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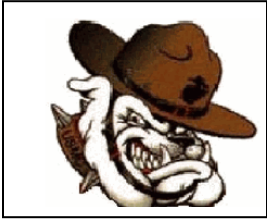
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DEVIL DOG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

Good day Marines, hope this finds all of you and yours well. The detachment has a lot coming up in the next couple of months the det picnic will be on the 24th of this month and I am looking forward to seeing as many of you with your family as can come a good time is always had by all. There has been an e-mail sent out with times and directions to Fred's house. Please contact any of the officers or myself. Willie Little has the rose sales in operation if anyone has time to participate I am sure he could use some help Debra Steele is working hard on the next Haley House poker run and I know for sure she can use all the help we can provide, and then of course TOY'S FOR TOTS is something we are very active in and once again we will be asking for help with that As most of you know we are going to make a change to the by-laws to start the monthly meetings at 19:00 hope this meets with everyone's approval and more members can attend. Please remember that if you have any suggestions for anything bring it up and I promise it will be looked into. Our birthday party is on the 12th of November please let any of us know if you would like to attend or contact Walt Raysick to have your name put in to attend. WELL Marines I could go on forever talking about the Detachment and things to do but I guess I had best close for now.

Dennis Antle
Commandant

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

I can't believe that a month has gone by already. The time needs to start slowing down. At our last meeting we initiated two new members, MJ Cobb and Susanne Eppes. Welcome ladies! We held another "sewing bee" at Kamela's last Thursday and are starting to get things accomplished. If anyone has any ideas of what to make, please let us know. We have been approached by the VFW to take one of their Sundays for cooking breakfast. This looks like it could be a money maker for us and we are considering our options.

We will start our Flea Market on Sunday September 18th. This is a great and fun way to make money so please sign up to work at least one Sunday. We are also looking for some slightly used items to sell. You can drop off these items on any Sunday or give me a call and I will pick it up.

Our Annual picnic will be at Fred and Rehtse's house on September 24th. Please bring a dish to share. We are also thinking about having a BBQ chicken dinner sometime in January at the Legion. We will be needing help to cook and serve. I will keep you informed.

We voted at our last meeting to change our meetings to 7:00 pm. Please note this on your calendar.

We will also be selecting an "Auxiliary Member of the Year" to be presented at the MC Birthday dinner in November. Applications are on the Department of FL MCLA website:

<http://www.mclfl.org/Auxiliary.html>

We are always looking for new members so I am asking the League to get their wives to join us. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the VFW on Riverview Drive in Riverview. Please check the calendar in the newsletter for upcoming events.

As usual if you have any questions please call me at 813-672-1778.

Semper Fi
Pat Skelding



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!!!!. Please email your ideas to mclriverview@yahoo.com

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:

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
 Strom, Frank - June
 Young, Steven - February
 September 2011 Membership Expirations:
 Diano Coston
 Himert, Brian

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:

Robert Weinfurter
 Rick Berrios
 Ken Welling
 Gary Himert

One transfer. Ken Zolna voted on and approved

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.

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

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.



WE ARE IN NEED of donations to keep this going. We also need volunteers to help with this each Sunday. You can drop of any items during the sales on 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. Let's get washing!!!!!!

Visit our Website at

www.mclriverview.org for more information on meetings and other activities and items of interests.

On 9/10/11, a memorial bike run for 9/11/11 and community event was held at the Showmen's Club in Gibsonton. I attended and Walt Raysick had displayed the Steel from the Twin Towers (see below). I hope you took time to think of those that died and the brave men and women who then picked up their battle gear to defend us.



any of them I know it would be greatly appreciated. Marines share a strong bond whether we know each other personally or not. Let's show this Marine that we have not forgotten that bond.

***Poker Run:** We are looking for volunteers to start this committee for this year's event. This will be held on October 29, 2011. Keep an eye out for updates!

