

THE HARD CHARGER

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AUGUST 2025



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COMMANDANT'S MAST

Greetings Detachment 729,

May this find everyone well or on the road to recovery. Here we are in August, the 8th month on the calendar, named after Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor. August was originally know as Sextilis, which means sixth month in Latin. The Roman calendar had six months. In 46 BC, Julius Caesar added two extra months to the calendar making August the 8th month. A little exciting trivia.

The July meeting was a fun night of recognition as it was awards night. Congratulations to Don Schofield, Marine of the year, and Kyle Brooks, Associate of the year. Congratulations to all who received awards in recognition of your volunteer service to community, veterans ,and our league.

Congratulations to Roger Zapata, rookie of the year, and newly elected Department Junior Vice Commandant. His first official duty will be September 13 at the quarterly department meeting that we will be hosting.

Remember, on August 10, we are bringing the piano pumping, honky Tonkin, rock show, from 2 to 5, featuring Terry Lee Ridley and the million dollar band. Cost for this event is 15 dollars per person and we hope to have a large crowd to enjoy the music we all know and can relate to from a fine entertainer. So, come and enjoy, relax, unwind, and if you wish bust a move and have fun.

Thank you for another great month of service and all your efforts in recruiting, maintenance, and support. May God bless America, each and everyone of our members, and our detachment. In closing, I wish to encourage our membership to attend the monthly meetings as we need you and are always happy to see you. May the blessings of the Lord be with you.

God Bless and Semper Fidelis.

Forever, Jim

*THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS
TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE
OF OTHERS. - MAHATMA GHANDI*

WHO IS THIS MARINE?

GENERAL JAMES T CONWAY

James Terry Conway (born December 26, 1947) is a retired United States Marine Corps four-star general who served as the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps. Among his previous postings were Director of Operations (J-3) on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Commanding General of 1st Marine Division and I Marine Expeditionary Force, taking part in the 2003 invasion of Iraq and the First Battle of Fallujah.

Early life and education

Conway was born in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in St. Louis, Missouri, and then attended Southeast Missouri State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, graduating in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. Conway is a graduate of the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the Air War College. He was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1970.

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DETACHMENT NEWS

- ⇒ **DEPT OF KENTUCKY MEETING:** MCL DET 729 will host the September 13th meeting at the MARINE HOUSE. **IF YOU ARE GOING TO ATTEND THE DEPARTMENT MEETING, Please let Jim Mulrooney know NLT 3 Sept.**
- ⇒ **AUGUST MEETING** - Mr. Eric Koleda is the National Director and President and Co-Founder of HBOT4KYVETS.com and is a friend and colleague of Marine Phil Hughes. Mr. Koleda will talk about Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and PTSD) using Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.
- ⇒ **SOCIAL MEETING INFO:** Stay tuned to the MCL Auxiliary page for more details on what's happening prior to each meeting in the coming months.
- ⇒ **250TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL** - The Detachment's Social Committee met and decided on the plans for our celebration of the 250th Birthday Ball.
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MISSION FIRST, MARINES ALWAYS!

REPORT OF OFFICERS

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OFFICERS REPORTS

SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT - Marine Brian Owens is ALWAYS seeking help to sell some raffle tickets for this year's fundraiser at various locations in our area. Please contact Brian, if interested, at the number under his name.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT - Please continue to seek out and recruit potential members, both regular and associate level. Thank you to everyone for your efforts.

JUDGE ADVOCATE - Nothing Significant to Report (NSTR)

AUGUST BOARD MEETING ON 13TH AT 1:00PM

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - REPORTS DUE BY 10 AUG

All Committee Chairs are required to submit full reports to the Commandant, Jim Mulrooney, no later than end of day on Sunday, prior to the monthly Board Meeting.

Submit your back-up or co-chair information by end of January to the Commandant. IF you do not have a back-up, FIND ONE that knows everything that is going on in your area of expertise. Email your reports to jmulrooney@twc.com

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Hey everyone, it's Cletis here with some interesting information.

