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Honoring Our 19th Commandant

By Mac McNeir

The following article was based in part upon an email sent by the staff of Congressman John Tanner (D, TN) to his colleagues urging their support of House Resolution 330, which he is co-sponsoring.

Recently, a movement within the Congress of the United States has been initiated to honor the achievements of decorated war veteran and heroic Marine, General Clifton B. Cates. The effort, currently referred to as **House Resolution 330**, is being co-sponsored by Congressman John Tanner (Tennessee) and the full congressional delegation of his state. The ultimate goal of these officials is to have a naval vessel named in honor of their fellow Tennessean and our 19th Commandant.

The illustrious Marine Corps career of General Clifton B. Cates (1893-1970) began in 1917 as a 2nd Lieutenant during World War I, where he fought in the Second Battle of the Marne and four other major engagements. While serving in the Great War, then Lieutenant Cates was wounded and gassed; he refused evacuation with his company and remained on the scene to provide valuable assistance to another

company. His selfless dedication resulted in numerous personal decorations and awards – prominent among them, the Navy Cross for his outstanding heroism. Cates went on to become the most decorated Marine Corps Officer of World War I. During the course of one particularly perilous battle, Cates stated ***“I have only two men left out of my company and twenty out of other companies...I have no one on my left and only a few on my right. I will hold!”***

During World War II, Cates led Marines in island-hopping Pacific campaigns aimed at seizing Guadalcanal, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. In recognition of his service during these campaigns, Cates earned many awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Medal, and a gold star in lieu of a second Distinguished Service Medal.



2nd Lt Cates identity card photo taken in France during WWI. [From *Semper Fi*, published by Main Street, a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc. of New York.]

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Show Your Pride!

Embroidered detachment patches are now available for purchase from the Adjutant and Judge Advocate for the bargain price of \$3 each.

All proceeds will be deposited in the detachment's general fund.

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From the Editor

Mac McNeir

One thing that I have learned – through the efforts of those tasked with mentoring me through the years, as well as the revelations resulting from personal experience – is the understanding that no organization can survive much less excel if its rules are allowed to be selectively ignored. Every organization that has ever achieved some degree of renown – whether it be Casey Stengel's New York Yankees, Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers, Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Hospital, or the United States Marine Corps – was only able to do so by requiring all of its members to understand and buy into its mission and to abide by its rules.

With regard to the Marine Corps, as recruits we were inundated with lessons about our history and traditions, the rudiments of close order drill, the fundamentals of shooting, and adherence to the ever present eleven general orders. Our drill instructors neither allow us to free-lance nor did they allow us to do as we personally pleased; they demonstrated, demanded and demonized us into functioning as one unit...driven by a common set of core values. Although individual careers in the Corps spanned but a few years for some and multiple decades for others, most of us still recall those lessons learned at the recruit depots – Parris Island and San Diego.

By now, some of you are thinking “*What is your point!*”

We'll here's my point ... the Marine Corps League has rules and regulations just as the Marine Corps. Granted, they are not exactly the same, but the rationale behind them have a common source – discipline, order, and the resolve to achieve while others fail. Unfortunately, some of our members, whether wantonly or thoughtlessly have begun to make up their own rules. They seem to have forgotten that if every member does as he or she wants ... we cease to be an organization. There can be no more readily seen example of this potentially destructive individualism than the myriad uniform violations that are exhibited at many of our functions. Many of our National, Departmental, and Detachment officers have spoken of the need to adhere to our duly instituted uniform regulations; yet, little seems to have changed.

I am neither running for the role of **Uniform Cop** nor am I seeking to become the conscience of those not conforming to the uniform code. What I choose to be is the provider of information for those who are either unaware of the existing regulations or do not understand them. My contribution to the remediation of some of these problems will be the monthly inclusion of a brief article explaining some facet of the Marine Corps League uniform regulations.

In closing, I ask you to simply consider how degraded the performance of the Silent Drill Team might be perceived by onlookers if a few Marines were allowed to deviate from established uniform regulations and to independently decide how their individual uniforms would be adorned.



NOTE – I did not receive an **Auxiliary** article by the publication deadline; therefore, that article does not appear in this month's newsletter.

**July Newsletter Deadline – All articles should be in my hands
by no later than MIDNIGHT of 17 July 2009!**

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Commandant's Message



Pete Pervi

MARINES,

I have three items that I wish to address in this month's article – this year's **Memorial Day** celebration at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, **my vacation**, and our **new detachment patches**.

