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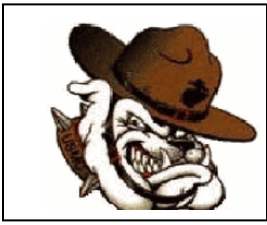
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DEVIL DOG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

As we come to the end of the summer soon, I hope everyone enjoyed the time away visiting family, attending graduations or just taking some time away from reality. I hope as everyone begins to return that we have more come out and help in the hot dog sales on Wednesday, the monthly breakfast, the car wash and all the other fun items we have. Come out and enjoy the laughs. I must say seeing Kamela try to keep the guys in line in the kitchen is a sight to see.

For the first time ever our Detachment will be hosting a conference this year in October and there are many working hard to make this a successful event. Will you help us set our Detachment above the rest?

WOW!!! Our Detachment has won the Newsletter competition again. Let's keep it up. Send in your ideas, pictures, stories, etc. Do you have an idea for a new segment to include in the Newsletter? Let's hear it. We can do it!

I would also like to say congrats as our Detachment was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation from the period of July 1, 2011 to June 16, 2012 at the Department Convention.

Thank you to all that make this Detachment what it is!!

Debra Steele
Commandant

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

We had a busy July what with two flag folding ceremonies, the 4th of July parade in Brandon, Field of honor at the veteran's park, rededication of the Viet Nam memorial and clean-up of the flags at the park.

Our breakfasts at the VFW on the third Sunday of each month are going well. It's fun to work with such a great team to cook and serve our guests on those Sundays. Thank you to all who work with us as well as all those who continue to support us in our endeavors.

We have The Run for the Fallen is a two day affair at the Winthrop Barn at Bloomingdale and Providence. The candlelight vigil is 7:30 PM on the 25th and the 26th at 9:00 Am starts the walk and the runs. Some of us are involved with The Oldsmar remembrance and the Run or walk on the 26th.

Semper Fi
Kamela Ryan

MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

Please remember this Detachment is what we make of it and only we can make it grow. Is there someone you know that qualifies to become a member of the Detachment? See a vehicle in a parking lot that has a USMC sticker on it? Why not ask them to join today?

Past due:

Barnes, Albert - March 2012
Correll, Carl E. - October 2011
Elliott Sr., Robert N. - January 2012
Evans, Robert L., - March 2012
Freeman Sr., James A. - December 2011
Graham, Terry A. - July 2011
Hall, Jeffrey A. - December 2011
Hernandez, Nicole - March 2012
Hunt, Raymond A. - Waterloo, UK; May 2012
Keller, Edwin R. - March 2012
Larrow, Thomas M. - October 2011
Luccio, Douglas G. - June 2012
Ludwick, Larry - May 2012
Ray, David H. - June 2012
Sarsfield, Patrick - February 2012
Scheller, Bruce A. - December 2011
Sherman, Andrea - June 2012
Sherman, Michael W. - January 2012
Strom Jr., Frank - June 2012
Toledo, William - December 2011
Budd, Ronald - July 2012

DUE IN AUGUST

Berrios, Ricardo
Donica, Herbert R.
Palumbo, Lewis H.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY AGE CATEGORY

61 AND OVER \$150.00

51 TO 60 \$300.00
36 TO 50 \$400.00

We have a contest for you. For any member that recruits two members or more starting now until November they will receive their Marine Corps Birthday meal free (\$15 value).

Should you have any questions regarding the membership please contact Houston Tucker or Sal DiFonzio through our Detachment email mclriverview@yahoo.com.

Those delinquent for 2010 and 2011 have been removed from this list. If you know your dues are not up to date, please contact us.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

WHERE ARE YOUR IDEAS? I AM ALL HEARS AND WANT TO MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER ABOUT ITEMS THAT YOU WANT TO READ ABOUT OR BOAST ABOUT. SO LET'S HEAR IT!!!!



