

THE HARD CHARGER

Once A Marine! Always A Marine!

"The Hard Charger" is the official newsletter of the Kentuckiana Detachment

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Special Thanks: To Nancy and Allen Wallace for preparing and mailing the newsletter each month. Kudos.

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SAVE US MONEY: Please, if you can receive via email it will save us money. **1/3 of our annual MCL budget is for mailing the newsletter!** PLEASE, save us money.

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For more information about our activities

Please visit us online:

www.kentuckianamarines.org

Regular Meetings

Are held on the
3rd Monday of each month at 1900 hours
Promptly!
(Next meeting is on
February 21st)

NOTE: New Day, New Place!!

Incorporated by an act of Congress in 1937, the Marine Corps League perpetuates the traditions and spirit of ALL Marines who proudly wear or who have worn the eagle, globe and anchor of the Corps.

Cut out and give to prospective member!

Marine Corps League
Kentuckiana Detachment #729

Meet every **3rd Mon, 1900 hrs**
At: **VFW Middletown**
107 Evergreen Road (**new location**)

Once a Marine, Always a Marine

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** National MCL Newsletter Winner 2008 & 2009 & 2010**

Marine Corps League - Kentuckiana Detachment # 729

Commandant's Corner - Louis Lindle

At the January Meeting I was presented for signature the written agreement as written by the VFW Post #1170 Board and signed by Commander Dwight Riggle that gives us a meeting place from January 2011 to January 2012. The entire contract was read at the January 17th Meeting. There were no surprises. This may be renewed each year by agreement of both units.

The January Gold 500 drawing for \$25.00 was won by Kim Raper of Cox,s Creek, KY. Congratulations to Kim.

Our Board of Trustees Meeting has found a new meeting place and date. The 2nd Tuesday of the month at Jefferson town Police Department; 10410 Taylorsville Road (corner of Taylorsville Rd. & Watterson Trail). Same time 1900 hrs.

For further information contact Commandant Lindle @ (502) 239-5002.

NOTE: These meetings are open to all members but only Board Members can vote.

I think we all owe our TOYS FOR TOTS leader a big thank you for a very successful year and this was the result of some very long days of grateful effort by Bob. Note: This was in addition to other duties as our Junior Vice Commandant plus time given to the Visitation and Honors Details for fallen marines.

Bill Taylor has made a plaque to put on the coffee machine the League donated to the Veterans Hospital giving us credit for this act of kindness.

Bill I thank you very much for doing a very well designed plaque for the

League. You are always willing to support us.

"A Marine is a Marine. I set that policy two weeks ago - there's no such thing as a former Marine. You're a Marine, just in a different uniform and you're in a different phase of your life. But you'll always be a Marine because you went to Parris Island, San Diego or the hills of Quantico.

There's no such thing as a former Marine."

A quote from the Commandant, General James F. Amos:

Just a reminder that the Motorcycle Rally will be coming up soon (June 5th) and Jason will be asking for help.

Commandant: Louis Lindle



Commandant

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Chaplain's Corner - "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" by Bill Gividen - gividen88@hotmail.com

Have you ever thought of kindness as one of your ideals? Are you a kind person? Do you treat all people kindly? Do you always maintain a kind and considerate nature? Are you forbearing, sympathetic, and understanding in your relationships?

Kindness is an ideal accessible to each of us. Kindness can make your journey down life's pathway more enjoyable and more rewarding. An instance of kindness can put a smile on the face of the toughest recipient. History recognizes kindness as a powerful virtue. It may be the simplest way to experience and share the grandest ideals of humanity. We all can make the choice to perform an act of kindness within ourselves at anytime, nourishing hope in all those we meet.

Kindness acts as the oil that makes the engine of our world move more smoothly and with less friction. It helps us all get to where we're going and makes the ride much more pleasant. Remember, kindness is limitless and easily available to everyone. You can start with a smile and a kind word. You can grow by lending a shoulder to cry on. As you continue to grow in loving kindness, your light will shine on all whom

you meet.

Whether giving away to another in traffic, letting another ahead of you in line, donating to charity, or sharing in a time of crisis, we can create a universe of kindness and giving with each choice we make. The smallest gesture can bring a smile to lighten a darkened world. When we give, we receive kindness in return,

but giving of kindness is really its own reward. Kindness expands God's light within us. It reaches out to touch the light of others. It gives us a glimpse of the glow each of us has within to enlighten the world. When we act in ways confirming kindness as one of our ideals, we make those ideals our reality. May kindness always be a part of your living.





February Schedule

"We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt." --Thomas Jefferson

Upcoming Events - Marines Proudly Serving Our Community

1st Tuesday of month:

Board of Trustees Meeting will be at 1900 hours. **Feb 1** Held at the J-town PD. These meetings are open to all members. Only the Board Members can vote. For further information contact the Commandant at (502) 267-7635. (Special Date)

Pistol Team Practice Will not continue until next season and results will be announced. Please contact Bob Ebert for more information. 502-267-6413. rwei37@bellsouth.net

Roving Mess: Roving Mess will be at Mimi's Cafe, 615 South Hurstbourne Parkway, on Tuesday, **Feb. 8** at 11:00 AM. Contact Bob LeBlond if you plan to attend, 239-9946 or rleblond@aol.com. See you there!

