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Marine Corps Birthday Ball, November 8th

The Pineywoods Detachment held its annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 8th, 2008 at the Hotel Fredonia in Nacogdoches. The Ball was attended by over 70 Marines and

their guests from throughout the East Texas area.

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Pictured above left is “Pearl Harbor Defender” Sergeant Major and Mrs. Coyle. Above right is (l-r) Paymaster Rob Zurfluh, and Detachment Member and Bagpiper Rick Zurfluh.

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.”

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(Ball, Continued from Page 1) The oldest Marine was Sergeant Major Strimple C. “Jim” Coyle (88) of Hemphill, Texas. Coyle is a charter member of the Pineywoods Detachment, a World War II veteran and a “Defender of Pearl Harbor.” The youngest Marine was Sergeant Jonathan Pigg (23), the U.S. Marine Corps recruiter in Nacogdoches. Pigg has served three tours of duty in Iraq and has participated in Tsunami cleanup operations. The Guest of Honor was Dr. Jerry Holbert, who is Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Earlier in his career, Holbert was recruited by the National Security Agency and served in the U.S. Navy as an Arabic linguist, and worked side-by-side with Marines. After the cake-cutting Holbert gave a spirited speech on the values of Marines and defined the two basic types of Marines – “Big and Mean” and “Skinny and Mean.” After his speech, Holbert was presented with a United States Flag that had been flown over the nation’s capital in his honor.

The official ceremonies were following by an evening of camaraderie and dancing until late into the night. Next year’s Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held at the Hotel Fredonia during the evening of Saturday November 7th, 2009. Watch the Detachment website (www.PineywoodsMarines.org) for more information.

There are also many additional Marine Corps Birthday Ball pictures available on the Detachment website.

Below (left to right), Adjutant Will Lane, World War II veteran Buck Lee, and Mrs. Lee attend the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.





233rd Marine Corps Birthday Ball



Above left, Youngest Marine Sgt Jonathan Pigg. Above right, Peggy and Bob Burt.



Above left, Cynthia and Phil Devlin (Judge Advocate) enjoy the Ball.

Above right, Tribute to all Fallen Marines.

Left, local U.S. Marine Corps Recruiters provide the Color Guard for the Birthday Ball Ceremony.

November 10th — Birthday of the United States Marine Corps, when we honor those who have gone before us.



Detachment Awards

During the Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 8th 2008, Pineywoods Detachment Commandant Dan Singletary presented awards to five Detachment members.

Bryan Hatten

Semper Fidelis is the motto of the United States Marine Corps. It means "always faithful," and that describes Bryan Leroy Hatten with two Ts.

Hatten is a veteran of both World War Two and the Korean Conflict and has earned the right to limit his participation in the Pineywoods Detachment, of which he is a charter member. But that is not his way. Despite his tender years, this "feisty old warhorse" regularly makes meetings, and is present at many of the Detachment's functions, often at his own peril. He recently was released from the hospital to stand a post during the Piney Woods Fair, only to have to return to the hospital as a result. Such is the dedication of this Marine.

For his tireless dedication to the United States Marine Corps, the Department of Texas, and the Pineywoods Detachment, we are proud and honored to present to Bryan Leroy Hatten a Meritorious Life Membership.



Above, Detachment Charter Member Bran Hatten receives his Meritorious Life Membership in the Marine Corps League, presented by Commandant Dan Singletary at the Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball, 8 November 2008.

1st Sergeant John Mathews

Selflessness is the hallmark of Marine Corps service. While serving in Iraq, Garrison native 1stSgt John W. Mathews III contacted the Pineywoods Detachment to ask if we would like to have a flag flown over Camp Raines, Iraq. 1stSgt Mathews learned that the detachment was delighted to receive such a gift.

In the relationship that followed 1stSgt Mathews not only sent a flag to the Marines of Pineywoods Detachment, but through his Marine contacts, he provided flags to five other veterans' organizations in Nacogdoches County. Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Purple Heart veterans all benefitted from his generosity. 1stSgt Mathews also joined the Marine Corps League. Now safely returned from Iraq and stationed at Camp Lejeune near Jacksonville, North Carolina, 1stSgt Mathews continues to communicate with the local Marine group. In recognition of his selfless and dedicated service (Continued on Page 5)



Above, Bob and Peggy Burt accept the Distinguished Service Medal on behalf of Peggy's son, 1st Sergeant John Mathews, at the Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball.



