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A Member Lost... A Friend to Remember!



Denny Bynum

November 28, 1933 – April 17, 2010

It is with extreme sadness, that we report the passing of a valued detachment member and dear friend, **Denny Bynum**. Denny was born on November 28, 1933 and passed-away on April 17, 2010, at 9:40 PM. He was 76 years of age.

Denny was a loving husband, father, and brother. He was also a treasured friend to those of us who served our nation as members of its armed forces and those who were members of those social and philanthropic organizations to which Denny devoted so much of his indefatigable energy and dedication.

A native of Oklahoma, Denny enlisted in the Marine Corps and served honorably from 1954 through 1957. He subsequently entered the U.S. Army where he served honorably from 1957 through 1979. A Vietnam Veteran, Denny earned the highly prized *Combat Infantryman's Badge* plus numerous other medals.

A valued member of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League, Denny was a Pedigreed Devil Dog and the 2009 Dog of the Year for Hound Dog Pound 204. He also served as Junior Vice Commandant of the detachment in 2005, and was an integral part of our detachment's Rifle and Pistol Team.

His other affiliations included membership in American Legion Post 276; VFW Post 160; Military Order of the Cooties, Pup Tent 3; International Order of Old Bastards; Fleet Reserve Association, Fort Meade Branch 212; Garrison Rifle and Revolver Club; VAVS Hospital Volunteer Service; Masons (Odenton Lodge 209, York Rite Lodge); Sojourners, Odenton; and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Denny is survived by his wife, Kazuko; sons, Michael and Denny Jr.; daughter, Michele; and his sister Vera.

Viewing and memorial services were held on Saturday, 24 April 2010 at the Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory in Odenton, MD. Plans are currently being finalized for Denny's interment on Wednesday (April 28th) at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.

NOTE – Some heartfelt remarks about Denny are part of the *Remembrances of Denny* article on the next page.



Remembrances of Denny

Memory of a Fallen Comrade...

Denny Bynum; an associate, a friend, a fellow brother, a comrade in arms, a traveling companion, and a husband and father, has just recently been taken away from us. These are just some terms of endearment that can be appropriately used to describe Denny; however, they really do not reveal the true essence or real meaning of Denny.

In order to really understand or appreciate our fallen comrade, affectionately known as “DB” to his friends, one should be aware of the organizations to which Denny contributed...

Masons, York Rite; Tall Cedars; AMD; National Sojourners; Marine Corps League; Military Order of Devil Dogs; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Military Order of the Cooties; American Legion; Fleet Reserve Association; various Rifle & Pistol Teams; Garrison Rifle and Revolver Club; and probably one of his favorites – the “Old Bastards.”

I may have skipped a few organizations as I always found it hard to understand how he accomplished all that he did. He was not just a *card-carrying member* of all these organizations... he was a very active member and officer leading other members and always working for their benefit as well as the community at large.

Denny would give you the proverbial shirt off his back and then give some more. His selfless giving was not always of a monetary nature but you could be sure that it was always from his heart! DB’s acts of charity were always followed by inquiries that asked if you needed more help. His attitude on life, living, work, family, and friends always astounded me as he was always upbeat and positive. I just wish that at times I could be as positive.

His passing – or as they say “his preparing the way, for those of us who will follow” – really brings home the message that it is not for the dead that we should mourn but those of us who remain behind. The challenges of the future will be far more difficult to endure without having Denny Bynum around to help us through life’s journey.

I am truly sorry that I did not meet Denny Bynum sooner in my life; however, I am definitely a richer man for meeting him when I did.

Semper Fidelis

Jim Brady

Senior Vice Commandant,
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049
Marine Corps League



Denny and his fellow Cooties at the 2009 Tomb Trek

Denny was a very helpful person...

If you needed help and he was around you could count on him to help...

When I first came to the VFW almost 6 years ago, Denny was cutting the grass for us. I was always worried that he would have a heat stroke or something out there on that lawnmower but he kept insisting on doing it. He didn't get paid for it like they do now...

Denny was always a pleasant person and had a smile for everyone. He was very appreciative of anything that anyone did for him. I know that the canteen will miss him dearly.