Memorial Day Commemoration at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

As has been true for years, our Color Guard was part of the combined Veteran's Color Guard at the Crownsville ceremony. Our own Junior Vice Commandant **Woody Bowman** was not only a member of our Color Guard but served as **Sergeant of the Guard** for the combined Color Guard made up of all participating veterans organizations. While I was standing in formation with the National Colors, I had an opportunity to scan the crowd. What impressed me was the significant number of MCL red covers that were visible. To each and every member who came to pay their respect and share an hour with us in remembering our comrades...**THANK YOU!**

Commandant's Vacation (June 6th to June 27th)

By the time you read this issue of the newsletter, you will have undoubtedly heard that I am out of the country until June 27th. During my absence, Jim Brady will assume all duties as Detachment Commandant and will preside over the June monthly meeting.

Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Patches

As promised, the official Detachment 1049 patch is now available for purchase by our membership. The patches cost \$3.00 each and may be obtained from either **Manny Airey**, our Judge Advocate or **Mac McNeir**, our Adjutant/Paymaster.

There are many ways to wear the patch– below are a few suggestions.

- If you want a nice Detachment Polo Shirt – (do what I did). I purchased a nice white \$10.00 polo shirt at JC Penney and took it to my cleaners, where the patch was sewn on for \$4.00. So the cost of a great looking Detachment shirt cost me a total of \$17.00. If you have purchased any Marine polo shirt lately, you know you can pay anywhere from \$25.00 to \$35.00 for one.
- The patch also looks good on your red satin Marine Corps jacket. I had one sewn on the left chest.
- Another member has taken the patch and sewn it on the sleeve of one of his Marine Corps shirts.

The bottom line is that you can sew the patch on any clothing item that you want. By wearing it, you are showing your pride in your Detachment. One note of caution – ***You cannot put the patch on any Marine Corps League official uniform item!*** If you have any questions about the wearing of the detachment patch, consult our Judge Advocate for appropriate guidance.

Semper Fi,

Pete

Corps Quotation...

*There are only two kinds of people that understand Marines...
Marines and the enemy. Everyone else has a second-hand opinion.*

General William Thornson, U.S. Army

From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



James T. Brady

How's it going fellow Marines?

Since our Commandant is on vacation and he placed me in charge, give yourself a raise; go ahead and double your salary. For those of you who are mathematically challenged, $0 + 0 = 0$, so don't spend it all in one place.

Hopefully, your summer has started on a good footing and you are reading about all the good things that Detachment 1049 has been doing...namely the Memorial Day ceremonies, Color Guard events, Young Marine activities, past members renewing their memberships, and accolades being bestowed upon a few of our members (see last newsletter). As I have stated previously, this is indicative of a very active and honorable membership – namely yourselves.

I will be conducting the June meeting and I hope that I do half as good a job as Pete Pervi. I also promise to keep the comedy routine down to a low roar.

You've read about the detachment patches and I really do hope to see more of them displayed on your shirts and other apparel. The wearing of these patches – which are similar to division, wing, regimental, group, and other organizational patches – will provide visual testimony to our unit pride, especially when we have occasion to visit other Marine Corps League Detachments.

I was asked to keep this article short in order to accommodate other important articles. So I will end now and wish you all happy trails until we meet again.

Semper Fidelis & Woof Woof

Jim Brady

Visit the Department of Maryland web site
at
<http://deptofmdmcl.org>

(19th Commandant – continued from page 1)

The accompanying citation, signed by the Secretary of the Navy, lauded his command of the 4th Marine Division during the seizure of Iwo Jima and read in part: ***“Repeatedly disregarding his own personal safety, (then) Major General Cates traversed his own front lines daily to rally his tired, depleted units and by his undaunted valor, tenacious perseverance, and staunch leadership in the face of overwhelming odds, constantly inspired his stout-hearted Marines to heroic effort during critical phases of the campaign.”***



General Cates – 19th Commandant of the Marine Corps [From *The Marines*, published by The Marine Corps Heritage Founda-

In 1948, Clifton Cates attained the rank of General and was named 19th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps – a post he held while leading the Marine Corps' valiant effort during the Korean War.

His assignments ranged from duty at sea to duty at the White House; from platoon leader to Commandant. During more than 37 years as a Marine, he was wounded several times and earned nearly 30 decorations. Moreover, Clifton Cates was one of the few officers of any branch of the United States Armed Forces to have commanded, under fire, a platoon, a company, a battalion, a regiment, and a division.

