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DEVIL DAWG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

It is with a degree of sadness that I begin this month's comments. During this last month the detachment has lost two of our brothers. Marine Clark Payton and Marine Robert (Bob) Knoth. I am sure that they are now standing their watch on heavens streets.

As I am writing this Deb Steele and her committee is working very hard to put the final touches on this year's poker run. It is only days away. I am sure that with all of the hard work that went into it, it will be a successful event.

With November coming up it is time to be thinking about our cake cutting ceremony in honor of the 234th birthday of the Marine Corps. The associate members of the detachment have stepped forward under the leadership of Cozmo Horman and agreed to take charge of this event. I believe the plan is for a small ceremony followed by a steak dinner.

November also means Toys for Tots. This is a big operation that needs a lot of hands to help out. December 5th is shaping up to be a big day for this years drive. That is the day we will need help at the post offices as it will be letter carriers day for picking up toys. We will also be collecting toys at the Tampa Bay Lightning Hockey game on that day and again on the 7th.

I want to thank all who have donated items and their time to help out with our weekly yard sale. Should you have any treasures that you would like to donate please contact myself or Ken Zolna or you can drop them off any Sunday from 0700 – 1200 at our container behind the Legion.

Now that the water restrictions have eased we will be starting the car washes In October on the last Saturday of each month from 1000 – 1400 at the Legion.

These next few months will be busy so if you are able to give us some of your time it will be appreciated. We don't ask for you to do everything but if you can do something's please come forward.

Remember that this is your detachment not mine and we can only be as good as you the membership want us to be.

Semper Fi Marines

Jack Skelding
Commandant

Email: If you received this by regular mail and have an email address, please contact me via email so we may add you to the list.

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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

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

Looks like summer has pretty much come to an end – at least according to the calendar – certainly not the weather! As we prepare for the busy fall season keep in mind some of the things happening. The Detachment is having their 3rd Annual Haley House Bike Run on the 19th of September and we are needed to help them with registration, raffles and auction. So if you have the time, please be at the meeting on Wednesday, the 16th at 6:00pm at the American Legion for more information. If you can't make the meeting, come support the Detachment on the 19th. I'm sure there will be something you can help with on that day which starts at Harley- Davidson on Adamo Dr. at 8:00am.

The Flea Market begins again on the 13th of September, We are in need of items to sell and folks to help out on Sundays from 7am to noon. It is a good fund-raiser for both the Detachment and Auxiliary. If you are unable to help on a Sunday, please consider providing items for us to sell. That too is a big help.

We will be having a fund-raising dinner on October 10th at the American Legion. Also on that day the Florida Blood Services will be on location at the Legion for a blood drive. Please drop by and after you've donated blood come in for a delicious dinner consisting of Brauts and/or hot dogs with assorted side salads and desserts for the cost of \$6.00 per person and for children under 12 the cost will be \$3.00. So get the word out to your family and friends to come to the Legion on October 10th to donate blood between 11am & 3pm and dinner will be served starting at 4:00pm.

We are in need of flags that need to be retired that have embroidered stars on them. This is for an ongoing project we have undertaken. Please ask neighbors, family & friends for any flags and bring them to our next meeting.

The Fall Conference is also in October & being held at Safety Harbor Spa in Safety Harbor. We will be taking sample size or hotel size lotions, shampoos,

conditioners, etc. to the Conference for distribution to the Troops. If you have any items, please bring them to our October meeting. Also, a reminder to help us make up a basket that will be raffled off at the Conference. The theme is Fall/Christmas. Any items may be brought to the meeting and if everyone brings just one item we will have a very nice basket for the Raffle. So keep your eyes open when shopping & see if you can donate an item that would relate to the season.

As always, we are looking for new members. Ask around, make sure you have an application in your possession and let's bring in some new members. See you at the next meeting scheduled for October 6th at 7:30pm at the VFW.

Thank you,

Mary Zolna, Auxiliary President

CAR WASH

Car Washes will now resume on the last Saturday of every month at the Legion from 1000 to 1400 hours.

YARD SALE:

Need donations to keep this going and volunteers to help work the yard sale on Sundays. Contact Jack or Ken for further details. This has been a moneymaker for the league

MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

* 2009-2010 Membership Retention Goal is 100% based on roster dated 03/31/09.

* June-August's past due were as follow:

Nathan Kidd	June
Robert Collins	July
Terry Graham	July

* September-October Membership Expirations:

Kenneth Adams	Sept
Luis Rosario	Sept
Guillermo Serra	Sept

Edison Adams	Oct
Carl Correll	Oct
Juan De LaCrug	Oct
Thomas Horman	Oct
Michelle Johnson	Oct
Jerome Kirkland	Oct
Thomas Larrow	Oct
John Monck	Oct
David Paff	Oct

LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY AGE CATEGORY

61 & OVER	\$150.00
51 to 60	\$300.00
36 to 50	\$400.00

Please contact Willie Little, Jr. regarding **life membership** at 813/972-7711.

Congratulation to Larry Butler for his life membership!!!!!!

S/F
Willie

New Members:

Let's welcome Marines David Martin, George Ramos, & Diano Coston

Ill Members

None

Deaths

GySgt Aaron M. Kenefick. USMC
Ceremony to be held October 1, 2009 @ 10:00, at the MacDill AFB Chapel

Clark Payton

Bob Knoth

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

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

*If you are interested in becoming a member of the Honor Guard, please contact Ken Zolna.

