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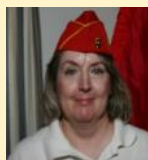
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Members of the Marine Corps League join in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving traditions. Promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service. Effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy. Voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and former Marines, FMF Corpsmen, Chaplains, and their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.



COMMANDANT'S CORNER

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In Memoriam

This month we celebrate the 76th Anniversary of this historic battle in the Pacific. We had three members of the Battle of Iwo Jima in our Detachment, Gene Frederick, who was awarded the Navy Cross for his actions, Anthony Lechniak, who was a Combat Engineer and Joe Buchheit, who was a BAR Man. All three men epitomize the strong values that make up Marines. We should consider ourselves fortunate to have known these three Marines and to have been present in their company. On May 30, 2020, we celebrated Tony's 98th birthday with a drive by of five blocks of cars and a Police escort.

Unfortunately, we lost Joe on June 9, 2015, Gene on June 15, 2020 and Tony on January 3, 2021. We celebrate their lives well lived, their patriotism and their actions to help keep our country and the world free from radical extremists, whose sole purpose was the enslavement of peoples and the mindless indoctrination of their souls. Well done Marines, the Lakeland Detachment and our country honor and salute you. You have earned and deserve your place watching over Heaven's gates.

Joe was a BAR Man and served at Saipan and Tinian cleaning out enemy caves. During one of those assignments, he was shot and wounded by a cave sniper. He was evacuated to a hospital in Hawaii, recovered and commenced training exercises for the invasion of Iwo Jima. He was part of the 1st wave with the 4th Division, 25th Marines. On the 2nd day he was hit by a grenade and subsequently gunshot. He was evacuated to various hospitals on different islands in order to find someone that could attend to his eyes which took up the majority of the blast. He was flown to San Francisco Naval Hospital and from there to a hospital in Boston where they were able to save one eye, but, not the other. Joe was subsequently discharged, embarked on his career and ultimately became a Life Member of Lakeland Detachment. His three friends who are depicted with him in each of the Birthday Ball Commemorative books are Ed Buschmann, Jerry Capozza and Ed Menshon. You couldn't find a happier quartet anywhere. Unfortunately, we lost Ed on July 18, 2018.

We honored Gene at our Detachment meeting on June 23, 2011 with his family present. A copy of the citation follows at the end of this Corner.

IWO JIMA

Iwo Jima, otherwise known as Sulfur Island represented a strategically important air base which would allow fighter escorts to support long-range bombing missions against mainland Japan. The island would provide an emergency landing strip for crippled B-29's returning from bombing runs. The seizure of Iwo would allow for sea and air blockades, provide for the ability to conduct intensive air bombardment and provide the opportunity to destroy the enemy's air and naval capabilities.

The battle commenced February 19, 1945 and ceased March 16, 1945. Mopping up activities commenced after that to clean up the remaining pockets of resistance. The island was officially declared secured on March 26, 1945. This year marks the Seventy Sixth anniversary of that historic battle.

The seizure of Iwo Jima was deemed necessary, but would not come easy. 70,000 U.S. Marines would be involved in the invasion. Total U.S losses amounted to 28,686 of which 6,821 were KIA, 19,217 were WIA and 2,648 suffered combat fatigue. Of the total number, Marine casualties amounted to 23,573. Japanese losses amounted to 1,083 POW's and over 20,000 estimated killed.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific Fleet/Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean area said it best, "**Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, Uncommon Valor was a Common Virtue**".

God Bless the Marine Corps League, God Bless the United States Marine Corps and God Bless

The United States of America

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT



Eugene J. Frederick Jr.

A Hero:

His Navy Cross Citation tells how Gene risked his life on more than one occasion by destroying two enemy tanks as a Rocket Launcher Operator. The tanks were holding up the advance of his company during the invasion of Iwo Jima on February 28, 1945. After expending his ammunition, he ran to retrieve additional rockets through an area infested with enemy snipers. Upon his return he destroyed the third enemy tank thereby enabling his fellow Marines to continue their advance.

A Man:

Gene is a patient, tolerant and soft-spoken individual. He doesn't have to brag about his actions. His level of self-confidence speaks volumes about the man. You know he is someone special just by being around him and speaking with him. He displays loyalty to his family and friends and, of course, to his fellow Marines.

