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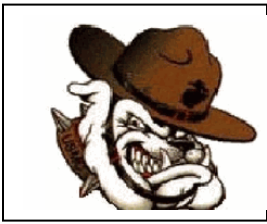
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DEVIL DAWG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

Good day Marines, Hope this finds all of you doing well if not and we can do anything at all for you please contact myself or any of the Officers. The fall conference is being held in Safety Harbor this year September 30 through 3 October so it is within easy driving range and keep in mind the conferences are for all Marine Corps League members so come on over even if it's just for the day. Plans for the Poker Run are being worked on and the committee can use all the help it can get so if you would like to participate please contact myself or Junior Vice Debra Steele. The Detachment will be participating in the Ruskin Veterans day parade on November 13th and all are invited to take part and ride in the parade (notice I said ride) don't think most of us would care to walk that far. The annual detachment picnic is set for September 18th and a good time is had by all so please come if you can further information and directions to Fred's house will be forth coming. The next Detachment meeting will be on Sept 7th and I am looking forward to seeing all that can attend.

Semper-Fi Marines
Your Commandant
Dennis Antle

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

What a wonderful time in beautiful Greensboro, NC at the 87th National MCL Convention! The days were filled with meetings and workshops of interest to all who attended. I will be bringing info from these very meetings and workshops to our next meeting in September. The new MCL National Commandant is Florida's Vic Voltaggio and the National Auxiliary President is Alice Blackford from Tennessee.

There was, on Wednesday, the initiation of Fleas and Dogs. Sorry to say we had no one from our Unit being initiated in the Fleas but Detachment 1226 had 3 "PUPS" advance to PEDIGREE. Congratulations to PDD Ken Zolna, PDD Jack Skelding and PDD Willie Little. WOOF, WOOF!!!

One of the main focuses at the Convention pertained to National raising the dues. This was defeated by a vote of 45-35. You will be receiving a renewal notice, if you haven't already, that shows our dues remaining the same at \$25.00. Please send your renewal as soon as possible – by September 1st, 2010 and definitely by September 30, 2010. At our September meeting I will be presenting to the members in attendance some suggestions as to how National can make money which it dearly needs to do in order to meet its obligations. So please be sure to attend this very important meeting.

Our Dept. President, Wanda Russell was named "recruiter of the year" by bringing in 13 new members. Florida received other awards based on our monthly reports but at this time I don't have the exact breakdown. Will relay this info at the meeting.

The next Dept. of Florida conference will be held at Safety Harbor Resort/Spa in Safety Harbor on Sept. 30 to October 3, 2010. If you haven't attended a conference you have no idea what fun you're missing!! This is in our own backyard, so to speak, so if at all possible plan on attending.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7th, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW. Hope to see you all then.

S/F
Mary Zolna
President

Debra.steele.0602@gmail.com



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

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:

Adams, Edison - Oct 2009
 Collins, Robert - July 2009
 Cox, Ronald - May 2010
 De La Cruz, Juan - Oct 2009
 Graham, Terry - July 2010
 Grant, John - July 2010
 Im, David - Dec 2009
 Kidd, Nathan - June 2009
 Kirkland, Jerome - Oct 2009
 Lehmann, Robert - March 2010
 Monck, John - Oct 2009
 Paff, David - Oct 2009
 Sherman, Mike - Jan 2010
 Rosario, Luis Sept - 2009
 Strom, Frank June - 2010

August & September 2010 Membership Expirations:

Bell, Jeanne - September
 Coston, Diano - September
 Donica, Herb - August
 Martin, David - September
 Ramos, George - September
 Serra, Guillermo - September

If anyone keeps in contact with any of 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. We need this information for statistical purposes.

New Members: No new members for August.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY AGE CATEGORY

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

Should you have any questions regarding the membership please contact Rob Becker (813) 480-4281 or the league.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

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

*Poker Run Update: Soon we will be sending letters and/or contacting those who sponsored the run last year asking for their continued support. The Run will be held the first Saturday in November. Mark your calendars now

*Rose Fund: For information regarding the Rose Fund please contact Ken Zolna.