We, as United States Marines, and fellow FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and Auxiliary members, must use the most important asset to make a change - YOUR VOICE. Your voice matters and we want you to let your local, state, and national representatives know how YOU FEEL about certain subjects that effect Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and you - the Veteran.

The Marine Corps League is one of several Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) that lobby to protect and preserve our rights and benefits. Other VSOs include but are not limited to, American Veterans (AMVETS), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, Military Officer Association of America (MOAA), the Noncommissioned Officer Association of America (NCOA).

The Marine Corps League National Legislative Committee website has a very broad and general website that points the member to a link called "The Military Coalition". The Military Coalition is made up of 35 plus VSOs. The next link will take you to the Military Coalition Members page. From here, you can see and click on individual VSO links should you desire to seek additional information. [TMC Members - The Military Coalition](#)

REMEMBER WHAT I SAID - Knowledge is power. The best thing about the links I am sharing with you is that they DO NOT require you to be a member in order to read or click on their links.

In April 2025, I participated in the Advocacy In Action campaign with the Military Officers Association of America organization for three days in Washington, DC. Our mission was to lobby 5-7 position papers which were goals established by MOAA to every single representative in the US House and every Senator. I was fortunate to meet at least a senior staffer in each officer and by luck was able to talk with Congressman Comer directly.

The agenda included the following topics:

[Military Spouses Can't Wait - Add Them to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#)

Military spouses face a 21% unemployment rate, five times the national average, due to frequent moves and challenges tied to military life. Congress must incentivize employers to hire military spouses by adding them as a target group under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program.

[Stop the 34-Year Wait - Deliver Toxic-Exposed Veterans the Care They've Earned](#)

Veterans exposed to toxic substances like Agent Orange, chemicals released by burn pits, and radiation should not have to fight for decades to prove their illnesses are service-connected. Yet according to a recent report from MOAA and DAV, toxic-exposed veterans wait over 34 years on average before receiving presumptive service connection and the care they've earned. The PACT Act was a historic step forward, but its work isn't complete.

Congress must pass legislation to bolster the legal framework for establishing presumptive conditions, creating clear timelines and processes to move from exposure acknowledgment to the delivery of earned benefits. This commonsense reform will cut through red tape, improve VA accountability, and end the long wait faced by millions of veterans.

More information on the next page.

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The American Legion has a great website with an Advocacy section that identifies the priorities set forth by the American Legion. Here is the link to their page - [Advocacy | The American Legion](#) Again, you do not have to be a member to use these links and learn about items being fought for by VSOs. Your voice and your action makes a difference.

Office Room	Phone	Committee Assignment
2410 RHOB	(202) 225-3115	Education and Workforce Oversight and Government Reform
2161 RHOB	(202) 225-3501	Energy and Commerce
1527 LHOB	(202) 225-5401	Budget Small Business Veterans' Affairs
2371 RHOB	(202) 225-3465	Judiciary Transportation and Infrastructure
2406 RHOB	(202) 225-4601	Appropriations
2430 RHOB	(202) 225-4706	Financial Services Foreign Affairs Select Comm on the Strategic Competition US and China

At the State level, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has an organization called the Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations (JECVO). It's membership is made up of State Level leaders and representatives from several VSOs. This group lobbies directly with the Kentucky State Legislature on various topics.

Additionally, we are blessed to have the Kentucky Department

of Veterans Administration (KDVA) to assist servicemembers with claims or requests for information. For more information on KDVA, visit their website.

