



Marine Corp League

Detachment 1226

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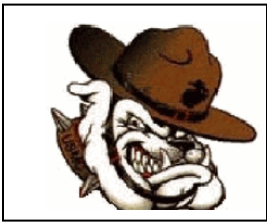
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DEVIL DOG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

Your support is appreciated. Thank you for electing me to serve one more year. I will do my best.

Dennis Antle
Commandant

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

This is my last input to the Newsletter as President of the Auxiliary. At this time I wish to thank those who supported me during my two- year term – it has been a real pleasure. The new officers for 2011/2012 are: President: Pat Skelding; Sr. VP: Cheryl Bain; Jr. VP: Shanda Antle and JA: Kamela Ryan. There will be a joint installation with the Detachment May 1, 2011 at the American Legion. Meat tray/rolls will be provided and side dishes are needed so bring your favorite to share. See you there.

I'm sure Pat and her slate of officers have many things planned for the coming year. I wish them the best and let's show them as much support as I was given during my term of office. It was an honor to have held the office of Unit President and I thank you

Mary Zolna, President



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. We want to get you the information you are interested in. This also goes for any ideas you have regarding any issue that would benefit the League as a whole. We are here for YOU!!!!

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:
Bennett, Kristine - February
Young, Steven - February
Amos, Gregory - January
Bain, Jacob - January
Bro, Keith - January
Campbell, Burtis - January
Elliott, Robert N. Sr - January
Miller, Everette G - January
Regretta, Leonard Jr - January
Sherman, Ashley - December
Sirvent, Eric - December
Antle, Danny - November
Antle, Jennifer - November
Bell, Jeanne - September
Cox, Ronald - May
Grant, John - July
Martin, David - September
Ramos, George - September
Sepeda, Jason - October

March 2011 Membership Expirations:
Dunn, Roger

April 2011 Membership Expirations:
Ashman, Robert
Norton, Larry

If anyone keeps in contact with 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 so that we can determine the reason for non-renewal of memberships.

New Members
Joseph Pelletier, Nicole Hernandez, Albert Barnes, Robert Evans, Edwin Keller

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:

There are plenty of activities to get involved in. Please do not feel that you have to be in all of them but please try to participate when you can. Thank you.

The PFC Samuel R. Wall Detachment 1139's 2nd Annual Pig Roast is going to support the Wounded Warriors of FL on May 7th. We will have 3 pigs cooking along with all the trimmings. Tickets are \$10 each. We will hold a 50/50. Rain or shine. Eat in or take out. It will be held at the DAV bldg located at State Rd 41 and Independence Hwy. Contact me for the tickets. or call me at 352-344-3131

Roslyn Smith, Paymaster Det. 1139
PDP/Treasurer, Dept of FL

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

*Poker Run: We are looking for volunteers to start this committee for this year's event. This will be held in October or November this year. Keep an eye out for updates!

*Rose Fund: For information regarding the Rose Fund please contact Sr. Vice Commandant Willie Little. Dates for upcoming events are located in the Minutes section of this Newsletter.

*Honor Guard: If you are interested in participating in the Honor Guard please contact Walt Raysick. Dates for upcoming events are located in the Minutes section of this Newsletter.



Need donations to keep this going. We also need volunteers to help with this each Sunday. You can drop off any items during the sales on Sunday. Contact Jack or Dennis for further details. We need some volunteers to step up for the month of May!! We need at least two people for each Sunday.



Judge Advocate, Walt Raysick and Auxiliary Secretary Pat Skelding as shown in the March 23, 2011 article in the Brandon News & Tribune.



Come out and join us on the last Saturday of every month from 1000 to 1400 hours. We look forward to your support whether it is washing cars with us or just bringing your car for a wash. ***Thank you to those members that took time out of their week to wash the Winnebago and made \$350 for the League.***

Advertising:

We have lowered the prices for the sponsorship.

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 | \$5 | \$50 |
| Quarter Page | \$8 | \$80 |
| Half Page | \$10 | \$100 |
| Full Page | \$15 | \$150 |

*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).