Quarterly: TBA
Order of the Devil Dogs

Meet at the Middletown Hall on (not sure of the date) at 1900 hours. Call CJ for info!

Color Guard, Rifle Honors Detail and Field Music will **NOT Practice** at the Fern Creek Fire Department anymore. Any member wishing to be a part of either group should contact Bob Ebert at (502) 267-6413.

3rd MONDAY of the month: Regular Meeting no business for DECEMBER SOCIAL. The Detachment meeting will start at **1900 hours** (Promptly), **Feb 21**. This will be held at the Middletown VFW Post 1170. All members are encouraged to attend. For information contact Commandant CJ Wychulis at 502-425-1368.

Same night as Det Meeting: 3rd Monday!
Ladies Auxiliary in the MIDDLETOWN VFW post.

ADDITIONAL Marine Orgs:

The Louisville Chapter Of The Montford Point Marine Association:

Meets on the 1st Friday (**Feb 4**) of the month if their is no holiday that Friday. At Lampton Baptist Church, located at 850 S. Fourth Street. Please enter the Building from the parking lot behind the church, Time is from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. All are welcome.

Questions: Charles Stallard
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Kentucky Marine Corps Coordinating Council

<http://www.kentuckymarines.org/>
KentuckyMarines@aol.com
Contact: Ed Armento

Next JECVO Meeting is _____ at VFW Post 4075, Frankfort, KY

Local Events for February

- Feb 2
Groundhog Day
- Feb 6
Superbowl XLV
- Feb 9
The JECVO Legislative Dinner will be at 6p.m. at VFW Post 4075. * All Veterans are welcome to attend and meet their state legislators.
- Feb 12
Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14
JCPS Closed
Valentine's Day
- Feb 21
Oldham County Schools Closed
- Feb 25
FAT Friday
- Feb 25-27
Carl Casper Auto Show

FUTURE MCL & Community ITEMS

MC Rally June 5th

NEWS BRIEFS

Marine Corps Identity Cause
<http://www.marineparents.com/announcements/Identity-Cause.asp>

Support our new member's efforts to send packages to troops:

What the Troops Need
www.whatthetroopsneed.org/

UNIFORM CHANGE on November 1st is too Red Blazer, Black Pants, White Shirt, Black Tie w/Clasp, Black Sox, Black Belt & Cover & Pocket Crest

Do you know of an event you want in the calendar?

Email the editor:
jd@jdsparks.com

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM CHAPLAIN RE: Last Details Support!

To all League Members: I need your HELP, The Last Detail is in need of some members to come to the aid of the Chaplain and Last Detail. Rick Taylor was told by his Doctor he because of his Medical Issues that he should not try and perform the Last Detail. This leaves only Earl Bertrand and myself and some members who live in the West End of Jefferson County to perform The Last Detail and visit the sick. WE NEED YOUR HELP in covering Indiana. If you would consider helping, please send me an e-mail, call or see me personally Thank You. Love in Christ, Bill Gividen Chaplain. Catharine and I will be gone the month of March and will need the support of you Members to step up and help cover the Last Detail visits.

JECVO Updates

Mobilized Reserve 28

DEC 2010: The Department of Defense announced the current number of reservists on active duty as of 28 DEC 2010. The net collective result is 1,988 fewer reservists mobilized than last reported in the 15 DEC 2010 RAO Bulletin. At any given time, services may activate some units and individuals while deactivating others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease. The total number currently on active duty from the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 72,143; Navy Reserve, 5,790; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 8,320; Marine Corps Reserve, 5,060; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 779.

This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been activated to 92,082 including both units and individual augmentees. A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve personnel who are currently activated may be found at <http://www.defense.gov/news/d20101228ngr.pdf>. [Source: DoD News Release No. 1185-10 dtd 29 Dec 2010 ++]

Medicare End of Life Plan-

ning: A new health regulation will pay doctors for providing Medicare recipients with voluntary end-of-life planning, a provision that Democrats dropped from the health-care reform bill after prominent Republicans turned the issue into a political hot potato. Voluntary advance care planning, also known as end-of-life planning, is included in a new Medicare regulation issued on 3 DEC that covers annual checkups called "wellness visits. The regulation allows Medicare to pay for voluntary end-of-life planning or counseling as part of the annual checkup, to help Medicare beneficiaries deal with the difficult decisions families 34% less for all cancers and as much as 54% less for gastrointestinal cancers, such as esophagus, stomach, bowel, pancreas and liver cancers. In testing for the long-term benefits of taking a low-dose aspirin daily, researchers found that the risk of cancer death over a period

of 20 years remained 20% lower for all solid cancers among those who had taken aspirin, and 35% lower for gastrointestinal cancers. It took about five years to see a benefit in taking aspirin for esophagus, pancreatic, brain, and lung cancer; about 10 years for stomach and bowel cancer; and about 15 years for prostate cancer. The 20-year risk of death was reduced by about 10% for prostate cancer, 30% for lung cancer, 40 percent for bowel cancer and 60 percent for esophagus cancer.

