



# "The Hard Charger"

**Kentuckiana Detachment # 729**

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

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### **The Marine House**

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### **Member Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Monthly**

**1900 Hours**

**[kentuckianamarines.org](http://kentuckianamarines.org)**

## **COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE....**

Bud Apple, Commandant

The USMC served in the Vietnam War taking part in battles such as the battle Hue, Khe Sanh, operations Union, Union II, just to name a few. Individuals from the USMC generally operated in Northern I Corps region of South Vietnam. While there, they were constantly engaged in a guerilla war against the Viet Cong along with an intermitted war against the NVA. Portions of the Corps were responsible for the less known Combined Action Program (CAP). The experience serving with the CAPS was not only a great learning experience for this marine, it was a challenge from day to day in surviving. The CAP I was involved in, worked with Popular Forces teaching patrolling, communications, requesting supporting fires. We implemented unconventional techniques for counter insurgencies. And we worked as military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine Corps. CAP was implemented until the end of the war and suffered 70 percent casualties. Marines were withdrawn in 1971 and returned briefly in 1975 to evacuate Saigon. Also, Marines were involved in the attempt a rescue of the crew of the Mayaguez. Of the approximately 58,000 killed in Vietnam, 13,000 were Marines. 51,392 Marines were wounded and 57 Medals of Honor were awarded. Another less known fact is that, due to the policy of rotation, more marines served in Vietnam than in WWII.

## **COMING EVENTS.....**

KYANA Meet	10-11 March Work Party Fairgrounds
Roving Mess	13 March 1100 Golden Corral 4032 Taylorsville Rd
Board Meeting	14 March – 1630 – Marine House – Chow! Chile & Soups offered by Auxiliary – 5PM
Game Night	15 March – 6PM – Marine House
Member Meeting	19 March – 1900 – Marine House
Vietnam Vets	29 March – Free Meal – Mission Bar-B-Q
Pistol Team	Every Tuesday 1230 12100 Waterford Rd.

## **LADIES AUXILARY.....**

Rina Borders, President

Thanks you to all the ladies who attended our last meeting, which was very successful and accomplished many things. The ladies voted to pay half the cost of a new dishwasher for the Marine House, with the remainder paid for by the Buechel Woman's Club.

March events include a game night on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to ?. The cost is \$5 per person, and we will be selling snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. We will be serving a meal before the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meal will consist of chili and a variety of

soups. Ladies, we are still accepting donations of items for our yard sale and April 13-14. If you have items for the yard sale, please call Nancy Wallace. Do not forget our lunch outing at 12:30 pm March 24<sup>th</sup> at Gander, located at 111 S. English Station Road.

March Birthdays: Mary rose Bezoenik on March 10 and Teresa Young on March 21.

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

## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!.....**

In Rina's report, she said "The ladies voted to pay half the cost of a new dishwasher for the Marine House, with the remainder paid for by the Buechel Woman's Club." **WOW! THANK YOU LADIES!!** What would we do without them.

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.....**

Richard Schmidt, Chaplain



We are reminded every day that we live in a fallen world. Yet so many of us strive to make a difference and it seems the world continues to get worse. It can be discouraging to continue to do the

right and receive no word of thanks or see no tangible results. The Bible tells in Galatians 6:7-9 "*A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary of doing good, for at a proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*" We are challenged every day to please God and to trust God for the results. Galatians 5:16 "*So I day live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the Sinful nature*"

## **ARE YOU SMARTER THAN YOUR SPOUSE? ....**

**PROVE IT!** The Ladies Auxiliary is having a game night Thursday March 15, 6pm. This Battle of the Sexes cost \$5 per person. Winner gets a nice gift

card. Snacks and drinks available for purchase and BYOB. Three reasons to attend... camaraderie, support the Ladies activities and have FUN!

## **MEMBER OF THE MONTH.....**



LtCol. Norman Preston joined as a Private in June 1943 and after what appears to be very exceptional service, and was discharged from active duty in 1947 as a Master Sergeant E-8 whereupon in 1948 he joined

the Reserves. He was activated and served in the Korean War where he earned the Bronze Star. Norman also served as the CO of the 47<sup>th</sup> Rifle Company in Louisville in the 1950's, retiring from the Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. Norman is a true Patriot and part of our Greatest Generation. We are proud to have him as a member and friend.