Come join us on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the VFW 8108 building for breakfast cooked and served by your Detachment. For just \$6 per person. Thank you to those that came and helped cook, serve or purchased breakfast.



WE ARE IN NEED of donations and help to keep this going. The Detachment has not been having yard sales on Sundays as a result of a lack of volunteers to staff it. We would like to start holding the yard sales again at least a couple of times a month but if no one steps up to help out it will not happen. If you are willing to spend five hours on a Sunday to help with this project please let the adjutant, Jack Skelding know by email or phone him at 813-672-1778 so that he can put you on the schedule.



Come out and join us on the last Saturday of every month from 1000 to 1400 hours. We look forward to your support whether it is washing cars with

us or just bringing your car for a wash. Let's get washing!!!!!! We need some volunteers to keep this going.



**Rose Fund: For information regarding the Rose Fund please contact Willie Little at WLittleJr2@aol.com. Willie advises no update at this time. Keep an eye out for updates in the next newsletter.



**Contact Willie Little for visits to the VA Hospital to show our support for our fellow soldiers.



** Hot Dogs: We are selling Hotdogs on Bingo Night at the Legion. What will be the surprise this time??? Do you have a special dish you would like to make and showcase to help the Detachment? If so, contact Walt Raysick.



**Honor Guard: If you are interested in participating in the Honor Guard please contact Walt Raysick at WRaysick@verizon.net. Upcoming events include:
Patriots Day, September 11 @ 1100 hr.

POW/MIA Day on September 14 at Veterans Memorial Park @ 1100 hrs

Run for the Fallen August 25 and 26th @ the Winthrop Barn on Bloomingdale (Candlelight Ceremony at 1930 on the 25th and opening ceremony at 0900 on the 26th). The Marine Corps League will present a rifle salute and TAPS.

Advertising: What a great way to advertise your product and/or services to our members!! Need attendees for a local event or cause? Please your information today.

We need more advertisers. While you are out scouting for the sponsors for our Conference ask them if they would also like to advertise in our monthly newsletter.

The Riverview Detachment of the Marine Corps League has decided to add the ability for advertisements and announcements in the Newsletter. This monthly Newsletter is distributed to approximately 100 members in our community and surrounding areas.

Size:	Monthly Cost:	Yearly Cost:
Business Card	\$5	\$50
Quarter Page	\$8	\$80
Half Page	\$10	\$100
Full Page	\$15	\$150

*Yearly is discounted two months.

If you are interested in placing an ad and/or event or you would like more information regarding same, please do not hesitate to contact Debra Steele via email (Debra.Steele.0602@gmail.com).

Advertisers: Please remember those who support us and give them our support as well!!!

As you are aware this organization works hard to get Marines overseas care packages and letters. Please visit their website below for more information. We salute you Dianne.

www.supportourmarinesinc.org

Visit our Website at www.mclriverview.org for more information on meetings and other activities and items of interests.



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Support our Troops & Families



YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Ed is in the final stages in securing the Riverview High School JROTC help in our efforts to get the meeting place for our Young Marine program. He also may have the new Training Officer in place. More updates to come. We are getting close. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Ed Zaleski through the detachment website. Once Ed has an email set up for the Young Marine program he will update us.



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MILITARY NEWS

Free home modifications for disabled veterans



I am writing to alert you to a no-cost opportunity and ask if you could help us identify veterans with disabilities and/or facilities and community centers in need of free housing modifications in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. In partnership with The Home Depot Foundation and local store associates, we donate building materials and labor for ramps, bathroom grab bars, doors and locks, light fixtures, ceiling fans, painting, insulation, yard-clean-up, landscaping, and more to render homes wheelchair-accessible, secure, and energy-efficient.

We have renovated the homes of male veterans, but would really like to improve the life and home of an injured female veteran. Preference will be given to veterans of OIF and OEF, but all injured veterans (including males) are welcome to inquire regardless of era of service.

