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Doris Young Receives Monetary Award for Outstanding Senior Citizen from Sandy Spring Bank Community Champion Program



Charlie Young's wife Doris, received a monetary award for Outstanding Senior Citizen from the Sandy Spring Bank Community Champion Program on June 13, 2006. Doris donated \$500.00 of her award to the Detachment, thank you for your generosity and congratulations on your award. Also pictured is the Detachment Color Sergeant Woody Bowman.

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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Danny Fischio



At this month's meeting we will be addressing the status of this year's Marine Corps Birthday celebration and fund raising opportunities for the remainder of this year. These agenda items are important and I would like to see as much input from our membership as possible so that we can make sound decisions and have plenty of planning and lead-time to make them a success. All Detachment members (regular and associate) have a say and a vote on these items.

July's Friday night fund raising dinner was a great success and I would like to thank Jake Jahelka for preparing an outstanding meal that resulted in \$196.00 going into the Detachment fund. Also I would like to thank Warren Lindgren, Manny Airey, and Tom Maiorana for helping us out in the kitchen.

Those members that are going or plan on going to the MCL 83rd National Convention in August and would like to represent the Detachment as delegates, you need to see the Adjutant and myself at the next meeting so that we may complete the necessary forms.

Upcoming events to mark your calendars with include:

- Detachment Meeting July 24th 1900
- MCL 83rd National Convention August 6 – 12, 2006 Quincy, MA
- MODD Growl Pound 204 August 27th 1000
- Friday Night Dinner Fund Raiser, Sept 1st 1800 – 2000
- Detachment Meeting September 25th 1900
- MCL Rifle Match at Indian Town Gap, Pa September 29 – Oct 1 2006.
- Detachment Meeting October 23rd 1900
- Marine Corps Birthday November 10th
- Detachment Meeting November 27th 1900

To the extent possible, hope to see you all at our next meeting scheduled for July 24th at 1900.

Semper Fi
Danny R Fischio



Senior Vice Commandant

Steve Salanik



Well, the Marine Corps Ball raffle tickets have been printed. I will be giving them out at the next few meetings. If we sell all of the tickets we can raise almost \$700 for the Detachment and some lucky winner will walk away with \$300. The mailing of tickets last year did not bring many returns, so I will not be mailing any out this year. If you can't make the meetings and would like me to send you some please call me at 410 923-2517 or email me at ssalanik@juno.com. We are still looking for other ideas to raise money. Any and all suggestions are welcome.

Let's also remember to support the other organizations and their fund raisers. Post 160 has been very generous with supporting our Detachment such as letting us use the facility and allowing us to serve a Friday night dinner once a month. Jake's chicken dinner on July 7th was outstanding. Information about the Post can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/pentagon/barracks/4795/>.

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting July 24th.

Semper Fi, & Woof, Woof
Steve



Junior Vice Commandant

Gary Frye



Hello Marines,

I would like the following Marines to attend the Marine Corps League meeting on 24 July 2006 to receive their Lifetime Membership Certificates: Marines John Glandon, Thomas Unkle and Gary Barr. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank fellow Marine Mike Hadley for helping with the printing of the certificates.

As of this writing I have received (1) Transfer, David Wells, (1) renewal and (1) Lifetime request for the month of July. Since the Detachment was founded I have determined that several Marines have not been sworn in yet, if you have not been sworn in please contact me via phone, e-mail or at the monthly meeting. In closing, when mailing a check for membership, please indicate your phone number and membership number on the check.

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MARINES HELPING MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE,



TAKE ALL WOUNDED, NOT JUST MARINES, ON BAY FISHING TRIP

Don Patterson, who was recently elected Commandant of the Southern Maryland Leathernecks of the Marine Corps League, an organization of all Marines and Navy FMF Corpsmen and members of the Marines Helping Marines Program, has teamed up with local Southern Maryland business leaders.

Keith Allston, owner of the 'Rodbender' Charter Fishing of Solomon's Island and the Robinson family of Serenity Farm Inc., of Benedict, Maryland, donated their services.

The Marine Corps League and the Wounded Warrior Project took wounded men and women from all branches of the military from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital with their families on a fishing trip on the Chesapeake Bay and topped off the day with a country fish fry on the farm complete with a petting pen for the kids young and old.

The Marines Helping Marines Program is comprised of members from Marine Corps League Detachments all over Maryland. Their main purpose is to help the wounded Marines from the war on terrorism and their families.

Many Marines who are amputees are in the WRAMC hospital, which is the leading hospital for prosthetics. Whenever an event of this kind is held, it is always open to all patients of both hospitals.

You can help support the wounded with donations of gasoline gift cards. These cards are given to the wounded who are out-patients at the hospitals that need assistance for travel

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Legislative Officer

Jim LeGette

No Free Credit Monitoring For Vets in Database Theft

Wednesday, July 19, 2006; Washington Post Page A17

The Bush administration has decided not to offer free credit monitoring to 26.5 million veterans and military personnel whose personal information was on computer equipment stolen from the home of a Department of Veterans Affairs analyst in May.

