



"The Hard Charger"

Kentuckiana Detachment # 729

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Member Meeting
3rd Monday Monthly
1900 Hours
kentuckianamarines.org

COMING EVENTS.....

ROVING MESS 10 April 1100 Longhorn Steakhouse 2531 Hurstbourne

BOARD MTG 11 April 1630 Marine House

USMC TANK QUALS 11 April 0800 Fort Knox Live fire exercise, League members and friends invited, contact John Bishop 502-296-3556 or email Jeb2144A@gmail.com for details reservations required.

LADIES AUXILIARY YARD SALE 13-14 April 0800 to 1400 Marine House.

Bring donated items for sale to Marine House Thursday April 12 between 0800 and 1400 or call Nancy Wallace at 502-245-5615.

TOYS 4 TOTS PLANNING MTG 16 April 1700 Marine House all invited

MEMBER MTG 16 April 1900 Marine House

OFFICER NOMINATIONS 16 April During Member Meeting

DERBY PARTY 5 May 1400 until? Marine House, Monte Carlo Games, Food, Derby Pot. \$5.00 per person. Contact Nancy Wallace at 502-245-5615 or nancywallace631@gmail.com

SGT. RECKLESS STATUE UNVEILING 12 May Kentucky Horse Park

OFFICER ELECTIONS 21 May Member Meeting Marine House

MUSEUM OF THE MARINES TRIP 30 May -3 June Contact John Froehlich at 270-314-0362 for details or email usmc7459@gmail.com

PISTOL TEAM PRACTICE Every Tuesday 1230 12100 Waterford Rd. new shooters welcome contact Otis Fox 502-682-6143

OFFICER NOMINATION NOTICE.....

TO: MCL DET 729 MEMBERSHIP

FROM: NOMINATING COMMITTEE: PHIL HUGHES, JOHN BISHOP, BUTCH MOORE

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES OF COMMANDANT, SENIOR VICE COMMANDANT, JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT AND JUDGE ADVOCATE **SHALL BE MADE** AT THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MONDAY, 16 APRIL 2018.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE SUBSEQUENT NEWSLETTER TO ENSURE ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE THEIR COPY AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MAY MEETING

VOTING WILL BE DONE AT THE MAY MEETING. ONLY MEMBERS AT MAY MEETING IN GOOD STANDING MAY VOTE.

AS PER OUR BY-LAWS, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS SEEKING REGULAR MEMBERS WHO ARE QUALIFIED AND WILLING TO ACCEPT NOMINATION TO FILL EACH OF THE ELECTIVE OFFICES.

AT THIS TIME, 3 OFFICERS HAVE AGREED TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION.

PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATION TO OFFICE AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

PAYMASTER NEEDED.....

Paymaster Butch Moore finds it necessary to step down as paymaster. We need a new Paymaster. Accounting skills are not critical as we have a computer accounting program which automatically records entries in the proper category. Please contact our Commandant if you feel qualified.

MARINE OF THE MONTH.....



Marine of the Month Merle Likins is shown at left with his daughter, Leslie and son, Merle Jr. On the right he is pictured receiving portrait of Chesty Puller from Member Otis Fox. Read about Merle's experience in the Corps in the minutes below.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.....

Richard Schmidt Chaplain MCL

God's Patience

We learned a long time ago as Marines to be prepared to move out when commanded. As recruits we were like a bunch of wild weeds growing in a field and in time we were transformed. That training has helped us to cope throughout our lives. I wonder if some of those teachings were borrowed from the Bible.

Matthew 13: 24-26, 28-30 Jesus tells the parable of the weeds. *"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field... when the wheat sprouted and formed heads then the weeds also appeared."* The farmer's servant asks him, *"Do you want us to go and pull them up?"* *"No, he answered because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the*

wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest."



To a farmer it would not seem right not to pull the weeds. The seed of God does not grow the same in everyone. People respond differently because they are in different states of readiness. God is patient with us as we are changed

by His grace.

2 Peter 3:8-9 *"Do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."*

WELCOME ABOARD.....



Dale R. Potter is a Marine Veteran who served in the USMC from August 1988 through August 1993. During his service he held an MOS of 6014 (AV-8B Harrier Aircraft Mechanic). He earned the Rank of Corporal during his enlistment and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal as well as a Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon. He served with VMAT-203, MAG-14, 2d MAW, MCAS Cherry Point, NC.



