



# "The Hard Charger"

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## THE FALLEN



Within the last month, our League has suffered the loss of two of its finest members, Chuck Brown and Jimmie Trusty. Unfortunately, some in our Detachment did not have the pleasure of knowing Chuck due to his bout with poor health in the last few years. Chuck was a true gentleman and a joy to have in conversation. I can still see those bright faced 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Tankers bunched around Chuck at a past Marine Corp Ball, drinking in Chuck's every word about his experiences in WWII.

Jimmie was that quiet, always smiling guy who was ready to tackle any assignment put in front of him. He was a joy to work with and his quiet steady demeanor will be missed. We were fortunate to have had these two solid Marines serve with us. Our good fortune does continue because we have added many good solid Marines to pick up Chuck and Jimmie's load. Heaven's Detachment is has benefited from our loss. Semper Fi, rest in peace.

# Memorial remembering the fallen ~ Semper Fi

**CHARLES J. "CHUCK" BROWN**  
United States Marines  
WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN WAR VETERAN



**JIMMIE W. TRUSTY**  
82 Years in age  
USMC Veteran from 1956-1960



On Monday, March 21, 2016, Kentucky Marines were saddened by the passing of GySgt Charles J. "Chuck" Brown, age 92. For those of us who were fortunate to have known him, he will live on in our hearts and memories for years to come. He was truly a Kentucky gentleman, who served his country with great distinction. Chuck Brown possessed that quiet and reserved presence of a humble American patriot, which we have come to deeply respect and honor. Although he earned a chest full of medals during his Marine Corps service, he spoke little of his participation in the epic struggle of Guadalcanal, Bloody Tarawa, and the climactic Battle of Okinawa. Having survived World War II, he again answered the call on the frozen tundra of Korea, before embarking on a career at Naval Ordnance at Louisville, Kentucky. It was men like Chuck Brown, who motivated and inspired our generation to follow in their footsteps. They are leaving us daily in large numbers. We honor their memories by living our lives

with the values they imbued in us by their great service, not only to our nation, but also to freedom loving people throughout the world. Although he is gone, Chuck Brown will always be a part of our Kentucky Marine family.

It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of our member Jimmie w. Trusty. Jimmie joined Detachment in 2005 and has been a life member since 2007. He was a dedicated volunteer for the past ten years with the Toys for Tots campaign. He also was on the Visitation Detail and the Rifle Honors Detail for most of the same period. He was reliable, kind and dedicated to the Marine Corps League (Kentuckiana Detachment). He was a cherished member of the Detachment and will be sorely missed.

Both Marines were laid to rest by their fellow members of Marine Corps League, Detachment #729, in a respectful patriotic ceremony, witnessed by family and friends, both at church and cemetery.

## COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE.....

Had this great idea! Many of us are Life Members and therefore have pretty much a free ride as far as membership fee goes, right? So I suggest to Bob Cross that we might propose to those so inclined, maybe we might pay a "membership fee" just because! Bob says, (in a low gruff voice) "what about other stuff I already pay for and the volunteer hours"!

SHAZAM...he is right..... dumb idea John!

To illustrate Bob's point, this Detachment, members and League combined, contributed \$2500 toward the Garrett Thomas Fund request!

That's just the latest in a series of "Marines Helping Marines" request we have responded to in recent months. Over 1,200 hours of labor have been contributed by members and spouses to the renovation of our Marine House. On top of that, our Honors Visitation and Rifle Detail probably have over 200 hours honoring our fallen brothers and sisters in March alone. WE ARE PAYING OUR DUES!

I am proud to be able to say, I am Commandant of Detachment #729. Bob, thanks for helping me get my head on straight ...again I repeat, dumb idea John.

## ~ ~ ATTENTION MARINES ~ ~

Marines and Spouses  
are Cordially Invited  
Open House Social  
MARINE HOUSE  
Sunday, April 17  
1 pm to 4 pm  
Heavy hors d'oeuvres  
RSVP how many by april 13 to:  
[usmc7459@gmail.com](mailto:usmc7459@gmail.com) or

## STRAP ON YOUR BIB .....

And bring a big appetite to our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Mary B and a cooking crew consisting of Richard and Judy Schmidt and Bob Wolfe are preparing a dinner consisting of spaghetti, bread and drink for \$5.00. This gathering will give members and opportunity to meet and greet our guest speaker before the meeting. The Ladies Auxilliary is offering dessert for sale. Serving starts at 1730 and continues until 1845 or until they run out of food first. Please rsvp "spag dinner for #?" to 270-314-0362 or email [usmc7459@gamil.com](mailto:usmc7459@gamil.com). Please specify "spag dinner".