[Welcome - Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

VOICING YOUR CONCERNS helps everyone. If you don't want to use any of the websites above, you can simply write a handwritten or typed letter either to your Congressional Representative or Senators. Feel free to call them and speak directly to a staffer. The contact information is below:

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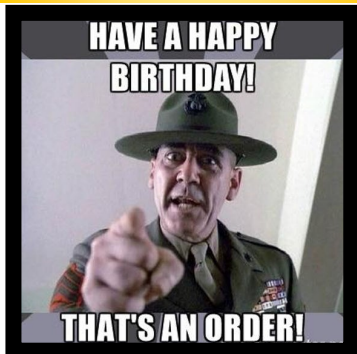
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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4th	Massie, Thomas	2371 RHOB	(202) 225-3465
5th	Rogers, Harold	2406 RHOB	(202) 225-4601
6th	Barr, Andy	2430 RHOB	(202) 225-4706

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*"Come on, you sons of bitches -
do you want to live forever?."*
- Gunnery Sergeant Dan Dailey, Belleau
Wood, June 1918.

USMC Chain of Command

79TH SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

The Honorable John C. Phelan

39TH COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

General Eric M. Smith

37TH ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

General Christopher J. Mahoney

*(Nominated to be the Vice-Chairman
of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and
awaiting Senate Confirmation.)*

20TH SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE MARINE CORPS

Sergeant Major Carlos A. Ruiz

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dale	LeMond	August	2
Robert	Metzger, Jr..	August	2
Brian	Kochersperger	August	4
Ronnie	Weightman	August	5
Michael	Hart	August	7
Philip	Hughes	August	13
Richard	Thompson	August	13
Robert	McClurkin	August	15
Robert	Moore	August	15
Mason	Helgeson	August	16
Kenneth	Herrington, III	August	16
Dwayne	Johnson	August	16
Patrick	O'Leary	August	17
David	Houdeshel	August	18
James	Crane	August	19
Raymond	Drake	August	21
Archie	Smallwood	August	21
Corey	Bolin	August	22
Richard	Winters	August	22
David	Hesse	August	24
David	Herbig, Sr.	August	26
Joseph	Dodson	August	28
John	VanDyke	August	28

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, 18 AUGUST

The AUGUST meeting can be fun for all so please come out.

Bottomline: WE WANT YOU THERE and We look forward to seeing you.

JOIN US on Monday, 18 August for a great presentation and great camaraderie.

THERE will be a Sundae Bar before the meeting starting at 5:30 PM.

If you do not possess those uniform items, remember, all you need to be in uniform is a **Red Cover**.

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AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

How many times do we hear people explain that God had intervened in their lives as they faced adversity?

Maybe for the first time, they became aware of His presence or maybe, it was just another example of God in our lives reinforcing our awareness of Him. We begin to see God in the details of our daily life.

Our perspective changes as we begin to view reality differently. Obedience to God becomes more important to us than worldly pleasures. We begin to value more what is eternal and not what is temporary.

We develop a sense of confidence and assurance as we see God in everyday life.

We are never alone despite our situations because we know He is with us always!

Richard Schmidt
Chaplain, Marine Corps League

2 Corinthians 4:16 -18 *"Therefore, we do not loose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal."*

Prayer Warriors

Please continue to pray for our sick and hurt members. Pray for our longevity, healing from external and internal pain, and from any suffering one might have.

Please remember our members who are in assisted living or nursing homes.

If you have anyone that has a special prayer request, let one of our two chaplains know as we will list anyone here that may have a specific prayer and want us to share with the membership.

Prayer is powerful.

God is good all the time.

You do not have to be ordained to join the MCL Detachment Religious Group. For more information, please contact Richard Schmidt or Jim Crane.

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WHO IS THIS MARINE? - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Career

Conway's first assignment was command of a rifle platoon with 3rd Battalion 1st Marines, based at Camp Pendleton. He also served as the battalion's 106mm recoilless rifle platoon commander. Later, he served as Marine detachment executive officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Kitty Hawk* (CV-63) and as commanding officer of the Sea School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

After graduating with honors from the Army's Infantry Officers Advanced Course, Conway commanded two companies in the 2nd Marine Regiment's Operations and Security section. As a field grade officer, he commanded two companies of students and taught tactics at The Basic School. He then went on to serve as operations officer for the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit, with sea duty in the western Pacific and in contingency operations off Beirut, Lebanon.