A Marine:

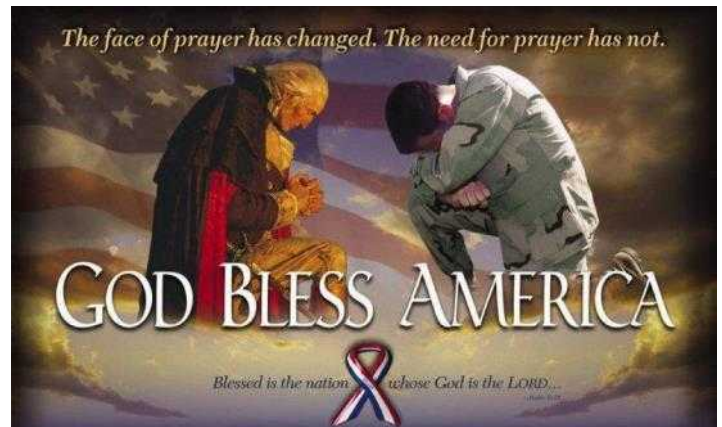
I know Gene doesn't consider himself to be a Hero; however, his dedication to the Marine Corps values of Honor, Courage and Commitment remind him that he is, and always will be, a United States Marine.

Semper Fi. Gene

Charles Huha, Lakeland Detachment—744

June 23, 2011

Chaplain's Page



God Bless Us and Guide Us

Lord we ask, that You guide the leaders of our great country in their decisions and give them knowledge to overcome the overwhelming burdens that have been placed on our shoulders. Please help them to mend our painful divide. Bring back to us respect for our fellow human beings and ourselves.

We ask that in Your infinite wisdom You guide each of us gently in the right direction and to help each of us to remember the pain and struggle of others. Help us not to pursue selfish gain.

Oh Lord, protect and guide our military. Please show them your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with your invincible armor all branches of the service and their loved ones.

Give them courage and strength against all enemies both spiritual and physical. Strengthen them in their trials: give them courage to face any and all perils; give them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be. Please hasten their safe return to home and families.

Help all of us Lord, to remember that all power rests in You and that You have promised to always be at our side.

Amen

Submitted by

Les Derbyshire
Chaplain





Service Officers Report

November 2020



From Paul Thompson

No real up-date this month on the Paramus Veterans Nursing Home. While things are pretty quiet there, they're pretty paranoid about the Virus and are only letting a few family members visit at a separate visitors room.

Two friends donated \$1,800 to the League at end of December, (they donate this every year), toward buying gifts for the Veterans, a week before Christmas. Since it was at the last moment, it would have been hard to rush out and get anything for them. So we sent the monies over to the Veterans Nursing, and the Home used that donation as requested; and gave them a NY's eve party and supplied them with gifts and decorations.

They all cheered "Happy New Year" to the Marines from Lakeland Detachment, from their doorways!

In the past two months, I referred four Veterans to the VA for entitled benefits. Unfortunately, there's seems to be a longer delay than normal. And no one seems to know why exactly.

I'm attending a State Veterans Office School this weekend, where I'm going to try to get some answers to the delays. Every few years I'm required to get additional training and find out what's new with our Veterans Affairs Department in Washington, D.C.

Any questions, please feel free to email John Harris or myself.

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Greetings Marines,

Wow, what a start to the new year. Chaos and turmoil in our nation's capitol accompanied by ever increasing Covid 19 infections and deaths. A new president and vice president taking the office of office in a ceremony unlike any other in history surround by 25,000 national guard troops. A lot of what was spoken at the inauguration sounded somewhat familiar. In almost every presidential inauguration address, the newly installed president called for the unification of Americans regardless of which side of the political landscape they came from. It is his first chance to set the course for his administration. Abraham Lincoln called for removal of apprehension from Southern States concerning states rights and other issues at the time (this was prior to the secession of the south). JFK started with, "we observe today not a victory of party, but a celebration of freedom--symbolizing an end, as well as a beginning--signifying renewal, as well as change ". FDR spoke about democracy in his 1941 address during a time when democracy was under attack around the world. He stated, "On each national day of inauguration since 1789, the people have renewed their sense of dedication to the United States". In Washington's day the task of the people was to create and weld together a nation. In Lincoln's day the task of the people was to preserve that Nation from disruption from within. "In this day the task of the people is to save that Nation and its institutions from disruption from without". LBJ stated, "We are one nation and one people. Our fate as a nation and our future as a people rest not upon one citizen, but upon all citizens". President Biden's address contained much of similar sentiment.

Personally, I hope that that Americans will come together and unite and move forward . The events of January 6th are unacceptable to any American. That a wild mob had any right to physically attack the capitol building of these United States with the intent to overthrow a vital institution of the Constitution is not the America that I grew up in nor does it represent the America I took an oath to defend.

I, Kenneth Robert Gysbers, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. (So help me God)." Even though I am no longer bound by a contract, I am honor bound by this oath which has no expiration.

