



# "The Hard Charger"

Kentuckiana Detachment # 729

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**Once A Marine! Always A Marine!**

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## We Take Care of Our Own



Diffey Family

The October issue of "Hard Charger" contained the details of our Detachments role in aiding one of our own, the Warren Diffey Family, specifically, new born Malena. As quoted by Lyndsey Diffey "Thank you so much for printing the great article about my daughter and the commitment the league has made to our family. I apologize for not getting with you sooner, I work two full time jobs and it slipped my time until I saw the newsletter. There are, however, some mistakes in your facts. Here is our story:"

This Newsletter is dedicated to the Diffey Family  
Story on page 3

# **The Commandant's Corner**

## **Message from John Froehlich**

Welcome to your new home Marines! By a large margin, Marines at the September 21 meeting of Detachment 729 voted to purchase 50% interest in the Buechel Women's Club building. Assuming all issues such as building inspection and title search are resolved, we will have a new home, hopefully by the end of November. The outstanding efforts of Bob Ross, Bob Cross and John Heffley are what brought this acquisition effort to a successful conclusion.

Now the rest of us have to step up and make this building ours. Much has to be done to get this operation up and running. The initial meeting with the our partners, the Buechel Women's Club (BWC) has been held and we will shortly be taking over complete responsibility and **all revenue** from the rental operation of the building. The organizational meeting of the newly formed Building Operations Committee has been held. This committee will deal with the day to day operation of the facility, marketing and administration of the rental side and determination of what will be done to improve the building. There will be a number of subcommittees involved. Please be ready to serve when called on.

We will also be putting our stamp of identification on the building and grounds. We are going to need a lot of help moving in and making cosmetic changes that will improve the building's appearance and identifying it as the home of Kentuckiana Marine Corps Detachment 729. It's time to renew Gen. Evans Carlson's famous phrase... "Gung Ho"!

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### **-- NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS --**

- ROVING MESS:** 10 November 2015 at 12:00 PM (Marine Corps Birthday Celebration)  
South Park Country Club 915 S Park Rd, Fairdale KY 40118  
[Please RSVP to Mary Broussard 502-267-4776 or twomarinefamily@gmail.com](mailto:twomarinefamily@gmail.com)
- J-TOWN VETS DAY** 8 November at 1600 (Sunday)  
J-town Community Center (inside)  
Color Guard and Honor Guard Needed  
Assemble no later than 1545
- WHITFIELD ACADEMY** 11 November ~ No Reservation Required ~ All Vets Invited  
Veterans Recognition Breakfast 0745  
Program 0830  
7711 Fegenbush Lane
- BOARD MEETING:** 11 November at 1830 (Wednesday)  
Marine House  
3758 Pulliam Dr
- GENERAL MEETING:** 16 November 2015, 1900 hrs (Monday)  
Marine House  
3758 Pulliam Dr  
Louisville, KY 40218

## **NAMED THAT BUILDING!**

Now that we are almost in our new home, we need to give it a name. We cannot keep calling it the BWC building so what will it be? Put your suggestion on a twenty dollar bill and send to me! Just kidding. Write down your suggestion and your reason for your choice and drop it at the Sergeant-at-Arms table at our November meeting. A committee will choose the top five and they will be put to a vote at our Christmas Party in December. The winner will be announced at the party and will receive a 5<sup>th</sup> of Woodford Reserve bourbon or a \$35.00 gift certificate.

# **THE DIFFEY FAMILY STORY**

Thank you so much for printing the great article about my daughter and the commitment the league has made to our family. I apologize for not getting with you sooner, I work two full time jobs and it slipped my time until I saw the newsletter. There are, however, some mistakes in your facts. Here is our story:

Last year, Warren and I were at my last doctor's appointment with what we thought was our healthy baby girl only to discover the threat of a heart defect. We met with several physicians and specialist only to confirm our worst fear that Malena had Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. HLHS, in more common terms, is the most rare and complex congenital heart defect claiming only 1 in 10,000. HLHS is when the entire left side of the heart does not develop. She functions with only the right side and a small aorta pumping blood to both her body and her lungs. She is a "blue baby".

Our initial reaction was to turn to God. We went to church and ran in to Beth and CJ Wychulis who immediately offered us their love and support.

In the following days, we presented Malena to the world. She immediately was taken from us and sent to Kosair where she started her treatment. Typically, the condition allows a week from birth to her first surgery but she was not doing well and needed the surgery at two days old. It was a rocky month but 25 days later we got to bring her home.

We spent every month back at Kosair because of her oxygen levels and comprised immune system. We told our three other children we would be home when we could and Warren and I tag teamed between them and the hospital. We rarely saw them. At some point, I remember telling them we couldn't have a big Christmas this year. Christmas was about our faith and Jesus and that is what we needed to remember this year. Family was our gift and time was to be treasured. We have a six year old and he sadly shook his head but understood. Family.

