



Kentuckiana Detachment # 729

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Commandants Comments

Bob Cross

Marines:

For those of you that did not attend our April meeting, we were presented a proposal by Bob Ross and John Heffley. The proposal is to enter into a partnership with the Buechel Women's Club (BWC) for ownership of their building. They have been looking for someone to take over the building and still maintain a place for their membership to meet. A proposal as been submitted and accepted by the BWC for such a partnership. There are many items that still need to be ironed out and the final agreement will be worked out with the assistance of legal representation on both sides.

Our membership present at the April meeting voted to continue with the process. Both our membership and BWC membership seem extremely please with the prospect of this partnership. Not only will this give us a permanent home it will give us a revenue source along with the BWC who are looking for help maintaining their revenue source.

Basic Proposal:

- MCL pays \$50,000 up front.
- MCL takes over financial responsibility for the property and receives all proceeds from the rentals to accomplish this.
- BWC will continue to use the property as they have in the past. (Their meeting and events are generally conducted in the midday hours.)
- MCL will pay BWC an additional \$5000 per year. (Term not yet determined.)

Those are the basic points of the proposal submitted. Both organizations are now turning to legal assistance to finalize the arrangement and come to a final agreement. Once all of the details are worked out, this should be a WIN – WIN for both organizations. We are looking forward to the next few months (hopefully less), to see how this works out. Our Auxiliary was invited to an event by the BWC this past week. From the reports I received from them it seems all are very excited at the future of this possible partnership.

We will be holding our next Board Meeting and General Meeting at the location. The location is:

**3758 Pulliam Dr.
Louisville, KY 40218**

Semper Fi!

Bob Cross

BWC
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ron Knight



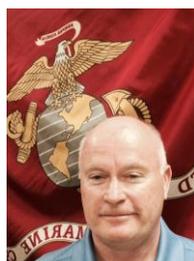
Danny Colston



Gary Blanton



Jerry Ennis



Associate – Steve Whalen

LET'S MAKE THEM WELCOME AT ALL FUTURE MEETINGS!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Richard Schmidt

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Finding Prayer in our daily lives.

God seems so far away at times. We live in a world that is filled with so much destruction and pain. Even so, many of us continue to pray because we believe that God does care. We are not complaining but simply asking God to hurry to help us. It is during these times when we feel most alone or oppressed that we need to keep praying telling God about our troubles.

God's ways are not our ways and though we cannot understand we strive to remain faithful. Prayer is how we maintain our relationship with God. When everything is stripped away we are to recognize that God is all we ever have. We should not demand that God explain everything, God gave us himself, but not all the details of his plans. We must remember that this life with all its pain, is not our final destiny.

Psalms 10:1 “ Why, O Lord, do you stand so far off?
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble”

Richard Schmidt
Chaplain MCL

AUXILIARY NEWS
Peggy Landis-PRESIDENT
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HELLO LADIES:

Spring is here, colorful flowers are everywhere and some new things are happening in the MCL Mens League and Ladies Auxillary. You don't want to miss out on what is in the plans that will affect all of us.
So, join us

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Peggy Landis 26th

Sincerely:
Peggy Landis

Pistol Team

Walk Softly and Carry a Big Cane

Teddy Roosevelt's famous quote about US foreign policy might have been worded exactly this way – and it turns out to be very good advice! It's good advice for us senior citizens if we're concerned about our self-defense. Do you remember our self- defense class in September of last year? Some of us didn't quite appreciate the effectiveness of using a cane or a walking stick for self-defense. Well, I'm a firm believer in carrying a big stick, and I've got SGT Grit to back me up! That's right folks, one of our biggest purveyors of USMC “swag and bling” has come out with some very practical items in their February 2015 catalog. I'm

certainly not plugging for SGT Grit or urging you to buy their products. But on page 55 of the catalog they advertise two very attractive canes that are made just for the purpose of self-defense.

Seriously, this is very much in keeping with one of the main approaches to unarmed self-defense: Skilled handling of a good stick, cane, or club can help a weak or disabled person fend off a larger more powerful attacker.

There is another approach to unarmed self-defense that we should take even more seriously. It's that constant state of mental preparedness that will allow us to react quickly to an attacker, and to react with powerful and effective force. This idea was also covered in our class back in September, and it also made us feel a bit uncomfortable, just like the idea of carrying a big stick!

