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April Meeting:

17th

ELECTIONS HELD New Slate of Officers

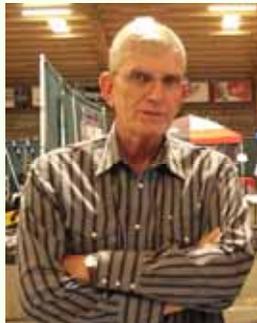
The March meeting saw the annual election of officers for the years 2008-2009. Happy to report, Commandant Roger Crone is feeling greatly improved and was present to emcee the festivities.

All positions were filled and there are some new faces. Citing inconsistent health, Roger declined to run for re-election, but stated he will remain active in the affairs of the Detachment as long as he is able. The following are the officers-elect: Commandant Dan Singletary, Sr. Vice-Commandant Dennis Bradford, Jr. Vice-Commandant Jimmy Lee, Adjutant Will Lane, Paymaster Rob Zurfluh, Judge Advocate Phil Devlin, Chaplain Ken Rains, Sergeant-at-Arms Rich Barnhart. Installation will be held at the next meeting, 17 April 2008.

The Author is unknown:

“A veteran, whether active duty, retired, national guard, or reserve, is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to ‘The United States of America,’ for an amount ‘up to and including my life.’ That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.”

[Togetherweserved Newsletter, August 2007]



Top row L-R:
Dan Singletary, Rich Barnhart, Phil Devlin.
Middle row: Rob Zurfluh, Jimmy Lee, Will Lane.
Bottom row: Dennis Bradford, Ken Rains.

2007-2008 Officers

- Commandant— Roger Crone
- Sr. Vice-Commandant— Dan Singletary
- Jr. Vice-Commandant— Dennis Bradford
- Acting Paymaster— Dan Singletary
- Adjutant— Will Lane
- Judge Advocate— Phil Devlin
- Chaplain— Billy Duke
- Acting Sgt.-at-Arms— Don Kirkley

“Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!” — Patrick Henry, to the Virginia Legislature, 23 March 1775



Chaplain's Corner by Billy Duke

Sometimes when I pray, it feels like God is all around me - so close, that when I'm done, I almost hate to say amen. Saying amen - in a way, that's almost like ending a call...like hanging up, you know? It feels like God just evaporates out of the room. So that made me think...wouldn't it be great if we could leave a prayer off the hook? Just leave it off the hook forever. Then whenever we stopped to listen, God would be right there breathing.

Author: Laura Peyton Roberts



The picture is of CH-46D crew chief and Medal of Honor winner Mike Clausen. He is pictured in 1970 with his aircraft which he dubbed "Blood Sweat & Tears."

Southwest Asia Service Medal Recognizes 1991 Persian Gulf War Duty

Submitted by Rich Barnhart

The Southwest Asia Service Medal was created by order of President George H.W. Bush (Executive Order 12754) on March 12, 1991. The decoration is intended to recognize those military service members who performed duty during the years of the Persian Gulf War. The medal was designed by Nadine Russell of the Army's Institute of Heraldry. It was awarded to all U.S. troops who served in Southwest Asia or its contiguous waters or airspace from August 2, 1990, to November 30, 1995.

For the medal's purpose, the land area of Southwest Asia included Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and United Arab Emirates. "Contiguous waters" was defined as the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden and the portion of the Arabian Sea that lay north of 10 degrees North Latitude and west of 68 degrees East longitude.

U.S. military members who served under U.S. Central Command in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria and Jordan, or their territorial waters or airspace, between January 17, 1991, and April 11, 1991, also received the medal. This included, for example, the four Patriot missile batteries manned by U.S. soldiers in Israel, such as the 4th Bn., 43rd Air Defense Artillery.

For those service members who performed "home service" during the Persian Gulf War, such as support personnel in the United States, the Southwest Asia Service Medal is not authorized. The decoration is also not authorized for those who performed support of the Persian Gulf War from European or Pacific bases.

