



Marine Corp League

Detachment 1226

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League Officers:

Commandant: Dennis Antle
Sr. Vice Commandant: Willie Little Jr
Jr. Vice Commandant: Debra Steele
Adjutant: Jack Skelding.
Paymaster: Rob Becker
Judge Advocate: Walt Raysick
Chaplain: Dave Blizzard
Sergeant-at-Arms: George Mc Master
Past Commandant: Jack Skelding
Web Sergeant: Jacob Bain
Newsletter Editor: Debra Steele
Historian: Stan Horman

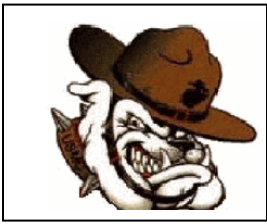
League Auxiliary

President: Mary Zolna
Sr. Vice: Nancy Horman
Jr. Vice: Jackie Wyatt
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DEVIL DOG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

Greetings Marines! Well we have had a good year and I thank you for letting me serve as your Commandant and hope that you will see fit to have me continue for another year. We are going to try and have a Marine Social event upcoming where we can all get together.

Your Commandant
Dennis Antle

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

The Auxiliary held their recent Soup & Salad fundraising dinner and it was decently attended. Compliments to the "cooks" for their efforts & hard work in preparing the soups as well as serving and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you Barb, Cheryl, Kamela, Pat & Shanda. Near the end of the night the raffle was held for the original painting donated and painted by Marine Stan Horman. The painting was of Owl's Head Lighthouse in Rockland Harbor, Maine and was won by James Masterson of Wadmalaw Island, SC. I will be shipping the painting to him this week. My ticket sales brought in over \$450.00

At the March meeting, nominations will take place for the following positions: President, Sr. VP, Jr. VP and Judge Advocate. Please plan on attending so your voice will be heard in nominating those who will lead the Unit in 2011/2012. Second nominations & elections will take place at the April meeting.

Also, please remember to bring in your monthly reports.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 1st, 2011 at the VFW Post 8108 on Riverview Dr .at 7:30 p.m. See you then.

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:
- Hall, Jeffrey - December
 - Scheller, Bruce - December
 - Sherman, Ashley - December
 - Sirvent, Eric - December
 - Toledo, William - December
 - Antle, Danny - November
 - Antle, Jennifer - November
 - Bell, Jeanne - September
 - Cox, Ronald - May
 - Grant, John - July
 - Larrow, Thomas - October
 - Martin, David - September
 - Ramos, George - September
 - Sepeda, Jason - October
 - Serra, Guillermo - September

January 2011 Membership Expirations:

- Amos, Gregory
- Bain, Jacob
- Bro, Keith
- Campbell, Burtis
- Elliott, Robert N. Sr.
- Hardin, Virginia
- Miller, Everette G.
- Regretta, Leonard Jr.

February 2011 Membership Expirations:

Bennett, Kristine
 Longabardi, Robert
 Sarsfield, Patrick
 Trathowen, Clyde
 Young, Steven

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: None

LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY AGE CATEGORY

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

Congratulations to Armando Arroyo, Houston Tucker, Bernie Kotrady, Sid Atwater and Gene Chrimer for becoming new life members.

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: We will be looking for volunteers to start this committee for this year's event.

*Rose Fund: For information regarding the Rose Fund please contact Sr. Vice Commandant Willie Little.

*Honor Guard: If you are interested in participating in the Honor Guard please contact Walt Raysick.

Honor Guard at Wells Funeral Home, Plant City for homeless USAF Veteran



Judge Advocate Walt Raysick
 Sgt of Arms George McMaster
 Bernie Kotrady



Need donations to keep this going. We also need volunteers to help with this each Sunday. Contact Jack or Dennis for further details.



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. Come on!! Who doesn't need a car wash!

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).

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*

We desperately need local volunteers to get this program off and running. If you are interested please contact me.

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

MILITARY NEWS

The achievements of John Basilone, Daniel J. Daly, John A. Lejeune and Lewis B. Puller—four legendary Marines who served with bravery and distinction during the 20th century—will be immortalized on postage stamps next year:

The John Basilone stamp features a detail of a 1943 photograph of Basilone and the insignia of the 5th Marine Division. Basilone served and died with the 1st Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division during the invasion of Iwo Jima in February 1945. Basilone won the Medal of Honor in World War II for holding 3,000 Japanese soldiers at bay for 72 hours during the battle of Guadalcanal with only 15 men, 12 of whom died in the fight. Sent home to

promote the sale of war bonds, Basilone requested to return to combat and again distinguished himself in the battle for Iwo Jima, where he was killed. He was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross and Purple Heart.