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

***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 and/or the monthly calendar.

Jr. Vice, Bernie Kotrady and his wife participated in the Run for the Fallen Event



Ladies Auxillary Guard Mary Ann Raysick and Sr. Vice Commandant Debra Steele at the 9/11/11 Memorial Run Fun Day held on 9/10/11.



***Contact Willie Little for visits to the VA Hospital to show our support for our fellow soldiers. There are several Marines who are currently at the VA hospital along with Sgt. Tomlinson who is currently in the SCI (Spinal Cord Injury) unit. It is located pretty far back and not connected to the main hospital. If you are free to go by and visit**

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 who support us and give them our support as well!!!



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



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 now have the required amount of Registered Adult Volunteers and are finalizing the meeting spot and unit paperwork. A special Thank You to those that are volunteering their time to this program.

Debra Steele
Sr. Vice Commandant



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MILITARY NEWS

This was sent from MCL in CA that my brother belongs to. You may want to send out, many Marines no longer have their platoon books. Brian Himert

For those of you still looking for your boot camp graduation books we (yellow Footprints) have been receiving more and more of these books that have been donated to our archive collection of books. At this point in time we are holding hundreds of books we are trying to find a home for.

Again we are asking for your help in getting the word out. If you belong to an organization like the Marine Corps League (MCL), Marine Corps Association, or any other Marine Corps association please get the word out that we have these books that need homes.

As I've said before, these books are FREE OF CHARGE to those Marines who have lost, or misplaced their books over the years. We do ask that you cover shipping and handling cost.

In the news: We've been informed that a number of boxes of books are on their way to us that will be added to the boot camp database within the next week or two so keep your eyes open and check your platoon section to see if your book is one of them. Over this last year a number of interesting things have taken place or are about to take place in regards to finding, and cataloging graduation books.

Thanks to Marines like Steve McCrum who took time off his busy schedule and personally visited different training battalions at Parris Island for the single purpose of cataloging each training battalions collection of books for listing in the Yellow Footprints database. Or former Marine Valerie Shields who with a former Marine Colonel will be visiting the Marine Corps women Marine battalion (4th) at Parris Island to scan and catalog their books. This new database they're creating will be given to

Yellow Footprints for entry into the boot camp listing database.

Private collectors: From Marines, and non-Marines alike who collect these historic books, Yellow Footprints has received numerous listings of those books located with private collectors, contact information (email addresses) are posted in each of the platoon sections created from these listings.

Marines like Mike Davis, SgtMajor B, and Bill Pilgrim to our own site historian SSgt Luke have also added their collection to our listings. In the end there are too many names that should be listed here that support our mission, each of you knows who you are, and how much it means to your fellow Marines that your supporting this mission.

Then there's Geri, Geri is not a Marine, but one who supports our mission with regards to these historical books. Geri has purchased and GIVEN to Yellow Footprints books that she has purchased for the sole purpose of getting them back to those Marines who lived the experience of graduating the toughest boot camp around.

Without the help and commitment of those mentioned above these historic books may never be found, much less cataloged.

Coming soon: the Marine Corps Historical Societies of San Diego has a new web site coming out that will be used among other things to list those books they have on-hand.

News from the League

How you can get your DD214 on line

Click on link below. It is long but maybe be worthwhile.

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

VA re-evaluation for some

The DoD Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) is re-evaluating Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) and Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) disability ratings for some Veterans medically separated between September 11, 2001, and December 31, 2009, to ensure a correct disability retirement determination was made. Veterans who received a combined disability rating of 20 percent or less and were not found eligible for retirement can apply to have their MEB/PEB disability rating reviewed for fairness, consistency, and accuracy. Former reserve members with greater than 20 years of total federal military service but fewer than 20 years of active duty, who meet the above criteria, are also eligible to apply. Learn more about the PDBR and how to apply. Questions on the PDBR can be sent to PDBRPA@afncr.af.mil.

