



"The Hard Charger"

Kentuckiana Detachment # 729

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Once A Marine! Always A Marine!

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APRIL GUEST SPEAKER WOODY WILLIAMS.....

Our Detachment is honored to have as our April guest Speaker, Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams. Woody is the last surviving MOH recipient of the 26 awarded on Iwo Jima. Woody, a West Virginia native, was initially rejected by the Marines, he was too short! Height requirements were lowered and Woody became a Marine. He fought in the Battle of Guadalcanal and in Guam before landing on Iwo Jima on February 21, 1945. Two days later, on the day the flag was raised on Iwo Jima's Mt. Suribachi,



Williams' unit was bogged down in a heavily fortified area. Williams, with the aid of cover fire from only four Marines, used a flamethrower to attack enemy machine gun pillboxes. After destroying several Japanese positions, he opened a gap in the Japanese defenses which enabled the Marines to move ahead. For his actions on February 23, Williams received the Medal of Honor on October 4, 1945, from President Truman. He was also awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded on March 6.

"This Medal really does not belong to me—I could not have received it without the assistance of other Marines. So when I wear this Medal, I don't wear it for what I did. I wear it in honor of two Marines—I don't know their names—who gave their lives protecting mine. It really belongs to them. I'm just a caretaker of it." -- Woody Williams

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APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS.....

YARD SALE DROP OFF DATES: APRIL 4-5 10a and 2p
HONORS ORIENTATION: APRIL 5 @ 5PM
AUXILIARY YARD SALE: APRIL 7-8 8AM TO 2 PM
ROVING MESS: APRIL 11 2017 11:30 am
GOT THAT! 11:30
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BOARD MEETING: APRIL 12 6:30 PM
MEMBER MEET: APRIL 17 7PM

**WELCOME HOME
VIETNAM VETERANS DAY.....**

March 30 is Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in the Commonwealth. To honor Vietnam veterans and all American veterans, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky will provide free admission to these individuals beginning Thursday March 30 and continuing through Sunday April 2. A form of identification/record of military service is appreciated for free admission to the aviation museum. The Aviation Museum of Kentucky is located at 4029 Airport Road, adjacent to Blue Grass Airport in Lexington and is open Tuesday through Sunday. It is the official aviation museum of the Commonwealth as well as home to the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame, and operates as a non-profit corporation. For more information, visit www.aviationky.org, or call 859-231-1219.



Ian Darling, author of *“HEROES OF THE SKY”* and *“Amazing Airmen: Canadian Flyers in the Second World War”*, received a Certificate of Appreciation from MCL Det 729 presented by Eric Shrader at the Breckinridge County Library on 3-29-17, after Ian's presentation. With the release of HEROES OF THE SKY, the author again ventures into the aerial realms of the Second World War, offering twenty-two interesting personal accounts of combat and service. The stories are not just about male pilots, navigators, and gunners, for the story of Betty Guild, who flew with the U.S. Army Air Forces’ 6th Ferrying Group of Air Transport Command, is included. Her tale reminds readers of the contributions of female aviators during World War II.

CHAPLIN'S CORNER.....

Relationships

Much has been said about relationships. It seems that relationships with family and friends are ever changing. Situations and circumstances can cause those relationships to grow or diminish. Jobs, retirement, family, health, finances, the list of life situations that impact our relationships is endless. But the one element that keeps those relationships stable is communication. Most of us are aware of the differences between conversations that are meaningful and the ones that are not. The conversations that are spontaneous and mutual really deepen our relationships with each other.

Our relationship with God is built around communication. The definition of prayer is "communication with God". Having a conversation with someone on the phone or in your presence is a common occurrence. Having a daily conversation with God for some is not. The God of the universe, the creator of heaven and earth and everything that exists never changes. Our heavenly father is waiting for us to speak to Him. If you want to grow your relationship with God, make it a daily occurrence. Begin your conversation with gratitude and talk with Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *"Be joyful always, pray continuously, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus."*

Chaplin

Richard Schmidt



AUXILIARY NEWS.....