Please feel free to forward this information and call me with any questions. Thanks!

Frank De Lucia
President and CEO
Abilities Foundation
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fdelucia@abilities.org

News from the League

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THOSE RECOGNIZED AT
OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION!!!

RECRUITER OF THE YEAR FOR RECRUITING 33 MEMBERS

NICK MARSI, ET Brisson Detachment 063

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP 1ST PLACE (51-100 MEMBERS)

CAPT TIGER MAYBERRY DETACHMENT 658

100% MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES AND STREAMERS

DIST 1:

ARTHUR R. MEYER JR. DET 472

DIST 2:

SGTMAJ THOMAS H. GRIGGS JR. DET 1086

DIST 3:

EVERETT P. POPE DET 1017

OLDEST CITY 383

DIST 4:

CITRUS CO DET 819

HOLIDAY DET 567

PFC SAMUEL R WALL DET 1139

DIST 5:

HUGHES LEATHERNECK 1240

COL PHILIP C. DELONG 1265

DIST 6:

MAJ WILLIAM HENDRICKS DET 1019

SEPTEMBER 11 DET 1092

DIST 7:

MAJ BF HICKEY DET 057

RIVERVIEW DET 1226

DIST 8:

INDIAN RIVER 058

BAREFOOT BAY DET 918

DIST 9:

ET BRISSON DET 063

DIST 10:

ROWER LAW ENFORCEMENT DET 549

MARATHON FL DEVIL DOGS DET 1216

DIST 11:

CAPT TIGER MAYBERRY DET 658

MALCOLM B. MAC LEAN DET 1144

VAVS VOLUNTARY HOURS AWARD

1ST PLACE (UNDER 50 MEMBERS)

NORTHPORT DET 948

3RD PLACE (UNDER 100 MEMBERS)

MAJ. BF HICKEY DET 057

3RD PLACE (OVER 100 MEMBERS)

HOLIDAY DET 567

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

708 MAIL CALL

SPRING HILL DET 708, EDITOR: ROBERT F. EISENHAUER

MARINE TIDBITS:

2 September 1945: The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was LtGen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

5 September 1956: Eleven Marines from the 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division, stationed near Naha, Okinawa, drowned while swimming, from an undercurrent caused by Typhoon Emma. The violent storm, with 140 mph winds, struck the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Korea, and Japan, causing some 55 deaths and millions of dollars in property damage.

6 September 1983: Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

8 September 1942: On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed

east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

11 September 1992: Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai in Hawaii in one of the worst storms the islands had seen in over a century. Marines of the 1st Marine Brigade based at Kaneohe Bay, spearheaded Operation Garden Sweep, the massive cleanup effort.

15 September 1950: The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

16 September 1814: A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Baratavia, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

18 September 1990: A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

20 September 1950: Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.

24 September 1873: One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS PENSACOLA and BENICIA landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.

27 September 1944: The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

30 September 1945: Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.

Initiatives from Monthly Meeting

Report of Standing Committees:

Toys for Tots: No report.

Poker Run: Tommy Reichard said he has been in consultation with the Legion Riders and that they will co-sponsor this year's run which will be held on October 27th. Planning meetings started in June.

He requested members to help get sponsors. He will have forms available at the next meeting.

Birthday: Walt Raysick passed out a survey for meal choices. He said that we will be using a caterer for this event. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. He will publish the menu next month after reviewing the survey. The Commandant is working on getting a guest speaker.

Picnic: John Bain said it will be in September at a date to be determined.

Honor Guard, VFW Breakfast, Rose Fund, Hot Dog Sales and Young Marines: This information will now be located only under the corresponding sections in the Community Heading.

Report of Special Committees:

Conference Planning:

Peter White gave a good report. He said that things are going well up to this point. Booklet ads are coming in. He also informed those in attendance that we will need help with the work details and asked those willing to help let it be known.

