

# Semper Fi News

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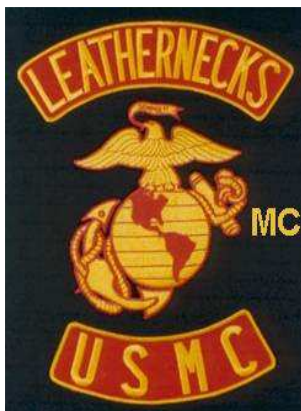
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Marine of the year	Bob Dewitt

**General Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, at 1800**

**Board of Directors meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday After general meeting at 17:45**

WE WILL MEET AT OUR HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
607 EAST JEFFERSON  
Warsaw Mo.

**'ONCE A MARINE, ALWAYS A MARINE'**



## **A WORD** **FROM THE COMMANDANT**

Spring conference completed at Lake of the Ozarks. The main items were Marine Week in St Louis 20-26 June. Our Detachment Donated \$120 for tickets to send a Marine to the Ball Game on the 21st. Active duty Marines and wounded warrior personnel will attend. The call for Marine Detachments to send help through the week, anyone that wishes to be there can get the information in the Department of Missouri Web site.

Department Officer elections were completed and senior vice T. Terry was elected to be the Commandant for the State of Missouri. All other positions will be published on the Department Web site.

**Dick Brouillette, Commandant**



**A message from our senior vice commandant**

I Hope everyone is doing fine, the weather has been hot and stormy. Just a reminder if you have not paid your dues for last month this month or next month we need to get er done ok? Does any one know of any new member prospects? If so get them to join up, we can use some new members in our ranks.

The 4th of July will be here, and I hope the holiday will be filled with fun and laughter for us, but remember at the same time, our service men and women who are in harms way. God bless them all and keep them under his wing, so you all go out and enjoy the 4th and give thanks to the almighty.

God bless the Marine Corps the Marine Corps League the USA God bless us all.

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**Sal Rios Senior Vice Commandant.**



**A message from our Junior vice Commandant**

If you don't think every day is a good day, try missing one.

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**Charles Portwood Junior Vice Commandant**

  
**"CHAPLIN'S CORNER"**

HEAVENLY FATHER, YOU ARE THE REAL FOUNDATION OF NATIONS, RAISING THEM UP TO SERVE AND CARE FOR THE PEOPLE DWELLING IN THEIR BOUNDRIES. I THANK YOU FOR MAKING ME A CITIZEN OF THIS LAND OF FREEDOM AND UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY---WHICH ARE THE RESULT OF its CHRISTIAN BASE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT TO THIS COUNTRY AND MAKE IT A SOURCE OF WISDOM AND STRENGTH, ORDER AND INTEGRITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE DULY PRAY FOR THE COMFORT OF ALL OUR CITIZENS YOUNG AND OLD, FIT AND FEEBLE FOR THE HARDSHIPS THEY HAVE HAD TO ENDURE THIS PAST FEW MONTHS DUE TO THE SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODINGS.

AS ALWAYS, AS A VETERAN GROUP WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND PERFECT STRANGERS WHO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS THAT ARE PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS TO A FREE EXISTANCE

AMEN  
SEMPER FI.  
**Dave Woodfine, Chaplin**

**"Fire for effect, we  
have incoming"**



Do you have any good old Marine gripes, b#tches, any suggestions, comments, or complaints?

Send an e-mail to [oldocbrown@aol.com](mailto:oldocbrown@aol.com) or mail me at Box 945 Warsaw Mo. 65355

# History Professor

OLD Professor

The WWII turning point in the Pacific was the Battle of Midway. Navy and Marine pilots carried the fight to the Japanese carriers. Marine Capt Richard E Fleming of Marine Bombing Squadron 241 was attacking one of the enemy carriers. When his Squadron Commander was shot down, Fleming took over the lead diving as low as 400 feet according to his medal citation releasing his bombs. As he pulled out of his attack his aircraft was riddled by fire. He was wounded twice, yet able to return to his carrier. A total 179 hits were counted in his aircraft. On the second day his wounds were minor he again lead an attacked on a Japanese Battle ship. On his approach his plane was hit and caught fire. Fleming continued his dive releasing his bomb at 500 feet narrowly missing the ships stern. His ship crashed into the sea. Capt. Fleming, from St Paul Minnesota was awarded the Medal of Honor.

SEMPER FI, Your Old Professor, Dick Brouillette

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July



**4<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**11<sup>TH</sup> Regular meeting**  
**25<sup>th</sup> officers meeting**

## PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Chad Eledge, Jimmy Collins, David Switzner, Don Watkins, Orville Merryfield, Greg Davis, Kermit Nine, Wanda Brown



Kermit Nine for the wood carving of the Eagles that is in our newsletter.

For the Marines that worked the hot dog wagon for Jubilee Days.

For the Marines that worked the gun show in Columbia.

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY?



# NEWS, NEWS, NEWS

## WE ARE THE MOST “ELEETE”



Americans believe the U.S. Army and the Marines are the most important to national defense, followed by the Air Force and Navy, a Gallup poll indicated.

The Army and Marines basically tied, 25 percent and 24 percent respectively, in Gallup's survey as most important to national defense, results released Tuesday indicated.

The perceived importance of the Air Force was 17 percent and the Navy was 11, the Princeton, N.J., polling agency said.

As far as prestige goes, Americans named the Marines as the most prestigious branch of the armed forces in each of four surveys conducted from 2001 to 2011. Thirty-six percent named the Marines as most prestigious in 2001 while 46 percent did so in the latest poll.

The Army was second with 22 percent, followed by the Air Force, 15 percent, and the Navy, 8 percent.

### Change in policy

The Military Officers Association of America is warning that the military retirement system is facing assaults from various fronts including outgoing Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, incoming Secretary Leon Panetta, Congress, and Vice President Joe Biden. Sec. Gates testified last week that he liked the idea of an early vesting system, which would enable service members to leave the military with some form of retirement

savings prior to reaching 20 years of service - similar to a civilian 401K. Military retirement cutbacks will likely be one of the outcomes of the deficit-reduction talks between administration and congressional leaders, which is currently being headed by Vice President Joe Biden.

## Heads up!

**As we all know, our economic times are tough.**

**We are experiencing this in all of our fund raisers.**

**It is not as easy now to acquire funds to help our veterans. We really need all of the help we can get from our members at any of our fund raisers. Can't you spare an hour or two of your time to help?**

**Think about it.**

## Change, change, change

Over the years, our newsletter has changed in its format many times.

We also are facing increased cost of ink, postage and other supplies.

With this newsletter, we will start printing in grey scale. If you have an e-mail address you of course will receive your newsletter in color.

Send me your e-mail address and get your copy quicker than snail mail and help reduce the cost of paper, ink, and postage.

**The editor,**

**Doc**