The Marine Corps League Endorses Veterans Treatment Courts

Organization calls program a ‘vital model for serving this nation’s justice-involved veterans’
NADCP’s Justice For Vets: The National Clearinghouse for Veterans Treatment Courts is honored to announce that the Marine Corps League unanimously passed a resolution in support of Veterans Treatment Courts during their 88th National Convention in Boise, Idaho.

The Marine Corps League was founded in 1923 and has a current membership of more than 76,000 men and women. The Marine Corps League is the only federally chartered Marine Corps Veterans Organization in the United States. The Federal Charter was approved by an Act of the Seventy-Fifth United States Congress and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 4, 1937.

“It is a profound honor to work with the Marine Corps League on a resolution in support of Veterans Treatment Courts,” said Justice For Vets Director of Development and Outreach Matt Stiner. “The Marine Corps League has an unparalleled reputation for

honoring this nation’s veterans. Their support will no doubt assist in the further growth of Veterans Treatment Courts and I encourage all Drug Courts and Veterans Treatment Courts to utilize local Marine Corps League detachments as a resource for serving veterans in their programs.”

“Veterans Treatment Courts are a vital court model for serving this nation’s justice-involved veterans in need of treatment and restoration,” said Michael Blum, Executive Director of the Marine Corps League. “These courts must be available to recognize and provide for the special needs of those service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan as well as those veterans who have served their country in years past.”

For additional information on Veterans Treatment Courts, please visit www.JusticeForVets.org.

MARINE TIDBITS:

Selected September Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

2 September 1945: The Japanese officially surrendered to the Allies on board the battleship *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay. With General Holland Smith transferred home in July 1945, the senior Marine Corps representative at the historic ceremony was LtGen Roy S. Geiger, who had succeeded Smith as Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

5 September 1956: Eleven Marines from the 9th Marines, 3d Marine Division, stationed near Naha, Okinawa, drowned while swimming, from an undercurrent caused by Typhoon Emma. The violent storm, with 140 mph winds, struck the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, Korea, and Japan, causing some 55 deaths and millions of dollars in property damage.

6 September 1983: Two Marines were killed and two were wounded when rockets hit their compound in Beirut, Lebanon. Heavy fighting continued for the 24th Marine Amphibious Unit peacekeeping force in the area near their positions around the Beirut International Airport.

8 September 1942: On Guadalcanal, the 1st Raider Battalion and the 1st Parachute Battalion, supported by planes of MAG-23 and two destroyer transports, landed east of Tasimboko, advanced west into the rear of Japanese positions, and carried out a successful raid on a Japanese supply base.

11 September 1992: Hurricane Iniki devastated the island of Kauai in Hawaii in one of the worst storms the islands had seen in over a century. Marines of the 1st Marine Brigade based at Kaneohe Bay, spearheaded Operation Garden Sweep, the massive cleanup effort.

11 September 2001: At 9:38a.m. a commercial airliner, piloted by terrorists, slammed into the Pentagon, the headquarters of the Department of Defense, located across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The Marines Corps was fortunate in that no Marines were killed or seriously injured in this attack. The weekend before, most of the Department of Marine Aviation, located directly above the site of impact, had been relocated to another area of the Pentagon, during building renovation. Immediately following the attack, Marines set up a “command center” under an overpass of Interstate 395, which runs beside the Pentagon. Working alongside fellow servicemen and civilians for hours, days, and weeks after the tragedy, Marines played a large role in the rescue and recovery effort. Including those aboard the hijacked Boeing 757, 189 men, women, and children were killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

15 September 1950: The 3d Battalion, 5th Marines landed on Wolmi-do Island in Inchon Harbor and secured it prior to the main landing. The 1st Marine Division under the command of Major General Oliver P. Smith landed at Inchon and began the Inchon-Seoul campaign.

16 September 1814: A detachment of Marines under Major Daniel Carmick from the Naval Station at New Orleans, together with an Army detachment, destroyed a pirate stronghold at Barataria, on the Island of Grande Terre, near New Orleans.