I would like to urge you and Marines everywhere to contact all of your congressional representatives and implore them to recognize this unique and exemplary Marine by supporting and passing **HR 330**. It will take our combined commitment to ensure passage of this bill and a naval vessel being christened with the name of Clifton B. Cates. Don't wait! Do it now while the thought is fresh in your memory.



Editorial Comment

During the latter part of 1950 and early 1951, our own Manny Airey was a patient at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, recuperating from wounds received in Korea. Shortly after Christmas of 1950, Manny, and a number of his fellow patients (Marines and a few Corpsman) were invited to a reception at the Commandant's home in Washington, DC. Manny stated that it was during this truly memorable occasion that he was able to personally witness General Cates genuine concern for his troops and came to appreciate the fact that the Commandant was truly a Marine's Marine.

From the desk of the

Jr Vice Commandant



Woody Bowman

Fellow Members,

This month, I would like to welcome the following reinstated members back to our detachment.

James Galvin	Jeffrey Dell'Acqua
Walter Johnston	Joseph Stephens

I would also like to call attention to the activities of the Detachment's Color Guard. During the past few weeks, we have participated in parades, posted colors, and paid homage to our fallen comrades at the following events/ locales.

- The Riviera Beach Parade
- Glen Burnie Memorial Day Parade
- Rippling Woods Elementary School
- The Lake Shore Parade
- American Legion Post 276
- Crownsville Veterans Cemetery
- Arundel High School
- American Legion Post 277

Any detachment member interested in being part of our Color Guard activities is encouraged to contact me.

Woody

Two Widows...

Two widows, are talking at the bowling alley.

Martha says, "That nice George Johnson, the retired Marine Master Sergeant, asked me out for a date.

I know you went out with him last week and I wanted to talk with you about him before I give him my answer."

Edna: "Well, I'll tell you. He shows up at my apartment punctually at 7:00 PM. Dressed up like such a gentleman in a fine suit. And he brings me such beautiful flowers! Then he takes me down-stairs and what's there but a beautiful car... a limousine, uniformed chauffeur and all.

Then he takes me out for dinner... a marvelous dinner... lobster. Then, we go see a show. Let me tell you, Martha, I enjoyed it so much I could have just died from pleasure!

So then, we are coming back to my apartment and he turns into a damned animal! Completely crazy. He tears off my expensive new dress and had his way with me... several times!"

Martha: "Goodness gracious Edna! Are you telling me that I shouldn't go out with him?"

Edna: "No! I'm just saying, that you'd certainly better wear an old dress."

Public Information Officer

from Ed Dahling PIO

By reissuing the *Purple Heart* stamp, the U.S. Postal Service honors the sacrifices of the men and women who serve(d) in the U.S. military. The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the U.S. military who have either been wounded or killed in action. The medal is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and is the first award ever made available to a common soldier.



The stamp features a photograph taken by Ira Wexler of one of two Purple Hearts awarded to **James Loftus Fowles** of Alexandria, Virginia, who was the **Battalion Commander of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines** serving in Vietnam.

This stamp was first issued on May 20, 2003. For more information, contact your local Post Office, or go to the U.S. Postal Service website (<http://www.usps.com/>).



Uniform Regs... Collar Ornaments



REGULAR MEMBERS

The *sunburst is the only collar ornamentation authorized* for wear as part of the Marine Corps League uniform!

The sunburst should be worn on the following uniforms.

- **Undress Uniform**, on collar of either the long or short sleeve white shirt
- **Formal Dress Uniform**, over locating holes in the lapels of the red evening dress jacket

It should **NOT** be worn as part of the **Casual Uniform** when the red blazer is worn!

NOTE

The Marine Corps' Eagle, Globe & Anchor emblem is NEVER worn on the collar.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The sunburst is worn on the red Marine Corps League cover in place of the Eagle, Globe & Anchor emblem.

Associate members will wear the 1/2" x 1/2" gold MCL insignia on shirt collars in place of the sunburst in the conditions noted above.



Chaplain's Corner

from Ken Rollins, Detachment Chaplain

Chris Kalwa's eldest son is very ill and in the hospital and Chris has asked for your prayers.

Thomas Macht, a Life Member of our detachment, who resides in Delaware, has had a massive heart attack.

Guy Hall continues to suffer from increasingly severe back and hip problems.

