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Message From The Commandant



Happy New Year and welcome back to Issue Number Three. Now that we all have gotten through the holidays, it is time to move forward into the New Year making the Division stronger. I know already coming out of the gate we have a busy schedule, but looking forward to it. In a few weeks we will be heading down to Norfolk, Virginia for Mid-Winter. In the following two months, before you know it we have our Quad State Convention in April. Will be nice to get the rotation back in the swing of things. The month of May will have Modern Day Marine Expo that will have a new location this year. The Expo will be in Washington DC. The Commandant of the Marine Corps decided to move it off Quantico and closer to the Hill. In June we will have two more conventions; Department of Massachusetts and Department of Connecticut to follow.

Remember this is your newsletter, it is for the Division to let everyone know what is going on in your Department! Let's keep getting this newsletter getting better and better to show other Divisions what we are doing. We cannot change the past, but we can



shape the future on what value we can add! Let's strengthen our compliance status, focus on our delinquent members to get your membership to 100%. Let's fill out our reports to turn in for Midwinter and National Convention to let the Commandant of the MCL and the Marine Corps Commandant what the Division is doing up here.

We are always looking to hear new ideas and positive criticism to better the Division. What can we work on to help you, help motivate the Division to motivate the Departments and Detachments? What ideas do you have to help strengthen the league? I know the Division Staff will improvise and work harder to make 2022 a better year than last.

Semper Fi

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Connie brought me the idea, her special Valentine will be the first placed in the Newsletter. The rest of the Valentines are place together in a yearbook format

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I am before you on bended knee,
I make these promises to thee.
I swear to love you above all others,
I swear to hold you like no other.

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I swear to speak to you from my heart,
I swear to never break your heart.
I swear we will never sleep apart,
I swear I'll always do my part.

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I swear to never lie or cheat,
I swear to make your life complete.
I swear to shower you with love so sweet,
I swear to sweep you off your feet.

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I swear I'll love you every day,
I swear to all these promises I make.
I make these promises without duress,
Because I love you above the rest.

From The Editor

In our third edition I thought we would have a little fun while demonstrating out feelings to our significant others. Now, I know the Marine Corps didn't issue feelings but somewhere along the way we must have found a suitable substitute or we would be living that cold hard life, eating bad food and searching for something clean to wear. Let us also remember it is more than one day a year that we want to show our feelings, unless you plan on sleeping with one eye open for the rest of your life. The Valentines that are scattered throughout the Newsletter are special as these are remembrances of those loved ones who have move on to their final post. Since



CONNECTICUT

As we bounce back from a dismal year we still look back at some of the successes we celebrated in closing out the year. Some detachments had some great success with Toys For Tots, two in particular were



Housatonic, and Hardware City, pictured here. Housatonic used the tried and true method of Motor Transport with two able bodied Marines and The warehouse storage for Collecting and gathering, with Marine Tom Jackson in charge.



get your attention. I wonder if we could swap out that

While Hardware City endeavored to go to the sea. You have to admire that they took that Amphibious Force thing to heart, but Toys in a boat does



trailer and get some Reindeer in there? Guess we could ask Santa.

However on Christmas Day our Commandant Dave Rosa was in the hospital with blood clots in his legs and COVID, taking advantage of the twofer at the VA, but he is out of the hospital and at home. A

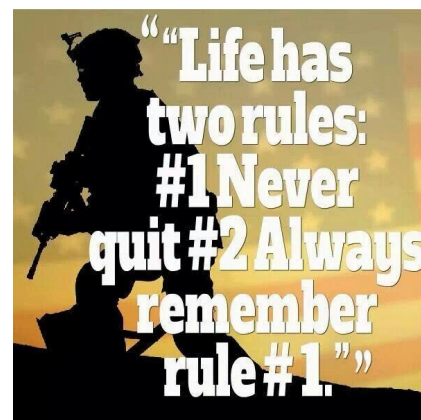
few messages sent his way reminding him that Marines are supposed to suck it up, and we have work to do.

So we begin 2022 a brand new year and I'm holding on to that saying that life is what you make it and I'm trying for a Banner Year. New Years began with as rainy day and that is supposed to be good luck, so lets take that and run with it

What do we need going forward? We need you back first. We need you at the meetings and the Growls in order for us to move forward. We need to rebuild our ranks, recognize our members that have been working hard to promote our League. We need to select some member to become Devil Dogs, and get some of our Dogs to advance. We are the core of The Marine Corps League. Each and every one of us plays a part, if we do not do our part then the League fails. Remember one of the first things you learned in Boot Camp, "Every Marine is a Rifleman", well in the Marine Corps League, every member is an Ambassador and Recruiter. You represent the League and what you do, whether it is Funeral Honors, Color Guard, Rose Program, Bingo at the VA, attend a Funeral or Wake, you show others what it means to be us and demonstrate why they should join us. We are lucky enough to have Marines who really live this ideology. They will put a flyer on a car with Marine decals on it. Marines that before COVID recruited at the VA twice a month. There are no little insignificant jobs, every job has some bit of success. I send this Newsletter out to everyone who inquires about getting Marine Corps plates and I keep sending it till they join or ask me to stop. In this newsletter, is as much of what you do that I can fit, and if you remember the last newsletter I can go BIG to get it all in.

So if you need a Mask bring one, if you need to distance yourself by all means do so. If you need a ride call a friend or call me, but get off your butt and get back in the game.

Walt Benson



MAINE

Recently Central Maine Det.# 810 in conjunction with the Lewiston/Auburn Veterans Council, dedicated a Vietnam War/Vietnam Era Memorial along with a Park Bench on November 11, 2021 Veterans Day.

