

Semper Fi News

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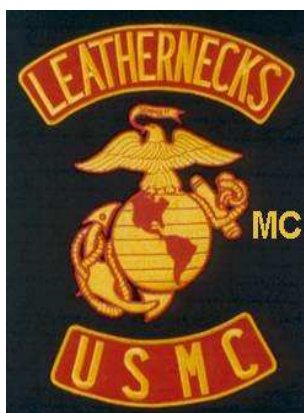
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| Marine of the year | Bob Dewitt |

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**

The rifle has been won, and we did well with the raffles as a fund raiser. In our next meeting we will discuss the issue of doing more of them or trying something else for next year.

Remember that November 10 is just around the corner and we will celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday at the Golden Corral in Clinton. Check the time in this newsletter.

At the November meeting, the new Officers will be sworn in.

Also check what's up for Veterans Day on our calendar.

Semper Fi

Dick Brouillette, Commandant



A message from our senior vice commandant

**no report
Senior Vice Commandant.**

Pete Nash



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"

This weekend has been great for Heritage days, and I hope you could make it out and enjoy these find days. I Want to let you know that we need to say some prayers for our military, and for those having hard times. We all must remember that prayer is an important part of our daily lives, and for the leaders of our country as well.

From time to time we may need some wisdom and guidance in our lives and we can remember John 10 4,5

I do follow the good shepherd and I know his voice and the voice of a stranger I will not follow.

Should anyone need to talk, all you have to do is call.

God bless each of you

God Bless the Marine Corps League, The marine Corps, and The USA.

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

AMEN
SEMPER FI.
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

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our new member, Joe De La Ree.
Joe has joined us from California.
Welcome aboard Joe.

History Professor

Back in 1950 Congressman Gordon McDonough R-CA sent a letter to the President shortly after the Korean War started.

In his letter he requested that the President consider the Commandant of the Marine Corps become a setting member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. (This information is on record in the archives of Presidential documents.) The Congressmen reasoned that the Marine Corps was entitled to full recognition as a major branch of the US armed forces. The Congressman publicly released the president's replay on Sept first.

" I read with a lot of interest your letter in regards to the Marine Corps. For your information the Marine Corps the Navy's police force and as long as I am President that is what it will remain. They have a propaganda machine that is almost equal to Stalin's."

Knowing full well that the 1st Marine Division was on the high seas headed for the Landing at Inchon on the 15th of September. Marines and the Marine Corps League didn't take those comments kindly. The President issued a public apology on Sept 6. Nine day before the landing. To Commandant Clinton Gates

" I sincerely regret the unfortunate choice of language which I used in my letter. I am profoundly aware of the magnificent history of the United States Marine Corps, and heroic deeds of the Marines since the Corps was established in 1776".

Truman would not change his mind about the Joint Chiefs, "By law the Marine Corps is an integral part of the Navy it is all ready repented on the Joint Chiefs he stated.

It remained that way until 1976.

Ask me why Harry didn't like Marines I will tell you at your next meeting.

SEMPER FI, Your Old Professor, Dick Brouillette

NEW OFFICERS TO BE

INSTALLED IN NOVEMBER

Commandant—Dick Brouillette
Senior Vice---Pete Nash
Junior Vice---Charles Portwood
Adjutant/paymaster---Bob Dewitt
Judge Advocate---Chad Eledge
Chaplin---Sal Rios
Sgt at Arms---Russ Johnson
Past junior Commandant---Pete Nash.

The responsibility to the Detachment of becoming an officer is a serious undertaking.

Our Detachment is run as a small corporation.

Our officers become our Board of Directors and make decisions on our fund raisers, handling of our finances, and policy decisions.

These men have made that decision to accept this responsibility, and we should all support them.

WINNER! WINNER! Winner!

Charles Portwood won the drawing on the rifle.

Congratulations Charlie

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

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 at the high school.

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

31ST IS HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

6th daylight savings time ends

Toy run for bike riders. Meet at Cole Camp fire station 12:30. Leave for Yeager's at 1:30. Leave Yeager's at 2:00 to go to Salvation Army in Sedalia. Toys or cash donations accepted.

10th 236th Marine Corps Birthday
We will Meet at the Golden Corral in Clinton at 19:00 for our meal and festivities. All Marines and families welcome

11th Veterans day—Program at the school starts about 08:30.
Wreathing of the waters at the harbor at 11.11.11

We will again this year be giving to all veterans and families free coffee, pastries, and hot chocolate. We need help from our ladies. If you could bake any pastries, cookies, muffins, etc. and donate for this function, let us know so we can see if we have enough. This is our third year and has been a real hit in the past. Also if any members wish to help, it will be greatly appreciated.

10th American Legion Riders meet at the Legion at 18:00. New breakfast run times will be at 09:00 and over 40 degrees temperature.

14TH **Meeting starts at 18:00. Installation is tonight for the new officers who will lead your Detachment for the next year. Show them your support and be at this meeting.**

24th Thanksgiving day. May you all have a happy thanksgiving.

28th Board of Directors meeting 17:45

DECEMBER

8th 10th American Legion Riders meet at the Legion at 18:00. New breakfast run times will be at 09:00 and over 40 degrees temperature

12th Regular meeting, starts at 18:00.

17th Collecting money for Benton County Salvation Army at Wal-Mart in Warsaw. Starts at 08:00. Bring your singing voices as we had a very good time last year, and collected more than any other group.

26th Board of Directors meeting 17:45

Tips for Making a Disability Claim

The number one thing you must do when making a claim for disability compensation through the VA is to document every communication. If it's a phone call, ask for the name of the operator and reference number of the call. For paper records, buy a two tab classification folder from Office Depot or somewhere similar. To learn more about properly documenting your VA claims go to military.com for the next month. They will be giving more information on how to file and follow up on claims.