Margaret Ehrlich, VFW Canteen Manager



Denny and fellow members of the cake detail at the 2009 Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

(see *Remembrances* on page 3)

Remembrances (continued from page 2)

Denny was a very helpful person...

If I could only pick one word to describe Denny, it would be "Gentleman!"

John Purcell, Associate Member, A. A. Co. Det. 1049, MCL

A great guy to be around...

I'll always remember his patience, his contagious smile, his mischievous nature, and his friendship!

Mac McNeir, Adjutant/Paymaster, A. A. Co. Det. 1049, MCL

Denny lit up the room...

It was hard to be gloomy or not carry your share of the burden when you were in Denny's company!

Manny Airey, Past Commandant, A. A. Co. Det. 1049, MCL

A gentle man...

Whenever Denny came into the Post, he always had a smile on his face and was never in a bad mood!

Cheryl Ann Lipscomb, Bartender, VFW Post 160

A friend and more...

Besides being a friend and comrade-in-arms, I found him to be friendly and welcoming, gentle, respectful, and a gentleman. Most of all, when I was with Denny, I felt really good.

Pete Pervi, Commandant, A. A. Co. Det. 1049, MCL



Another Sad Loss

NOTE – The following is a minimally edited version of Wyman Bailey's obituary, which was provided by his daughter Karman Green.

Wyman Nathaniel Bailey died on Monday, March 22, 2010 at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD. He was 59.

Born on August 20, 1950 in Newport, Rhode Island, he was the son of Laura Rose Bailey. He grew up in Rhode Island and enlisted in the Marines during Vietnam. After being honorably discharged, he re-enlisted in the U.S. Army.



In June of 1972, while stationed at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, he met Karen Abbott whom he married on February 16, 1974 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Mr. Bailey had military service overseas in Europe as an active duty service member, earning an Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Basic Recruiter Badge, and Vietnam Campaign Medal during his military career. After retiring from the Army at Ft. Meade in 1986, he worked for the Department of Defense as an archives specialist until his retirement in 2009.

He was a member of MCL Detachment 1049; American Legion Post 196; VFW Post 160, where he was a past Commander; and most recently, VFW Post 7464, where

he was a past chaplain. He enjoyed karaoke and cooking.

Mr. Bailey is survived by his wife, Chen Feng Bailey; his loving daughter, Karman Bailey Green; four grandchildren, Mikada Rose Green, Mokennon Bailey Green, Willow Ann Eslin, and Riley Ann Eslin. In addition to his family he is survived by the people closest to him since he's been in Maryland; Jimmy and Terri Carter, their children and his godchildren, Jason Michael Carter, Matthew Jeremy Carter and Alannah Taylor Carter. He was preceded in death by his previous wife, Karen Ann Abbott Bailey in 2004.

The family held a celebration of Wyman's life on Friday, April 9, 2010 at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newman Funeral Home in Chester, MD and continued at the VFW Post in Grasonville later that evening. Interment will take place in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.



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

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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

This is the last issue of *the Cutting Edge* that will be published with the Detachment being presided over by the superlative group of elected officers, who will be stepping down from their current roles during the April meeting. For that reason, I would like to say a few things about each of them.

- **Commandant Pete Pervi** – Thanks for your leadership and thanks for your tireless efforts to publicly acknowledge the contributions of many of our detachment members. Thanks for the years of Toys for Tots success. Thanks for your equanimity, regardless of the situation.
- **Senior Vice Commandant James Brady** – Thanks for always going the extra mile in our fund-raising efforts. I will always appreciate your patient assistance in my transition into the Paymaster role. If only you would have been more demonstrative in your dealings with others. I will definitely miss editing your monthly articles.
- **Judge Advocate Manny Airey** – Thanks for your unflagging dedication to the Detachment, the Department, the League, and your fellow members. I could not have asked for a better mentor.
- **Junior Vice Commandant Woody Bowman** – You're retaining your position; however, I would still like to express my appreciation for all that you do and your decision to support my transition into my new role as Commandant by remaining in your positions as both Junior Vice Commandant and Color Guard Commander.

If you, the reader, share my feelings, please extend your own expressions of appreciation to these fine gentlemen the next time you see them.