John M. "Doc" Loudermilk served as a U. S. Naval Hospital Corpsman from 1965 to 1969 and in Naval Reserves from 1979 to 1981 attaining the rank of E-5, HM-2. He is a Vietnam Veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. He also received the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry among a host of other awards. His favorite duty spot was Naval Hospital – Philippines. In 1980 he served during the Iranian Crisis. He retired from the U. S. Postal Service and received a 100% disability from the VA. Our Detachment had the honor of hosting the presentation of the Bronze Star 49 years after the event that earned him the award.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS.....

Rina Borders, President

If you missed game night, you a lot of laughs and red faces! Everyone had a good time playing against the opposite sex. Try to join us for our next night. We will notify you of the date.

The meal before the League meeting went very well. Ladies, thanks for everything; it was all delicious. Don't forget that it will be desserts only before the next meeting on April 16.

Keep in mind that the yard sale is April 13-14 from 8 am until 2 pm each day. We will be accepting items and pricing items on April 12

beginning at 10 am. Everything but clothing will be accepted. If you have anything to donate or have any questions feel free to call me or Nancy Wallace. Ladies, I hope you all have a wonderful Easter.

April Birthdays:

Norma Codey – April 3rd and Jane Greenwell – April 20th

Please remember our members who are sick or in nursing homes and who are homebound. Also remember our active and retired service men and women.

MARINE HOUSE BUILDING REPORT.....

Submitted by Mary Broussard

Between Dec and Feb, volunteer hours of 15 members totaled 131 hours. Approximately 55 hours were spent showing the building to prospects, signing contracts and opening for parties. The remainder were cleaning and setting up for meetings and outside parties. During a lull in January, Otis Phelps stripped the kitchen and bathroom floors and volunteers cleaned the tables, chairs, made minor repairs and touched up paint.

The fence line along the back has been cleared and two large trees near the shed at the front of the property were taken down.

Neighbors adjacent to those locations were notified in advance and were pleased at our efforts. Both contractors working for the firewood moved on and we paid a new contractor to do the job. Jimmy Young took down two additional trees near the shed.

The Ladies Auxiliary has purchased the new dishwasher. The Buchel Woman's Club agreed to share the cost. It will be installed by our member John Heffley at no cost to the League. Russ Stone contributed some related additional electrical work.

MARCH 2018 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The General Meeting of the Kentuckiana Detachment 729 Marine Corps League commenced at 7:00 PM on Monday 19 March 2018 January in the usual manner. All Officers were present and or accounted for and approximately 40 members were in attendance.

Chaplain Richard Schmidt opened with a prayer and welcomed Erv Schoch to the meeting after a return of his cancer. He indicated he was feeling better but Cancer has returned and he is receiving treatment. Chaplain reminded the Detachment to keep our ears open for members in distress and to report to him on members that are ill. He also reminded us that we must look after each other.

One new member was inducted at the **meeting. See his short bio's in the "New members in the spotlight" section of the newsletter. Welcome aboard to New member Dale R. Potter.** He served in the USMC from 1988-1993 and attained the rank of Corporal serving in the MOS 6015 (AV-8B) Aircraft Mechanic with VMAT-203 MAG 14 in Cherry Point, NC. He was installed at the meeting. **Additionally John "Doc" Loudermilk** already an Honorary Member kind of arrived a little late. We are proud to announce that he has upgraded his membership to Regular member and will join in with the Detachment Activities. Some of us will remember that we hosted the surprise presentation of the Bronze Star for Valor at our November 2016 Program. We will formally initiate him at the April Meeting.

Commandant Apple announced that the next **quarterly meeting for the State (Department)** will be held on 24 March 2018. Five of our members will be in attendance. He also announced that the **trip to Washington, DC** was rescheduled for 30 May – 3 June 2018. Several members will make the trip. Transportation will be POV and ride sharing and members will be staying at the Staybridge Inn in Stafford. He also gave a cost analysis for the trip. **Any members wishing to sign up please call John Froehlich for more information. (270) 314-0362.**

Eric Schrader recognized Merle Likins as the Marine of the Month. 95 year old Merle Likins, a 1941 graduate of Breckinridge County High School, joined the Marine Corps in 1942 and graduated first in his Platoon from Parris Island. After training as an artillery battery communications specialist, he served on Guadalcanal, Guam, Okinawa, and in Japan. He was part of the advance party, which landed on Okinawa prior to the invasion. Merle was honorably discharged as a Corporal in December 1944. He completed a B.S. in Chemistry and Math, a M.S. in Chemistry and Physics, and became a Professional Engineer. It is our honor to have him as a members.