I brought the idea forward and was given permission to go forward with the fund raising. I had planned on going to the Veterans Park in Lewiston, ME on every Wednesday from 10am to noon. My goal was to raise \$6500.00 and I would do as many Wednesday's as necessary to accomplish that goal. I



ing the names of 29 residents who died in Vietnam.

The proposed monument would be 22 inches wide, 12 inches thick, with the front 38 inches high and the back 48 inches high. The front of the marker will have the word "Vietnam War" with the years underneath. Below that will be a montage of the Vietnam War, showing helicopters, tanks and soldiers. The top of the monument will be polished with the inscription, "For those who have served and fought for it, freedom has a taste that the protected will never know."

In the fundraising appeal, Paul and the L-A Veterans Council say, "Take your place in Lewiston/Auburn history and help us create a monument to honor the courage and commitment, traits that have always been with our military personnel. Help us create a lasting tribute to our men and women who served during one of America's most controversial wars. Help us welcome home a group of veterans who did their job and received a nation's scorn on their return."

Paul, who served in the Marines as a radio operator working with both ground and air units for more than two years from 1966 to 1968, will be at Veterans Park every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon starting Jan. 6 to seek donations and show a large poster with an image of the monument.

started on Jan. 6th and at the end of 3 Wednesday I had reached my goal of \$6500.00 +. I had raised enough money for a Memorial and a Park bench. I have enclosed some pictures. I thought this would make a nice article for the news letter. Just goes to show what the Marine can do attitude can accomplish. Semper Fi, Charlie Paul

I thought I would add the this article to this story LEWISTON — Veterans of the Vietnam War will soon have their own memorial monument in Veterans Memorial Park. Charles Paul of Norway, who served 25 months in Vietnam and has worked with the Lewiston Auburn Veterans Council for the past seven years, is leading the effort to place a granite monument in the park that overlooks the Great Falls between Lewiston and Auburn.

"I've traveled around to see what other veteran organizations have done in the state," Paul said. "Lewiston-Auburn doesn't have a Vietnam War memorial in the park. It's time for me to turn my actions onto deeds."

While not in the park, one of the three bridges that cross the Androscoggin River between the Twin Cities is dedicated to Vietnam Veterans. Both sides have a monument list-



MASSACHUSETTS

The Department of Massachusetts has a rejuvenated website that is bigger and better than ever. Rather than try to describe it I thought I would let it speak for itself.

Welcome to the Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League website.

As the Department Commandant, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. I served from 2004 to 2008, with two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. When I exited the Marine Corps, I was fortunate to already know several Marines in my area that belonged to a local Detachment. Joining the Oak Ridge Detachment was just what I needed, as I wanted to have that continued camaraderie and sense of belonging. The Oak Ridge Marines also made my transition to civilian life much easier. Thus, I understand the importance of Detachments. It is with this understanding that I and my Department officers will continue to do everything we can to actively search for Marines who have recently exited the Marine Corps in order to help provide them that same sense of belonging and camaraderie that I was fortunate enough to receive. This also has the added benefit of ensuring the future of the Marine Corps League as a whole.

Between myself and my new Department officers, we strongly believe in Detachments First. Detachments are boots on the ground, and they are what the public sees and interacts with on a regular basis. As you know, the Marine Corps League Detachment strives to be an active part of our communities and to make a positive difference in them. Thus, Massachusetts Detachments can count on the Department doing everything in it's power to assist them. We want our Detachments to feel supported, so we are always open to hearing feedback or ideas on how to improve in this regard. We want to hear directly from the Detachments and our door is open at all times. For those who don't know, we have 23 located throughout the Commonwealth. We aim to grow this number moving forward.



Additionally, we place a heavy emphasis on camaraderie and fun. We would like to attend your Detachment functions, meetings and fundraisers and enjoy the camaraderie it brings.

I am of the belief that all members should be treated with respect and common courtesy at all times regardless of their current position in the Marine Corps League, how long they have been in the Marine Corps League, their former rank, what they did while in the Marine Corps, or what era they were in the Marine Corps. We are all here to work together to advance the interests of the League and enjoy ourselves in the process.

The Department of Massachusetts enjoys donating to many different organizations and non profits. Examples include the Young Marine's Program, Scouting programs, Wreaths Across America, NROTC programs, Women's Shelters, The Holyoke Soldiers Home, injured Marine fund, Wounded Warrior Project, and Veteran's Hospitals. If it is for a good cause and supports our veteran community or community as a whole, we try to be there.

Our Department meetings are currently held at the Worcester Marine Corps League, as it is in roughly the middle of the state. This hopefully makes it easy and fair for all Detachment members to attend. These meetings take place in September, November, January and April. Our Department convention is held in June every year.

We are always looking to add to our membership, and can help you track down a local Detachment closest to you. The Marine Corps League accepts all honorably discharged Marines, FMF Corpsman or Navy Chaplains. However, if you cannot join at this time, perhaps you could make a donation. Any and all donations can be made to our Department Paymaster by contacting Bernard Heaney at Bernieandnancy1@comcast.net.

We hope you consider joining the Marine Corps League, and once again wearing the Eagle, Globe and Anchor.

Semper Fidelis,

Brian Brooks

Commandant & Web Sergeant, Department of Massachusetts Marine Corps League

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Raffle 2020–2021

Colt 1911 model 45 (ACP), layered in 24 kt gold plate, completely engraved frame, and slide, with a scroll design highlighted with unique classic panel bounded Ivory Scrimshaw custom grips. This is an exquisite pistol or \$1500.00. Be sure and check your State and Local regulations to be sure this firearm is legal in your State.



