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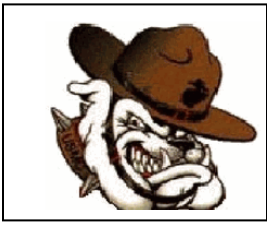
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DEVIL DOG MONTHLY

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:

The Memorial Day services at the Veteran's park was well received 27th May. We were happy to see so many there for it and to see our parachutist. The following day, the 28th we had a flag folding service and Memorial services at Serenity Meadows. Again, a nice turn out. The convention in Orlando the 14th, 15th and 16th June went well. Our Pat Skelding was re-elected department president and her staff also re-elected. We received two certificates for our unit which included first place for Americanism and third place for child welfare. Congratulations ladies!

Pat Skelding received the Katie Reid Service Award which is a beautiful gold star for continuous service to the department of Florida and a member in good standing. Katie Reid was a former department president and a friend to the auxiliary who lost her battle with cancer. Seven others also received this award. Our Father's day breakfast at the VFW went well. We continue to have good attendance and participation. Thank you to all who helped us.

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?

Welcome new Associate Member: Rocky Arroyo

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
McDonald, Ian - Waterloo, UK; 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

EXPIRING IN JULY

Budd, Ronald

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:

Do you have ideas or comments you would like to see in your Newsletter? Do you volunteer for other events for your community other than those associated with the Detachment? If so we want to hear about it and receive photos. This is your Newsletter and we want your ideas and suggestions as to what you would like to see. I have received some pictures which you have seen in prior Newsletters, however, I would like to see more.



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 have a great time. Hope to see you next month!!!



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. We have been very successful with our Rose Fund Events. Thank you to all who have participated and continue to participate. Keep an eye out on the calendar for upcoming events.



****Contact Willie Little** for visits to the VA Hospital to show our support for our fellow soldiers. Do not forget our members that are sick or in distress! James Scott, Jack Lively, and Stan Hormon.



**** Hot Dogs:** We are selling Hotdogs on Bingo Night at the Legion. Please come and volunteer to help or purchase some delicious hotdogs. This has turned out to be a money maker for the Detachment. There is always something interesting as the special of the night. Get their early to make sure you get your share.



****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.

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

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!!!



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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



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



YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Ed Zaleski is working diligently to get this program off of the ground. We are still looking for more adult volunteers for this program. Remember the youth are our future. What better way to show our youth that we care about their success and to give them a sense of belonging. Please let me know if you are interested. Contact MCLRiverview@yahoo.com.

Debra Steele
Commandant



MILITARY NEWS

Senate passes Camp Lejeune water-contamination bill
By FRANCO ORDONEZ - McClatchy Newspapers
<http://www.kansascity.com/2012/07/18/3712121/senate-passes-camp-lejeune-water.html#storylink=cpy>

WASHINGTON -- After an impasse with a South Carolina senator was broken, the Senate passed a historic bill Wednesday by unanimous consent that would help thousands of sick Marine veterans and their families who were exposed to contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Sens. Patty Murray, a Washington state Democrat who's the head of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and Jim DeMint, a South Carolina Republican, brokered the deal on the Senate floor moments before she was expected to force his hand by publicly calling for a unanimous-consent vote on the measure.

Instead, she announced that they'd reached a "gentlemen's agreement" on modifications DeMint had been seeking in the bill. "These families have waited for decades to get the assistance that they need and should not be forced to wait any longer," Murray said from the Senate floor.

DeMint said he was always supportive of the "underlying bill," but he'd put a procedural hold on it and charged that there weren't enough safeguards to prevent fraud by those whose illnesses weren't due to contaminated water.

"The modification would make sure the veterans who deserve these benefits get them and they're not taken advantage of by fraud from others who don't deserve it," he said from the floor.

Last month, the House of Representatives and Senate veterans committees agreed on a bill that would provide health care to sick military personnel and their family members provided they'd lived or worked at least 30 days on the base from 1957 to 1987. They also must have a condition listed within the bill that's associated with exposure to these chemicals. The agreed-on changes add language from existing laws that provides exceptions if a doctor can prove that the person didn't contract the illness from the base's contaminated water. For example, if the person had the illness before being at Camp Lejeune. The changes ended a standoff between DeMint and Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., who was the lead sponsor of the measure.