As a reminder, our speaker for the evening program is the Morehead College sculptor and former Marine Stephan Tirone who sculpted the statue commemorating the heroic stand of Medal of Honor Recipient Col. William Barber. At Chosin Reservoir, Barber and his men unquestionably saved many Marines but at a horrific cost in casualties to his company. It will be a very interesting and entertaining meeting.

## APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS.....

ROVING MESS:	12 April 2016 at 1100 Rumors Restaurant,12339 Shelbyville Rd. <a href="#">Please RSVP to Bob LeBlond 502-239-9946 or Email <a href="mailto:rleblond@aol.com">rleblond@aol.com</a></a>
BOARD MEETING:	13 April 1830 hrs (Wednesday) Marine House
OPEN HOUSE:	17 April 1300 to 1600 (Sunday) Marine House (see above)
SPAGHETTI DINNER:	18 April 1730 to 1845 (Monday) Marine House \$5.00 person
GENERAL MEETING:	18 April 1900 hrs (Monday) Marine House

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## From the Chaplin's Desk:

### **The Mysteries of Spring**

I look out the window and I am amazed. Just a few weeks ago the world seemed so lifeless and now everything seems to be alive! Spring is here again. It is truly a part of the mystery of God's creation. *"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that man is without excuse (Romans 1:20).* There is so much about His creation that amazes us.

At this time of the year I am reminded of something really amazing. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). At this time of Easter we are reminded of the sacrifice that

God made of his son Jesus, so that we could have eternal life in heaven.

In John 14:1-6 Jesus comforting his disciples tells them that he is preparing the way to eternal life. Thomas, one of the disciples, asks Jesus, *"Lord we don't know where you are going so how can we know the way?"* And Jesus answers, *"I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me"*. God offered everyone in the world an opportunity to eternal life in heaven thru His son Jesus. Some might ask, "How do I receive this gift of eternal life"? Romans 10:9 gives us the answer. *"That if you confess with your mouth that "Jesus is Lord" and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved"*.

God's salvation is right in front of us. He will come to us wherever we are. All we need to do is respond and accept His gift of salvation. Jesus said "Here I am! I stand at the door and

*knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in..." (Revelations 3:20)*

Richard Schmidt, Chaplin

## AUXILLARY NEWS....

Hello Ladies

We had a great meeting in March, 14 Ladies were present, what a great turnout, keep up the good work.

The chili cookout was enjoyed by quite a few, we will be having something every month right before the meeting kind of as a meet and greet, let's talk kind of thing, if all thinks is a good idea, from 6:00 – 6:45pm. This month (April) we will have cake or brownies for \$2.00 per piece. Our menu will change from month to month

Birthdays April 2016

Norma Codey	10
Jane Greenwell	21

Be safe out there,

Sincerely,

Peggy J. Landis 502-819-0123 ([peggylandis@att.net](mailto:peggylandis@att.net))

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## Building Report

**Mary Broussard**

We have a name! We had many good suggestions, but Marine House just seemed a natural for our recommendation to the full Board of Directors and the membership adopted it unanimously at the March meeting. We already had the name with all the letters given to us by the defunct Elizabethtown Detachment and it symbolizes a large part of our mission. While it is the home of MCL #729, we stated when we were in the process of voting for the partnership, that we would have a place to share with the rest of our Marine Corps Community. We can provide space for the Recruiters when they have family days for their poolees and parents, a potential meeting place for the Montford Point Marines and Women Marines Association, the MCJROTCs, and the Marine Corps Coordinating Council.

More than 1200 volunteer hours have been performed by 22 people since 9 January! The only thing we hired out was the laying of our FREE floor. I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed

working with each and every one of you who volunteered. You kept my spirits up and focused during that scary time for Al and I after my breast cancer diagnosis. But most importantly, it was the camaraderie I enjoyed while we worked together. It reminded me of my days in the Corps when I was usually the only female in any of the units I was assigned to. During my first tour of duty, I was the only female living in the BOQ at Camp Pendleton for 1 ½ years. I had 200 big brothers looking after me – and ended up marrying one of them!