I am also appreciative of having the support of our new **Judge Advocate Joe Wright** and **Senior Vice Commandant Chris Thompson**.

One last thing, please consider attending the Department Convention in Ocean City at the end of the month.

As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our next monthly meeting!

The submission deadline for all **May** newsletter articles is **MIDNIGHT, Thursday, May 13, 2010!**



Detachment Membership Stats – 3/31/2010			
Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	73	9	6
Annual Memberships	33	7	–
Delinquent Dues			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships	13	2	–
Sub-Totals			
	119	18	6
Total			
	143		

Commandant's Message



Pete Pervi

Members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

This is my last input to *the Cutting Edge* as your Commandant. I have been privileged to serve you for the last two years. What has made these years special for me is the great support from many of you and the outstanding effort on part of the Staff and Officers in making those years successful. I also feel very good about the new Commandant, his Officers and Staff. I know they will work tirelessly to serve us and make the Detachment even better.

Once again, **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** and I'm looking forward to sitting with you.

Semper Fi,

Pete Pervi

Commandant
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049,
Marine Corps League

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Rich Gonzales, Manny Airey, or James Brady

Marine's Dad Gets Help With Court Costs

NOTE – The following is a reprint of an Associated Press article, which appeared in the April 1, 2010 online edition of the *Marine Corps Times*.

BALTIMORE — People around the country are chipping in to help the father of a Marine killed in Iraq after a court ordered him to pay the anti-gay church he's been battling in court.

Albert Snyder of York, Pa., is suing the **Westboro Baptist Church**, whose members picketed the funeral of Snyder's son, **Lance Corporal Matthew Snyder**. The Topeka, Kansas-based church contends that U.S. military deaths are God's punishment for tolerance of homosexuality.

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments on the case.

Meanwhile, an appeals court has ordered Snyder to pay \$16,510 in appeal costs to Westboro founder Fred Phelps. Snyder tells The Baltimore Sun he's received about 3,000 emails from people, who planned to contribute to the payment. The American Legion is also asking people to donate.

NOTE – Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly has pledged to pay Mr. Snyder's court costs and the American Legion is also soliciting donations on behalf of Mr. Snyder.



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From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



James T. Brady

Time waits for no man... life passes by in the blink of an eye... parting is such sweet sorrow... the future belongs to the young... and the past is composed of memories in the wind.

Well enough of that hogwash, I still plan on being around, remaining active, and continuing to be as obnoxious as ever! As they say **"You can't keep a good man down."**

Here it is April and we are busy getting our mongrels de-loused and trained (if possible). Our pups are growing up to be dogs and our dogs are getting legal training on how to behave in front of the almighty kennel leaders. Let's hope they don't cause as much trouble as some of us did in Orlando, Florida.

Our annual expedition to Ocean City is fast approaching... those of you who know what needed to be done should have it done by now. Those of you who have not gotten things done still have some time left but not much.

Raffle tickets for the **MCL Convention** are still available for purchase. Also, for those of you who took tickets from me, I would appreciate the return of either the ***sold stubs*** or the ***unsold tickets*** at our next meeting on April 26th.

Our selection for both **Marine** and **Dog of the Year** will be announced at Ocean City so that will be an exciting moment in the annals of Detachment 1049. Their plaques will then be placed on the wall of fame enabling last year's recipients to take theirs home.

The **5th Annual Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament** will take place on May 14, 2010. We, in Detachment 1049, have a great program scheduled and are doing some things different this year. All participating golfers can look forward to having a fun-filled day. Remember to spread the word and bring some friends – if you have any.

Before I go, I have to say it has truly been a pleasure to serve as your Senior Vice Commandant, especially under the tutelage of **Pete Pervi**. You, the members, made it a very exciting and at times a moving experience. I sincerely hope and pray that I have upheld the honor you entrusted me with and served you, the members, as faithfully as possible.

Take care and may all your dreams come true... that's all folk's, so I'm signing off as your Senior Vice Commandant.

Jim Brady

Senior Vice Commandant and PDD

From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Woody Bowman

I am looking forward to having a good year and working with the newly elected and appointed officers, who will serve during the coming year. I would also like to state that it has been a honor working with **Pete, Jim, and Manny** over the past two years.

