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Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744

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Mission Statement of Marine Corps League

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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ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING—PART III

ACHIEVERS and non-achievers

An Achiever is always part of the answer.
A non-achiever is always part of the problem.

An Achiever says "May I help you".
A non-achiever says "That is not my job".

An Achiever sees an answer for every problem.
A non-achiever sees a problem for every answer.

An Achiever says "It may be difficult, but it is possible".
A non-achiever says "It may be possible, but it is too difficult".

When an Achiever makes a mistake, he says "I was wrong".
When a non-achiever makes a mistake, he says "It wasn't my fault".

Achievers say "I must do something".
non-achievers say "Something must be done".

An Achiever makes commitments.
A non-achiever makes promises.

Achievers are part of a team.
non-achievers are apart from the team.

Achievers use hard arguments but soft words.
non-achievers use soft arguments but hard words.

Achievers make it happen.
non-achievers let it happen.

The Marine Corps is a team of Winners and Achievers. The Marine Corps League is also a team of Winners and Achievers. I'm proud to say the Lakeland Detachment with its team of Winners and Achievers are among the Best.

I'm proud of our members, proud to be a member of Lakeland Detachment and proud to stand with you in all of our endeavors.

God Bless The Marine Corps League, The United States Marine Corps and God Bless the United States of America.

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT

Chaplain's Page



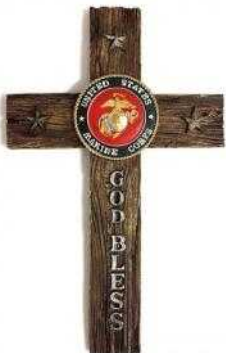
Dear Lord,

Creator of all thank you for summer. Thank you for the warmth of sunshine and the increased daylight. Thank you for the beauty we have seen all around us. We have enjoyed the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creations. We must never take this for granted.

I think of my fellow Marines here and in foreign lands. Draw us all closer to you during these days and nights. Teach us how we can pray no matter where we are or what we are doing. Warm our souls with the awareness of Your presence. Light our paths with Your Word and Counsel. As we enjoy Your creations, create in us a pure heart with a renewed hunger and thirst for You.

Amen

Submitted by
Marine Les Derbyshire
Chaplain



Service Officers Report August 2019



From Paul Thompson

Officially if you haven't heard ,I've been reappointed your service officer again.

Ed Korek has done a great job over the last few years ,and my hats off to him and the great work he has accomplished!

Looking forward to working with John Harris and Len Graff.

Working as a hospice volunteer I come across a lot of Veteran's, and I find unfortunately from talking to their spouses or their family members I find that most veterans have either not taken a advantage of their benefits over the years ,or not even aware that they've had any benefits available to them!

What I would ask everybody that If you have any questions about your benefits for yourself or for your family ,please reach out to me at anytime I will do what I can to both answer your questions, and help you with your needs.

Below is a list of some of the things we will be doing in July.

August 10 Bingo at the Paramus Nursing Home. We start at 2PM and are done by 3:30. The address is 1 Veterans Way in Paramus.

August 17 Our monthly Saturday Breakfast. Bring your appetite.

As always, if there is anything that I can do to help you with some of your VA Issues, feel free to call me.

Paul Thompson

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Editor's Page

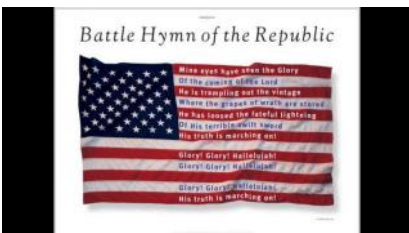


Greetings Marines,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer months (not necessarily the heat) and hopefully everyone will have a chance to vacation and relax for a little bit.

I had a chance to get away for a while and enjoyed a trip to Bermuda by way of Norwegian Cruise Lines. Liz and I only needed our room key so we used a couple of trade show lanyards that I had lying around the house. I used the one I got from the MCL State Convention. I only experienced a couple of comments throughout the week. However, at one of the shows that we saw called "Howling at the Moon Dueling Pianos" I experienced something that I've never felt before. It was the last night of the cruise and the way it worked, there were 3 musicians that rotated in and out on 15 minute breaks so that there were always 2 of them on stage all of the time. It was getting late and the one pianist was at the end of his last set. Up until this point they had been taking requests from the audience. He stood up and announced that this was his last set on the cruise and he had to play this song. He sat down and started playing God Bless the USA by Lee Greenwood. Everyone in the audience started singing with him and we were raising the roof at the end of the first refrain. All of a sudden he stopped and asked if there were any veterans in the house and invited us to stand up. He then proceeded to thank us for our service (there were only 5 including myself). He went back to playing the second verse (the third person had already joined in on the drum set) when he stopped mid sentence and invited the veterans to come up on stage. We all shook hands as we assembled on stage and he restarted the second verse with everyone singing along. By the end of the song, people I had never even seen before that night were applauding and thanking the 5 of us. I should note that I was probably the youngest of the 5. It's truly an amazing feeling that once doesn't get to experience in such a setting. It also helped that God Bless the USA is a song that brings out the patriotism in most people.

