



PINEYWOODS POOPSHEET

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June
July
August

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Sergeant **Major Strimple C. “Jim” Coyle**

July 10, 1923 - May 2, 2009



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The Detachment also maintains a website at: www.PineywoodsMarines.org . If you see pictures on the website or in the newsletter and you would like to have a copy, we will send you the originals upon request. Detachment members receive free email or CD delivery. For non-Detachment members, donations are happily accepted.

On the Horizon

SgtMaj Sommers, 11th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, will be the guest speaker at the **Detachment's 5th Annual Marine Corps Birthday Ball. We will be celebrating the 234th birthday of the** United States Marine Corps, and the Ball will be held on November 7th, 2009 at the Hotel Fredonia. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and Detachment Commandant Dan Singletary is asking for members and guests to buy tickets in advance to help us plan for the meal and to help control costs. The Birthday Ball is the single biggest event for our Detachment all year. Please watch the Detachment website for updates.

Another major event is The Pineywoods Fair, which will be held at the Nacogdoches Expo Center from Wednesday the 7th through Sunday the 11th of October, 2009. This will be our third year manning a booth at the fair, and we need everyone to pitch in and work a few hours to make this a success, as we are required to man the booth whenever the fair is open. We will be selling raffle tickets for a rifle or shotgun as a fund raiser (we will draw for the winner at the Ball) and we will be promoting the Detachment and the Marine Corps League. This is our biggest fundraiser and helps pay for the Ball in November. Please watch the Detachment Website for the work schedule.



Above left, Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Above right, Pineywoods Fair.



Chaplain's Corner by Rich Barnhart

The Pineywoods Detachment lost a great man this year. Sergeant Major Strimple C. "Jim" Coyle, USMC Retired passed away on May 2, 2009.

For those who did not know Jim, he was a charter member of the Pineywoods detachment, a twenty-year USMC retiree, a Pearl Harbor survivor, and a kind and gentle man. I met SgtMaj Coyle one year at the Pineywoods Detachment's Marine Corps Birthday Ball. We had a nice talk, and I had to ask him about the medal around his neck. He calmly informed me that it was the "Defense of Pearl Harbor Medal." (it is also known as the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Medal and the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Medal). After our initial talk at the Ball that year, Jim grabbed me by the arm and pulled me across the ball room to meet his good friend Tony.



Tony Alexander was a U.S. Navy veteran and served as a Navy Corpsman with Marines in Vietnam. He was also a charter member of the Pineywoods detachment. Tony Alexander and Jim Coyle both lived in Hemphill, Texas and were the closest of friends.

Within a few weeks of Jim's passing this spring, Tony passed away as well.

Please join me in offering sincere condolences to the families of these two fine men.

All pictures on this page are from the Pineywoods Detachment's 2008 Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Above, Tony Alexander, below left, SgtMaj Coyle, below right, SgtMaj Coyle speaks to a guest.





VFW LABOR DAY FUNDRAISER



Take a break on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to support our local War Veterans. Come out and have a fun day and support a local fundraiser!

Veteran's of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 3893, 2406 Hunter Road, Nacogdoches, is holding a Labor Day Cookout/Fundraiser. Events will include an **Antique Car Show, a Motorcycle Show (Editor's note: Give it your best shot Dennis, Ken, & Don, I plan to win this one.),** as well as a 42 Tournament.

Prices for the day are: Hamburger, Chips & Drink - \$5; 2 Hotdogs, Chips & Drink - \$5; Car and Motorcycle Show - \$10 entry fee for each vehicle; 42 Tournament - \$5 per person. All proceeds go to aid local veterans.

Please contact Post Commander Don Kirkley at (936) 554-6437 or Quartermaster Kenneth Rains at (936) 462-**3841** for more information. Pictures of the event will be available later on the Post's website (www.VFW3893.org).

