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Message From The Division Commandant



Welcome to the 5th Edition of Laskey's Telegraph. I cannot say enough how proud, honored and humbled I am to be your New England Division's National Vice Commandant. Because of everyone's hard work, the camaraderie to support each other, the enthusiasm to strive to be better is truly amazing. All your hard work does not go unnoticed. One event that highlighted everything I said was at the Quad State Convention! At the Quad State Convention everyone's Esprit de Corps came together to learn, to have fun, and to celebrate being one big family reflected how we look out for each other. But I believe the pictures can do all the explaining.



I believe we can set the bar higher by taking all this motivation and guide our Detachments to thrive and to want to set their bar high as well. Our Guest Speakers that come to New England speak very highly how everyone comes together and works as a team.

Department Commandants, I will give you my all to motivate you so you may motivate your teams. Having a highly motivating team will encourage others to want to jump on board. The summer is here to get out and show who we are, what we do within our communities and who we support. I am hearing a lot of Marines talking

about purchasing tents to set up at events with logos displayed to bring attention to the communities! Would love to hear more great ideas.

Just a quick note, Department Commandants please remember to file your ROIs and make sure the Detachment Commandants are doing the same. File your 990s with the IRS, and just everything you need is on the National Marine Corps League Member Library section. Commandants please encourage the membership to use their chain of command. This is to

have that flow of communication strong and informed.

This newsletter is for all, and for all to get involved. This newsletter is to promote and spread the word of what your Detachments are doing in your Department. This newsletter is full of great reading. Hope everyone enjoys this Newsletter. I hope see you all either at the Department of Mass Convention or the Department of Connecticut Convention.

Semper Fi
David Porter
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It's job is communication, because that it the one thing necessary if we are to grow. The more information we share the better we become. We have to share what we are doing, both our failures and our successes. It also communicates praise and recognition to the many Marines who Go Above and Beyond. This year Jane Deptula was awarded The Distinguished Citizen Gold by Commandant Baker at Mid-Winter. Teri Laskey, is the first Division Associate Marine of The Year, and Larry Chretien is this years Division Marine of the Year. Congratulations to all of them, it is very well deserved.

What will this new year bring? Who will step up and excel? When it comes to Marines we know that every Marine will excel, the question remaining is, to what level will they take it. If you are a new detachment, or department officer, what is your plan, your vision to what you want to have accomplished at the end of your term? Think of what we need as an organization, new members, younger members, because they will bring new ideas and new skills to our League. As we go forth remember Leaders are not born they are made. Your attitude and dedication will separate the good from the bad, so everyone can be a great leader if they desire to be.

Walt Benson

From The Editor

Greeting Marines, Summer has unofficially arrived and I like to think of this as Convention Season and the beginning of a new year. Quad State is behind us and right now we begin with the Massachusetts Convention followed by Connecticut, and the election of new officers throughout the Division. Last year coming out of COVID we saw a lot of changes. The Division has a new Newsletter, and believe it or not in October we will celebrate the one year anniversary of that addition. This Newsletter is a tool like many of the other tools we have in our

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut has been working hard preparing for its convention in June. The registration forms have been sent out please sign up for all the events at the Convention The Grand Growl will be held Friday evening June 10, 2022, and the Business meeting will begin at 8:00 on June 11, 2022. The Banquet will take place the evening of the 11th. The Convention



will be held at The Hilton Gardens 85 Glastonbury Boulevard Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033

REGISTRATION:

Rooms are \$189 per night plus taxes and fees
Reservations can be made using the code:
CTMCL Dinner is Black Tie with the Taste of Italy Buffet menu (\$40 per person)

SCHEDULE:

Friday June 10, 2022

1800-2100 Grand Growl & Raffle



Looks Like Some of The Dogs Have Arrived

Saturday June 11, 2022

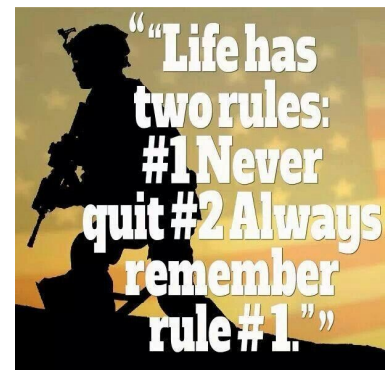
Event

7:00	Refreshments/Registration
8:00	Joint Meeting MCL & MCLA Memorial Service MCL & MCLA Business Meetings
16:00	Raffle Drawings
16:00	Cocktails
18:00	Dinner Program
19:00	Buffet Service
22:00	Dinner Program Concludes

The time to register is now since it begins on June 10th. If you are trying to decide whether et me point out some facts to you. You should go to show support for your fellow Marines, many of them worked very hard to put this together. But beyond that, this is a social event, yes we conduct business but that is a small part of it. We start the Convention with a Growl which is a fun event. It is even becoming more fun lately as we bounce back from COVID.

We start the business part of the Convention remembering those who have gone to their final post. The meeting itself is always good for a few laughs and we conclude with the Banquet where we present some awards and socialize with our brothers and sisters, and we need that socializing it has been missing from all our lives and we need that. Let this be the start of a new year for the Department, and lets make it a come back year.