The Southwest Asia Service Medal is authorized for four campaigns of service, with a maximum of three service stars (or campaign stars) awarded with the medal. Each recipient of the medal should wear at least one campaign star. Authorized campaigns are as follows:

- 1) Defense of Saudi Arabia, August 2, 1990, to January 16, 1991;
- 2) Liberation and Defense of Kuwait, January 17, 1991, to April 11, 1991;
- 3) Southwest Asia Cease-Fire, April 12, 1991, to November 30, 1995; and,
- 4) Operation Provide Comfort: June 1, 1992 to November 30, 1995.

US Service members who participated in one or both of the first two above mentioned campaigns are also authorized to receive the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia) and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), foreign military decorations issued by the governments of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. The Combat Operations Insignia is also authorized for wear on the Southwest Asia Service Medal by Navy personnel who were assigned to the Fleet Marine Force and engaged in combat duties.

Individuals on temporary duty must have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days. However, if they participated in actual combat, or died during their service, the time limitation could have been waived.

(See Medal on page 7)

MARINE QUOTE: "I can never again see a UNITED STATES MARINE without experiencing a feeling of reverence." GEN. JOHNSON, U.S. ARMY



COMMANDANT ROGER CRONE AN OPEN LETTER

PATRICK DUNNE DESIGNATED VA'S ACTING BENEFITS CHIEF Peake: "A Veteran Dedicated to the Welfare of Veterans"

Pineywoods Marines,

I wish to thank you all for the honor of being Detachment Commandant for this past year. My health problems caused many set-backs to the goals I hoped to accomplish as Commandant, but as I look back, there is one thing that should make us proud...we have a solid active membership that is committed to this Detachment. I hope to maintain my own active membership this next year and I will wear the title of Past Commandant proudly.

We are still a small detachment. Sometimes we have to clear-cut a hundred acres to find a new member, but I recall a mantra from the Corps: "We are so used to doing so much for so long with so little, that we are now prepared to do anything, anytime, with absolutely nothing."

Semper Fidelis,
Roger L. Crone

WASHINGTON (April 2, 2008) - Patrick W. Dunne, a retired Navy rear admiral and a senior official within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), was designated by President Bush to serve as the Department's Acting Under Secretary for Benefits.

In this capacity, Dunne will be responsible for a \$52 billion budget that provides compensation and pensions to nearly 4 million veterans and survivors, along with administering the successful Montgomery GI Bill educational program, VA's home loan guaranties, one of the nation's largest life insurance programs and other veterans' benefits. "Pat Dunne is a veteran who is dedicated to the welfare of other veterans," said Dr. James B. Peake, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "He is a respected leader inside and outside of government. With his experience, insight and commitment, America's veterans are in good hands."

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Dunne spent 33 years on active duty. He commanded the attack submarine Baltimore and U.S. naval forces in the Marianas. Since August 2006, he has served as VA's Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning. Dunne replaces retired Navy Vice Admiral Daniel L. Cooper, who announced on Feb. 28 he would be leaving VA on April 1 after six years managing the Department's benefits programs.

A search commission, led by VA's Deputy Secretary Gordon H. Mansfield, is in the process of identifying candidates for Cooper's permanent replacement. Under federal law, the search commission must recommend at least three candidates to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who forwards the list to the President along with any recommendations by the Secretary.



Pineywoods detachment "goodies are now available from two sources for those who want to wear our colors proudly. All manner of items are available from **Café Press** at <http://www.cafepress.com/pwm1189b>. These items are "printed" on the clothing or hat.

Embroidered clothing and hats, as well as backpacks and portable stadium seats and other goodies are available in Nacogdoches at **Unlimited Designs** on NW Stallings Drive, next to License to Laugh, the defensive driving folks. It is also possible to have the embroidery sewn on the MCL red uniform cover there. Pricing is reasonable, and Kim Cartwright and staff are most helpful. Keep it local!

"Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom."-- John Adams (Defense of the Constitutions, 1787)



WORLD WAR ONE MARINES

Every now and then, it is worth the time to pause a moment and reflect on the past and the Marines who went before us. To paraphrase Chesty Puller, it does not matter what generation, there is no Old Breed or New Breed, there is only the eternal Marine Corps and the valiant men who wear the uniform. *Semper Parati!*



Above left: Marines disembark at a French port 17 June 1917.

