie Center (still the Glen Burnie Mall to me) on December 15, hosted by our friends at WPOC Radio.

I plan to ask members to volunteer to be an account executive for our donors. We expect more donor sites this year and I believe we can serve them best if we each pick our favorite store and make one person available to maintain contact and serve each site. We also need people with a vehicle bigger than my little ECHO with access to Ft. Meade so we can deliver toys to the Marines' warehouse rather than burden them asking for pick-ups. We could also use a volunteer to man a telephone line through the campaign to answer questions and take messages.

On our team this year are the UPS Stores in our area with TV ads by NASCAR Champion Dale Jarrett featuring his Toys-for-Tots design car that he is racing November 5 at Texas Motor Speedway. Speaking of racing - how about our own Kearney Racing? Rumor has it John Cummins lost the rec-room to all the toys they've gathered for us at the racing circuit.

Looks like we're off to a great start. We also have K-B Toys in Marley Station Mall who have already started without us and have bags of toys and K-B Toys in Arundel Mills is chomping at the bit. See y'all real soon!



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Beefcake Calendar Helps Wounded Vets

NEW YORK - A group of Marines and ex-Marines who fought in Iraq - including two wounded there - is featured in a beefcake calendar being sold to help wounded veterans.

"It's a stopgap effort to help people where government programs leave off," said Rudy Reyes, who served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan and is on the calendar's cover. "This is a way for citizens to help citizens."

The "America's Heroes" calendar is being sold by Freedom is Not Free, a San Diego-based nonprofit group that helps injured service members and their families with such expenses as travel, mortgage and utility bills and special beds for burn victims.

Reyes and the other men who appear in the glossy 2007 lineup served in Iraq in Marine reconnaissance units. Sgt. James Wright, 31, who lost his hands and part of his leg, appears on the back cover in full uniform, saluting with what's left of his right arm.

Several members of the group, promoting the calendar on a cross-country tour, said Thursday they have medical conditions, ranging from combat stress-related symptoms to injuries to their feet, knees, hips and backs from carrying combat loads of more than 200 pounds.

When service members come back, "many don't have the financial or emotional support to get back to daily life," said former Sgt. Michael Saucier, 24, of Prior Lake, Minn., who served two Iraq tours and is now a carpenter's apprentice in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

All but one of the men had to be coaxed to pose shirtless for the calendar.

"I wasn't afraid to pose. This is the new-generation Marines," quipped Sean Mickle, 31, a Marine platoon sergeant at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The \$14.99 calendar promises that "100 percent of proceeds aid wounded heroes and their families."

Production expenses were covered by private donations to Freedom is Not Free, founded last year by entrepreneur David Dominguez.

"There is a need," he said. "Some Iraq veterans are so depressed when they get back they can't even fill out the papers required for benefits."

The calendar is the brainchild of his client Jean Hamerslag, a California advertising executive who suggested that the organization's fundraising needed something that would grab the public's attention.

"Sex," she said with a giggle.



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