YARD SALE:

Need donations to keep this going. Contact Jack or Ken for further details.

CAR WASH

Come out and join us on the last Saturday of every month from 1000 to 1400 hours. Come give us your support whether it is washing cars or having your car washed.

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	\$8	\$80
Quarter Page	\$10	\$100
Half Page	\$20	\$200
Full Page	\$30	\$300

*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).

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.



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

A youth program emphasizing honesty, courage, respect, industry, loyalty, dependability, and a sense of devotion to God, country, community and family.

We are looking for volunteers to get this program off the ground. If you are interested please contact me.

Michael Sherman, Jr.
Cpl USMC
Commanding Office (acting)
Hillsborough Young Marines
hcyoungmarines@tampabay.rr.com

MILITARY NEWS

August 20, 2010
Army News Service | by Tom Faulkner

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. -- Meeting the nutritional needs and taste preferences of 1.9 million War fighters every day is vital to America's success in battlefield missions, combat feeding officials said. "The most important thing on the battlefield is to unburden, empower and protect the Soldiers," said Jeremy Whitsitt, program outreach and education coordinator for the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Directorate at Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center. CFD personnel are continually trying to improve field rations to please their customers – War fighters.

"Our customers carry weapons, so we don't want to antagonize them," Whitsitt said jokingly to a group of about 80 Soldiers and civilians. Whitsitt and Evan Bick, assistant program outreach and education coordinator for CFD, spoke Aug. 17 at the Association of the U.S. Army-Aberdeen Chapter luncheon at Top of the Bay. Whitsitt recited the event that drove major changes to combat feeding. On a late Friday afternoon in 1991, Gen. Colin Powell called high-ranking CFD officials in Natick, Mass., to the Pentagon for an urgent meeting. When they arrived, Powell held up a Meal Ready-to-Eat and said, "See this? Fix it." For the full story go to Military.com.

New EFV Prototype Tests at Pendleton

August 20, 2010
Marine Corps News

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -- Approaching a black dot on the GPS system, a squawk of radio static is followed by "this is command, approaching buoy alpha." The vehicle commander replies with an affirming "roger command," and a powerful roar erupts off to the left of Col. Keith Moore's rigid-hulled inflatable boat, more commonly known as a RHIB. The newest variant of the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle throttles all 2,700 horsepower and lifts out of the glassy water gliding like a jet ski. Although the EFV program manager's RHIB has no problem keeping up with the 30 mph speed of the 78,000-pound EFV, it is a breathtaking advancement from its venerable predecessor, the Amphibious Assault Vehicle, which comparatively crawls at 9 mph in water. For the full story go to Military.com.

MARINE TIDBITS:

LITTLE KNOWN TIDBIT OF NAVAL HISTORY....for our Navy Members and Associate Members.

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to

last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum." Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The U.S.S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799 with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky and 38,600 gallons of water.

Initiatives from meeting minutes

Roll Call of Officers: Cmdt X Sr. Vice X Jr.
Vice X JA A Adjutant X
Paymaster X Chaplian X Sgt-at-Arms X

Members Present 31 Guests _____

Special Event: Prior to the start of the meeting the Detachment received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Legion Riders for our support of their Poker Run for Hospice.

Applications for Membership: NONE

Correspondence:

Letter from SE Division with a streamer to be attached to the Detachment's Colors for our attendance at the 2010 Conference.

Notice for the Run for the Fallen to be August 22nd.

Letter from Legion Riders thanking the Detachment for the donation to their Hospice Poker Run.

Wounded Warrior hand book from .T.A.M.P.A.