**Tickets are \$20.00 each, only 500 Tickets will be sold .
Proceeds will benefit our Veterans and scholarships programs.**

**Drawing will be conducted at the 2022 MCL National Mid–Winter in Norfolk, VA.
A Federal Firearms License (FFL) transfer dealer is required for the transfer of firearms ownership between individuals. All FFL requirements apply. Raffle winners should either have an FFL or find an FFL dealer in their local area to receive and manage the transfer of the item for them. This typically means the raffle winner must contact your local FFL transfer dealer to make arrangements for the transfer.**

Contact David Porter or Terri Laskey for Tickets

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

2021 JOINT INSTALLATION AND AWARDS BANQUET

by John Jenkins

On Sunday, December 5, 2021, the annual **New Hampshire Department of the Marine Corps League Luncheon** was held at the Common Man Restaurant in Concord, NH. The timing is such that it



serves as one of the Department's Quarterly meetings and, of course, it is a great time of year to get everyone together for the Holiday Season.

Luncheon guests included: **Major Matthew Hobert, Marine for Life Representative; National Vice Commandant David Porter and Mrs. Mary Ann Diekmann**



mann whose husband Frank Diekmann recently passed away. The event was dedicated in Frank's name, as he had a large impact on the Department and the Granite State Marines De-

partment over many years.



The meal was terrific, the service outstanding, and the room was intimate and decorated in Christmas fashion. The guest speaker,

Major Matt Hobert, USMCR, worked the room prior to the meal and discussed his program with fellow Marines. When it was time for him



to address the group, he was direct and succinct and transferred his message about the **Marine for Life**

Program.

National Vice Commandant David Porter, conducted a

swearing in ceremony for newly elected officers



and provided an opportunity for others to 'renew their oath'.

The **Department Marine of the Year Award** was given to **Roland Morin**, an exceptional Marine who played a big role in our Honors Details and many volunteer activities with the Seacoast Detachment. Given Roland's impending move to Florida and all that it entails, he was unable to join us for the event. Roland's **Commandant, Geoff Corson**, was very pleased to accept the award on his behalf.

The event closed with a reading of '*The Marines Prayer*' and some well-wishing for a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

RHODE ISLAND

The Department of Rhode Island wishes everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

The Department of Rhode Island will be holding an open house on 30 January. The purpose, we hope anyway, is to have potential members come and learn a little bit about the League. Emails have been sent out to reserve the date and thus far we have received positive feedback. We have learned that during fundraisers such as rose collections that people would like to hear more but the timing is not good for them, our rose collections are held at local supermarkets and people seem pressed for time. With having the open house they can come and hear some points that will be made and it gives them an opportunity to ask questions in a more relaxed environment and not feel rushed. We will also have some food and drinks for the visitors hoping they will hang around and engage in conversation.

Hope to see everyone at Quad State in April.

Go to rimcl.org

EVENT NOTICE

ACCOMMODATIONS / ROOM RATE

Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Avenue Warwick, RI; Reservations can be made via email at reservations@crownhotelwarwick.com, online at www.crowneplazawarwick.com or via telephone at 401-732-6000 or 800-227-6963 Code: QSM \$129.00 per night which includes on-site parking and breakfast for all registered guests. Taxes are not included.

The rate will be extended from Thursday night April 21, 2022

Deadline for reservations - March 24, 2022

Any questions or concerns please contact our event coordinator Jean Cassiere at jeanc3@cox.net

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Requesting \$50 from each of the New England Departments to supply snacks, beer, wine, soda and water.

Pay online or via USPS. See Instructions below.

MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOGS

Grand Growl on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 1900

Due to shut down time of 2200 the Growl will start promptly at 1900 and all late dogs will be assessed a fine of 5 big bones

1830 passport stamp table will be set up outside the doghouse —1 Passport Bone and 1 Bone for showing up . Dogs coming in to gather for the Grand Growl only will be charged a registration fee of 1 Bog Bone and 4 Big Bones for not staying. The Quad State Convention registration fee of \$25 is waived.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDANTS/CHAPLAINS

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Please send a list of members that have passed since the last Division Conference/Quad State Convention for the memorial to Jane Deptula at janie.deptula@gmail.com

CONVENTION AD / MESSAGE BOOK

Consider placing an ad on behalf of your department, detachment or a message for your loved one All ads/messages should be emailed or mailed to: Patrick Maguire at rijarhead3533@gmail.com
Cost: Quarter Page - \$50 B/W \$75 Color Half Page- \$80 B/W \$100 Color Full Page- \$150 B/W \$175 Color Back Cover \$225 Deadline: April 1, 2022
Pay online or via USPS. See Instructions below.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Electronic Payment through our website rimcl.org and selecting the Quad State Link
USPS - Send completed form with checks made payable to RIMCL. Mail to Patrick Maguire at 11 Hickory Road, Coventry, RI 02816.

DINNER OPTIONS

Friday Night - - Rhode Island Themed Dinner - -

Cost \$30 / person Total Attending: _____

Rhode Island Clam Chowder with Clam Cakes

Fish and Chips in Baskets

Italian Grinders and Homemade Potato Chip Station

Boston Crème Pie

Saturday Night - - Plated Dinner - - Cost \$55 / person

Total Attending: _____

Garden Salad with a choice of

Boneless Breast of Chicken with Sage and Apple

Stuffing in a Merlot Sauce - Total _____

Baked New England Scrod in a Lemon Herb Sauce

- Total _____

Mushroom Ravioli - Total _____

Potato, Vegetable, Rolls

Cheesecake with Coffee and Tea

Attendees with dietary issues please contact Jean Cassiere at jeanc3@cox.net or cell (401)934-0464

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VERMONT

WREATH'S ACROSS AMERICA

Donald Cook Detachment participated in Wreaths across America.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM VERMONT





YOUNG MARINES



Greetings Marines,

Happy new year and welcome to 2022. The challenges of the Coronavirus and 2021 are not behind us or the Young Marines program. The recent surge in cases and the increased transmissibility of the Omicron version have impacted many units' ability to gather and conduct training due to COVID mitigations and measures which many units are employing to keep its staff and YMs safe.