Simper Fi,  
Lyndsey Diffey

Through our struggles, we continued to go to church. CJ and Ed Armento would continuously ask us about Malena and her condition while attending mass. It was not long after telling the kids our Christmas plans we received a call from CJ informing us the Marines were giving our kids a Christmas and we didn't need to worry about them. But that wasn't it. He wanted us to come over because CJ had a gift for us too. Warren went to his house where the commandant and the Auxiliary were waiting with bags... BAGS, of toys and books and two checks for us for her medical bills. I have never been so touched by the hands of others and the generosity of our Corps family.

That was of course until we received another gift. Ed Armento presented our situation to the Marine Corp Coordinating Council and we received another gift in the form of a grant for her medical bills. We were touched even further. All of this work behind the scenes and we had been seeing both these gentlemen every week at church.

Since then, Malena has had another open heart surgery and did amazing. She has one more surgery but we do not know when. We were told between 18-24 months but that depends on her heart. She will never be cured of this ailment. Her oxygen will always be in the 80% and she will always have half a heart. But we have faith she will continue to overcome it.

My husband has been a lifetime member of the MCL since moving to Louisville nearly 12 years ago from New Mexico. He is a veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. And we are so grateful for the support the MCL and the MCL Auxiliary has shown us, and of course the Marine Corp Coordinating Council. But more dearly to CJ and Ed for being our advocates.

Thank you for your time in allowing me to spill our story. I could go on and on but I think I've given you the details. Ed wasn't mentioned in the article and he was a very selfless person on our behalf last year. We appreciate the continued support of the MCL though thoughts and prayers,

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

November 10<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marine Corps. We are a part of a special legacy that remains faithful to the mission to support and defend the constitution against all enemies. Our values have remained the same, God, Country and Core.

As we pause each year to honor our veterans and celebrate our Marine Corps birthday we remind ourselves that being Marines is a lifetime experience, one which we have earned and were not given. Even though we are no longer active duty we remain Semper Fidelis (always faithful) as we continue to serve in whatever ways we can. Our praise and remembrance of those who are not with us is a part of how we honor them. When we

serve others it is also a way to praise and honor the legacy that we carry on.

I am reminded daily of another much greater who came to serve also. One who has been in the trenches with us and in the valleys of our lives. It is our Lord Jesus Christ. He remains faithful to us always, past present and future.

Let us stay the course as we continue to accomplish the mission set before us.

Happy Birthday Marines!!!

Matthew 20: 28 *“the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many”.*

Richard Schmidt

Chaplain MCL

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## **DETACHMENT 729 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**



Paymaster Jim Thompson extends a welcome to our newest member Frank Vincent Engoglia. Frank served from February 1968 to October 1970 attaining the rank of Corporal as a helicopter hydraulics mechanic. He earned the Vietnam Service Metal and the National Defense Metal. Welcome aboard Frank.

Our Detachment continues to grow thanks to your efforts. Search out Marines everywhere you go and invite them to join us. Always wear something that says “Marine” and be ready for a “Semper Fi” when you least expect it! Now, invite them to join.

## **MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS**



Marine Bob Ross received an Individual Meritorious Commendation Ribbon awarded by the Department Commandant for recruiting 5 new members during FY-2014.

Also receiving an award was Marine Ron Snyder who received the Department of KY Recruiter of the Year Medal for recruiting 6 new members. (Not in photo)

Bob Cross received the National Distinguished Service Medal (Gold) signed by the National Commandant at the Department Meeting in September in Owensboro.

Commandant Froehlich also announced that the Detachment received a plaque indicating that the Kentuckiana Detachment 729 placed first in increased membership category of Detachments over 200 members. Kudos to the Detachment for excellence in recruiting this past year Congratulations to all Marines receiving awards this fiscal year.

WELL DONE, Marines!!!!

## **MALONEY RECEIVES NATIONL AWARD**



Past Indiana Department Commandant James Wade presented Marine Michael Maloney the Distinguished Service Medal (Silver) for his efforts in both the Southern Indiana Marines Post 1394 and the Kentuckiana detachment 729. During Fiscal Year 2015, Maloney performed his duties for the Departments of Indiana and Kentucky in a most efficient and professional manner. His performance as the Commandant of the Southern Indiana Marines Detachment 1394 and as a Dual Member of the Kentuckiana Detachment 729 has been exemplary. Mike has been a selfless leader who always places others before himself while serving as Commandant and Charter member of the Southern Indiana Marines Detachment 1394. For his tireless efforts, the Marine Corps League, Department of Kentucky takes great pleasure presenting him with the Distinguished Citizens Medal (Silver).