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(1st Sgt Mathews, Continued from Page 4) to the United States of America, the Marine Corps, and the veterans organizations in his East Texas home communities, we are proud to present the Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Medal – Bronze to 1stSgt John W. Mathews III.

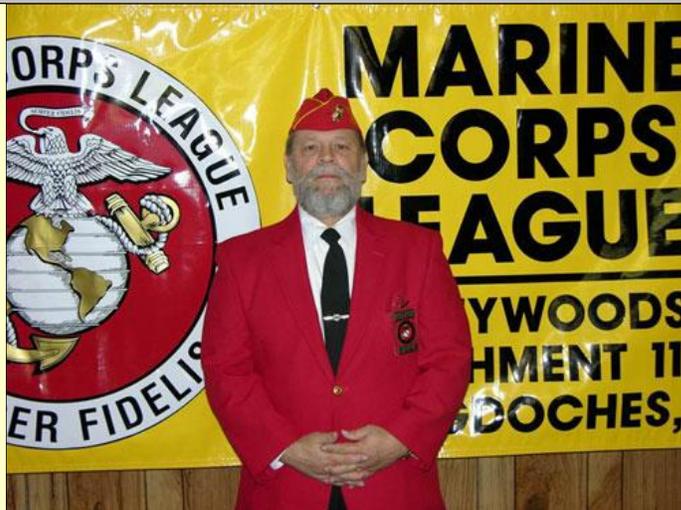
Dennis Bradford

Dennis Bradford is a charter member of the Pineywoods Detachment of the Marine Corps League. He has served as Junior- and Senior-Vice Commandant, serves on numerous committees, and consistently takes on additional duties, always keeping the best interests of the Detachment at heart. He is the first member of the Pineywoods Detachment to accept duties at the Department of Texas, and currently serves as the Vice Commandant for District 2, which consists of eight detachments and encompasses Angelina County northward to the Oklahoma state line, and from Dallas eastward to the Louisiana border.

Bradford also established, and serves as the editor of the *Pineywoods Poopsheet*, the Detachment's newsletter. Last summer at the state convention, the Detachment received a Department of Texas Meritorious Unit Citation for effort "above and beyond," based largely upon Bradford's efforts.

Bradford always devotes himself to activities in which the Detachment participates, whether to man the booth everyday of the Pineywoods Fair, attend services honoring Marines, organize officer training, publish the Detachment newsletter, work tirelessly on the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, support the Veteran's Day Parade, or attend the State Convention. He consistently supports the Detachment. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Bradford for his outstanding and generous service to the Pineywoods Detachment, the Department of Texas, the Marine Corps League, the United States Marine Corps, and the United States of America.

It is with great pride that we present to Dennis Bradford the Distinguished Service Medal - Bronze.



Above, Senior-Vice Commandant (and District 2 Vice Commandant) Dennis Bradford.

Will Lane

The Pineywoods Detachment of the Marine Corps League is fortunate to have an exceptional Adjutant. A charter member, William W. Lane has fulfilled all the demands of that challenging position, providing consistency and stability during the Detachment's first chaotic years. His quiet, efficient style and single-minded purpose have ensured that the Detachment's essential records are kept and submitted, and the history of the organization preserved.

Lane participates in many other ways as well including physical support at events in which the Detachment is involved. He is always at the Veterans Day Parades, helps display the flags at the County Court House on patriotic days, is supportive of the Toys-For-Tots effort each year, (Continued on Page 6)



Above, Adjutant Will Lane received the Meritorious Individual Commendation.



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(Will Lane, Continued from Page 5) and participates on various committees as needed.

For his exceptional service to the United States Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and the Pineywoods Detachment, the Meritorious Individual Commendation is hereby presented to William W. "Will" Lane.

Rich Barnhart

"Dedication and commitment" best describe Richard M. Barnhart.

When approached to create a Pineywoods Detachment web page, although not at the time a member, Barnhart created and had the page up and running within two days. He then joined the Marine Corps League.

Since he became a member, Barnhart has been the detachment's Web Sergeant. Charged with maintaining the site, he updates and keeps accurate all information, uploads recent photographs of Detachment activities, and continually refines the page design constantly looking for new and creative ways to showcase the Detachment mission. He presented a training session to other detachment representatives at a Department of Texas District 2 conference where he generously shared his knowledge and experience. When asked, he has created or helped several other local organizations launch their websites.

