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DEVIL DAWG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

Greetings Marines ,

Well congratulations to Marine John Bain and his new wife who were joined together on Sat the 24th. Remember our next Detachment meeting is on Tuesday the 3rd of Aug. Please attend if you are able.

We are still in need of items for the yard sale when it reopens so if you have any items to donate please let us know and I will even make arrangements to pick them up if need be. Want to welcome Jack Skelding and his wife Pat back from vacation and hope they had a wonderful time. If anybody would like to help out with the poker run I am sure Deb would be grateful. If anyone has any ideas on how we can improve the detachment please let me know although it is one of the best in Florida already.

Until Then Semper-Fi
Your Commandant,
Dennis Antle

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:

Congratulations are in order for Pat Skelding who moved up to Dept. of Florida Sr. Vice President at this past June's convention held in Ft. Lauderdale. Also, congratulations to all the Unit members – we were awarded an Unit Meritorious Award from the Dept. of Fl. Commandant, Dave Sargent for our generous contribution to the Dept. of Florida Scholarship Fund. We were able to contribute \$1000.00 which was greatly appreciated by the Scholarship Chairman, Dale Condy and which I was very proud to present at the Joint Meeting. Thank you to everyone in the Unit who participated in our fund-raising events to meet this goal. I will have ribbons and stars for those who qualify at next month's meeting. Sorry to say, but the ribbons are \$1.25 and the stars are \$.50 and we have to buy them.

Getting ready to leave for the National Convention that is being hosted by the Dept. of North Carolina from August 8th – 14th. Really looking forward to this convention – some of the Detachment's Dogs are being initiated to "Pedigree" and that's always a lot of laughs for all involved. Woof, woof!

At this Convention it will be discussed and voted on to increase National dues, which in turn will cause an increase of dues to the Dept. and on local levels, to the Units. Will keep you posted on the outcome.

Hope everyone is having a safe, fun summer and looking forward to seeing everyone at the August 3rd meeting at the VFW Post 8108 at 7:30 p.m

Mary Zolna
Auxiliary Unit 1226, President

CAR WASH

Car washes have resumed on the last Saturday of every month at the Legion from 1000 to 1400 hours. Come give your support whether it is by washing cars or having your car washed.

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 June 2009-June 2010

Nathan Kidd	June
Robert Collins	July
Luis Rosario	Sept
Edison Adams	Oct
Juan De La Cruz	Oct
Jerome Kirkland	Oct
John Monck	Oct
David Paff	Oct
David Im	Dec
Keith Bro	Jan
Mike Sherman	Jan
Robert Lehmann	Mar
Rob Cox	May
Frank Strom	June

July 2010 Membership Expirations:

Terry Graham
John Grant

If anyone keeps in contact with any of the above noted 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 July ☹

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 life membership or membership in general, please contact:

Rob Becker 813-480-4281 or
Willie Little, Jr. 813-972-7711

Ill Members

Walt Raysick's wife (Mary Ann)

Deaths

None

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 Walt Raysick.
- * Rose Fund: If you would like to be involved in future activities, please contact Ken Zolna.

YARD SALE:

Need all new 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.

Advertising:

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

The Riverview detachment of the Marine Corps League has recently decided to add the ability for advertisements and announcements in the Devil Dawg Daily. 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 at 813-545-7526 or via email (on first page).



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

All materials the Young Marines are instructed from, as well as Adult Volunteer Registration forms, can be found on the Young Marines National website, <http://www.youngmarines.org> or I can send you a copy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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MILITARY NEWS

Articles from Military.Com Newsletters

Road named after Marine killed in Afghanistan

The Associated Press
Posted : Friday Jun 4, 2010 14:17:25 EDT

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A Gainesville road will be named for a 19-year-old Marine who was killed in Afghanistan this year.

The city commission on Thursday voted to name Northwest 55th Street in honor of Lance Cpl. Philip

P. Clark, who died May 18. The road is near Clark's high school.

Clark's father said the honor would "remind people in the future what our military does for our country."

Clark is buried in Bushnell at Florida National Cemetery. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Judge Rules Stolen Valor Act Illegal

DENVER -- A law that makes it illegal to lie about being a war hero is unconstitutional because it violates free speech, a federal judge ruled Friday as he dismissed a case against a Colorado man who claimed he received two military medals. Rick Glen Strandlof claimed he was an ex-Marine who was wounded in Iraq and received the Purple Heart and Silver Star, but the military had no record he ever served. He was charged with violating the Stolen Valor Act, which makes it a crime punishable by up to a year in jail to falsely claim to have won a military medal.

U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn dismissed the case and said the law is unconstitutional, ruling the government did not show it has a compelling reason to restrict that type of statement. A spokesman for the U.S. attorney in Denver said prosecutors are reviewing the decision and haven't decided whether to appeal. The spokesman said that decision would be made by the U.S. Justice Department in Washington and prosecutors in Denver. Strandlof's lawyer, Bob Pepin, said he hadn't spoken to Strandlof since the ruling was issued. Pepin said he would advise Strandlof not to comment publicly because the case might be appealed.