18 September 1990: A new 40-acre training facility for Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) was dedicated at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, by General Alfred M. Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

20 September 1950: Marines of the 1st Marine Division crossed the Han River along a six-mile beachhead, eight miles northwest of Seoul, Korea. Five days later, the 1st and 5th Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by 27 September.

24 September 1873: One hundred and ninety Marines and seamen from the USS *Pensacola* and *Benicia* landed at the Bay of Panama, Columbia, to protect the railroad and American lives and property during the revolution.

27 September 1944: The American flag was raised over Peleliu, Palau Islands, at the 1st Marine Division Command Post. Although the flag raising symbolized that the island was secured, pockets of determined Japanese defenders continued to fight on. As late as 21 April 1947, 27 Japanese holdouts finally surrendered to the American naval commander on the scene.

30 September 1945: Marines of III Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Keller E. Rockey, began landing in North China to assist the Chinese Nationalist government in accepting the surrender of Japanese forces and repatriating Japanese soldiers and civilians.

Initiatives from Monthly Meeting

Applications for Membership:

Located in Membership Corner

Members Sick or in Distress:

Ginger Hardin

Charlie Cox

Report of Standing Committees:

Toys for Tots: Herb Donica reported that Pinellas county and Hillsborough counties have been consolidated as Pinellas county had lost their charter.

The Toys for Tots kickoff will be on November 19th at 10:00am as at the reserve center on Gandy Blvd. Boxes will be distributed to those needing them at that time.

The letter carriers day will be on Saturday December 3rd.

The two hockey game collections are tentatively scheduled for December 3rd and 15th.

The football game collection is scheduled for December 17th.

Volunteers will be needed for these events.

And it looks like Toys for Tots will be using the same warehouse as last year.

Rose Fund: Willie Little advised that there are two scheduled Rose Fund events.

September 17th at Publix on Boyett

November 19th at Wal-Mart on Gibsonton

More to come after the first of the year.

Poker Run: Debbie Steele reported that it will take place on October 29th.

Letters have been mailed out to previous sponsors and participants.

Debbie challenged each member to recruit one sponsor or to get one raffle prize.

Bernie Kotrady is working on getting the shirts.

John Bain is working on locating the stops.

Willie asked about splitting the funds collected between more than one charity. It was explained that

this had already been voted on in the past and that the Legion Riders also would not sponsor if we tried to split it up.

Birthday: Walt Raysick reminded the members that the event will be held at 1800 on November 12th at the Legion.

He has a sign up list.

The cost will be \$10.00 a person and he will begin collecting the money next month.

Honor Guard: Walt Raysick announced that the Color/Honor Guard will be very busy over the next few months.

There are events scheduled for September 15th and 16th; October 15th; November 11th and 12th; December 7th and 10th

Young Marines: Debra Steele reported that she is finalizing the insurance for the meeting place.

There are adult volunteers signed up and things are just about ready to go.

Picnic: John Bain announced that the annual picnic will be at 1200 on September 24th at Fred's house

Report of Special Committees:

Conference Planning: Jack Skelding reported that everything is ready except for the inspection of the hotel by the department staff and that will take place on September 19th.

Following the inspection the proposal will be submitted to the membership at the Fall Conference for final approval.

Unfinished Business: Willie Little submitted a proposal for the distribution of the money collected during Rose Fund events. After much discussion the proposal was tabled until next meeting.

New Business: Bernie Kotrady made a motion to change the meeting time from 1930 to 1900. Motion was seconded voted on and approved.

Good of the League: Hank Wolons was presented a Distinguished Service Award

Jack Skelding was presented the Recruiter of the Year Award.

Announcements: Debra Steele announced that the AMVETS are having an event at the Showmen's Club on Saturday September 10th from 1200 – 2000 and she encouraged members to attend.

Ken Zolna distributed handouts to support the building of a USO at the Tampa International Airport.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH:



Guess who is in the back row???????