Given the evidence that aspirin has a delayed preventative effect against cancer, Rothwell believes that the people who benefit most would be those who start taking aspirin in their late 40s or 50s, before most people's risk of cancer starts to increase, and then continue for 20 to 30 years. But Rothwell added a cautionary note: "I don't think it's necessarily right for the person who did the research to say what guidelines should be. We can't say with absolute certainty that there won't be some unknown harm in taking aspirin for 30 years, but it looks as if there would be pretty large benefits in reducing cancer deaths. People have to accept there's some uncertainty here." The results of this study are promising and potentially exciting, showing that something as simple as aspirin can help prevent many types of cancer. As always, however, you should check with your personal physician before beginning, increasing or changing any medication. [Source: About.com | Senior Living Sharon O'Brien article 7 Dec 2010 ++]

Medical Complaint Filing:

You count on nursing homes, doctors and other medical professionals to provide the care you and your loved ones need, but sometimes things go wrong and there are serious problems you never expected. If that happens, and you need to file a complaint with the agency that licenses physicians and nursing homes in your area, contact your state's Department of Health Services, Department of Aging, or the Foundation Aiding the Elderly (FATE) for assistance. To express your concerns or complaints at a national level, write or call the Senate Special Committee on Aging which has jurisdiction over aging issues and elder

care: U.S. Senate, Special Committee on Aging, Dirksen Office Building G-31, Washington, DC 20515-6400 Tel: (202) 224-5364 or get in touch with FATE: Foundation Aiding the Elderly, P.O. Box 254849, Sacramento, CA 95865-4849 Tel: (916) 481-8558. Info on the last two offices can be found at <http://www.4fate.org> & <http://aging.senate.gov>.

Tax Returns: It will take a little longer for some taxpayers to file their 2010 returns, but it will be worth the wait for beneficiaries of a new tax law: college students, teachers and residents of states that have sales taxes but no income tax. Thanks to a December tax package that was hailed as a forerunner of a bipartisan spirit in government, the Internal Revenue Service needs to reprogram computers for new college tuition breaks, teachers who buy classroom supplies with their own money, and Americans who live where there's no state and local income tax to deduct. The IRS said 23 DEC that it will be mid- to late February before it can accept returns that apply for those tax breaks. However, delays will be minimal for taxpayers who already itemize deductions, because they normally have to wait for their financial documents. "The majority of taxpayers will be able to fill out their tax returns and file them as they normally do," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. "We will do everything we can to minimize the impact of recent tax law changes on other taxpayers. The IRS will work through the holidays and into the new year to get our systems reprogrammed and ensure taxpayers have a smooth tax season." The IRS will announce a specific date when it can start processing tax returns affected by the changes. The changes in the law that will cause delays were:

□ The new line on Schedule A, Itemized deductions, to allow for state and local sales tax deductions. Taxpayers in states with income taxes usually chose that deduction instead. Taxpayers cannot complete Schedule A until this tax break is programmed in IRS computers.

MORE ONLINE

Marine Casket - Jonathan Field Collection

"And so take heed old warrior and listen up. It shall be done to wrap you in your colors of glory, with sword in hand, to stand watch over God's Kingdom in Heaven and be readied for your last 'call to arms'. You are called upon to offer your final show of honor with a commitment to duty and courage which will forever serve you. Your undying bravery and strong spirit are timeless, and will endure the ages forever more, as the true warrior that you are."

<http://www.jonathanfieldcollection.com/>



Commandant of the Marine Corps Message

Marines, listen up! The Commandant has spoken!!!! No more "former" Marines!!

<http://www.marines.mil/unit/hqmc/cmc/Documents/CMC%2035%20Planning%20Guidance%20FINAL.pdf>

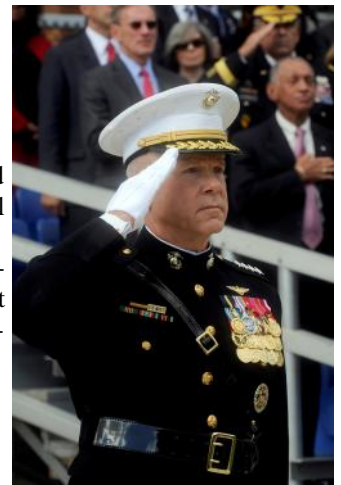
CMC's Planning Guidance:

It begins with the Commandant's Priorities, then his Planning Guidance follow, and is in turn followed by some very important information, important to all of us. A quote from the Commandant, General James F. Amos:

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The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James F. Amos

(United States Marine Corps photo by LCpl James Purschwit)



What the Troops Need - Geoff Sherlock

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a safe and happy Holiday Season!
It's a new year and a new chance to support our troops.