Above right: 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines resting after their engagement at Belleau Wood, pictured middle right.



Below left: Brigadier General Charles A. Doyen, USMC, in France in 1917.

Bottom right: Private John T. Miller, 96th Co., 6th Marines, after Belleu Wood





VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

By Dan Singletary

VA MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

The VA's chief mental health official said in recent testimony before the House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC) that the VA has significantly increased its mental health budget and greatly enhanced its suicide prevention services. Dr. Ira Katz, deputy chief of Patient Care Services for VA's Office of Mental Health, testified VA will spend \$3 billion in fiscal 2008 on mental health services for veterans – a 50% increase since 2001.

The VA has hired more than 3,600 new mental health employees since 2005, bringing the current total to more than 10,000. Testifying at the Committee's hearing focusing on suicide prevention, Dr. Katz said VA has expanded its services in several ways, including the recent addition of a 24-hour, seven-day a week Suicide Prevention Hotline (1-800-273-TALK). He said the VA now has suicide prevention coordinators at each of its 153 hospitals nationwide, and has more than 200 mental health providers whose jobs are specifically devoted to preventing suicide among veterans. In addition, the VA educates veterans and family members and trains employees about suicide risk factors and warning signs of suicide.

[Source: Vet Group Liaison Officer Kevin Sector article 21 Mar 08]

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN ARCHER LEJEUNE:
13th Commandant of the Marine Corps**



Lieutenant General John Archer Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was born at Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, on 10 January 1867. He was educated at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, from which he graduated with a B.A. degree. Subsequently, he secured an appointment as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, from which he was graduated in 1888. At the expiration of a two-year cruise as a cadet midshipman he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps on 1 July 1890.

Second Lieutenant Lejeune reported for duty on 31 August 1890 at the Marine Barracks, New York. He served at that post until he joined Marine Barracks, Norfolk, Virginia, on 3 November 1890. From 1 October 1891 to 28 July 1893, Lejeune served on board the *USS Bennington* and was promoted to first lieutenant on 26 February 1892. On 28 August 1893, he reported for duty at the Norfolk Barracks, where he served until 31 July 1897.

On 2 August 1897, Lejeune assumed command of the Marine Guard of the *USS Cincinnati*, on which vessel he served throughout the Spanish-American War. He was detached from the *USS Cincinnati* 17 February 1899, and on 18 February 1899, joined the *USS Massachusetts*, to command the Marine Guard. He was promoted to captain on 3 March 1899 and left his position on the *Massachusetts* on 10 May 1900.

From 3 July 1900 to 12 November 1900, Lejeune performed recruiting duty at

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Detachment Meetings

- 2008
- 17 April
- Installation of Officers
- 15 May
- 19 June
- 17 July
- 21 August
- 18 September
- 16 October
- 20 November
- 18 December
- 2009
- 15 January

2008 Marine Corps Birthday Ball

8 November 2008
Fredonia Hotel
Nacogdoches, Texas

**Marine Corps League
38th Annual Texas State
Convention**

6-8 June 2008
Corpus Christi, TX

As more information becomes available about these and additional events it will appear in future issues of your newsletter. If you have events of interest to the Detachment, contact the editor.



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Boston, Massachusetts, and on 22 November 1900, reported at the Marine Barracks, Pensacola, Florida, to command the Marines. From 12 January 1903 to 21 January 1903, Lejeune was on duty at the Norfolk Barracks, going to recruiting duty at New York City on 26 January 1903. He was promoted to major on 3 March 1903 and was on duty at Headquarters, Washington, D.C. from 15 May 1903 to 8 August 1903.

On 8 August 1903, Lejeune was ordered to the *USS Panther* to command the Marine Battalion on board that vessel, joining 16 August 1903. On 23 October 1903, the battalion, with Lejeune in command, was transferred to the *USS Dixie*. From 16 December 1903 to 21 December 1904, Lejeune was on duty ashore on the Isthmus of Panama in command of this battalion, leaving there on the latter date on board the *USS Yankee*.