You will see many of the members of the Pineywoods Detachment working that day at the VFW Post wearing their other covers, as a large number of our members (and most of our officers) are also members of the VFW (as well as other local veterans groups). The following Detachment members have already volunteered to work all day on the 7th (beginning at 8 a.m.): Don Kirkley (Detachment Life Member and VFW Post Commander), Kenneth Rains (Detachment Chaplain/VFW Post Quartermaster), Dennis Bradford (Detachment Senior-Vice Commandant/District 2 Vice Commandant/VFW Post Junior-Vice Commander), and Rich Barnhart (Detachment Junior-Vice Commandant/VFW Post Life Member).

If you are in town on Labor Day, please come out with your family and friends to have lunch at the VFW Post Home, play in the 42 Tournament, admire the Antique Cars and the Hot Bikes, and have a good time for a good cause. Hope to see you there!

Posting of U.S. Flags at Nacogdoches County Courthouse

Thanks to all who came out and helped post U.S. Flags (60 to 80 flags) on Memorial Day, Flag Day, and July 4th. The VFW Post has done this for years, and the Marines are out there every time! We will also be posting this fall on Veterans Day, November 11th, and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7th. We meet at 0700 to post and unfurl the flags, and again at 6 p.m. to furl and stow. We look forward to seeing some new faces first thing in the morning!

Bottom left, **outer wall of Veteran's Plaza, in front of the Nacogdoches County Courthouse;**
Bottom right, (l-r) John Stewart, Buck Lee, Billy Ray Butler, Ronnie Bowser, Jimmie Lee, Dan Singletary





Red and Gold at the Blueberry Festival



Top left: Detachment Booth at the 2009 Blueberry Festival: (l-r) Dan Singletary (Commandant), Ronnie Bowser (member and area Toys-for-Tots coordinator), Ken Rains (Chaplain), and Will Lane (Adjutant); top right, a future Marine begins his salute to the Detachment (his dad is deployed to Iraq); bottom left, Detachment member Jack Nobles (center) discusses current veteran's issues with Dan Singletary (right) (Detachment Commandant & Nacogdoches County Veterans Service Officer); bottom right, A dog has the blues.



Blueberry Festival: We had a lot of success with our booth at the Blueberry Festival on Saturday, June 13th 2009, in downtown Nacogdoches. We made a little bit of money with the GPS raffle, gave away over 80 U.S. Flags (all we had, next time we will have to buy a gross), gave away lots of sticky candy to kids, and handed out 12 membership packets to potential new members! A few of them have already sent in their dues and applications.

All-in-all it was a very good day. Some members were on site by 0600, and many members stayed most of the day, all the way until we packed up our gear at 1600. Thanks to all who worked the booth – Dan Singletary, Dennis Bradford, Ronnie Bowser, Will Lane, Ken Raines, Rich Barnhart and Buck Lee (who sat in the shade and told Rich stories). A HUGE thanks goes to Detachment life member Chris Borel who made his canopy available for the event. We would have been some slow-roasted Devil Dogs by the end of the day if we had been out in the sun. About 15:30 Saturday, when it was 95 degrees in the shade, we were REALLY APPRECIATING Chris taking care of us.

There are additional pictures of our booth and the festival on the detachment website at:

www.pineywoodsmarines.org/pic09blue.htm

The young man in the top right picture walked up to the booth wearing a Marine Corps Boonie cover and saluted the assembled Marines. His dad is a Marine currently deployed to Iraq.



District 2 Scoop

by District 2 Vice Commandant Dennis Bradford

When I sit down to write as the Department of Texas District 2 Vice Commandant, I am always humbled by how fortunate I am to serve the members of the wonderful detachments in this district, which includes the great folks in Pineywoods Detachment.

The past few months have been very busy ones for me. In April, I attended a Growl in Crowley, Texas. For those who do not know, a Growl is a meeting of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League. I am honored to be a member of Top Of Texas Dogs, Pound 268, Pack of Texas. Sounds complex, but the important thing to remember is that we do what we do, among other reasons, to have fun. The Devil Dogs is a chance to do just that, and we generate money that goes for a good cause. I hope that some Pineywoods Detachment members are interested in becoming Devil Dogs, too.

In June, I attended the Department of Texas State Convention in Dallas. The speaker was General James Williams, the CG of the 4th Marine Division. General Williams gave a stirring summation of the challenges that our troops face in the Middle East. I also was reelected as District 2 Vice Commandant for another year.