**Semper Fi,
Walt Benson**



MAINE

CENTRAL MAINE & SOUTHERN MAINE

Central Maine Det.#810, along with Southern Maine and Lewiston/Auburn Veterans Council celebrated National Vietnam War Veterans Day with a Remembrance ceremony. We had a indoor ceremony at the Lewiston Armory and then a wreath laying ceremony at the Lewiston Veterans Park. Southern Maine MCL members David Close, Commandant, officer in charge of Honor Detail and members Larry Chretien, Jay McKenna & Dona St. Pierre fired a rifle salute. VFW post 1603 fired a cannon salute. Presenting the wreath were a sister of a MIA Vietnam veteran and a sister of a Vietnam veteran KIA, Charlie Paul leads the salute to our Brothers & Sisters lost in the war. We



had a crowd of about 75 and we were able to award 24 Vietnam War Lapel pins. Central Maine is a partner of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration organization.

CONGRATULATIONS LARRY CHRETIEN

Charles Paul

Division Marine of
The Year 2022.
Great Job Larry, you
are always there to
help everyone.



LOBSTER POUND ME PACK

The medical advancement to-PDD, for DD Armand J Blais 08-181 will take place on September 10, 2022. Kennebec Valley Det. # 599 will be hosting the Growl, Lunch & Meeting. The location will be the American Legion Post 4. 46 Griffin St, Gardiner, ME 04348.

We hope that you can make it. I believe that it would mean a lot to Toby.

GROWL	11:00
LUNCH	12:00
MEETING	13:00

MASSACHUSETTS



CADDY DETACHMENT INSTALLATION



CAPE COD DETACHMENT 125
POLAR PLUNGE

1stSgt David Grinstead, Sr. is a member of the Honorable Few Detachment 1302. He is also the Senior Marine Instructor for the Haverhill High School Marine Corps JROTC Program. On Wednesday, May 18th our Haverhill HS MCJROTC Color Guard had the opportunity to perform a Color Guard at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox. They even made it on the Jumbotron. Oh-rah Marines Good Job!

Haverhill High School Marine Corps JROT also hosted the 2022 Raider Competition. Three Marine Corps JROT Programs: Haverhill, Salem, and Assabet Valley High School from Mass. Sgt.Maj. Summers out of Salem-Marine Corps League member, and Sgt.Maj. Lynch out of Assabet Valley soon to be joining the League Frist State Military Academy (Delaware) Marine Corps. Also, three Airforce JROT Programs: Quincy, Lowell, and Peabody.

Great team building, strength training, and getting muddy. Rope bridge building, first aid station, Obstacle course race which in detailed carrying ammo cans and flipping tires, low crawl, quick short maze, carrying a canoe, and turn around and do it again, team run 5k. and a tug a war just to name most of the things that go on. It was an amazing event



Cape Cod
Marine Corps

Birthday
Ball



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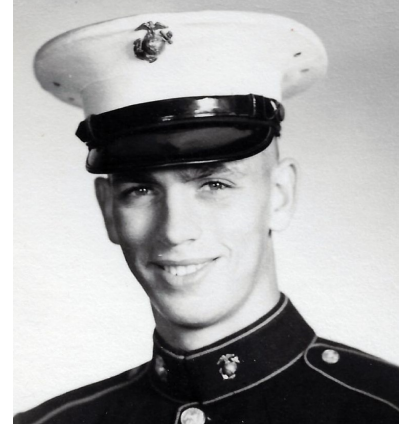

www.MarineVeteranFoundation.com

It's not too early to plan for the Big Birthday
Cape Cod Detachment will hold their
Birthday Ball
November 12, 2022
contact Commandant Ron Timm for details
774-521-7556

Brian Brook
Commandant
Department of Massachusetts

NEW HAMPSHIRE

On Saturday 21 May 2022 there was a Celebration of Life for Frank Diekmann, at Camp Carpenter in Manchester, New Hampshire. It was a lovely celebration. I presented a GRANTED request for mileage reimbursement for all the times Frank had requested it, and had been denied. I just didn't know if it was to be sent up or down.



Frank's son Frank spoke about how his dad would always figure out how much the mileage would cost on their family trips, It was a great showing of Marines and who Frank had touched. I am personally glad that I got to know him and was able to be part of the honor that was given to him.



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VERMONT

EAGLE SCOUT AWARDS PRESENTED IN VERMONT

On May 6th of this year The Marine Corps League, Dept. of Vermont, gave out 116 Eagle Scout Awards for the years of 2020; 2021 and 2022. Not all Scouts were in attendance as some were either working, away at college or serving in the military. The Certificates of those not attending were given to the Vermont Boy Scout Council who will in turn assure each Scout receives his/hers award.



Fifty three Scouts were in attendance. The festivities ran from 10:00 am until 4:30 pm and included a tour of the Capital and meeting various Politicians; followed by a Special Service on the Capitol front steps. Afterwards; there was a special dinner at the Capitol Hotel with speeches from



more dignitaries, followed by Eagle Scout Award presentations. The American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus also presented awards. The Marines handing out the MCL Awards are the Commandant of the Donald G. Cook Detachment; Corpsman Daniel Bean (aka Dr. Daniel J. Bean, PH.D.; Biology Professor Emeritus, Saint Michael's College) and Department Adjutant/Paymaster, Barbara A. Kaufmann.

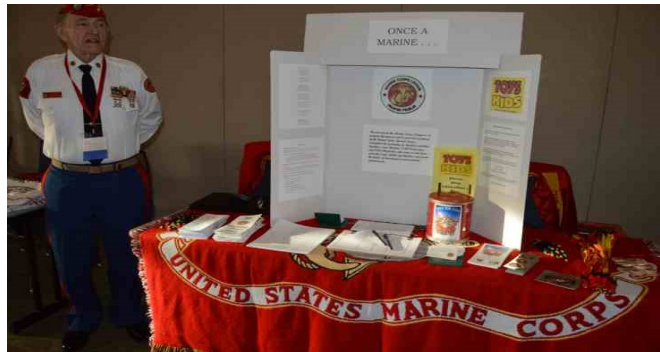
We are coming into a busy season for us, are already booked to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday May 28th in Essex Junction, Vermont; sponsored by the Essex Recreation Department. We will also be participating on Mon-



day the 30th in Vergennes, Vermont sponsored by the Vergennes American Legion. We are also participating in the July 4th Parade in Williston, Vermont sponsored by the Williston Recreation Department.

