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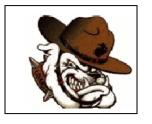
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COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holidays!! I wish everyone much happiness in the year 2012!! At this time I would like to thank everyone for all that they did for the League in the past year and those that continue to be great attributes to our Detachment. We look forward to an exciting year to include our first time hosting a Conference!!!!!!!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting where we will vote on whether we will be renaming our Detachment or not. This is an important vote and we look forward to your comments and ideas.

Remember this Detachment is your Detachment and you have a voice. Whether it is to voice it in front of the whole Detachment or in a private email to me where your amenity will remain, we would like to hear from you either way.

Debra Steele Sr. Vice Commandant In the absence of Commandant Dennis Antle

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

I can't believe its 2012 already. We had the 1st Field of Honor for the New Year at Veterans Park on Saturday the 14th. There was a large turnout considering how cold it was. We also had our first fundraiser of the New Year. We held a Chicken Dinner and sold out by 6:30. My thanks go out to Kamela Ryan, Shanda Antle, MJ Cobb, Susanne Pugh, Mary Ann Raysick, Barbara Wolons and Cheryl Bain for all their help to make it a success. Thank you to all of the League members and their families who came out to support us. If you have any ideas for a fundraiser, please let one of us know.

We are still in need of workers for the Flea Market on Sundays at the Legion. Please think about working one upcoming Sunday. Please let Jack Skelding know if you can step up for this. We are looking for things to sell. You can drop off these items on any Sunday or give me a call and I will pick it up.

Don't forget that our meeting times have changed to 7:00 pm. Please note this on your calendar. Please check the calendar in the newsletter for upcoming events. As usual if you have any questions please call me at 813-672-1778.

Semper Fi
Pat Skelding

MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

Our great members such as you guys are the ones who help us achieve our membership goals. Please go forth and seek new members.

Past due:

Antle, Danny – Nov 2011 Antle, Jennifer – Nov 2011 Bain, Jacob – Jan 2011 Bell, Jeanne – September 2010 Bennett, Kristine – Feb 2011 Correll, Carl - Oct 2011 Cox, Ronald – May 2011 Freeman, James Sr. – Dec 2011 Grant, John – July 2011 Hall, Jeffery – Dec 2011 Horman, Thomas – Oct 2011 Larrow, Thomas – Oct 2011 Martin, David - Sep 2010 Miller, Everette G – Jan 2011 Ramos, George - Sep 2010 Regretta, Leonard Jr – Jan 2011 Scheller, Bruce - Dec 2011 Sepeda, Jason – Oct 2010 Sirvent, Eric – Dec 2010 Stillwell, Melvin – Dec 2011 Toledo, William - Dec 2011 Young, Steven – Feb 2011

January 2012 Membership Expirations: Baines, George Jr. Becker, Dale Bro, Keith Campbell, Burtis Sherman, Michael Tocci, Mark

If anyone keeps in contact with the above past due members, please call them and ask them to renew their membership and if they do not want to renew their membership, please ask them why so that we can determine the reason for non-renewal of memberships.

Those from 2010 will fall off of the next Newsletter and we will only reflect those that are within the year.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY AGE CATEGORY

61 AND OVER \$150.00 51 TO 60 \$300.00 36 TO 50 \$400.00

Welcome New Members: Mike Barrow and John Lambert

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

There are plenty of activities to get involved in. Please do not feel that you have to be in all of them but please try to participate when you can. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do.

WE ARE IN NEED of donations to keep this going. We also need volunteers to help with this each Sunday. You can drop of any items during the sales on Sunday. Contact Jack or Dennis for further details.

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

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!!!!!!

**Rose Fund: For information regarding the Rose Fund please contact Willie Little. We have been very successful with our Rose Fund Events. Thank you to all who have participated.

**Honor Guard: If you are interested in participating in the Honor Guard please contact Walt Raysick. Dates for upcoming events are located in the Minutes section of this Newsletter and/or the monthly calendar.

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

** Hot Dogs: Our new venture is selling Hot Dogs on Bingo Night at the Legion. Please come and volunteer to help or purchase some delicious hotdogs. We need your ideas. If there is other information you would like to see posted or certain topics you would like us to discuss, please let me know. Please email your ideas to mclriverview@yahoo.com

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.

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!!!



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

www.supportourmarinesinc.org



YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

We are still working on the finalizing a place to hold the meetings for the Young Marines. East Bay has changed principals and no longer has a night program so we would have to meet only on the days they have Saturday school. I am trying to see if we can get the facility for free versus renting same. We can alternatively hold meetings at the Moose. Ed Zaleski will be the Commanding Officer. Once we have our meeting place secure we will turn in our final packet.