In July, I presented awards to the members of the Texoma Detachment in Dennison. As always they were great hosts and I cannot express the gratitude I have for the fantastic job they do representing the Marine Corps League. I also attended the meeting in Texarkana of the Southern Division. Ken Watterson of **the Big "D" Detachment was tapped to be the new Division Vice Commandant.** Ken is a great person, and a talented and capable leader. He will do a super job when he is installed at the Nation Convention in August.

The District will hold its annual Conference in Mineola on the 19th of September. I hope we will have a good turnout from the Pineywoods Detachment like we did last September. There is much to discuss and training will help all who attend. There is no cost for the conference, and lunch will be provided. See you there.

Until next time, Semper Fi! , and Gung Ho!

Other News

Honor Guard Uniform Change: This information was posted on the national Marine Corps League website on Saturday, August 15, 2009. Effective with the close of the Marine Corps League's 86th National Convention (August 7, 2009) held in Rochester, MN, the KHAKI (tan) SHIRT is no longer authorized for wear as a part of the Marine Corps League Uniform for any purpose. The members in attendance voted overwhelmingly to remove the "Khaki" (tan) shirt as an authorized part of the Ceremonial Uniform. It has not been authorized for wear with any other MCL uniform for several years. All Detachment and Department Color Guards and Honor Guards are to suspend wearing of the Khaki Shirt and change over to the "Casual" uniform or "Undress" uniform as proscribed in National Bylaws Enclosure Three (3).

Stephen F. Austin State University New Veterans Webpage at www.sfasu.edu/admissions/va has been specifically designed to assist student veterans with getting their VA paperwork in order; getting military transcripts; getting an official DD-214; and, getting information on the Hazelwood Act. Additionally on the webpage, the university lists the contact information for all six of the local veterans organizations.

Mineola Detachment 1278 **will be hosting the American Veterans Traveling Tribute & "The Traveling Wall" November 5th - 8th, 2009,** at the Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, Texas. The main service will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 7th, 2009. That happens to be a big weekend for the Pineywoods Detachment as well, but we encourage all our members to try and visit the display during the four days that it is open in order to show your support for our fellow MCL members.



Sgt Billy Duke, USMC Honored

At the Pineywoods Detachment monthly meeting on June 18th, 2009, Adjutant Will Lane presented Life Member Billy Duke with a shadow box commemorating his Marine Corps service. Contained in the box were all of Billy's World War II medals and ribbons, as well as PFC & SGT chevrons that Billy actually wore during the 1940's. In the center of the shadow box is a Third Marine Division patch, along with an engraving noting that Sgt Billy Duke, while assigned to F Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, was part of the invasion of Guam and the invasion of Iwo Jima during World War II. Billy's better half Helen passed all of the World War II items to Will, who then built the shadow box himself for his good friend Billy.

As many people in the Detachment know, Billy continued his service long after leaving the Marine Corps. He has been active in the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 3893 in Nacogdoches for many, many years; he volunteered at bingo, dances, and other fund raisers, and he served in numerous positions, including several years as Commander. He also volunteered for many years at the Charles Wilson VA Outpatient Clinic in Lufkin as a member of the Veteran's Service Committee.

Billy is present at almost every event honoring Veterans, whether it is ceremonies, parades, funerals, or organizational meetings. If he can stand at a funeral, he will be there. For years he put flags out at the Nacogdoches County Courthouse on every patriotic holiday, a tradition some of us younger vets are proud to carry on. He has never forgotten his fellow Veterans or his love for the Marine Corps. He became a charter member of the Pineywoods Detachment when it was formed in February of 2005, and has served as Judge Advocate and as Chaplain. In 2007, Billy was awarded the Distinguished Citizen Medal by the Marine Corps League.

The next time you see this spry 84-year-old Marine at a Marine Corps League or VFW meeting, or volunteering at the Piney Woods Fair, please shake his hand and say,

“Thanks for serving Billy.”



Above, **Billy Duke's shadow box**; Below, Will Lane presents Billy Duke his shadow box.