The officer's oath is similar: I, [name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

We also took an oath when we were accepted into the Marine Corps League that follows: "I, Kenneth Robert Gysbers, In the Presence of Almighty God, do solemnly swear, that I will uphold and defend the Constitution and Laws of the United States of America and the Bylaws and Administrative Procedures of the Marine Corps League. That I take this obligation willingly and in good faith and that I will follow the directions and guidance of elected and appointed officers of the League. That I will participate and support the missions and activities

of the Marine Corps League, and that I promise to govern my conduct in such a manner that I will never bring discredit upon myself, Members of the League, or the Marine Corps League, so help me God.

As I write this column on inauguration day evening, it is my hope that we all will now set aside any political differences and look toward unifying and healing this great nation.

Tonight, I was reminded of something rather unique that the world outside of our great nation looks upon with utter dismay. Every 4 years, we elect (or re-elect) a president and vice president. And every 4 years following that election, we inaugurate the president and vice president. As they take the oath of office, it is a celebration of our continued success as a nation. It is a reminder for all, that this nation, forged in the fires of liberty and freedom over 245 years ago, is continuing to stand the test of time. Our constitution continues to live onward. No where in the world does an event like this occur. Even in other countries that hold free elections, there is no public ceremony announcing the change. And in countries that are not free, the change in power is either a violent take over, a non-violent change or a successor/heir takes over.

The Constitution of the United States was written and finalized in 1787. Under Article VII, the 9 state minimum for ratification was reached on June 21, 1788 and the United States of America began operating under the Constitution on March 4, 1789. The 13th and last state to ratify the Constitution was Rhode Island on May 29, 1790. There have been 27 amendments to the original document which is a testament to the authors who saw the need for the constitution to adjust in the future. This makes the Constitution the oldest written and codified national constitution in force.

Earlier in this column, I published the Oath of Enlistment, The Officer's Oath of Office and the Oath of the Marine Corps League. You might be wondering why I did so. Well, my reasoning is simple. It is to serve as a reminder to you that our oaths do not expire. That we are honor bound to them and that we are committed to God, Country, Family and Corps.

So whether you voted red or blue, it is now our task as Americans and Marines to move forward and bring about the healing our country needs now. In view of this, I can't think of any other song that speaks to our nation now, more than it ever did: God Bless America by Irving Berlin.

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free
Let us all be grateful that we are far from there,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer

God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above,
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

As the song above says, God Bless America and may God bless each of us.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers, Editor



Before I get into the continuation of operation Desert Storm, an email from Charlie with a link about Bob Hope gave me some cause to do some research (on a side note, the e-mail originated from Pierre). In my research, I found that the USO is celebrating 80 years since it was incorporated on Feb 4, 1941 in a response to a request from President Roosevelt to provide morale and recreation services to U.S. uniformed military personnel. Founded by Mary Ingram, this request brought together six civilian organizations: the Salvation Army, YMCA, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), National Catholic Community Service, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board. The government would provide the buildings but the USO would raise the funds for operations. Senator Thomas Dewey was the first fundraising chairman and is credited for raising over \$16 Million in the first year. The second chairman was Prescott Bush (a future senator and father of future president George W. Bush). By the end of WWII, the USO was operating over 3000 clubs with curtains being raised on 700 shows per day. However, the USO became known for it's "Camp Shows" where they brought entertainment to the troops in the field.



Between 1941 and 1945, the USO did 293,738 performances in 208,178 separate visits. Estimates were that more than 161 million servicemen and women were entertained either in the U.S. and abroad. The USO also did shows in military hospitals, eventually entertaining more than 3 million wounded soldiers and sailors in 192 different hospitals. There were 702 different USO troupes that toured the world, some spending up to six months per tour.

In 1943, a United States Liberty ship named the SS U.S.O. was launched. She was scrapped in 1967. 28 Performers lost their lives during the course of their tours, plane crashes, illness or diseases. One plane crash claimed the life of singer/actress Tamara Drasin while



Tamara Drasin

severely injuring Broadway singer Jane Froman who later returned on crutches in 1945 to perform again with another USO Troup. She later married the co-pilot that saved her life. Al Jolsen contact malaria that resulted in the loss of a lung. Troup performers were paid \$100 a week while top stars made \$10 a day because their wealth allowed them to contribute more of their talent.



Jane Froman

Women flocked to volunteer as Canteen Hostesses and willingly danced at USO clubs with servicemen in order to keep up morale.

In 1947, lacking funding and government support now that the war was over, The USO was disbanded. However, in 1951 at the request of Secretary of Defense George Marshall and Secretary of the Navy Francis p Matthews, it was reactivated.