"This has been a long time coming, and unfortunately many who were exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune over the years have died as a result and are not with us to receive the care this bill can provide," Burr said in a statement. "While I wish we could have accomplished this years ago, we now have the opportunity to do the right thing for the thousands of Navy and Marine veterans and their families who were harmed during their service to our country."

Congressional aides said the House might take up and pass the bill in the next couple of weeks. It could be on President Barack Obama's desk by the end of the summer. The measure is expected to help as many as 750,000 veterans and their families who were exposed to drinking water that was poisoned with trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, benzene and vinyl chloride.

"This is a huge first step," said Mike Partain of Tallahassee, Fla., who lived at Camp Lejeune as an

infant. "We've been waiting for over 15 years for a resolution to this."

Five years ago, Partain, who's now 44, learned that he had breast cancer. Partain was born at Camp Lejeune, where his father was a Marine officer. Fewer than 2,000 men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, but Partain said he'd since found 80 male breast cancer patients from across the country with connections to Camp Lejeune.

News from the League

VA Announces New Mental Health Clinic in Tampa Facility Slated for Summer 2013 Opening

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs has selected University Corporate Park of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., to build a new mental health clinic for Veterans in Tampa, Fla.

“This new facility will ensure that Florida’s Veterans continue to have access to high-quality medical care that they’ve earned through their service to our Nation,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The facility will be located at 10770 N. 46th Street in Building E. The project, which will create 13 construction jobs, will be completed in the summer of 2013.

The contract calls for a 22,300-square-foot, one-story building, with 154 parking spaces. VA will pay an annual rent of nearly \$600,000 under the 10-year contract. Mental health services are now provided at another leased facility adjacent to the James A. Haley VA Hospital.

The clinic, which will be located five miles from the Haley VA facility, will provide services for nearly 148,000 Veterans in Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk counties.

In the last three years, VA has devoted more people, programs, and resources toward mental health services to serve the growing number of Veterans seeking mental health care from VA. The department is a

pioneer in mental health research, high-quality, evidence-based treatment and access to care. VA has many entry points to care through the use of Vet Centers, the Veterans Crisis Line, and integration of mental health services in the primary care setting. Since 2007, VA has seen a 35 percent increase in the number of Veterans receiving mental health services, and a 41 percent increase in mental health staff.

In April, Secretary Shinseki announced VA would add approximately 1,600 mental health clinicians – to include nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers – as well as nearly 300 support staff to its existing workforce of 20,590 mental health staff as part of an ongoing review of mental health operations.

MARINE TIDBITS:

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. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major

Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The USS IWO JIMA was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The Iwo Jima was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, MajGen Schmidt declared the island secure.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany

Initiatives from Monthly Meeting

Report of Standing Committees:

Toys for Tots: No report.

Rose Fund: 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 questioned the membership as to whether we want to do a sit down meal, a buffet or pot luck. He asked for input at the next meeting.

Honor Guard: Walt Raysick said that May was a very busy month for the Honor Guard. There will be a ceremony for a fallen Soldier in Oldsmar on August 18 and POW/MIA Remembrance Day September 11th.

Young Marines: No report.

Picnic: No Report.

Hot Dog Sales: Walt Raysick said that sales are going well. He thanked Dave, Sal, Tommy, Bernie, Armando and Peter for their participation.

Report of Special Committees:

Conference Planning:

Peter White said that we only have 119 days left. The ad sales have been good. Willie asked about the possibility of having a vendor attend.

Group Ball Game:

Houston is looking into the possibility of attending another game if there is enough interest.

VFW Breakfast:

John Bain reminded the membership that the Detachment cooks and sells breakfast at the VFW on the 3rd Sunday of each month. He was highly

complementary of the work being done by the Auxiliary Unit President, Kamela Ryan, in the kitchen.

Unfinished Business:

Jack Skelding stated that there had been no criteria established for awarding the Detachment scholarships. He made a motion to give a matching scholarship, not to exceed \$250.00, to each student submitted by the Detachment and approved by the Departments scholarship committee. This Motion was not approved but modified by Dave Blizzard to grant a \$250.00 scholarship to each student submitted by the Detachment and approved by the Department. It received a second and was approved.

New Business:

Dave Blizzard made a motion that the Detachment approve a \$500.00 donation to the Department's scholarship fund. It received a second and was not approved.

Walt Ryan made a motion to donate \$150.00 to the Military Affairs Council. Peter Whit made a second. Motion passed.

