



# Kentuckiana Detachment # 729

## "The Hard Charger"

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### Commandants Comments

Bob Cross

#### Marines:

As of this issue we now have a new Web Sergeant and Newsletter editor. Troy Bowden one of our new members has stepped up and will be handling our I.T. needs. He has already set up a new Facebook & Twitter page for us at [Marine Corps League, Kentuckiana Det. #729 \(Facebook\)](#), and [MCLDet.729 \(Twitter\)](#) for those of you on Facebook and Twitter. We will be coming up with protocol for making submissions to the newsletter and website in the near future so please join me in welcoming Troy to his new position.

### Marines Final Post

#### Gates of Heaven

SAN DIEGO - The two Camp Pendleton Marine officers killed in a helicopter crash while training in Twenty Nine Palms late last week were publicly identified Sunday.

Capt. Elizabeth Kealey, 32, and 1st Lt. Adam Satterfield, 25, died from injuries sustained when a 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing UH-1Y Huey helicopter crashed while conducting routine flight operations around 4:40 p.m. Friday, according to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing public affairs office. They were the only two aboard the aircraft.

Kealey is from of Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Satterfield is an Oldham, Kentucky native. They were assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169 stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Butch Isabel**



**Ken Harris**



**Marcus Shaad**



**Robert Fagan**

**LET'S MAKE THEM WELCOME AT ALL FUTURE MEETINGS!**

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

**Richard Schmidt**

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#### **Making a Difference**

I hear a lot of commentary from various sources regarding veterans and issues with adjustment. No one is completely certain today why veterans struggle so much. Social withdrawal and isolation from people seems to be a common theme and it can become a dark place.

Some veterans show signs of social withdrawal while transitioning from military to civilian life or dealing with changing situations in their life. A veteran may want to be alone because they feel it's tiring or upsetting to be with other people. Sometimes a vicious cycle can develop whereby the more time you spend alone, the less you feel like people understand you, and the less you feel like people understand you, the more time you want to spend alone.

Most experts would recommend contacting a family doctor, a therapist, or the local VA to initiate a conversation. Also, seeking spiritual guidance is a way out of the darkness. But the very nature of this pattern of isolation makes doing this a daunting task.

All of us have the opportunity to come alongside another veteran and engage him or her in conversation. Listening and understanding is so important to helping someone. You may never know the impact of that conversation. You can help them by inviting them to a meeting or some activity. The Marine Corp League has plenty of community work to be done and certainly not enough volunteers.

Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" .

Richard Schmidt  
Chaplain MCL

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## **Pistol Team**

Attention pistol shooters! If you are interested in improving your handgun skills, competing in the great sport of Bulls-eye Marksmanship, and enjoying range time with other Marines, here's an invitation for you! You are welcome to join us as we put together another Detachment 729 Pistol Team for 2015. Our pistol team has done well in the past, largely due to the coaching and leadership of our past Team Captain, Bob Ebert.

As a matter of fact, we've taken trophies for highest scoring team and for high shooters in annual matches against other Detachments around the country. So, we want to make a good effort again this year by getting an early start. Our first step is to identify everyone who is interested. You don't have to be a highly trained marksman, just have an operable handgun and the determination to compete. We're going to help each other become better shooters!

At our last meeting, I made an announcement and gave out my contact info to several members. It was great to see several of our new members step up, and you guys are reminded to give me a call or email, if you haven't done so already. For those who have shot on the team earlier please let me know if you are in for 2015.

I want to call our first meeting next month. If you are interested, please contact me before February 16th. I need to hear from you before the 16th to get your contact info and add you to the roster. Be sure to attend the February 16th Detachment meeting, so that we can get together for a few minutes afterwards. That's when we will compare calendars and set our first pistol team meeting. Our first actual team meeting will be for organizing, only. We will talk about the annual match, do some dry-fire assessment of our skills, and check the mechanical condition of our weapons. Hopefully, we can also set a weekly schedule for future range training sessions. Obviously, this first meeting will take a little time, and we won't be able to do it on the 16th at the VFW Post. So, let's all go inspect our weapons, see about some ammo, and check our calendars for several weeks ahead. Feel free to call or email me any time if you have questions.

I hope to hear from you soon, and look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

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## **AUXILIARY NEWS** **Peggy Landis-PRESIDENT** ([peggylandis@att.net](mailto:peggylandis@att.net))

### **HELLO LADIES:**

Looking forward to February which means we are closer to Spring Hooray!  
I am thinking of flowers; what I want to buy and where to plant them.  
New Year, changing some things around, how about you?