"Obviously, we think this is the right decision, or we wouldn't have been making the objections to the statute to begin with," he said. Pepin said Strandlof has been living in a halfway house in Denver while his case is in the courts. The law has also been challenged in California and in a case now before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Denver attorney Christopher P. Beall, who filed a friend-of-the-court brief for the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado, said the Stolen Valor Act is fatally flawed because it doesn't require prosecutors to show anyone was harmed or defamed by the lie. "The government position was that any speech that's false is not protected by the First Amendment. That proposition is very dangerous," Beall said. "It puts the government in a much more powerful position to prosecute people for speaking out on things they believe to be true but turn out not to be true," he said. Beall said the ACLU was not defending the actions Strandlof is accused of, but took issue with the principle behind the law. Rep. John Salazar, D-Colo., who sponsored the Stolen Valor Act in the House, predicted the decision will be overturned on appeal. "This is an issue of fraud plain and simple," Salazar said in a written release. "The individuals who violate this law are those who knowingly portray themselves as pillars of the community for personal and monetary gain."

Pam Sterner, who as a college student wrote a policy analysis that became the basis of Salazar's bill, said the issue isn't free speech but misrepresentation. Sterner, a former Coloradan who now lives in Virginia, said authentic medal winners' credibility suffers when impostors are exposed because the public becomes suspicious of even true stories of heroism/

TRICARE Introduces New Benefits

TRICARE introduced several new programs in 2009. The TRICARE Assistance Program (TRIAP) provides short-term professional counseling assistance. For information about TRIAP and other behavioral health resources, visit the [TRICARE Mental Health Resources Center](#). TRICARE's new [Extended Care Health Option](#) (ECHO) benefits for eligible family members who are diagnosed with extraordinary physical or psychological conditions. For more information on TRICARE's new dental program and pharmacy benefits, visit the TRICARE Active Duty Dental Program website at www.addp-ucci.com and the TRICARE Pharmacy Program webpage at www.TRICARE.mil/pharmacy.

MARINE TIDBITS:

This month we will look at some quotes regarding our Marines.

LtCol T R Fehrenbach, USA, in "This Kind of War":

"The man who will go where his colors go without asking, who will fight a phantom foe in a jungle or a mountain range, and who will suffer and die in the midst of incredible hardship, without complaint, is still what he has always been, from Imperial Rome to sceptered Britain to democratic America. He is the stuff of which legends are made. His pride is his colors and his regiment, his training hard and thorough and coldly realistic, to fit him for what he must face, and his obedience is to his orders. As a legionnaire, he held the gates of civilization for the classical world ... today he is called United States Marine."

General Douglas MacArthur, US Army:

"I have just returned from visiting the Marines at the front. There is not a finer fighting organization in the world!"

General John J "Black Jack" Pershing, US Army:

"The deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle! "

General Mark Clark, US Army:

"The more Marines I have around the better I like it! "

General Johnson, US Army:

"I can never again see a United States Marine without experiencing a feeling of reverence. "

They are quoting what we and our families already know to be true. Semper Fi

Debra Steele
Jr. Vice Commandant



What a treat! Here is a photo of Joe Rosenthal and Dave Blizzard.

While assigned to HQMC in 1979 he was detailed to escort Joe Rosenthal for the three day period he was visiting DC on official business. He was with him the entire time Mr. Rosenthal was there and got to know him quite well. He even took him home for dinner to meet his three children. He found him to be a warm and very humble man who said that the ones who truly deserved a degree of fame on Iwo Jima were those who didn't make it off the island.

INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING:

Members Present: 29 to include 2 VIPs

Correspondence/Thank you:

Newsletters from other organizations.

Report of Standing Committees:

Toys for Tots:
No discussion.

Summer Picnic:
Will be at Fred's house on 9/18 at 1300 hr

Marine Corps Birthday :
No discussion.

Annual Poker/Bike Run:
Debra Steele is asking for volunteers.

Color Guard:
Walt Raysick advised of upcoming events.

Old Business

Poker Run – Debra Steele is going to organize a committee to organize the run

New Business

None

Good of the League

We would like to start a tradition of our members telling a brief story of their time in the corps. There is a lot of history within our Detachment that should be shared.

Announcements

There will be two fundraisers for Lance Cpl David Brown at Carraba's in Plant City on July 10th and July 17th.

John Bain and Cheryl will be married at the American Legion on July 24, 2010. All are invited

HEROES OF THE MONTH –

I recently got the opportunity to visit the USS Arizona Memorial and USS Missouri. This was a great honor. I thought I would take this opportunity to dedicate this month’s hero page to their memory.



The Flag flying high on the USS Arizona Memorial



USS Arizona Memoria

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Memorial for those that lost their lives on the USS Arizona.



The USS Missouri as you are looking at it from the USS Arizona.

Pictures below are of the USS Arizona



Pictures courtesy of Jay Steele



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 Legion Riders Mtg at the American Legion 1830 hrs	3 League Mtg 1930 at Legion 148. MCLA Mtg @ VFW 8108 at 1930	4	5	6	7
8 National Convention in Greensboro, NC	9 National Convention in Greensboro, NC	10 National Convention in Greensboro, NC	11 National Convention in Greensboro, NC	12 National Convention in Greensboro, NC	13 National Convention in Greensboro, NC	14 National Convention in Greensboro, NC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Veterans Park War Memorial Committee Mtg at Veteran's Park 1700	26	27	28 Car Wash 1000 hrs to 1400 hrs at Legion
29	30 Hills Cty Veterans Council Mtg/Brandon Serv Center 1800	31				
		Look Ahead September 18 th – MCL Picnic at Fred's House September 19 th Growl at the Riverview Detachment November (date to be determined) Poker Run				