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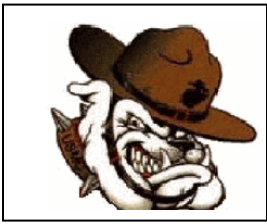
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DEVIL DOG MONTHLY



First and foremost, it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to two of our own:

William (Bill) Madigan. Bill was a life member of our Detachment and a Passed Commandant of the Department of Mass and Bernard (“Bernie”) Sherwood.

Sympathy cards may be sent to:

Mrs. William Madigan
611 Fort Duquesna Dr.
Sun City Center, FL 33573

Mrs. Bernard Sherwood
P. O. Box 1597
Brandon, FL 33509

COMMANDANT’S CORNER:

We have a lot of information to share about what was discussed at the Department Convention. Our own Jack Skelding was appointed District Vice and the President of our Auxiliary was appointed the Department President. Please plan on attending our next monthly meeting to learn all the updates we have for you.

On behalf of
Dennis Antle
Commandant



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 are here for YOU!!!!*

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

I just returned from our Department of Florida Convention in Ft. Lauderdale. I want to thank everyone for their hard work on those reports that everyone hates to do including me. We received 6 awards:

- 3rd Place - VAVS hours
- 3rd Place - Child Welfare total value
- 3rd Place - Americanism hours
- 2nd Place - VAVS volunteers
- 1st Place - Americanism Total Value
- 1st Place - Americanism Volunteers

So Ladies thanks again and keep up the great work.

Your Unit is trying something different to raise money. We are going to be holding sewing nights to make items to be sold. This will also be a time for us to get together outside of our meeting to socialize and have fun and hopefully eventually make some money. The husbands are welcome and can get together in another room and tell war stories. If you have any suggestions of things we can make please let us know. Also if you can help it would be appreciated. Please call me at 813-672-1778 or on my cell at 813-748-6233.

Please make sure to check the calendar in this newsletter and check the events and try to participate whenever you are able.

Semper Fi
Pat Skelding

Detachment Recruitment Bonus.

A Detachment member signing up two (2) new members between now & the November membership meeting will gain free admission to our Annual Birthday event. If you sign-up three (3) three new members & receive a Detachment red shirt.

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:

Antle, Danny - November
 Antle, Jennifer - November
 Bain, Jacob - January
 Bell, Jeanne - September
 Bennett, Kristine - February
 Cox, Ronald - May
 Grant, John - July
 Martin, David - September
 Miller, Everette G - January
 Ramos, George - September
 Regretta, Leonard Jr - January
 Sepeda, Jason - October
 Sirvent, Eric - December
 Young, Steven - February

June 2011 Membership Expirations:

Harley, Clestine
 Strom, Frank

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

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. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do.

*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! We are currently awaiting word on whether or not the Legion Riders will be co-sponsoring again this year.

*Rose Fund: For information regarding the Rose Fund please contact any Detachment Officer or email us at mclriverview@yahoo.com.

*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. Our Honor Guard has been keeping very busy.

The Detachment is entering two convertibles and two pickup trucks in the Brandon 4th of July parade. Members who would like to ride in the parade should contact Walt Raysick at 813-653-4924 or wraysick@verizon.net and inform him of your intentions.

Members will meet at the Legion at 0830 and carpool to the starting point.



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 July! We need at least two people for each Sunday.



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. Let's get washing!!!!!!

Advertising:

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).

Advertisers: Please remember those you support us and give them our support as well!!!

Let's hear it for our yearly Advertisers!!! We have a couple of new Advertisers! WELCOME!!!!!!



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As you are aware this organization works hard to get Marines overseas care packages and letters. Please visit their website below for more information. We salute you Dianne.

www.supportourmarinesinc.org

Visit our Website at
www.mclriverview.org for more information on meetings and other activities and items of interests.



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Support our Troops & Families



YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

We have had several meetings 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. We are still in need of volunteers. This is a very worthwhile program. Please, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact me.

Debra Steele
Sr. Vice Commandant



MILITARY NEWS



On June 22 the Governor's cabinet unanimously approved Prendergast to take over as the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. He succeeds another from Tampa, retired Navy Adm. Leroy Collins Jr. who died last year – hit by a car while cycling. Former Florida Comptroller and retired Marine lieutenant general Bob Milligan filled in as interim secretary after Collins death until retiring last week.

Colonel Mike Prendergast (US Army, retired), is a native of Tampa and a graduate of Clearwater Central Catholic High School. His 31 years of distinguished active duty service as a Military Police Officer include multiple combat deployments in leadership positions in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as

assignments in Africa, Europe, and Asia. Mike culminated his service to the nation with a tour at MacDill Air Force Base where he served on the staff of General David Petraeus as the U.S. Central Command Provost Marshal. Mike retired from active duty on October 1, 2009.