The Daniel J. Daly stamp features a detail from a circa 1919 photograph of Daly and the insignia of the 73rd Machine Gun Company, which is a variation on the Army's 2nd Infantry Division insignia. During World War I, Daly served as a Marine with the 73rd Machine Gun Company in the 2nd Infantry Division. Daly received the Medal of Honor twice for separate acts during combat in the Chinese Boxer Rebellion and in Haiti protecting American lives during an uprising in 1915.

The John A. Lejeune stamp features a detail from a circa 1924 photograph of Lejeune. The stamp also depicts the insignia of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division, which Lejeune commanded during World War I. Lejeune is remembered as a wartime commander and the first Marine to command an Army division in combat. He is credited with establishing Marine Corps institutions and traditions and the Marine base located near Jacksonville, N.C. bears his name.

The Lewis B. Puller stamp features a photograph of Puller at Koto-ri, Korea, in 1950, and the insignia of the 1st Marine Division. A native of West Point, Va., Puller was a battalion commander and regimental commander with the 1st Marine Division during World War II and the Korean War. During his 37-year career, he was awarded 14 personal decorations in combat, five Navy Crosses, one Army Distinguished Service Cross plus a long list of campaign medals, unit citation ribbons and other awards.

18 Senators Press VA for Caregivers

Week of February 14, 2011 from Military.com

Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), along with 17 Senators from both sides of the aisle, have written to

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric Shinseki, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Jack Lew, to urge the Administration to carry out the law and begin providing supportive services to caregivers of wounded veterans. It has been reported that some family members of seriously injured veterans have had to leave their jobs and make tremendous sacrifices without training, counseling, and financial benefits. Senator Murray's letter is available on the [U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs website](#).

MARINE TIDBITS:

Scarlet Trouser Stripe (Bloodstripe) - The red stripe was first seen on Marine uniforms in 1796. It was used off and on until uniform regulations made it standard on all NCO and Officer uniforms in 1859. It is rumored that the stripe represents the blood shed by Marines at the Battle of Chapultepec in the war with Mexico in 1846.

Initiatives from Monthly Meeting

Roll Call of Officers: Cmdt__X__ Sr. Vice__X__ Jr. Vice__A__ JA__A__ Adjutant__X__ Paymaster__X__ Chaplian__E__ Sgt-at-Arms__X__

Members Present: 23 Guests_____

Applications for Membership: None.

Correspondence: Marion Detachment Newsletter

Members Sick or in Distress: Fred Regenhard, Charlie Cox and Gene Chrismer

Report of Standing Committees:

Marine Corps Birthday, Toys for Tots and Poker Run had no report.

Rose Fund: Sr. Vice will be a rose sale on March 26th. He is looking to add more locations.

Honor Guard: J/A reported on events done in the last month and upcoming events for this month. Advised

of a ceremony for a homeless veteran that will be held in Plant City on Feb. 10th and request members that were able to show up and pay their respects as this vet has no known family in the area.

Report of Special Committees: None

Unfinished Business: A motion was made to increase the amount authorized for the Rose Sale posters from \$150.00 to \$175.00. - Passed.

New Business:

A motion was made to approve a \$250.00 donation to K-9s for vets to help offset the expenses incurred to bring a Marine injured at the Beirut Barracks Bombing to Florida to be matched up with a service dog. - Passed

A motion was made to stop giving scholarships to local high school students. - Passed

Good of the League:

Life membership cards, pins and certificates were presented to Gene Chrismer, Bernie Kotrady and Huston Tucker.

Announcements:

Tony Donofrio advised the membership that we need to build a ramp and get some storage containers to help the older members who work the yard sale. He also said that we need some of the younger members to step up and help.

Walt Raysick advised that it looks as if the Veterans Park construction project will be completed prior to the Field of Honor Ceremony on April 9th.

The Commandant announced that he still has raffle tickets for the department's scholarship fund.

The Adjutant announced that the Auxiliary is holding a fund raiser soup and salad diner on February 19th. He asked members to support this event as the Auxiliary is always there for us when we need them.

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

News from the League

To: All Elected Officers and Staff, District Vice Comms., Members on file

**From National MCL Commandant Vic Voltaggio
 DoF Commandant Bill Backes**

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE MARINE CORPS
 LEAGUE**

1. All members are entitled to dignity and respect as individuals, but must abide by common standards established by proper authority.
2. A member should never lie, cheat, or steal from a fellow member or fail to come to his/her aid in time of need.
3. All members should contribute 100% of their abilities to the league's mission. Any less effort by an individual passes the buck to someone else.
4. A Detachment, regardless of size, is a disciplined family structure, with similar relationships based on mutual respect among members.
5. It is essential that issues and problems which tend to lessen a Detachment's effectiveness be addressed and resolved.
6. A blending of separate cultures, varying educational levels, and different social backgrounds is possible in an unselfish atmosphere of common goals, aspirations, and mutual understanding.
7. Being the BEST requires common effort, hard work, and teamwork. Nothing worthwhile comes easy.

