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Detachment Members Compete in 2006 Department of Pennsylvania Service Pistol Match at Fort Indiantown Gap



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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Danny Fischio



The Pistol teams returned from Fort Indiantown Gap, PA all in one piece, two 5-man teams and two individual shooters represented the Detachment (see photo on front page). We'll be eagerly waiting for the match results. Also Mike Hadley participated in the All-States Pistol Match held at Marriottsville, MD June 2- 4 where he won the Center Fire match for his class.

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman reports that the Color Guard and members of the Detachment were busy participating in the following Memorial Day events; Glen Burnie Parade, Ferndale Parade, Old Mill Middle School, Marley Station Mall Old Glory Days, Heritage Community Church, Posting of Colors at the American Legion Post 276, and Crownsville Veterans Cemetery ceremony. I would like to thank the following Marines for supporting these Memorial Day events; Woody Bowman, Fred and Paul Downey, Ray Gonzales, George Martin, Spike Miller, Charles Dorn, Charlie Young, Steve Salanik, Jay Moore, Pete Pervi, Don Thompson, Jim Brady.

Charlie Young's wife Doris received a monetary award for Outstanding Senior Citizen from the Sandy Spring Bank Community Champion Program. Doris donated \$500.00 of her award to the Detachment, thank you for your generosity and congratulations on your award.

Upcoming events to mark your calendars with include:

- Detachment Meeting June 26th 1900
- Friday Night Dinner Fund Raiser, July 7th 1800 – 2000 (Half a Baked Chicken, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob)
- Detachment Meeting July 24th 1900
- MCL 83rd National Convention August 6 – 12, 2006 Quincy (Boston), 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



Senior Vice Commandant Steve Salanik



Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you. This position is responsible not only to assisting our Commandant, but also for the fund raising activities of the detachment. I hope to continue the Marine Corps Ball raffle, the day at the races, bus trips to Delaware and possibly another golf tournament. We also can help by finding advertiser for our monthly newsletter. Guy Hall can give you more information on this. "Let's get out and beat the bushes". Convention Book Ads also have provided a nice amount. Please feel free to offer other ideas or how we can improve on existing fund raisers. Someone has suggested a Texas Hold'em event, but the County has said they are not legal. The combined resources of the VFW and MCL earned a good sum at the golf tournament for the benefit of all veterans; maybe we can consider more combined events. We do want to make sure we don't overlap with other fundraisers conducted by the other VFW organizations.

I would like to thank Tom Maiorana for wonderful job he has done as our past Senior Vice and for Jim Brady for relieving me of the Paymaster's duties. I look forward to a successful year serving as you Senior Vice.

Semper Fi, & Woof, Woof
Steve



Junior Vice Commandant Gary Frye



Hello Marines,

This month I have had two renewals for our Detachment, Paul Molinano and Lawrence Shiflett. Once a month I submit renewals to the State Paymaster who in turns submits them to Headquarters, it has been determined that Headquarters has been overwhelmed by receiving everyone's renewal dues from different Detachments that they seem to lag behind. Since taking over the renewal process I find it easier to submit them once a month instead of several times, therefore when you receive your notice feel free to mail it or stop by the post and place it in the Marine Corps League box in the office.

In addition as stated in the past, please feel free to call me anytime regarding your membership, or your intention of becoming a life member within Detachment #1049.

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

What is a Hurricane?

A hurricane is an intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher.

Hurricanes are categorized according to the strength of their winds using the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane scale. A Category 1 storm has the lowest wind speeds, while a Category 5 hurricane has the strongest. These are relative terms, because lower category storms can sometimes inflict greater damage than higher category storms, depending on where they strike and the particular hazards they bring. In fact, tropical storms can also produce significant damage and loss of life, mainly due to flooding.

Watch vs. Warning:

A hurricane Watch: Issued for you part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and proactive measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island.

A Hurricane Warning: Issued for your part of the coast indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours or less. Once this warning has been issued your family should be in the process, of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

Disaster prevention includes modifying your home to strengthen it against storms so that you can be as safe as possible. It also includes having supplies on hand to weather the storm. The suggestions provided here are only guides. You should use common sense in you disaster prevention.

