



Marine Corps League

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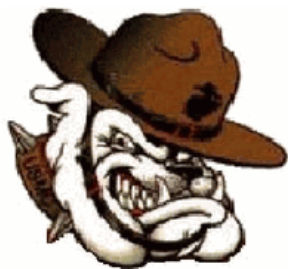
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DEVIL DAWG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

Good day Marines well the first month of my term as your Commandant is about over and I want to thank all of you for giving me this opportunity. The coming months will see our Detachment grow and become even more than we are now. There are as fine a bunch of women and men in the Detachment as could be wished for. I would like each and every one of you to come forth with any ideas to improve the unit. We already have a great color guard, I have received many compliments on them and there is always room for more members. There will be many events in the future. Please contact myself or any of the officers with any ideas, concerns or questions you may have as that is why we are in the posts you elected us to. The conex box has been cleaned out and we could sure use donations for the start of next years flea market session.

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:

We had a small but pleasant turnout for the joint installation of the new officers of the Auxiliary on May 2nd. Our installing officer was PDP & National Assistant Chaplain & Charlotte County President, Glenda Travis. The Department of Florida Officers were present with the exception of the Sr. Vice President, Wanda Russell and PDP Nancy Calleja who sent their regrets. I wish to thank all who prepared side dishes, served and cleaned up. The food was delicious and I had many compliments about how much everyone enjoyed our hospitality and how well we are always prepared for our installations. Job well done by all.

At our 1st meeting in May, it was discussed and agreed to provide items for Marines who are on a "floater" off the coast of Korea. The mother of one expressed her wish for assistance in providing some items for them to enjoy including, but not limited to, socks, gum, jerky, jawbreakers, etc. Make sure you do your shopping in time to bring the items to the June meeting so they can be boxed and shipped.

There will be no more flea market duties at this time. In fact, arrangements are being made to clear out the container for the summer. More on the decision of whether or not we will participate and how often will be discussed with the Detachment Commandant and information will be available at June meeting.

Mary Zolna
Auxiliary Unit 1226, President

MEMBERSHIP CORNER:**MEMBERSHIP CORNER:**

100% Membership Retention Goal based on roster dated 03/31/2009

Past Due June '09-April '10

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
J.T.Doody	Apr

May-June Membership Expirations:

Rob Cox	May
Larry Ludwick	May
Bernard Sherwood	June
Frank Strom	June

No New Members:**LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY AGE CATEGORY**

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

Let's welcome our new life member Marine
Peter White

Should you have any questions regarding life membership, please contact Willie Little, Jr. 813/972-7711.

Ill Members

Fred Regenhart

Deaths

None

CAR WASH

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

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

* Honor Guard: May 30 Veterans Memorial Park and Museum, Memorial Day celebration.

* Honor Guard: May 31 Memorial Day at Serenity Meadows Cemetery, on Providence Rd, Riverview at 0900.

* Honor Guard: May 31 Memorial Day at Ruskin Eagles on Rt 41 South on right past CR 674, ceremony at 1300.

* Honor Guard: June 14 Flag Day at Savannah Court, Parsons Ave N, Brandon. 4 man Color Guard.

* Honor Guard: July 2 (Celebrate 4th of July) at Savannah Court at 1100.

* 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 Raysnick.

* 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.



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

No updates.

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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Advertising:

How would you like to be one of the first to advertise your business or local events? 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).

MILITARY NEWS

May 12, 2010

[Stars and Stripes](#) | by Leo Shane III

WASHINGTON -- Lawmakers are poised to give servicemembers an extra boost in pay next year despite objections from the Defense Department over the long-term cost of the raise.

On Wednesday, the House Armed Services personnel subcommittee announced plans for a 1.9 percent pay raise next January, 0.5 percent above the target set by Pentagon planners in January. Defense officials had asked for a 1.4 percent raise based on anticipated private sector raises for 2011.

But Rep. Susan Davis, D-Calif., said the extra money is needed to help close the ongoing gap between civilian paychecks and military wages. Congress has approved higher-than-civilian pay increases each of the last 12 years.

Lawmakers have said repeatedly that the additional pay raise is also needed to reward servicemembers and their families for the sacrifices during nine years of war and because of the strain placed on the force.

“I would challenge anyone to find a civilian job that has the same set of requirements and risks as those experienced by our military personnel,” said Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C. “For me, the assertion that personnel costs are crowding out the ability to fund other defense priorities should not be solved by asking military personnel to take less.”

Even with the extra boost, a 1.9 percent pay raise in 2011 would be the lowest since the start of the

all-volunteer military in 1973. In 1988, Congress approved a 2.0 percent raise for servicemembers. This year, troops received a 3.4 percent bump in their pay.

The Senate has not yet weighed in, but in recent years has sided with the House in granting an adding another 0.5 percent to troops paychecks. Last month, Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., head of the Senate Armed Services Committee's personnel panel, promised a closer look at personnel costs but indicated he would still back a slightly higher than requested pay raise.

Last weekend, Defense Secretary Robert Gates mentioned the higher pay raises during a speech on fiscal responsibility, noting that "given America's difficult economic circumstances and parlous fiscal condition, military spending on things large and small can and should expect closer, harsher scrutiny."

Defense officials estimate that an extra 0.5 percent increase will cost the department another \$350 million in fiscal 2011 alone, and \$3.5 billion over the next decade. Those figures don't include higher retirement pay, pushing the expense even higher.

In testimony before the Senate last month, RAND national security research division director James Hosek said new research indicates that targeted specialty pays -- bonuses for medical professionals, for example -- would be less costly and more effective for keeping highly-skilled troops in the ranks.

William Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, also argued that the pay gap between the military and private sector is overstated, especially once housing stipends and other military benefits are factored in.

If approved, the 1.4 percent pay raise would mean about \$32 more a month for an E-4 with six years in the service, and about \$41 for an E-5

with more than 10 years. A 1.9 percent pay raise would add another \$11 or \$14, respectively.

The full House committee is expected to vote on the pay raise next week. The Senate will offer its proposal next week, and the final compromise version of the measure is expected to be approved by October.

Legendary Flying Ace Passes Away Week of May 24, 2010

The Air Force's first double ace in World War II, who later flew in the Pacific Theater and the Korean War, died recently at his home in Newport Beach, Calif. Ret. Col. Walker ("Bud") Mahurin, was credited with 24.25 victories while flying in three theaters of war. He became the first double ace in November 1943 when he shot down his 10th aircraft. He was shot down twice and spent 16 months in a North Korean Prisoner of War camp. For more information on Colonel Mahurin, visit the [Wikipedia website](#). For more information on flying aces, visit the [Wikipedia website](#), and the lists of flying aces from the [Korean War](#) and [WWI](#)

MARINE TIDBITS:

At the First Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, a 365-man battalion of Marines was led by Brevet Maj. John Reynolds, a veteran of the Mexican War. His battalion included 320 privates, none of whom had been in service for more than three weeks. He also had in his command 12 officers, 17 noncommissioned officers, two drummers and two fifers

Debra Steele

INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING:

Members Present: 25

Correspondence/Thank you:

Received various newsletter and booklets from other organizations.

Thank you from Marge Wooton for honors provided for he late husband Bill.

Thank you from Freedom excursion for donation. Complimentary tickets for a daylight or evening cruise for two were included. The Jr. vice has the ticket and it will be presented to the member of the detachment who recruits the most members in May.

Report of Standing Committees:

Toys for Tots:

No discussion.

Summer Picnic:

Will be at Fred's house (exact date to be announced). John Bain is organizing this event.

Marine Corps Birthday :

No discussion.

Annual Poker/Bike Run:

Looking for volunteers.

Color Guard:

Walt Raysick advised that there are now 15 members of the Honor Guard. An inventory of equipment was conducted and the weapons have all been cleaned by the armor Deb Steele. Next events will be on May 15 Armed Forces Day, May 22 Work Party at Vets Park, May 30 Memorial Day at Vets Park, May 31 Memorial Day at Serenity Meadows Cemetery

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion made to purchase an add in the booklet for the department convention in June. Motion carried.

Motion made to continue paying the delegate fee of \$5.00 each for those officers going to the convention. The consensus was that we should. The delegate fee of \$5.00 will be paid for the following officers that will be attending the convention. Commandant Dennis Antle, Sr. Vice Willie Little, JA Terry

Graham, Adjutant Jack Skelding, and Dept. Sgt-at-Arms Ken Zolna.

Motion and much discussion about the detachment sponsoring a Wounded Warriors table at the convention with a cost of \$500.00. The proposal was tabled until next meeting when Sr. Vice Willie Little will bring back more information about what the money is used for.

Motion made to donate \$250.00 to the Military Affairs Council for their scholarship. Motion carried.

Motion made support the Legion Riders Poker Run for the Haley house with \$250 donation. Motion carried.

Good of the League

Stan Hormon was presented his Life membership certificate. J. R. Covington was presented his gold life membership card and pin.

Announcements

None.



One of our new members Armando. Way to go!



Bernie and Dennis (Commandant).



George working hard.



Ron taking a little break to enjoy his favorite beverage!



Debra, Mike, and Bernie replacing flags.



Way to go Walt.

HERO OF THE MONTH –



This month the hero of the month are all those that have sacrificed to give us the freedoms we so enjoy. This Memorial Day we need to remember what this day is all about.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated

in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave they're all.



General John Logan

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem ["In Flanders Fields."](#) Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,

It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "[Buddy" Poppy program](#) was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing [a red 3 cent postage stamp](#) with her likeness on it.

Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

There are a few notable exceptions. Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National

Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on Marye's Heights (the [Luminaria Program](#)). And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "[National Moment of Remembrance](#)" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to [Taps](#)."

The Moment of Remembrance is a step in the right direction to returning the meaning back to the day. What is needed is a full return to the original day of observance. Set aside one day out of the year for the nation to get together to remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country.

But what may be needed to return the solemn, and even sacred, spirit back to Memorial Day is for a return to its traditional day of observance. Many feel that when Congress made the day into a three-day weekend in with the National Holiday Act of 1971, it made it all the easier for people to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day. As the VFW stated in its 2002 Memorial Day address: "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day."

On January 19, 1999 Senator Inouye introduced bill [S 189 to the Senate](#) which proposes to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day back to May 30th instead of "the last Monday in May". On April 19, 1999 Representative Gibbons introduced the bill to the House (H.R. 1474). The bills were referred the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Government Reform.



June 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 League Mtg 1930 at Legion 148. MCLA Mtg @ VFW 8108 at 1930	2	3	4	5
6 1130 hrs Point to Point Ride starting @ Deep South BBQ in Hernando Cty;	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day at Savannah Court, Parsons Ave N, Brandon	15	16	17 Department Convention	18 Department Convention	19 Department Convention
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Car Wash 1000 hrs to 1400 hrs at Legion
27 First Annual Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Golf Tournament	28	29	30			
		Look Ahead July 2 (Celebrate 4th of July) at Savannah Court at 1100. August 8 th thru 14 th – National Convention in Greensboro, NC.; September 19 th Growl at the Riverview Detachment				