As of the end of March, there are 13 members who remain delinquent in the payment of their dues.

Color Guard – Dates to Remember

Ferndale Parade

Sunday, May 2nd @ 12:00 PM

Glen Burnie Parade

Sunday, May 23rd @ 2:00 PM

Memorial Day Ceremony at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

Monday, May 31st @ 11:00 AM

Semper Fi!

Woody

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PAYMASTER REMINDER

In keeping with the directions established when I assumed the role of Paymaster from Jim Brady in 2008, I would like to remind everyone that...

the deadline for submitting requests for reimbursement for monies paid to obtain services & materials on behalf of the detachment is June 30, 2010.

Remember that receipts are needed to substantiate the validity of all reimbursements. Please see me if this presents a problem for any of you.

Mac

Special Extra Earnings for Military Service

NOTE – The following Article appeared in the 1st Quarter, January-March 2010, edition of Semper Fidelis – Memorandum for Retired Marines.

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are not granted for inactive duty training.

If your active military service occurred:

From 1957 through 1967, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.

From 1968 through 2001, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.

After 2001, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service.

How You Get Credit For Special Extra Earnings

The information that follows applies **only** to active duty military service earnings from 1957 through 2001. Here's how the special **extra** earnings are credited on your record:

Service in 1957 Through 1977

You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

Service in 1978 through 2001

For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980 and did not complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Contact Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** or www.ssa.gov.



Chaplain's Corner

by Ken Rollins, Detachment Chaplain

Please keep all of the following members of our extended detachment family in your thoughts and prayers.

Michael Lettau recently underwent surgery at the **Baltimore-Washington Medical Center** and should be home recuperating by the time you receive this month's newsletter.

John Bailey (Department of Virginia Chaplain) is now home after having three stints implanted and possibly having undergone dialysis. Please keep John and his family in your prayers.

Cards may be sent to his home address:

3308 Andrews Drive
Chesapeake VA. 23323-1943

Owen Stout (Dept. of West Virginia Commandant) – Three relatives of Commandant Stout's wife recently perished in the mining disaster that took place at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Montcoal, West Virginia (about 30 miles south of Charleston).

Please notify me if you are aware of any Marines or Marine family members, who are sick, in distress, etc.



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Woof-Woof,

The **Maryland Pack** had a very successful Growl last month in the Baltimore Detachment Home. We set a record for a single Growl by collecting 356 bones for the children's hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina, bringing this year's total to \$895.00. Last year, the Pack contributed \$552.00, which was the most of any Pack in the Kennel. With one more Growl to go, our Pack should be the top donator again this year.

The Pound had a Growl scheduled for April 18th, promised to be very entertaining with six mongrels scheduled to undergo a grueling initiation to be worthy of wearing the title "*Devil Dog*."

Don't forget the Department Convention at the end of the month. This will include another Pack Growl preceded by a very colorful initiation of about a dozen Pups advancing to Devil Dog. It should be very entertaining. When everyone is dried off, we will have our **Grand Growl**. Bring bones and have a good time with your fellow Dogs.

As always, keep the fleas at a safe distance.

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

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

Action Needed to Fix TRICARE

NOTE – The following article appeared online in the Benefits section of Military.com published on April 12, 2010.

As of April 1, 2010, **Medicare and TRICARE payments to physicians were cut by 21 percent.** The reduced payment rate may result in fewer doctors being willing to accept TRICARE, which could leave millions of seniors and military beneficiaries without a primary care provider. Organizations like the Military Officers Association of America are urging the Senate to pass **HR-4851** which would extend the current payment rate until May 1, 2010. The Senate is considering taking action on H.R. 4851 but it is being delayed over technical budget details.



Ermev Behind Name Change

Retired Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermev, widely known for his performance as the sadistic drill instructor in the 1987 film *Full Metal Jacket*, headlined a news conference in Washington, D.C., and called for the renaming of the *Department of the Navy* to the *Department of the Navy and Marine Corps*.

"We're not asking for a promotion. We're not asking for more money. We don't want a uniform change," Ermev said. "The only thing we want is for future Marines who shed blood for their country to at least get respect and receive honorable mention in the department they fall under."