We are planning our first drive of 2011 and would love to have your support again. We have new boxes and new flyers. We would like to drop off boxes Tuesday, February 8th and pick them up on Tuesday, March 8th. Of course, if they are full prior to that just call or e-mail and we will pick up donations as needed.

We are hoping for additional exposure for What the Troops Need, inc. and your businesses through WLKY.com and WBKI morning show. More details to come on both of these opportunities.

We will be hosting a fund raising dinner Wednesday, February 23 at 5:30 PM at Buffalo Wild Wing's St. Matthews restaurant.

Please let me know if you are interested in having What the Troops Need, inc. boxes for our February drive so that I can update Facebook, www.whatthetroopsneed.org as well as schedule box delivery times.

Thank you for your continued support for our troops!

Semper Fi,
Geoff Sherlock
President/HMFIC
<http://whatthetroopsneed.org>
What the Troops Need (WTN)

(502) 727-8040

<http://whatthetroopsneed.org>

Junior Vice - Membership - Bob Cross

I announced at the Jan 17th that I would be scheduling a membership committee meeting for the early part of February. After an intense *Toys for Tots* campaign and completing the After Action Report, I have decided that I need to take February off to recharge my batteries. Therefore there will be no membership committee meeting scheduled for February.

However, I do have some thoughts that I would like everyone to consider and request that you send me your own thoughts and ideas. Please make known to me how you feel concerning the following comments.

We are a detachment of almost 400 members. We are lucky if we have 60 members show up at our meetings. I do understand that several of our members are unable to attend the meetings for various reasons. What we do need to work on is to somehow reach out to these members and encourage them to get to our general meetings. Perhaps we could set up a group to make phone calls or to publish some numbers for these members to contact in order to make arrangements for them to be picked up so that they can attend.

Additionally, we are also experiencing problems with the retention of new

members. Like many, I have not kept in touch with the members I have recruited. I believe that we all need to rededicate ourselves to mentoring those whom we nominate for membership. It would also be helpful to have a membership committee responsible for making the initial contact with new members so that they will feel welcome and ensuring that they know about the various programs that are available for them to participate in. Perhaps we can have each committee chairman compose a synopsis of their program and consolidate them together into a booklet to be given to new and prospective members so that they will have the full scope of everything the league has to offer. It is very important that all of our members are knowledgeable of the various activities which we support in our community. Sadly, we probably have current members who do not know all the activities we support.

It is my personal feelings that we need to work on making our current membership more involved in our programs and to help them understand all the services we perform within our community. It is my understanding that the Marine Corps League was formed as a service organization designed to help not only Veter-

ans, but also the whole community in which their detachment is located.

Finally, we also need to work on getting more members involved with the decision-making within the Detachment. I know that there are many of you out there who have a lot to offer. As long as you sit in the group and fail to participate, you will never know if you can truly make a difference. Consider stepping up to take a leadership role where you can and within your capabilities.

I would ask that you please send me your ideas for helping us retain our current membership and making it more supportive of our current projects.

Thank you,
Bob Cross,
Jr. Vice Commandant



Toys For Tots, Another Year Behind Us - Submitted by Bob Cross

This is a special article for me to be able to write in my second year as the coordinator for your Toys for Tots program. I am honored to report that we had a very good year. We would not have been able to handle these numbers if it were not for your support. Below I am summarizing the totals we were able to accomplish this year:

Total number of toys collected
62,780
Total amount of money collected
\$100,201.46
Total number of toys purchased
16,802
Total number of Children
21,225
Average toys for each child
3.80

Money spent for Operating costs
\$5636.30
Percentage of funds for Operating
5.23%

During this years campaign we were able to expand and get toys out to the Salvation Army, Wayside Mission, Kosair Charities, Catholic Charities, Women & Children's Shelter, Boys and Girls Clubs as well as taking some toys to the MCL Detachment in Pikesville KY to help with Children in their area.

We continued this year with the support of many of the area businesses. Some of our largest supporter are:

LG&E
Texas Roadhouse Restaurants

Humana Military
Usher Transportation
Julie Grantz Memorial Fund

I also want to thank **Mike Shelburne** who with the assistance of **American Legion Post 42, Floyds Knobs IN.** for handling all the drop sites and collections for the Indiana area. They were able to get some new sponsors that we hope will be with us for many years to come.



US Military Alternate Fuels

RAND Says Military's Alternative Fuels Aren't Worth It

Shocking no one, a new RAND Corporation study concludes that untold billions of taxpayer dollars spent researching alternative fuels have produced no discernible military benefit. According to [The New York Times](#), "In particular, the report argued that the Defense Department was spending too much time and money exploring experimental biofuels derived from sources like algae or the flowering plant camelina, and that more focus should be placed on energy efficiency as a way of combating greenhouse gas emissions."

