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In Honor of the Fallen



On July 16, 2005 Marines GySgt Sullivan, SSgt D.A. Wyatt, Sgt Holmquist, LCpl Wells, and Sailor PO2 Smith died from a terrorist attack. The Marine Corps League 729 gives respect and honor to the fallen and heartfelt prayers to the families of the fallen.



The Commandant Corner **Message from John Froehlich**

Why are you a member of the Marine Corps League? Ever really think about that? How about we take a minute to talk about the mission and purpose of the League? According to the Officers Handbook, the highlights are camaraderie, preservation of tradition, observance of historical occasions unique to the Corps, honor our fallen brothers and sisters, foster love for the Republic and to aid and render assistance. All excellent purposes but ironically, the one that seems to me to be the most important, is last! Go figure!

Aid and render assistance to fellow Marines, their families and the community as a whole. It seems that every week, we have the opportunity to do that. There is always a sick child, a homeless or an injured Vet who needs our help and we cannot look away. As my wife said to me when I told her about the most recent example of disaster striking one of our own, "you can't help everybody". We are going to have to be very careful with the time, talent and treasure we have available and apply them where they will be most needed. We are fortunate to have a handsome sum of treasure that can be applied. Where we are lacking is time and talent.

If you believe as many of us do, that our mission is to be of service, then please attend the meetings, find out what is going on and volunteer. We need Marines for funeral rifle details, Toys for Tots, volunteers at the VA Hospital, Color Guard in parades and other ceremonies and various other activities we have not even considered because of our shortage of volunteers.

If you are a member who rallies with us regularly, THANK YOU! If you are currently just a name on our absentee roster, please consider joining us. Detachment 729 has accomplished a lot to be proud of and with your help, we can do much more!

See you Monday night August 22, VFW, 1900 hours! Hope so. Semper Fi



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN



“WE WILL HOLD”

This past July 4th four of us from the Marine Corp League #729 went to West Liberty Kentucky for the unveiling ceremony of the statue of Captain Barber USMC, who was born and raised in West Liberty. Two of our members are Korean veterans, Jerry McCandless and Tom Varley. Tom also assisted in the unveiling. Ed Armento addressed the audience and gave a tribute to the Marine Corps. The ceremony was well attended by veterans especially by members of the Marine Corps League from various detachments. Interesting note that the statue sculpture, Stephen Tyrone, was also a Marine!

William Earl Barber (November 30, 1919 – April 19, 2002) was a United States Marine Corps Colonel. He fought on Iwo Jima during World War II and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

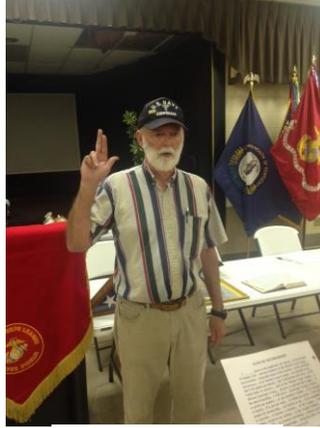
Captain Barber and his company (Fox Company 2/7 1st Mar Div) of 220 men held off more than 1,400 People's Republic of China soldiers during six days of fighting in North Korea. Despite the extreme cold weather conditions and a bullet wound to the leg, Barber refused evacuation and an order for his company to withdraw from their mountain pass defensive position which was surrounded. Barber, aware that leaving would cause 8,000 Marines of his division to be trapped in North Korea, held on to the position with his men, killing over 1,000 enemy troops; only 82 of his men were able to walk away after eventually being relieved. The statue is entitled after his famous command to his Marines, “WE WILL HOLD”.

I felt privileged to be apart of that historic moment...To be surrounded by my brothers in arms and by the men that endured so much for our freedom. These men exemplified what integrity and honor meant by their actions. Ask any Marine and he will tell you what honor means: Loyalty and dedication to God, Country, Corps, Family and Self.

I Corinthians 16:13 states: *“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.”*

Richard Schmidt
Chaplain MCL
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The swearing of new members



Otis "Doc" Phelps.
Navy Corpsman
Vietnam Veteran –1970 - 1971 - Bronze Star Recipient
Combat Action Ribbon, VCM, VSM, NDSM
Welcome Aboard "Doc"

Richard Schmidt received the watch recognizing his selection as Marine of the Year.