## **EASY MONEY ~ KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS..**

The Kentuckiana Det. #729 Marine Corps League is now part of the Kroger Rewards Program. Every time you shop you can support our Detachment! Simply follow the steps below:

1. Log-in or register your Kroger Rewards Card at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
2. Search for "Kentuckiana Det. #729 Marine Corps League" or type in our ID number: **26627**
3. Scan your card each time you shop.

## **THE LADIES ARE AT IT AGAIN!.....**

The Ladies Auxiliary is holding a YARD SALE Friday April 13<sup>TH</sup> and Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>. They are accepting anything sellable. This is a good opportunity to go thru your garage, attic, barn, anywhere you have shoved stuff. If it is salable, call Rena (270-

537-5106) or Nancy (502-608-3869). You can also take items to Nancy's house or the Marine House on April 12 or 13. I don't need to tell you how much they do for the League so let's step up and help out.

## **WANT TO WATCH BIG THINGS GO BOOM?.....**

Our intrepid organizer John Bishop has made arrangements for us to visit Fort Knox and watch the Marine Corps Reserve Tank Unit in practice exercises. We hope to be able to crawl around the tanks and



ask question of the crewmen. Mark your

calendar April 12 (maybe the 11). There is a personnel change happening that will have a bearing on this. You will need to sign a hold harmless form, bring ear protection and meet EARLY on the designated day. More details to come.



## **NEW MEMBERS ~ WELCOME ABOARD .....**

At this month's meeting we joined two new members. Let's make them welcome



Troy G. Corbin is sponsored by Phil Hughes. Troy served from Jan 1995 - Jan 1999 and held a 4066 MOS - small computer systems specialists. During his service he earned the Good Conduct Medal, NDSM, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He attained the rank of Corporal and served with the 2nd Mar Div G-6 Section. Currently, he is a Solutions Architect with Cisco Systems along with various Real Estate pursuits.



Howard "James" Oagley (prefers James) was sponsored by C. J. Wychulis. James served in the USMC/USMCR from November 1985 - November 1991. He served in the Infantry with an MOS 0311. After active duty he remained in the Reserves where he attained the rank of Sergeant. He was called back to Active Duty for about a 6 month period during the 1990's Gulf War. He has earned the NDSM, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. He attended the University of Evansville and is currently employed as a Mechanical Engineer and Consultant.

These Marines will stay with us if we make them feel welcome and get them involved. Make them feel welcome when you see them at the next meeting. It's up to you! Semper Fi!

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS.....**

Apple	Bud	3		Simon	Joseph	19
Bertrand	Earl	3		Cross	Robert	20
Nowak	William	6		Ennis	Jerome	20
Ratterman	Emmett	6		Mattingly	W.	20
Glass	Anthony	10		Sparks	James	22
Rose	Leo	12		Stewart	Dennis	26
Mangold	George	12		Oagley	James	27
Horne	Andrew	15		Miller	Charles	28
Maloney	Michael	16		Hankins	Steven	28
Shaughnessy	John	17		Herrick	Brian	29
Rosenthal	Bernard	18		Schulz	Thomas	30

## **VIETNAM VETERANS DAY ~ MISSION BAR-B-Q.....**

Hi Folks, On Thursday, March 29th this year we are honoring all Vietnam Veterans with a free sandwich! We open at 11 am and would love any and all Vietnam Vets to join us and let us thank them for their service!! Thanks for what you do,

Jennifer

Mission Bar-B-Q

## **LEAGUE ADDS COLOR GUARD TO ACTIVITIES....**

Anything tht can be done to advance a spirit of patriotism will be done by our League. To that end, 729 has established an official Color Guard Team. The Color Guard is available for any community event except political gatherings. If you are aware of any such event, please inform them of our availability. If you are interest in serving on this team, or are aware of a group we can serve, please contact C J Wychulis who is serving as the Point of Contact. C J can be reached at 502-550-2646 or email [cwychulis@aol.com](mailto:cwychulis@aol.com)