We will be doing a Color Guard Ceremony for the Vermont Lake Monsters baseball team's debut for 2022; on Friday May 27th at 6:00 pm. Marines, James Chase; Kevin Flemming and myself will do the Honors. If you are around come out and support us, its summer and Vermont is a nice spot to vacation.

We are also scheduled to attend the Vermont Veterans Summit meeting on Monday June 6th, 2022. The Donald G. Cook Detachment and the Strong/Muller Detachment with the MCL Department of Vermont will all be in attendance with each manning a separate table dispensing handouts and mementos throughout the day from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm; at the Vermont State College; in Lyndonville, Vermont. It is sponsored by various Veterans organizations. Below is a photo from 2020, which is the last time it was held.



Herb Drew Jr.
Commandant
Department of Vermont
Marine Corps League

RHODE ISLAND

The 2022 Quad State Convention and New England Conference has passed and looking back at the hard work and dedication that the members of the Department put into this event, I am proud to say it was a success. We received positive feedback from a lot of the attendees. With any event there were some glitches but with



our AAR, we will look at those and correct for the next event.

I want to thank not only the members but also all who came to Rhode Island. We really enjoyed having Sgt. Maj. Overstreet as our guest speaker, the Young Marines really enjoyed having him teach them some COD even more.

The Department spent the day last Saturday (14th) at the Spring Festival which was put on by the Cranston Police Department. We were able to talk with some people, grab a couple of potential members and raise some money. The tent next to us was full of Young Marines, who took turns walking around the festival doing a walking rose collection. They did very well. Thanks Young Marines!



The next day, Sunday, the members of the League were humbled and honored to be a part of the unveiling of the Gold Star monument at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery. With the assistance of the Woody Williams foundation and many people, the monument is beautiful and awesome tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and their families.



The outlook for the summer is that we are going to be busy with fundraising, working with the Young Marines and the planning of a whole new program to assist our local Veterans. This new program is still in the beginning stages, once it comes to fruition then pictures will be provided.

**Semper Fidelis
Pat Maguire**

QUAD STATE RHODE ISLAND 2022



Col. Bill Davis and Sgt. Maj. Overstreet with The Young Marines Color Guard at the opening of The Quad State Convention, The New England Confer-



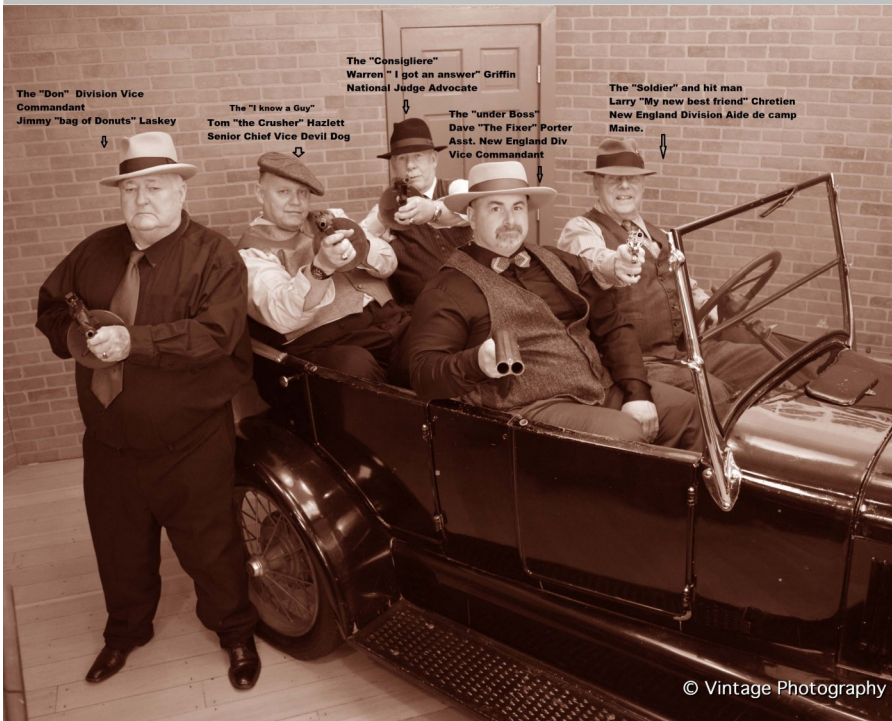
Colors, The Young Marines Color Guard and the entire assembly.



Memorial Service For all Marines of the Division who have passed on to their Final Post



QUAD STATE RHODE ISLAND 2022



IN THE OLD DAYS

When we went out recruiting for the League, we was serious. Imagine the car pulls up with these guys in it and the enforcer yells in that thick Massachusetts accent, "Get in the Caar, you coming with us".

Below, a toast to those days, and to the Enforcer, from Tom, The Crusher, Larry, The Soldier, Liz, The Dame, Dave, The Fixer and Mike, The guy they made get in the Caar. Semper Fidelis, Calm Winds and Following Seas.