Group Ball Game:

Houston said that he had the tickets and to see him after the meeting.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Larry Westcott made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Legion Riders Hearts and Heroes event to be held September 29th. This Motion was approved.

Good of the League:

Walt Raysick informed the membership of the passage of HR1627 Honoring American Veterans Act.

Jr. Vice Sal DiFonzo asked the membership for ideas on getting more of our Marines to attend meetings and get more involved in the events that we have. He also asked if the members would be responsive to different members taking turns giving a five minute talk about some Marine Corps event or topic at future meetings.

Announcements: None.

Hero of the Month



MARSOC Gunnery Sgt. to get Silver Star

Article taken from Marine Corps Times

By [Dan Lamothe](#) - Staff writer

Posted : Thursday Aug 23, 2012 13:32:38 EDT

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — A gunnery sergeant who led a team of special operators through more than 100 enemy attacks in Afghanistan will receive the Silver Star for his heroism on Friday, Marine officials said. Gunnery Sgt. Joseph Lurz will be pinned with the award at a change-of-command ceremony for Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, based here at Stone Bay. It's the third-highest award for combat valor available to Marines.

From July 2010 to April 2011, Lurz served with Marine Special Operations Company C, 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., as they trained Afghan commandos in a region with a stiff insurgency. His award citation highlights his actions during a two-month period stretching from Oct. 11, 2010, to Dec. 5, 2010.

“Under heavy volumes of machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire he remained composed, directing the fires of his men and the commandos, maximizing the effectiveness of their organic weapons and focusing the element’s firepower onto the most lethal enemy positions,” the citation says. “When the team’s original team leader was wounded and evacuated, Gunnery Sergeant Lurz seamlessly assumed command and aggressively employed the unit during the remaining five months of the deployment.”

Lurz’s leadership and bold actions led to the “neutralization of over 100 insurgents and countless

improvised explosive devices,” the citation said. He could not immediately be reached for comment. Lurz’s Silver Star adds to a long list of valor awards MARSOC operators have earned since the command was established in 2006. Including his award, MARSOC Marines have earned one Navy Cross, 13 Silver Stars and at least 115 Bronze Stars with “V” device, Marine officials said.

The gunny will receive his award as Maj. Gen. Paul Lefebvre turns the command over to Maj. Gen. Mark Clark. Lefebvre has led MARSOC since November 2009, and is expected to [retire](#). Clark has served as the chief of staff at U.S. Special Operations Command, out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., since May 2011.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

I am saddened to say that there are no entries for member of the month this month.

ARE YOU THE NEXT MEMBER OF THE MONTH? I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR STORY AND A PHOTO. I KNOW THERE IS A LOT OF HISTORY OUT THERE FROM OUR MEMBERS THAT CAN NOT BE TAUGHT IN ANY HISTORY BOOK. LET’S HEAR IT!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Flea Market 0700 to 1200	3	4 League Mtg @ Legion @ 1900/ MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1900 hrs	5 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog Sales	6	7 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs	8
9 Flea Market 0700 to 1200	10	11 Memorial in front of American Legion starting at 0745 hrs. Vet's Park at 1100 hr	12 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog sales	13 SAL Mtg 1900	14 POW/MIA Remembrance Day 1100 hrs at Vet's Park	15
16 MCL Breakfast @ VFW 8108 from 0900 to 1200 hrs	17 Legion Riders Mtg @ Legion 1830 hrs	18	19 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog sales	20	21 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs	22
23 Flea Market 0700 to 1200	24 Legion Mtg E-board 1730 hrs and general 1900 hrs	25	26 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog sales	27	28	29
30 Flea Market 0700 to 1200		Look Ahead: October 18 th to 20 th –Conference, Riverview, FL (hosted by our Detachment) November 9 th – Joe Chillula Park (Kennedy and Pierce) – Veteran's Day City of Tampa For more information please email us at mclriverview.org .				