Recently, the Detachment explored the possibility of holding a charity golf tournament. Barnhart visited several vendors to determine the likelihood of corporate sponsorship and, at his own expense, traveled to most of the golf courses in East Texas seeking advice regarding organizing a tournament.

Barnhart represented the Detachment nearly every day of the Piney Woods Fair. He recently spoke to a local chapter of Rotary International on behalf of all veterans' organizations including the Marine Corps League.

Barnhart is also the Detachment's Sergeant-at-Arms and Public Information Officer, and participates on several committees, writes for the Detachment newsletter, and, with his family, remains active in the community.

For his unswerving and tireless dedication to the United States Marine Corps, The Marine Corps League, and the Pineywoods Detachment, it is with great pleasure that Detachment *Marine of the Year* is presented to Richard M. "Rich" Barnhart.



Above, Sergeant-At-Arms Rich Barnhart receives the Marine of the Year Award.

Hometown Heroes

For the last several years here in Nacogdoches, the Stephen F. Austin State University Men's Lumberjack Basketball team has honored a local veteran at halftime. The veteran takes center court and the announcer reads his or her bio while everyone stands and cheers and applauds. Many Pineywoods Detachment members have participated in the past, and two are participating this season (Rich Barnhart in November & Dennis Bradford in January). There are additional dates available this season in January, February, and early March. U.S. Army Korean Conflict veteran C.W. (Bud) Nettles manages the program and can be reached at home at (936) 462-8519. If you choose to participate, please let Commandant Dan Singletary know ahead of time. When you are honored, you also get complimentary tickets to the game so that you may bring friends & family along. We encourage all Detachment members to participate and to spread the word about the program to other veterans you know and to friends and neighbors who may have relatives who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Detachment Awards

During November 2008, the Detachment presented Gailon Fletcher (Major, USAF, Ret.) an Honorary Membership in the Pineywoods Detachment. Fletcher has assisted the Detachment with fundraising and catering on numerous occasions. He also participates in the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars along with its honor degree, the Military Order of the Cootie. Gailon Fletcher displays those qualities that we value highly and we are grateful for our association with him. We are happy to have him as an honorary member. His citation reads as follows:

Often, people outside the Marine Corps League have a dramatic impact on the success of its endeavors.

Gailon Fletcher is one such person. Fletcher is a retired Air Force officer who is active in the community's veterans' organizations including the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars along with its honor degree, the Military Order of the Cootie. He has held many offices in the VFW and Cooties, but he is involved in every aspect of the mission. For the VFW he assists in weekly dances, district meetings, and when needed is an accomplished Bar-B-Que chef.

When the Pineywoods Detachment needed a fundraiser, Fletcher smoked more brisket than was needed. In 2007, when the Marine Corps Birthday Ball caterer cancelled at the last minute, he once again stepped in without hesitation and provided smoked brisket and ham, which helped make the evening a success.

For his unswerving dedication to the area's veterans and to the Pineywoods Detachment, we proudly present to Gailon Fletcher an Honorary Membership in the Marine Corps League.



Gailon Fletcher, who is very active in local veterans activities and has assisted the Detachment on numerous occasions, is presented with an Honorary Membership in the Pineywoods Detachment. Pictured above (l-r) is Senior-Vice Commandant Dennis Bradford, Gailon Fletcher, and Detachment Life Member and World War II Veteran Buck Lee.

Marine Corps History

6 December 1928: A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

7 December 1941: Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Territory killing more than 2,300 Americans. The U.S.S. Arizona was completely destroyed and the U.S.S. Oklahoma capsized. The attack sank three other ships and damaged many additional vessels. More than 180 aircraft were destroyed. 2,403 personnel killed, 1,177 on the USS Arizona alone. 109 Marines were KIA, 72 of those Marines went down with the Arizona.

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

19 December 1972: The Marine detachment of the USS TICONDEROGA provided shipboard security for three U.S. astronauts, Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt, and their Apollo-17 space capsule. The astronauts had successfully completed a (then) record lunar stay of more than 75 hours.



JARRIE MARIE LOVE

RAFFLE WINNER!



Above: Dwayne Greenwood of Lufkin is the winner of the Mossberg shotgun drawing held during the Marine Corps Birthday Ball on November 8. Congratulations to Dwayne seen pictured with Paymaster Rob Zurfluh.

Above: Jarrie Love received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Pineywoods Detachment for her generous support.