Hello Ladies

The YARD SALE is drawing closer remember you can drop off items on Tuesday April 4th and Wednesday April 5th from 10:00 to 2:00 pm, booths are for sale also if you have items to sell yourself. YARD SALE is April 7th and April 8th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Plan to come and buy some things or sell.

Several people have asked how much money we made at Christmas time for the raffle and auction, well approximately \$1400.00. Since then we have spent \$699.00 for a Bariatric Blood Draw Chair for the V A Hospital that accommodates up to 700 lbs. for the Veterans that they ask us to purchase for them.

Birthdays for April: Norma Codey, April 3 and Jane Greenwell, April 20
Remember our sick and be safe out there.

Peggy J. Landis
President, 819-0123

FREE LEGAL AID FOR VETERANS.....

If you are a Veteran living in Kentucky and in need of legal help but feel you can't afford it, you have help available. The "VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOR VETERANS PROGRAM" is a state-wide initiative that offers civil legal services to veteran living in poverty by paring them with a pro bono (free) attorney. If you are in need or know someone who is in need, call 1-844-268-0838 or e-mail vererans@laslou.org to see if you qualify for services.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS.....

Last Name	First Name	Birth Day	Birth Month
Lichtenberger	Kathryn	3	April
Armento	Edmund	5	April
Murphy	Carl	7	April
Recktenwald	George	10	April
Salyers	Dale	13	April
Henderson	Stenson	13	April
Hayes	Bartlett	14	April

Last Name	First Name	Birth Day	Birth Month
Sullivan	Thomas	16	April
Gallalee	Thomas	16	April
Pike	Jack	17	April
Unterreiner	Charles	19	April
Corey	Deloris	23	April
Stone	William	24	April
Urda	Peter	30	April

DUES RENEWALS FOR MARCH.....

PREVIOUS MONTH
MAR 2017

Evans, Cletis
Wells, Phillip

CURRENT MONTH
APR – 2017

Bailey, Joe
Hall, Steven C.
Simon, Josphe

NEXT MONTH
MAY 2017

Bishop, John
Hall, Lewis
Kurland, Keith
Pacholek, Michael
Pike, Jack
Salyers, Dale
Trout, Steve
Turner, Ramon

Marines We aspire to 100% renewals. – **Please save us correspondence cost and get your memberships in. Mail to the Adjutant, Allen Broussard at 4500 Dakin Court, Louisville, KY 40299-6226.**

National has initiated a **new renewal/reinstatement procedure** requiring all memberships to come due on the **31st of August each year**. In doing so, they will reduce the National Dues from **January to June 2017**. The cost of renewal for this period will only total **(\$20.00 - \$10.00 to National, \$5.00 to the Department of KY and \$5.00 to the Detachment)** and would **expire on 31 August 2017**. After that it will return to \$35.00 annually – (\$20.00 to National, \$5.00 Department of KY, and \$10.00 to the Kentuckiana Detachment).

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 20 MARCH 2017

The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Commandant Bud Apple due to the Commandant being under the weather. All other officers were present and or accounted for.

Minutes: The General Meeting minutes were posted in the February Newsletter. There were no corrections or changes to the minutes. The minutes were excepted as published in the March Newsletter.

Chaplains Report. Chaplain Schmidt commented on members in Distress. He gave an accounting of the members in distress and he asked the membership to keep our sick in their thoughts and prayers.