Between 1952 and 1953, there wasn't a day that a USO Troupe wasn't performing in Korea. Al Jolsen (who was the first singer to perform overseas with a USO Troup in WWII) was once again first to perform in Korea even though he had to pay for his own flight. Bob Hope's troupe would travel as much as 300 Miles and do 4 shows in a day. After Korea, the USO remained active due to the tremendous value it brought to our military. There are USO Facilities in most of the major airports and cities in the United States and in several cities around the world still mostly staffed by volunteers. It has a paid work force of 300 people that manage the



service centers, coordinate camp shows, source donations and arrange participation including volunteers. In it's 80 year history, there have been a multitude of notable stars that have participated in both camp shows and even at the USO Clubs. The most notable was Bob Hope.



He performed with the USO since it's inception in 1941 with his last show being in December 1990 during Operation Desert Shield. He was always one of few major stars that always wanted to support our service members no matter what. During Vietnam, he couldn't understand why people were against the war or burned their draft cards. He always put the moral of our troops first no matter where he was. In 1997, the congress of the United States named Bob Hope the First and Only Honorary Veteran of the US Armed Forces, a title that is well deserved. A war correspondent once wrote, "He and his troupe would do 300 miles in a



jeep, and give four shows." A general once said that Bob Hope was a worthwhile military target worth a division of men (15,000). The Germans bombed the hotel Bob was staying in 3 times and he missed a Vietcong attack by about 10 minutes. Still he never waived when it came to the USO and it's mission.



The pictures you see on this page and the preceding page can give you a small idea of the feeling that both our service members and the entertainers that toured with the USO felt. Service members got a taste of the home front while the entertainers were especially excited to give it to them. Bob Hope understood this more than most.



I visited one of the USO service clubs while I was stationed at MCAS(H) Tustin and found it to be an unique experience (got to bowl for about 2 hours for free with 1 dollar beers). I also got to see a USO show at MCAS Cherry Point just after I got out. Martina McBride opened for Kool and the Gang. The concert lasted longer than 4 hours and when it was over, they both came off stage to meet and greet as many Marines as they could. Through it's history, many stars performed with USO Tours. Following is as best a list that I can come up with. You'll likely recognize many of them. These are in no particular order.

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| O Frankie Adams | O Andrew Luck | O Jayne Mansfield | O Benay Venuta |
| O Victoria Dawn Addams | O Chuck Pagano | O Ann Margaret | O Jimmy Wakely |
| O Harry Akst | O Dwayne Allen | O Aileen McNeely | O Kristin Wetherington |
| O Richard Allan | O David DeCastro | O Robert Merrill | O Margaret Eleanor Whiting |
| O American Beauties | O Dolores Gay | O Mid-States Four Barbershop Quartet | O Jimmy Widener |
| O Keith Andes | O Cary Grant | O Ray Milland | O Jess Willard |
| O Roscoe Ates | O Johnny Grant | O Lucy Monroe | O Karley Willcocks |
| O Georgie Auld | O Belinda Green | O Marilyn Monroe | O Mark Wills |
| O Lita Baron | O Groove, Inc. | O Terry Moore | O Dick Winslow |
| O Red Barry | O Richard "Rip" Hamilton | O Craig Morgan | O Keenan Wynn |
| O Jack Benny | O Dennis Haysbert | O Richard Morris | O Ace Young |
| O Bernard Bradley | O Eddie Hazelwood | O Snub Mosely 52 | O Johnny Yong |
| O Les Brown & Orchestra | O Max Holloway | O Eva Maria Munoz | O Bobby Rydell |
| O Sawyer Brown Band | O Bob Hope | O Patricia Neal | O Roy Acuff 1970 |
| O Jane Bruner | O Alberta Hunter | O Donald O'Connor | O Anna Maria Alberghetti |
| O Kathy Bryan | O Betty Hutton | O Francis Joseph "Lefty" | O Caroll Baker |
| O Anita Bryant | O Matt Iseman | O Joe DiMaggio | O Madeleine Hartog Bell |
| O Jack Burger (Mr. Bongos) | O Robert Irvine | O Joe Ogren | O Johnny Bench |
| O Raymond | O Fran Jefferies | O Ozzy Osbourne | O Polly Bergen |
| O Norma V. Busse | O Udell Johnson | O Gloria Pall | O Joey Bishop |
| O Toby Butler | O Al Jolson | O Mary Phillips | O Vida Blue |
| O Rory Calhoun | O Jennifer Jones | O Damaso Perez Prado | O Jimmy Boyd |
| O Carlton Carpenter | O Louis Marshall "Grandpa" Jones | O Elizabeth Jean Peters | O James Brown |
| O Movita Castenda | O Ramona Riggins Jones | O Marygrace Petry | O Les Brown |
| O Mark Chesnutt | O Wanda Madge Jones | O Molly Picon | O Anita Bryant |
| O Jerry Colonna | O Harry Kahne | O Walter Pidgeon | O John W. Bubbles |
| O Carolina Cotton | O Jacob Kalich | O Deenah Prince | O Raymond Burr |
| O Billy Cutler | O Danny Kaye | O Penelope Plummer | O Sebastian Cabot |
| O Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders | O Kira Kazantsev | O Martha Raye | O Vikki Carr |
| O Charlie Daniels | O Toby Keith | O Frank Remley | O Jerry Colonna |
| O Ann B. Davis | O Judy Kelly | O Debbie Reynolds | O Red Skelton |
| O Dead Daisies | O Wanda Kennedy | O Marjorie Reynolds | O Dick Sladovnik (a/k/a Dick Slady) |
| O DeGarmo, Diana | O Robert "Bob" | O Larry Roberts | O Hank Snow |
| O Joe DiMaggio | O Marjorie Kiewitt | O Buddy Rogers | O Jan Sterling (Paul Douglas' wife) |
| O Paul Douglas | O Peggy King | O Mickey Rooney | O Connie Stevens |
| O Betsy Drake | O Korean Kittens | O Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom | O Jon Stewart |
| O Jolie Edwards | O Frances Langford | O Barbara Ruick | O Cynthia and Kay Strother (The Bell Sisters) |
| O Lola Falana | O Piper Laurie | O Sargent, Richard "Dick" | O Myra Taylor |
| O Pansy Rosella Borrer Ferguson | O Monica Louis | O Sesame Street characters | O Barbara Thompson |
| O Cpl. Troy Ferguson | O Denise Love | O Penny Singleton Ray Van | O Beverly Tobiason |
| O Eddie Fisher | O Patty Loveless | O Paige VanZant | O Jinny Tobiason |
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There are a couple of noteworthy antidotes from the USO over it's history. At a book/picture signing by Ann Margaret, a Vietnam Vet approached and asked if she would sign his picture of her from one of the shows she did in Vietnam. She was only supposed to sign books and pictures sold on site. She took one look at the picture and willingly signed it saying that he was one of her Nam Vets and she knew what they did for us. Connie Stevens was always getting a thank you for her part with the USO. Perhaps the funniest was during a performance by Robin Williams at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, in December 2007, the year after he got out of rehab. He was joking about rehab being a good thing -- "Because I was violating my standards faster than I could lower them" -- when all of a sudden the entire audience stood up and turned its back on him as a horn played. "I'm not gonna forget that. I've never had an entire audience just go 'forget you'" he said, turning his back momentarily to the crowd. "I was also wondering what's coming from that way. When an entire group of military people turns that ... way." It turned out that "Retreat" was sounding. He soon had the crowd laughing again with his definition of military retreat.