Vic Ryan, past Commandant of Mountainside Detachment 1071, is very ill with cancer.

Please notify me if you are aware of any Marine or Marine family member being sick, in distress, or having passed-away.



Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through the end of August 2009. Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at VFW Post 160, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060.

Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 22, 2009 @ 1900
Jim Brady (410-551-3069)

Detachment 1049 Friday Night Dinner

Friday, July 3, 2009 from 1800 to 2000
Danny Fischio (443-604-2474)

Menu:

- BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich on a Kaiser Roll, Baked Beans, and Cole Slaw
- Cost - \$6

Severna Park Fourth of July Parade

Saturday, July 4, 2009 @ 1000, Severna Park
Woody Bowman (410-647-9655)

VFW Post 160 Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, July 5, 2009 from 0900 to 1100,
Charles Albo (443-926-1665)

VFW Post 160 Men's Auxiliary Crab Feast

Sunday, July 26, 2009, from 1300 to 1800,
Cost - \$35

Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2009 @ 1900
Peter Pervi (410-987-3811)

VFW Post 160 Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, August 2, 2009 from 0900 to 1100
Charles Albo (443-926-1665)

MODD Pound 204 Growl

Sunday, August 16, 2009 @ 1000
Paul Taylor (410-768-6288)

Tall Cedars Crab Feast

Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 1300 to 1700
Don White (410-437-5719)

Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 24, 2009 @ 1900
Peter Pervi (410-987-3811)



Coast-to-Coast for My Marines Update

As of June 4th, participants in this cross-country bicycling effort were leaving Kansas and beginning their trek through Missouri.

Young Marines

I am proud to report that the **Young Marines** presented flags for each of our nation's armed services as part of the **Old Soldiers' Luncheon** held at **VFW Post 160** on May 24th. Also, the VFW Commander presented a trophy, certificate, and \$100 savings bond to **Sergeant Skylar Wisomierski** for his entry in the post's **Patriot Pen Essay Contest**.

We had a busy month of May, which included being part of the festivities commemorating the **50th Anniversary of the Young Marines** in Connecticut. A week later, members of the Young Marines had the honor of presenting the colors at the Marine Corps League's **Department of Maryland Convention** in Ocean City, Maryland. As always, our Young Marines did an extremely fine job and were very proud to have been asked to present the colors.

Memorial Day provided an opportunity for the Young Marines to help the **American Legion** with the placement of miniature versions of our nation's flag on graves at **Lakemont Memorial Gardens** in Davidsonville. Other Young Marines traveled to **Arlington National Cemetery** and the **Crownsville Veteran's Cemetery** to pay their respects to relatives and others interred at those hallowed sites.

Several requests for assistance on Flag Day have been received; so, the Young Marines will be sending out a number of teams to fulfill those requests.

I am proud to say the our youngest NCO's will be attending **Junior Leadership School** for a week in June.

Presently, we have five young Marines and five recruits. If you know of anyone, who might be interested in joining us, please contact me.

In closing, I wish to remind everyone that should you need the assistance of the Young Marines, we are ready and willing to assist in any way we can.

Thanks for all of your support over the years,

George Martin

Commander, Young Marines

A Day at Crownsville

By Mac McNeir

Many of our detachment members assembled at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery on Monday, May 25, 2009. Some of us were there simply to pay our respects to the fallen and visit the graves of those we called friends. Others were an integral part of the ceremony featuring several local dignitaries – among them featured speaker **Peter Franchot**, Comptroller of Maryland and guest speaker **Tracy Miller**, the Gold Star Mother of Marine sniper Corporal Nick Ziolkowski, who fell in Falujhah on November 14, 2004.



Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049's Color Guard at the 2009 Memorial Day Observance at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. [Pictured (left-to right) – Woody Bowman, Pete Pervi, Charlie Quick, and Charlie Young. Photo by Mac McNeir]

The carefully chosen words of the politicians were intended to appeal to the veterans, widows, and others who gathered to pay homage, to reflect, and to remember the fallen. For many, I would suppose that this intent was achieved; however, I found that my thoughts inexorably strayed to past moments shared with those prematurely taken. I guess I should have been sadder, but I sincerely believe that my friends would not have wanted me to dwell on the sadness of their falling. Instead, I preferred to recall the elation, the humor, and yes, the occasional tears I shared with them during precious moments long past. Those recollections have sustained me in my darker moments and have enriched me in the lighter ones. Somehow, I think that is how my friends, those who will be forever young, would have wanted it.