Returning to the United States, Conway was assigned as Senior Aide to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for two years. After graduating from Marine Corps Command and Staff College with honors, he took command of 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines through its eight-month deployment to Southwest Asia during the Gulf War.

It was during this time that then, Marine Sergeant Cletis Evans, a radio repairman with 2nd AA Bn, Alpha Co, was assigned to the AAVC7A1 vehicle that then LtCol Conway rode on. An incident occurred in which LtCol Conway was profusely mad that Sgt Evans was just laying around the amphibious assault vehicle taking it easy when the Colonel suggested he make some coffee. Ask Cletis about this incident and he will tell you what happened in November 2007 when the 34th Commandant made a surprise visit to see the Marines in Fallujah for Thanksgiving.

After the war, he was promoted to Colonel and assigned command of The Basic School. In 1992–1993, he attended MIT Seminar XXI. Promoted to Brigadier General in December 1995, he again was assigned to the Joint Chiefs and later served as president of the Marine Corps University.

After being promoted to Major General, he served as commander of the 1st Marine Division and as Deputy Commanding General of Marine Forces Central. He was promoted to Lieutenant General and assumed command of I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) on November 16, 2002. He commanded I MEF during two combat tours in Iraq, with 60,000 troops under his command, including Marines, soldiers, sailors, and British forces. In the book *The Iraq War*, Conway was described as, "big, buff, well read and well educated ... he represented all that was best about the new United States Marine Corps, which General Al Gray as the commandant had set up."

On June 13, 2006, Conway was nominated by President George W. Bush to become the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps; the nomination was confirmed by the Senate on August 2, 2006. On November 13, Conway was promoted to the rank of General at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., and became the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was the first Commandant in nearly 40 years to have not served in the Vietnam War.

On October 22, 2010, Conway turned the position of Commandant over to General James F. Amos, his Assistant Commandant, at a ceremony at Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C., Defense Secretary Robert Gates presented Conway with his third Defense Distinguished Service Medal during the change-in-command. He then retired on November 1.

Conway is married to Anette Conway and together they have three children, two sons, currently serving in the Marine Corps, and a daughter

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THIS MONTH IN MARINE HISTORY



Black Sheep Squadron Begins Marine Aviation Involvement in Korean War

On August 3, 1950, eight Corsair fighter planes launched from the USS Sicily and carried out the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War. The raid targeted enemy installations with incendiary bombs, rockets, and strafing runs near Inchon, Korea. The Corsairs were with VMF-214, more famously known as the "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II. *(Pictured is 4 USMC Vought FSU-1 fighters armed with Bombs.)*



U.S. Troops and Aircraft Sent to Saudi Arabia

On August 7, 1990, President George H.W. Bush ordered U.S. military troops and aircraft to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. The following week, the Marine Corps announced that it had committed 45,000 Marines to the Persian Gulf area as a part of Operation Desert Shield, which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War. *(Pictured 4 USMC CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters, foreground, and 6 AH-1 Sea Cobra helicopters sit on the flight line at Landing Zone 32, Site Alpha, January 1991.)*



Marines Return Home from Lebanon

On August 23, 1984, the last Marines to serve on peace-keeping duty in Lebanon arrived back in America. The 24th Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU) arrived off the coast of Lebanon on 9 April to relieve Marines of the 22nd MAU, who were guarding the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. The 24th MAU left Beirut on 31 July, marking the end of U.S. combat troops in Beirut for the first time since Marines had entered the city almost two years earlier. *(Pictured - US Marine Barracks, Beirut, Lebanon)*

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SOCIAL CALENDAR DATES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 -

TERRY RIDLEY CONCERT from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the Marine House. COST IS \$15; Chips and Drink will be out along with Tip Jar.

AUGUST 18 - General Membership meeting - there will be a Sundae Bar before the meeting starting at 5:30 PM.