So, I would like for you to hear it from a professional. Here are some excerpts from a March 27th blog post by Kevin Michalowski, editor of *Concealed Carry* magazine, and noted instructor of self-defense topics. This is from the US Concealed Carry Association blogsite:

“My primary defensive weapon is a firearm. But that is only a tool. More important is your understanding of the righteous use of violence as it applies to legal self-defense. In short, are you mentally ready to fight? Will active self-defense be your default setting when the time comes? Gear and gadgets do not matter if you are not ready, willing, and able to use them. If, in the face of great and immediate danger, you don't automatically reach for a weapon, look for cover, and start thinking about your defensive options, you will be well behind your attacker when the fight starts. That's no good

In self-defense circles we talk about mindset all the time. There is a reason for that. Think about this: Your attacker is a predator. Before he strikes he stalks, assesses the risk, seeks a suitable location, and waits for the most opportune moment. He has planned his attack and counts on the fact that his element of surprise will give him the advantage. To defeat this type of predator, you need to be as vigilant as he is cunning. You need to be prepared. Most importantly, you need to be willing to act with equal violence and aggression to stop the violent assault. If you are standing there flat-footed trying to figure out what is going on, your chances of winning the fight are greatly reduced.”

So there you have it from an expert. Please take this advice to heart. Practice situational awareness when you are out and about. And if you are attacked when unarmed, you must fight back with deadly force, having the will to injure, having the will to win, and having the will to live at any cost.

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KENTUCKIANA DETACHMENT 729
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING DATED 20 APRIL 2015

The 20 April 2015 General Meeting was opened in the usual manner by Commandant Bob Cross at 7:00 PM. Due to a Special Program at the March Meeting there were no Minutes to be read.

1. Commandant Cross deviated from the normal course of the meeting to have a special presentation by Bob Ross and John Heffley who were commissioned by the Board of Trustees to pursue the possibility of procuring a building in partnership with the Buechel Woman's Club (BWC) as a permanent home for the Kentuckiana Detachment. During this discussion, Bob Ross detailed the circumstances which brought to light a proposition by the Buechel Woman's Club to share their building in a long term partnership with possible options to own the building outright. He also went over a preliminary proposal between the BWC and this detachment as to how this would be played out. The discussion was a very spirited one which addressed many concerns as John Heffley fielded questions from the membership. A detailed Profit and Loss Statement of the BWC's fiscal year which reflected that the building income produces a net cash flow for the club in excess of \$12,000 annually financed by the rental of the

building. All areas of concern were laid out in the P & L Statement including all building maintenance including grounds, insurance, utilities, repairs, phone, water, garbage, and pest control. The total of the expenses for operating the building would amount to approximately \$15,000 annually. This is more than offset by the fact that the Income from rental of the facility was \$27,500 annually. Again that left the BWC with \$12,700 positive cash flow after expenses. The proposal has already been approved by the BWC membership. **After the presentation, a motion was made by Jerry McCandless, and seconded by Jim Thompson for the Detachment to proceed with due diligence and all legal considerations into an agreement with the BWC.** The motion passed with only one dissenting vote. A copy of the proposal is on file for anyone to review on request. **It was agreed by the membership that the May 2015 meeting will be held at the BWC for all members to come and have a look at the facility before a general vote would be called on to allow all members to have an opportunity to vote on the final proposal.** The final proposal will be completed with professional Real Estate and Legal representation by both parties. Jerry McCandless offered his company to do an environmental study as part of the final agreement.

2. Second agenda item was the acceptance of new members into the Detachment. The following candidates were presented for membership: Ron Knight, Danny Colston, Gary Blanton, Jerry Ennis, and for Associate membership Steve Whalen. All records (DD-214) were validated and approved by the Adjutant for eligibility. All members were briefed on these candidates' careers and were voted in as full and associate members respectively by a majority vote of the membership. We welcome all to the Kentuckiana Detachment family.

3. There were also 3 guests at our meeting. One was a Marine Corps League visitor, Doug Porter, from the Daytona Beach, FL Detachment who was visiting Louisville for "Thunder Over Louisville". Bob Wolf, and Ross Johnson both, Marine Veterans sponsored by Jerry McCandless, were visiting and presented applications to join us at the May meeting. Michael D. Marshall arrived late. Al Broussard took his information and will follow up with information for him to apply for membership as well.

4. All minutes are on file for members to review.

5. James Thompson, Paymaster, gave a report of the January, February and March months. After the report **Mary Broussard moved that the Paymaster reports be accepted as published and Woodie Marshall seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous vote.** All Pay Reports can be requested by any member and are on file with the Paymaster and the Adjutant.

6. Chaplain's Report was given by Chaplain Richard Schmidt. Richard reported that Jimmy Trusty was hospitalized suffering from COPD at Audubon Hospital but is finally home. He is in need of prayers and phone calls. Harold Sneed is back in Nashville attending to his bout with cancer. Again prayers needed for Tom Rausch who is in Franciscan Home, recovering from a two or three week stay at Audubon Hospital with Colon problems. Please keep all of our members in your hearts and prayers and contact the Chaplain if you know of members in distress. Richard also reported that the Visitation Detail made 6 visitations during the month of April to date.

7. Scout Coordinator asked for someone to represent the Detachment at a Court of Honor for an Eagle Scout in Taylorsville. Bobby Donoho and J.R. Riggs offered to attend the Court of Honor and represent the Detachment on Saturday at Noon in Taylorsville.