QUAD STATE RHODE ISLAND 2022



At the very top are the brave Quad State golfers
LCenter: Mike Hinds, Dave Porter, Pat Maguire.
Above Col Bill Davis speaking to the Young Marines Attending Quad State

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QUAD STATE RHODE ISLAND 2022



Larry Chretien, Teri & Walt Benson, Mike Hinds, Sandy & JR



Larry Chretien, Dave Porter, Bagpipers - Members of the Rhode Island Highlanders - Deb Kane, Pipe Major & Ann Assumpico - Snare (Drum) & MC Leo Costantino -MCL Member of Kent County Detachment RI



SGT. MAJ. Overstreet Guest Speaker



Division Chaplain Jane Deptula, Wayne Salisbury Department of Rhode Island Chief of Staff, ANVC Pat Maguire Presented Placido "Pat" Femino - USMC Iwo Jima Veteran, with an Honorary Membership in the League and The Iwo Jima Statue, unfortunately Marine Femino went to his final post on 12 May 2022. Semper Fi Marine



Sincere Thanks and Deserved Recognition to some of the Team that put this all together.

QUAD STATE RHODE ISLAND 2022 AWARDS



NVC. Dave Porter, Col. Bill Davis, YMOY Christian Rutherford, John Fabiano, Rhode Island Young Marines Unit Commander, Wayne Hamilton, RIYM's Executive Officer & Department of Rhode Island Paymaster Division Young Marine Liaison, Bruce Katz, SGT.MAJ. Overstreet, ANVC. Pat Maguire



NVC. Dave Porter Presented Walt Benson with the GYSGT Roland G. Knapp Award



Swearing in The Department of Rhode Island Officers



NVC. Dave Porter & ANVC. Pat Maguire Presented Terry Laskey with the Division Associate Marine of The Year



NVC. Dave Porter & ANVC. Pat Maguire Presented Larry Chretien with the Division Marine of The Year



FLAG DAY



June 14th is Flag Day, a day set aside for Americans to commemorate the adoption of the “Stars and Stripes” by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777 as our National Flag. I like symbols and the things they represent but there are two symbols that I love and have loved them since I was a boy. One is the Eagle Globe and Anchor of our Corps, and the other is our Flag. It gave me chills as a boy as I watched movies on TV. The Calvary charge as it fluttered in the breeze. The Colors flying on a ship as it sped across the sea and into battle. The Civil War movies such as Gettysburg, WWII movies, Guadalcanal, and Iwo Jima, always leading into battle, always our pride.

If you asked the question, What does the Flag mean to you? You would get many different answers. I have always been drawn to the colors and what meaning each color has. Now this varies as well depending on who you asked, so I will try to use some of what they believe coupled with my own feelings.

Red, symbolizes the hardiness and valor. It basically refers to the great courage our veterans display in the face of danger, especially in battle.

Some say that red represents the blood shed by patriots in battle. To me it has represented the blood and sacrifice that all who have fought and sacrificed for this country have shed, as well as the hardships they and their families have endured.

White, symbolizes purity and innocence, and pure intentions and ideals are at the core of the American belief system. It stands for the Bill of Rights, The Constitution, Freedom as well as the symbol of the American Dream and Hope.

Blue, means vigilance, perseverance, and justice. Blue is meant to remind us as American citizens to keep a careful watch for possible danger or difficulties, and it also reminds us that we'll be able to make it through those difficulties. The blue in the American flag honors the importance of a just and fair country. Without justice, perseverance, and vigilance, America would not be the country we all know and love today.

Lastly, The Stars, The fifty white stars are there to stand for the fifty states in America. The last star was added to the flag design to represent Hawaii on July 4th, 1960. Also worth noting that any Stars added to the Flag are always

added on July 4th. The stars are meant to represent the heavens, and our goal to seek excellence.

The last symbol I want to talk about is the Folded Flag, which is presented at the grave to the family of all those who served this country. It is for service to this country and this Flag. There was a study done a while back, that only 1% of the population serve in the military, that makes these people a very special group. Not everyone who went into the military is a hero, I'm not. But those who did go, who did volunteer did something that 99% of the population didn't, and they deserve the honor of being covered by this Flag that they loved and served so well. So on this day take a minute, pause and look up at that Flag flying in the breeze against the bright blue sky, and think of what it means and what it has witnessed, and where we go from here.

Old Glory

To some you are a piece of cloth easily discarded,
To others you are the symbol of everything regarded.
To me you are the symbol of all that I hold sacred,
For what you've done and where you've been the world should be elated.

You were there in the beginning as we struggled to be free.
You were there with Mr. Lincoln as he fought with Mr. Lee.
You were there with Teddy Roosevelt as he charged up San Juan Hill.
You were with them in the trenches and charging to the hills.

You saw new and deadlier weapons in a war to end all wars.
You were with us at Pearl Harbor and D Day to be sure.
You were with us at the Chosin in that short Korean War.
Then you came with us to Vietnam, it broke our hearts that war.

You came with us to the Middle East in a land of sun and sand.
You marched through many countries across that heated sand.
Through all of this you showed our pride everywhere you went.
You also covered all the souls of those who fell in death.

Today's the day we honor you and remember the beginning.
When farmers picked up muskets and followed you to freedom.
Tell me how one young or old could ignore this awesome debt.
To me, and mine, you're a sacred cloth and will be till my death.

Walt Benson



YOUNG MARINES



The following article was a press release from The Young Marines on May 12, 2022.

On May 12, national nonprofits Wreaths Across America (WAA) and the Young Marines announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organizations. The signing is to build a stronger awareness for each group's common missions while supporting educational events throughout the nation.

