



Kentuckiana Detachment # 729

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Bob Cross

Marines:

I am going to start this with a Thank You to Bob Ross for making the arrangements with General Dan Cherry USAF (Ret) to bring us a terrific program at our March meeting. It was an extremely interesting story and Gen Cherry presented it extremely well. I hope everyone enjoyed the program as much as I and some of the members I have talked to did. I have only heard great reviews.

I also want to remind everyone that at our April meeting we will begin accepting nominations for the 4 elected offices. (Commandant, Sr. Vice Commandant, Jr. Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate.) Please consider taking or at least accepting a nomination for one of these positions. We have been rotating the same members through these positions for far too long and is possibly part of the reason our Detachment is becoming stagnate. We need some new members with new ideas.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our April meeting. Please remember to call another member that we haven't seen in a while and invite them as well. I am hoping to do that with this article in inviting as many of our less active members to come and join us. We would sure love to visit with you. By the way you can bring new Marines, FMF Corpsman and Chaplains with you as well.



Hong My, first handshake, April 2008.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Richard Schmidt

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To speak or not to speak.

I don't know if it is just me but it seems that having conversations with others today do not always seem productive. People are apt to talk about situations in their lives but are not always receptive to suggestions for change.

People don't like to be told what to do. Some people will tell you, "You don't have to fix the problem you just need to listen." But when you see and hear the person stuck with the same situation over and over again you are inclined to point them in another direction.

Many of us who have lived life experiences are prompted to share our insights with others. After all, since we have made those mistakes in our own lives, why not share it? How many times in your life has anyone ever said I need or want your advice? Or, how many of us are able to admit that we were wrong? Those words are almost never spoken. Yet when we acknowledge we are wrong it allows us to move on.

I guess we all are tempted to tell someone what you think they want to hear. Let's face it, we tend to like people who agree with us and dislike people who don't. Even asking questions sometimes creates negative reactions by others. Yet we need to ask questions in order to understand.

Let us be grateful that there are plenty of people in our lives that care enough about us to give us feedback.

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.*

Richard Schmidt
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HELLO LADIES:

Spring has sprung and planting is upon us, enjoy your garden and the blooms that are to come.

We did not have a regular meeting in March; we sat in on the Speaker that Detachment #729 had, Brig. Gen. USAF, (Ret.) Dan Cherry and what a great speaker he was, very informative.

However Officers were nominated and voted, we will be installing them at our next meeting.
Stay healthy and well.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Norma Codey 3
Jane Greenwell 20

Sincerely:
Peggy Landis

A Final Salute The Symbolism Behind Military Funerals

Military Honors

Military Honors at a funeral are available for military members who died while on active duty service or in the selected reserve. Additionally, honorably discharged veterans who served on active duty or in the selected reserve as well as former military member who completed at least one term of enlistment or term of obligated service in the Reserves are eligible.

Transfer

Depending on the location and terms of the funeral, there are often certain traditions about the transfer of the body to the place of interment. The casket is always covered with the flag with the stars over the left shoulder. With full military honors or the funeral of a president the casket is often carried by horse drawn caisson. In the case of an Army or Marine Corps officer above the Colonel Grade, the caisson is followed by a horse with no rider symbolizing how the fallen will never ride again.

21 Gun Salute

One of the best-known military traditions is the 21 Gun salute, but few know the meaning behind it. A long standing military tradition was to honor the dead by showing their weapons were no longer hostile. However, at most military funerals what many mistake for a 21-gun salute is an honor guard team firing three volleys from their rifles. This tradition comes from traditional battle cease fires where each side would clear their dead. The firing of the three volleys indicated that the dead were cleared and properly taken care of.

Playing of Taps

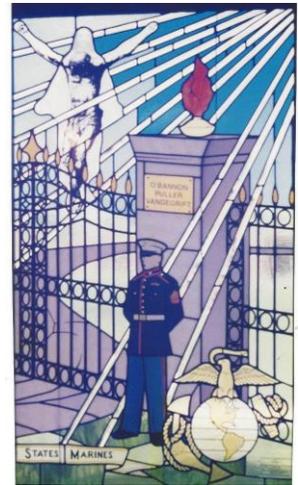
A variation of an earlier bugle call, TAPS was composed by General Daniel Butterfield of the Union Army during the Civil War. Originally composed to signal "lights out", the somber tune became a traditional way to honor service members, eventually becoming a staple at funeral services to honor the extinguishing of life.