Debra Steele Sr. Vice Commandant



MILITARY NEWS

Lawmaker warns against too harsh punishment for Marines in video

By LEO SHANE III

Published: January 19, 2012 in Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON – Marine Corps veteran Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., asked Defense Secretary Leon Panetta on Wednesday not to "make a statement" with the punishment of four Marines shown urinating on Taliban corpses in an online video.

Hunter, who served in both the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, says the Marines' actions were clearly wrong and warrant some punishment. But, in a letter the defense secretary, he questioned Panetta's public remarks that the men will be "held accountable to the fullest extent," saying that prison time is likely too extreme a reaction.

"The realities of combat are often difficult and sometimes impossible to explain," he wrote. "In the case of the video, we do not know the full extent of the situation or the shared experiences of these Marines. Regardless, we owe it to these individuals and others, who put their lives on the line every day, to take into account the extraordinary conditions and danger they face when judging their actions, and put things into the proper context."

Earlier this week, former Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry also lashed out at the "over-the-top rhetoric" from government officials in reaction to the video, dismissing the offensive acts as nothing more than childish behavior. Members of the conservative group Move America Forward said the Marines should not face any significant punishment for the incident, and noted that Taliban fighters have committed war atrocities that far surpass the urination allegations.

Pentagon officials said this week that Panetta's comments were reviewed by attorneys before they were released, to ensure that they did not imply the defense secretary was influencing the criminal investigation into the incident.

Marine Corps officials have identified the four men involved in the video as members of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, which returned last year from a deployment in Afghanistan to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. No charges have yet been filed against them.

NCO Academy Comes to Wounded Marines

January 19, 2012

Marine Corps News|by Lance Cpl. Daniel A. Wetzel Marines who want to progress through the ranks of noncommissioned officer and staff noncommissioned officer frequently have the opportunity to go through leadership courses such as corporals and sergeants courses. These courses provide the basic fundamentals essential for Marines to lead their subordinates and provide structure and stability both in combat and in garrison. For Wounded Warrior Marines, the possibility of attending leadership courses were not previously an option. Today, the Corps is bringing the courses directly to the Marines. A group of Marines who sustained injuries during deployments graduated the first Wounded Warrior Corporals Course at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Bethesda, Md., Jan. 17. The detachment staff wanted something to help these Marines continue their professional development, said Gunnery Sgt. Boris Peredo, instructor with the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. Peredo was one of three instructors who volunteered to teach the two-week course.

News from the League

The information following, from the Semper Fi Fund website, will introduce me:

Rick Hermelin is traveling on a ElliptiGO coast to coast for 100 days, covering 3,000 miles to raise support for the Semper Fi Fund.

He is starting at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island on March 23, 2012. He chose March 23 as his start date because that is the date he started in the Marine Corps in 1959. He would like to celebrate the good influence the Marine Corps has had on his life all these years. He is planning to run for 100 days averaging just over 30 miles a day. He is hoping to complete his run on June 30th at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

His goal to raise awareness and \$10,000 for the Semper Fi Fund.

For more information about my fundraising event please visit my Fundraising Page at:

http://www.stayclassy.org/fundraise?fcid=178860

And the December 30, 2011 article in the Los Angeles Daily News at:

http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_19641225

I will be in Florida from April 3 to April 8, 2012 stopping in the following cities: Malone, Chipley, DeFuniak Springs, Crestview, Milton, and Pensacola. I would appreciate you contacting any members in those cities and letting them know about my planned activities. Any support will be greatly appreciated. Let me know if you need any additional information.

NEWS RELEASE

Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs Executive Director Mike Prendergast

names Daniel (Dan) Davis as State Veterans' Homes Program Director

LARGO, Fla. – FDVA Executive Director Mike Prendergast today named Daniel (Dan) Davis, BHSA, NHA, as the State Veterans' Homes Program Director. In this role, he will be responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of Florida's six state veterans' nursing homes and one veterans' domiciliary home.

The former U.S. Navy Corpsman has more than 18 years of long-term multi-facility management experience including eight years as Chief Operating Officer of Senior Health Management in St. Petersburg, Fla. Davis has a Bachelor's Degree in Health Services Administration from Florida International University, and holds an active Florida Nursing Home Administrator's License.

"Dan has a distinguished record of long-term care leadership and will be a welcome addition to the department," said Mike Prendergast, FDVA's executive director. "As a veteran, he understands the unique needs of our home residents and their families and will be their most prominent advocate."

Prior to his appointment, he was president of Devcoam, a long-term care business development and acquisition company.