Remembering Our Own



Charles G. Cooper,
Lieutenant General, USMC

Charles G. Cooper, 81, a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant General and highly decorated combat veteran, who retired in 1985 as the Commanding General of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, died April 26 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda of a pulmonary embolism. He was a Falls Church, Virginia resident.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1950 and led infantry forces in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. His decorations included the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts for being wounded in combat in 1951 in Korea. He also received two awards of the Legion of Merit for participating in heavy action as a Commanding Officer in Vietnam.

His other decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

He first came to the Washington region in the mid-1970s as a Marine Corps congressional liaison officer and later served as Director of Marine Corps Manpower. Earlier, he had served as the Commanding General at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

He was a member of the board of governors of the Marine Corps Association and a past chairman of its Retired Officers Association.

He published "*Cheers and Tears: A Marine's Story of Combat in Peace and War*" in 2002.

Charles Grafton Cooper was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland in 1950. In 2004, he was designated an Academy Distinguished Graduate.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Carol Edgerton Cooper of Falls Church, Virginia; two children, retired Navy Captain Charles G. "Chip" Cooper III of San Rafael, California, and Linda C. Thompson of Seattle, Washington; a sister; a brother; seven grandchildren and four great-grand-children.



This article was based upon a Washington Post Obituary (5/23/2009).

Legislative Report

from Jim Le Gette, Legislative Officer

Topics of possible interest this month deal with extending **Agent Orange medical eligibility** and **compensating former and current service members** (involved with the current war on terror), whose enlistments were involuntarily extended by the **President's Stop-Loss Authority**.

Agent Orange Equity Act of 2009 (HR 2254, 111th Congress) – sponsored by Representative Bob Filner (D-CA) has been put forward to aid "**Blue Water**" **Marine Corps and Navy veterans**, who may suffer from Agent Orange related illnesses. The bill states there should be a presumption that Marines and sailors, on the water, faced the same risk as ground forces ashore. This bill, if enacted, would counter the findings by a Federal Court of Appeals in Virginia (2008) that upheld the Veterans Affairs' *foot-on-the-ground rule* in order to be eligible for medical help.

There is an attempt to aid **185,000 current and former service members** by adding a provision to the **2009 Defense Supplemental Funding Bill, HR 2346**, which would make \$500 per month available for eligible service members (reserve and retired personnel), who had to involuntarily serve beyond their contracted *end of active service dates*, during the period between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009.

Members of the House of Representatives are sponsoring this initiative while the U. S. Senate has yet to include this provision in their version of bill.





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Marine's Name Added to Vietnam Memorial

By Mac McNeir

The name of a Marine, **Gunnery Sergeant Enrique Valdez**, who died as a result of wounds suffered in combat while serving in Vietnam, has been etched into one of the black marble panels comprising the Vietnam Veterans Memorial – Panel 17W, Row 51.

Valdez, a native of Santa Fe, New Mexico, enlisted in the Marine Corps in November of 1955. A Marine for 14 years and had served several tours of duty in Vietnam. He was serving with B Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Division in August 1969, when his spinal cord was severed by shrapnel rendering him a quadriplegic. Almost 25 years later, Valdez succumbed to pneumonia (February 4, 1994). Marine Corps officials subsequently made the determination that Gunny Valdez's death was directly attributable to the wounds he suffered in Vietnam.

With this change, the total number of names inscribed upon the memorial rose to 58,261 men and women, who were either killed or who remain classified as missing in action.

In addition to the inclusion of GySgt Valdez's name, the designations of five other memorialized veterans were also changed. The term *designation* refers to the symbol inscribed next to every name appearing on the memorial – a *diamond* denotes confirmed death while a *cross* represents missing in action. Whenever the remains of a service member previously designated as *missing in action* are recovered, a diamond is superimposed over the existing cross.

This year, designations have been changed for the following veterans: **Ralph C. Bisz**, Lt. Commander, USN of Miami, Florida; **James K. Caniford**, Senior Master Sergeant, USAF of Frederick, Maryland; **John L. McElroy**, Major, USAF of Schenectady, New York; **Barclay B. Young**, Major, USAF of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and **David H. Zook Jr.**, Colonel, USAF of West Liberty, Ohio.

Dedicated on November 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is consistently one of the most visited memorials on the National Mall.



This article was based upon info gleaned from various internet postings.

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Woof-Woof,

The Grand Growl is history. Some can dig out some old bones and relax for a month or so until August when some of us will attend the Supreme Growl in Rochester, Minnesota.