Report of Paymaster:

Starting Balance	\$7352
Net Expenses	
Net Income	
Ending Balance	\$6651

Report of Standing Committees:

Marine Corps Ball: No Report

Poker Run: Joint with Legion Riders. Challenge to all members to recruit one sponsor or solicit one raffle prize.

Toys for Tots: Same warehouse as last year. Buc's game to be Dec. 19th. Hockey games to be Dec. 4th and 15th. Letter carrier's day is Dec. 4th. Toy ride will be held on Nov. 27th.

Rose Fund; Sept. 4th and 5th. Two shifts 9-12 and 12-3 at the Valrico Publix.

Honor Guard: Walt Raysick updated the Detachment on past and future events.

Report of Special Committees: NONE

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: Detachment voted \$500.00 to be added with that of MODD Pound 258 for donation to the Wounded Warrior Fund at Camp Lejune. Motion

made by Bob Gramprrie and seconded by Bernie Sherwood

Detachment voted to donate \$125.00 To the Sheriff Dave Gee Skeet Shoot. The event is in support of Wounded Warriors. Motion by Walt Raysick and seconded by Berine Sherwood.

Good of the League: The Detachment presented Life Memberships to Marine JT Doody and Marine Ben Edwards.

Visit our Website at
www.mclriverview.org

HERO OF THE MONTH:

This month I am going to use an article written by one of our own members Jack Gulley.

The Marine Corps Wife:

The Marine wife is a special individual. When she was a girl, her dreams were bold as her fine, free gaze: And every gift of grace and mind was hers in her younger days. When she was a girl, a golden girl, a soul as fine as fire, she could outshine the brightest jewel that a rich man's love might buy her. Yes hers could have been the glittering path through a careless, carefree life but she feel in love with a Marine, so she became a military wife.

Away from the home of her childhood she marched at her husband's side, for she chose a wide and winding road when she became a bride. And sometimes the road was a hard one, so different from what she had planned: And sometimes she wept for the home she had left as she lay in a foreign land; and sometimes her steps would grow weary as she followed the drum and the fife: But she set about making the world her home because was a military wife.

She learned to build a hearth for them wherever her man was sent; And she knelt to plant a garden every time he pitched their tent. Yes, she always planted a garden through she never saw it grow, for she knew

before the flowers came that she would have to go. But she left each garden gladly though it cut her like a knife, for she hoped it might bring some comfort to another military wife.

To the hardships in her military life she brought one simple truth, a promise that once was spoken in the ancient words of Ruth: "Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Thy people shall be my people and they God shall be my God". She shared his joys and sorrows as they made their way through life, for she was proud to be a military wife.

She bore the weight of worrying what fate hold in store; And the wordless fear of waiting when her Marine went to war; And the nights that she spent fearing that her waiting was in vain; And the pain of wanting someone she might never hold again. But she bore his children gladly through uncertainty and strife, And they never hear her crying for she was a military wife.

She raised a family with the faith her love had taught her; And she gave the pride she had inside to her son and to her daughter; And she taught them to love freedom and to know it was worth. As they helped her plant her gardens in the corner of the earth. And she never wished for better than the road they marched through life, because she was as much Marine as she was a military wife.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Legion Riders Mtg at Post 148 1830 hours	7 League Mtg 1930 MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1930	8	9	10	11 Memorial Ceremony at Vet's Memorial Park 0930 hrs
12	13 Legion Mtg	14	15	16	17 POW/MIA Day at Vet's Memorial Park at 1000 hrs	18 MCL Picnic @ Fred's House noon
19 MODD Growl @Legion #148 at 1300 hours	20	21 SunCity Leathernecks Club Mtg at 1830 Sandpiper Room	22 Tampa Mayor's Alliance for Persons with Disabilities Awards at noon. Contact Walt.	23	24	25 Carwash 1000 to 1400 hours
26	27	28	29	30	Look Ahead: Field of Honor: 10/9/10 Poker Run: 11/6/10 Veteran's Day Ceremony: 11/11/10	