The Marine Corps operates under the Department of the Navy. Families of Marines who die in combat receive condolence letters on Navy letterhead – with no mention of the Marine Corps.

Ermev said a major reason for his involvement with the campaign was to properly honor Marines who have fought and died in battle.

"When the family of a fallen Marine receives a condolence letter, the Marine Corps name should be proudly mentioned."

The **Marine Corps Identity Cause** is a grassroots campaign founded in 2009 to give Marines equal status with the Navy. The campaign, sponsored by the Marine Corps League, has one simple, but important, goal: To get Congress to change the organizational name from *Department of the Navy* to *Department of the Navy and Marine Corps*.





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VA Volunteerism

by Ed Dahling, VAVS Officer

VA Health Care in Your Community

You may have noticed representatives from the VA Maryland Health Care System at your local senior expos, community fairs, and even at your local mall. That's because the health care system has been actively attending community outreach events throughout the state to help inform and educate veterans about their eligibility for VA health care.

In addition, the VA Maryland Health Care System recently hosted four open houses and information fairs for veterans and their family members at the Perry Point VA Medical Center and the Cambridge, Fort Howard and Loch Raven VA Outpatient Clinics. These open houses and information fairs brought in more than 200 new veterans to enroll for VA health care, with an additional 80 veterans who are already active in the VA attending to update their VA means test, schedule a clinic appointment or subscribe to the **My HealthVet** website (<http://www.myhealth.va.gov>). The VA Maryland Health Care System also sponsored two Community Provider Seminars recently for social workers, job counselors and other community support personnel, who work with veterans throughout the state on a regular basis. The goal of the seminars is to provide important information about VA health care benefits so community providers can educate their veteran clients about the many VA programs and services available to support their needs.

For details about upcoming VA information fairs or other community outreach activities throughout the state, please contact the VA Maryland Health Care System's Community Outreach Office at **1-800-949-1003**, extension **5407**.



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 Greensboro North Carolina
 A Tribute to
 Lt. General John A. Lejeune



Corps History

by Vic Halme, Historian

1 April 1945 (Easter Sunday)

1st & 6th Marine Divisions land on Okinawa.

2 April 1867

Four Companies of Marines raid illegal distilleries in Brooklyn, NY

2-3 April 2003

5th Marine Regimental Combat Team captures bridges over Tigris River to open the path to Baghdad.

3 April 1945

Marines of the III Amphibious Corps effectively cut Okinawa in half in 3 days rather than the originally projected 11.

5 April 1947

Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded, when Communist Chinese raiders attack the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China.

8 April 1956

Six recruits drown in Ribbon Creek at MCRD Parris Island.

9 April 1942

105 Marines among American captives on Bataan Death March.

11 April 1904

One officer and 20 enlisted men become first Marines to garrison Midway Island.

12-13 April 1918

Marines of the 4th Brigade suffer their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombard the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas.

13 April 2003

Marines locate seven American soldiers held prisoner by the Iraqis near Samarra.

14 April 1865

Marines guard the body of John Wilkes Booth after Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

15 April 1962 (Palm Sunday)

Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War begins when HMM-362 flying Sikorsky UH-34s arrives at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved air-lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1864

Marines join sea battle as Union ships attack the Confederate iron-clad Albemarle near New Bern, NC.

(see *Corps History* on page 11)



Legislative Report

by Jim Le Gette, Legislative Officer



Young Marines

General Assembly Update

Based on the closing activities of the politicians in Annapolis, there was not much accomplished regarding two major areas that we have been following: *slot machines in Veteran's organizations* and an *increase in the income tax deduction under the Subtraction Modification allowance*.

Results: Nothing!

Two bills, **HB 203** and **SB 237** – *Sales and Use Tax – Exemptions – Veteran's Organizations* did pass.

Apparently there was an attempt to aid/support our veterans with bills dealing with military retirement income tax and military health care, but they were not passed.

A total of 82 bills were considered, all dealing with veteran's interests, 23 were passed.