John Bishop shared the information that he had for interested members to attend an **outing at Fort Knox** to observe the Fort Knox Reserves as they go through their training. The date of the exercise is Wednesday, 11 April 2018. He mentioned that getting on the base may be challenging if you do not have a Military ID. **If you need more information Please call him (502) 228-3546**

PDC Bob Cross was not in attendance to give the Benevolence and Investment report. Al Broussard had a read out of the latest statement on the Investment account. It should be noted that since most of the money has been changed over to a more aggressive strategy the account has grown. Balance at this time is \$151,430.83. It is now making money!

C. J. Wychulis gave **Nominating Committee Report**. He indicated that the four elective Offices of Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant, and Judge Advocate are all open for nominations. While there is a time line for the nominations to be into the nominating committee, members should know that nominations will be accepted from the floor on the day of the elections. Anyone interested in running for office contact one of the Nominating Committee members (Butch Moore, C. J. Wychulis, or John Bishop).

Mike Smith gave a great report on a **Louisville Bats Baseball night at Slugger Field**. It was foiled by the change in the Quantico trip so Mike and Dan Haddix will look into rescheduling such a field trip for a later date.

Senior Vice Commandant Jerry McCandless showed a video of the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. He indicated that we have a few of our members who have been nominated for this prestigious award.

Junior Vice Commandant Eric Shrader gave a Status report provided on **Constitutional Essay Contest** for the four local High Schools having MCJROTC Programs. Inputs are due by 4/1/2018 and none have been received to date. He also discussed the many important jobs that the Board and others perform to keep 729 running to include Butch Moore (Paymaster), Mary Broussard (Building Mgr), Otis Fox (Pistol Team Captain), John Bishop (events coordinator) and Phil Hughes (Nominating Committee). He reviewed the USMC Core Values with inputs from the members and the need to follow the same and work as a team.

Commandant Bud Apple reminded members that the **“Sgt Reckless” Statue** is complete and will be moved to Lexington at the Horse Park where it will be dedicated on **12 May 2018**. He asked those present to get the word out for donations. The Detachment has raised \$680.00 toward our goal of \$1000.00 to help bring this effort to fruition. **Anyone wishing to donate, please bring in a check or cash to the April meeting. You may send donations to the Kentuckiana Det 729 (Attn Restless Statue fund), and mail it to P.O. Box 991367, Louisville, KY 40269-1367. Would be nice to get a group together in Red Coats and attend the event.**

Otis Fox gave a History lesson on Chesty Puller’s life. It was filled with fun facts and question and answer segment. It was very well received.

Cletis Evans thanked all of the members who helped with the **Kyiana Car Swap event**. He indicated that when the sponsoring organization has tallied up the hours for all organizations, he will give us a report on the amount that the Detachment will receive. He also asked for volunteers to assist on the following week of the meeting to assist at the **TFT warehouse**. **Finally, he indicated appreciation that the Auxiliary will be helping to make calls to WW II Veterans so that the Honor Flight can fill an aircraft for a two day mission on the 5th and 6th of June. He also asked the members at the meeting to assist in this effort.**

TOYS FOR TOTS. Cletis has indicated that there will be an organizational meeting (lessons learned, planning for the 2018 campaign) at 5:00 PM before the April meeting. **Help us to plan a successful campaign by attending this meeting.**

Mike Rice announced that he has taken over the Quartermaster’s job. If you have any items that you wish to purchase from the ship’s store it will be open during all future meetings. Great job Mike!

Adjutant **Al Broussard** gave a **“Job well done”** to the members of the **Honors Detail**. Since the FY started they have managed to bring in \$8000.00 this year performing these Military Honors. He also gave a shout out to **Phil Hughes** who was recognized by the Marine Coordinating Council and presented with a plaque for outstanding service to the Coordinating Council. **The Rodney Williams Community Service Award**.

Finally, the **Adjutant** indicated that it is time for **Detachment Marine of the Year Nominations**. We will try to get a Nomination sheet in the newsletter or we will send it out in a separate blast via the Detachment platform.

Bob LeBlond announced the **Roving Mess** will be held on the **2nd Tuesday of April (10 April)** at 11:00 AM. The location will be **Longhorn Steakhouse**, 2535 Hurstbourne Gem Lane, Louisville, KY 40220.

50/50 Draw was won by Dan Haddix this month. \$136.00 was collected so the total for Dan was \$68.00

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen D. Broussard

Adjutant

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