SEPTEMBER 15 - Appetizers will be served before the meeting starting at 5:30 PM.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - ANNUAL LADIES AUXILIARY AND LEAGUE PICNIC - Fried Chicken will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH RINA ON WHAT YOU ARE BRINGING TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT. Meal starts at 2:00 PM.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL SOCIAL EVENTS BEFORE THE MEETING START AT 5:30PM AND WRAP UP AT 6:45PM.



PRESIDENT - MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY

With just two months to go in the quarter, we are excited about the various activities planned for the Detachment.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO JOIN THE AUXILIARY.

I would like to ask all of you MEMBERS, to kindly ask and see if your spouses would like to join the Auxiliary. I hope that all of you will continue to be members.

Our attendance at our meetings has been shrinking and we really need YOU!!

So, I hope to see everyone REAL SOON!!!

Rina

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD SPOUSES!

Our Membership in the Auxiliary is based on, well, you Marines, Corpsmen, and Chaplains.

We would love to have your spouses join us at future meetings. Invite them to attend a meeting and just see if it is something they would be interested in doing.

Additionally, and this is for all members, WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME IDEAS for SOCIAL EVENTS. The ideas you submit may carry us into the 2026 calendar year.

We will entertain all ideas and submit them to the Board of Trustees for Review.

All ideas can be submitted to Rina Borders.

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DETACHMENT 729 - MARINE ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR



Marine Associate - Mr. Kyle Brooks

For just the 2nd time ever, in the history of Marine Corps League, Detachment 729, the members selected and nominated Mr. Kyle Brooks to be the Marine Associate of the Year 2024. Two years in a row that the first name started with the letter "K".

Kyle immediately fulfilled a billet as Adjutant when the Commandant needed a replacement. Quickly acclimating himself with the inner workings of the Marine Corps League, Kyle learned how to process transmittals, access the Detachment's roster, and begin a reconciliation process long overdue. From the very start, Kyle displayed sound judgment and took the initiative in all areas of being the Adjutant. With timely and accurate meeting notes, Kyle has proven himself as a very capable officer in the Detachment.

His hard work and dedication to duty has brought great credit to himself and the Marine Corps League Detachment. BRAVO ZULU KYLE!!!

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DETACHMENT 729 - MARINE OF THE YEAR



Marine Don Schofield

At the July meeting, a long overdue award was handed out and that belongs to this year's Detachment 729 Marine of the Year, Mr. Don Schofield.

Don Schofield has been a member of Detachment 729 since 2003. During this time, Don has served as the Sergeant At Arms from 2008-2020 and then again from 2022-2024. Often, at Department meetings, Don would be tasked with serving as the Sergeant At Arms there as well. His technical proficiency and attention to detail made Don a sought after individual.

In 2012, Don Schofield began a tenure serving with the Marine Toys for Tots program as the Co-Warehouse

Manager. From coordinating all toy and box movements in and out of the warehouse, making sure unsorted toys are placed in appropriate areas; he would double check to make sure orders were processed precisely and toys were loaded on the correct trucks. In 2024, Don registered 741 hours with the coordinator, sometimes coming in as early as 0600 to open the Fairgrounds facility and on occasion, not returning from an event until the wee hours of the morning.

His hard work, loyalty, and dedication to duty has brought great credit to himself and the Marine Corps League Detachment. BRAVO ZULU DON & SEMPER FIDELIS!!!

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

MARIE SCHOFIELD
NANCY WALLACE
LAVON VARLEY
MARY OWENS
TERESA YOUNG
PATTY CROSS
KATHY PHELPS

DETACHMENT STAFF APPOINTED RIBBON

RICHARD SCHMIDT
RON KNIGHT
OTIS FOX
DON SCHOFIELD
MARY BROUSSARD
CLETIS EVANS
PHIL HUGHES
BART LEIST
JOHN HEFFLEY
BOB WOLF
MARK MCGEHEE
PHIL HUGHES
ROBERT RANZAU
KYLE BROOKS

DETACHMENT STAFF ELECTED RIBBON

JIM MULROONEY
BRIAN OWENS
JIM CRANE
CJ WYCHULIS
JIMMY YOUNG
BOB CROSS
FRED BERGMAN
JIM CRANE

DETACHMENT COMMANDANT RIBBON

JIM MULROONEY

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE -DETACHMENT 729 ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

At the July meeting, it was an honor and distinct privilege to recognize everyone for their hard work and dedication to the Marine Corps League.