At its last meeting, the Building Committee recommended that the Entertainment Committee plan several open houses to celebrate our partnership, the MCL's new home and to showcase our renovation to potential renters. Those dates are: April 17 1pm-4pm for MCL & BWC Members, May 15 1pm-5pm MCL Members & Marine Corps Community, and May 22 9am-2pm MCL Members & BWC Members also for St. Martha Parish (after each Mass) & Neighborhood.

**Rental Status:** Thank you MCL member Mike Maloney for being our first renter on March 12!

**Booked in future with deposit and/or full payment:**

7 Public rentals at full price

Member rentals (1 BWC & 1 MCL)

St. Martha under contract (\$300) for use of parking lot during Church picnic June 24-25

## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Wallace	Allen	2	Salyers	Dale	13	Unterreiner Charles	19
Lichtenberger	Kathryn	3	Henderson	Stendon	13	Corey Deloris	23
Armento	Edmund	5	Hayes	Barlett	14	Stone William	24
Murphy	Carl	7	Sullivan	Thomas	16	Harris Jr Kenneth	28
Recktenwald	George	10	Gallalee	Thomas	16	Urda Peter	30

## **DUES RENEWALS APRIL NEWSLETTER**

### **MARCH (PREVIOUS)**

Evans, Cletis

### **APRIL (CURRENT)**

Bailey, Joe  
Colston, Danny  
Gatz, Robert L.  
Hall, Steven  
Sechrist, Rick  
Sullivan, Tom  
Taylor, Jr. Thomas

### **MAY (NEXT)**

Blanton, Gary  
LeFan, Bruce  
Smith, Roger C.  
Trout, Steven  
Whalen, Stephen

## **DROP FOR INACTIVITY**

None this month

## **GOOD TO KNOW.....!**

**RIFLE RAFFLE ...** The 2016 fundraiser will be the raffle of an M-1 Garand Rifle.

Ticket will be distributed at the April meeting by Senior Vice Commandant C J Wychulis who will be coordinating the effort. Up to 1000 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be at the Marine Corp Ball in November 2016

**MEMBER RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE...** In addition to the National Marine Corp League's incentive outline last month, Det. # 729 offers a new model 1911 .45 cal. ACP pistol to the member bringing in the most new members between now and year end June 30, 2017. To qualify, you must recruit at least 5 new members and in the event of a tie, a random drawing will decide the winner

## **THIS MONTH IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY.....**

**April 3, 1945** on Okinawa the Marines seized the Katchin Pennisulua effectively cutting the island in 2 & shortening the time estimated to secure the island

**April 15, 1962** the Marines first operational involvement occurred with the Marine air wing arriving at Soc Trang near Saigon to airlift S Vietnam troops into combat

**April 21 1951** Marine pilots flying from the USS Bataan made the first contact and shot down 3 enemy aircraft over the front lines near Pyongyang , Korea

## ~ ~ MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING ~ ~

### KENTUCKIANA DET. #729 MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 21 MARCH 2016

The meeting was called to order by Commandant John Froehlich at 1910 hours in the usual manner. All other officers were present or accounted for.

There was two applicants for New Membership, 1 transfer from Stonewall Detachment in Virginia, and 2 guests. **Applicant for transfer was Michael R. Smith** who has recently moved back to Louisville. He will be a reinstated member. 1 new member, Mike Belden, was also sworn in. Commandant Froehlich initiated both and welcomed them into the Detachment. There was **one guest, Joseph Simon**, who arrived late, was processed for membership.

**Minutes:** Minutes were published in the March Newsletter, there were no corrections to the minutes and minutes were officially filed as published.

**Paymaster Report:** Bob Cross gave an accounting of the General Fund, Building Fund, and Gaming accounts. Motion was made by Mary Broussard to accept the report to file for audit. Motion passed. Report passed and filed for annual audit.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS

#### COMMANDANT'S REPORT

1. Commandant Froehlich announced that the Rifle Raffle Tickets will be available at the April meeting.
2. Announced that the KVDA has a new Commissioner, indicating the Heather French Henry will be staying on as Vice Commissioner.
3. **Announced that the Detachment has contributed a total of \$2320.00 to the Garrett Thomas Fund.** He also announced that the Board of Trustees approved an additional donation to bring the total amount to \$2500.00.
4. Mary Broussard announced that the "Name the Building Board" narrowed the names down. They unanimously recommended the name "Marine House". After detailing the reasons for this recommendation, **Troy Bowden moved that the permanent name for the building should be "Marine House". The motion was seconded by Marvin Kelley. After a Detachment Vote, the motion was approved unanimously!**
5. Commandant Froehlich also announced that there will be an "Open House" schedule to introduce the Building as follows:

17 April 2016 – Sunday – for the Beuchel Women's Club and the Marine Corps League.

15 May 2016 – Sunday - for the Marine Corps Family including the Recruiting Station, Marine Corps Reserves at Fort Knox, MCJROTC's, WMA, Moffett Point Marines Association and all Marines aiming at prospects in the pipeline.