Rose Fund--

Our ROSE FUND fundraiser was a tremendous success. Thanks to the 20 Marines/Auxiliary for their **support**. In going forward, our Rose Fund events should be on dates that are **symbolic** to our Country's Freedom such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day and the 4th of July. We will discuss our plan at our regular meeting on Oct. 6th.

Contact Bob Gramprrie(741-2844) or Willie Little(972-7711) for more information.



YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - - *We need to step up for this cause*

We are slowly but surely making progress. If you would like to volunteer to help with the unit, you can get an application online at www.youngmarines.org by clicking the "Volunteer" link and clicking "View our Registered Adult Application here." If you are unable to get it online, please contact me and I will send you a paper copy. We truly need volunteers to step up to help this program.

I look forward to getting this unit up and running, and I hope more Marines will step up and assist us in this journey.

Semper Fidelis,

Michael W. Sherman Jr.

Commanding Officer - Hillsborough Young Marines

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Visit our Website at www.mclriverview.org

MILITARY NEWS

Vietnam Moving Wall

Motorcycle escort and Wall will arrive at the Cemetery around Noon on Oct 27. Hillsborough County Schools has approved the Wall for Field Trips and will allow classes/schools to visit in three class increments for one hour each on Wed., Oct. 28th from 10AM - 1PM and Thurs., Oct. 29th from 9AM- 1:30PM.

Opening day ceremony will be held at 1100 on Oct 30 and the Candlelight Ceremony is on Thursday, October 29th at 7pm to include the POW/MIA Table and respective Ceremony, Closing Ceremony to include the Lost Patrol, Rifle Salute and Taps at 1400 on Nov 1. Take down of the Wall after the ceremonies.

There will be visitor parking at the Mall with shuttle busses. Volunteer parking will be designated at the Cemetery. Vietnam era military equip from the Largo Museum will be located near the Wall.

H1N1 Vaccine Coming in October

Soldiers and their families can expect to get two flu shots this year. In addition to the conventional flu shot administered each fall, the H1N1 or "Swine Flu" vaccine should be available by mid-October. The H1N1 vaccine will be distributed to Soldiers, families and other beneficiaries mostly through primary care providers. The CDC established target groups for those at greatest risk for transmitting or contracting H1N1. They include pregnant women, health-care workers, those younger than 25 or older than 65, and those with pre-existing health conditions. For more information, visit the [U.S. Army Medicine's H1N1 Flu Update](#) website and the [flu.gov website](http://flu.gov).

Money Orders at the Commissary

As the holiday shopping season approaches, commissaries reminds shoppers that money orders can be used much like gift certificates. Commissaries don't sell money orders, but they've always accepted them. A money order can be made out to the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) and given to an authorized commissary patron as a means of giving gifts of groceries. Money orders can be purchased at a variety of locations including post offices, credit unions and exchanges on military installations.

MARINE TIDBITS:

Semper Fi Sid will return next month with his incite.

INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING:

Discussion:-

Standing report of committees.

Thanks/Awards: None

POKER RUN FUN:

Thank you to all of those that came out to support this event. It was appreciated. The final talley has not yet been received but we are over \$4000.



Jack Skelding, Commandant



Winner of Cadillac Williams Autographed photo



Mary Zolna, Auxillary President and fellow auxillary members showed up to help with this event.



Winner of the Harley Grill and Hockey Puck.



Registration Table.



Winner of the Best Poker Hand.

Justin D. McLeese

HERO OF THE MONTH



Throughout 2004, U.S. forces in Iraq battled an increasingly lethal enemy. The Marine Corps maintained a large presence and engaged itself in hotspots throughout central Iraq. Numerous acts of heroism emerged from the conflict, such as the actions of Lance Corporal Justin McLeese. During the fall of that year, McLeese distinguished himself on duty and in battle, and earned the Bronze Star for his gallantry.

On September 16, McLeese rode in a convoy traveling to an Iraqi compound, when his vehicle flipped off the road after passing over rough, gravel terrain. Thrown 20 feet from the humvee, McLeese ignored his own pain and tended to those still trapped in the vehicle. After pulling his platoon sergeant from wreckage, McLeese rescued another Marine trapped beneath a large amount of gear. McLeese, with help from his platoon, then lifted the humvee off the ground to save a third Marine stuck under the vehicle and pinned underneath a Kevlar ballistic plate. High-intensity urban combat engulfed Fallujah in November. McLeese and his fellow Marines cleared numerous buildings in the middle of the city. On November 11, his team entered one of the compounds and killed four enemy combatants. An insurgent, after faking his death, tried to engage the Marines from a nearby room. McLeese recognized the impending attack and eliminated the threat with a shotgun blast. Two days later, McLeese entered another building in Fallujah, where enemy fire struck him. Despite multiple gunshot wounds, McLeese fought until the end, before an IED explosion fatally wounded him. For his dedication to his comrades and courage under fire, McLeese posthumously received the Bronze Star Medal.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Yard Sale	5	6 League Mtg 1930 MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1930	7	8	9	10
11 Yard Sale	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Yard Sale	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Yard Sale	26	27 Vietnam Moving Wall Arrives 1200	28	29 Vietnam Wall Candlelight ceremony 1900	30 Vietnam Wall Opening ceremony 1100	31 Halloween Car Wash 1000 to 1400
		Look Ahead: November 1, 2009 Vietnam Wall Closing Ceremony Taps at 1400 November 7, 2009 Marine Corps Ball November 11, 2009 V.A. Hospital Veterans Day Parade November 14, 2009 Marine Corps Birthday Celebration				