AUXILIARY NEWS
Peggy Landis-PRESIDENT
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HELLO LADIES:

August, 2015

All the flowers are blooming now is the time to keep those weeds at bay, it may be challenging with the humidity. Don't forget to feed those plants in the hot temps every two weeks.

To the Ladies who are under the weather our thoughts and prayers are with you, God speed.

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

Catherine Gividen	1
Pat Dodson	12
Dolores Harrison	29
Jake McDermott	30

Pistol Team

An Opportunity to Train With Your Detachment's Pistol Team

The Annual Pistol Match is Quickly Approaching

The annual national pistol match for the Marine Corps League is a time-honored tradition observed by our Detachment 729 and other Detachments around the country. This year, our pistol match will be conducted on the 20th and 27th of October, at the Louisville Armory (formerly TGG) indoor range on Kiln Court. On those Tuesday nights, the team members will meet at 6:30 PM. Only the top ten scoring pistol shooters will fire for record and forward their scores for competition against all the other Detachments' teams.

Intense team practice for this match will begin on Tuesday night 11th August (same time and place above), and it will continue on every following Tuesday night throughout August, September, and October. Also, between 11th August and 13th October inclusive, all Detachment members interested in pistol marksmanship are invited to train alongside our team members. Although a limited number of firing lanes are available, the pistol team members will gladly let you in on the fun, if you show up ready to shoot.

Here is what you need to bring: eye and ear protection, baseball cap, your favorite handgun (well oiled and in good condition), a suitable container (not a holster) for your pistol, and 60 rounds of ammunition. Assuming that you are well familiarized with your pistol, please arrive not later than 6:00 PM, so that we can get organized. You will need to identify yourself at the front desk as a Marine Corps League member, but you will not have to pay the range fee. This is because we are renting an entire shooting bay for Marines only, on each of the dates above. Depending on the turnout, we may have to take turns giving everyone a chance to shoot. Your goal is to get 7 out of 10 shots (or better) into the black bulls-eye on a white target at 50 feet, responding to the same fire commands and time constraints as the regular team. If you can do this a couple times, we'll draft you for the pistol team! If you can't do it, that's OK; you're still going to have a lot of fun!

Now, if you haven't touched your handgun in awhile, and you would like to refresh your skills and maybe learn a few new things, you're also welcome to join us. If this applies to you, please bring the same

equipment as above, but plan on arriving at 5:30 PM, so that we can have some classroom time. When you're squared away, you can get in some live fire with everyone else!

For everyone who is interested, you are welcome to come on any or all of these scheduled Tuesday nights. Remember: you will be firing with the team under command of a range officer. If you want to practice on dates/times other than Tuesday nights at 6:30-7:30 PM, that's great, but you will be on your own and the Louisville Armory will charge you a range fee. Here's our team training schedule: August 11th, 18th, 25th; September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; October 6th and 13th. The 20th and 27th October are reserved for the record match.

I will be in the front lobby of the range at 5:30 PM each Tuesday, waiting for you. If you have any questions prior to 11th August, or prior to any of the other practice dates, please call me at the number below.

Semper Fi, and see you at the range!

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Brief overview of the minutes from July meeting

Chaplain's Report

Chaplain reported that Leo Rose is still in Nursing Facility and that this may be a long term situation. He suffered a severe stroke and is at Oaklawn in room 203. Our prayers go out to him. Additionally, Woodie Marshall's Father in Law, Letha's father, passed away on this date and the Detachment were making plans to honor her father with the Rifle Honors Detail. He was a Navy Veteran. The Detachment offered our condolences to Letha and Woodie. Richard also announced that there were 5 visitations performed during the month so far and 2 rifle honors details.

Toys for Tots Report

Cletis Evans announced the first event for the Toys for Tots for this year's campaign. The Iroquois Runners will have a Poker Run on August 11th 2015. (Rain or Shine) He asked for assistance from the detachment to help collect toys and bring to the warehouse. He also asked that this be published in the newsletter. To volunteer please contact Cletis at (910)340-0657 or e-mail him at evanscs67@aol.com.