8. Every member deserves job satisfaction, equal consideration and recognition of his/her accomplishments.
9. Knowing your fellow members well enables you to learn to look at things "through his/her eyes" as well as your own.
10. Issues detracting from the efficiency and sense of wellbeing of an individual should be surfaced and weighted against the impact on the Detachment as a whole.
11. It must be recognized that a "Brotherhood Concept" depends on all members belonging and being fully accepted by others.

THESE ARE BAND OF BROTHERS PRINCIPLES

News you can use. To read the Press Releases below go to: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/>

Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans

Expanding - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is awarding two grants totaling \$7.5 million to the U.S. Olympic Committee to enhance recreation and sporting activities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces. (2/11/11)

VA & HUD Issue First-Ever Report on Homeless Veterans

- For the first time, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development today published the most authoritative analysis of the extent and nature of homelessness among Veterans. According to HUD and VA's assessment, nearly 76,000 Veterans were homeless on a given night in 2009 while roughly 136,000 Veterans spent at least one night in a shelter during that year. (2/10/11)

New and Enhanced VA Benefits Provided to Caregivers of Veterans

- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is launching the first of a series of new and enhanced services supporting family caregivers of seriously ill and injured Veterans. In May 2010, President Obama signed the Caregivers

and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 legislation authorizing VA to establish a wide range of new services to support certain caregivers of eligible Post 9/11 Veterans. (2/9/11)

New VA Support Line Provides Important Assistance to Caregivers - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is increasing its support to caregivers with a new, toll-free telephone line for the caregivers of Veterans of all eras. (2/8/11)

VA Announces Award of First Industry Innovation Competition Projects - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki officially announced today the first VA Innovation Initiative (VAi2) awards under the agency's Industry Innovation Competition, its third competition since it began in early 2010. These four projects will use innovative new technologies in VA facilities to improve the quality of patient care for Veterans. They represent the first of nearly two-dozen more awards to be made in the coming months. (2/4/11)

VA Automating Educational Benefits under Post-9/11 GI Bill - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has successfully deployed a new automated system that is delivering faster, more accurate payments to Veterans attending school under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. (1/31/11)

VA Hosts Public Forum to Improve Disability Compensation Criteria - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hosting a public forum in Scottsdale, Ariz., aimed at improving the fairness of payments for Veterans who are service-connected for genitourinary, digestive, dental, infectious, immune disorder and nutritional deficiency diseases and injuries. (1/31/11)

VA Expands Outreach to American Indians, Hawaiians, Alaska Natives - The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the creation of a new Office of Tribal Government Relations to ensure the more than 200,000 Veterans who are American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians receive the VA benefits they have earned. (1/31/11)

VA Publishes Final Regulation to Aid Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange in Korea - Veterans exposed to herbicides while serving along the demilitarized zone (DMZ) in Korea will have an easier path to access quality health care and benefits under a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) final regulation that will expand the dates when illnesses caused by herbicide exposure can be presumed to be related to Agent Orange. (1/25/11)

VA's National Cemeteries Lead Nation in Satisfaction Survey - For the fourth consecutive time in 10 years, the system of national cemeteries operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs has bested the nation's top corporations and other federal agencies in a prestigious, independent survey of customer satisfaction. (1/25/11)

VA Office Developing Innovative Patient-Centered Model of Care for Veterans - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is creating a new office to develop personal, patient-centered models of care for Veterans who receive health care services at VA's more than 1,000 points of care across the Nation. (1/19/11)

VA Adds Chat Feature to Online Application for Health Benefits - Veterans will find it easier and faster to apply for their health care benefits now that the Department of Veterans Affairs has enhanced and streamlined its online Form 10-10EZ, "Application for Health Benefits." (1/18/11)

Statement from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki - Tomorrow, we celebrate the life and legacy of a great American, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – Baptist preacher, civil rights activist, iconic healer, leader of the nonviolent movement in civil disobedience, a true visionary, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (1968), recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1977, posthumous), and recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal (2004, posthumous). (1/14/11)

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**THE “7” PRINCIPLES OF DETACHMENT
SUCCESS**

1. What does the Detachment contribute to the Community?
2. Is the leadership “Fair and Honest” with the membership?
3. Is there Cooperation and a Team Spirit with the Detachment?
4. Is there an untiring effort for improvement?
5. Is there “Courtesy and Humility” within the leadership?
6. Is there adaptability within the Detachment membership?
7. Does the leadership show gratitude for membership contributions and accountability?