The MCL and Ladies Aux have some places and things we are planning.  
Stay tuned for times and places in the coming year.

Watch out for that groundhog.

### **BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY**

Jo Anne Amundsen 2

Sincerely:  
Peggy Landis

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**-- UPCOMING EVENTS --**  
**Marines Proudly Serving Our Community**  
**February 2015**

**ROVING MESS:**                   **10 February 2015 (Tuesday)**  
None Scheduled  
Louisville, KY  
[Please RSVP to Bob LeBlond 502-239-9946 or Email rleblond@aol.com](mailto:rleblond@aol.com)

**BOARD MEETING:** **11 February 2015**  
Ross & Company Offices  
800 Envoy Cir  
Louisville, KY 40299

**GENERAL MEETING:**   **16 February 2015, 1900 hrs**  
**VFW POST 1170**  
**107 Evergreen Rd**  
**Middletown, KY**

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**KENTUCKIANA 729**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, 19 September 2015**

Meeting commenced at 1905 and was brought to order by Commandant Bob Cross in the usual manner. All Officers were present and or accounted for.

Four new members were presented for membership, approved by the Detachment, and were inducted by the Commandant. **Butch Isbell, Ken Harris, Marcus Shaad and Robert Fagan.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were published in the December newsletter and there were no corrections by the membership.

**Paymaster's report** was presented by the Paymaster. There were no corrections to the report and the report stands as published and reported. Copies of the report are on file and available for members to view upon request.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**Commandant** ([mclbcross33@gmail.com](mailto:mclbcross33@gmail.com))

1. Took nominations for the Department and Central Division "Marine of the Year" awards. The following were nominated and will be voted on at the February meeting.

Central Division MOY:

- Allen Broussard
- Robert. Cross
- Joe Dodson
- Jimmy Oliver. It was requested that we find out if the award may be given posthumously.

Department MOY:

- Cletis Evans
- Richard Schmidt

Senior-Vice Commandant: Had no Report. ([cwychulis@aol.com](mailto:cwychulis@aol.com))

Junior-Vice Commandant: Not Present. ([dockerss@yahoo.com](mailto:dockerss@yahoo.com))

Chaplain: ([schmidtr1@bellsouth.net](mailto:schmidtr1@bellsouth.net)) Had no report. Chaplin did ask for prayers for those members that are sick or injured.

Judge Advocate ([rleblond@aol.com](mailto:rleblond@aol.com)) VAVS Officer, Roving Mess: Not present

Cruise Committee ([joepatdodson@yahoo.com](mailto:joepatdodson@yahoo.com))

Joe advised the Detachment the committee is working on 2 separate possible projects:

1. They are looking at the possibility of getting the Buechel area Ladies Club building to use for the annual summer picnic. This will be closer than the past picnics that were held in Shepherdsville.
2. They are also looking at the possibility of a trip to the Washington DC area and need to have a headcount before proceeding. They want to make sure enough people would attend before making final plans and setting the dates. They are trying to get tickets for the 8<sup>th</sup> & I evening parade so everyone on the trip could attend.

**50/50 drawing** was won by member Brenda Moore earning her \$27.50. The Detachment received an equal amount. The meeting was adjourned at 1957 hours.

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert D. Cross, Commandant

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Note: Marines; the Birthday and Renewals list for this month's newsletter has been created from an old Birthday roster and the current National roster. If your Birthday was missed I apologize for missing it. If you have already paid your dues I apologize for not having that information.

### **RENEWALS**

#### January

Walter Diebold  
Harry Hupp  
Albert Johnson  
Myrl D. Moore  
Charles A. Powell

#### February

Eugene Hall  
Zachery L. Jones  
Scott M. Quinlan  
Ronald W. Snyder  
John A. Wells

#### March

Cletis Evans  
Douglas Hall  
Richard Koenig Jr.  
Clifford D. Shulman

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### **BIRTHDAYS FOR February 2015**

#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S**

William Kirby	1	John Smither II	1	George Carroll	1
John Ames	2	Ralph Hanline	2	W. Northcutt	4

Charles Farmer	5	Scott Detrick Jr.	5	David Willis	5
Warren Diffey	6	Eugene Albright	6	David Miller	6
Kenneth Reiter	8	Harold Conn	10	Clarence Smith	10
Bruce Pelkey	11	Donald Bradbury	14	Arnold Landis	21
Bruce Adams	21	Michael Likens	23	Ken Hartlage	24
Norman Preston	24	Robert Cato	25	Jimmy Trusty	27
John Froehlich III	27				

## **DUTIES OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT**

The Senior Vice Commandant is second in command of the Detachment. This officer should be a logical successor to the Commandant and is therefore required to be fully familiar with the Commandant functions through his/her term of office. May of the duties described below are the same or similar to those of the Commandant.

