

Semper Fi News

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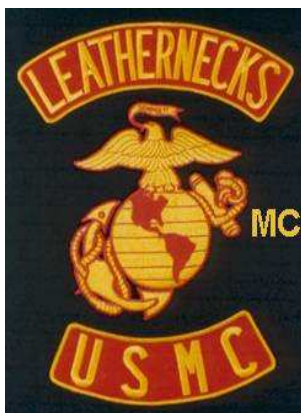
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Marine of the year Bob Dewitt

**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**

Looks like we are stuck. We had only six at the last meeting. By this I mean the Officer election will be decided by only five or six people. With only six in attendance the Marine Birthday party will be so small that we would not need the Community Center.

The Officers that are serving for the whole unit will have to double up on some positions.

Anyone having any ideas on how to get our membership to attend the meetings please give me a call.

The Nominees for office were listed in last months Newsletter, and also will be in this month News Letter.

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Dick Brouillette, Commandant



A message from our senior vice commandant

POSITION VACANT

Senior Vice Commandant.



A message from our Junior vice Commandant

No report just a busy month a head
Semper Fi
Charlie

Charles Portwood Junior Vice Commandant



"CHAPLIN'S CORNER"

I hope everyone has been doing great. I have taken over the responsibilities of the chaplain for the Warsaw Leathernecks 1254. I hope all is well, as the economy is bad, the news always seems grim, people losing their jobs, their health care, and other worries that we don't need.

But all I have to do is close my eyes and pray and ask the almighty to guide me in these times, he will hear you and help you.

Remember Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.

Though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Remember Isaiah 40:31

Those who trust in the lord will renew their strength;

They will soar on wings like eagles

They will run and not grow weary;

They will walk and not faint.

Remember to pray each day, as a small prayer will help you.

GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU AND YOURS

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AMEN

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Sal Rios, Chaplin

"Fire for effect, we



have incoming"

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

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.

Send an e-mail to oldocbrown@aol.com or mail me at Box 945 Warsaw Mo. 65355

Semper Fi,

Doc

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY?

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

History Professor

This month I have a personal interest in this history story.

From the Halls of Montezuma the first words of our Corps Hymn. As reported in the Marine Corps Times this week. On Sept 13, 1847 Marine and Army troops attack Chapultepec Castle known as the Halls of Montezuma. Guarded by a hill called Chapultepec that rose two hundred feet and reinforced with a 12-foot wall. The attackers scaled the wall with ladders and in fierce hand to hand combat won the day from Santa Anna's Army and raised the US flag over the Palace.

As a small child my Grandmother pointed to a painting of US troops in battle that hung on her wall. In the center of the troops one of them was carrying the US flag at the head of the charge. She told me that that man was her Grandfather Christian Bauerly and that he raised the flag over the Palace. Christian would later fight in the Civil War and would become a Sgt Major in the Union Army.

My Great grandfather Christian, died 1904 in Le Mars, Iowa. He came to the US in 1846 from Germany.

SEMPER FI, Your Old Professor, Dick Brouillette

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

1st Fun Run at Warrensburg Veterans Home

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

10TH Regular meeting at headquarters. Start at 18:00. We will vote on the new officers at this meeting. We still need a Judge Advocate. We need membership participation of as many paid members as we can have for this so be sure to attend this meeting.

14th, 15th, 16th Heritage Days. We will only have an activity for **Saturday the 15th.** We will be selling raffle tickets at Orschlen from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. All volunteers wear Class "A" uniform. The Drawing for the rifle will be Saturday shortly after 2 PM.

30th The Democrat newspaper in Sedalia will be hosting an "appreciation for Vietnam Veterans" 50th Anniversary of the Start of the Vietnam War. This will start at 3:30 PM at the Heckart Center.

All Vietnam Veterans are encouraged to attend. The program will include among other things a slide show, speakers and musical entertainment.

Officer Nominations

To be voted on at the meeting in October. Then the new officers will be installed in November of 2011

At this time we have these Marines nominated for these positions:

Commandant	Dick Brouillette
Senior vice	Pete Nash
Jr. vice	Charley Portwood
Adjutant/paymaster	Bob Dewitt
Chaplin	Sal Rios
Sgt at Arms	Russell Johnson

Judge Advocate is vacant
One Auditor is vacant

Marines help our detachment remain strong and grow. Step and become an officer, we need you.

We Care

Our efforts helped a young JROTC (soon to be a Marine) young lady.

And helped finance a trip for a mother to visit her son, wounded in Iraq, who is stationed at 29 Palms and is with the 3d battalion 7th Marines Weapons Company.

Dress Blues

Marine Administration Message 504/07 requires all Marines to purchase the dress blue uniform no later than Oct. 1.

During its 236 years of existence, the Marine Corps has more than tallied its fair share of successes. Today, the stories of heroes like John Basilone and Carlos Hathcock are continually told, as are many epic tales of battle.

The distinct dress blue uniform is a well-known icon threaded in history dating back to the American Revolution — representing the proud legacy of the Marine Corps. Now, Marine Administration Message 504/07 directs all Marines to own the dress blue uniform by Oct. 1.

Originally green, the dress blue jacket was changed to blue in 1798 to represent the Corps' naval traditions. Then in 1841, Marines began wearing the lighter blue trousers; the basis of today's dress blue uniform.

The thirteen buttons bearing the Eagle, Globe and Anchor, the emblem of Marines since 1804, represents the 13 original colonies.

The uniform still has a high collar which preserves the term "leatherneck," a nickname given to Marines because of the leather collar worn until 1872 to protect Marine's necks from sword attacks.

The red stripe, or "blood stripe," worn down the side of the trousers of noncommissioned officers and higher was originally added to commemorate the blood shed at the Battle of Chapultepec, but is now worn to honor all the Marines who gave the ultimate sacrifice throughout the years.

"When I wear my dress blues and people thank me for my service I feel like they are thanking all the people that went before me," said Pfc. Justin F. Guerra, ground support equipment specialist, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 26.

The dress blue uniform is worn for formal and command social events. It is most commonly worn at a unit's annual Marine Corps birthday ball. It also serves as the staple uniform of Marine recruiters.

Sgt. Maj. David K. Knutson, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204 sergeant major, has been in the Marine Corps for nearly 30 years. He wore his dress blues out in town while serving on recruiting duty. They served as a walking billboard for those who wanted to go above and beyond, he said.

During ceremonial events where the white trousers are the uniform of the day, Marines of all ranks are authorized to wear them. Also, the members of the silent drill platoon wear the white trousers when performing their drill routine. Additionally, staff NCOs and officers are authorized to wear the white trousers.

Marines are encouraged to use their clothing allowance to purchase the uniform. The uniform can be purchased at your local base clothing store.

For more information on guidelines for owning dress blues, refer to MARADMIN 504/07.