Perhaps, you saw a USO during your tour of duty and hopefully it served it's purpose, taking you away from where you were and reminding you about home, even if only for a few moments. I pray that even with everything going on in our world today, that the USO continues to support our military .

Now onto the conclusion of Operation Desert Storm. On January 16, 1991, the Air Campaign of Operation Desert Storm began with much success. As we discussed in the January Grunt, the coalition air war had dominated the skies over both Kuwait and Iraq driving the Iraqi air force into Iran for internment. The only Iraqi ground offensive was an attack along the Saudi Arabi border near Khafji (Battle of Khafji) on January 29, 1991. The attack lasted 2 days and was repelled by the Saudi Arabian Nation Guard supported by Qatari forces and US Marines. The Battle of Khafji was an example of how air power could single-handedly hinder the advance of enemy ground forces. Upon learning of Iraqi troop movements, 140 coalition aircraft were diverted to attack an advancing column consisting of two armored divisions in battalion-sized units. Precision stand-off attacks were conducted during the night and through to the next day. Iraqi vehicle losses included 357 tanks, 147 armored personnel carriers, and 89 mobile artillery pieces. Some crews simply abandoned their vehicles upon realizing that they could be destroyed by guided bombs, stopping the divisions from massing for an organized attack on the town. One Iraqi soldier, who had fought in the Iran–Iraq War, remarked that his brigade "had sustained more punishment from allied airpower in 30 minutes at Khafji than in eight years of fighting against Iran".

Both sides suffered casualties, although Iraqi forces sustained substantially more dead and captured than the allied forces. Eleven Americans were killed in two separate friendly fire incidents, an additional 14 US airmen were killed when their AC-130 gunship was shot down by an Iraqi surface-to-air missile, and two US soldiers were captured during the battle. Saudi and Qatari forces had a total of 18 dead. Iraqi forces in Khafji had 60–300 dead and 400 captured.



US Marine Artillery in action during Desert Storm



AC 130 operating in support of Desert Storm.

