

Semper Fi News

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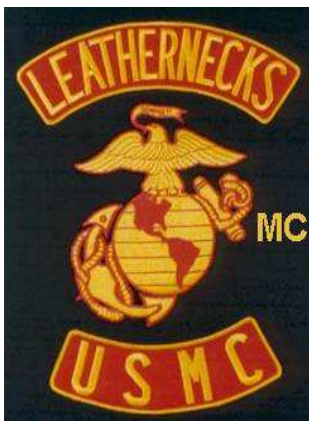
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**General Meeting: 2nd Monday of the
Month, at 1800**

**Board of Directors meeting will be 2nd 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

Fellow Marines: I wish to express my gratitude to all members of Detachment 1254. Those who give their time when the call goes out really keep the Detachment going. I fully understand those who pay their yearly dues or are members paid up for life and seldom are able to make a meeting for one reason or another. They are also necessary to the Detachment. Numbers are important for the league, I am a member of other Military Associations and seldom make meeting with those units. I have even been

Commander and State Level officer. Yes I have been there and done that. Our newsletter asks for ideas and complaints where we can make the Detachment activities more interesting to a larger number of members. Again those of you who have stepped up to the plate have my many thanks. We do what we can.
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Dick Brouillette, Commandant



A message from our senior vice commandant

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"

O LORD THOU WHO HAS MADE US AND ALL GOOD THINGS, RECEIVE OUR THANKS AND ENCOURAGE US TO DO THY WILL.

ALMOST DOING IT.

PLEASE DONATE SOME OF YOUR VALUABLE TIME TO THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE THIS YEAR.

VISIT THE LICENSE BUREAU IN WARSAW ON MAIN STREET AND READ THE RECOGNITION OUR DETACHMENT RECEIVED FROM 8TH MARINES IN AFGHANISTAN.

THE LICENSE BUREAU WAS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF OUR PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS OVERSEAS THIS YEAR. WE ARE HONORING THEM BY LEAVING OUR 8TH MARINE AWARD AND FLAG FLOWN OVER AFGHANISTAN IN THEIR LOVING CARE.

IT WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR YET ANOTHER WEEK AND WILL RETURN TO OUR HEADQUARTERS IN ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO.

AMEN

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Dave Woodfine, Chaplin

"Fire for effect, we



have incoming"

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

I HAVE RECEIVED ONLY ONE SUGGESTION AND NOT ONE GRIPE SINCE WE STARTED THIS REQUEST. Are all of you satisfied about the way your detachment is being ran? About what we do? About the help we give our veterans? If not let me know and we will see if we can't do as you suggest.

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY?

History Professor

OLD Professor

Operation Shufly



Semper Fi magazine had an article about the Marine Corps deployment of Marine Corps Helicopter squadrons to Vietnam starting in June of 1962. HMM-362 was the first to deploy, down in Mekong delta area, and then operations were moved to the I corps area.

Our own "Doc" Brown Was a member of HMM-361 which arrived in-country at Danang October 1, 1963

The squadron was flying HUS-1's which were re-designated UH-34D, and was known as the Sea Horse. The helicopters were originally unarmed. As combat missions were flown, the Pilots and Co-Pilots carried .45 side arms and the Crew chiefs the M3A1 grease guns, for self protection. Their missions were to fly Vietnamese troops in Combat operations against the Vet-Cong. Life Magazine covered some of the action and an article can be found on the internet. The mounting of the M-60 machine gun at first was disregarded because of need for the troops to exit the main hatch quickly. Marine Legend has it a Gunny developed a swing gun mount to clear the hatch upon landing. Later on the crew chief manned the M-60, while the other crewmen were using the AR-15.

Doc told me that a Lance Corporal, whose name was Rich or Ritchey thought of the idea of modifying the pilots and co-pilots seats so if wounded, they could be lowered into the troop compartment without landing the aircraft. There they could be given first aid. The Lance-Corporal was promoted to Corporal for this idea.

Being one of the early Marines to Viet Nam, ask Doc about his friend who he had to leave behind?



Image by Renegade Sportswear, Inc. Ft. Meyers, FL

SEMPER FI, Your Old Professor, Dick
Brouillette

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

4TH AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS MEETING
AT 18:00 AT THE LEGION

8TH REGULAR MEETING 1800
11TH MISSOURI STATE FAIR STARTS TODAY
13TH & 14TH GUN SHOW IN SPRING FIELD
22ND STAFF MEETING 17:45
27TH & 28TH GUN SHOW AT LEONARD WOOD

SEPTEMBER

7th **Camp Hope motorcycle
run close to Farmington mo. All
veterans invited** Leave legion at 07:00
12th regular meeting 18:00
26th Staff meeting 17:45

24th legion rider's poker run

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

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Officer Nominations

The committee has been formed to accept nominations for new officers. If you wish to help guide your Marine Corps League as one of the officers contact Doc Brown, Dick Brouillette or Bob Dewitt.

All names must be submitted before September 20, 2011 to be voted on at the meeting in October. Then the new officers will be installed in November of 2011.

Marine Afghanistan Vet to Receive MoH

For the first time since the Vietnam War a living Marine will be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Former Cpl. Dakota Meyer will receive the nation's highest military award for actions on Sept. 8, 2008, in a small Afghan village near the border of Pakistan, according to a report July 19 on the website of Leatherneck, a publication of the Marine Corps Association.

Meyer, who left the Marine Corps in June 2010, was nominated for the medal after risking his life to race into the kill zone of a firefight to find three missing Marines and a Navy corpsman, Marine Corps Times reported earlier today after confirming the Leatherneck report.

The four men were already dead and stripped of their gear and equipment, according to the report. Along with friendly Afghan soldiers Meyer got the bodies away from the combat area where they could be flown out.

That a living Marine was in line for the Medal of Honor has been known since last November, when then-Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Conway announced during a visit to Camp Pendleton, Calif., that one had been nominated.

Meyer's actions occurred during the controversial battle near the village of Ganjgal, Afghanistan, where Meyer was serving as part of a joint embedded training team to mentor Afghan forces. His patrol was ambushed by a large insurgent force which rained down AK-47 and RPG fire on the training team.

A reporter embedded with the unit at the time told of desperate calls for close air or artillery support that never came. Just a few days after the attack, an angry Meyer was quoted as saying that the commanders' decision not to order artillery support "basically screwed our guys over. They expect us to bring stuff to the fight, and [the commanders] didn't give it to us."

Investigators later reprimanded three Army officers for their conduct in the bloody ambush.