- Develop a Family Plan – Your family's plan should be based on your vulnerability to the Hurricane Hazards. You should keep a written plan and share your plan with other friends or family.
- Create a Disaster Supply Kit – There are certain items you need to have regardless of where you ride out a hurricane. The disaster supply kit is a useful tool when you evacuate as well as making you as safe as possible in your home.
- Secure your Home – There are things that you can do to make your home more secure and able to withstand stronger storms.
- Online vulnerability Info – There are web sites that can give you information about your communities vulnerability to specific hazards. These include hurricanes as well as other weather related hazards.

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Legislative Officer

Jim LeGette

"On Marine Virtue"

By Gen. M. W. Hagee

Recent serious allegations concerning actions of Marines in combat have caused me concern. They should cause you to be concerned as well. To ensure we continue to live up to General Lejeune's description of a Marine as someone who demonstrates "all that is highest in military efficiency and soldierly virtue," I would like to review the importance of our core values.

As Marines, you are taught from your earliest days in the Corps about our core values of honor, courage and commitment. These values are part of and belong to all Marines, regardless of MOS, grade, or gender. They guide us in all that we do; whether in combat, in garrison, or on leave or liberty.

To a Marine, honor is more than just honesty; it means having uncompromising personal integrity and being accountable for all actions. To most Marines, the most difficult part of courage is not the raw physical courage that we have seen so often on today's battlefield. It is rather the moral courage to do the "right thing" in the face of danger or pressure from other Marines. Finally, commitment is that focus on caring for one another and upholding the great ideals of our Corps and Country.

The nature of this war with its ruthless enemies, and its complex and dangerous battlefield will continue to challenge us in the commitment to our core values. We must be strong and help one another to measure up. The war will also test our commitment to our belief in the rule of law.

We have all been educated in the Law of Armed Conflict. We continue to reinforce that training, even when deployed to combat zones. We do not employ force just for the sake of employing force. We use lethal force only when justified, proportional and, most importantly, lawful. We follow the laws and regulations, Geneva Convention and Rules of Engagement. This is the American way of war. We must regulate force and violence, we only damage property that must be damaged, and we protect the non-combatants we find on the battlefield.

When engaged in combat, particularly in the kind of counterinsurgency operations we're involved in now, we have to be doubly on guard. Many of our Marines have been involved in life or death combat or have witnessed the loss of their fellow Marines, and the effects of these events can be numbing. There is the risk of becoming indifferent to the loss of a human life, as well as bringing

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Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected June Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

1 June 1942: First black Marines enlist in Corps; 19,168 will join during World War II

2 June 1918: At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

6 June 1944: D-Day Americans land in Normandy

8 June 1995: A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

10 June 1898: The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. LtCol Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

12 June 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

15 June 1944: Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

17 June 1940: France surrenders to Germany

18 June 1945: LtGen Simon Buckner, USA, killed; Marine MajGen Roy Geiger takes command of Tenth Army

20 June 1993: The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist

United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

21 June 1943: 4th Raider Battalion lands on New Georgia

21 June 1945: Americans victorious on Okinawa

22 June 1941: Germany attacks USSR on 2,000 mile front

25 June 1950: Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

25 June 1966: In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

26 June 1918: BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."

29 June 1918: Marines from USS Brooklyn go ashore at Vladivostok, Siberia



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Harvey C. Barnum Jr.
First Lieutenant
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor — 1965
2/9/3 Vietnam
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Forward Observer for Artillery, while attached to Company H, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against communist forces at Ky Phu in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam, on 18 December 1965. When the company was suddenly pinned down by a hail of extremely accurate enemy fire and was quickly separated from the remainder of the battalion by over five hundred meters of open and fire-swept ground, and casualties mounted rapidly, Lieutenant Barnum quickly made a hazardous reconnaissance of the area seeking targets for his artillery. Finding the rifle company commander mortally wounded and the radio operator killed, he, with complete disregard for his own safety, gave aid to the dying commander, then removed the radio from the dead operator and strapped it to himself. He immediately assumed command of the rifle company, and moving at once into the midst of the heavy fire, rallying and giving encouragement to all units, reorganized them to replace the loss of key personnel and led their attack on enemy positions from which deadly fire continued to come. His sound and swift decisions and his obvious calm served to stabilize the badly decimated units and his gallant example as he stood exposed repeatedly to point out targets served as an inspiration to all. Provided with two armed helicopters, he moved fearlessly through enemy fire to control the air attack against the firmly entrenched enemy while skillfully directing one platoon in a successful counterattack in the key enemy positions. Having thus cleared a small area, he requested and directed the landing of two transport helicopters for the evacuation of the dead and wounded. He then assisted in the mopping up and final seizure of the battalion's objective. His gallant initiative and heroic conduct reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.