HERO OF THE MONTH:

Posted by sgtgritadmin

Carlos N. Hathcock II

On May 20th, 1959, at 17 years of age, Carlos N. Hathcock II fulfilled his childhood dream by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. His ability as a marksman was soon recognized by the instructors on the rifle range at Camp Pendleton where he was undergoing recruit training. Later, while based in Hawaii as a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, Carlos won the Pacific Division rifle championship. Following his assignment in Hawaii, Hathcock was transferred to Marine Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, where he quickly found himself shooting competitively again. This time he set the Marine Corps record on the "A" Course with a score of 248 points out of a possible 250, a record that stands today. The highlight of his competitive shooting career occurred in 1965 when Carlos out-shot over 3000 other servicemen competing to win the coveted Wimbledon Cup at Camp Perry.

This achievement led to his being sought out in Vietnam in 1966 to be part of a newly established sniper program. After his training was completed Carlos began his new assignment. Operating from Hill 55, a position 35 miles South-West of Da Nang, Hathcock and his fellow Marine snipers renewed a Marine tactic which had been born in the islands of the Pacific in World War II. Within a short period of time the effects of the Marine snipers could be felt around Hill 55. Carlos rapidly ran up a toll on the enemy that would eventually lead to a bounty being placed on his head by the NVA.

As a result of his skill Sergeant Hathcock was twice recruited for covert assignments. One of them was to kill a Frenchman who was working for the North Vietnamese as an interrogator. This individual was torturing American airmen who had been shot down and captured. One round from Carlos' modified Winchester Model 70 ended the Frenchman's career. On another occasion Sergeant Hathcock accepted an assignment for which he was plainly told that his odds

for survival were slim. A North Vietnamese general was the target, and the man died when a bullet fired by Carlos struck him from a range of 800 yards. Hathcock returned to Hill 55 unscathed. In one incredible incident an enemy sniper was killed after a prolonged game of "cat and mouse" between Carlos, with his spotter, and the NVA sniper. The fatal round, fired at 500 yards by Hathcock, passed directly through the NVA sniper's rifle scope, striking him in the eye.

Hathcock would eventually be credited with 93 enemy confirmed killed, including one Viet Cong shot dead by a round fired from a scope-mounted Browning M-2 .50 caliber machine gun at the unbelievable range of 2500 yards.

In 1969, during his second tour of duty in Vietnam, Carlos was badly burned while rescuing fellow Marines from a burning Amtrack. The other Marines and Carlos had been riding in the vehicle when it ran over an anti-tank mine. Despite the severity of his wounds it would ultimately be the ravages of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) that would bring Hathcock's extraordinary career to an end. In 1979 he was made to retire on 100% disability due to the advancing stages of the disease.

Gunnery Sergeant Hathcock has spent subsequent years instructing police tactical units in "counter-sniper" techniques. In 1990 a book entitled Marine Sniper, by Charles Henderson, was published, documenting the exploits of this one-of-a-kind Marine. Regretfully Carlos has yet to receive a penny of royalties from sales of the book, which has been produced both in hard cover and paper-back.

As this brief history is written he is confined to a wheel chair, struggling against the disease which he knows is terminal. Nonetheless he attempts to get to the police rifle range as often as possible. He still loves the crack of the rifles, the smell of gun powder as it drifts across the range, and the company of good men striving to be the best at what they do. The indomitable Carlos N. Hathcock II is indeed one of the "Few and Proud."



March 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 League Mtg 1930 MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1930	2	3 Southeast Division Conference in Lake Buena Vista	4 Southeast Division Conference in Lake Buena Vista	5 Southeast Division Conference in Lake Buena Vista
6 Yard Sale Southeast Division Conference in Lake Buena Vista	7 Legion Riders Mtg at Post 148 1830 hours	8	9	10 Military Appreciation Reception @ 1730 at Brandon Chamber of Commerce	11	12
13 Yard Sale	14 Legion Mtg	15	16	17	18	19
20 Yard Sale	21	22	23	24	25	26 Carwash 1000 - 1400 hrs / Welcome Home Vets @ USF Marshall Student Center 1000 hrs
27 Yard Sale	28 Veterans Council Mtg @ Brandon Regional Center 1800	29	30	31 Armed Forces Military Museum Golf Tournament @ Belleair Country Club Largo		
	Look Ahead: March 31 st through April 4 th – Department Spring Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida April 2 nd – Dunedin Military Tattoo at 1900 hrs/Dunedin High School Memorial Stadium. Tickets call Band Director : 469-4100					