The Grand Growl of the Pack in Ocean City was a huge success. We advanced 15 Pups to Devil Dog and brought in two mongrels who are our latest Pups. The initiation was one of the best we have ever witnessed.

The Pack also held elections for the coming year with the following results:

- Worthy Pack Leader PDD Mike Hadley
- Worthy Senior Vice PDD Bob Flick
- Worthy Junior Vice DD Don Benson
- Worthy Smart Dog DD Jerry Brown
- Worthy Mad Dog PDD Ed Ross
- Worthy Police Dog DD Stuart Blair
- Worthy Dog Trainer DD Ray Ayres

Worthy Pack Leader then made the following appointments:

- Worthy Barking Dog PDD Jim Brady
- Worthy Watch Dog PDD Manny Airey
- Worthy Mascot Handler Pup Wayne McNeir
- Worthy Dog Robber PDD Paul Taylor

As always, keep the fleas at a safe distance.

Remember: It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

HELP WANTED – VAVS Representative

Our Detachment is looking for someone to serve as its Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Representative, which is an appointed staff position.

Job Description:

The Detachment Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Representative is expected to:

- Maintain close contact with local VA VAVS staff, the Department of Maryland VAVS Representative, and the MCL National VAVS representative for the purpose of keeping abreast of changes in policies and procedures pertaining to the VAVS Program.
- Promulgate the objectives of the VAVS Program and cultivate the interest of Detachment Members in their participation in the VAVS Program at hospitals within our locale.
- Receive recommendation from Detachment Members willing to serve in the VAVS Program, and as appropriate, request VAVS certifications for Detachment Members.
- Guide and instruct Detachment VAVS workers in the proper conduct of their functions related to the VAVS Programs.
- Compile VAVS Program activity reports from input of Detachment Members involved and provide copies to the Commandant, Adjutant, Department of Maryland VAVS Representative, and MCL National VAVS Representative.
- Make every effort to attend the VAVS Workshop at each National Convention.

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Corps History

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1 June 1918

"Retreat Hell! We just got here," said the 5th Marine Regiment in France.

1 June 1942

First black Marine enlists in the Corps. A total of 19,168 will join the Corps during World War II.

2 June 1918

German 28th Division attacked the American 2nd 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.

6 June 1917

5th Marine Regiment sails for France.

6 June 1918

Marines advance into Belleau Wood against German machine guns.

8 June 1995

Team of 40 Marines rescues downed USAF pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, who had been shot down over Bosnia-Herzegovina six days earlier.

10 June 1871

Captain McLane Tilton leads 109 Marines in naval attack on Han River forts in Korea.

10 June 1898

1st Marine Battalion led by Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. Huntington lands at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

12 June 1948

President Truman authorized first women Marines in the regular Marine Corps.

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."

14 June 1898

Sgt. John Quick exposes himself to hostile fire in order to signal the USS Dolphin (a gun-fire support vessel) to cease fire; thereby saving his Marine unit and earning the Medal of Honor.

15 June 1944

The V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

18 June 1885

Marines land in Panama to protect trans-isthmus railroad.

18 June 1945

Army Lieutenant General Simon Buckner killed and Major General Roy S. Geiger, USMC, assumed command of the 10th Army during the battle for Okinawa.

20 June 1951

1st Marine Division reaches "The Punchbowl" in Korea.

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.

21 June 1943

4th Raider Battalion lands in New Georgia.

21 June 1945

The battle for Okinawa ends with the raising of the American flag by Lieutenant General Roy S. Geiger, USMC.

22 June 1954

President Eisenhower authorized the use of the first official Marine Corps Seal.

23 June 1812

Marine Lieutenant John Heath becomes first casualty of the War of 1812.

23 June 1836

Colonel-Commandant Henderson and 462 Marines report for duty in the Second Seminole War.

23 June 1980

Marines land in Lebanon to evacuate civilians.

25 June 1950

Korean War began when North Korean forces invade South Korea.

25 June 1966

In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2nd 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.

25 June 1971

Last Marine ground troops depart Vietnam.

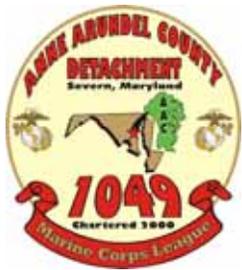
26 June 1918

Brigadier General 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. Congress placed the Marine Corps under Navy jurisdiction.





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