Hector A. Cafferata, Jr.
Private
United States Marine Corps
Medal of Honor -- 1950
2/7/1 Korea
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Rifleman with Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 28 November 1950. When all the other members of his fire team became casualties, creating a gap in the lines, during the initial phase of a vicious attack launched by a fanatical enemy of regimental strength against his company's hill position, Private Cafferata waged a lone battle with grenades and rifle fire as the attack gained momentum and the enemy threatened penetration through the gap and endangered the integrity of the entire defensive perimeter. Making a target of himself under the devastating fire from automatic weapons, rifles, grenades and mortars, he maneuvered up and down the line and delivered accurate and effective fire against the onrushing force, killing fifteen, wounding many more and forcing the others to withdraw so that reinforcements could move up and consolidate the position. Again fighting desperately against a renewed onslaught later that same morning when a hostile grenade landed in a shallow entrenchment occupied by wounded Marines, Private Cafferata rushed into the gully under heavy fire, seized the deadly missile in his right hand and hurled it free of his comrades before it detonated, severing part of one finger and seriously wounding him in the right hand and arm. Courageously ignoring the intense pain, he staunchly fought on until he was struck by a sniper's bullet and forced to submit to evacuation for medical treatment. Stouthearted and indomitable, Private Cafferata, by his fortitude, great personal valor and dauntless perseverance in the face of almost certain death, saved the lives of several of his fellow Marines and contributed essentially to the success achieved by his company in maintaining its defensive position against tremendous odds. His extraordinary heroism throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



VAVS
Buddy Cadle

Theft of Data Leads to Firings, Moves at VA

By Christopher Lee
Washington Post Staff Writer
Wednesday, May 31, 2006; A17

Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson announced several personnel changes yesterday that will include the firing of a senior career data analyst who lost the sensitive personal information of millions of veterans.

The 60-year-old civil servant, a GS-14 employee who earns between \$91,407 and \$118,828 a year, has been notified that he will be terminated, VA officials said. The employee violated department policy by taking home electronic files containing the names, birth dates and Social Security numbers of as many as 26.5 million veterans.

Those records were stolen May 3 from the employee's Aspen Hill home. Thieves took a laptop computer and an external disk drive.

In other changes, Michael H. McLendon, deputy assistant secretary for policy, submitted his resignation Friday and will leave the department at the end of the week. Dennis M. Duffy, who has been acting assistant secretary for policy and planning, was placed on administrative leave yesterday, Nicholson said in a statement.

McLendon, a political appointee who was named to his position in December 2003, supervised the analyst and was told of the data theft within an hour of when the employee reported it to VA officials and to Montgomery County police. Duffy, a career employee who joined the department in 1974, learned of the theft May 5.

But Deputy Secretary Gordon H. Mansfield was not told of the data loss until May 10, and Nicholson was not informed until May 16. Nicholson told the public May 22. The theft is being investigated by the FBI, the VA inspector general and Montgomery County police.

Nicholson attributed the need for the moves to "recent, unacceptable events within VA's Office of Policy and Planning."

He named Paul Hutter, assistant general counsel for management and operations, to temporarily lead the Office of Policy and Planning until Patrick W. Dunne, nominated last week to be assistant secretary for policy and planning, is considered by the Senate.

In his resignation letter, McLendon wrote: "Given that this very serious and tragic event occurred on my watch and in my organization, I feel it necessary that I tender my resignation. I would be modeling the wrong behavior to my staff and others in VA if I took no action to be responsible." The letter was obtained yesterday by the Associated Press and confirmed to The Washington Post by VA

officials.

Veterans service organizations and some members of Congress had said they expect several employees and officials to resign or be fired if the department hopes to win back the trust of veterans.



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dishonor upon ourselves. Leaders of all grades need to reinforce continually that Marines care for one another and do what is right.

The large majority of Marines today perform magnificently on and off the battlefield. I am very proud of the bravery, dedication, honor, courage and commitment you clearly display every day. And America is proud as well. Americans, indeed most people around the world, recognize that Marines are men and women of the highest caliber – physically, mentally, and morally.