From 27 January 1905 to 20 May 1906, Lejeune served at the Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. He then returned to Panama in command of a battalion of Marines from 29 May to 6 July 1906, the battalion being transported both ways on board the *USS Columbia*. This was detached duty, and on 29 March 1907, Lejeune was detached from command of the Washington Barracks and ordered to the Philippines.

Arriving in the Philippines on 2 May 1907, Lejeune assumed command of the Marine Barracks and Naval Prison, Navy Yard, Cavite, on 6 May 1907. He assumed command of the First Brigade of Marines on 15 June 1908 and was promoted to lieutenant colonel on 13 May 1909. He was detached on 8 June 1909 and ordered to return to the United States.

Lieutenant Colonel Lejeune embarked on board the *USS Ohio* on 26 May 1912 with the Second Regiment, First Provisional Brigade Marines, for Cuba. He disembarked at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on 8 June 1912 and was in command of the District of Santiago from 9 June to 14 July 1912. On 15 July 1912, Lejeune embarked on board the *USS Prairie* and sailed for Colon, Panama. July 18-29, 1912 was spent at Camp Elliott, Panama.

After returning to the United States, Lejeune was again called upon for expeditionary duty. He sailed from Philadelphia, 20 February 1913 as second in command of the First Regiment, Second Provisional Brigade Marines and disembarked 27 February 1913, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He returned to Philadelphia on board the *USS Prairie* on 2 May 1913.

On 27 November 1913, Lejeune sailed from New York with the 2d Advanced Base Regiment, with his ultimate destination Vera Cruz, Mexico, but returned to the United States to receive his promotion to colonel on 25 February 1914. Lejeune and his unit eventually landed in Mexico on 22 April 1914 and participated in the occupation of the city. He returned home in December 1914, this time to report to Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C., to become assistant to the Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps. He was promoted to brigadier general on 29 August 1916.

With the outbreak of World War I, Lejeune assumed command of the newly constructed Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia. His overseas service was, however, inevitable, and in June 1918, he arrived at Brest, France. He was promoted to major general 1 July 1918. Upon reporting to the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, he was assigned to command a brigade of the 32nd Division and assumed command of the 4th Brigade of Marines of the 2d Division immediately following the attack of the division in the Soissons offensive. On 28 July 1918, Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division and remained in that capacity until August 1919, when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice he led his division in the march into Germany.

During that war he was recognized by the French Government as a strategist and leader, as evidenced by the Legion of Honor, and the Croix de Guerre awarded to him by France. From General John J. Pershing he received the Distinguished Service Medal. The Navy Distinguished Service Medal was conferred upon him when he returned to the United States following the occupation of Germany.

In October 1919, he again was appointed Commanding General, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia. He was appointed as Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps on 1 July 1920. Subsequent to that time, he left his headquarters at Washington several times for tours of inspection in Haiti, Santo Domingo, Cuba,

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Puerto Rico, to the West Coast and elsewhere.

Upon the expiration of his second term as Commandant, Lejeune indicated his desire not to retire from the Marine Corps, but was relieved as Commandant in March 1929. On 10 November 1929, he retired in order to accept the position of superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, serving there until poor health necessitated his resignation in October 1937. In February 1942, he was advanced to the rank of lieutenant general on the Marine Corps retired list.

Lieutenant General Lejeune died 20 November 1942 at the Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, and was interred in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Today, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, bears his name and he is often referred to as "the greatest of all Leathernecks," having served more than 40 years with the Marine Corps.

Lieutenant General Lejeune's awards include: Distinguished Service Medal (Navy); Distinguished Service Medal (Army); Sampson Medal (*USS Cincinnati*); Spanish Campaign Medal; Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal with three Bronze stars for Panama, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic; Mexican Service Medal; Victory Medal with St. Mihiel Champagne, Meuse-Argonne, and Defensive Sector Clasp for World War I; Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal; French Legion of Honor (Commander); and French Croix de Guerre with Palm.



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As for precedence, the Southwest Asia Service Medal falls directly after (below) the Vietnam Service Medal and before (above) the Kosovo Campaign Medal.