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## **AUXILIARY NEWS**

### **HELLO LADIES:**

The boat ride on the CQ Princess was great! Everyone seemed to have a good time. The fall colors on the leaves are beautiful but, be careful with the wet leaves on the ground. Our meeting was a big success and most items on the agenda were resolved. We will be decorating the tables at South Park Country Club at 11:00AM, one hour before the birthday celebration on November the 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM. We hope to see you there!

### **November Birthdays:**

Lois Fox - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Amy Crump - 7<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Wallace - 11<sup>th</sup>  
Thelma Ebert - 29<sup>th</sup>

Sincerely,

**Peggy J. Landis**

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## **Refresher on Situational Awareness – YES, We Need It!**

Being aware of what is going on around you greatly increases your ability to spot trouble and often to avoid it entirely. Professional trainers use a color code to describe your mindset and your personal situational awareness:

Condition White — Unaware and unprepared.

Condition Yellow — Relaxed awareness.

Condition Orange — Specific alert. Something is not quite right and has your attention.

Condition Red — Specific threat. I will use deadly force if it becomes necessary.

The fact is that none of us are as alert and aware as we should be. The truth is that we can look without actually seeing; we can listen without actually hearing. Situational Awareness begins with organizing our thoughts and planning our actions.

How many times have we opened the front door to a knock without first looking outside to see who is there? How many times have we walked across a dark parking lot with our heads down while we shift the packages in our arms and fumble for the car keys?

Practicing Condition Yellow works even better when you are with a spouse, or partner, who also understands the need to be aware of your immediate surroundings. Call each other's attention to things that seem out of place or dangerous. Clearly, the more aware you are, the more options you have for dealing with a situation. And the more aware you are, the less likely you are to have to use deadly force.

(Source: Some material here extracted and edited from Concealed Carry Magazine, online version 10/07/15, author Kevin Michalowski)

Respectfully submitted on behalf of your MCL Det 729 Pistol Team,

Semper Fi,

**Otis Fox**

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KENTUCKIANA DET. #729  
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Commandant Froehlich at 1900 hours in the usual manner. All officers were present or accounted for.

There were two guests, one Marine from the 1394 Detachment, **Marine Francis J. Thompson** who was interested in transferring into the Kentuckiana Detachment was present. Transfer information was obtained by the Adjutant and will be prepared for processing. Additionally, **Marine James Wade**, Past Department of Indiana Commandant, was present at the meeting to assist in the presentation to Marine Mike Maloney.

There was one Marine who petitioned to join the Detachment. **Marine Frank Vincent Engoglia** who served in the USMC from Feb 1968 to Oct 1970. He attained the rank of Corporal as a Helicopter Hydraulics Mechanic. He received the Vietnam Service medal, and National Defense Medal. Character of Service was Honorable. **Bob Ross moved to approve the member and Marvin Kelley seconded the motion. Member was approved by unanimous vote. Commandant Froehlich inducted him. Welcome aboard Marine.**

**Minutes.** Adjutant Al Broussard indicated that the Minutes having been published in the newsletter. The membership was asked if there were any changes. There were none so the minutes stand as published.

**Paymaster Report** was presented by James Thompson. He gave a summary of income and payments and reported a balance of \$9093.00. **Ron Medley moved to approve the report of the Paymaster and Woodie Marshall seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

### COMMANDANT'S REPORT

**Commandant Froehlich** deviated from the normal agenda to present awards received at the Department Meeting in September

Receiving awards were **Marine Bob Ross who received an Individual Meritorious Commendation Ribbon** by the Department Commandant for recruiting 5 new members during FY-2014.

Also receiving an award was **Marine Ron Snyder who received the Department of KY Recruiter of the Year Medal.**

Having also received the award at the Department Meeting in September, **Bob Cross received the National Distinguished Service Medal (Gold) signed by the National Commandant.**

Commandant Froehlich also announced that the Detachment received a plaque indicating that the **Kentuckiana Detachment 729 placed First in the category of Detachments over 200 members. Kudos to the Detachment for excellence in recruiting this past year.** Finally, Past Department Commandant James Wade, assisted in presenting **Marine Michael Maloney the Distinguished Service Medal for his efforts in both the Southern Indiana Marines Post 1394 and the Kentuckiana detachment 729 during FY-2015.** Congratulations to all Marines receiving awards this fiscal year.

Commandant indicated that the Kentuckiana Detachment will host the Department Convention in June. It is hoped that we can make this a two day conference with training provided.

Finally, he announced that the Detachment will not participate in the Marine Corps Birthday Ball but will instead opt for a Roving Mess on the Birthday of the Marine Corps.

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Chaplain Schmidt gave a report of members in distress. He mentioned that Jimmy Trusty has been in and out of the hospital and can't seem to shake issues related to respiration. Please keep Jimmy in your prayers. He also reported on the Thomas J. Riggs family and the moving tribute given to their family member at the visitation and honors detail.