On a different note: the **US Veterans Affairs Department** is anticipating over *185,000 new disability claims* as a result of new rules that presume a service connection for certain illnesses related to *Agent Orange exposure in Viet Nam*. The VA Secretary and Congress have established the hiring of 1,800 new processors to speed up the claim procedure. The VA anticipates receiving a total of 1.3 million claims during 2011, for all types of disability.



<http://www.operationwelcomehomemd.org/>

This month's article, though somewhat brief, focuses upon two topics – one positive and one negative.

With regard to the latter, I am sorry to say that for the first time in my nine year association with the Young Marines, I had to dismiss one Young Marine for unacceptable conduct and disrespect. This 14 year-old would not abide by the regulations and failed to show any progress with regard to straightening himself out. He demonstrated total disrespect for the uniform, and the title of Young Marine. I mention this only because I have taken this failure personally as I could not instill in this young man, the mindset and the dedication that I have been able to impart to others during my association with the Young Marines organization.



On the positive side however, I had the honor to be present on March 19th, when several Young Marines and their parents took part in that day's **Operation Welcome Home** festivities at BWI for military personnel arriving from combat assignments in the Middle-East. The Young Marines assisted the returnees with their luggage, escorted them to the proper gates for their connecting flights or to the USO if they had to lay-over. It was a great experience for everyone involved. The smiles and handshakes from the returning Vets was a wonderful sight to see!

As always, thanks for your generous support and Semper Fi!

George Martin

Young Marines Commander

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Sea Story?

The Korean War, in which the Marine Corps fought and won some of its most brutal battles, was not without its gallows humor.

During one such conflict, a ROK (Republic of Korea) commander, whose unit was fighting along with the Marines, got on the horn to legendary Marine General Chesty Puller, to report a major Chinese attack in his sector.

"How many Chinese are attacking you?" asked Puller.

"Many, many Chinese!" replied the excited Korean officer.

General Puller asked for another count... and got a similar, anxious answer: "MANY, MANY, MANY CHINESE!"

"!@#%&*!" swore Puller, "Put my Marine Liaison Officer on the radio."

In a minute, an American voice came over the air: "Yes sir!"

"Lieutenant," growled Chesty, "exactly how many Chinese you got up there?"

"General, we got a whole shitload of Chinese up here!"

"Thank God." exclaimed Puller, "At least there's someone up there who knows how to count."

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Corps History

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18 April 1983

One Marine Security Guard is killed and seven are wounded when a large car bomb explodes just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

19 April 1995

Captain Randolph A. Guzman and Sergeant Benjamin L. Davis are killed when the Alfred Murrah Federal Office Building is bombed in Oklahoma City, OK.

20 April 1861

Marines burn Norfolk Navy yard to prevent Confederate seizure.

21 April 1951

Marine carrier-based airplanes make their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shoots down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroys another.

24 April 1980

Three Marines perish in desert accident during effort to rescue American hostages in Teheran.

26 April 1863

250 Marines under Captain John L. Broome seize New Orleans Custom House and City Hall.

26 April 1965

Staff Sergeant Josephine (Davis) Gebers becomes first woman Marine to be awarded the Combat Action Ribbon after coming under enemy fire in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

27 April 1805

1st Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with several other Marines, was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raise the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, Tripoli.

28 April 1993

The last A-6E Intruder was removed from Marine Corps service as Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 prepares for their transition to the F/A-18D.

30 April 1970

President Nixon Orders troops into Cambodia.

30 April 1975

4th Marines under Colonel Al Gray complete evacuation of U.S. Embassy in Saigon, RVN and nearby Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base.

30 April 1991

Marines provide humanitarian assistance millions of homeless after cyclone kills 125,000 in Bangladesh.





Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through June 2010. Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at VFW Post 160, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

MODD Pound 204 Growl

18 April 2010 @ 0900 – Jack Severn

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

(New Officer Installations)

26 April 2010 @ 1900 – Pete Pervi

MCL Department of Maryland Convention, Ocean City, MD

29 April through 1 May 2010 – Bud Raines

MCL Detachment 1049 Friday Night Dinner

7 May 2010 @ 1800 – Pete Pervi

MCL Detachment 1049, Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament

14 May 2010 @ 0900 – Richard Gonzales

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

24 May 2010 @ 1900 – Mac McNeir

Memorial Day

31 May 2010

MCL Mid-East Division Convention

10 & 11 June 2010 – Rudy Garcia

FLAG DAY

14 June 2010

MCL Detachment 1049 Monthly Meeting

28 June 2010 @ 1900 – Mac McNeir



Corps Quotation

"I like Marines, because being a Marine is serious business. We're not a social club or a fraternal organization and we don't pretend to be one. We're a brotherhood of warriors – nothing more, nothing less, pure and simple. We are in the ass-kicking business, and unfortunately, these days business is good."