Approximately 696,840 Gulf vets qualified for the Southwest Asia Service Medal during the "conflict" period. (VFW Magazine, June/July 2003)



SECURITY ALERT — BUMP KEYS

The most popular locking mechanism in the world utilizes the pin tumbler design, first developed 4000 years ago in Egypt and then rediscovered and perfected a century and a half ago by Linus Yale. There are billions of these locks in the world and they come in all sizes, configurations, and security ratings. Some are secure; most are not, and even some high security rated cylinders can be easily compromised. All that is required to open many types of pin tumbler cylinders -- the kind of lock that probably keeps the bad guys out of your home -- is a bump key and a tool for creating a bit of force.

While many people have never heard of "bump keys," authorities say these modified versions of ordinary keys first gained popularity in Europe and are spreading rapidly through Internet "how-to" videos that illustrate how easily doors can be opened through "lock bumping." Any regular key can be cut to its deepest depth to become a bump key. When a bump key is inserted into a lock and tapped with a mallet, kinetic energy is transferred through the pins in the locking mechanism, causing the pins to momentarily move so the lock can be turned.

While bump keys are nothing new, they have – until recently – been generally unavailable to the public. Most reputable locksmiths will not make them or sell them to anyone. But the Internet has changed that. Now bump keys are being sold online for as little as \$3.25. Videos demonstrate how to use them to quickly and easily breach locks and in some cases how to make them he keys yourself. One such video can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwTVBWCijEQ>. At <http://www.engadget.com/2006/08/24/the-lockdown-locked-but-not-secure-part-i/> can be found additional info on Bump keys and illustrations on how tumbler style locks work.

Bottom line, if your home access doors have tumbler pin locks (which most do) they can be opened by anyone who has knowledge of this. Bump-resistant locks are available on the market but they come with high price tag. [Source: Various | Apr 08]

MOBILIZED RESERVE

The Army, Air Force and Marine Corps announced the current number of reservists on active duty as of 26 MAR 08 in support of the partial mobilization. The net collective result is 2,312 more reservists mobilized than last reported in the Bulletin for 12 MAR 08. At any given time, services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.

The total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 76,309; Navy Reserve, 5,595; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 7,614; Marine Corps Reserve, 8,638; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 344. This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been mobilized to 98,400, including both units and individual

augmentees.

A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are currently mobilized, can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2008/d20080326ngr.pdf> .[Source: DoD News Release 196-08 12 Mar 08]

BALL PICTURES AVAILABLE

Pictures are available for those who attended the Marine Corps Birthday Ball in 2007, but did not buy a portrait or photo package. Precious Memories Photography has a website where pictures can be viewed. If one is desired, it can be purchased. The photo album expires June 24, 2008, so if you are interested, you only have a short time to place your order. After that time, you will need to contact them directly at (318) 755-2290, or write them at 219 Jefferson Street, Pelican, Louisiana 71063.

The album of photographs may be viewed at the following website:

<http://nacogdochesmarineball.photoherald.com/>



IRS PHISHING UPDATE

In this income tax-filing season the following is of particular importance to all of us.

E-mails that fraudulently claim to be from the Internal Revenue Service to trick taxpayers into giving up personal information have increased significantly this tax season, according to the IRS and a security vendor.

For two years, the IRS has warned consumers about the fraudulent use of the IRS name or logo in

"phishing" attempts" in which criminals try to gain access to consumers' financial information to steal their identities and access banking accounts. In 2006, the agency established the e-mail address

phishing@irs.gov for victims to report incidents along with guidelines on how to do this at <http://www.irs.gov/privacy/article/0,,id=179820.00.html>.

As of March of this year, almost 34,000 emails were identified as phishing attempts -- 611 in the first few months of 2008. Of those attempts that occurred in 2007, the IRS was able to trace the code from the e-mails back to 862 individual phishing schemes. But that number is likely just a small portion of the total.