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Support our Troops & Families



YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

We have had our first meeting with the potential volunteers for this program and are continuing to do little more research to get things in order to get this program off of the ground. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

Debra Steele
Jr. Vice Commandant



MILITARY NEWS

Lawmakers Blast Navy Over Lejeune Water

April 17, 2011

Mclatchy -Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON -- Five members of Congress on Friday called the Department of the Navy to task - again - for what they say is an apparent resistance to

keeping veterans informed about past water contamination at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. In a tartly worded letter to the Navy, Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida, Sens. Kay Hagan and Richard Burr and Rep. Brad Miller of North Carolina, and Rep. John Dingell of Michigan said the military continues to mislead the public about a high-profile scientific report on the contamination. They said that the Navy hasn't yet agreed to a deal that would allow federal scientists to review its public relations material.

For full story go to Military.com under the News tab.

VA/DOD Smart Phone App Helps Veterans Manage PTSD

WASHINGTON – Veterans dealing with symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can turn to their smart phones for help anytime with the PTSD Coach application created by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense.

“This is about giving Veterans and Servicemembers the help they earned when and where they need it,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “We hope they, their families and friends, download this free app. Understanding PTSD and those who live with it is too important to ignore.”

PTSD Coach lets users track their PTSD symptoms, links them with local sources of support, provides accurate information about PTSD, and teaches helpful individualized strategies for managing PTSD symptoms at any moment. The free PTSD Coach app is now available for download from the iTunes store and will be available for Android devices by the end of the spring.

“This application acknowledges the frequency with which our Warriors and Veterans use technology and allows them to get help when and where they feel most comfortable,” said Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. Jonathan Woodson. The PTSD Coach is primarily designed to enhance services for individuals who are already receiving

mental health care, though it is certainly helpful for those considering entering mental health care and those who just want to learn more about PTSD.

“This is a great service we are providing to Veterans, Servicemembers, their families and friends, but it should not be seen as a replacement for traditional therapy,” said VA’s Under Secretary for Health Dr. Robert Petzel. “Veterans should utilize all of the benefits they have earned with their service and one of the best things about this app is it will get Veterans connected to the places that are out there to provide help.”

The application is one of the first in a series of jointly designed resources by the VA National Center for PTSD and the Defense Department's National Center for Telehealth and Technology to help Servicemembers, Veterans, their families and friends manage their readjustment challenges and get anonymous assistance. Given the current popularity of mobile devices, VA and the Defense Department hope to reach tens of thousands of Veterans, Servicemembers, and their family members with the new suite of apps.

Information on the PTSD Coach app is on the VA’s National Center for PTSD Website:
<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/pages/PTSDCoach.asp>
 . More apps from DoD's National Center for Telehealth and Technology can be found at:
<http://www.t2health.org/apps>.

News from the League

Veterans Crisis Line

VA is strategically rebranding the National Veterans Suicide Prevention Hotline (1-800-273-8255).

An important component of this comprehensive effort involves a new name: Veterans Crisis Line, which establishes a unique identity for this critical service.

Research influenced our decision to rebrand the service as a crisis line, changing the emphasis from

“suicide” to “crisis” for Veterans and their families to make that critical first call for help.

The Veterans Crisis Line is available 24/7/365 to provide confidential counseling and referrals for Veterans and their families.

Since its launch, the National Suicide Prevention Hotline has answered more than 390,000 calls and made more than 13,000 life-saving rescues

Rebranding Overview

VA and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) continue to work together to ensure all Americans in emotional distress or suicidal crisis have a single confidential number to call for help. They provide a special service for Veterans through the SAMHSA-funded National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans and concerned family members can call the Veterans Crisis Line by dialing 800-273-8255 and “pressing 1.”

The rebranding is an integrated national outreach effort to increase awareness and use of the Veterans Crisis Line and confidential online chat service, support and promote broader VA suicide prevention efforts, and promote help-seeking behaviors among Veterans at risk of suicide and other mental health problems.

This effort is the result of extensive research, including consultation with recognized authorities on suicide prevention and social marketing, key internal and external intermediaries who deal with Veterans every day, and Veterans themselves.

The rebranding will emphasize the “Press One” option for Veterans and family members who call the Veterans Crisis Line, ensuring their call is immediately transferred to VA’s call center in Canandaigua, NY, which is staffed with professional responders trained and dedicated to serving Veterans and their families.