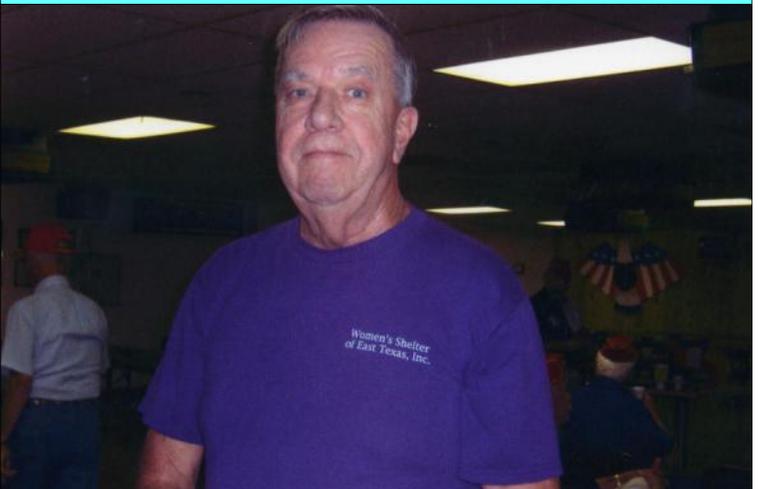
TOYS FOR TOTS TIME!

The Pineywoods Detachment lost a dear friend and member, Jarrie Love, who passed away on November 5, 2008.

Jarrie was an Associate Life Member who came to us after reading about the Detachment in the newspaper. She was never in the service, but a former husband was a Navy Physicians Assistant who served a tour at Camp Pendleton, California. This brief association with the Marine Corps was sufficient to spark her interest in the Marine Corps League.

Born in Portugal, Jarrie enjoyed traveling. During her working life she was a nurses aide with a passion for helping the sick and elderly. She also enjoyed antiques, quilting, and cooking.

Jarrie Love was a sweet and generous lady, who was with us all too briefly. She is missed.



It's time, once again, for the annual Toys For Tots Christmas toy drive. Toys For Tots area coordinator, Ronnie Bowser, said that the Radio Drive at Wal-Mart both in Lufkin and Nacogdoches is set for December 12th and 13th. We will be joined by local radio personality Danny Merrill from KJ-103, who will be broadcasting live from both locations periodically during the drive.

We still need folks to be present and man the Lufkin Wal-Mart collection point. We need to have personnel from 7 am to 7 pm. If you have time and can help let Ronnie know (ronnie.bowser@era.com).



Texas Veterans Leadership Program

Website News

The Texas workforce commission (TWC) has launched a major initiative designed to assist veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. With the support of Governor Perry, the Texas Veterans Leadership Program (TVLP) will lead the nation in welcoming veterans home the right way as the transition to civilian life.

The TVLP is modeled after the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program (VVLPL), established when TWC chairman Tom Pauken was director of action under President Reagan. The program involved successful Vietnam veterans helping their fellow veterans who were unemployed or underemployed, or who had lingering problems associated with their Vietnam experience.

The State Director of our returning veterans initiative is retired Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Jason Doran, who was awarded the Silver Star for bravery in Iraq and is the author of I Am My Brother's Keeper.

The TVLP recruited 28 veterans as local Veterans Resource and Referral Specialists (VRRS) to provide veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan with employment and training services. They are stationed in workforce centers in each Local Workforce Development Board area while working closely with workforce center staff and the local staff of Texas Veterans Commission.

Returning veterans, employers interested in hiring veterans, and organizations seeking to join our effort to assist returning service men and women can find their local VRRS at vets.texasworkforc.org or by calling (888) VET-TEX1.

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Have you visited your website lately? Well, people from around the country and around the world have! We have received over 8,000 hits so far, from 49 states and the District of Columbia (we have yet to have a visit from someone in Rhode Island). We have had visitors from Latin America, South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Australia.

The visitors that were the farthest away where in Perth, Australia, Jakarta, Indonesia, and Bangkok, Thailand. We have also had hits from China, Kenya, Philippines, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, India, Saudi Arabia, New Zealand, Japan, Egypt, Russia, Ukraine, Italy, Poland, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, France, French Polynesia, United Kingdom, Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Honduras, Venezuela, and numerous hits from Canada.