These events will help teach lessons of character and patriotism to the next generation. WAA's Director of Military and Veteran Outreach, Joseph Reagan, and Young Marines National Executive Director Col. William Davis signed the MOU today live as part of the Young Marines Adult Leadership Conference held in St. Charles, Missouri.

The MOU between the two groups outlines key agreements that establish a framework for cooperation between WAA and the Young Marines. This includes collaborative volunteer efforts to provide opportunities for joint community service activities that bring awareness to both groups' missions throughout the country, and regular feature interviews on Wreaths Across America Radio. The interviews will highlight youth participants' academic achievement, community service, good citizenship, and other attributes.

"As a program whose core mission focuses on teaching the next generation the value of freedom, working with a group like the Young Marines is so critical to the future of this country," said Karen Worcester, executive director, WAA. "These kids are learning not only what it means to be a productive member of society, they are learning that anyone can find a way to serve their community, and what it truly means to be an American."

"The Memorandum of Understanding solidifies the two organizations' commitments to citizenship, leadership, and memorializing our nation's veterans," said Col William P. Davis USMC (Ret), national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines. "We were especially proud to host the signing at the Young Marines' Adult Leadership Conference at which hundreds of volunteers were witnesses. The Young Marines and the WAA are truly partners who have analogous values."

Founded in 2007, and headquartered in Columbia Falls, Maine, WAA is best known for its annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, and now more than 3,100 participating locations nationwide, and the yearlong efforts to support its mission to Remember our fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

Young Marines has more than 238 units including thousands of youth members, most of whom have been placing wreaths throughout the country for many years.

The MOU will only heighten awareness of this task of respect and honor.

The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, aged eight through high school graduation. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral, and physical development of its members and focuses on teaching the values of leadership, teamwork, and self-discipline, so its members can live and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle

About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, and Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

About Young Marines

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Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings in 1959 with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 238 units with 6,100 youth and 2,100 adult volunteers in 40 states, the District of Columbia, Japan, and affiliates in a host of other countries.

Could your Detachment sponsor a Unit of Young Marines? If so please contact your Department Commandant to get the process started.

For more information, visit the official website at: <https://youngmarines.org>.



MODERN DAY MARINE EXPO WASHINGTON DC

The Marine Military Expos are the primary and proven venues for product developers to demonstrate their capabilities to service members, acquisitions specialists, and service leaders eager to identify best of breed solutions which preserve Marine Corps dominance in every domain of the littoral operating environment, and a competitive overmatch for all currently “engaged in the fight!”



There were some extraordinary displays at the Expo. Rifles are nice but I think I would rather ride and have more fire-power. And then there was Asst. NE Assistant Vice Commandant Pat

Maguire with the New Chesty



MODERN DAY MARINE EXPO WASHINGTON DC



RECOGNITION IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TOOLS LEADERS HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

On behalf of all members of The Marine Corps League, we congratulate all those award recipients recognized today during Modern Day Marine who have demonstrated noteworthy dedication and devotion to their fellow Marines and the United States Marine Corps. Semper Fidelis

The Marine Corps League Booth at the Modern Day Marine Expo. I hope you guys had a great time and signed up some new members. Below The Attitude Adjustment part of the program with a strong New England showing

STEVE GUTZLER



Great leaders truly care about those they are privileged to lead and understand that the true cost of the leadership privilege comes at the expense of self-interest.



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. This Concludes Marines & Movies. Next Issue we will change Topics to Marines in Literature.