While the Air Campaign continued with much success, the build up for the ground phase continued. One issue that continued to be a thorn in the side of the coalition forces was the continued use of Scud Missiles by Iraqi. On the first night of the Air Campaign , Iraqi fired 7 Scud missiles, mostly targeted at Israel. Due to the nature of the Scud Missile's mobile firing platform, they were difficult to locate and target. In the latter part of January, the British SAS sent 3 teams in to southern Iraq to gather intelligence regarding the Scud Missile sites. In addition, they were to destroy launchers and any communication equipment including fiber optic cables to the TEL operators that controlled the missile launches. Two of the teams abandoned their mission due to the lack of sufficient ground cover. The third team stayed on mission only to be found out and only one person of the eight man team made it out. This was the first of the ground offensive attacks which was called Operation Desert Saber. On February 15th, elements of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Battalion 5th Cavalry of the 1st Cavalry Division of the US Army performed a direct attack into Iraq. A second one took place on February 20th which lead through 7 Iraqi divisions that were surprised. On February 15 through 20th, the Battle of Wadi Al-Batin took place

Inside of Iraq. This was the first of two attacks by 1 Battalion 5th Cavalry of the 1st Cavalry Division both of which were diversions designed to make the Iraqis think that the primary coalition invasion would come from the south. The Iraqi's fought tenaciously and the Americans withdrew according to plan. Three US Soldiers were KIA when the turret of an M2 Bradley was hit. However, they captured 40 Iraqi soldiers and destroyed 5 Iraqi tanks. The deception was successful as the XVIII Airborne Corps swept around behind the 1st Cav and attack Iraqi forces to the west. On February 22nd Iraq agreed to a Soviet backed ceasefire that called for Iraqi troops to be back to their positions prior to the Invasion of Kuwait. The Coalition declined the cease fire but stated they would not fire on Iraqi troops that were retreating into Iraq for the next 24 hours. On February 23rd, Coalition forces captured 500 Iraqi prisoners during fighting. On February 24, British and American armored forces crossed the Iraq–Kuwait border and entered Iraq in large numbers, taking hundreds of prisoners. Iraqi resistance was light, and four Americans were killed. The US VII Corps, spearheaded by the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, launched an armored attack into Iraq, just to the west of Kuwait, surprising Iraqi forces. At the same time, the US XVIII Airborne Corps launched a sweeping "left-hook" attack across southern Iraq's largely undefended desert, led by the US 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized). This movement's left flank was protected by the French Division Daguet. The 101st Airborne Division conducted a combat air assault into enemy territory. The 101st Airborne Division had struck 249 km (155 mi) behind enemy lines. It was the deepest air assault operation in history. Approximately 400 helicopters transported 2,000 soldiers into Iraq where they destroyed Iraqi columns trying to flee westward and prevented the escape of Iraqi forces. The 101st Airborne Division travelled a further 80 to 100 km (50 to 60 mi) into Iraq. By nightfall, the 101st cut off Highway 8 which was a vital supply line running between Basra and the Iraqi forces. The 101st had lost 16 soldiers in action during the 100-hour war and captured thousands of enemy prisoners of war.



M2 Bradley during Desert Storm

The French force quickly overcame Iraq's 45th Infantry Division, suffering light casualties and taking a large number of prisoners, and took up blocking positions to prevent an Iraqi counterattack on the coalition's flank. The movement's right flank was protected by the United Kingdom's 1st Armored Division. Once the allies had penetrated deep into Iraqi territory, they turned eastward, launching a flank attack against the elite Republican Guard before it could escape. The Iraqis resisted fiercely from dug-in positions and stationary vehicles, and even mounted armored charges. The 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions and the 1st Light Armored Infantry Battalion crossed into Kuwait and headed toward Kuwait City. They encountered trenches, barbed wire, and minefields. However, these positions were poorly defended, and were overrun in the first few hours.



Several tank battles took place, but otherwise coalition troops encountered minimal resistance, as most Iraqi troops surrendered. The general pattern was that the Iraqis would put up a short fight before surrendering. However, Iraqi air defenses shot down nine US aircraft. Meanwhile, forces from Arab states advanced into Kuwait from the east, encountering little resistance and suffering few casualties. The ground campaign consisted of three or possibly four of the largest tank battles in American military history. The battles at 73 Easting, Norfolk, and Medina Ridge are well noted for their historic significance. Some consider the battle of Medina Ridge the largest tank battle of the war. The US Marine Corps also fought the biggest tank battle in its history at Kuwait International Airport. The US 3rd Armored Division also fought a significant battle at Objective Dorset not far from where the battle of Norfolk was taking place. The US 3rd Armored Division destroyed approximately 300 enemy combat vehicles during this particular encounter with Iraqi forces. The Iraqis suffered the loss of over 3,000 tanks and over 2,000 other combat vehicles during these battles against the American-led coalition.