Some of the information we keep on the website includes the Detachment Officer listing as well as their bios. We list membership information, including printable applications, membership requirements, uniform regulations, and detachment gear. There are also Detachment pictures and videos, flag etiquette, USMC recruit training info, Detachment awards, recruiting posters dating back to the Civil War, and links of interest.

To visit the website, go to www.PineywoodsMarines.org . If you click on the 'Visitor Log', you can see the various cities, states, and countries where people have surfed in from. If you think of something that we should add, please tell the Web Sgt, Rich Barnhart when you see him at a meeting or email him at Jarhead@PineywoodsMarines.org .

GET YOUR DETACHMENT GEAR



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!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR****Detachment Meetings****(next six months)**

15 January

19 February *Nomination of Officers**19 March *Election of Officers****16 April *Installation of Officers**

21 May

18 June

**Meetings are held third Thursday of the month,
at 7 pm at the DAV Hall, 3110 Appleby-Sand Road****Call (936) 559-3781 for info****Hometown Heros****Local Veterans honored at SFA Lumberjack
Basketball games (Jan, Feb, Mar)****Contact: Bud Nettles at (936) 462-8519****See article on page 6****Toys for Tots Radio Remote****at Wal-Mart in both Nacogdoches & Lufkin,
7 a.m. – 7 p.m. December 12 & 13 2008****Contact: Ronnie Bowser ronnie.bowser@era.com****Santa's Workshop Gift Exchange
benefiting Toys for Tots; donate a new,
unwrapped toy for free chiropractic service****December 16th 7:30 am to 5:30 pm****Luquette Chiropractic Clinic****3205 N. University Drive, Suite B****(936) 569-0200****2009****MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL****7 November 2009****Fredonia Hotel Nacogdoches, Texas****Watch the Detachment website for more information****RECENT EVENTS**

2008 Marine Corps Birthday Ball held at the Hotel Fredonia on Saturday, November 8th with over 70 Marines & guests in attendance. See the article on page 1 and visit the Detachment website for pictures — www.PineywoodsMarines.org. The Detachment also drew the winner of the Shotgun Raffle (see article on page 8).

Nacogdoches Veteran's Day Parade, downtown on the red-brick streets, Saturday November 8th (see Detachment website for video and pictures). Detachment members (in the Red Blazer) rode the combined veteran's float and we had one member in the Red Blazer in the veteran's color guard. We were also pictured on the front page of the "Daily Sentinel" newspaper on Sunday, November 9th.

Chireno Lighted Christmas Parade, downtown Chireno, November 13th (picture will be on the website soon!). Detachment members (in the Red Blazer) rode the Marine Corps League float. This was the second year in a row that we have participated in this parade.

Girls Softball Tournament in Lufkin on Saturday, November 8th, where the entrance fee was a new unwrapped toy for **Toys For Tots**. There were about 12 or 14 teams from various cities: Dallas, Beaumont, Lufkin, etc. Associate Member Ronnie Bowser collected 257 nice toys and made lots of good friends!

Toy Run at Stone Fort Cycle on Saturday, November 22nd. Detachment Chaplain Ken Raines participated in the ride. Dennis Bradford, Will Lane, and Ronnie Bowser were also on hand and collected a dozens of toys. Visit the Detachment website for pictures.

Posting of U.S. Flags at the Nacogdoches County Courthouse on September 11th (Patriot Day), November 11th (Veteran's Day) and December 7th (Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day) Over a half dozen members met before 0700 each day to post and unfurl flags along the sidewalks of the courthouse, then met in the evening to furl and stow the flags. Members also laid a wreath by the County Veteran's Memorial.

Pit Bull Dog Show on Saturday, December 8th, Pecan Park. Participants (the people) donated toys for **Toys for Tots**. Ronnie Bowser reports that next year the show is expected to be larger and may held at the Nacogdoches Expo Center.



Detachment Membership

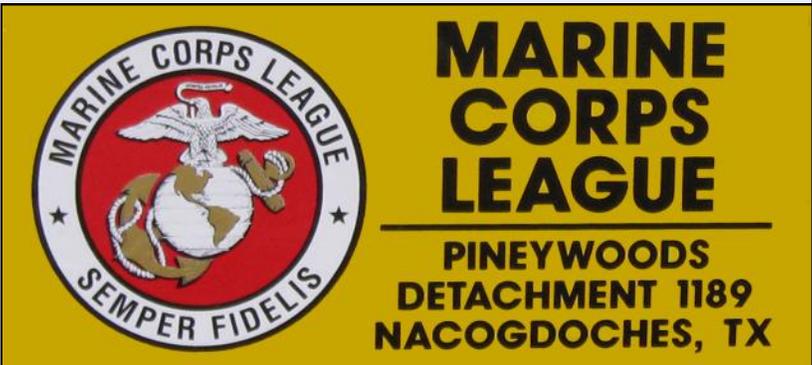
There are three legs of our Membership Program that form the foundation of our Detachment.