Colonel Prendergast served as Chief of Staff for Governor Rick Scott's administration from inauguration through the 2011 legislative session and until his appointment as FDVA Executive Director.

Mike's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree with Special Honors and a dual major in Political Science and Sociology from Jacksonville State University, a Master of Arts degree with a major in International Relations and a Certificate in African Studies from the University of Florida, a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Public Management from Troy University, and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College.

Mike is a decorated Soldier, and his personal awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legion of Merit medals, the Bronze Star Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, six Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, and multiple additional awards, badges, and citations presented for service and achievement. Mike is a 2009 inductee into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, GA, and he is also a recipient of the Military Police Corps' Order of the Marechaussee award in Silver for having had a significant impact on the Army's Military Police Corps.

Mike and his wife, Naomi, have two grown children and four grandchildren. The Prendergasts' son and son-in-law are both Operation Enduring Freedom veterans and continue to serve on active duty today.

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.

News from the League

Scams, Scams, Scams:

Perpetrators commonly use various government agencies or officials to legitimize their scams. Most recently, the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has received several complaints which fraudulently represent the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Victims reported they received an e-mail claiming to be from the U.S. Department of the Treasury stating their lost funds, which were stolen and diverted to a foreign account registered in their name, have been recovered. The e-mail advised to cease all money transactions, especially overseas, and to respond to the e-mail so the lost funds could be returned. The e-mail further stated the U.S. government is making adequate arrangements to ensure outstanding beneficiaries receive their funds. The e-mail is signed by James H. Freis, Deputy Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and requires victims to provide personally identifiable information that could potentially result in identity theft. The U.S. Department of the Treasury posted a scam alert on their website on April 13, 2011, stating they do not send unsolicited requests and do not seek personal or financial information from members of the public by e-mail and recommending that recipients not respond to such messages. The alert further provides links for victims to report solicitations claiming to be from the U.S. Treasury.

Courtesy of the Office of Operations, Security, and Preparedness, Office of Security and Law Enforcement.

Donations and Contributions to needy Marines in the Jacksonville, N. C. area

This is to advise you that The Injured Warriors Fund of Florida, LLC sent a check on 5/24/11 in the amount of \$1500.00 payable to the USO – Jacksonville, NC to assist with disaster relief for our brothers at Camp LeJeune.

These funds were donated by various members of the Florida MCL and added to by a donation from the Dept. of Florida.

John J. Piazza, Sr.
President

Injured Warriors Fund of Florida, LLC

Info on the Presidential Citizens Medal

Last year, President Obama honored several individuals from the military service community, including George J. Weiss, Jr. for his extraordinary service to deceased veterans and their families. In 1979, George founded the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad which, today, includes more than 125 volunteers who have honored more than 55,000 deceased veterans. Visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/citizensmedal/2010> to watch George's inspiring story.

For the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal we are asking you to look into your community and nominate those everyday heroes who have performed exemplary deeds of service, including those who have demonstrated commitment to service in their own communities or in communities farther from home, who have helped their country or their fellow citizens through one or more extraordinary acts, whose service relates to a long-term problem, or whose service has had a sustained impact on others' lives and provided inspiration for others to serve. Last year over 6,000 incredible leaders were nominated for their service, which often times goes unrecognized. The Presidential Citizens Medal offers a chance to thank those extraordinary stewards of service from across the United States.

For more information on the Citizens Medal as well how nominate an outstanding citizen, which this year nominations are due by May 30th, please visit [WhiteHouse.gov/citizensmedal](http://www.whitehouse.gov/citizensmedal) to watch the announcement video. To nominate someone for the 2011 Citizens Medal, please review the criteria for this year's medal <http://www.whitehouse.gov/citizensmedal/criteria>.

MARINE TIDBITS:

The Marine Corps "consumes" only about six percent of the overall Department of Defense budget, but provides: (a) 12 percent of the nation's active forces, including 23 percent of the active ground-forces divisions and 20 percent of all active U.S. ground-maneuver battalions; (b) 14 percent of the overall U.S. tactical aviation capability, including 20 percent of the active fighter/attack squadrons and 17 percent of the nation's attack helicopters; and (c) approximately one third of the U.S. active ground combat service-support capabilities.



Riverview Detachment #1226 Marine Corps League Sr. Vice Commandant, Debra Steele accepting the Meritorious Unit Commendation awarded to the Detachment at the recent Department of Florida, Marine Corps League convention held in Fort Lauderdale. Presenting the award is Department of Florida Commandant Bill Backes.

CONGRATS TO ALL!!!! Please add this ribbon to your medals on your white shirt. If you have already earned this ribbon, please remember to add a star.



Our own Jack Skelding, Adjutant being sworn in as our New District Vice.



Our Auxiliary President, Patricia Skelding is being sworn in as the Department President.



Initiatives from Monthly Meeting