Marine M60A3 of the 1st Tank Battalion



Marine units on the road to Kuwait City.

The coalition's advance was much swifter than US generals had expected. On 26 February, Iraqi troops began retreating from Kuwait, after they had set 737 of its oil wells on fire. A long convoy of retreating Iraqi troops formed along the main Iraq–Kuwait highway. Although they were retreating, this convoy was bombed so extensively by coalition air forces that it came to be known as the Highway of Death. Thousands of Iraqi troops were killed. American, British, and French forces continued to pursue retreating Iraqi forces over the border and back into



Marines from Company D, 2nd Tank Battalion, drive their M-60A1 main battle tank over a sand berm.



A Marine M1 Abrams on the move during the advance to Kuwait City.

Iraq, eventually moving to within 240 km (150 mi) of Baghdad, before withdrawing back to Iraq's border with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. One hundred hours after the ground campaign started, on 28 February, President Bush declared a ceasefire, and he also declared that Kuwait had been liberated. In the aftermath, Iraq was allowed to use military helicopters over the southern area to evacuate Iraqi troops and casualties. However, in a short time they were used to put down a CIA encouraged rebellion in both the south and by Northern Kurds. The UN established “No Fly” zones which were enforced by coalition aircraft. Gulf War Illness or Syndrome became an issue with significant numbers of Coalition ground troops. Although it remains unproven, it is likely that chemical agents sold to Iraq in 1980s were used during the many missile and artillery attacks on coalition forces. In March of 2003, A US led coalition would attack Iraq directly on March 23, 2003. Look for this in the March Grunt.

Weapons of the Marine Corps

Artillery Continued

The 75mm Pack Howitzer M1 (redesignated the M116 in 1962) was an artillery piece used by the United States. It was designed in the 1920s to meet a need for a howitzer that could be moved across difficult terrain. The gun and carriage were designed so that it could be broken down into several pieces to be carried by pack animals. The gun saw combat in World War II with the United States Army (primarily used by airborne units), with the United States Marine Corps and was also supplied to foreign forces.

In addition to the pack / air portable configuration, the gun was mounted on a conventional carriage to serve as a field artillery piece. The M2 and M3 are derived vehicle-mounted howitzers used in the 75mm HMC M8 and some LVT models. In addition, the M1 in its original version was mated to a number of other self-propelled carriages, though only one of those – 75mm HMC T30 – reached mass production.

In the US Marine Corps, under the E-series Tables of Organization (TO) from 15 April 1943 divisional artillery included three 75 mm howitzer battalions, 12 pieces each. The F-series TO from 5 May 1944 reduced the number of 75 mm battalions to two, and the G-series TO removed them altogether, completing the shift to 105 mm and 155 mm howitzers. Although the G-series TO was only adopted on 4 September 1945, in practice in some divisions the change was introduced early in 1945.

The M116 is still used by the US military for ceremonial purposes as a salute gun firing blanks.

Howitzer variants:

M1920, M1922A, M1922B, M1923B, M1923E1, M1923E2 – prototypes.

M1 – the first standardized variant. Based on M1923E2 with minor changes.

M1A1 – variant with modified breech block and breech ring.

M2 – vehicle mounted variant. Tube and breech from M1A1 were used. In order to provide a cylindrical recoil surface, the tube was fitted with an external sleeve. 197 built.

M3 – vehicle mounted variant; like M2 but with recoil surface as a part of the tube. The M2 and M3 barrels were interchangeable.

M116 – post-war designation of the complete weapon.

M120 – post-war designation for saluting howitzers

Carriage variants:

M1 – dismantling box trail carriage with wooden wheels.

M2A1, T2, T2E1, T2E2, T2E3 – experimental carriages.

M3A1 – split-trail carriage with firing base and pneumatic tires.

M3A2 – M3A1 with shield added.

M3A3 – M3A2 with different wheels and combat tires.

M8 – M1 with new wheels with pneumatic tires.



75 mm pack howitzer on carriage M8 during the Battle of Tinian.



75 mm pack howitzer on display at the National World War II Museum

Marines,

Below is a copy of the note sent by Ms. Jo Ann Haslett with her donation to Marine Anthony (Tony) Lechniak Fund.

Peter thought the Detachment Members would like to read it.

On behalf of the detachment, we thank Ms. Haslett for her thoughtful donation in Tony's memory.

The officers of Lakeland Detachment 744.