<i>Second in Command</i>	Simon Fellows	Jean-Claude Van Damme	15 Marines and a SEAL commander fend off an insurgent terror attack on the US Embassy in the fictional nation of Moldavia, using ruses and strategic maneuvering.	2006
<i>Severe Clear</i>	Kristian Fraga		As part of the first wave in the War on Terror, First Lieutenant Mike Scotti served on the front lines during the 21-day advance to Baghdad. His experiences in Afghanistan as well as Iraq put him face to face with the sobering realities of war on a daily basis. This documentary offers an unflinching look at life on the battlefield through the eyes of someone who was there.	2009
<i>The Siege of Firebase Gloria</i>	Brian Trenchard-Smith	Wings Hauser, R. Lee Ermey	A patrol of Marines visits Firebase Gloria at the beginning of the Tet Offensive , and is trapped by a Viet Cong siege. After successfully defending the base, the Marines are subsequently forced to abandon it, having lost too many men during the battle. The VC commander then learns that his orders were not to win, but to die with his unit and allow the North Vietnamese Army to take over the Vietnam War .	1989
<i>Taking Chance</i>	Ross Katz	Kevin Bacon	Based on the true story written by Lt Col Michael Strobl , the film depicts the aftermath of PFC Chance Phelps's death in the Iraq War . Frustrated at having been kept out of the fighting, Strobl volunteers to escort Phelps's remains from Dover Air Force Base to his parents in Dubois, Wyoming .	2009
<i>Tarawa Beachhead</i>	Paul Wendkos	Kerwin Mathews, Julie Adams, Ray Danton	Sgt. Tom Sloan sees his Lieutenant Joel Brady kill one of their own Marines, Johnny Campbell on Guadalcanal after Brady led a disastrous suicidal attack against Japanese entrenched in caves. As the only survivors of the debacle, Sloan doesn't turn Brady in as he assumes no one will believe his word against an officer's. With Brady's recommendation, Sloan is later commissioned and assigned as an aide to a general (Onslow Stevens) back in the 2nd Marine Division headquarters in New Zealand . The film contains extensive amounts of actual footage of the Battle of Tarawa	1958
<i>Tell It to the Marines</i>	George Hill	Lon Chaney, Sr., William Haines	This silent film depicts Sergeant O'Hara's difficulty in training recruits, particularly "Skeets" Burns, who develops a relationship with nurse Norma Dale, whom O'Hara is secretly attracted to. After an indiscretion in the Philippines turns her against him and causes friction between the two Marines, the nurse is ordered to Hangchow and becomes a hostage. The Marines battle with Chinese bandits, and after becoming friends, Skeet discharges and awaits his lover to return home.	1926
<i>To the Shores of Hell</i>	Will Zens	Marshall Thompson, Richard Arlen, Robert Dornan	In this film, Major Donahue travels through Vietnam during the war to rescue his physician brother Gary, a prisoner of the Viet Cong . The film features footage of an amphibious exercise at Camp Pendleton .	1966
<i>To the Shores of Iwo Jima</i>	United States Marine Corps		Following Marines and sailors through the Battle of Iwo Jima in rough chronological order, this film details aspects from the bombardment of the island by warships and carrier-based airplanes to the final breakdown of resistance. The film also features the video of the second flag raising shot by Sgt Bill Genaust .	1945
<i>Tribes</i>	Joseph Sargent	Darren McGavin, Earl Holliman, Jan-Michael Vincent	This television film follows a group of Vietnam War recruits and their drill instructors. Among the new recruits is Adrian, a pacifist hippie and reluctant draftee. Though he conflicts with GySgt Drake, he earns his drill instructors respect as a natural leader and find common ground in Drake's hobby of drawing. Drake's superior, MSgt DePayster, fails Adrian for attitude issues, despite his capabilities and Drake's objections. Drake accuses him of going behind his back to fuel a personal vendetta, and defiantly posts one of his drawings. The night after being denied graduation, Adrian deserts from his disciplinary platoon.	1970
<i>Wake Island</i>	John Farrow	Brian Donlevy, Macdonald Carey,	This film details the Battle of Wake Island , following the attack on Pearl Harbor . Erroneously, the Americans are depicted as refusing to surrender, as well as the fictional death of Winfield S. Cunningham , the commander.	1942
<i>What Price Glory?</i>	Raoul Walsh	Edmund Lowe, Victor McLaglen, Dolores del Rio	Both films share a plot with the 1924 play of the same name by Maxwell Anderson and Laurence Stallings . Capt Flagg and 1stSgt Quirt lead a company of Marines in France during World War I , but their long-standing rivalry continues as they vie for the romantic attentions of Charmaine, a local innkeeper's daughter.	1926
<i>What Price Glory?</i>	John Ford	James Cagney, Dan Dailey		1952
<i>When Eagles Strike</i>	Cirio H. Santiago	Christian Boeving, Stacy Keach	Some American commandos get a mission to save American politicians who were kidnapped and are held on a forgotten Malaysian island. Tough-guy lieutenant Andrew Peers commands the action. During the mission it's revealed there's a traitor in the team. Consequently, American soldiers are betrayed and captured by the opponents, who then interrogate and brutally torture team's lead Andrew.	2003
<i>Windtalkers</i>	John Woo	Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Christian Slater	Due to his heroism at the Guadalcanal Campaign , Sgt Joe Enders hides a hearing problem to get an assignment protecting Navajo code talker Ben Yazzie. During the Battle of Saipan , Yazzie is unnerved and disgusted with the violence, but uses his code to call for naval gunfire. Enders later kills Charlie Whitehorse, another code talker, to prevent his capture, earning Yazzie's fury. Later, Yazzie fearlessly fights, but begs Enders to kill him when capture seems imminent. Enders refuses, and sacrifices himself to save the code talker.	2002
<i>A Yank in Viet-Nam</i>	Marshall Thompson	Marshall Thompson, Enrique Magalona, Mario Barri, Kieu Chinh	A U.S. Marine Corps pilot is shot down over the Vietnamese jungle. During his trek to American lines, he meets a female guerrilla fighter and a nationalist named Hong.	1964

SCRATCHINGS FROM THE DOGS

Hello Dogs;

Here is some information on The Supreme Growl and Advancement:

Initiation will be held on Wednesday, 17 August 2022

Registration: All Applicants for Advancement and Membership must *first* register with the League for the Convention and then check into the Dog House *prior* to 17:00 on Monday. *It is strongly suggested that if you are advancing to try and arrive on Sunday.*

Expenses: The Honorable Mad Dog will hold the Initial Costs to a total of 50 Big Bones. This will include the 25 Big Bones deposit for the collar (which is refundable with the return of the collar) and the Initiation Fee.

However, this does not include the cost of "extra" items, such additional Dog Bones, T-Shirts, Patches, etc.

Get your Applications for Advancement into your Pound and Pack Dog Robbers early, even if you're not sure you're coming. Then it will be on file when you show up. Bring a copy with you for safety. Pups advancing to Devil Dog at the Supreme Growl must have two (2) years as a faithful

Send all Degree Advancement and Membership Forms to:

PDD Steve Joppa
Honorable Kennel Dog Robber
8617 Knob Hill Court
New Port Richey, FL 34653-6727

All applications for Advancement and Membership must be in the Honorable Kennel Dog Robber's paws no later than 1 July 2022.