The challenges of COVID are not stopping the adult staff and units from planning activities and events for the remainder of the year. YM Headquarters recently concluded registration for the variety of Summer Programs, Adventures, Challenges and Encampments (SPACES) being offered to YMs across the nation. While some past events have been eliminated, many new opportunities have been added to the offerings. These opportunities do have a cost and many YMs and their families are responsible for the registration fees associated with these events. For this reason, many MCL detachments have been able to offer scholarships or financial assistance to YM units to help get these deserving young people to enrichment activities and leadership training. Please consider contacting local YM units to see if there is a need for support or assistance.

This time also marks the start of the election process for all YM unit leaders. The Unit Commander and Executive Officer at all units are elected positions, and voting is open to all

registered adult volunteers of the unit, regardless of billet or tenure at the unit. Please use this as an opportunity to reach out to the adult staff of your local YM units to understand the personnel roles and potentially any changes within the unit leadership team. Commanders at the battalion, regiment and division level are all appointed positions, made by the commander of the immediate higher echelon of command. Appointments are generally two-year terms.

Congratulations to YM SgtMaj. Connolly of the Westover Young Marines who was recently selected as the YM Division 1 Young Marine of the Year. She will move forward to compete against the other five division YMOYs at the Adult Leadership Conference in May to select the next National YMOY. You may remember her from appearances at previous Dept. of MA MCL conventions where she was awarded the department and division MCL YMOY awards.

I look forward to sharing more news about our YM and units in the near future, and announcing our New England Division MCL Young Marine of the Year in our next newsletter.

Semper Fidelis,

Bruce Katz

MCL New England Division

Young Marines Liaison

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO OUR LOVES



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MARINES & MOVIES

Hello Marines, this is something new we will publish every issue until we are done, but the list is thirteen pages so we are going to be reviewing these for a while. I saw something like this in the Housatonic Detachment Newsletter, and I did some research and came up with this, so thank you Rich Daigle. The links for the movies themselves work and will take you to information about the film in Wikipedia. You will notice not all are Movies some are films created by The Marine Corps

<u>The D.I.</u>	<u>Jack Webb</u>	<u>Jack Webb, Don Dubbins</u>	Based on the teleplay <i>The Murder of a Sand Flea</i> , Sgt Jim Moore attempts to train the troublesome Pvt Owens. Driven to frustration, Capt Anderson gives Moore three days to turn Owens into a satisfactory recruit.	1957	
<u>Death Before Dishonor</u>	Terry Leonard	<u>Fred Dryer</u>	Gunnery Sergeant Burns is the head of the <u>Marine Security Guard</u> detachment of an American embassy in the <u>Middle East</u> when it is captured by terrorists. He mounts a one-man operation to defeat the terrorists and free their hostages.	1987	
<u>Ears, Open. Eyeballs, Click.</u>	Canaan Brunley		This <u>fly on the wall</u> documentary shows the experiences of Marine recruits during <u>United States Marine Corps Recruit Training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California.</u>	2005	
<u>A Few Good Men</u>	<u>Rob Reiner</u>	<u>Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson, Demi Moore, Kevin Bacon</u>	Based on the play of the same name by <u>Aaron Sorkin</u> , this film follows the efforts of <u>Navy lawyer</u> LTJG Kaffee as he defends two young Marines undergoing <u>court-martial</u> for the murder of a third Marine. Ultimately, he uncovers a conspiracy to cover up the death and proves that his clients were scapegoats for some high-ranking officers.	1992	Awards: 4 <u>Oscars</u> , 5 <u>Golden</u>
<u>Flags of Our Fathers</u>	<u>Clint Eastwood</u>	<u>Ryan Phillippe, Jesse Bradford, Adam Beach</u>	Based on the book by <u>James Bradley</u> and <u>Ron Powers</u> , the film follows Marines depicted in the photograph <u>Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima</u> who survived the <u>battle of Iwo Jima</u> , and their subsequent lives. The actual battle is depicted <u>in medias res</u> through flashbacks. The complementary film <u>Letters from Iwo Jima</u> depicted the battle from the Japanese point of view.	2006	