First, we need all who are on annual memberships to pay up! If you are delinquent or if you are coming due, see any officer about paying. The Commandant or the Senior Vice Commandant can tell you your status or due date.

Second, we need to encourage those on annual memberships to consider buying a life membership. You **MUST** be paid up as an annual member (be in good standing with the Marine Corps League) before you can purchase your life membership. Taking this important step shows that you are committed to the Marine Corps League and to the Pineywoods Detachment. You get the benefit of not having to renew your membership, and the Detachment receives benefits as well. The national organization wisely invests life membership payments. After the money has been invested for a full fiscal year, National, the Department of Texas, and your Detachment share in a portion of the interest earned. This means that you will be making a yearly contribution to the Pineywoods Detachment for as long as you keep your life membership with us. Consider converting to a Life Membership; we added three new life memberships this past year.

Third, everyone should be making an effort to recruit new members. The Pineywoods Detachment must bring in new members and grow in order to remain viable take on more programs in the local community. All members regularly receive membership applications in the Semper FI magazine, and there is a printable version available on the Detachment website under 'Membership' - www.PineywoodsMarines.org .

Many of us keep a couple copies in our glove box, at home and at work. You can also get Pineywoods Detachment business cards at no cost (however, contributions are welcome) from Senior Vice Commandant Dennis Bradford. The cards list our address, phone number, email address, website, and meeting date, time, and location. The business cards are an easy way to pass along our information to a potential member, and you should always have a couple with you. Anyone who recruits at least five new members in one fiscal year will also receive a Detachment bumper sticker (see picture to the right). It is up to you to ensure that the Adjutant records the fact that you recruited a new member. Anyone found not to be making an effort at recruiting for three consecutive months will have "NO DESSERT" stamped on their chow pass by the Sergeant-At-Arms! Seriously, you should never miss an opportunity to speak with Marines, U.S. Navy Corpsmen, and others who have a vested interest in the U.S. Marine Corps about the Pineywoods Detachment and the Marine Corps League. It is up to you to spread the word about the Marine Corps League and keep our Detachment growing!



Life Membership Honor Roll

The following Detachment members are Life Members

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

Semper Fi!

CONSIDER LIFE

Life Membership Dues

National Marine Corps League

<u>Age Grp</u>	<u>Cost</u>
0-35	\$500
36-40	\$400
41-50	\$400
51-60	\$300
61-over	\$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.



“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.”

Thomas Jefferson

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

Gen. William Thornson, U.S. Army



New Members

Pineywoods Detachment 1189, Marine Corps League, welcomed one new member at both the October and the November meetings, Zac Selden (below left) and Viengsing (Vin) Outhavong (below right).

While on active duty in the Marines, Zac Selden was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar with MWHS-3. He is president of Sigma Pi at Texas State, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (2006) and Anthropology (2008). Seldon is currently pursuing a Masters of Interdisciplinary Studies in Anthropology, Political Science, and Public History locally at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFASU). He currently works as a Graduate Research Assistant in the Anthropology and Archaeology Lab. Selden is active in archaeological field work and plans to attend law school at Oklahoma State and study American Indian Law and Antiquity Law.

Viengsing (Vin) Outhavong served on active duty in the Marines from 1993 through 2008. He served in Afghanistan and Iraq, has participated in Hurricane Katrina support, Operation Cobra Gold, and Operation Sea Breeze (Ukraine). Vin is also a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor. He intends to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Business at SFASU and work in the Nacogdoches area. Be sure and welcome these two new members when you meet them!



Zac Selden (left) and Vin Outhavong (right) pictured at the November meeting, are the two newest members of the Pineywoods Detachment.

BIRTHDAYS

The following Detachment members have a birthday to celebrate in **DECEMBER**:

Robert Cartlidge

Cynthia Devlin

James Lee

Anita Rains

Richard Shaver

Rowdy Yates

JANUARY:

John Mathews

JC Smitt

John R. Williams

Happy birthday and many happy returns!