"This is a self reporting group," said IRS spokeswoman Michelle Lamishaw. "The group of people actually receiving them is much larger." The total number of phishing incidents that have occurred this tax season is difficult to estimate, and those vary according to the source. Internet security software vendor Secure Computing says the number of phishing Web sites targeting the IRS increased 3,000% in January compared to JAN 07. Secure Computing, based in San Jose CA declined to provide the specific number of phishing attempts, saying they are proprietary.

The company also reported an increase in the number of phishing Web sites that are targeting the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System. The majority were traced to locations in the United States. In terms of phishing attempts, Secure Computing identified 583 different fraudulent IP addresses sending e-mails on behalf of IRS.gov between 1 JAN and 5 FEB and more phishing scams in January than for all of the first six months of last year. "We're also noticing other sites that offer tax-related services getting targeted -- accountants and tax service businesses, for example," said Paula Greve, director of Web security research at Secure Computing. "These [scams are

coming] at taxpayer citizens on all sides, gaining hold of their information." Phishing schemes have become more sophisticated, now including links that lead to fake but professionally designed Web sites and bogus interactive applications from the IRS. In one example, a link takes consumers to what appears to be the IRS "Where's My Refund" page, which asks taxpayers to check on the status of their tax refunds. The real IRS application asks for customers' Social Security number, filing status and the refund amount; the bogus page typically asks for additional personal information, including a bank account number.

Some phishing scams pull from current events, such as claiming to relate to the economic stimulus package approved by President Bush or targeting organizations that distribute funds to other organizations or individuals. Often the scam e-mails claim to be sent by the director of the exempt organization's area of the IRS, asking recipients to click on a link to access a form that is typically a phishing attempt or download information on tax law changes that, in fact, downloads malicious code onto a taxpayer's computer that then can take over the hard drive and access files containing personal information.

"Anybody can spoof a Web site," Lamishaw said. "It's not that hard. They just capture all of the graphic elements and the font and so on, and then manipulate the information and questions." No matter how sophisticated the e-mail, Lamishaw warns consumers not to be fooled. "IRS is not in the habit of sending unsolicited e-mails," particularly those that ask for any account-related information. "The few e-mails we send are of the newsletter sort -- where we're sending info to stakeholders. No one should expect anything, no matter how legitimate it looks." [Source: GovExec.com newsletter 26 Mar 08]

Recruiting is important. DON'T FORGET TO INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT WITH US AT OUR NEXT MEETING. Ask them to stay and become a member of our elite Detachment. If we find someone interested in the Marine Corps League, provide them with an application and ask them to fill it out, either as a regular or an associate member. Be aggressive! Our membership will not increase by magic, only by hard work.

Semper Fi!

**ONCE A MARINE,
ALWAYS A MARINE!**

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"The name of American, which belongs to you... must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism." George Washington

"It is the duty of every good citizen to use all the opportunities which occur to him, for preserving documents relating to the history of our country."

Thomas Jefferson

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**"Once a Marine,
Always a Marine"
Semper Fidelis!**



Marine Corps History

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

21 April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. Delong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April 1805: First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

Life Membership

The following Detachment members are Life Members of the Marine Corps League

- Rich Barnhart
- Betty Benavides
- Dennis Bradford
- Strimple Coyle
- Roger Crone
- Phil Devlin
- Billy Duke
- Don Kirkley
- Dale Koonce
- Buck Lee
- James Lee
- Jack Noble
- Jack Sanderson
- Dan Singletary
- Joe Stewart

Semper Fil

CONSIDER LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership Dues

National Marine Corps League Website

Age Grp	Current	As of 01/01/09
0-35	\$400	\$500
36-40	\$350	\$400
41-50	\$350	\$400
51-60	\$250	\$300
61-over	\$125	\$150

To become a Life Member, you must already be a "Member in Good Standing." That means becoming a member and paying your initial dues first. Yes, according to the Bylaws, you could join the League, pay your dues, and then pay your Life Membership Dues all in the same day.

BIRTHDAYS

The following Detachment members have a birthday to celebrate in APRIL

**Rich Barnhart
Wilbert Morrison
Robert Nogger**

Happy birthday and many happy returns!
Also, apologies to any we have missed.