Few, if any, economically viable alternative fuels currently exist, so this report is not surprising. Neverthe-

less, the Pentagon is planning to spend \$300 million in "stimulus" funds to improve the military's fuel efficiency. While the goal is laudable, the central government is uniquely unsuited to test and research alternative fuels.

Predictably, researchers funded by government largesse defend their unbroken record of failure by criticizing each other's projects and sounding like bureaucrats justifying their existence by describing their important work. The government should stop researching because it isn't competent enough to improve upon technology that first appeared when traffic lights were invented.

Marines Helping Marines

— Chuck Kimberl - 502-417-6450

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— Dannt Plyler

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— Sparky Sparks (JD's Father) - 502-727-3056

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— Richard Epley a Life member of our detachment purchased the old VFW Home on Poplar Level Road and is in the business of **renting it for all occasions**. **Hall Rental**, EPLEY ENTERPRISES, 4809 POPLAR LEVEL ROAD, (PREVIOUS VFW HOME), CALL 502-345-9750, for rental information.

— Michael House (member) **A-1 Vac Services & Supply Co.** 1523 Bardstown Rd. 451-4515

— Rebecca here to help make your **gift giving** a little easier! I run a full-time Mary Kay business from my home and am eager to help you. I have gifts that **start at \$5+**. I **wrap** and **deliver**. And I am willing to **donate** a % of the sales back to the league. I am here to help you with EVERY holiday! Please know that I love what I do and will **value your business**. Just call or email. Rebecca Graver 502-387-6627 Mrsgraver@yahoo.com

YOUR FREE AD HERE Just email me your info

Warning to Veterans

Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. An organization called **Veterans Affairs Services (VAS)** is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. **This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.**

<http://www.vaservices.org/us/index.html>

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty, Staff Attorney, Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (022G2)
810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420

The Basic Military Rules of Engagement - For Fun

Marine Corps Rules:

- 01. Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.
02. Decide to be aggressive enough, quickly enough.
03. Have a plan.
04. Have a back-up plan, because the first one probably won't work.
05. Be polite. Be professional. But, have a plan to kill everyone you meet.
06. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose caliber does not start with a '4.'
07. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
08. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend (Lateral & diagonal preferred..)
09. Use cover or concealment as much as possible.
10. Flank your adversary when possible. Protect yours.
11. Always cheat; always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.
12. In ten years nobody will remember the details of caliber, stance, or tactics. They will only remember who lived.
13. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating your intention to shoot.

Navy SEAL Rules:

- 1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing within view.
3. Adjust Speedo.
4. Check hair in mirror.

US Army Rangers Rules:

- 1. Walk in 50 miles wearing 75 pound rucksack while starving.
2. Locate individuals requiring killing.
3. Request permission via radio from 'Higher' to perform killing.
4. Curse bitterly when mission is aborted.
5. Walk out 50 miles wearing a 75 pound rucksack while starving.

US Army Rules:

- 1. Curse bitterly when receiving operational order.
2. Make sure there is extra ammo and extra coffee.
3. Curse bitterly.
4. Curse bitterly.
5. Do not listen to 2nd LTs; it can get you killed.
6. Call in air strike on suspected targets.
7. Curse bitterly.

US Air Force Rules:

- 01. Have a cocktail.
02. Adjust temperature on air-conditioner.
03. See what's on HBO.
04. Ask 'What is a gunfight?'
05. Request more funding from Congress with a 'killer' Power Point presentation.
06. Wine & dine "key" Congressmen, invite DOD & defense industry executives.
07. Receive funding, set up new command and assemble assets.
08. Declare the assets 'strategic' and never deploy them operationally.
09. Hurry to make 13:45 tee-time.
10. Make sure the base is as far as possible from the conflict but close enough to have tax exemption.

US Navy Rules:

- 1. Go to Sea.
2. Drink Coffee.
3. Deploy Marines

Go Navy!

And the next... (You've got to love the military, and God bless them all.)

U.S. Navy Directive 16134 (Inappropriate T-Shirts)

The following directive was issued by the commanding officer of all naval Installations in the Middle East . (It was obviously directed at the Marines.)

To: All Commands Subject: Inappropriate T-Shirts Ref: ComMidEast

For Inst 16134//24 K

All commanders promulgate upon receipt. The following T-shirts are No longer to be worn on or off base by any military or civilian personnel serving in the Middle East:

- 1. 'Eat Pork or Die' [both English and Arabic versions]
2. 'Shrine Busters' [Various. Show burning minarets or bomb/artillery shells impacting Islamic shrines. Some with unit logos.]
3. 'Napalm, Sticks Like Crazy' [Both English and Arabic versions]
4. 'Goat - it isn't just for breakfast any more.' [Both English and Arabic versions]
5. 'The road to Paradise begins with me.' [Mostly Arabic versions, but some in English. Some show sniper scope cross-hairs.]
6. 'Guns don't kill people. I kill people.' [Both Arabic and English versions]
7. 'Pork. The other white meat.' [Arabic version]
8. 'Infidel' [English, Arabic and other coalition force languages.]

