

**FEBRUARY -
MARCH 2024**



DETACHMENT 60 GOUGE

The PFC Paul E. Ison Det #60 Newsletter

Past

Present

Future

**ENTER THE EDITOR:
SVC ARIEL MONTERO**





The 249th Annual
MARINE
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
CORPS
Ball

Attention all troops!

As the leaves start to fall and the temperatures drop, it can only mean one thing: Ball season!

Prepare yourselves for the annual showdown of signing contracts, negotiating entertainment, and engaging in epic battles over seating arrangements. That's right, we're knee-deep in the trenches of planning for our upcoming 2024 Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Lock in the date on your calendars: Saturday, November 9, 2024. We're gearing up to take the Doubletree Fort Myers at Bell Tower Shops (13051 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33907) by storm.

Stay tuned for more intel after tonight's rendezvous.

Over and out!





On Saturday, February 3, 2024, our detachment proudly participated in the 5th Annual Chili Challenge at Stu's Motorcycle. With culinary prowess, our chef conjured up a tantalizing chili that secured our rightful place on the leaderboard when paired with the delectable crack cornbread. As we bask in the glory of our achievement, it's clear that our culinary excellence has placed us squarely in the sights of next year's competitors. Let the battle for chili supremacy continue!

IRREVERENT WARRIORS

BRINGING VETERANS TOGETHER



On Saturday, February 10, 2024, two brave representatives from our detachment embarked on the Irreverent Warriors hike. Amid the lively streets of Fort Lauderdale, our distinguished Sergeant at Arms courageously carried our oversized and formidable guidon for an impressive 12-mile journey. Meanwhile, our esteemed Senior Vice Commandant demonstrated exceptional multitasking skills, engaging in handshakes, baby-kissing, and even managing a strategic street-side



The Iwo Jima Ceremony on February 18, 2024, faced unforeseen obstacles, resulting in a last-minute cancellation for safety reasons. Yet, the indomitable spirit of the Marine Corps shone through as many chose to stay and commemorate the event despite the setback. This display of unwavering support and dedication underscored the true camaraderie within the Marine Corps community. Looking ahead, we are steadfast in our commitment to keep everyone updated on the upcoming 80th commemorative ceremony of the Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima as we continue to honor our history and uphold the values of the Marine Corps together.



Our esteemed author is a dedicated community member holding officer positions across various organizations. His passion for service often finds him juggling tasks to the point where his relentless dedication may appear, to some, as a hint of laziness.

Despite numerous attempts to delegate responsibilities such as newsletter writing and timely distribution, he finds himself in the thick of it all.

Supported by his loving wife, who encouraged his community involvement, even she finds herself feeling the strain. With a keen awareness of the demands of his time, evidenced by his wife's gentle reminders of his seemingly estranged husband before he embarks on yet another organizational task, our author is left with scarce moments for family or personal pursuits.

Yearning to complete household projects - from fixing leaks to tackling half-finished renovations to hurricane structural repairs - our author dreams of simpler pleasures. Imagining himself on a beach, his motorcycle parked nearby, he envisions hammock-swinging tranquility, free from distractions, phone calls, or to-do lists, including his rightfully bestowed, self-inflicted anxiety.

Despite the whirlwind of commitments, our author extends heartfelt gratitude for your patience and assures you of forthcoming content, even if the prospect seems improbable given his jam-packed schedule. Rest assured, his commitment remains unwavering, promising more engaging material in the coming weeks despite his overwhelming ability to follow through.