Houston Tucker presented a proposed budget for the current fiscal year. Hank Wolons made a motion to accept. Phil Carr gave a second. After some discussion the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Good of the League:

The Sr. Vice Commandant presented Dennis Antle with his Past Commandants pin.

The Adjunct told the membership that the Detachment won the 2011 – 2012 Newsletter competition and received a Meritorious Unit Commendation at the Department convention.

Houston Tucker told the membership that John Bain was a speaker at the 150th year anniversary of the Civil War Battle of Tampa.

Announcements:

Tommy Reichard informed the members that the Legion needs someone to take over cooking breakfast on two Sundays a month.

Hero of the Month



Cpl. Jeff Drew, 2nd Marine Division

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C., July 12, 2012 - He watched as five Marine buddies beside him were cut down by enemy machine gun fire during a fierce firefight against insurgents in Marjah, Afghanistan, nearly two years ago.

Within seconds, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Cole joined his brothers-in-arms on the ground as a three-round burst lifted his 200-pound frame and 80 pounds of gear completely off the ground, moved him five feet in the air, and slammed him into the dirt -- all in less than half a second.

Marine Corps Col. Kenneth M. DeTreu, the commanding officer of 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, presents Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Cole with the Silver Star, the nation's third-highest combat military decoration for valor, during a ceremony at [Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.](#), on July 10, 2012.
[U.S. Marine Corps](#) photo by Cpl. Jeff Drew

Cole, a Woodstock, Ga., native, had taken three rounds into the ceramic plates protecting his body. He was down, but not wounded. The injured Marines made their way into a nearby canal for cover as Cole provided suppressive fire with his rifle. With half of the Marines on the patrol wounded, they tried radioing for extraction, but couldn't reach anyone. No help was on the way and approximately 20 insurgents entrenched only 30 meters from their position were headed in their direction and they were out for blood.

The morning of August 17, 2010, in Afghanistan started early for Cole. He woke at 4 a.m. to stand four hours of guard duty. As he finished his time on post, an early-morning patrol returned and he helped cook food for them before cleaning his rifle and restocking on water. He heard through the grapevine about another patrol going out soon and he wanted in on the action. In the three and a half weeks that his unit, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, had been in-country, Cole had already been on 46 missions, luckily without incident.

The patrol that changed his life forever consisted of six Marines from his squad as well as a Navy corpsman and three Marines from a Professional Mentor Team, a group primarily responsible for training and working with Afghan National Security Forces. It was

a reconnaissance mission -- to photograph the local landscape and populace and learn as much as they could about the area. At 1:30 p.m. the patrol made their way to a location they had visited just the night before. They spoke with local Afghans and searched mud compounds. Around 3:30 p.m. they left the final compound, then a crack of gunfire filled the air and they found themselves in the fight for their lives. The patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy fire; five Marines were wounded and they were unable to contact anyone on the radio. "Thirty minutes into the firefight, I heard screams that the enemy was advancing toward us," Cole said as he recounted his actions that day. "I took a machine gun from my buddy who was shot and gave him my rifle. I put the machine gun in my shoulder and started firing. Then I got up on the road and shot from my hip in a sweeping motion from left to right. I shot 150 rounds off, and as I did, I was shot three more times. A round hit my plates again and two rounds went through my arm."

"This time it felt like a sunburn," Cole said, as he remembered the feeling of the rounds penetrating his arm. "My bone vibrated and severed my nerve and blew out the inside of my upper arm, I couldn't feel anything. It spun me around and threw me into the ditch."

Immediately the Marines put a tourniquet on the wounded Cole in an effort to stop the bleeding. As the sixth injured service member, the Marines knew they had to move -- quickly. They made their way into a nearby compound as enemy fire dug into the mud walls. The enemy was advancing and all Cole could hear were the calls over the radio. "All channels, anywhere, anything around us that can receive us -- we need help now!"

Another tourniquet and a pressure dressing were applied to Cole's arm but he was still losing blood -- time was running out. Despite his grievous wounds, Cole continued to shoot at the enemy, making sure the Marines on patrol remained covered and safe.

As if by some miracle, the sound of attack helicopters broke through the cloud of gunfire. The Marines, running low on ammunition and badly wounded, continued to return fire as their air support offered protection for a medical evacuation. A British CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter landed under heavy fire from the nearby insurgents. The Marines, supporting one another, staggered toward the rescue helicopter in the midst of enemy fire and climbed aboard.