The above T-shirts are to be removed from Post Exchanges upon receipt of this directive. In addition, the following signs are to be removed upon receipt of this message:

- 1. 'Islamic Religious Services Will Be Held at the Firing Range at 0800 Daily.'
2. 'Do we really need 'smart bombs' to drop on these dumb bastards?'

All commands are instructed to implement sensitivity training upon receipt. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

Vietnam War Statistics

These are impressive details. Some might disturb the cherished deceptions promulgated by those who piously opposed that war.

Vietnam Statistics

In case you haven't been paying attention these past few decades after you returned from Vietnam, the clock has been ticking.

The following are some statistics that are at once depressing yet, in a larger sense, should give you a HUGE SENSE OF PRIDE.

"Of the 2,709,918 Americans who served in Vietnam, less than 850,000 are estimated to be alive today, with the youngest American Vietnam veteran's age approximated to be 54 years old."

So, if you're alive and reading this, how does it feel to be among the last 1/3rd of all the U.S. vets who served in Vietnam?

I don't know about you guys, but kinda gives me the chills, considering this is the kind of information I'm used to reading about WWII and Korean War vets.

So, the last 14 years, we are dying too fast, only a few will survive by 2015, if any. If true, 390 VN vets die a day. So, in 2190 days from today, if you're a live Vietnam veteran, you are lucky... in only 6 years.

These statistics were taken from a variety of sources to include: The VFW Magazine, the Public Information Office, and the HQ CP Forward Observer - 1st Recon April 12, 1997.

STATISTICS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN UNIFORM AND IN COUNTRY VIETNAM VETERANS:

* 9,087,000 military personnel served on active duty during the Vietnam Era (August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975)

(NOTE: I enlisted 15 Oct 1973, Active Duty 6 Jan 1974-7Jan 1978).

* 8,744,000 GIs were on active duty during the war (Aug 5, 1964-March 28, 1973).

* 2,709,918 Americans served in Vietnam, this number represents 9.7% of their generation.

* 3,403,100 (Including 514,300 offshore) personnel served in the broader Southeast Asia Theater (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, flight crews based in Thailand, and sailors in adjacent South China Sea waters).

* 2,594,000 personnel served within the borders of South Vietnam (Jan. 1, 1965 - March 28, 1973). Another 50,000 men served in Vietnam between 1960 and 1964.

* Of the 2.6 million, between 1-1.6 million (40-60%) either fought in combat, provided close support or were at least fairly regularly exposed to enemy attack.

* 7,484 women (6,250 or 83.5% were nurses) served in Vietnam.

* Peak troop strength in Vietnam: 543,482 (April 30, 1968).

CASUALTIES:

The first man to die in Vietnam was James Davis, in 1958. He was with the 509th Radio Research Station. Davis Station in Saigon was named for him.

Hostile deaths: 47,378

Non-hostile deaths: 10,800

Total: 58,202 (Includes men formerly classified as MIA and Mayaguez casualties). Men who have subsequently died of wounds account for the changing total.

8 nurses died -- 1 was KIA.

61% of the men killed were 21 or younger.

11,465 of those killed were younger than 20 years old.

Of those killed, 17,539 were married.

Average age of men killed: 23.1 years

Total Deaths: 23.11 years

Enlisted: 50,274 - 22.37 years

Officers: 6,598 - 28.43 years

Warrants: 1,276 - 24.73 years

E1: 525 - 20.34 years

11B MOS: 18,465 - 22.55 years

Five men killed in Vietnam were only 16 years old.

The oldest man killed was 62 years old.

Highest state death rate: West Virginia - 84.1% (national average 58.9% for every 100,000 males in 1970).

Wounded: 303,704 -- 153,329 hospitalized + 150,375 injured requiring no hospital care.

Severely disabled: 75,000, -- 23,214: 100% disabled; 5,283 lost limbs; 1,081 sustained multiple amputations.

Amputation or crippling wounds to the lower extremities were 300% higher than in WWII and 70% higher than Korea.

Multiple amputations occurred at the rate of 18.4% compared to 5.7% in WWII.

Missing in Action: 2,338

POWs: 766 (114 died in captivity)

As of January 15, 2004, there are 1,875 Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

DRAFTEES VS. VOLUNTEERS:

25% (648,500) of total forces in country were draftees. (66% of U.S. armed forces members were drafted during WWII).

Draftees accounted for 30.4% (17,725) of combat deaths in Vietnam.

Reservists killed: 5,977

National Guard: 6,140 served: 101 died.

Total draftees (1965 - 73): 1,728,344.

Actually served in Vietnam: 38% Marine Corps Draft: 42,633.