New messaging will reinforce the confidentiality of the Veterans Crisis Line for both Veterans and their family members, who may be the first to realize a Veteran is in crisis.

The Veterans Crisis Line's new look and feel will be incorporated into the campaign's collateral and promotional items.

VA is developing tools to aid its employees in sharing the Department's story about the Veterans Crisis Line, including outreach collateral, PSAs and educational videos, talking points, potential social media content, online banner ads for VA Medical Center sites, electronic posters, and story banks for the media.

Suicide prevention outreach efforts need to use carefully tailored and targeted messaging. Unlike outreach for many other health issues which rely on underscoring the prevalence of the problem, outreach for suicide prevention that emphasizes rising suicide rates among Veterans runs the risk of normalizing suicidal behaviors, helping to convince Veterans in crisis that considering suicide is a normal or even expected response to their challenges--and possibly leading to an increase in suicide attempts. Through this effort, VA will provide effective and safe messaging and outreach strategies that focus on affirming Veterans' strength and resilience and reinforcing help-seeking behavior.

VA understands the success of this program depends on support from internal staff, communities nationwide, and partnerships with groups like Veterans Service Organizations, community-based organizations, and local health care providers that have direct contact with Veterans every day. Many of these groups have participated in the campaign development and will be critical partners in the distribution of our messaging and efforts to build greater awareness for VA's critical services. We need your support and participation to help ensure all Veterans and their families are aware of the Veterans Crisis Line and the service its trained staff provide.

Dick Hauck, Communication and Legislative Officer

Department of Florida - Marine Corps League

Vietnam Wall

First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals. This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it.

I hope that everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country. The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam war with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes. Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site. Pass the link on to others, as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed.

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

*Dick Hauck, Communication and Legislative Officer
Department of Florida - Marine Corps League*

Pets for Patriots Program

I don't know if you are aware of this great program for Veterans. It is the Pets For Patriots adopt a dog or cat from a local shelter/Humane Society. Their web site is www.petsforpatriots.org

Any veteran or currently active duty, this service is available free of charge. Go on their web site, check it out, register by sending them a copy of DD214 (I blacked out my service number and or social security number for security reasons). They responded within 1 day with approval. I went to my local Humane Society (Who was on their list) found a dog we fell in love with and adopted him. The Humane Society here, as part of their participation in the program, waived the \$85.00 adoption fee! (Not sure if all counties do this but Columbia County does) When the adoption paperwork at Humane Society is complete they send a copy to Pets For Patriots to verify the adoption. Then Pets For Patriots will issue

you a \$150.00 gift card to Tractor Supply, PetSmart, and a couple of other pet chains so you can buy necessary dog food and dog items to get you going. As a member of Pets For Patriots this gift is renewed by them yearly. Also there are participating veterinarians who will give Pets For Patriots owners a 10 percent discount on their services.

I think this information would be great if it could be sent out to all the Detachments. It's great that an organization like this exists to help Veterans !

Thanks for your assistance
Semper Fi

Ted Whitcomb
Commandant
Sgt Maj Thomas H. Griggs Jr Det 1086

Appointment of new Sgt./Major of the USMC

At or about 0900 today (11 April) the CMC notified SgtMaj Michael P. Barrett, currently at 1st MarDiv, of his selection to be the 17th SMMC. Needless to say, the decision was not an easy one for the CMC, as he considered it most critical to the continued success of the Corps going forward. As you know or have heard, eight of the top SgtsMaj in the Corps and their spouses were brought to town for interviews, briefs, and social gatherings. What the CMC quickly learned is that all were equal to the task, eager to serve, and extremely well qualified. That was the good news! The even better news is that the CMC is comfortable knowing that the office of the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps will continue to support our Corps in the future under the leadership and service of SgtMaj and Mrs. Barrett in the same fine fashion as those who have held the office in the past.