Music has a way of defining how we view certain things. Who among us doesn't get a chill when we hear patriotic songs such as God Bless America, You're a Grand Old Flag, Stars and Stripes Forever, National Emblem March, America the Beautiful just to name a few. I know that when I hear or play patriotic music, I get a strong sense of pride in our country. As many of you know, I am a trumpet player and I perform with the North Jersey Concert Band. We have 2 outdoor concerts coming up that will feature some patriotic as well as concert music. The first one is in Hillsdale on Aug 8th at 7:30 PM (Beechwood Park Bandshell) Parking might be somewhat difficult and you'll need to bring your own chairs. The second concert is on Aug 11th in Fairlawn at Memorial Park (rain or shine) at 8:00 PM. You'll need to bring a lawn chair. The performance area is just past Memorial Middle School. Hope to see some of you there.



Onward to the history lesson for the month. In the July issue, I focused on the ground elements of the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade. I'm going to focus on Marine Air's involvement this month. On August 3, 1950, 8 Corsairs of VMF 214 took off at 1630 from the USS Sicily CVE and proceeded to bomb and strafe targets in Korea thus announcing Marine Air's arrival to the Korean Theater of Operations. After their bomb loads were dropped they continued on strafing targets of opportunity. VMF 323 joined the fray 3 days later operating off of the USS Badoeng Strait CVE. Both carriers were positioned so close to the action that any requests for air support were usually in the air in minutes and over the operating area in a minimal amount of time. In addition, because they were operating so close, the Marine Corsairs were able to stay over the battle area longer.



MAG-33 aircraft were constantly orbiting on station over the front line as the ground forces advanced, and communications within the air-ground team were steady, from the tactical air control parties (TACP) with the battalions all the way back to the brigade headquarters. The air support system, controlled by the active presence of Marine Tactical Air Control Squadron Two and VMO-6 at brigade headquarters from August 6 on, was a complete success.



While the 5th Air Force exercised tactical control of the air war over Korea, the Marines operated independently as part of an integrated Fleet Marine Force in the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade. Their priority for close air support was always with the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade with Army and UN forces as a secondary mission. In addition to the squadrons operating

from carriers near the action, the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade had a control organization within it. This consisted of three battalion tactical air control parties and one regimental TACP, each consisting of one aviation officer, an experienced and fully qualified pilot, and six enlisted technicians. In addition, there were the facilities and personnel of MTACS-2 at brigade headquarters, as well as the Brigade Air Section of the staff. There was also the Brigade Observation Section, consisting of the tactical air observer, three gunnery observers, and the light observation and rotary-wing aircraft of VMO6.

The foregoing gives an abbreviated description of the brigade air support system which operated very effectively through some of the most rugged fighting of the Korean War. In addition, brigade air in the case of VMO-6 established so many "firsts" with their helicopters during the period that it was obvious that a major tactical innovation was in the making. An adjacent Army infantry regiment summed up the air component performance in the perimeter: "The Marines on our left were a sight to behold. Not only was their equipment superior or equal to ours, but they had squadrons of air in direct support. They used it like artillery. It was 'Hey, Joe, this is Smitty. Knock the left off that ridge in front of Item Company.' They had it day and night. It came off nearby carriers and not from Japan with only 15 minutes of fuel to accomplish the mission." Marine Air's close relationship with Marine ground units is what made the Marine Close Air Support System so successful.



Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers, Editor



Quartermaster's Report

We have some new t-shirts and some other items in stock. Hope to have some of the back ordered items soon.

As always , if anyone has any ideas or something that you think we should carry for both the Ship's Store and the Rose Programs, please let me know.

