



# Marine Corps League

## Detachment 1226

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# DEVIL DAWG MONTHLY

## COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

First of all I would like to welcome all the new members aboard and I promise that things are not that confused as a rule, and I will wake up. Second, All of the members should be proud at the Spring Conference in Ft Lauderdale the Detachment was awarded The Newsletter competition as well as The Public Relations Award. Kudos go to Junior Vice Debra Steele for all her hard work. The Detachment also received a Meritorius Award with a streamer for our flag. So a big well done goes out to all. Another car wash was done on the 26th and \$112.00 went into the bank and again many thanks to all that were able to participate. Seems that it is going to be one miserable hot summer so I encourage you that if you must be out in it, drink lots of liquids, of your choice of course and use sunscreen. It would seem that all the prayers and good thoughts have helped as Walt Raysicks wife is home from the hospital and doing pretty well. I would like to encourage any and all members who have any questions or concerns having to do with the Detachment to please feel free to contact myself or one of the other officers. I am available at the meetings or at home 813-835-0551 or my cell 813-679-0599. I am looking forward to the Detachment having a great and prosperous year. With everybody's help it will be. Will be looking forward to seeing as many of you that are able to be there at the July6th meeting.

Unit 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:

Summer is upon us, arriving on the 21<sup>st</sup> but with the weather we've been having I'd say it's been with us for some time now.

When this is read, we will have returned from the Dept. of Fl. Summer Convention held in Ft. Lauderdale. I will share more at the next meeting, which will be July 6<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post 8108.

In the meantime, wishing everyone a safe & fun-filled summer.

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-April 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

May-June Membership Expirations:

Rob Cox May  
Frank Strom June

July Membership Expirations:

Ronald Budd  
Terry Graham  
John Grant  
Arthur Kemp

**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:**

David Ray  
Dianne Mitchell – Associate Member  
Clestine Harley – Associate Member  
(Thank you Bernie and Willie for bringing us these great new members)

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

**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**

### ***Stolen Valor:***

A Tampa man was sentenced to 3-years probation today after pleading guilty to federal charges of violating the Stolen Valor Act. Eight months ago, an ABC Action News investigation caught Angel Ocasio parading around Tampa dressed as a US Marine and boasting about earning one of the nation's highest military honors.

ABC Action News uncovered the Tampa case of Stolen Valor after local veterans say federal authorities ignored their complaints.

"I reported it to the FBI, and they blew it off saying it was a Marine Corps problem. I reported it to NCIS and they blew it off. Nothing definite happened until Action News got involved," said Jack Skelding of the Marine Corps League.

Ocasio has come a long way since October when we confronted him at a local American Legion hall wearing a Marine uniform and boasting about winning the Navy Cross, the nation's second highest military honor. At the time he told us he wasn't faking despite the fact we discovered he never served a day in the military.

Today he said he regrets his undertaking. "Right now I'm so ashamed and so embarrassed I just hoped they forgive me for my actions," Ocasio said after today's court appearance.

After admitting he was a fake, Ocasio received 3-years probation and must perform 120 hours of community service with a veteran's organization. Some veterans who attended the hearing say that Ocasio is not paying a high enough price.

### ***VFW Program to Assist Former Marines***

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, in conjunction with the Wounded Warrior Regiment at Quantico, VA, has agreed to provide a new level of service to recently discharged Wounded Warriors.

Any former Marine who has a claim pending at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or wants to file a claim with VA will be referred to a VFW service officer near them who will be happy to discuss their claim and how to obtain the most correct decisions possible from VA. VFW Department Service Officers and their staff undergo extensive training in order to represent veterans before the VA. They know the process, what to expect and how decisions are made. More important, they are trained to know which decisions are right, and which are not. Their job is to represent veterans.

If you have filed a claim with VA, or want to file a claim, use the link, below, to contact us. We will refer you to a service officer near you who will talk to you about your claim and outline the help we can give

you.

If we can help please provide your name, county and state where you live, along with a daytime phone number, and send it to:

[1marine@VFW.org](mailto:1marine@VFW.org)

### **MARINE TIDBITS:**

#### **The Marines' Hymn:**

It is the oldest official song in the U.S. Armed Forces. The words are dated from the 19th century. The music is from the opera, "Genevieve de Brabant" by Jacques Offenbach, which opened in Paris in 1859. The Marine Corps secured a copyright on the song on 19 August 1919.

Debra Steele  
Jr. Vice Commandant

### **INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING:**

**Members Present:** Not listed

#### **Correspondence/Thank you:**

Received various newsletter and booklets from other organizations.

Thank you letter from East Bay along with tickets to a play for an event that took place before our meeting.

#### **Report of Standing Committees:**

##### Toys for Tots:

No discussion.

##### Summer Picnic:

Will be at Fred's house (exact date to be announced).

##### Marine Corps Birthday :

No discussion.

##### Annual Poker/Bike Run:

Looking for volunteers.

