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## Four Detachment Members Advance to PDD at 83d MCL National Convention at Boston



Left to right: Kenny Rollins, Steve Salanik, Manny Airey and Tom Maiorana.  
(See additional convention photos on page 8 and 12).

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# Semper Fidelis!

## COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Danny Fischio



The 83d MCL & MCLA National Convention was held the week of August 6–12, 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts. Our Detachment was well represented by 8 members who attended as delegates. As you can see from the photomontage in this issue, the Devil Dogs going up for Pedigree Devil Dog had an unusual experience, although a very enjoyable initiation. Congratulations to the Detachment's newest Pedigree Devil Dogs: PDD Manny Airey, PDD Tom Maiorana, PDD Kenny Rollins, and PDD Steve Salanik. The

84th National Convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. So set aside some vacation time next August and stayed tuned for details for next year's convention.

The Detachment will be hosting a Bull & Oyster Roast fundraiser on Sunday, October 29th at the VFW Post 160 from 1300–1800, Sr. Vice Steve Salanik will head up this fundraiser and will have more information at our next meeting.

Upcoming events to mark your calendars with include:

- Detachment Meeting August 28th 1900
- MODD Growl Pound 204 August 27th 1000
- Friday Night Dinner Fund Raiser, Sept 1st 1800 – 2000 (BBQ Country Style Ribs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw with Roll).
- Detachment Meeting September 25th 1900
- MCL Rifle Match at Indian Town Gap, Pa Sep 29 – Oct 1 2006.
- Detachment Meeting October 23d 1900
- MCL Bull & Oyster Roast, October 29th 1300 - 1800
- Friday Night Dinner Fund Raiser, November 3d 1800-2000
- Marine Corps Birthday November 10th
- Marine Corps Birthday Cake Cutting Ceremony November 11th
- Detachment Meeting November 27th 1900

To the extent possible, hope to see you all at our next meeting scheduled for August 29th at 1900.

Semper Fi  
Danny R Fischio



## Senior Vice Commandant

Steve Salanik



Well, all of us who made it to the National Convention arrived home safely. Everyone had a great time. I hope everyone gets a chance to make it to the convention at least once.

The Marine Corps Ball ticket sales are doing poorly. Please see me at the next meeting and get some tickets to sell. We have an opportunity to raise \$700 for the Detachment.

Two other fund raisers are in the works. We are planning a Bull & Oyster Roast for October 29th. Tickets will be \$30 in advance. I will have more on this at the next meeting. Also, Manny Airey and Gary Frye Sr. will co-chair another golf tournament this spring. Please support the detachment by attending these events. If you don't eat Oysters or play golf, please volunteer to help with these events. Thank you to those who have already volunteered and to those who have helped in the past.

Semper Fi, & Woof, Woof

Steve



## Junior Vice Commandant

Gary Frye



Hello Marines,  
This month I would like to welcome the following Marines: Samuel Hoff, Francis Miller and Henry Whaley. These Marines have submitted the proper documents and should make every attempt to be present at the August meeting for the swearing in ceremony. In addition to these new members, Owen Wood and Robert Lucian have renewed their membership for the following year.

As of July 11, 2006 we have a total of 20 unpaid members, remember that the MCL gives you 1 year from your expiration date to renew, if not you will be removed from the roles. In closing, Manny and I have volunteered to chair the second annual Golf Tournament, we encourage everyone to get involved and give us some new ideas. The tournament for 2007 will be held on May 7th at the Bay Hills Golf course located in Arnold, I hope to see you all there.

Semper Fi  
Gary



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## **Public Relations**

Ed Dahling



### **Good news.**

Its official, DD-214's are NOW Online.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online:<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes.

NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

Semper Fi  
Ed Dahling

## **Legislative Officer**

Jim LeGette



Regarding the much published theft of veteran's personal information, the Veterans Affairs Department reports Unisys Corp. will provide one year of free credit monitoring for the 38,000 veterans whose names and information were contained in a computer lost recently. Also, the VA advises ID Analytics of San Diego will provide an extra level of protection for veteran's records as the result of the earlier theft and eventual return of the

computer in May of this year. (Associated Press)

According to Sgt Shaft, Washington Times, retired veterans and their spouses never lose their benefit coverage with Tricare/Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), even if the veteran or spouse have not availed themselves of this benefit during the recent past. The veteran's spouse must renew his/her ID card every four years. Also, the veteran or spouse after turning 65 should enroll in the Medicare Part B drug program and notify the veteran's ID/DEERS office to facilitate claims between Medicare and Tricare for Life.

## **Patriotic Pillows Offer Comfort to Wounded Troops**

Aug. 4, 2006

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WASHINGTON -- Passion for sewing and a desire to show support for the military combined to inspire a Chicago woman to launch an effort she calls the "Patriotic Pillow Project."

"The pillow project came out of my love for sewing, which my mother taught me and I taught my daughter," Christina Finn said. "I just wanted to reach these individual service members one at a time to say thank you and to empower a nation to participate the same way."

The Patriotic Pillow Project is a member of The Defense Department's "America Supports You" program, which highlights ways the American people and the country's corporate sector support the nation's men and women in uniform.

Launched in June 2004, the project provides wounded troops red, white and blue airline-size pillows. A personalized note card is also placed inside pillow offering words of encouragement and support during recovery.

"I think the fact that we've replicated, in an artistic way, an image of the American flag brings a lot of meaning to them," Finn said. "That is, in fact, what they are defending: that symbol of freedom and liberty recognized throughout the world."

The project has distributed 4,500 pillows to

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# Historian

Vic Halme



## This Month in History

### Selected August Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

**1 August 1944:** After nine days of fighting in a battle termed "the perfect amphibious operation of World War II," MajGen Harry Schmidt, commander of V Amphibious Corps, declared the island of Tinian secured. The combination of surprise, heavy preassault bombardment, and effective logistical support was responsible for Tinian's recapture with a much lower casualty rate (344 killed and 1550 wounded) than had been experienced in previous landings.

**3 August 1950:** Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the famed "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon. After the F4Us delivered their incendiary bombs and rockets on their targets, the Marines concluded their greeting to the Communist troops with a series of strafing runs.

**7 August 1990:** President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

**9 August 1942:** With the Guadalcanal airstrip secure after heavy fighting with the Japanese, the 1st Engineer Battalion commenced work on the runway using cap-

tured equipment. Three days later, on 12 August, the first plane landed on Henderson Field, a Navy PBV which evacuated two wounded Marines. Nearly 3,000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field during the battle.

**17 August 1942:** Just prior to dawn, the 2d Marine Raider Battalion under LtCol Evans F. Carlson landed on Makin Island from the submarines NAUTILUS and ARGONAUT. The next day the Marines left the island after destroying a seaplane base, two radio stations, a supply warehouse, and killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

**21 August 1968:** PFC James Anderson, Jr., was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy, Paul R. Ignatius, for heroism in Vietnam while serving as a rifleman with Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in February 1967. This was the first Medal of Honor presented to an African-American Marine. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Sr., received the award during ceremonies at Marine Barracks, 8th and I.

**23 August 1984:** The last Marines to serve peacekeeping duty in Lebanon arrived home. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22d MAU who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the last presence of U.S. combat troops in Beirut since Marines entered almost two years earlier.

**24 August 1814:** Captain Samuel Miller's 100-man detachment from Marine Barracks, Washington, fought in the battle of Bladensburg for the defense of the national capital. After helping to fight back three British charges, Captain Miller was wounded and the enemy began to work around both flanks of the American force. Almost encircled, the force of sailors and Marines was forced to retire to avoid capture. The Marines lost 8 killed and 14 wounded.