Guests and New Members. Visiting the Detachment was the son of Department Commandant Jeff Cross while he was visiting his parents. **Another Guest turned into a New member as we inducted Marine Phillip C. Gallusser.** Phil started his service in the Air Force from 1973 – 1980. In 1980 enlisted in the USMC and served on Active Duty until 1993 when he transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve where he completed his military career retiring in 2003. He was assigned to Otis Phelps as a sponsor. We welcome him into the Detachment

Paymasters Report. 1. Bob Cross gave a bright outlook on the balance of the three accounts. Thanks to a lot of hard work from all members, the Ways and Committee, and Mary Broussard along with the Building Maintenance volunteers, we are in great shape financially. Kudos were handed out to all of the members who work hard at our fund-raising activities. All accounts were in the black and healthy as of the end of February

2017. Members may view the results by calling the Paymaster. (Building account: \$4484.28, Gaming Account \$10,9320, and the General Account \$10,171.23) We are in good position to support our commitments that will be coming in April, May and June.

Building Status Report. Mary Broussard gave a glowing report. She announced dates for housekeeping and invited additional members to get involved. Most cleaning days can be completed for turnaround in about 2 hours and the work is not hard. If you would like to volunteer, call Mary Broussard at 267-4776. She also noted that we will be getting a new provider for our Insurance. The policy went into effect on Monday 27 March 2017. She also mentioned that it is getting to be time for the yard maintenance crews to begin the yard work again. She also announced that we are trying to sell the flooring and quarter round stored in the back closets. If you are interested in purchasing contact Mary Broussard.

Commandant

1. Commandant sent the message that the Flagpole will be installed within the next 3 to 4 weeks.
2. He also reminds you that the Detachment is still in need of a new Paymaster. Anyone interested please contact the Commandant.
3. Additionally, nomination forms were passed out for members to nominate new officers. Senior Vice Commandant introduced the nominations committee and the Adjutant passed out the Candidate Nomination Forms and asked that they be turned in as soon as possible. The nominations committee made up of Bud Hughes, Brenda and Butch Moore and Russ Stone will meet, then put together a proposed slate and present to the membership.

Senior Vice Commandant: Bud Apple covered all other items on the Commandant's Agenda.

1. He announced that the Auxiliary will have a "Yard Sale" on April 7th and 8th. Donations will be accepted at the Marine House on April 4th and 5th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.. Call Nancy Wallace for more information.
2. He announced that the Department Meeting will be conducted on 8 April 2017 in Winchester, KY and hosted by the Epperson Detachment.
3. Department Commandant Bob Cross offered that he would be attending the Central Division Conference 25 – 27 March 2017.

Junior Vice Commandant: Jerry McCandless was in Romania and not present at the meeting

Judge Advocate: Bob LeBlond announced that the refrigerator we discussed at the last meeting was acquired and delivered to the VA this past week. He passed around a photo of the new acquisition for the VA and thanked the Detachment for taking the lead on this project and the MCCC-KY for assisting in making this happen. He announced that the Roving Mess would be at Mike Linnigs in Valley Station for March.

Adjutant

1. Al Broussard announced that he would hold a training session for the Honors Detail on April 5th. He will send out an announcement to the Detachment and post in the newsletter. If you are interested in getting involved please plan to attend this training session.
2. VA Volunteer Services will have their annual awards luncheon for “Regularly Scheduled Volunteers”. If you are due for an award, you will get an invitation soon. **SAVE THE DATE: The program will be Saturday 8 April 2017 at the Crown Plaza (Airport).** Be on the watch for your invitation.
3. He reported that Richard Schmidt’s package was sent to the Central Division for consideration of Division Marine of the Year additionally, Mary Broussard’s package was sent to the Department of Kentucky for consideration for Department Marine of the Year as per the wishes of the Detachment.

New Business: There was no New Business.

Good of the League

1. Otis Fox reported that Norman Preston generously donated all targets for the Pistol team. He also noted that an additional pistol was added to the approved weapons for the competition. That weapon was a Sig Saur P320 per National rules for the 2017 and 2018. He also announced training to be conducted at the Jefferson County Sportsman’s Club.
2. Eric Shrader announced that on 29 March, Ian Darling will be speaking at the Brandenburg Co. Library. He is the author of “Heroes in the Skies”, “Amazing Airmen” and other books. He invited members to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 20:00 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

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