Closing the Flag Protocol

At the end of the service, the flag is removed from the casket and carefully folded by the honor guard. Each fold represents something different and at the end only the stars are left showing on top. Once the flag has been properly folded, a few of the shells may be inserted into the back fold before it is presented to the next of kin with an expression of gratitude for the service they have given.

The Final Words

On behalf of the President of the United States, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and a very grateful Nation, please accept this flag in recognition of your loved one's honest and faithful service to our country, and to the United States Marine Corps. May God Bless your family at this very difficult time.



Pistol Team

ALL MARINES ARE GOOD MARKSMEN

Marines and Kentuckians hold this reputation in common. Since most of our Detachment members are Kentuckians, I guess that means we have twice the reputation – and even responsibility? – to uphold the traditions of good marksmanship. Our Detachment pistol team has begun its weekly practice sessions this month and we're going to do our best to uphold the tradition!

Our pistol team members meet at their own expense for practice at the TG&G Indoor Range on Kiln Court, on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM. Here's our starting roster:

Ken Herrington	Bart Hayes	David Hesse	Don Schofield	CJ Wychulis
Otis Fox	Butch Isbell	Norman Preston	Frank Herbert	Jim Riggs

If you think you might want to join us, it's never too late! Please contact me at the number below, and we will work you in.

I hope to present future articles about our progress and I will be keeping the membership informed about the availability of free range time (no admission fee required) as the summer months approach.

Now, let's begin another tradition – the monthly training tip. This month's tip pertains more to self-defense handgun technique, than it does to the precise art of "Bulls-eye" marksmanship. It's called "Instinctive Shooting" or sometimes "Point Shooting" and it's useful in self-defense encounters. Statistics tell us that most police and civilian defensive shootings occur at a distance of 21 feet or less. This technique is most useful in those close-in situations. It is essentially the same as the old rifle-shooting proverb: "Aim small miss small." Here are the steps for practicing with your handgun, and it's recommended that you do this from the position in which you normally carry concealed:

1. See the target
2. Decide to Shoot
3. Start the gun moving into your normal hand position
4. Consciously "find" that instant in time when your support hand begins to touch the gun
5. At that instant, focus on a small target-within-a-target, such as a shirt button
6. Press the trigger at the instant the gun reaches your full normal hand position. (You do use the same hand position every time you shoot, don't you?)

This sequence of events is increasingly speeded up in regular practice; just make sure you can safely hold on to the gun – and guess what? You are not looking at the sights! You only need to focus on the target! It's true, after reasonable practice, your brain-eye-hand coordination will take over and you'll begin hitting the target. It's the same set of muscles, nerves, and instinctive actions that our body uses to throw a ball. In this case your body learns to use the gun as an instinctive tool, bypassing the deliberate thought processes of aiming and steadying the hands.

OK, you're all Kentuckians, so I know you can do it!

Semper Fi,

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-- UPCOMING EVENTS --
Marines Proudly Serving Our Community
April 2015

ROVING MESS: **14 April at 1100 (Tuesday)**
Brownies Grille & Bar 237 Whittington Pkway
Louisville, KY
Please RSVP to Bob LeBlond 502-239-9946 or Email rleblond@aol.com

BOARD MEETING: **08 April 2015 (Wednesday)**
Bowman Field
2800 Moran Ave
Louisville, KY 40205

GENERAL MEETING: **20 April 2015, 1900 hrs (Monday)**
VFW POST 1170
107 Evergreen Rd
Middletown, KY

TRAINING SESSION: **13 April 2015, 1700-1900**
Honors and Last Details: **J-Town High School**
9600 Old Six Mile Lane
Louisville, KY 40299

MCJROTC SPRING **23 April 2015, 1800**
REVIEW: **J-Town High School**
9600 Old Six Mile Lane
Louisville, KY 40299

Marines

I have secured the Jeffersontown High School MCJROTC facility for a training/orientation session to the Honors and Last Details. The date and time will be Monday, 13 April 2015 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

Any member who is interested in joining the details above, this is a great opportunity for you to find out if it is something that you would be interested in.

I would like to have sign-ups for those interested in attending so I will know how many lesson plans and info packets I will need to make.