Memorial Day in Afghanistan

by **Seth Hensarling**

Editor's Note: This was sent from Seth Hensarling, a local man who is in Afghanistan as a contractor. He sent this to his friends this last Memorial Day. Seth and I connected through a mutual friend in Nacogdoches, Tom Smith.

Hello All,

Happy Belated Memorial day!!!

How was your Memorial Day? Do anything exciting? Last year the CG (Commanding General) declared Memorial Day a low battle rhythm day and essentially let everyone off half a day but this year we had no such luck. In the past I have usually spent Memorial Day out by the pool grilling some burgers, down at the beach playing horseshoes, or at the yearly family reunion.

This year, however, my Memorial Day experience was a little different...

If you're like me and need a little help with enlisted and officer ranks check out the links below:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/insignias/officers.html>

<http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/insignias/enlisted.html>

About a month and a half ago, Shane (my roommate) and I walked over to the sewing shop and just happened to meet an Air Force First Lieutenant (1LT). We got to talking to her while the seamstress finished a modification on her flight suit and found out that she was a graduate of the Air Force Academy and this was her first deployment. She was stationed in Hawaii and volunteered for the assignment. She was very outgoing with a great personality and seemed to really be enjoying her experience so far. Since camp Eggers is kind of small we would see her around at the DFAC (Dinning Facility), in the gym, and I would see her each Monday and we would speak for a bit while doing some volunteer work on a project for the Afghan needy. (More on this later with pictures.) I was under the impression she was married because of the ring she wore but it turns out she wore it for her boyfriend, who also was in the Air Force and was a C-17 pilot also stationed in Hawaii. She seemed to have everything in front of her, her life, her career in the Air Force, and her family.

On May 20, 2009, only two days since I had last spoken with her, she and a few other military personnel along with a MPRI senior intelligence mentor were headed to Bagram from Kabul in a three vehicle convoy. They were traveling in up-armored SUV's. On the way to Bagram an IDE was detonated, the explosion killed her along with the MPRI senior mentor and their translator. (You can read about it here:

<http://edition.cnn.com/2009/US/05/22/afghanistan.troop.killed/index.html>)

Since I have been here, there have been about two or three military personnel killed due to explosions from one type of bomb or another. But this was the first person that I even remotely knew and it hit home. I am very fortunate in the fact that the amount of danger that I am exposed to on a daily bases is very, very minimal compared to a majority of the military personnel and other MPRI employees.

As you can see from the pictures there was standing room only at the service. Everyone from the top four star General in Afghanistan, David McKiernan (He was relieved of his duty a few weeks ago by Defense Secretary Robert Gates but (continued on page 9)





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is still in country waiting on his replacement.), to Major General Formica (He is the Commanding General -CG of CSTC-A and works on Camp Eggers), to the youngest enlisted guy/gal, to MPRI, KBR, and other contractors were in attendance to pay their respects. The service wasn't unlike any other memorial services that I had been to in the past for loved ones, friends and acquaintances. Not having really known either Lt. Roslyn or Shawn Pine my emotional attachment was somewhat limited but one part of the service did make my eyes water a bit and made me take a deep breath.

It's called "Roll Call" or "Muster Roll Call", the verbal accountability system the military uses and this is how it went...

Imagine a tall, stocky, older Army First Sergeant (1SG) in front of a standing crowd, a crowd so quiet you can hear the metal snaps (used to connect the flag to the rope) knocking against the aluminum flag polls as the wind gently lifts the flags with each gust. The old Army First Sergeant begins the Roll Call by projecting his booming voice out to the crowd and calls the squad leaders of the CJ2 Company one by one. Each squad leader that comprises CJ2 answers the First Sergeant call with a loud and precise, "HERE, First Sergeant!"

"HERE, FIRST SERGENT!", responded the first squad leader as his rank and name are called.

"HERE, FIRST SERGENT!", responded the second squad leader as her rank and name are called.

"HERE, FIRST SERGENT!", responded the third squad leader as his rank and name are called.