Cole was flown to Camp Bastion where he immediately went into surgery. Nearly 18 hours later he was stabilized. The call that he was injured went out to his family and his brother was grateful that his older sibling hadn't been more seriously wounded.

"My mom called me at work and told me I needed to come home," said 20-year-old Perris Cole. "The first thing I asked was, 'Is he alive?' she said, 'Yeah,' and then we had to wait six or seven days for him to get back to the states. We were just impatient, waiting. I was scared, but I was just happy he was alive."

After a short stay at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., Cole joined the Wounded Warrior Battalion – East on Camp Lejeune and began the journey to recovery.

Cole was awarded the Silver Star, the nation's third-highest military combat decoration for valor here on July 10 for his actions that day in Afghanistan. Cole adamantly denies that he is a hero and that when he decided to stand up on that road, he was just doing his job.

"I don't think I deserve it," Cole said. "Nothing I did comes close to the Marines I was with. Pinned down in a ditch, wounded, they fought for an hour against an enemy that got within 30 meters. Not once did they waiver. This award isn't my award. It's their award and all the guys who we lost who can't wear it now, I'll wear it for them since they can't.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

George H. McMaster

Brandon, Florida- Korean War Veteran of the United States Marine Corps

"No one is prepared for the mental and physical strain that is experienced immediately upon arriving at the scene, regardless of the training he or she has received.... The newness of war disappeared very quickly once we saw our first casualties, both friend and foe, and set our mind to the fact that our old life was over and we had entered a new era."

- George McMaster

Pre-Military

My name is George H. McMaster. I was born on June 22, 1930 (a Depression baby) in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Henry L. and May F. Dixon McMaster. Father was born May 19, 1903 in Kilmaster, Michigan, a lumber camp that no longer exists. Mother was born on March 13, 1908 on a farm near Portage LaPrairie, Manitoba, Canada. Father was a long distance truck driver (owner and operator) who died on February 22, 1998 at Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin. Mother was a homemaker and she is still living in Ft. Atkinson. I have two sisters, Irene and Margaret, both younger than me.

I attended Stone School in Chicago, Illinois, graduating from eighth grade in 1944, and attended Senn High School in Chicago, graduating in 1948. I continued on the same year at Wright Junior College, also in Chicago, for one year, 1948-1949. At the age of 12, I joined our church Boy Scout troop, participating in parades and other patriotic events during the war. I enjoyed the experience, the association with others, the limited discipline enforced during

meetings, offices I was elected to and the responsibilities associated with them, and the weekend camping and scout activities in outdoor living. While in grade and high school, I worked part-time in a machine shop as a machinist assistant. I also worked at the National Tea Company and in a grocery store as stock clerk and produce manager. In the summers of 1942 to 1947, I assisted my Uncle Norris Forsythe in his dairy farm operations at New Bern, North Carolina.

World War II was going on while I was growing up. I had two uncles on my father's side, Art and Clint McMaster, who served in the Army during the war. Two uncles on my mother's side, Hough and Jack Dixon, were in the Royal Canadian Army and Air Force, respectively. All survived the war. I remember student activities in USO programs, sending letters and packages to service men, victory gardens, and war bond drives. I participated in these student activities, plus was a member of the high school ROTC program for four years. I held the rank of Master Sergeant when I graduated.

For more information on George McMaster please visit http://www.koreanwar-educator.org/memoirs/mcmaster_george

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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5 Flea Market 0700 to 1200	6	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 National Convention in Mobile, AL	13 National Convention in Mobile, AL Legion Riders Mtg @ Legion 1830 hrs	14 National Convention in Mobile, AL	15 National Convention in Mobile, AL Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog Sales	16 National Convention in Mobile, AL	17 National Convention in Mobile, AL	18 National Convention in Mobile, AL / Fallen Soldier Remembrance Oldsmar Park at 1000 hrs.
19 MCL Breakfast @ VFW 8108 from 0900 to 1200 hrs	20 Legion Mtg E-board 1730 hrs and general 1900 hrs	21	22 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs and MCL Hot Dog sales	23	24 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs	25 Carwash Run for the Fallen (see details under Honor Guard section)
26 Flea Market 0700 to 1200 Run for the Fallen (see details under Honor Guard section)	27	28	29	30	31	
		Look Ahead: September 11 th – Memorial in front of American Legion starting at 0745 hrs. 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 .				