Rob Portman, the White House budget director, wrote House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) yesterday withdrawing the administration's request for \$160.5 million to pay for a year of free credit monitoring and citing the June 28 recovery of the stolen laptop and external hard drive by police. The FBI said it had a "high degree of confidence" that thieves had not accessed the files containing the names, Social Security numbers and birth dates of millions of veterans and active-duty military personnel.

"On the basis of the FBI's analysis, the administration has concluded that credit monitoring services and the associated funding will no longer be necessary," Portman wrote.

The theft of VA data occurred at a VA data analyst's home May 3 but was not disclosed to the public until three weeks later, prompting outrage among veterans afraid they might become victims of identity theft.

VA spokesman Matt Burns said yesterday that the department still plans to hire a company to study whether any veterans are having problems with identity theft as a result of the data breach. "It is considered highly unlikely by the FBI and law enforcement that this data was accessed, and data breach analysis will provide additional assurances," Burns said in a statement.

Lawmakers are developing legislation to re-

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Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected July Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

7 July 1941: 1st Provisional Marine Brigade lands at Iceland.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The USS IWO JIMA was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The Iwo Jima was commissioned 26 August 1961, and

it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

18 July 1948: Twelve Marines at consulate in Jerusalem begin modern Marine Security Guard Program.

21 July 1944: 3rd Marine Division opens battle for Guam.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, MajGen Schmidt declared the island secure.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

26 July 1956: Egypt's' President Gamal Nasser Nationalizes Suez Canal precipitating international crisis. Marine battalion from Sixth Fleet evacuates civilians from Alexandria.

27 July 1953: Armistice signed Panmunjon, Korea.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.

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CITATION:

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In addition to the two Medals of Honor, he was awarded the Silver Star by the Army; the Medaille Militaire (he was the first Marine officer ever to receive this medal), the Legion d'Honneur in the rank of Chevalier, the Croix de Guerre with two palms, another Croix de Guerre with silver star, all by France; the Croce al Merito di Guerra by Italy; and Commander's Cross of the Royal Order of the Crown of Yugoslavia. He also received three 2d Division citations.

He received a field appointment to the rank of second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve on 26 September 1918 and was selected for a commission in the regular Marine Corps on 31 March 1919. Promoted to first lieutenant on 17 July 1919, he was advanced to the rank of captain on 15 September 1921. His promotion to major was effected on the day of his retirement, 30 June 1940.



Robert L. Wilson
Private First Class
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor -- 1944
2/6 Tinian Island

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, Sixth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tinian Island, Marianas Group, on 3 August 1944. As one of a group of Marines advancing through heavy underbrush to neutralize isolated points of resistance, Private First Class Wilson daringly preceded his companions toward a pile of rocks where Japanese troops were supposed to be hiding. Fully aware of the danger involved, he was moving forward while the remainder of the squad armed with automatic rifles closed together in the rear, when an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the group. Quick to act, Private First Class Wilson cried a warning to the men and unhesitatingly threw himself on the grenade, heroically sacrificing his own life that the others might live and fulfill their mission. His exceptional valor, courageous loyalty and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave peril reflect the highest credit upon Private First Class Wilson and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.



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The Value of Volunteering

Heather Kirstein Clements, Asheville VAMC

As I look into my newborn son's eyes I can think of many things that I want to teach him. One thing that stands out in my mind is the value of volunteering one's time to serve others. During high school I volunteered my time serving veterans at the local VA Hospital.

My responsibilities included escorting patients from their hospital rooms to appointments within the hospital, learning to run an EKG machine, working the Medical Library, and providing a caring smile to those who were sick and afraid.

My time spent at VA taught me discipline, responsibility, and empathy. Traits that seem to be in decline today. The most important lesson was the act of gratitude that I showed the veterans who had served our country. It was they who gave me the opportunity, the freedom to volunteer or not to volunteer along with so many other choices that I am thankful to be able to make because of their service.

One choice that I have been able to make was that of my career. Because of my time in high school spent volunteering, I continued to seek volunteer opportunities throughout college. I found myself volunteering countless hours in a kindergarten classroom which eventually led me to make the decision to become a teacher. One hundred first graders later I am still pleased with my decision to teach young children. If I had not already been taught the value of volunteerism then I would not have been led to this honorable career choice.

Though I teach many children each day I know my most important student is my son. My lesson to him...the priceless value of volunteering.



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quire federal agencies to notify Congress of security breaches and to provide free credit monitoring if an analysis shows it is likely sensitive personal information was compromised.

Some veterans advocates said canceling the credit monitoring was a mistake because it is still possible that veterans are at risk of identity theft. "To say the least, we're outraged that the administration would renege on their offer," said Robert E. Wallace, executive director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "The letter from OMB says the FBI has a 'high degree of confidence' -- that's not 100 percent. The government made a mistake. The government owes it to veterans to make them whole."

-- Christopher Lee

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