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 19 FEBRUARY 2018**

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

The Chaplain gave his report first commenting on the outstanding show of support of our long time member **Fred Dyne**. Over 35 members of the Detachment and Auxiliary showed up at the Funeral Home in uniform to pay our respects to Fred at the loss of his wife. Fred was indeed touched to see such a turn out. Additionally, the Chaplain read a letter of appreciation to the Detachment from Bill and Rose Taylor for the support shown to his family at the funeral of his daughter. Marines, this is what we are all about, taking care of our Marine family in their time of loss or need. Mike Rice also noted that after the members were notified of Mike coming down with a terrible case of the Flu his mailbox was inundated with get well cards. He indicated that he was humbled by the experience. He is back to full strength.

**Members in Distress**, Chaplain Schmidt identified Erv Schoch whose Cancer has slipped out of remission. Additionally, we need to keep Bob Auslander in our prayers as he recovers from his bout with the cancer menace. Let us all keep track of our members who are in need of prayers and thoughts and if you know of someone, let the Chaplain know. We can do a card campaign to let them know that they are on our radar.

Two new members were inducted at the **meeting**. **See their short bio's in the "New members in the spotlight" section of the newsletter. Welcome aboard Troy Corbin and H. James Oagley.**

Commandant Apple announced that the next quarterly meeting for the State (Department) will be held on 24 March 2018. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Commandant.

Commandant also announced that a few good Marines will be organizing a **trip to Quantico** from 6-10 June 2018. If you are interested in this please also contact the Commandant. Itinerary includes visits to the Museum of the Marine Corps, Globe and Laurel, the Vietnam Wall and other monuments as well as an evening at the 8<sup>th</sup> and I parade. Drop dead date to sign up is the May meeting. This will be a ride sharing and room sharing activity.

**The Benevolence committee** rolled out the vetting information for assisting Veterans in need. A monetary amount has been set aside and stringent criteria will mean that vetting will not be just a give away. For those that do not know what this is about here is a synopsis. The Detachment will set up a joint committee with the Auxiliary, consisting of 6 – 8 members, to develop a vetting process (to be approved by the Detachment Members), and to run a Benevolent Program for local Veterans to help those Veterans in an immediate need of assistance, due to circumstances beyond their control. And further that the Detachment invest the initial funding of \$5000.00 to begin this Program. Future funding will be from solicitations of the Committee and Detachment members, to be determined later. **If you would like to participate as part of this committee please contact PDC Bob Cross.**

There was no **Paymaster Report** this month as our Paymaster, Butch Moore, had come down with the flu. He sent us a report that the 3 accounts are faring quite well. The 3 accounts are all healthy and balanced.

Details of the accounts will be provided members upon request.

Bob Cross informed the Detachment that the Investment Committee has reorganized and its first action was to change the strategic investment strategy to a stronger program. Details of the fund will be provided members upon request.

Mary Broussard's **Building Rental sent a report** (she was just out of surgery and not in attendance) but indicated that rentals are filling fast and steady. We are lucky to have this Marine in charge of such a profitable venture...she makes it work, so when she asks for volunteers to clean or re-set the building...please step up and lend a hand. **Call her if you want to be a regular volunteer!** (502) 267-4776.

**Junior Vice-Commandant** gave a 10 minute presentation of "**A Moment in Marine Corps History**" reflecting on his experience during the Viet Nam war. He felt that his buddy Marine, Ken Brennan, on Phoui Noui, that he spoke about Monday night rated a MOH and his CO signed off on or used what he wrote. The Marine received the Navy Commendation w/combat V. Obviously he felt that this was a slap in the face. His story of this Marine's valor was certainly to be admired!

He also initiated a "**Member of the Month Spotlight**". This month LtCol Norman Preston's story was told at the meeting. Norman joined the USMC as a Private in June 1943 for 4 years. He was discharged from active duty in 1947 as a Master Sergeant E-8 and joined the Reserves in 1948. He was activated and served in Korea during the Korean War where he earned the Bronze Star. During his Reserve duty, Norman also served as the CO of the 47<sup>th</sup> Rifle Company in Louisville in the 1950's. Norman Retired from the Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. As a combat Marine, Norman is a true Patriot and part of our Greatest Generation. We all thank Norman for his stellar service to our Corps and our Country. His active participation and contributions to the Detachment are appreciated...Thanks for your service Norman!