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# Honoring Our Medal of Honor Recipients



**James Anderson Jr.**  
**First Lieutenant**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**Medal of Honor — 1967**  
**2/3/3 Vietnam**  
**CITATION:**

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a rifleman, Second Platoon, Company F, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division, in Vietnam on 28 February 1967. Company F was advancing in dense jungle northwest of Cam Lo in an effort to extract a heavily besieged reconnaissance patrol. Private First Class Anderson's platoon was the lead element and had advanced only about 200 meters when they were brought under extremely intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. The platoon reacted swiftly, getting on line as best they could in the thick terrain, and began returning fire. Private First Class Anderson found himself tightly bunched together with the other members of the platoon only 20 meters from the enemy positions. As the fire fight continued several of the men were wounded by the deadly enemy assault. Suddenly, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the Marines and rolled along side Private First Class Anderson's head. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he reached out, grasped the grenade, pulled it to his chest and curled around it as it went off. Although several Marines received shrapnel from the grenade, his body absorbed the major force of the explosion. In this singularly heroic act, Private First Class Anderson saved his comrades from serious injury and possible death. His personal heroism, extraordinary valor, and inspirational supreme self-sacrifice reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.



**Christopher Nugent**  
**Orderly Sergeant**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**Medal of Honor -- 1863**  
**Civil War**  
**CITATION:**

Serving on board the U.S.S. FORT HENRY, Crystal River, Florida, 15 June 1863. Reconnoitering on the Crystal River on this date and in charge of a boat from the FORT HENRY, Orderly Sergeant Nugent ordered an assault upon a rebel breastwork fortification. In this assault, the orderly sergeant and his comrades drove a guard of 11 rebels into the swamp, capturing their arms and destroying their camp equipage while gallantly withholding fire to prevent harm to a woman among the fugitives. On 30 July 1863, he further proved his courage by capturing a boat off Depot Key, Florida containing two men and a women with their baggage.



**Wendell C. Neville**  
**Lieutenant Colonel**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**Medal of Honor -- 1915**  
**2d Reg Marines Vera Cruz**  
**CITATION:**

For distinguished conduct in battle engagements of Vera Cruz 21 and 22 April 1914. In command of the Second Regiment Marines, Lieutenant Colonel Neville was in both days' fighting and almost continually under fire from soon after landing, about noon on the 21st, until we were in possession of the city, about noon of the 22d. His duties required him to be at points of great danger in directing his officers and men, and he exhibited conspicuous courage, coolness and skill in his conduct of the fighting. Upon his courage and skill depended, in great measure, success of failure. His responsibilities were great and he met them in a manner worthy of commendation.

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## Buddy Cadle

### Veterans History Project

The Veterans History Project relies on volunteers to collect and preserve stories of wartime service (<http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html>).

Our primary focus is on first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from the following 20th Century wars:

- World War I (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)

In addition, those U.S. citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their valuable stories.

How did the Veterans History Project start?

The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000. The authorizing legislation (Public Law 106-380), sponsored by Representatives Ron Kind, Amo Houghton, and Steny Hoyer in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senators Max Cleland and Chuck Hagel in the U.S. Senate, received unanimous support and was signed into law by President William Jefferson Clinton on October 27, 2000.

The Veterans History Project is made possible by the generous support of the United States Congress.

How can you be interviewed? While the Veterans History Project does not do the actual interviewing, their Field Kit ([http://www.loc.gov/vets/Field\\_Kit4.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/vets/Field_Kit4.pdf)) provides the tools needed to conduct an interview yourself, or have a friend or family member do it with you. Also, many of our partner organizations do interviewing. Check our List of Official Partners to locate a partner near you.

The Veterans History Project also collects written memoirs. A special Memoir Kit ([http://www.loc.gov/vets/Memoir\\_Kit4.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/vets/Memoir_Kit4.pdf)) is available with more information on creating a written record of your memories.

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wounded troops all over the world, and Finn said she anticipates many more pillows to come.

"I planted a seed, and now citizens are picking up on our efforts," she said. "It just takes one person, and one person making one pillow reaches out to one veteran or serviceperson that has made that choice to serve and protect our safety and security for our future generations."

The project continues to receive overwhelming support from people who want to help, Finn said. The Patriotic Pillow Project has volunteers ranging from ages 6 to 100 in more than 40 states.