##### Color Guard:

Walt Raysick advised of upcoming events.

### **Old Business**

Wounded Warrior Table for convention - Ken Zolna made a motion that we committee \$500.00 only if the tables are filled which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter White. Motioned passed.

### **New Business**

Ken Zolna made a motion that we donate \$250.00 to the Gold Star Wives which was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walt Raysick. Motion Passed

Peter White made a motion that the detachments pay for the life membership of J. T. Doody and Ben Edwards two severely wounded Iraq War Veterans that are members of the detachment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Lussier. Motion passed.

### **Good of the League**

Willie Little won the two tickets from Freedom Excursion for recruiting the most new members in May.

### **Announcements**

Debra Steele asked if we want to continue with the yard sale citing the difficulty getting volunteers to work it.

Debra Steele advised that a decision has to be made on the poker run at the next meeting due to the lead time it takes to recruit sponsors. If no one steps up to take charge it looks like there will be no poker run this year.

## HERO OF THE MONTH –

### Marine Corps Hero Quirk Dies at 88

To this day, there are Marines who still speak of the daring World War II exploits of Brian J. Quirk Sr. Mr. Quirk was a member of Carlson's Raiders, a legendary unit of Marine commandoes and a forerunner of today's Special Forces.

He was awarded the Navy Cross - the Marine Corps' highest commendation after the Medal of Honor - for wiping out Japanese machine-gun nests on Bouganville in the Solomon Islands in the Pacific Theater during World War II, even after being wounded four times and nearly killed by a sniper.

After recovering from his injuries, he fought in Guam, where he was wounded again. He was awarded two Purple Hearts, again recovered and went on to serve in the Korean war. Quirk died at Oakton Pavilion in Des Plaines on Memorial Day. He was 88.

He grew up on Chicago's Southwest Side and graduated from De La Salle Institute. After his military service, he became a Marine Corps spokesman and later founded the Coordinated Communications public relations firm.

He raised a family on Chicago's Southwest Side with Kathryn McGuan, the girl he'd spotted when he was in fourth grade at Our Lady of Peace grade school and said he would one day marry. They later resided in Palos Heights and Homer Glen.

Mr. Quirk was one of fewer than 100 survivors of the 600 men in Carlson's Raiders, according to Lt. Col. Joseph Shusko, director of the Marine Martial Arts Center of Excellence in Quantico, Va.

He was also among the few survivors of a raid on the Japanese stronghold of Makin Island, the first amphibious assault by Marines. In the maneuver - depicted in the 1943 Hollywood movie "Gung Ho!" - the Marines emerged from submarines and

used rubber boats to land on Makin. It was a perilous mission, with nine Marines captured and beheaded by Japanese military officials who later were convicted of war crimes.

When he was approaching 80, Mr. Quirk returned to Makin to help bring home the bodies of fallen comrades.

His famous unit was formed in the heat of the war, when Brigadier General Evans Carlson was looking for the best of the best, promising the men only "rice, raisins, wet blankets and glory." Thousands applied, but only 600 were selected.

Carlson's Raiders became famous for staging diversions and hit-and-run missions behind enemy lines. At Guadalcanal, they went on the famous "Long Patrol," a month-long campaign in which they advanced ahead of the Japanese and corralled them backward, where regular Marines attacked, Mr. Quirk's son, Dennis, said.

After the war, the Quirks settled in Chicago's Scottsdale neighborhood.

His public relations firm represented clients including Mercy Hospital, the Misericordia Home, the Illinois Optometric Association and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. He also directed the Toys for Tots campaign for 13 Midwest states during the 1950s and '60s.

Even in his later years, Mr. Quirk was no one to tangle with. He swam and did Marine Corps pushups every day.

Bob O'Keefe, another former Marine and fellow Southwest Sider, recalled how, when he was hit by enemy fire in Guam, Mr. Quirk told him which way to go for help. When he awoke from his injuries, Mr. Quirk was at the foot of his cot. And when Mr. Quirk learned another kid from the Southwest Side was at a nearby military hospital, Mr. Quirk slipped the two of them through a hole in a fence to see him. That's the way Brian was," O'Keefe said. "One of the guys in the neighborhood is hurt - we're going to go see him."



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Flag Dedication at the Tampa International Airport 1000 hrs	2 Honor Guard event at Savannah Court 1100 hrs	3
4 Independence Day	5	6 League Mtg 1930 at Legion 148. MCLA Mtg @ VFW 8108 at 1930	7	8	9	10 Field of Honor Vets Park 1000 hrs
11	12	13	14	15	16 Color Guard 1400/VFW Post Riverview (8108)	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Car Wash 1000 hrs to 1400 hrs at Legion
		Look Ahead August 8 <sup>th</sup> thru 14 <sup>th</sup> – National Convention in Greensboro, NC September 19 <sup>th</sup> Growl at the Riverview Detachment				