## **WEBMASTER**

Webmaster Troy Bowden announced that he is well into the building of a first class website. He discussed the 3 phases of working this site up. **Phase 1 was coming up with a layout.** (Completed) **Phase 2** is designed to make information easier for the membership to get to it. (Currently in process and well into it). **Phase 3** will be to for the Detachment members to be used by members to promote their businesses by building a data base of members who are businessmen. He encouraged members to contact him with this information so it can be published on the website.

He also indicated that if you have a great story, please submit it to him.

**VAVS/ROVING MESS:** The Roving mess will be held this year on the Birthday of the Marine Corps. Mary Broussard suggested we use this as a venue to celebrate the Birthday. She indicated that we could have it at South Park Country Club and will release information after making the arrangements. Mary indicated that she had 45 positive responses. It will be a buffet meal with Fried Chicken and the fixings. The Cost will be \$15.00 per person including tax and tip. She needs the money NLT 30 October.

**BOY SCOUTS:** Kat Davis, BSA Coordinator, reported that there was an increase of Eagle Scouts during last year. It was an increase of 8 over last year.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Commandant Froehlich reported that all documents have been signed and given to the attorney. The conclusion is expected soon. He indicated that now that all of this will require the Detachment to step up and volunteer whenever asked and to let us know if you have skills we will need when we your talents.

There was some discussion about naming the building which might be a fun activity. Board will take this on and discuss at November meeting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Christmas Dinner** will be held at the **BWC on 19 December 2015**. It will be catered by Marks Feed Store with some special entertainment by a group of ladies doing Christmas and 40's and 50's music. More information will be covered next meeting.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Otis Fox briefed the Detachment on the Pistol Team. He indicated that the Pistol team will be firing in two categories "Open" and "Service" on 20 Oct 2015. His contact information is Otis Fox, (502) 966-4636 if you are interested.
2. Member Ron Knight also indicated that he is a certified NRA Instructor and that he offers Concealed Carry courses at a cost of \$75.00 each. (8 hour classroom and 2 hour Range time)

**No New Business**

## **GOOD OF THE LEAGUE**

1. **Facebook caution:** Bob Cross passed information that Charles Turner had his Facebook hacked and someone was sending out porn with his name on it. Gave the members a warning to make sure they let their contacts know to notify them if anything shows up with their name on it.

2. There was a short discussion on need for a volunteer to take calls from needy Marines to vet them for donations. Some noted that we needed to investigate the Marine Foundation Fund in Indiana.

3. Short discussion regarding assigning a contact person to take rentals of the hall when we take over. Mary Broussard indicated that she will be talking to the Ladies and will be that contact.

1. Tom Varley has received approval for an all expense paid trip by the Korean Government to travel to South Korea during November. He will be returning on 14 November 2015 and the Detachment will be encouraged to welcome him home from the trip.

2. Jerry McCandless has been recognized by Business First as an Veteran Entrepreneur of the year and they will be honoring him on 10 November 2015.

50/50 Draw was won by Richard Schmidt who donated all proceeds back to the Detachment. In all \$98.00 was returned to the Detachment.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:38.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Allen Broussard**  
**Adjutant**

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**DUES RENEWALS FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

| <b><u>PREVIOUS MONTH</u></b>   | <b><u>CURRENT MONTH</u></b>   | <b><u>NEXT MONTH</u></b>  |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| <b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>          | <b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>  | <b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>  |
| Reiter, Ken<br>Fentress, Roger | Adams, Chuck<br>Becherer, Ken<br>Bradbury, Don<br>Cresswell, Jim<br>Hilton, Steven<br>Likens, Mike<br>Mayer, Charles<br>Moore, Butch<br>Price, Paul<br>Tomes, Aaron | Bowden, Troy<br>Dill, Ralph<br>Espinola, Agnelo<br>Harris, Jr. Ken<br>Liest, Bart J.<br>Renfro, Tonnie<br>Turner, Charles |

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**BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER 2015**

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|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Geer Jim 1           | Cundiff William 9   | Smith Roger 18           |
| Calvert Larry 1      | Pinotti Lawrence 10 | Schumacher, Jr Joseph 20 |
| Phelps Otis 2        | Edinger Art 10      | Powell Charles 20        |
| Chelf Williams 4     | Buchter Harold 11   | Bishop Nicholas 27       |
| Keller, Jr Charles 5 | Rose Virgil 13      | Mayer Charles 27         |
| Donoho Bobby 5       | Tomes Aaron 13      | Troutman A 29            |
| Moore, Jr Charles 6  | Hester Jerry 15     | Bledsoe Howard 30        |
| Russell William 8    | Greenwell Donald 17 |                          |

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