The Commandant handed out several Department Level awards. Commandant Jim Mulrooney received a Distinguished Service Award and presented to himself. He followed that same award to Marine C.J. Wychulis.



Commandant Jim Mulrooney presented a DSA to Cletis Evans and accepted a unit award on behalf of the detachment.



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INDIVIDUAL MERITORIOUS COMMENDATION

ROBERT RANZAU
JOE PINER
CHRIS JOHNSON
DAVID GRAHAM
BRIAN ESTILL
DAVID SAMUELS
ROGER ZAPATA
MARK MCGHEE

DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

ROGER ZAPATA
DAVID SAMUELS
FRED BERGMAN
DAVID WATKINS
JIM GEIGER
RUSS STONE
JIMMY YOUNG
BRUCE KAPFHAMMER
OTIS PHELPS
JOHN FROEHLICH
BART LEIST
TOM WHITENER

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

JIM CRANE
ALLEN BROUSSARD
RON KNIGHT
BRIAN OWENS
JASON THOMPSON
PHIL HUGHES
RINA BORDERS
MARY BROUSSARD
PATRICK CROWE
RICHARD SCHMIDT
JIM MULROONEY
WAYNE HALL
BOB WOLF
DON SCHOFIELD
CJ WYCHULIS

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THE INDIVIDUAL MERITORIOUS COMMENDATION was presented to and in ATTENDANCE: ROGER ZAPATA and MARK MCGHEE



THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD was presented to and in ATTENDANCE: ROGER ZAPATA, OTIS PHELPS, JIMMY YOUNG, BART LEIST, and JOHN HEFFLEY.



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

JIM CRANE
ALLEN BROUSSARD
RON KNIGHT
BRIAN OWENS
JASON THOMPSON
PHIL HUGHES
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THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD was presented to and in ATTENDANCE: JIM CRANE, ALLEN BROUSSARD, RON KNIGHT, BRIAN OWENS, JASON THOMPSON, PHIL HUGHES, RINA BORDERS, MARY BROUSSARD, RICHARD SCHMIDT, JIM MULROONEY, BOB WOLF, OTIS FOX, DON SCHOFIELD, AND CJ WYCHULIS.



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MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 12 - Iroquois Hill Runners Club 17th Annual 5K Poker Run 6:30PM (Need 6 volunteers, contact Cletis Evans, if interested.)

SEPTEMBER 11- 14 - Marine Toys for Tots Foundation National Conference in St Louis, MO.

SEPTEMBER 22 - 0900 - LOCATION TBD - Louisville Toys for Tots Organizational Meeting

OCTOBER 1 - NATIONAL MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN BEGINS

THANK YOU and let me get that out of the way. When you volunteer for this endeavor, it redefines commitment just as you were on active duty.

Like that of a Marine Rifle Squad, our mission is to locate, close with, and acquire the toys by means of personnel and businesses willing to repel any obstacles that will enable us to ensure EVERY CHILD DESERVES AND RECEIVES A GREAT CHRISTMAS.

The next few weeks will be tough as we renegotiate our standing with the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. There is a plan to make a presentation to the leadership during State Fair week. I will keep you all posted if this becomes a thing.

NOT EVERYONE can continue to volunteer. IF YOU DON'T TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES then how can you be effective with TOYS FOR TOTS.

There may be more administrative things to do this year that would be very helpful to me during the day where you can sit at home and coordinate things. I will reach out to a few of you in the near future.

I ANTICIPATE moving into the Fairgrounds just before THANKSGIVING and rolling through until just before Christmas. More to come. Check your emails for Volunteer Opportunities and RE-JOINING THE TEAM.

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