Colonel James M. Lowe
Marine Corps Base Quantico. 2004

Corps Humor –

You might be a Jar-head if...

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- More than half of your wardrobe was purchased at the PX.
- You argue with people about whether Parris Island or San Diego was better.
- You've ever called someone off leave for an upripe.
- You use your sea-bag as luggage when you go on leave.
- You wear your wooly-pully with Levi's.
- You wear your all weather coat with regular clothes.
- The horn on your car plays the 'Marine Hymn.'
- You've ever starved until dinner because you woke up too late to go to the chow hall.
- You've ever gone to a bar or dance club in your blues.
- You seriously think that your GI Bill will pay for your college education.
- You've ever slept with a WM.
- You take your 782 gear camping.

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Any Marine Would Have...

NOTE – Article by James K. Sanborn, staff writer for the *Marine Corps Times*, which appeared in the Sunday, April 11, 2010 online edition of the publication.

Hippopotamus attacks aren't covered during standard Marine training, but that didn't stop one Corporal from rushing to the aid of a married couple while on safari in Zimbabwe after their inflatable canoe was flipped and the husband mauled.

Corporal Justin Trinidad, 24, a Marine security guard at the U.S. embassy in Zimbabwe, was with his girlfriend, **Kaylynn Hankey**, when a hippo attacked their tour group on the Zambezi River in mid-March. About 30 minutes into the trip, the group – which included four canoes – asked for a break. As they headed for shore, tour guides spotted the hippo and yelled for the canoes to move away, but **Javier** and **Patricia Franco** didn't hear the warning.

"I look back and all I see is Mr. and Mrs. Franco thrown up in the air a few meters," Trinidad told the *Marine Corps Times* in a telephone interview from Africa.

Patricia Franco was thrown clear of the hippo, but her husband came down almost on top of it. That's when the animal chomped down on his leg, nearly severing his foot, Trinidad said.

"She was screaming 'Help us; he has no leg,'" he said.

Despite his girlfriend's initial reluctance, Trinidad started to paddle toward the couple.

"All I could think of was just, 'God watch over us, help us.' We were expecting any time for the hippo to come under us and just launch us into the air," he said.

Eventually, they reached the distraught couple, who clung to the canoe as Trinidad began rowing for land. However, a swift current threatened to carry them downstream into rapids.

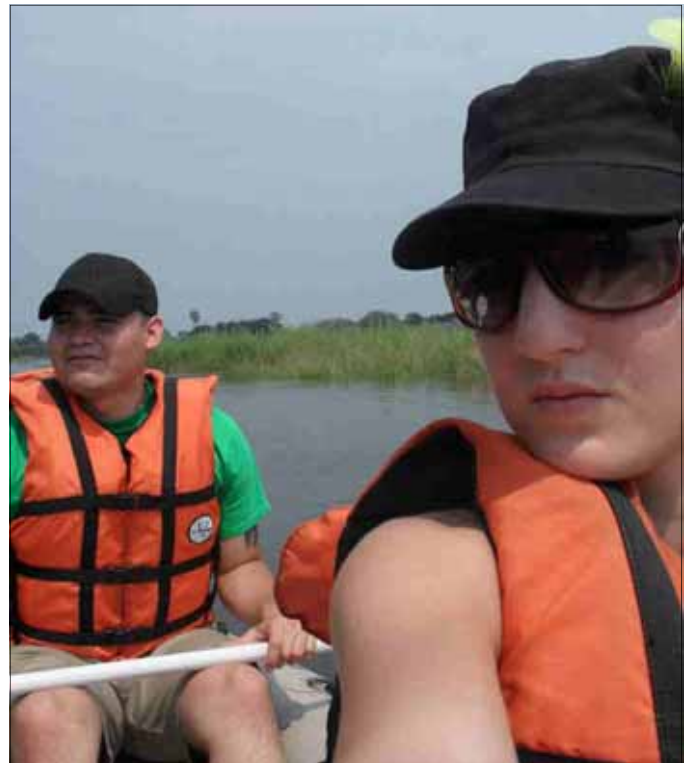
Hankey tried to stop them by grabbing a tree branch, but she was pulled from the canoe. Fortunately, with the help of a guide, she made it safely to shore.