Woof Woof

PDD Cherie Monnell

VCDD-New England

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Here are some Photos from Last years Event



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/>

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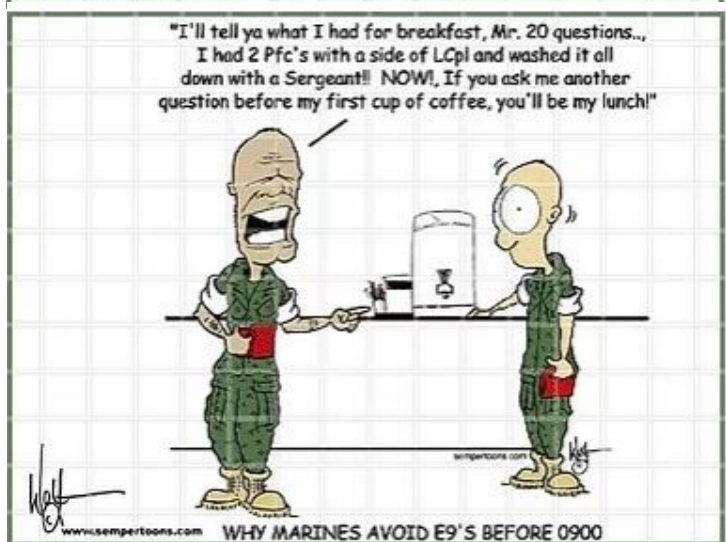


HUMOR AROUND THE DIVISION



Taking My Daughter For Her First Drink

The other day I took my daughter to a bar for her first drink. I ordered two Guinness but she didn't like it so I drank both of them. So the next round we tried Sam Adams, but she didn't like that either so I had to finish both of them. So I thought maybe she was a light beer drinker so I got two Miller Lites but she didn't like those either and I had to finish both of them. I thought maybe she would like some craft beer so we got some Dog Fish Head but she really didn't like those so I had to finish both of those. So I thought maybe she is a whiskey drinker so we got a couple of shots of fireball, she didn't like that either and I had to finish both of those. By the time I left that bar I was way too drunk to be pushing that stroller home.



Dwane Powell's Editorial Cartoons by Dwane Powell (2006-08-25) Image #14594



A husband was talking to his wife one day and he asked her, "Why did you marry me"? She responded because "you are funny and you make me laugh". He then replied "Oh, I thought it was because I was so good in bed". His wife laughed and told him, "see you are friggen hysterical".



RECRUITING "IT'S JOB ONE"!!

Walt Benson



BUT WHAT ABOUT LEADERSHIP?

In this issues recruiting section I want to step back and look at recruiting from a different angle. I like quotes and most of the one's I like are made by famous people. Some of them I actually live by like, *Improvise, Adapt, Overcome*. In today's world this is very important. At work most companies out there are micro managed I know mine is, but if you are smart, you know that plan that comes down from corporate, doesn't always work. Therefore, if you want to succeed, you are going to be prepared with a plan B and in some cases a C, D, or E. This is called "IMPROVISE". Then, going forward you have a plan and it works, but it doesn't work for everyone so you need to make changes to that plan, and that is where we "ADAPT". So now you have a plan you have adapted and then you find there are those that stand in your way and keep you from reaching your goal, and this is where you "OVERCOME". This is all out whatever it takes. I recently had my end of season review at work and we had to pick our strongest trait and I chose resilient as mine, and my boss couldn't have agreed with me more. She told me she has never seen anybody that would continuously adjust strategies and come at problems from every different angle, imaginable.

So this is what we are doing here with recruiting, we are constantly adjusting our approach to succeed. If we get people to come join the league, then what? When I joined, there were Detachment Officers and they were a very attentive and friendly group. They went around the room welcoming people and shaking hands with everyone but once the meeting started I was bored to death, and couldn't wait to get out. Today, we don't even have that, most detachments are short of officers to fill positions. The Dogs are having an even harder time filling positions, people have multiple positions and every election the positions rotate to most of the same people. So when new people come into the league what do we show them?

When things changed for me was when I became part of what was going on, what we were doing. Have you ever been asked what is The Marine Corps League and what does it do? The answer I hear the most is, "We are a VSO, (Veterans Service Organization) and we help Veterans. WOW, you are really selling yourselves short, you do so much more. When did Ma-

rines become timid? You provide so much, The Young Marines, Toys4Tots, Funeral Honors, Community Service, help Each Other, and The League. Then there are those who do things that no one knows about. A while back in one of my recruiting articles I wrote about getting out to contact Detachments that didn't come to meetings or any function at all, and I addressed the County Commandants, stating it was their job to reach out to these detachments. Well most times when you write something like that you feel like you're in a Joe Pesci movie, with him saying, "You was serious about that"? But to my surprise I found that one County Commandant, Bill Lamb, The Fairfield County Commandant went out and contacted the Detachments in his county to help them reunite with the Department, and no one even knew he did it. There maybe more Marines that did this as well and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. This is what we need going forward, people standing up and assuming leadership roles. It's not a full-time job and there are others to help if you run into problems. If you take a leadership position that doesn't mean the present officer will take off and go on vacation. They will be there with help and information. Some of them are a walking, History & How To book combined.

You are the leaders, new Marines will look to for, what they want to do, what they want to be a part of, to join us in our Mission. We didn't join the league because we wanted to still wear a uniform, or march in Parades. Nor did we join the League to sit around and tell stories of the old days. We joined the league because we still wanted to serve just as we did when we stood on the Yellow Footprints when we began. However, who we serve has changed. Now we serve our fellow veterans in need, the children of veterans and the communities we are part of. One of our biggest contributions we make is providing Funeral Honors to our brothers and sisters who have gone to their final post. These are all the things we do, and want to continue to do, and to accomplish this we need to get new members and have the leadership to bring them along. So when there is an opening for a leadership role in your Detachment, Department, Pound or Pack, step up to the Yellow Footprints Marine.

SHOW ME YOUR WAR FACE!