VAVS/Roving Mess

Bob LeBlond indicated that 21 members and their guests participated in lunch at Mike Linning's this past month. **The next Roving Mess will be held at Roosters located at 10430 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40223. It will be held on Tuesday, 11 August 2015 at 11:00 AM. All members are invited to come and bring wives and/or friends.** We always would like a head count so please contact Bob LeBlond at (502) 239-9946 or by e-mail at rleblond@aol.com.

Bob also indicated that the Director of the VA Medical Center is seeking any individuals who have questions or had issues with the Center to contact Bob LeBlond to address the issues to him.

Ships Store

Don Oliver is ready to turn over the duties of Quartermaster. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the Commandant or Don Oliver. This is a very important job in our Detachment and the only requirements are that you maintain an inventory of items for the Ships store and order additional items when they are needed. **HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE TO STEP UP AND HELP THE DETACHMENT.** We are here to help you so don't be shy.

Don also made a plea for some help at the VAVS (VA Volunteer Services). They are very short handed and could use a few volunteers at the hospital to be runners and assistants. Interested? Call Don Oliver for more information. **His phone number is (502) 384-4879 or e-mail at donroliver@gmail.com.**

Ways and Means

Tom Varley announced that one way we can help the Detachment is to sign up with Kroger. For money spent by our members who sign up, a portion goes to our Detachment, simply by shopping. 13 families are currently signed up for our Detachment and they netted \$76.00 this past quarter. You have to shop anyway, so why not help the Detachment.

New Business

Commandant Froehlich passed out a paper regarding a Disabled Marine Veteran who is living in his garage and needs some assistance to get his house in order. He indicated that this could be a wonderful project for the Detachment. It was recommended that some members meet with the Marine’s boss to ascertain what needs to be done and what has already been done as well as finding out what the VA was doing for this gentleman. We need a point person on this, if you are interested please call Commandant Froehlich at (270) 314-0362 or e-mail him at johnfroehlich9014@gmail.com

DUES RENEWALS FOR AUGUST

Previous Month

Current Month

Next Month

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Buck, George
 Caughron, Danny
 Herbert, Frank
 Pinotti, Lawrence
 Rose, Virgil
 Snyder, Gordon
 Warren, Herbert
 Wright, John

Killen, James
 Lichtenberger, Kat
 Seay, James
 Stone, Russ
 Walsh, William

Hanson, Timothy
 Heady, Chris
 Moore, Brenda

From the Adjutant – The final quarterly report for FY-2015 reflected a net gain in our Detachment of 9 members. I reported to National that we have currently 185 PLM members, 82 Paid members, and 11 unpaid at the end of June 2015. What concerns us most, is the 11 members we lost during that same period due to inactivity for over 1 year, and 10 members deceased. On the positive side we recruited or reinstated 30 new members! We had 2 transfers into the Detachment and 2 transfers out. Today we have a total of 279 Members with 11 delinquent. If your membership is due, or past due, please send them in. We want to grow our membership so Recruiting and Retention should be in our sights.

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST 2015

Robert Metzger, Jr	2	Richard Thompson	13	Raymond Drake	21
Dale LeMond	2	Robert Moore	15	Archie Smallwood	21
Brian Kochersperger	4	Dwayne Johnson	16	John Stephens	22
Ronnie Weightman	5	Patrick O’Leary	17	David Hesse	24
William Schweitzer	6	David Houdeshel	18	Randy Oates	25

Bill Reddington	8	Thomas Varley	20	Oscar Codey	25
James McAfee	10	Albert (Gene) Baker	20	John VanDyke	28
				Daniel Plyler	28
				Joseph Dodson	28

-- UPCOMING EVENTS --

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August 2015

ROVING MESS: **11 August at 1100 (Tuesday)**
Rooster's 10430 Shelbyville Rd.
Louisville, KY
Please RSVP to Bob LeBlond 502-239-9946 or Email rleblond@aol.com

BOARD MEETING: **5 August at 1830 (Wednesday)**
Ross & Company Offices
800 Envoy Circle
Louisville, KY 40299

GENERAL MEETING: **17 August 2015, 1900 hrs (Monday)**
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 1170)
107 Evergreen Rd
Louisville, KY 40243

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

For a more information that can only be found on the website please visit:

<http://www.kentuckianamarines.org/newsletters/>

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