MARINES & MOVIES

<u>Flying Leather-necks</u>	<u>Nicholas Ray</u>	<u>John Wayne</u> , <u>Robert Ryan</u>	In this film, Major Kirby takes command of the fictional <u>Marine fighter squadron VMF-247</u> , part of the <u>Cactus Air Force</u> at the <u>Guadalcanal Campaign</u> . Butting heads with Captain Griffin, Kirby suffers emotionally with his decisions to place the mission above the lives of his men. After helping to win the battle with his low-level attack tactics, he leads the squadron to the <u>Battle of Okinawa</u> , and after witnessing Griffin place the mission over the life of his brother-in-law, willingly relinquishes command.	1951	Kirby is based on <u>Medal of Honor</u> recipient and <u>ace</u> <u>John Lucian Smith</u> .
<u>Full Metal Jacket</u>	<u>Stanley Kubrick</u>	<u>Matthew Modine</u> , <u>R. Lee Ermey</u> , <u>Vincent D'Onofrio</u>	Based on the semi- autobiographical novel <u>The Short-Timers</u> by <u>Gustav Hasford</u> , this film portrays recruit training and the Vietnam War from the point of view of James "Joker" Davis. At boot camp, GySgt Hartman proves to be a vicious drill instructor, and after becoming frustrated by misfit Leonard "Pyle" Lawrence, assigns Joker to bring him up to par. On the night of graduation, Pyle murders his drill instructor and commits suicide. Later, in Vietnam, Joker is a <u>combat correspondent</u> covering the <u>Tet Offensive</u> and <u>Battle of Huế</u> , ultimately killing a	1987	Awards: 5 total
<u>Generation Kill</u>	<u>Susanna White</u> & <u>Simon Cellan Jones</u>	<u>Alexander Skarsgård</u> , <u>Lee Tergesen</u>	This HBO miniseries, based on the book written by <u>Evan Wright</u> , details the <u>1st Reconnaissance Battalion</u> in the <u>2003 invasion of Iraq</u> . Focusing on the Marines of Second Platoon, Bravo Company, they suffer from boredom, frustration, and ultimately perform missions unlike those they trained for. As they battle from <u>Kuwait</u> to <u>Baghdad</u> , they deal with the usual confusion and chaos of war, exacerbated by their senior officers' often surreal behavior.	2008	Few fictional liberties have been taken, however, some of the Marines depicted have disputed the accuracy of their portrayal.

NEXT ISSUE WE WILL START WITH : The Great Santini, Guadal Canal Diary, Heaven Knows Mr. Alison and More. Maybe we can come up with some other areas where Marines have dominated.

**“To find us you must be good,
to catch us you must be fast,**

to beat us you must be kidding” *Semper Fi*

MISSING TAGS

VCDD-New England Division Cherie Monnell has been given a set of Dog Tags that were found by her brother in law at an RV Flea Market. Lets see if we can pass this on to see if we can find the Marine or her family and return them. We have a lot of contacts as a group so lets put out the word and send these Tags home. WOFF, WOFF



All New England Dogs! Listen Up!

A zoom meeting, not a growl, will be held on February 16th, 2022 at 1830. Have a problem, maybe someone else has a solution. Need to get something off your mind (within reason) come join us. No name calling, or petty grievances but legit problems. We may call the meeting a “bitch” session. I will send the link out later. Please share with all New England dogs within the pounds and pack.

Woof Woof
PDD Cherie Monnell
VCDD-NEW
VCDDCharie@gmail.com
 207-752-0025

Lobster Pound 119

Lobster Pound 119 & Central Maine Detachment 810 MCL, held a raffle and were able



to raise \$1750.00 for the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital. Pictured Left to right Paul St Pierre, PUP, Meghan McNamara, Philanthropy Specialist & Charles Paul, Pound Keeper Lobster Pound 119 & Commandant Central Maine Det. 810. The winner of the raffle was JR from the New England Division. The real winners though are the children at the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital. Looking forward to 2022, we want to make this event a yearly labor of love.



MARINE FOR LIFE HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Marine For Life Network (M4L) connects transitioning Marines and their family members to education resources, employment opportunities, and other Veterans services that aid in their career and life goals outside of military service. The Marine For Life Network offers Marines and family members connections to military-friendly employment, education, and other Veteran and community resources. <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/services/career/marine-for-life-network/>

Shawn Carboni

New England Division M4L Liaison

Department of New Hampshire M4L Liaison

Granite State Detachment 542 M4L Liaison

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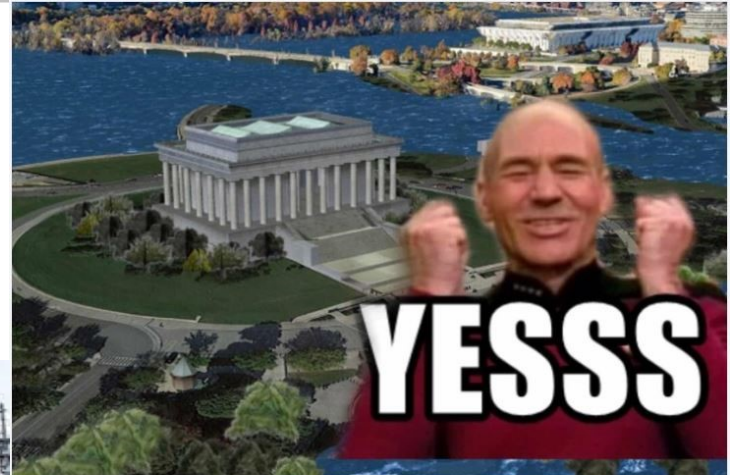


HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



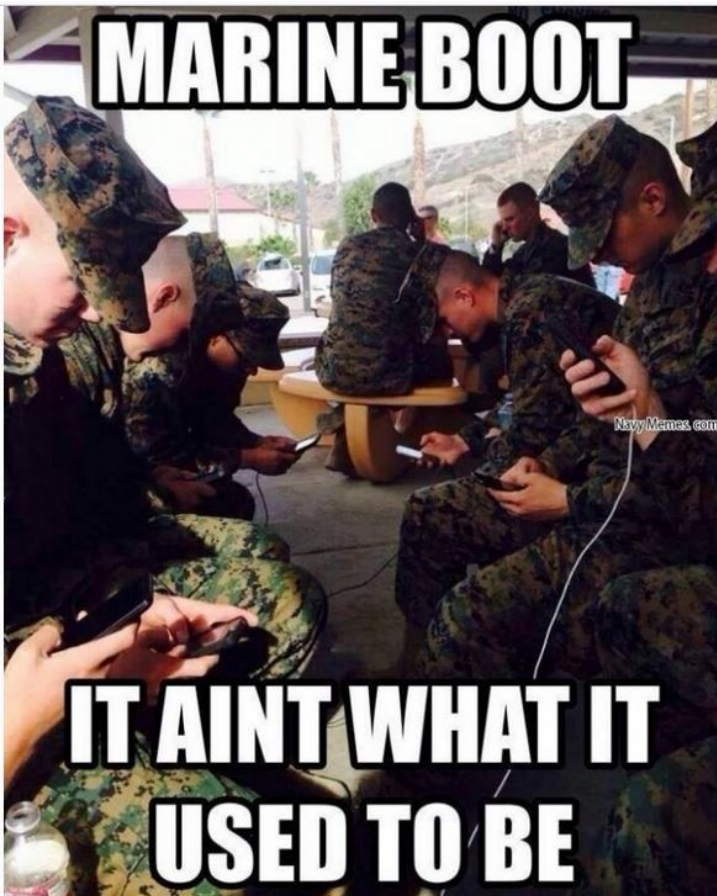
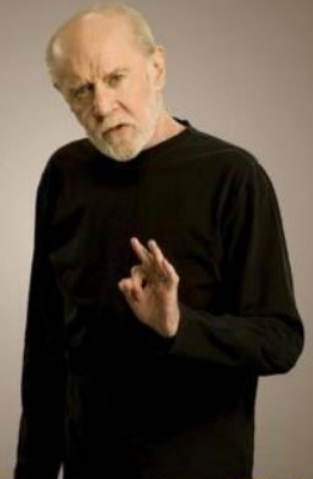
I like most people have stayed away fro COVID humor just as we don't talk politics but there comes a time when there is something you cannot let go bye. The CDC has come out with a warning and have raised the Alert level to level 4, which is the highest level, telling people to avoid cruise ships as these ships are dangerous in spreading COVID. Now, please forgive me but

don't we have the biggest fleet in the world of Naval Ves-sels, (Cruise Ships to the Ma-rines)? Do you think we should call them all in to Dry-dock? Asking for a Friend. And would this be an issue for Puddle Pirates as well?



This DC-area publication warned that rising sea levels might destroy Washington and people immediately asked how to get the oceans to rise faster

George Carlin:
Think of how stupid the average person is, and realize half of them are stupider than that.



TAPS / MEMORIES / FAREWELL

Kevin P. Mitchell, 64, of Greene died on December 17, 2021 at Central Maine Medical Center after a courageous battle with COVID, in spite of being fully vaccinated and boosted.

He was born on November 22, 1957 and grew up in Oxford, Massachusetts. The son of the late Karl Mitchell and Janet Levasseur Mitchell. Kevin was educated at Bay Path Vocational School in Worcester, MA and later received his Associate Degree from Maine Maritime Academy through the apprenticeship program at Bath Iron Works.

Kevin proudly served in the United States Marine Corps and the Maine Army National Guard. He was employed at Bath Iron Works, Fontaine HVAC and most recently at Pinard and Sons Mechanical Services in Wales.

He was a martial artist, practicing at Pelletier's Karate Academy. He enjoyed riding his Goldwing and attending his wife's plays and concerts. At the time of his passing, he



was the Vice Senior Commandant of the local detachment of the Marine Corps League and a member of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, New

England Division.

He is survived by his wife Jane (Domenico) Mitchell of Greene, his brother in law Larry Domenico of Clinton, MA, five sisters, a brother, aunts, uncles and many nieces and nephews all from the Worcester area. Jane wants to thank the Doctors and Nurses at CMMC Covid Ward and the ICU for their mercy and

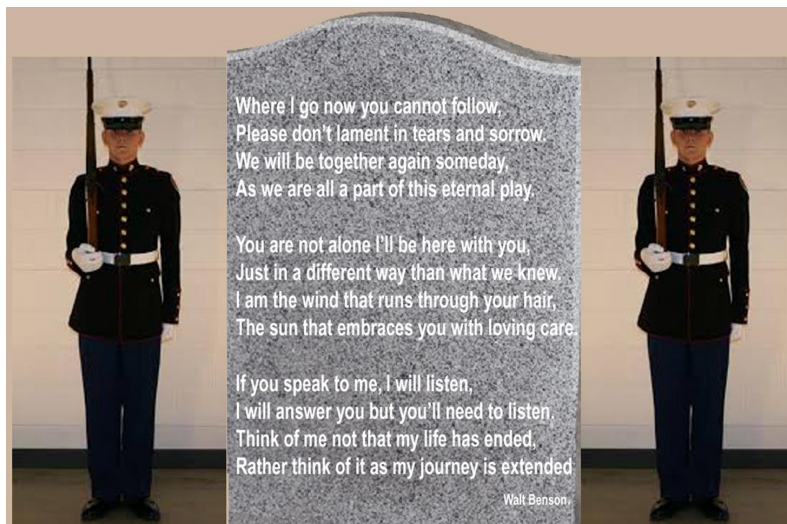
care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Marine Corps League, Central Maine Detachment, 810, 2 Ivy Drive Norway, ME 04268.

Funeral services will be held Friday January 7, 2022 at 6:00PM in the funeral home. Family and friends are invited to visit on Friday January 7th from 4:00PM until time of service at the

Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home
305 Alfred Plourde
Parkway Lewiston, ME.
Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at

www.lynchbrothers.com



TAPS / MEMORIES / FAREWELL

Bernard J. Berube Sr. USMC **May 10, 1948 ~ January 2, 2022**

Bernard J. Berube Sr., 73, of Plainville passed away surrounded by his loving family on January 2, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was the loving husband to Linda B. (Ouellette) Berube for 51 years.