HERO OF THE MONTH



Cpl. Dakota Meyer

Former Marine corporal to receive Medal of Honor

Washington Post

In Print: Saturday, August 13, 2011

WASHINGTON — A former Marine corporal who repeatedly braved enemy fire in attempting to rescue four comrades in Taliban-infested eastern Afghanistan has been selected to receive the Medal of Honor, the highest award given to members of the armed services, the White House announced Friday.

Dakota Meyer, a former turret gunner and scout sniper from Kentucky, is only the third living veteran of the Afghan and Iraqi conflicts to be chosen for the honor, and he is the first living Marine to be designated for the award since 1973.

Meyer, 23, will be honored at a White House ceremony next month for "courageous actions" while serving in Afghanistan's eastern Konar province on Sept. 8, 2009, according to a statement issued by the White House.

Meyer charged multiple times into a Taliban-held area near the eastern village of Ganjgal after learning that three fellow Marines and a Navy corpsman were missing following an attack by a group of insurgents. Under heavy enemy fire, he located the four Americans — all of them dead — and extracted their bodies with the help of Afghan government troops.

"Meyer embodies all that is good about our nation's Corps of Marines," Gen. James Amos, commandant of the Marine Corps, said in a statement.

Meyer was with a small team of Marine Corps advisers embedded with an Afghan unit in a remote and mountainous cluster of villages in eastern Afghanistan when they were ambushed by a much larger force of insurgents.

Four American service members, eight Afghan soldiers and an interpreter were killed in the fight, in which the U.S. and Afghan forces were pinned down by the insurgents. The Marines called repeatedly for help, but an Army unit stationed near the site of the battle was slow to respond with supporting artillery fire, resulting in a U.S. Army major receiving a career-ending letter of reprimand.

The Obama administration had previously awarded the medal to two other Afghan war veterans. Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, who received the award on Nov. 27, and Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry, who was pinned at a White House ceremony last month, are the only living service members given the honor for actions in combat after Sept. 11, 2001.

Meyer is the second Marine to receive the medal for heroism in Iraq or Afghanistan after Cpl. Jason Dunham, who was awarded the medal posthumously for throwing his body on a grenade.



October 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Legion Steak Shoot @ 1500 to 1700 hrs
2 Flea Market 0700 to 1200 Legion Breakfast @ 0900 to 1100 hrs	3 Legion Riders Mtg @ Legion 1830 hrs	4 League Mtg @ Legion @ 1930/ MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1930	5 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs	6 MCL Fall Conf in Safety Harbor	7 MCL Fall Conf in Safety Harbor Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs	8 MCL Fall Conf in Safety Harbor
9 MCL Fall Conf in Safety Harbor	10 Legion Mtg E-board 1730 hrs and general 1900 hrs	11 Legion Taco Tuesday 1600 to 1900 hrs.	12 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs	13	14 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs	15 *Field of Honor @ Vet's Park @ 1000
16 Flea Market 0700 to 1200 Legion Breakfast @ 0900 to 1100 hrs	17	18 Legion Taco Tuesday 1600 to 1900 hrs.	19 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs	20	21 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs	22 Legion Golf Tournament
23 Flea Market 0700 to 1200 Legion Breakfast @ 0900 to 1100 hrs	24	25 Legion Taco Tuesday 1600 to 1900 hrs.	26 Legion Bingo @ 1830 hrs	27	28 Legion Fish Fry @ 1700 to 1900 hrs	29 Haley House Poker Run
30	31	Look Ahead: *October 15th - This day will be significant in that we will honor the 30 Special Warfare Operators killed in a CH-47 crash on Aug 6 in Afghanistan; November 5th – Marine Corps Ball @ Hyatt; November 10th – Marine Corps Birthday; November 11th - Dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 0900, Veterans Memorial Park; November 12th – Veteran's Day Parade and Detachment Marine Corps Birthday Celebration				