LtGen Willie Williams
Chief of Marine Corps Staff

Visit our Website at
www.mclriverview.org and check out
the new look and upgrades, thanks to
one of our fellow member Bernie

MARINE TIDBITS:



MY RIFLE

BY MGEN WILLIAM H. RUPERTUS, USMC RETIRED

The Creed of a United States Marine

This is my rifle. There are many like it, but this one is mine. My rifle is my best friend. It is my life. I must master it as I must master my life. My rifle, without me, is useless. Without my rifle, I am useless. I must fire my rifle true. I must shoot straighter than my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must shoot him before he shoots me. I will...

My rifle and myself know that what counts in this war is not the rounds we fire, the noise of our burst, nor the smoke we make. We know that it is the hits that count. We will hit...

My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life. Thus, I will learn it as a brother. I will learn its weaknesses, its strength, its parts, its accessories, its sights and its barrel. I will ever guard it against the ravages of weather and damage as I will ever guard my legs, my arms, my eyes and my heart against damage. I will keep my rifle clean and ready. We will become part of each other. We will...

Before God, I swear this creed. My rifle and myself are the defenders of my country. We are the masters of our enemy. We are the saviors of my life. So be it, until there is no enemy, but peace!

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

Initiatives from Monthly Meeting

Roll Call of Officers: All present with exception of Sgt. At Arms (Excused)

Members Present: 31 Guests 3

Guests Present:

Bill Cona, Depart of Fl. Judge Advocate
Ron Ashley, District 7 Sr. Vice Commandant
Ken Zolna, National Asst. Sgt. At Arms

Applications for Membership:

Edward F. Zalwski Regular Member
Andrea Michelle O'Neal Associate Member
Douglas Luccio Regular Member

Correspondence:

We received a Certificate of Appreciation from Tamp Area Marine Parents Association, a card from American Victory Ship about group tours , and the Marion Detachment Newsletter.

Members Sick or in Distress:

Houston Tucker's mother passed away
George McMaster

Report of Standing Committees:

Marine Corps Birthday: The JA reported that it will be held on Nov. 12th. There will be a \$10.00 per person cost. Caterer is set.

Toys for Tots - John Bain reported that there is a new NCOIC and they are waiting to set up a meeting.

Poker Run: Jr. Vice reported that it is still in the planning stages and we are currently waiting on confirmation regarding if the Legion Riders will be co-sponsoring with us again this year and that anyone who would like to help to please let her know.

Rose Fund: Sr. Vice reported one successful event done, four more scheduled and more to come in October and November. (events scheduled 5/14; and 6/8).

Honor Guard: The JA went over events held and events to come. 5/21 Riverview Rec. Center; 5/29 Memorial Day at the Veterans Memorial Park and 5/30 at Dignity Cemetery.

Report of Special Committees:

Audit: Houston Tucker reported that the audit of the paymaster was done with no discrepancies found

Scholarship: JA advised that a selection had been made.

Conference Planning: JA informed the Detachment that we are still awaiting some feed back from the Hotel on a few items before we finalize our bid to be submitted at the Department June convention.

Young Marines: Jr. Vice said she is working hard to bring this project together. She has contacted several active duty Marines at MacDill to see if there is some interest in helping with the training / supervision of the Young Marines. Mike Sherman and one of our new members, Nicole Hernandez have stepped up to help as well.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

JA stated that a new Detachment flag has been ordered.

Ron Lussier offered to provide a dance stick, tomahawk with a certificate of authenticity to be raffled off with the proceeds going to the Detachment.

Hank Wolons requested a \$200.00 donation be made to the Freedom Excursions bike run. The money is to be used to take wounded warriors on boating trips which was passed.

Houston Tucker said he is able to get group rate tickets to a Ray's baseball for \$35.00 each. This will include a Ray's baseball cap. Suggested August 7th or 21st as the dates. Contact Houston for tickets.

The Detachment was offered to be paid \$350.00 to wash and wax a 30 ft. Winnebago. It is estimated that it will take four members about four hours to do the job. If interested please contact Houston Tucker

Election of officers:

2nd nominations; Willie Little was nominated for the position of Commandant.

Elections were held and those elected were:

Dennis Antle Commandant

Debra Steele Sr. Vice Commandant

Bernie Kotrady Jr. Vice Commandant

Walter Raysick Judge Advocate

Good of the League:

Dept JA Bill Cona spoke to the Detachment advising that he is running for the Dept. Jr. Vice position at the June Convention and requested the Detachments support. He also asked that the Detachment support Ron Ashley for the Department JA position and Jack Skelding for the District 7 Sr. Vice Commandant position.