Then, the First Sergeant's booming voice calls the name of, "MR. SHAWN PINE!" The crowd remains completely silent and motionless while the First Sergeant's pause seems to carry on forever. Then with out warning, and this time with more conviction, he calls out again, his voice demanding an answer, "MR. SHAWN PINE." A few seconds pass and for the third and final time the First Sergeant calls, "MR. SHAWN MATTHEW PINE" and waits a moment for a response, a response that will unfortunately, never come.

The First Sergeant's voice then calls the name of, "LIEUTENANT SCHULTE!" Once again, his roll call is denied a response and time seems to halt. Even the gentle breeze has stopped blowing and the crowd remains completely silent with many heads now bowed. The First Sergeant's voice once again shouts out, this time adding her first name, "LIEUTENANT ROSLYN SCHULTE" and once again silence prevails. Then, for the third and final time, the First Sergeant's raises his voice and calls in a slow drawn-out manner, adding her middle name, "LIEUTENANT ROSLYN LITTMAN SCHULTE!"

After a few moments the First Sergeant makes his way back to his seat and Taps begin to play.

Without a doubt, this will be a Memorial Day "Celebration" that I will not soon forget.

Freedom, my friends, is definitely not free. Is the sacrifice that is paid to preserve our way of life worth it? Today, as sorrow tugged at the heart and through misty eyes, "YES" came to mind a little slower than usual.

Seth

P.S. Since I've never been in the military and this was the first "Roll Call" I have witnessed, I may have some of the details off just a little.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Detachment Meetings

- 17 September
- 15 October
- 19 November
- 17 December
- 21 January
- 18 February

Meetings are held third Thursday of the month, at 7 pm at the DAV Hall, 3110 Appleby-Sand Road
Call (936) 559-8789 for info

VFW LABOR DAY COOKOUT

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. 7 September 2009
VFW Post, 2406 Hunter Road, Nacogdoches, Texas*

DISTRICT 2 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

19 September 2009
Mineola, Texas
District 2 Vice Commandant Dennis Bradford (936-559-5571) is coordinating transportation. We will leave from the Disabled American Veterans Hall at 0600.

PINEYWOODS DETACHMENT BOOTH,

Pineywoods Fair,
Nacogdoches Expo Center
7-11 October 2009

See Detachment Website for work schedule.*

AMERICAN VETERANS TRAVELING **TRIBUE & "THE TRAVELING WALL"**

5 - 7 November 2009
Mineola Civic Center, Mineola, Texas*

FALL STAFF MEETING

Department of Texas
22 - 25 October 2009
Hilton Garden Inn, Temple, Texas*

MCL NATIONAL CONVENTION

8 - 14 August 2010
Greensboro, North Carolina*

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY BALL

SgtMaj Sommers, 11th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, will be the guest speaker.
6 p.m. 7 November 2009
Hotel Fredonia, Nacogdoches, Texas
See Detachment Website for up-to-date information.*

VETERANS DAY PARADE

11 a.m. 7 November 2009
Downtown Nacogdoches*

POSTING OF U.S. FLAGS

Nacogdoches County Courthouse
7 a.m. 11 November, 7 December 2009*

TOYS FOR TOTS

Mr. Wills - Toy for Admission
7 & 14 November 2009

Bullfrogs - Toy for Admission
14 November 2009

Stone Fort Cycle Shop - Toy Run
21 November 2009

Sports Shack - Toy for Admission
21 November 2009

Tipton Ford - Car Show
28 November 2009

Hastings - Free Movie Rental
5 December 2009

WalMart - Toy Drop Off & Radio Remote
12 hours a day
Nacogdoches & Lufkin
11 & 12 December 2009

See Ronnie Bowser for additional information on any Toys For Tots functions
936-564-6200 or Ronnie.Bowser@era.com

*See Junior Vice Commandant Rich Barnhart for details (936) 569-8789 or Jarhead@PineywoodsMarines.org



RECENT EVENTS

VFW Barbeque Fundraiser on Saturday, July 4th, noon - 3 p.m. Thanks to all Detachment members who sold tickets and participated. This really gave the VFW Post a boost.