If you even "think" you may be interested, Please contact me at my phone [\(502\) 267-4776](tel:5022674776) or by E-mail at twomarinefamily@gmail.com

Subjects we will cover will be:

1. The Standing Operating Procedures - a quick overview
2. Flag Folding - in the event we get called upon to do this.
3. VAVS sign up - Explanation of benefits
4. Visitation and or Rifle Volley Rehearsal
5. **Uniform Flea Market...** I have several items that have been donated including (Red Blazers), Blue Trousers, White Short sleeve and long sleeve shirts, 4 pairs of shoes (10 1/2, and 10)

PLEASE COME AND FIND OUT ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

I will provide the address and directions to anyone who calls or e-mail's me

**KENTUCKIANA Det. #729
GENERAL MEETING**

NO MINUTES DUE TO GUEST SPEAKER

Renewals

March

Cletis Evans
Wayne Hall
Richard Koenig
Steven Hall

April

Joe Bailey
Steve Dorsett
Robert Gatz

May

Roger Smith
Danny Allen
Dale Salyers
Lewis Hall
Michael Maloney
Steven Trout
David Bouchard

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL 2015

April Birthday's

Allen Wallace	2	Edmund Armento	5	Eric Stull	5
Carl Murphy	7	George Recktenwald	10	Stenson Henderson	13
Dale Salyers	13	Bartlett Hayes	14	Thomas Gallalee	16
Thomas Sullivan	16	Charles Unterreiner	19	James Flathers	21
Deloris Corey	23	Peter Urda	30		

The above Birthday's and Renewals were taken from last year's roster. At publication time the Adjutant was out of town on a family emergency. If your Birthday was missed or you have already brought your dues up to date I apologize for not having that information.

Marines keep in mind that we are on Facebook now just search in google for Marine Corps League Detachment 729 and you'll find links to our website and Facebook.

Semper Fi!

JUDGE ADVOCATE

The Judge Advocate (JA) provides legal counsel and opinions on by-laws, policies, corporate regulations and parliamentary procedure for the Detachment. His/her chief role is to assure the legal and operating integrity of the Detachment within the framework of National, Department and Detachment by-laws and policies and any other legal entities such as state corporation requirements, for the Detachment. The JA may also be called on to make procedural rulings during the course of business and officer meetings.

While the JA should be familiar with the operations, procedures, programs and activities of the Detachment in case he/she is called on to fill in for an absent officer, his/her primary responsibility is to understand, interpret and rule or provide opinions on the authorized and legitimate code for conduct of business.

The JA is a bona fide member of the Board of Trustees who establishes policy and direction for the Detachment. On the other hand, the JA must step aside from the role of policy making and make sure that policies, voted issues and procedures are in conformance with three levels of by-laws and policies – Detachment, Department and National. In addition, the JA must assure that the Detachment by-laws and policies are within the framework and spirit of the National and Department by-laws and policies.

Characteristics and Traits:

- Ability to understand and interpret statutes and policies of the organization.
- Ability to weigh opposing views; evaluate complex issues and provide reliable opinions for deciding solutions.
- Effective communication skills for elaborating decisions.
- Ability to absorb details and research information.
- Interest in legal and judicial processes.
- Effective writing skills for issues that go beyond the Detachment.
- Knowledge of parliamentary procedures and the League Ritual.
- Ability to make rulings quickly where appropriate (i.e. Parliamentary procedures at meetings).
- Understanding of Detachment's corporate position and regulations thereof.
- Interest and ability in auditing procedures to assure conformance to by-laws and policies.
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- **Objectivity: Ability to stand alone in rendering unpopular opinions.**

Legal Counsel of the Detachment:

While this officer position does not require being a lawyer, some of the skills and interest are probably desired. The laws of the Marine Corps League are contained in the By-Laws and the Administrative Procedures, which are published by National and the Department. Each Detachment should also develop by-laws and policies in conformance with National and the Department, to be used as the legal guidelines for carrying on business as a Detachment. The JA should be a participant in the writing of these documents if they are not already in place.

- It is important for the JA to have a thorough understanding and working knowledge of all by-laws and policies. On his/her own initiative, questionable issues should be brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees and/or general membership for review and opinion. Questions regarding issues or policies brought by the membership or officers need to be resolved by the JA in an objective and expedient manner where practical. The JA may also call on the Department and National Judge Advocates for advice, counsel and interpretation.
- A primary purpose of the JA is to keep the Detachment on solid legal footing, and to assure that Marine Corps League and state Laws are complied with by the Detachment.

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