"Our youngest volunteer, who is 6, personally created 300 pillow covers. He stitched 300 by himself. His mother and grandmother cut out components for 500 pillowcases, but he got burned out after the first 300," Finn said. "So, he placed all the different patterns in a (plastic bag) with a flier and shared the sewing kit with the community."

As the catalyst for the project, troops call Finn the "pillow mom."

"I had a young Marine ... who had read the names of 12 of his buddies who had lost their lives overseas, and I presented him a pillow, and he gave me a hug and whispered in my ear 'Thank you, Pillow Mom,'" Finn said. "That, to me, is my thank you, that they realize they are all our sons and daughters; they are our family; they're all special to me. I am so blessed and honored to be part of their lives, to be in service to them."

Finn said she hopes the pillows will help troops recognize that their service is appreciated. "What we're saying through the presentation of the patriotic pillow is that, 'We appreciate you,' and, 'We honor and respect you,' and 'We pray for you,' and, 'You are not forgotten,'" Finn said.

"They've done their jobs; they've served," she added. "We owe them a huge bit of gratitude."

Visit <http://www.patrioticpillowproject.org/> for more information.



## **Toys for Tots**

**Bill Creager**

# **The Season Approaches Again**

Stand-by Marines. October 1st is just around the corner. We anxiously await our new marching orders GySgt Ransom will bring us from the September coordinators meeting. As in we did before, plan on bringing toys to our toy drives at our October and November meetings and be sure to sign up for a shift at our toy drives at MUVICO on November 25th and December 9th when we post the duty rosters at the Post. We will be looking for more volunteers for toys drive at Arundel Mills Mall and the Center at Glen Burnie (I remember it as the Glen Burnie Mall) when WPOC Radio announces the dates. Our local sponsors are lining up again and believe people, we will have the most successful campaign ever - again!

The Toys For Tots website at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) has a new format with lots of info and a new promotional video by Dale Jarrett former Champion and now driver of the #88 UPS Ford. On the racing news, twelve-year-old Annabelle Huffman from Napa, CA took the "championship cup" in The UPS Store® "Design Dale's Ride" coloring contest. Her winning design for the 2006 UPS Store/Toys for Tots #88 Ford was unveiled at the Daytona International Speedway. NASCAR legend Dale Jarrett will race the special paint scheme on November 5 at Texas Motor Speedway to kick off The UPS Store/Toys for Tots 2006 fundraising campaign. The "Design Dale's Ride" coloring contest offered kids ages 5-to-12 a chance to design this year's The UPS Store/Toys for Tots #88 Ford. Annabelle's entry was chosen as the winner out of more than 2,500 submissions.

"I'm hoping this winning design will mean a win for us on November 5 at Texas Motor Speedway," said Jarrett. "More importantly, I'm excited to race this special paint scheme to draw attention to The UPS Store/Toys for Tots campaign and encourage fans to help deserving kids this holiday season."



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According to Annabelle, "I made the car into a train because the Toys for Tots logo is a train, and trains are fast and so are cars. So why not make them into one thing?"

Locally our Kearney Racing #77 Toy-For-Tots car driven by John Cummins continues to gather toys and spread the message.

For those not familiar here's the scoop about the program obtained from the T4T website:

**MISSION:** The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

**GOAL:** The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

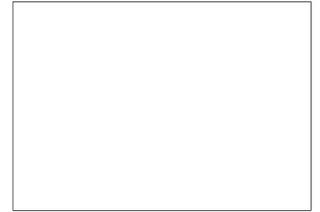
**OBJECTIVES:** The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable natural resources - our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

**ACTIVITIES:** The principal Toys for Tots activities which take place each year are the collection and distribution of toys in the communities in which a Marine Corps Reserve Unit is located and in communities without a Reserve Unit that has a Marine Corps League Detachment or group of men and women, generally veteran Marines, authorized by Marine Toys for Tots Foundation to conduct a local Toys for Tots campaign. Local Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinators conduct an array of activities throughout the year, which include golf tournaments, foot races, bicycle races and other purely voluntary events designed to increase interest in Toys for Tots, and concurrently generate toy and monetary donations.





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