Trinidad continued to fight the current and found a shallow spot where Patricia Franco was able wade to shore, but her husband was unable to stand and the canoe again spun out of control. It finally snagged on a rock, and Trinidad was able to pull Javier Franco into the craft and get him to shore.

"That's when I realized his foot was hanging by a piece of skin. He started bleeding a lot and I could see bone. It was pretty gruesome," he said.

Using a makeshift tourniquet, Trinidad stemmed the bleeding, but Franco was screaming in pain.

"I was talking to him, trying to keep him from going into shock," he said. "...then, I remembered from the safety brief that the guides had told us to not make loud crying noises because wildlife might think you are wounded prey and come over and eat you."



Cpl. Justin Trinidad, a Marine security guard with Detachment Harare, Zimbabwe, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, and his girlfriend, Kaylynn Hankey, enjoy the view from their canoe during a safari trip on the Zambezi River in Zimbabwe on March 14. About 20 minutes later, Trinidad saved the life of another man on the trip when a hippopotamus attacked the group.

(Photo courtesy of Kaylynn Hankey)

A family, who had been fishing nearby, transported them by truck to a nearby hospital where conditions were crude at best. Knowing that Franco's wounds required better medical attention, Trinidad called the U.S. embassy and arranged for air transport to Johannesburg, South Africa, more than 500 miles away.

"He is still undergoing many surgeries," Trinidad said. "Doctors weren't able to save his foot, but his kids and wife are grateful that he is still alive, because he could have bled to death. They said he is very positive, and that he is going to get an artificial limb."

Trinidad, whose father died when he was young, said he was happy to save somebody's mom and dad.

"I was just in the right place at the right time," he said. "I'm no hero. Any Marine would have done the same thing."





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A Night with Honor Flight



Recently, on the evening of April 14th, three members of our detachment's Color Guard and one supernumerary had the privilege of being part of an **Honor Flight** ceremony at the BWI Airport Hilton. **Woody Bowman**, **Charlie Young**, and **Chris Kalwa** presented the colors at this event while **Mac McNeir** took photos of the occasion.

The **Honor Flight Network** grew out of an idea conceptualized in May of 2005 by **Earl Morse**, a Physician Assistant and retired Air Force Captain. Ultimately, a plan evolved to provide veterans of World War II –

who are being lost at a rate of approximately 1,000 per day – with an opportunity to visit our nation's capitol and the memorial that honors their service in that war. A significant feature of the program is that there is no charge for these World War II and terminally ill veterans. The only money that they need to bring is for the purchase of souvenirs. Subsequent to the World War II veterans, the network's efforts will refocus on honoring Korean War and then Vietnam War veterans.

The featured speaker was **Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords**, who is also the wife of a Navy pilot and Astronaut **Mark Edward Kelly**. She gave a well-received speech focusing on the need to express our appreciation for the service provided by these heroes while we still can.

After dinner, Marines of the era being honored and their escorts, many of whom were members of the **Marine Corps League's Lake Havasu Detachment 757**, invited us to accompany them to the hotel's 'slop-chute' where sea-stories and spirited beverages were served in great abundance. As the evening grew late, our assemblage received a free round of drinks from some anonymous donor(s), whose identity we pried from our waitress. Our benefactors were a couple of retired Marine Corps pilots, who took notice of our gathering as they entered the bar. The camaraderie experienced during and after the ceremony were responsible for a truly memorable experience.

Information about the **Honor Flight Network** and how you can contribute to their noble cause may be obtained from their website, accessible via the following URL – <http://www.honorflight.org/about/index.cfm>.