"As a Navy veteran, I'm proud to be joining an organization dedicated to veterans' advocacy and the well-being of Florida's veterans and their families," said Dan Davis, state veterans' homes program director. "Our veterans' homes provide a wonderful quality of life for our residents, and I'm happy to be joining the team responsible for caring for these heroes."

Home Locations

- The 150-bed Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Veterans' Domiciliary Home in Lake City.
- The 120-bed Emory L. Bennett State Veterans' Nursing Home in Daytona Beach.
- The 120-bed Baldomero Lopez State Veterans' Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes.
- The 120-bed Alexander "Sandy" Nininger State Veterans' Nursing Home in Pembroke Pines.

- The 120-bed Clifford C. Sims State Veterans' Nursing Home in Springfield.
- The 120-bed Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans' Nursing Home in Port Charlotte.
- The 120-bed Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Augustine.

For more information on FDVA, visit www.FloridaVets.org.

MARINE TIDBITS:

10 January 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation.

11 January 1945: The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army.

16 January 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops.

18 January 1951: Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

- 20 January 1968: The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed.
- 21 January 1918: The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I.
- 22 January 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed.
- 25 January 1856: Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost.
- 27 January 1988: About 400 Marines and sailors from the 2d Marine Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and 2d Force Service Support Group deployed for the Persian Gulf. The Contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) CM 2-88 would relieve Contingency MAGTF 1-88 in the volatile Persian Gulf and provide the effective landing force capability to Joint Task Force Middle East.
- 29 January 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other

allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.

Initiatives from Monthly Meeting

Applications for Membership:

Located in Membership Corner

Members Sick or in Distress:

Nancy Hormon, Wife of Stan Hormon Stan Horman Walt Raysick's wife

Report of Standing Committees:

<u>Toys for Tots</u>: Ed Zaleski reported that football game was good, the hockey games did better than last year and that more than 200,000 toys were collected

Rose Fund: Willie Little stated that the next Rose Fund event would be at the Publix on Providence and Bloomingdale on January 21st. He will contact those volunteers.

<u>Poker Run</u>: No report, but Walt Ryan reminded that the remainder of the funds in that account (\$244.37) needs to go to the Haley House as that is what it was intended for.

Birthday: No report.

<u>Honor Guard</u>: Walt Raysick announced that there are two event scheduled for January.

January 7, Showmen's Charity Circus. January 14, Field of Honor.

Young Marines: No report.

<u>Picnic</u>: September 14th at Fred's house.

Report of Special Committees:

<u>Conference Planning</u>: Peter White reported that the contract with the hotel has been signed and everything else is on schedule.

Group Ball Game: Houston Tucker asked how many would be interested in doing two games this year. One in the spring and one in the fall. There was a show of hands of those interested.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Bernie Kotrady informed the members that the Detachment will begin selling hotdogs at the Legion bingo games on this next Wednesday 01/11/2011 Willie Little made a motion to give a \$150.00 gas card to Cpl Berry who is a patient at the VA Hospital to help him with his moving expense back home. Motion passed.

Good of the League: Distinguished Awards were presented to Joyce Stillwell, Mel Stillwell and Armando Arroyo for the participation in the Color Guard.

Walt Raysick was presented his life membership certificate, gold card and pin.

Announcements: Bob Gramprie has misplaced his cover and has picked up someone else's.



Corporal and Mrs. Michael Sherman Jr, USMC, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Darek Sherman, 03 January, 2012 at 2155. He weighed 7 lbs, 14 oz and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

No Submission this month.

HERO OF THE MONTH



Marine 1st Sergeant Brad Kasal (in the middle). Photo from the Patriot Post

Excerpts for Article taken from Patriot Post, FreeRepublic.com; and

Kasal joined the Marine Corps in 1984 from rural Afton, Iowa - population 941 - when he was fresh out of East Union High School and fresh off the family farm. Nineteen years later, he was a Marine first sergeant leading a hard-pressed company of infantrymen in a desperate fight for an Iraqi city named Fallujah, a place as foreign to most Americans as Iwo Jima was sixty years ago.

Sgt. Maj. Kasal was assisting one of his platoons in Fallujah on Nov. 14, 2004, when heavy gunfire broke out in an Iraqi home known as the "House of Hell." Marines quickly began exiting the building as Kasal rushed in to assess the situation and help. Kasal was hit multiple times as he grabbed a wounded Marine stranded in the line of fire. Once they were in a more sheltered area, they realized that they only had enough bandages to help one of them. Kasal gave all his medical supplies to the other Marine instead of trying to divide the supplies. The insurgents continued their heavy assault, and threw a hand grenade within a few feet of the Marines to force

them to come out from under cover. Kasal reacted quickly, and used his own severely injured body to protect the other Marine from shrapnel. Despite losing about 60 percent of his blood from more than 40 shrapnel wounds and seven gunshot wounds, Kasal survived. On May 1, 2006, Kasal was awarded the Navy Cross.