Bernard was born in St. John, Maine on May 10, 1948 son to the late Elise Berube. Growing up he made many lasting memories alongside his uncle, Joseph Albert Berube, who was more like a brother to him. Following high school graduation, Bernard enlisted in the United States Marine Corp and was honorably discharged having served during Vietnam. Bernard was proud of his service to our country and humbly represented his American pride with his fellow Marines. He retired as a Postal Supervisor from the USPS and continued to work his fun job as a limo driver for Premier, where he found much enjoyment in driving. In his spare time, he collected items and began a hobby of selling these treasures on eBay. He liked to watch professional wrestling and cherished the

photograph he had with a professional well-known wrestler, Robert Gibson, who was also a friend to Bernard.

Bernard was a friend to many and those who knew him couldn't help but love him. He was a selfless, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather and will be missed sorely.

In addition to the love of his life and soul-mate, Linda, Bernard is survived by his son, Bernard J. Berube Jr. and his wife, Maria, his daughter,



ter, Lisa Alicea and her husband, Daniel Sr., his grandchildren, Nathan Berube, Isabelle Berube, and Daniel Alicea Jr., and his siblings, Donna, Dwayne, Doreen, Darlene, Deborah, Dale, and Danna. He was predeceased by his sister, Deanna.

Family and friends are welcome to gather on Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 2 to 4 PM at **Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St., Plainville. Military honors will be accorded at 4 PM.** Donations in memory of Bernard can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

Bernie was a really amazing Marine, if there was something that caught his attention and he was interested in it, he did it. He used to tell some pretty amazing stories of some of the things he did in life. I knew him from the Hardware City Detachment, and one of the first things I worked at in the League Was the Balloon Festival in Plainville. I think I did two years with Bernie and I know I always had a great time with him. Bernie had this big Red SUV with a big Marine Corps Graphic in the back window, that he said his son helped him put on. So between this and the other Marine Corps graphics on

the vehicle when he came to the Balloon festival they used to let him park right next to our booth, because they thought it was part



of our display. We used to laugh about this as I used to kid him about representing the Marine Corps with a special vehicle. When I heard that he had passed, all the memories started to return and I realized I hadn't seen him since the Armed forces Dinner in 2019. COVID has caused us to miss so much. Semper Fi Brother, we will all miss you.

Usually we only view the obituaries or stories of Marines here, but when I thought about this there were many things that came to mind. Joyce was the wife of a former National Commandant, but more importantly she is the wife of a Marine. As Marines and as Marine Corps League members we do not stand alone. Many times our wives go with us to events, conventions, wakes and funerals, so they are a part of all this and it is an important part. In the New England Division we are a family, and in this family we have members that work very hard without the deserved recognition. Therefore, these members should be honored and remembered here.



**Ryan, Joyce D. (Lamb) of Hingham,
died January 21, 2022.**

Joyce had a smile that would light up any room and her laugh was contagious. She was an enthusiastic woman who took such pride in her family's accomplishments. She adored her family, especially her grandchildren. Spending time with them brought her the greatest joy. She also enjoyed golf, gardening, cooking, and traveling to Europe with her family. Joyce graduated from Hingham High School and was the former president of John J. Lamb Insurance Agency. She was truly the matriarch of the family

who was a beautiful person inside and out. She was so much fun to be around with a great sense of humor and always put others first. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Beloved wife of 56 years to John V. "Jack" Ryan, Jr. Loving mother of John M. Ryan and his wife Pamela of Medford and Jeanne R. McPhail of Hingham. Cherished sister of Gayle Doucette and her husband Kenneth of Hingham, John Lamb of Hingham, Richard Lamb and his wife Mary of Weymouth, and the late Frederick Lamb and his surviving wife Karen of Hingham. Devoted

Grandma of Molly Elizabeth Ryan, Lydia Rose Ryan, Lacey Lucille Ryan, Emma May Ryan, Michael Ryan McPhail, and Kathryn Grace McPhail. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and all of her close friends. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Saturday 8:30-9:30 AM in the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), HINGHAM followed by the Funeral Mass in St. Paul's Church, Hingham at 10 AM. Cremation will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Joyce may be made to Marine Corps League, National Headquarters, P.O. Box 1990, Stafford, VA 22555-1990

DIVISION RECRUITING

In each edition I would like to share ideas from everyone in the Division as to what they are doing to recruit new members, keeping in mind we are better together than individually. The first and most important thing you will have to overcome is the objection that they belong to other VSO's.

I normally write two different articles for the Division and The Department but what I want to say this issue is the same. First, when I write in an article like this please don't think I am speaking down as I am better than anyone because I am so far from perfect it would take more than a train or plane to get there, I just have a big mouth with no filters. I see in my own Department and hear others talk around the League about how much we need membership and participation. We need more money for different events and for some of the work that we undertake and we suffer from lack of participation. How do we fix this? Well I recently thought about this and when I think it usually doesn't end well but here it goes. If you look at the Marine Corps League, it has officers such as the Division Vice Commandants, who in turn have a staff and Department Commandants and their staff. However, once you get past the Department Staff, there is a breakdown. We don't utilize the County Commandants, or the District Vice Commandants. I'm sorry if someone said be a county commandant you don't have to do anything, because they lied. You need to attend Department Meetings and if the Detachment in your County does not attend the Department meetings you need to attend their meeting and bring the information to them. See if you can discover why there is a disconnect with the Department. We do not have an extensive enough email list to reach out to these groups. So each of you is the representative of the Department ie. Commandant. Involve them, inform them and convince them to be a part of the Department. They have no idea what we do and we have no idea what they do. Do they know there is a Department Newsletter, or a Division Newsletter? If a Department has 15 Detachments and only 7 participate, we only have 7 Detachments in the Department in reality. Those other Detachments have members that are part of us. They have ideas that we need. They have friends they can bring in to be members and they will make us better and stronger just as we can make them stronger. I have talked to my Department Commandant about the possibility of doing more as a Department other than the Convention, some activities to bring our members together. It is impossible to set goals to grow if we are broken. Ask your Department Paymaster how many Detachments are missing ROI's, or do not attend any meetings? It is time to reach out to those Detachments. First, the county Commandant and then maybe a Department officer and lastly, the



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Department Commandants themselves. If they don't participate and no one goes to find out what the problem is, you are demonstrating no one cares.