The Senior Vice Commandant should be familiar with the duties of the Commandant, and be prepared to be the senior chairperson for projects/committees deemed important by the Commandant. As second in command, the Senior Vice Commandant's role is critical to the Detachment in terms of officers support and in accepting major responsibilities for meeting Detachment objectives.

### **CHARACTERISTICS AND TRAITS:**

- Refer to the Characteristics and Traits of the Commandant.
- Ability to train and support junior officers and staff.
- Project leadership capabilities in assuming responsibility for committee and project assignments.
- Ability to support Commandant and complete Commandant assignments on short notice.
- Familiarization with Commandant functions, officer functions and activities and Detachment programs and activities.

### **ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO THE COMMANDANT:**

In many respect, depending on the size and number of activities of the Detachment, the relationship between the Commandant and Senior Vice Commandant is a team effort. It is helpful when these two officer positions have complementary skills that can be shared in achieving the Detachment's goals and in administering the affairs of the unit.

One objective of the Senior Vice Commandant's (SVC) position is one of preparation for the office of Commandant. In achieving that objective, it is important for the SVC to be integrally involved in all the affairs of the Detachment and to take on, specific tasks assigned by the Commandant.

Of prime importance is assisting the Commandant in the completion of tasks that are important to the Detachment. This may include taking on jobs as directed, providing specific skills not inherent with the Commandant and/or assisting in the two-way communications between members and officers.

### **CHAIRS COMMITTEES AS REQUESTED BY THE COMMANDANT:**

Committees and projects chaired by the Senior Vice Commandant (SVC) should be significant and important to overall Detachment operations. As an example, some Detachments assign the financial responsibilities of budget, revenue generation, expense control and financial stability to the SVC as a finance, or ways and means committee. The SVC works in conjunction with the Paymaster and other officers, members in developing, monitoring and identifying revenue sources (which may include fund raising events and solicitation for donations).

Chairing a finance committee assumes responsibility for evaluating, developing and monitoring revenue sources and determining the expenditure needs of the Detachment; developing and maintaining an annual budget (which is a guideline and formulation of operations and programs in dollar terms) for revenues and expenses; spearheading

donation sources for Detachment programs and activities; Evaluating and reporting on financial standing (with Paymaster) and actions required on a periodic basis (at least quarterly).

The SVC might also be directly or indirectly involved with public relations and press/media releases that advertise and promote the Detachment and its programs and establishing contacts for the affairs of the Detachment. In addition, the SVC can communicate with members on ideas and suggestions and identify potential issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Detachment Officers.

Another potential responsibility for the SVC is to be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of Detachment of Detachment operations and determining improved methods and ideas for enhancing the overall capabilities fo the Detachment.

In effect, the SVC may be accountable for developing ideas and programs, which will assure the continued relevance of the Detachment and the Marine Corps League to current members and potential members. This is an opportunity to review and suggest strategic plans that involve organization structure, programs and activities and ideas that further promote the significance and effectiveness of the Detachment. This might include surveys of members and potential members and discussion groups to air problems and identify new goals.

**PRESIDES IN ABSENCE OF COMMANDANT:**

Being second in command, the SVC will be called upon to perform on behalf of the commandant when the Commandant is unable to preside at meeting, on attend events. For this reason, it is important that the SVC be current on issues, procedures, objectives and requirements normally handled by the Commandant. The SVC should be able to step into the Commandant's role with minimum difficulty or disruption.

**OTHER DUTIES:**

- Training of Detachment officers and project/committee chairman.
- Assistance and support to Detachment Officers in meeting their specific objectives.
- Assimilating Detachment reports on operations, finances and project results for presentation to officers and members.
- Preparation to succeed the Commandant at the expiration of his/her term of office, if he/she so wishes.

**SUMMARY:**

The Senior Vice Commandant's position is important to the Detachment for three general reasons:

- To assist and support the commandant.
- To prepare for succession to the Commandant's office.
- To back up the Commandant when absent.

The SVC should be a major contributing force to the success of the Detachment. He/she should provide knowledge and influence in assuring the achievement of the Detachment goals and operational objectives.

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