22 May 2016 – Sunday – For St. Martha’s Church, and the local neighborhood Association.

**SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT:** No report

**JUNIOR VICE COMMADANT :** No Report

1. Finally, Jerry announced that the M-1 Rifle Raffle will be printing our 1000 tickets. Cost to be \$10.00 per ticket. Objective is to sell out these tickets prior to the Marine Corps Birthday. Tickets will be issued for sale next meeting if possible.

2. He also introduced the guest speaker Mr. Don Helton who gave a superb briefing on the construction off the Veterans Park being constructed in Oldham County. Members were very impressed with the presentation and its educational tie in with Oldham County students.

**JUDGE ADVOCATE:** Bob LeBlond indicated that he will publish the Roving Mess information in the newsletter.

**CHAPLAIN:** Richard Schmidt gave health and welfare reports on Tom Varley and Jimmy Trusty, and announced that member Chuck Brown had passed away an hour before the meeting. He covered arrangements to the extent of the knowledge that he had. He encouraged the members to look in on our shut-ins and notifying him of health and welfare of other members.

**NO OTHER REPORTS WERE GIVEN DUE TO THE SPEAKER PROGRAM THIS EVENING.**

**There was no NEW BUSINESS NOR OLD BUSINESS.**

**GOOD OF THE LEAGUE:**

1. Jerry Hester indicated that he has purchased a home near family in Fisher, IN and would be moving shortly. He thanked the Detachment for the experiences he had while working with members of the Detachment.

2. Otis Fox acknowledged the results of the Pistol Team’s 2015 competition. Individual awards were presented to Jerry Hester and J.R. Riggs (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Masters Division) and the team took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall with members, Ken Herrington, Otis Fox, Jerry Hester, and J.R. Riggs.

3. Jack Pike donate 200 Targets to the Pistol Team.

**50/50 drawing was won by Norman Preston earning \$47.00 for the Detachment and \$47.00 for himself. He donated his portion of the drawing back to the Detachment.**

**Commandant Froehlich won the Special Brick provided by Mr. Helton for the new Veterans Park in Oldham County.**

Meeting was adjourned at 20:30.

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## **Good Firearms Manners and Good Defensive Fitness**

**Otis Fox**

The rules of good manners in our society should be practiced by everyone. The rules of good manners in gun-handling, meaning safety procedures and common courtesy, are included in what we call sportsmanlike conduct. Safe, courteous gun-handling techniques also seem to be crossing over into society's rules for polite behavior. Have you been to a firearms competition lately? These are events where you will likely hear people refer to each other as "Sir" or "Ma'am." Strangers will go out of their way to be polite and clearly spoken to each other. There won't be a lot of flippant or coarse language, even among friends. Without going into detail, the firearms handling at these events is highly structured; firearms are loaded and cleared in specific areas at specific times. They are never pointed near the audience or other competitors. The need for good manners seems to follow the need for safety.

Let's consider our own practices away from the firing range. How do we handle guns in our own homes? Do we know where all our guns are stored? Do we allow children into rooms where guns are hidden, but still accessible? How do we show our new gun to a friend, so that he can check it out? Let's go back to the first rule of firearms safety, before we do a private gun show at home. *The gun is always loaded.*

You take it out of your safe, open the action, and check the empty chamber – even though you know it is unloaded. Hand it to the other person, while pointing it away from everyone else in the room. He repeats this procedure when he hands it back to you. If the gun was loaded, what was the step you should have done, before you opened the action?

Whenever you practice at the range, always verify the empty firearm before you transition into some other activity, like setting up your targets. If you practice with friends, make it a point of habit to call out range commands to each for loading "going hot!" or for clearing "unload and show clear!" It doesn't matter what you say, just as long as you follow a safety routine.