He recommended also that our former Quartermaster, **Bobby Donoho**, having served the Detachment for so many years has moved to Florida. He has recommended that we acknowledged his service. Al Broussard indicated that he is already working on this. Additionally, he acknowledged **Otis Fox** for completing his RSO Course on his own time. Congratulations Otis!

Finally, he announced that he is pushing the JROTC commanders to generate some interest in the Essay Contest. **They have until the first of April to submit for the \$1000.00 scholarship.**

**LaVon Varley** asked the Commandant to address the membership. She wanted to thank the membership who participated in the Pancake Breakfast and the contributions were very welcome! She thanked John Froehlich, Rina & Rick Borders, Richard & Judy, and Bob Wolf for their efforts in making this a success. **In an emotional gesture she donated \$550.00 to the Detachment.**

After the meeting an ad hoc meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees acted on a motion to use **this money to be donated to the "Sgt. Reckless fund" in the name of Tom Varley.** **Phil Hughes** followed up discussing the **Sgt Reckless story and the MCCCKY efforts** to erect another Sgt Reckless Statue, this one to go in the Bluegrass State at the KY Horse Park. He also placed a \$100.00 dollar donation and challenged all members to make a contribution. The Detachment will collect donations which are 501 C 3 deductible. If the Department can raise \$5000.00 before 18 May, the Marine Corps League Kentucky will be placed on the Plaque as major contributors. **If you wish to make a contribution please make your check out to the Kentuckiana Detachment (memo line...Sgt Reckless Fund). Most of the other Detachments have also made similar donations. Bring your check or cash to next month's meeting.**

**Birthday Ball** date was discussed. A vote was held to have this year's Birthday celebration on the actual birthday of the Marine Corps. **Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>** will be the date of our celebration.

Another member suggested that we as a group may be interested in going to a **Louisville Bat's Baseball game** this summer. It would require a 20 person minimum and include a \$25.00 price tag with food and fun as well as possibly a Recruiting activity. A committee will look into setting a date and getting folks involved.

**Cletis Evans** thanked all members who contributed to the **Toys for Tots Program** this year. This year was a huge success and he is looking to have an **organizational** meeting at **16:00 hours on 16 April 2018** if the building is available.

Also Cletis is an organizer of the **Honor Flights** he announced that there would be two flights in June. There will be a **two day flight on 5 & 6 June** and a later flight on **27 June 2018**. He is asking all members to identify WW II Veterans for these flights. If you know of a WW II Vet who has not seen their monument yet, please give him a call.

Bob LeBlond announced the **Roving Mess** will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of March (13 March) at 11:00 AM. Bring a friend and guest. This month it will be at **Golden Coral located on 4032 Taylorsville Road**.

**50/50 Draw** was won by Otis Fox this month. \$78.00 was collected so the pot was \$39.

Meeting adjourned at 2042 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allen D. Broussard

Adjutant

## **THIS MONTH IN USMC HISTORY.....**

**2 March 1867:** Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1864, was this date promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute, however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of Commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin's retirement.

**8 March 1965:** The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

**11 March 1778:** Marines participated when the Continental Navy frigate BOSTON, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship MARTHA. As the drum of the BOSTON beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

**13 March 1943:** The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

**17 March 1967:** The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty, Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky, began her 18-hour flight to Bien Hoa, 30 miles north of Saigon. MSgt Dulinsky and the other officer and enlisted Women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section providing administrative support to Marines assigned as far north as the DMZ, but two Lieutenant Colonels, Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O'Holleran, served as historians with the Military History Branch, Secretary Joint Staff, MACV.

**25 March 1945:** After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties -- more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force was killed.

**27 March 1953:** The 5th Marines, supported by the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous evening of Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front, counterattacked to regain enemy-held positions. Companies E and F of 2/7, down to only three platoons between them, managed to regain partial control of Outpost Vegas that day.

**31 March 1801:** On this date, LtCol Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." President Jefferson was a personal friend of the Commandant, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps and accompanied Burrows on horseback on the morning of 31 March. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, bounded by 8th and 9th streets, and a & I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.

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