EVERYDAY WE FIND HEROES



In the August September issue I would like to give you an opportunity to show off and let others see how big a bad ass you were in the day. It can be any pic you deem as portraying you as the Bad Ass you ARE. It can be from PI, Geiger, or any other location. We want to see your best John Wayne shot. Helmet, back pack, rifle, whatever you think makes you look the Bad Ass. I will show you mine below as I have no fear of being beat. Oh, Did I forget to



mention we will allow everyone to vote and announce the results in the following issue.

Walt Benson

Mathew Bradford had only been in Iraq for four months as a US Marine and his life was changed forever. On January 18, 2007, he was out on patrol when he stepped on an IED, taking both his legs and blinding him. He woke up in Bethesda Hospital three weeks later and spent the next three years recovering. He was not supposed to live but he did. No Legs, No Vision, No Problem !! On April 1, 2010 he was promoted to Corporal and on April 7, 2010, he re-enlisted in the Marine Corps making him the first ever double amputee, blind Marine in History to do that.

Corporal Bradford, has a two and a half year old daughter, Completed a degree at the University of Kentucky, and has run as well as completed several Marine Corps Marathons in Washington DC.

Recently I heard a story which adds to this story and why Marines are different from everyone else. Why is the Lion called the King of the Jungle? He is not the biggest, the elephant clearly claims that role. He is not the fastest, the Cheetah is, nor is he the smartest. So how does the Lion become the King of the Jungle? The Lion is the King of the Jungle because of one word, His Mentality. The Lion welcomes the challenge. That dream that you have, you would have to be wired differently to attain it. It doesn't matter how big you are, or how intelligent you are, or how many degrees you have. It's your ATTITUDE, the Lion doesn't give up, he doesn't quit, he hunts. This is the difference between Marines and all others, OUR ATTITUDES. IMPROVISE, ADAPT, and OVERCOME, Semper Fi, Corporal Bradford, you make us all proud.

Walt Benson





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Marine Corps History



JUNE

2 June 1918: At dawn on this date, the crack German 28th Division attacked along the axis of the Paris-Metz road hitting the American 2d Division, including the 4th Marine Brigade. The Marines opened with deadly rifle fire and helped hand the German troops a setback which set the stage for Marine victory at Belleau Wood which would soon follow, although at great cost.

8 June 1995: A Marine tactical recovery team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed on board the USS Kearsarge rescued a downed U.S. pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, USAF, from Bosnian-Serb territory in Bosnia.

10 June 1898: The First Marine Battalion, commanded by LtCol Robert W. Huntington, landed on the eastern side of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The next day, Lt Herbert L. Draper hoisted the American flag on a flag pole at Camp McCalla where it flew during the next eleven days. LtCol Huntington later sent the flag with an accompanying letter to Colonel Commandant Charles Heywood noting that "when bullets were flying, ...the sight of the flag upon the midnight sky has thrilled our hearts."

12 June 1961: President John F. Kennedy signed a Presidential Proclamation calling for the American flag to be flown at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, "at all times during the day and night." Discussions between the Attorney General's office and Marine Corps officials earlier in 1961 on improving the visibility and appearance of the monument led to the proposal to fly the Flag continuously, which by law could only be done by Congressional legislation or by Presidential proclamation.

15 June 1944: Preceded by naval gunfire and carrier air strikes, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of Saipan, Marianas Islands. By nightfall, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions, moving against heavy opposition, had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep

20 June 1993: The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit returned to Mogadishu, Somalia, to stand ready to assist United Nations forces in maintaining peace in the war-torn country. Earlier that month, the 24th MEU had been ordered to cut short Exercise Eager Mace 93-2 in Kuwait to respond to possible contingency operations in Somalia.

25 June 1950: Shortly before dawn, eight divisions of the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea. Within three days, the South Korean capital city of Seoul had been captured. On 30 June, President Harry S. Truman ordered a naval blockade of the Korean coast and authorized the sending of U.S. ground troops to Korea. Two days later, General Douglas MacArthur, the Commander in Chief Far East, formally requested that a Marine regimental combat team be deployed to the Far East.

25 June 1966: In Vietnam, Operation Jay began about 30 kilometers northwest of Hue, and lasted nine days. The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines landed north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, and the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught in between the two Marine units, the enemy suffered over 80 dead in nine days of fighting.

26 June 1918: BGen James G. Harbord, the Commanding General of the 4th Marine Brigade, notified American Expeditionary Force Headquarters that Belleau Wood was "now U.S. Marine Corps entirely." After 20 days of combat, and at a cost of over 4,000 casualties, the 4th Brigade of Marines had proven its fighting heart. The grateful Commander of the French Sixth Army would soon decree that in all official correspondence, Belleau Wood would henceforth bear the name, "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."

JULY

4 July 1801: President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, LtCol William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the new nation's 25th anniversary.

6 July 1990: One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after over 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from MAG-32 flew their initial flight from Cherry Point to NAS Patuxent River on this date.

7 July 1941: The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Within a year of activation, the Wing would participate in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the Wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1stMAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

11 July 1798: President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the President appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the new nation.

14 July 1993: The USS IWO JIMA was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The Iwo Jima was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

18 July 1918: The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counter-attack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

24 July 1944: The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian, in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2d and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on 1 August, Maj Gen Schmidt declared the island secure.

26 July 1947: The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces, and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

28 July 1918: Brigadier General John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2d Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany



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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Detachment Recruiter Bronze



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Bring A Friend



What Started Here.....



SOME PEOPLE

spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. The Marines don't have that problem.

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