It's fun to see how much over-the-top politeness you can work into your safety procedures with a group of friends at the range: "Sir, do you understand this course of fire? You may load and make ready!"

When we're finished having fun, being polite and staying safe at the range, it's time to enter the responsibilities of concealed carry in a world that's often unsafe. Some of us enter into a state of false security when we strap on our concealed carry weapon and venture out. Maybe we feel even safer because we have actually been to the range and practiced. Maybe we've even gone to the trouble of getting some professional training on self-defense, after we acquired our concealed carry permit. But there is one thing that we usually overlook as we get older. Here's an excerpt from the US Concealed Carry Association magazine; February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 article entitled "Fit to Fight" by Kevin Michalowski, Editor. This explains perfectly your *responsibility for personal fitness*:

"A real-world deadly force encounter could very likely put you in a physical struggle as you try to create distance from your attacker, defend and access your weapon, direct a family member out of harm's way, or

attempt to redirect a sudden assault. These are all things that require immediate explosive action. If you are in poor physical condition, moving from zero to 60 as fast as possible could cause problems. Rapid movement under stress could cause anything from a pulled muscle to a complete loss of balance. You could be out of the fight before you know it.

Now, I know what I will hear from many readers: “I’m not as young as I used to be!” I get that. But if you are still able to walk around, then I suggest you start walking around. Get moving. Work out according to your age and ability. Of course younger people can do more vigorous exercises—and if you are able to do it, you should do it. But if you are older, something as simple as a daily walk can help you get started.

What you are going to need includes improved arm and hand strength, better balance, and improved cardiovascular health. I’m not saying you need to become an Olympic athlete; I’m saying you need to improve your current level of fitness. We can all get better. We can all take a few minutes each day to exercise. All it takes is a 20-minute walk and some simple weightlifting.

You can do this. If you claim to have the heart of a warrior, you can improve that heart with some regular exercise.”

Semper Fi,

## **Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) Info**

**FRANKFORT, KY (March 15, 2016)** Governor Bevin has appointed Retired Brigadier General Norman E. Arflack as the new Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA).

“General Arflack is a true servant leader,” said Governor Matt Bevin. “I know Kentucky’s veterans will benefit greatly from his four decades of service in the military, the Kentucky National Guard, and our state government. I am also delighted that Heather French Henry has agreed to serve as Deputy Commissioner. We value her insight and expertise on veteran issues and appreciate her continued service to the Commonwealth.”

“One of our initial priorities will be to work with veteran organizations to help place qualified candidates in unclassified appointments across our administration,” continued Governor Bevin. “We value the character, commitment and competence of our veterans and welcome their ongoing willingness to serve.”

“I am honored and humbled by this appointment,” General Arflack said. “Commissioner of KDVA is a once in a life time opportunity that will allow me to extend my service to this great nation while insuring that our veterans are adequately cared for. KDVA is already a national leader in providing benefits and services to our veterans, and I look forward to continuing and exceeding those achievements.”

“I am humbled to be asked to continue to serve our veterans in this role at KDVA,” Deputy Commissioner Heather French Henry said. “I greatly appreciate Governor Bevin recognizing the accomplishments of our leadership team. We are all honored to continue to serve.”

General Arflack has a long and distinguished military career. He served as an enlisted soldier from 1970 prior to completing OCS in 1975. He is a graduate of Armor Officer Course (Basic and Advanced), Command and General Staff Officer Course, and the US Army War College and served in staff and command positions commensurate with his rank. His most notable awards and decorations include Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces

Reserve Medal, the Army Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

General Arflack rose to the rank of Brigadier General after four decades in the Kentucky National Guard. During a distinguished civilian career he has served as executive director of the National Guard Association of Kentucky and as member and vice chair of the Board of Directors of the National Guard Association of the United States. He is a life member of both organizations. At the pinnacle of his military career he served as Deputy Adjutant General in the administration of Kentucky Governors Paul Patton and Ernie Fletcher prior to his appointment as Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. Subsequent to his tenure on the Governor's Executive Cabinet, he was appointed as Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Prior to his retirement in August 2013, General Arflack was Executive Director of the Interstate Commissioner on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Concurrent with his service in the Kentucky National Guard, General Arflack completed 23 years' service with the Kentucky State Police.

General Arflack is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and Southern Police Institute, and earned a Masters of Public Administration from Shippensburg University. He and his wife Cindy have three sons: Aaron, Landon and William.

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