Dear Marine Corps League

Please accept this donation in memory of a very special family friend Tony Lechniak. Having just lost my dad almost two years ago, I will always remember the two going back and forth between the Navy and Marines... How every year they would go down to the Memorial Day Parade in Oakland. My dad Vic would always tell Tony how ungrateful he and others were when the Navy would take them around and drop them off on beautiful islands so they could enjoy the sun and the beach. And Tony would respond, you son of a bitch, you dropped us off and took off. When they would get together, there was so much laughter and respect for each other. My family and friends would always laugh and shake our heads when at the time, Vic who was 92 would go and pick up Tony who was 95 then to drive to church on Saturday nights. As we would say, the blind leading the blind. We knew a Guardian Angel was watching over them both. And now together again in heaven where they are joined with their Helen's. We have and are truly losing the greatest generation. So much to learn from these great people, so few to tell the story, and sad to say, no longer taught in history. What a loss for this younger generation that have no idea of the great sacrifices so many have made so that we can be the greatest country in the world. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Jo Ann Haslett



Editors note: The note above appears as it was received. I apologize for any difficulty in reading it as I was unable to change the font or font size.

Quartermaster's Report

Nothing new to report at this time. Still looking at options for our Red Jackets but am having difficulty as the style is no longer available except through the custom jacket we used to get through Aladdin. Working on some options which I'll run through the executive board.

I expect that weather permitting, the Ship's Store will reopen again for either the March or April Take Out Dinner.

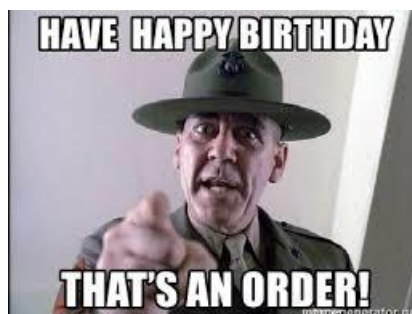
Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster



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Lakeland Detachment #744 Chefs present February 13's sgrab & go Meal

Menu



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Polish Kielbasa

Peirogies w/ potato and cheese

House Salad

Dinner rolls

Family Meal 4ppl \$30

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MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Calendar of Events

June 2020

- February 9: Executive Board Meeting 1900
- February 13: Drop n' Go Takeout meal program 1400 to 1700
- February 25: Detachment Meeting 1900 Via Zoom



15 February 1898, the USS Maine bows up in Havana harbor taking the lives of 28 Marines and 232 Sailors.



23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise a small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island.



19 February 1945: Marines of the 5th, 4th and 3rd Marine Divisions land on the Island of Iwo Jima.



2 February 1944: The 4th Marine Div, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll which were controlled by Japan before WWII.



1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.



6 February 1968: Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded before the imperial city was secured.



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11 February 1922: BGen John H. Russell was appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie. He would become the 16th Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1934 through 1936.



Marine Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744
Important Dates for 2021
Executive Board Meetings



7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month (Via Zoom until Further Notice)

January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th,
August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th or 17th & December 9th

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Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month
Suspended until further notice



MCL Lakeland Detachment 744

Regular Monthly Meeting

1930 Hours (except for Oct Meeting which is at 1900 hours for installation of officers)

4th Thursday of the month (Except November & December)

Meetings will be conducted via Zoom unless otherwise notified.

January 28th, February 25th, March 25th, April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th, July 22nd,
August 26th, September 23rd, October 28th, November 18th & December 16th

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack



In Memorium:

Dorothy “Dot” Cole



U.S. Marine Veteran of World War II - the oldest living Marine.

Sgt Dorothy Cole passed away on January 7, 2021 from a heart attack at her daughter’s home in Kannapolis, North Carolina at the age of 107.

On serving her country:

Cole was determined to enlist in the military after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, when the U.S. entered World War II. She first tried the U.S. Navy, but she was not eligible because at four feet 11 inches, she was too short. So she set her sights on the Marines but before she tried to enlist, she learned to fly, hoping she could be a military pilot. Cole earned her private pilot’s license and in 1943, she became one of the first women to enlist in the newly created Women’s Reserve Marine Corps. But her dreams of flying for her country didn’t come true; like many women then, she was assigned secretarial duties. Cole served in the Marines in Quantico, Virginia for two years. After the war, Cole worked as a secretary at the Ames Research Center – which later became a part of NASA in Mountain View, California.

Cole on her dream of flight

“I thought that it would impress the Marine Corps, but it didn’t. I just landed on my old typewriter. The girls now, they have an open field with what they can do, so it’s gotten better.”
from a 2020 interview with the Marine Corps Times.

Rest in peace Marine.

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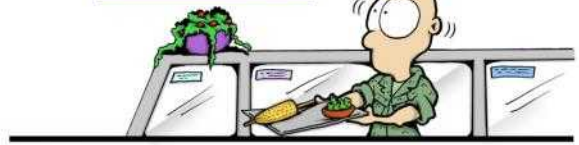


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