District 7 Sr. Vice Commandant Ron Ashley spoke to the Detachment and advised he is running for the Department Judge Advocate office at the June convention and asked the Detachment to support him. He also asked that the Detachment support Jack Skelding for the District 7 Sr. Vice Commandants position.

The Commandant presented Armando Arroyo with his life member certificate, pin and gold membership card.

Announcements:

The Adjutant announced that there would be a special meeting at 1300 on May 1, 2011 to install the new officers.



Ron Lussier offered to provide a dance stick, tomahawk with a certificate of authenticity to be raffled off with the proceeds going to the Detachment

Anyone wishing to buy into the raffle can obtain an envelope from the bar maid and the list to sign. The drawing will be held on the 4th of July which will give us plenty of time and hopefully we will make a killing! The more money you put in, the greater the chance of winning. If you put \$20.00 in the envelope, your number will be placed in the hat four times. Depending on how many buy into the raffle, will determine the odds. The dance stick and tomohawk have rare feathers which cannot be obtained by anyone else. They will make for a great conversation piece for anyone.

Good luck. Ron Lussier, Gysgt USMC RET



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Armed Forces Day

Saturday
May 21, 2011

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Pig Roast w/all the fixin's....\$10.00

Special thanks to "RED DOG" Tony Inmon
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

12:00 Noon

Stops /Sponsors:

Mango Joes—Ruskin
 VFW—Ruskin
 Dixie's—Gibsonton
 VFW—Riverview
 Legion Post 148—Riverview
 (Last card drawn)



1st Place
 2nd Place
 Worst Hand

Entertainment
 2—4 PM
 2 Brothers Band
 4—8 PM

Open to bikes, cars...whatever you ride!
Registration 10:00 AM—First bike out 11:00 AM
Registration \$15.00 includes (1) poker hand and (1)
meal
Extra hands (1) for \$10 or (3) for \$20
First 100 registered get Patch

HERO OF THE MONTH



Marine Corps Capt. Ryan Beaupre was the pilot of a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter which crashed on March 20, south of the Iraqi border in Kuwait.

A Marine who was “Willing to Fight”

It is the custom of American Servicemen to write letters to loved ones BEFORE going into harm’s way. A friend of mine from Northern Illinois recently told me about one such letter written by Marine Capt. Ryan Anthony Beaupre who was killed in a helicopter crash on March 20, 2003 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. It is well worth reading.

“Never was so much owed by so many to so few.”
Winston Churchill.

Mom & Dad,

Well if you are reading this, then things didn’t go well for me over in Iraq. I’m sorry for the pain that I have caused you because of this. Please do not be upset with the Marine Corps, the military, the government, or the President. It was my choice to go into the military. The President and my higher commanders were just doing what they thought was best. Realize that I died doing something that I truly love, and for a purpose greater than myself. There is a paragraph that I read from time to time when I lose focus.
“War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is

much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.” John Stewart Mill

Now there is a little Marine Corps bravado in there, but I do believe in the basic premise. I want you to know that I could not have asked for better parents, or a better family. I’ll never forget that one of my friends in elementary school said that if he could trade places with one person, he’d trade places with me because of my parents and home life. I truly feel that I’ve had a blessed life thanks to you two. Please give my love to Alyse & Ryan, Kari & Matt & the girls, Chris & Brandy, and everyone else in the family.
All my love,
Ryan

Article taken from Modern American Heroes

MEMBER OF THE MONTH:



Judge Advocate Walt Raysick at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Travis Ingraham on March 19, 2011. Walt makes the presentation of the MCL Good Citizenship Award for the Detachment at these ceremonies.