Please help support the local businesses that help sponsor our Poker Run this year.

Name	Address	City	Phone #	
American Legion Riders #148	Hwy 301	Riverview		
MCL Detachment #1226	Hwy 301	Riverview		
Swamp Gators Pound #258	34304 Lodge Dr.	Zephyrhills	813-545-7526	
American Legion Post #148	Hwy 301	Riverview		
Alloy Boltz, Inc.	21 7th Ave. N.E.	Ruskin	813-546-3185	
American Legion #389	1714 Alhambra Dr.	Ruskin		
American Legion Auxiliary #148	7240 U.S. Hwy 301 S	Riverview	813-677-6529	
Barney's Yamaha	9820 Adamo Dr.	Tampa		
Beef O' Brady/Sun City	723 Cypress Village Blvd.	Ruskin	813-633-2333	
Donica Mediation Solutions	106 S. Tampania Ave. Ste.250	Tampa	813-878-9790	
Finish Line	5402 U.S. Hwy 92	Plant City		
Fox & Hounds Pub	229 E. Brandon Blvd.	Brandon		
Memorial Cemetary	Hwy 60	Brandon		
Pinch-A-Penny	6347 US Hwy 301S	Riverview	813-672-7723	
Raccoon's Restaurant & Pub	3240 Lithia PineCrest Rd.	Valrico		
		Apollo		
Rehability Consulting Serv.	748 Kingston Ct.	Beach	813-298-2617	
Riverview Moose Lodge	9000 Honeywell Rd.	Gibsonton	813-677-7921	
Riverview Tire & Auto Service	7839 U.S. Hwy 301 S.	Riverview	813-677-4318	
St. Jude's Circle	705 E. Brandon Blvd.	Brandon		
VFW 6287	U.S. Hwy 41	Ruskin		
VFW 8108 Men's Auxiliary		Gibsonton		
Uncle Mike's Smokehouse Grill	9847 E. Adamo Der.	Tampa	813-644-6888	
Alley	10221 Big Bend Rd.	Riverview	813-672-8353	
America's Car Wash	728 Cypress Village	SunCity Ctr		
Beanies	2002 U.S Hwy 41	Ruskin	813-649-1700	
Beef O' Brady/Summerfield	13326 Lincoln Rd.	n Rd. Riverview 813-672-441		
Biker's Bay	9520 E. MLK Blvd.	Tampa	813-740-2453	
Brandon Auto Tire	2514 Hwy 60 E.	lwy 60 E. Valrico 813		
Coyote's Western Wear	7815 Commerce St.	Riverview		
Harriet's Flowers			800-449-3337	

Lightening				
McDonalds Corporation Tampa				
O'Briens of Brandon	701 W. Lunsden Rd.	Brandon	813-661-9668	
Ozzie's				
Recipe Box Family Diner	147 E. Bloomingdale Ave		813-655-2686	
Tampa Bay Bucs	One Buc Place	Tampa		
Tampa Bay Rays	One Tropicana Dr.	St. Pete	727-825-3137	
Tire Kingdom	1527 Brandon Blvd. Brandon			
Ybor Grill	105 E. Shell Point Rd.	Ruskin	813-641-7300	

I would also like to thank everyone that helped make this event possible. We had some individual sponsorships as well by the JAB Bain Boys, Walt and Mary Ann Raysick and Patricia Veld. Thank you again to all.



February 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog Sales	2	3 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs.	4
5 Flea Market 0700 to 1200 Legion Breakfast @ 0900 to 1100 hrs	6 Legion Riders Mtg @ Legion 1830 hrs	7 League Mtg @ Legion @ 1900/ MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1900 hrs	8 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog Sales	9 SAL Mtg 1900	10 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs.	11
12 Flea Market 0700 to 1200 Legion Breakfast @ 0900 to 1100 hrs	13 Legion Mtg E- board 1730 hrs and general 1900 hrs	14 Valentine's Day	15 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog Sales	16 Mid-Winter Conf in Vienna VA	17 Mid-Winter Conf in Vienna VA	18 Mid-Winter Conf in Vienna VA
19 Flea Market 0700 to 1200 Legion Breakfast @ 0900 to 1100 hrs	20	21	22 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog sales	23	24 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs	25 MCL Car Wash
26	27	28	29 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog sales			
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