Another thing would be to make the Department Meetings both fun and productive. If you don't like something or are opposed to something, go right to the source don't try to gather followers to your cause that is not what the meeting is for. When this happens both sides wind up digging in and nothing is accomplished except for turning people off. At work I never bring up stuff like that at a meeting I address it directly at another time.

Laughing is important. If you have your meeting on the week-end, or at night assume people are tired, stressed and are looking to have fun and some brotherhood, but mostly laughs. Every Marine has two MOS classifications, 0300,2511,2532 etc. etc. , etc. and then BB01, Ball Breaker 01. So we are masters of having fun, so don't hesitate to do it. We had a meeting last week and when we got to the part about correspondence , the commandant said we don't really have anything. Some of us knew there was a donation that came in and we asked about how it came in. The commandant hemmed and hawed rationalizing whether it was correspondence or not , and we kept asking questions until I finally spoke up. Invoking my BB01 super powers I asked is there anything there that says "Dear Commandant" and after the laughter he read the letter. If people have a good time and fun they will come, and we do desperately want them to come. If I gave you some ideas, that was my purpose and if I offended anyone I'm sorry.

If you think no one wants your idea you are wrong. I put mine up here every newsletter and there are probably some that say that's stupid, or I'm a pain in the ass but like I said, I have no filters and this is something that is important and that we need.

Walt Benson

Who will be the TOP DOGS in DAYTONA?



In June 2022 we will hold the Grand Growl at the Connecticut Convention and on that date we will have the final tally of BONES that the Glawackus Pound and the Hooch Pooch Pound will send to the Kennel for the Children's Hospital. We have Challenged Hooch Pooch and they are a strong adversary, but Glawackus is better. I haven't heard of any New England Pounds as to whether they have accepted the challenge, "NO GUTS NO GLORY". Come on Dogs, The New England Division is the shining star of the league, so why not claim that title in the Kennel as well. The Connecticut Patches were purchased by the two Pound Keepers in Connecticut and given to the dogs of the pounds with the request that they donate the

price of the New Patch to the Pound for the Children's Hospital. These funds will be kept in a separate account and forwarded to the Kennel after the Grand Growl. Keep in mind it is the goal of the Kennel to date 100,00 Big Bones to the Children's Hospital in Daytona. I understand if the other New England Pounds are afraid of my Glawackus Dogs, after all we know we are the best and we will be crowned TOP DOGS.



Starting this January, Glawackus will be raffling Car Magnets of the New Patch. For two big Bones per ticket or you may outright purchase the Magnet for 20 Big Bones. I don't know all the Pounds in New England but I saw one the other day, "Lobster Pound"?? Really we have a pound named after a fish? We deal in Bones not minnows and bait. Look at The Glawackus, a fierce intimidating beast to strike fear into the hearts of all the pounds in New England. Now to all you dogs in Glawackus, buy those raffle tickets send those bones in for the patches because we deserve to be Top Dogs, and we will be. Whose Better? Lastly before you think I have an unfair advantage because I get to write here, I will be donating 25 Big Bones each time I write here about the challenge, of course the Bones go to Glawackus. There are approximately 131 days till the Growl. if you are like me you are bored and this is something to do, no more staying home. Get up get loud and bring in them Bones and its for the Kids. WOFF WOFF !!

Walt Benson





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Marine Corps History



FEBRUARY

1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

2 February 1944: The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll.

6 February 1968: Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured.

11 February 1922: BGen John H. Russell was appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie.

15 February 1998: One hundred years ago this date, 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war.

17 February 1967: The first full day of Operation DECKHOUSE VI, which lasted until 3 March, was conducted near Quang Ngai city. The Special Landing Force (BLT Y4 and HMM-363) accounted for 280 enemy killed.

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island.

24 February 1991: The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army.

28 February 1991: Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease-fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history. A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

March

2 March 1867: Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1864, was this date promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute, however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of Commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin's retirement.

8 March 1965: The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

11 March 1778: Marines participated the action when the Continental Navy frigate BOSTON, enroute to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship MARTHA. As the drum of the BOSTON beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

13 March 1943: The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

17 March 1967: The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty, Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky, began her 18-hour flight to Bien Hoa, 30 miles north of Saigon. MSgt Dulinsky and the other officer and enlisted Women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section providing administrative support to Marines assigned as far north as the DMZ, but two Lieutenant Colonels, Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O'Holleran, served as historians with the Military History Branch, Secretary Joint Staff, MACV.

25 March 1945: After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties -- more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force was killed in the battle.

27 March 1953: The 5th Marines, supported by the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous evening of Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front, counterattacked to regain enemy-held positions. Companies E and F of 2/7, down to only three platoons between them, managed to regain partial control of Outpost Vegas that day.

31 March 1801: On this date, LtCol Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." President Jefferson was a personal friend of the Commandant, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps and accompanied Burrows on horseback on the morning of 31 March. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, bounded by 8th and 9th streets, and a & I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.



Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

A Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones, and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family.

Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my Country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.

Amen

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