Last man drafted: June 30, 1973.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS:

Vietnam veterans have a lower unemployment rate than the same non-vet age groups.

Vietnam veterans' personal income exceeds that

of our non-veteran age group by more than 18 percent.

76% of the men sent to Vietnam were from lower middle/working class backgrounds.

Three-fourths had family incomes above the poverty level; 50% were from middle income backgrounds.

Some 23% of Vietnam vets had fathers with professional, managerial or technical occupations.

79% of the men who served in Vietnam had a high school education or better when they entered the military service.

63% of Korean War vets and only 45% of WWII vets had completed high school upon separation.

Deaths by region per 100,000 of population: South -- 31%, West --29.9%; Midwest -- 28.4%; Northeast -- 23.5%.

WINNING & LOSING:

82% of veterans who saw heavy combat strongly believe the war was lost because of lack of political will.

Nearly 75% of the public agrees it was a failure of political will, not of arms.

HONORABLE SERVICE:

97% of Vietnam-era veterans were honorably discharged.

91% of actual Vietnam War veterans and 90% of those who saw heavy combat are proud to have served their country.

74% say they would serve again, even knowing the outcome.

87% of the public now holds Vietnam veterans in high esteem.

INTERESTING CENSUS STATISTICS & THOSE TO CLAIM TO HAVE

"Been There":

1,713,823 of those who served in Vietnam were still alive as of August, 1995 (census figures).

During that same Census count, the number of Americans falsely claiming to have served in-country was: 9,492,958.

As of the current Census taken during August, 2000, the surviving U.S. Vietnam veteran population estimate is: 1,002,511. This is hard to believe, losing nearly 711,000 between '95 and '00. That's 390 per day.

During this Census count, the number of Americans falsely claiming to have served in-country is: 13,853,027. By this census, FOUR OUT OF FIVE WHO CLAIM TO BE Vietnam vets are not.

Member Information

Jan 2010

Detachment Statistics:

Membership Report:

Total Number of Members	362	% of Goal Achieved	93 % (24 of 362 are delinquent)
PLM Members	197	Total Paid Members	339
Associate PLM Members	2	Total Unpaid Members	24
Regular Members	152	Annual New Member Goal	36
Regular Associate Members	12	New Member for FY 2010	13
Honorary Members	0	% of Annual Goal Achieved	39 %
Annual Renewal Goal	100 %		

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Memberships Expire Due to 1 Year inactive:

Corey Magee (Moved to TN – did not wish to renew) Gilbert Stubbs (Sponsor Mary Broussard)

New Life Members: Daniel L. Plyler (Jan) Doug Wilkerson (Jan) Albert L. Bennett (Nov) Armie Belanger (Nov) Deloris “Dee” M. Corey (Nov)

Memberships Expiring in: (Data reflects renewals received as of 27 Jan 2010) - layout: date, year, number of members

March 10-1 mbr	Apr 10-2 mbrs	June 10-2 mbrs
Aug 10-1 Mbr	Sept 10-2 mbrs	Oct 10-4 mbrs
Nov 10-10 mbrs	Dec 10-6 Mbrs	

Memberships Expiring

February 2011 (Current Month)	Albright, Eugene G. Bailey, Joseph E. Barcenas, Ricardo A. Cuzzart, Danny Dorsett, Steve Fante, Dennis Gatz, Robert L. Graver, Nicholas Graver, Rebecca Gray, Terry Grzeskowiak, Bill Hagan, John Hagan, Lynn Hankins, Steven Hesse, David Hunter, Clinton Lapp, John Pickerell, Jr., Steve Renfro, Tonnie Riddle, Warren Schweitzer, William A.	Sechrist, Rick Shaughnessy, John J. Smith, Douglas Wright, Gregory Wyatt, Roy H. NOTE: February and March are HUGE renewal months. If your membership expires in one of these months please get them in on time! Be on the lookout for the invoice from National and get your renewal in as soon as possible. It will save the Detachment a load of money by not having to send you reminder notices each month.
March 2011 (Next Month)		

SAVE US MONEY... Get your newsletter via email!

Marine History

Jan. 27, 1837: U.S. soldiers and Marines under the command of Col. Archibald Henderson – a serving Marine Corps commandant – defeat a force of Seminole Indians in the running battle of Hatchee-Lustee Creek (Florida). For his actions, Henderson will receive a brevet promotion to brigadier general, becoming the Corps’ first general officer.

Known to every Marine since as “the grand old man of the Marine Corps,” Henderson was the longest-serving commandant in Marine Corps history (becoming commandant in 1820 when he was a lieutenant colonel and serving for the next 38 years). Prior to departing Headquarters Marine Corps for the journey south, Henderson purportedly tacked a note to his door which read: “Gone to Florida to fight the Indians. Will be back when the war is over.”