8. Senior Vice-Commandant Wychulis made a report of the Nominating Committee. All Officers are up for re-election. A committee composed of Don Schofield and Tom Varley has volunteered to spearhead this committee and call members to fill the vacancies. All members are encouraged to look deep inside and step up to take a leadership role in the Detachment.

9. Judge Advocate Bob LeBlond had no report on the Judge Advocate front but announced the Roving Mess this past month had 20 members and wives attending. **May's Roving Mess will be on 12 May 2015, at 11:00 AM at the Olive Garden Restaurant located at 1320 Hurstbourne Lane, (near the Hurstborne Lane/I-64 intersection).** As the VAVS Officer he also announced that the VAVS will have a VA Student Volunteer Program from June 8 – Aug 7 2015.

10. Ways and Means Committee. John Heffley announced that anyone wishing to sign up for the Abby Road Concert to volunteer should sign up if they are interested. You may also e-mail John at HilndMastr@aol.com.

Good of the League:

1. VFW 1170 will host a Golf Scramble at Iroquois Golf Club on 8 June 2015. A flyer will be published on the web site and Detachment Face-book page. 4 man teams, \$85.00 per person includes Cart, and all the fixings.

J.R. Riggs made a motion for the Detachment to sponsor one of the holes (\$100.00), Mary Broussard seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Adjutant will prepare voucher for paymaster to cut a check to VFW 1170 for this purpose.

2. Mike Maloney asked if there was any interest in doing a Color Guard for the WAKY Concert Event at the Louisville Zoo on 20 June 2015. We have to let them know if we can do this by May 15. Al Broussard will see if we can get a Color Guard together.

3. 50/50 draw was won by Ken Harris Amount: \$40.50

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2030 Hours.

Respectfully,
Allen D. Broussard
Adjutant.

Renewals

APRIL

Gatz, Robert
Hall, Steven
Harkins, Steven
Riddle, Warren
Wright, Gregory

MAY

Hall, Lewis
Smith Roger
Trout, Steven

JUNE

Reddington, Bill
Ruscher, Edward L.

BIRTHDAYS FOR May 2015

Walsh, William	2	Rector, Jacqueline	4	Smith, Charles	5	Schroering, Jr. Charles	5
Cresswell, Jim	5	Kozak, Harry	5	Diebold, Walter	6	Bale, Harvey	8
Oetting, Douglas	11	Kurland, Keith	11	Gatz, Robert	14	McCandless, Jerry	20
Fagan, Robert	23	Moore, Brenda	24	LeFan, Bruce	27	Garrett, Ronnie	29
McNay, James	30	Hall, Eugene	30	Rice, Michael	31	Ruscher, Edward	31

-- UPCOMING EVENTS --

Marines Proudly Serving Our Community April 2015

ROVING MESS: 12 May at 1100 (Tuesday)
Olive Garden (1320 Hurstbourne Ln)
Louisville, KY
[Please RSVP to Bob LeBlond 502-239-9946 or Email rleblond@aol.com](mailto:rleblond@aol.com)

BOARD MEETING: 13 May 2015 (Wednesday)
BWC
3758 Pulliam Dr.
Louisville, KY 40218

GENERAL MEETING: 18 May 2015, 1900 hrs (Monday)
BWC
3758 Pulliam Dr.

Louisville, KY 40218

MCJROTC REVIEWS

Please see Facebook for event details for Spring Reviews

**KENTUCKIANA DETACHMENT 729
MARINE OF THE YEAR 2015
GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- (1) Nominations for this award will be accepted from any member in good standing of the Detachment.
- (2) Each nomination shall have a written summary stating why this nominee should be the Marine of the Year. The nominee must also be a member in good standing. The President of the Society shall announce the recipient of the Marine of the Year Award at the July general membership meeting.
- (3) Nominations will be addressed to Woodie Marshall, **President of the Marine of the Year Society** and mailed to 398 Grand Loop Drive, Mt. Washington, KY 40047. The nomination should be mailed postmarked **or** hand delivered no later than May 31, 2015. **Nominations received after that date will not be considered.** All letters should be in a sealed envelope and will remain sealed until the Society meets to make the selection. The Society shall convene on a date determined by the President of the Society in the month of June.

**KENTUCKIANA DETACHMENT 729
MARINE OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION FORM FOR FY-2015**

Nominee: _____

Person Nominating: _____

Commitment: (Indicate here MCL activities in which the nominee has contributed)

Service in the Community: (Community Activities – Organizations supported)

Personal Statement of Recommendation: You may attach a letter if you wish.

Signature of person making nomination: _____

**Mail to: WOODIE MARSHALL, PRESIDENT MOY SOCIETY, 398 GRAND LOOP DRIVE
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NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 31, 2015

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