

# Semper Fi News

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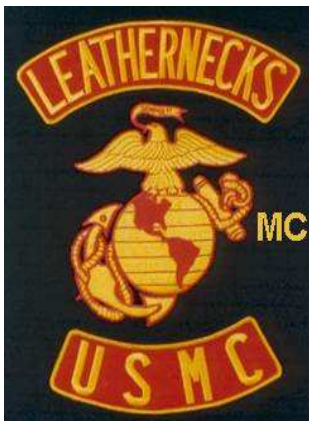
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Marine of the year	Bob Dewitt

**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

First I want to express the great loss to the detachment of Jesse Sims. This Marine was always willing to do what he could for the detachment. The personal friendship that many of us had with Jesse is one that is not replaceable. I am sure that as soon as he got to his destination he volunteered for guard duty and was given a street of his own. Semper Fi Jesse, we will see you bye and bye.

Hope to see many of you at the Bell Ringing on the 17th of Dec. Our goal is to do better than we did last year. We also hope to improve on our attendance of our meetings this next year. Bring a Marine, or a friend. They just may want to become an associate member.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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 deer, no report.

We lost a good man.

SEMPER FI

CHARLIE

**Charles Portwood Junior Vice Commandant**



**"CHAPLIN'S CORNER"  
Message body**

For those of you who don't know or haven't heard Jessie Simms passed away last Friday.

Jessie was a friend to all of us in some way and a fellow Marine. He will be missed.

God bless you and may he welcome you with open arms.

AMEN

SEMPER FI.

**Sal Rios, Chaplin**

**Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am diamond glints on snow.  
I am sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you wake in the mornings hush,  
I am the sweet uplifting rush  
Of quite birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there, I did not die.  
Author unknown**

## **History Professor**

Nov 1995 a young Marine aboard the USS America in the Arabian Sea couldn't sleep. He went topside for some air. While standing on platform the wind shifted and the ship veered sharply tossing the young Marine overboard. Bobbing up some 64 feet below the flight deck, his disparate calls for help were unheard by those on deck watch. He watched his ship stay on course through the Gulf of Oman.

Lance Cpl Zac Mayo some 100 miles from shore knew that he would not be able to swim to safety. He realized that he had to stay afloat and hope that once discovered that he was missing a search would rescue him. Using his combat water survival skills Mayo made a flotation device out his coveralls.

For the next 36 hours even with naval craft searching the area he was not spotted. His luck changed and he was picked up by a group of Pakistani fishermen. They took him to a village where he was able to get on a telephone and he called his parents collect. They notified the authorities and Mayo was returned to his unit. Now there is one lucky Marine.

SEMPER FI, Your Old Professor, Dick Brouillette

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

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

**13<sup>th</sup>** *This meeting has been changed to Tuesday from Monday.starts at 18:00.*

**17<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**25<sup>th</sup>** ***MERRY CHRISTMAS***

**26<sup>th</sup>** Board of Directors meeting 17:45

**“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](mailto: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

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Marine Corps on Okinawa has created a crime-tips website to combat the use of designer drugs known as Spice, officials said Thursday. The site allows service members and others to log on and provide information anonymously about use of synthetic marijuana and other crimes to the Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division “from the comfort of their home” via an online report form, the service said in a news release.

Pretty neat idea. Never thought of it before.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, and the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

## **THIS IS WHAT WE DO!**

We have left out the names for privacy reasons

We assisted a mother to visit her wounded son, an Afghanistan veteran who was shot by a sniper, but is now back in the States stationed at 29 Palms.

The following thank you is from the Marine Corporal along with a Marine bulldog wearing a smoky bear that he sent to our detachment.

Hoorah Devil dogs.

Firstly I want to thank you for assisting my mother to come see me.

I am indebted to you all.

I reckon the beers are on me when we hopefully meet.

I would like you all to know I'm still Hookin' and jabbin' out here in the stumps.

I am trying to get back to the fleet. No sniper is going to kick my ass.

You boys take care of yourselves.

I wish I could do more.

Forever thankful.

Semper Fidelis,

Corporal, USMC

P.S. Hope you guys like the new guard dog..... Chesty sounds like a good name

## Coming soon.....

How would you like to win one year of dues?  
Attend a meeting and find out.

Also come out to visit our new (work in process)

### **JESSE SIMMS MEMORIAL SLOP CHUTE.**

It is now in process. Located at headquarters, we are looking forward to be able to play cards, pitch, poker, etc, eat chili, sandwiches, popcorn, have cold beverages and enjoy "sittin around and throwin a little bull"

Come out to see what we are doing.

Don't forget the December meeting has been changed to the 13<sup>th</sup>, on Tuesday.