Memorial Day Pictures in *The Daily Sentinel*, Many members participated in the first posting of veterans pictures in *The Daily Sentinel*. Members provided their own pictures, pictures of family members who have served, and also got the word out to others. All proceeds benefited the Disabled Veterans Auxiliary so that they can help families of veterans. There were over 120 pictures printed, which should have raised more than \$600! Hopefully *The Daily Sentinel* will make this a Memorial Day tradition.

Veteran's Appreciation Night, July 3rd, 5 - 8 p.m. During the monthly First Friday Cruise Night, in downtown Nacogdoches, free deserts and drinks were served inside **the visitor's center, which was decorated with lots of patriotic flare.** Mayor Roger Van Horn read a proclamation marking July **"Veterans Appreciation Month."** Attendees were be able to pay special tribute to both veterans and **active troops inside the Visitor's Center.** **"We wanted to celebrate our nation's independence by honoring those who fought so hard for our rights,"** said Main Street Manager Sarah O'Brien. **All six local veteran groups had representatives on hand!**

Detachment Booth at the Blueberry Festival, Saturday, June 13th 2009. See story on page 5.

Detachment Awards

Our Detachment received two national awards this summer. We received a National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation for achieving **100% Membership from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.** We also won **FIRST PLACE** in the National Newsletter Competition for 2009 in Class I (Platoon size - 20 to 50 members) with our *Pineywoods Poopsheet*. If our newsletter is any good, it is because the members are out doing things that can be written about. Both awards were earned by all members of the Pineywoods Detachment.

Also, at the Department of Texas Convention in June, we received a Certificate of Appreciation for our continued contributions to the Cam Posey Memorial Scholarship Fund. This is the second year we have made a \$100 contribution to the scholarship fund.

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."

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. There are plenty of dates available this season in from November 14th through the winter until March 4th. 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 complementary 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.

SHIP'S STORE



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!



The Lighter Side of our Corps
Your Family Might Be a Little Too Oorah if...

- Your wife's two favorite shades of lipstick are light green and loam.
- You go to a barbecue and insist that your family feed tactically.
- Your children are required to clear housing before going "TAD-Excess" to college.
- You require your mechanic to replace the sandbags in your car's floorboard as a part of a tune-up.
- Your minivan is equipped with blackout lights.
- Your kids call their mother "Household 6."
- Your kids volunteer to pull Monitor Duty on the school bus.
- Your doorbell sounds off with the current challenge and password.
- Your house has firing sector and distance sketches posted by every window.
- You give the command "Fix Bayonets" at Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Your kids show meal cards at the kitchen door, except the oldest, who is on commuted rations.
- You make your daughter sign out on a liberty pass on Prom Night.
- Your kindergartner calls recess "smoke break."
- Your wife "takes a knee" in the checkout line at the Commissary.
- You do your "back to school" shopping at Sgt Grit.
- Your son fails the third grade but tells everyone he was a "Third-Phase Drop."
- Your kids salute their grandparents.
- Your wife's "high-n-tight" is more squared away than your CO's.
- Your kids get a monthly LES for their allowance.
- Your grandmother won "Squad leader of the year."
- All your kids have names that start with 3/3, 1/4, 2/6, MACS-5, FSSG, MEU, etc.
- Your pickup has your name stenciled on the windshield.
- You have ECR cards from each of your kids for their toys and other T/E equipment.
- Your older kids call the youngest one "Boot."
- Your kids recite their ABCs phonetically.
- Your wife keeps B-Rat service utensils in the China cabinet.
- Your wife left you and you held a "Change of Command" ceremony.
- You call your in-laws "those Regimental Staff Pogues."
- You and your kids sing PT cadence songs when traveling, just to pass the time.
- You only refer to your kids as "Devil Pups."
- All your possessions are military issue.
- Your kids call their sandbox "The Stumps."
- You have pull-up bars outside your front door.
- Your daughter's first haircut was a flattop.
- Your kids pull firewatch.
- Your newborn's first words were "Goodnight Chesty, wherever you are."
- You removed the lower branches from the trees in your yard to clear your fields of fire.
- You have an Training Calendar and a POD posted on the kitchen (CP) wall.
- The standard command when you get in the family vehicle is "Count, Off!"
- You hold regular "Health and Comfort" inspections of your kids' rooms.
- **You have to explain to your kid's teacher the meaning of "I need some Pogy Bait from the Geedunk."**