From Seaman Recruit to Master Chief Petty Officer. I joined the USN in Dec 1958, attended Boot Camp and Hospital Corps "A" School in Great Lakes, IL. I Always wanted to serve in the Navy, as I had an Uncle who I looked up to was a Destroyer Officer and a Cousin who served on Sub Chasers during WWII. At "A" School, most of my instructors were combat veterans from WWII and Korea, except for the Navy Nurses who instructed me in Nursing Care. My first duty station was a Training Air Station in Florida where I qualified to fly as a Search and Rescue Corpsman. I advanced to Petty Officer Second Class and attended the Medical Administrative School in VA when the Cuban Missile crisis broke out. I was assigned to the Naval Hospital Gitmo Bay, Cuba in 1962. While there, I became part of the Ground Defense Force in case Cuba decided to attack the Naval Base. I advanced to Petty Officer First Class. We were trained by the Marine Detachment in all tactics of self defense. I began my fondness for the USMC at that time because they were so dedicated and I read so many stories of the Marines in famous battles during the Pacific campaigns during WWII. Following my tour in Gitmo, I was assigned to the USS Newport News; an 8" gun Heavy Cruiser. Since we were the 2nd Fleet flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, we had a USMC Detachment on board. The crisis in Santo Domingo tasked us to deploy off the coast of

Santo Domingo and I was assigned to the Landing Party along with other Corpsman. We conducted small arms training off the fantail and the USMC Detachment was sent ashore to perform a security mission. My next assignment ashore took me to Savannah, GA in 1967 to the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center where I interacted with the I&I Staff as their only Corpsman. I was advanced to Chief Petty Officer and received orders to Vietnam in 1969 aboard the USS Sanctuary, one of two Hospital Ships operating off the coast of Vietnam. While assigned to the Hospital ship, I was tasked to go in country to the Medical facilities at the 1st Marine Division in Da Nang and the 3rd Marine division in Quang Tri Province by my Commanding Officer. It was during those Temp assignments that I got a close hand look at the USMC during combat operations. After my tour in Vietnam, I was assigned to the Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune, NC in 1970 and again I found myself associated with the USMC. I was the Leading Petty Officer of the Surgical Team and deployed on field exercises with the USMC field medical units. I was advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer in 1970, received a scholarship to a Junior College in Pensacola, FL. Upon graduation, I had to undergo training at the Field Medical Service School (FMF) at Camp Lejeune, NC prior to assignment to the First Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF PAC as the Wing Personnel Officer in Japan and participated in numerous deployments to Korea and Okinawa. In 1975, I transferred to the 2nd Medical Battalion, FMF LANT at Camp Lejeune, NC as the Battalion Personnel Officer where I was promoted to Master Chief Hospital Corpsman. I completed a tour of duty at the Training Headquarters and Medical Department Headquarters in Washington, DC as the Career Plans Officer and Command Master Chief where I dealt directly with the Medical Officer at HQ USMC on Hospital Corpsman training issues. I had my final assignment in 1987 with the Defense Nuclear Agency, a Joint Service Command as Training Officer and Command Master Chief where I retired in 1989 with 30 plus years of naval service. As you can see my association with the USMC spans over 20 years and I would do it all over again. The Expiree de Corps that I experienced was immeasurable in terms of camaraderie and tradition. Semper Fi Marines.



May 2011

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|-----------|----------|--------|---|
| 1 Installation of Officers at Post 148 1300 hrs | 2 Legion Riders Mtg at Post 148 1830 hrs | 3 League Mtg 1930 / MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1930 Honor Flight leaving TIA 1730 hrs | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Pig Roast in Inverness – 1300 to 1700 hrs |
| 8 Yard Sale | 9 Legion Mtg | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Rose Fund VFW Post 8108 Clam Bake @ 1200 hrs |
| 15 Yard Sale | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Honor Guard – Riverview Rec Center and Pig Roast at Post 148 at 1200 hrs |
| 22 Yard Sale | 23 Veterans Council Mtg @ Brandon Regional Center 1800 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Car Wash @ Legion 1000 hrs to 1400 hrs |
| 29 Yard Sale Honor Guard event- Memorial Day @ Vet's Par at 1100 hrs | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| | Look Ahead: June 8 th – Rose Fund event; June 21 st – K9 for Veterans Casino Night; June 25 th – Korean War Remembrance @ Vet's Park; October – Poker Run and Convention; November 12 th – Marine Corps Birthday and November – Marine Corps Ball | | | | | |