Please support our new home. We are guests there and this is NOT our facility. But we ask that you consider joining the VFW if possible and support their mission by attending their activities:

VFW Post 1170 - 502-245-8773 (call for questions)

- Fish Fry, Every Friday 6-8. Music till 11PM.
- Enjoy dining Canteen 7 Days a week.
- Happy Hour 4-7 PM
- Tuesday night meals 6:30pm
- Joker Poker Games, drawing every Sunday 6PM
- Karaoke Every Saturday Night, 7PM.
- And more...

Last Name	First Name	Birthday
Kirby	William	1
Smither III	John	1
Carroll	George	1
Ames	John	2
Bemiss	Thomas	3
Northcutt	W.	4
Detrick, Jr.	Scott	5
Willis	David	5
Farmer	Charles	5
Miller	David	6
Pope	Eric	6
Diffey	Warren	6
Albright	Eugene	6
Smith	Clarence	10
Conn	Harold	10
Pelkey	Bruce	11
Myers	Rex	13
Winebrener	Ted	14
Bradbury	Donald	14
Cuzzart	Danny	17
Adams	Bruce	21
Landis	Arnold	21
Preston	Norman	24
Hartlage	Ken	24
Cato	Robert	25
Froehlich III	Paul	27
Trusty	Jimmie	27
Lueke	Joe	27

Welcome Aboard to our newest members!

Memberships Expiring: Data reflects renewals received as of 28 January 2011. If you have sent your dues in after that date, it will be run on the next transmittal. **27** delinquent members is a huge reversal from the last few months so **if you are one of those who have not renewed from November or December**, please send in your renewal. **Everyone can help get this number even lower by renewing as soon as you receive your invoice from national. Let's keep our membership growing by a better effort at retention over this fiscal year 2011.**

Retention Information Currently we have **27** members in arrears. Our retention statistics are **seriously** slipping again, so if you are one of these delinquent members please consider sending your annual dues in as soon as possible.

IF YOU ARE ONE OF THESE MEMBERS - PLEASE GET YOUR RENWAL IN. Semper Fi Marines!

New Member Profiles

Ronald W. Snyder

Recruited by C. J. Wychulis. Ron Served in the USMC from October 1976 to August 1992. He was a member of the Detachment but dropped out for a short period of time but is reinstating. Welcome back Ron!

WELCOME ABOARD MARINES!!!

Recruiting Report for FY 2011

Allen, Melvin	(1) House
Bale, Harvey	(1) Myers
Broussard, Al	(3) Sherlock, Price, Stewart
Crump, Tom	(2) Lueke, Plyer
Dearing, Jim	(1) Porter
Maloney, Mike	(1) Quinlan
Pike, Jack	(1) Hazelwood
Prather, Claude	(1) Bennett
Rose, Leo	(1) Bischof
Wilson, Tom	(1) Bergner
Wychulis, C. J.	(1) Snyder

Total New Members this FY- (14) (39 % of our annual Goal!)

Minutes this month were completed by member Susan Vogedes while Adjutant Al Broussard was on vacation.

We lost one member (**Jack Pike**) as a result of his transfer to the Elizabethtown (Perry Braden) Detachment. Jack will remain in contact with us but lives only one mile away from the Braden Detachment Marine House. **Thanks for all you have done for us Jack.**



LET US ALSO REMEMBER THOSE OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO PASSED AWAY THIS FISCAL YEAR July 2010 – June 2011. THEY ARE SORELY MISSED AND WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER THEM IN OUR HEARTS.

John "Jack" R. Rose - 19 Aug 2010
 Fred Reed - 18 Aug 2010
 Dorothy Bertrand (Wife of Earl Bertrand) - Aug 2010
 Walter Lee Heibert - Dec 2010
 James Thompson Hurley - Dec 2010
 Otis R. Cave - Dec 2010
 Oscar L. Richardson – 27 Dec 2010



In Memoriam 2010-11

Rest in Peace Marines. There is a place in heaven for you, you have served your time in Hell!

Once A Marine! Always A Marine!

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Name _____ Service or SSN# _____ - _____ - _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + 4 _____
Date of Birth _____ Date of Enlistment/Commissioning _____
Date of Discharge / Separation / Retirement _____
Rank at time of Discharge _____
Home Phone _____ Other _____
E-mail _____

Type of Application - () New Member \$30 - () Renewal \$30 - () Associate \$30

Life Membership (Must have current year dues paid to apply for life)
Age: > 61 = \$150, 51 ~ 60 = \$300, 36 ~ 50 = \$400, < 35 = \$500

I hereby apply for membership in the Kentuckiana Detachment #729 and have enclosed \$30 for one year's membership which includes a monthly newsletter and the quarterly Marine Corps League Magazine. I hereby certify that I have served as a U.S. Marine (or FMF Corpsman) for more than 90 days (exception for Associate Member); that the character of my service has been honorable and if discharged, I am in receipt of an honorable discharge/service verifiable upon request. (Ver.08)

(Sponsor - where applicable)

(Applicant's Signature)

CORE VALUES: Honor, Courage and Commitment. Once a Marine, Always a Marine!