Detachment Membership

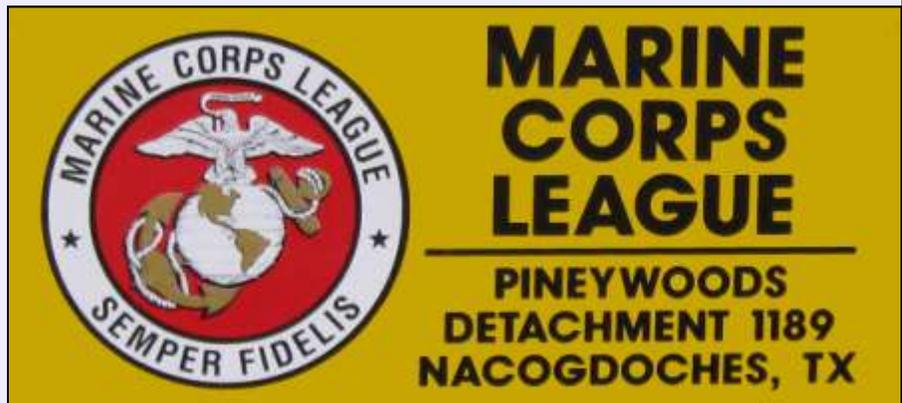
This just in: **We received a National Jr. Vice Commandant's Citation for achieving 100% Membership from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.** This reflects great credit on all members of the Pineywoods Detachment for recruiting and retention. The Detachment cannot be successful for years to come on the backs of a few hard workers. It takes a **steady flow of new members to help with the Detachment's existing responsibilities. And if we want to expand into new areas, we need more members to help out.** In addition to our new members this past year, we also had regular members sign up for life memberships. That really helps make us stronger.

Once again, **we present the three legs that form the foundation of our Detachment's membership program.**

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. Just about any officer 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 a member in good standing) 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. Unfortunately, we lost two life members this 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 and 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. 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!



New Members

Pineywoods Detachment 1189, Marine Corps League, has welcomed five new members this summer and we have also reinstated two lapsed members. We greatly appreciate all who have either joined or rejoined our ranks.

We welcome back Kord Berckerdite and John Stewart to the Detachment! We also welcome aboard Jim Tiggert, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Thibideaux, and Paul & Peggy Beres. Paul & Peggy also announced that their son was just selected for GySgt at 29 Palms!

Be sure and welcome these fine folks when you see them at a meeting!

Happy Birthday!

We would like to extend a hearty Happy Birthday to Billy J. Duke and Buck Lee, two World War II veterans and charter members of the Pineywoods Detachment who both turned 84 years young this summer.



"The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines. Lord, how they could fight!"

MGen. Frank E. Lowe, USA

"The raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next five hundred years."

James Forrestal,
Secretary of the Navy



Marine Corps History

15 June 1944: Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep.

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds.

8 August 1950: Eight Corsairs of VMF-214, the "Black Sheep" squadron of World War II, launched from the USS SICILY and executed the first Marine aviation mission in the Korean War in a raid against enemy installations near Inchon.

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 - Don Kirkley
- Dale Koonce - Buck Lee
- James Lee - Bob Marshall
- Jack Noble - Jack Sanderson
- Dan Singletary - Joe Stewart

Semper Fi!

CONSIDER LIFE

Life Membership Dues

National Marine Corps League

Age Grp	Cost
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.

BIRTHDAYS

The following Detachment members had a birthday to celebrate in JUNE:

- David Alford
- Linda Campbell
- James Holloway
- Dale Koonce
- Buck Lee
- Joe Rogers

JULY

- Billy Duke
- Sharon Koonce
- Will Lane
- Robert Osbeck
- Jack Sanderson

AUGUST

- Roger Crone
- Phil Devlin

Happy birthday and many happy returns!