Each one of you contributes in your own unique way to our important mission; I am proud of your dedication and accomplishments. Even after 38 years, I still stand with pride every time I hear the Marines Hymn. The words of that Hymn mean something special to me. Especially, "Keep our Honor Clean". I know that means something to all of you as well. As Marines we have an obligation to past Marines, fellow Marines, future Marines and ourselves to do our very best to live up to these words.

As your Commandant, I charge all Marines to carry on our proud legacy by demonstrating our values in everything you do – on duty and off; in combat or in garrison. Semper Fidelis.

An advertisement for the Garrison Rifle & Revolver Club, Inc. It features a logo with a rifle and revolver crossed, and the text 'ESTABLISHED 1943'. Below the logo, it lists various events such as 'Spring Pistol League', 'Bullseye Pistol Championship', 'Trap Shoot', 'JR's Club Shoot', '4H State Match', 'Club Crab Feast', and 'Club Christmas Dinner'. It also mentions that the club is a 'Charter Member of the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore Inc.' and 'Affiliated with the National Rifle Association and Civilian Marksmanship Program.' A list of facilities available for members is provided, including a covered bench rest-equipped rifle range, indoor air rifle range, and a mess hall. Contact information for club secretary Brian Beverly is given at the bottom.

Toys for Tots

Bill Creager

2005 WAS THE BEST EVER BUT NOW 2006 IS WITH US

Thanks to our sponsors and donors and the generosity of our neighbors, our Detachment and the Marine Support Battalion at Ft. Meade that we assist both again had the very best year ever. Our Detachment's efforts contributed over 3700 toys and \$2000 to the Ft. Meade Marines' Toys-For-Tots campaign that raised over 27,000 toys and \$8,000.

We can never recognize all the Marines who made this campaign successful, but here are a few highlights. Marine Guy Hall drove around in this huge truck and collected toys, brought them to the toy drive at MUVICO in Arundel Mills Mall and then carried the toys from the drive to the warehouse on Ft. Meade and loaded them in. (Hope I still have that kind of energy when I get his age!) Marine George Martin did a great job working with donors in the Annapolis area and with the Young Marines. And our own Private Pound Puppy (Marine Jim Brady) arranged for Santa Claus to make appearances and delight the children. We heard we have a better Santa than the Mall. Of course, the campaign would only be a fraction of success without our Auxiliary. These ladies seem tireless and remain constantly on top of events and seeing to details. They Gitt'er Done!

What became clear as we reviewed the campaign with GySgt Ransom, Ft. Meade Toys for Tots Coordinator, was the fact that we have not yet reached our full potential. Although sometimes I wonder how these active duty Marines can contribute all this time to the campaign and still defend America! Our plans for 2006 try to apply the lessons learned from the last two years' campaigns. Returning this year are Millennium cable and WPOC radio who will be sharing our info with the public earlier this year. We noticed a big jump in the activity when Millennium began running our spots on TV here in the North County area. An earlier start with this year's campaign will no doubt allow potential donors more opportunity to participate. We have also agreed to add more information about the Ft. Meade Marines' activities on our Detachment webpage including a combined calendar of events and a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) record in an effort to reduce the number of phone calls people need to make. We are also recruiting a volunteer to man the campaign cell-phone and handle the



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calls to try to give some relief for the active duty Marines. We plan to include the County point of contact person for those seeking toys for children in need.

The focus of our efforts changed greatly after Millennium started airing our spots. Before, we were reaching out for locations to accept toys for us. After, we were unable to keep up with all the requests. This year, in an effort to keep up, GySgt Ransom plans to mail a package of promotional material to each site so we can reach more locations faster than we could by driving around. We also plan to have as many donors as possible deliver toys to one of our toy drives, rather than have us drive all over and pick them up.

Hat's off to Leslie Ferrara Manager of KB Toys at Marley Station Mall, her store was again the largest contributor of toys and has already begun saving toys for our 2006 toy drive.

We welcome our newest supporter, John Cummins, Kearney Racing, who is displaying our logos on his race car and is already adding to the 2006 campaign totals. John has also offered to add the logo of any of our donors on his race car. Stand by Marines, October will be with us soon!

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What to Do for your Family Disaster Plan:

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but a shelter within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet.
- Have out of state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit.
- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.

Semper Fi
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