Semper Fi,

Ken Gysbers

Quartermaster



3rd Saturday Breakfast Ship's Store



--08/04 Nick Ciampo

--08/06 Mike McCracken

--08/13 Lou Contino

--08/15 Al Melchiano

--08/18 Phil Lorusso

--08/28 Betty Jeckert

--08/04 Al Ebersbach

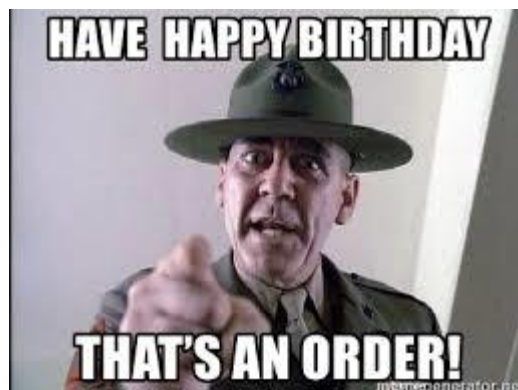
--08/10 Ken Amendola

--08/14 Andrew Heath

--08/18 Don Howard

--08/26 Ed Buschmann

--08/30 Tom Crovatto



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Calendar of Events

August 2019

- 08/01/2019 Pay final respects to Fallen Marine Gary L. O'Leary in Wall Twp.
- 08/13/2019 Bingo at Paramus Veterans Home--1400
- 08/13/2019 Executive Board Meeting 1900
- 08/17/2019 3rd Saturday Breakfast 0800 - 1200
- 08/17/2019 Eagle Scout Award presentation to Justin Miner--Troop 49--OLPH--Oakland--1300
- 08/22/2019 Detachment Meeting 1930

September 2019

- 09/01/2019 Rose event at Pompton Day in Pompton Lakes
- 09/10/2019 Bingo at Paramus Veterans Home - - 1400
- 09/10/2019 Executive Board Meeting 1900
- 09/14/2019 3RD Saturday Breakfast 0800 - 1200
- 09/15/2019 State MCL Meeting at Sea Girt--1200
- 09/22/2019 Basilone Parade
- 09/26/2019 Detachment Meeting— 1930



Henderson Field Guadalcanal 1942. On Aug 9, 1942, after heavy fighting, the airstrip was declared secure. The 1st Engineer Battalion began working on Henderson Field and on Aug 9, the first airplane, a Navy PBY landed and evacuated 2 wounded Marines. In all 3000 wounded Marines would be evacuated from Henderson Field.

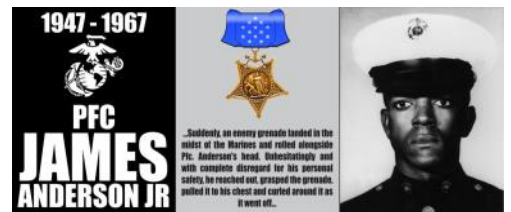


On Aug 7, 1990, President Bush order US Troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force that would become Operation Desert Shield. 1 week later, the Marine Corps committed 45,000 troops



On Aug 17, 1942, Marine Raiders of the 2nd Raider Battalion, landed on Makin Island. They departed the next day after destroying a seaplane base, 2 radio stations and a warehouse while killing about 100 Japanese soldiers.

Aug 24, 1814, 100 Marines under Capt Samuel Miller fought in the Battle of Bladensburg defending Washington DC. They only retreated after almost being surrounded with a loss of 8 Marines KIA and 14 WIA.



Aug 21, 1968, PVC James Anderson Jr is posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor becoming the first African American Marine to receive the Medal of Honor.

BATTLE BLADENSBURG





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Dear Member:

FRIENDLY REMINDER

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

As we've discussed at the detachment's monthly meetings, Marine Corps League National Headquarters has changed the due dates for all membership renewals to: **August 31st of each calendar year.** By paying on or before 31 August of 2019 membership renewals will be due on August 31 of 2020 and each year thereafter.

Please remit your check for \$50.00, payable to MCL # 744 and mail to:

MCL
P.O. Box 8,
Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442-0008.

Important: Please put your six (6) digit ID number on the bottom left side of your check (Know as the Memo Section).

Please take note: Marine Corps League National Headquarters no longer sends out renewal Notices. Any notices will come from the Detachment Paymaster.

If you hold a NJ MCL License Plate, please remit your renewal check as soon as possible. Failure to renew your membership on time can result in forfeiture of the plate.

Any questions to the above please feel free to call me at 973-839-5693.

Semper Fidelis

Marine Peter J. Alvarez
Paymaster / Adjutant
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Important Dates for 2019

Executive Board Meetings

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday January 8th, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th,

August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th & December 10th

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Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours



January 19, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th,

September 21st, October 19th, November 16th & December 21st

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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)

January 24th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th,

August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 21st & December 19th



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Please mark your calendars accordingly!

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes

Commandant's Club Announcement



IMPORTANT Commandant's Club Raffle Tickets

Money is due in NOW!

Winners will be drawn at the Sept 26th, Detachment Meeting

Special thanks to Gene for once again running this important part of our fund raising efforts.



On July 11th, 2019, at a formal Change of Command Ceremony at 8th & I, Commandant of the Marine Corps General Robert B. Neller relinquished the Battle Colors of the Marine Corps to incoming Commandant David H Berger.

Under General Neller, the Marine Corps began the process of modernization and upgrading the Fleet Marine Force with upgraded weaponry for both the infantry and air wing as well as posturing the Marine Corps for potential new missions in an arena larger than the counterinsurgency role that the Marine

Corps has been in for the past 18 years or so. General Berger is expected to continue and improve on the work that General Neller began when he took over in 2015.

General Berger was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1981 following graduation from Tulane University. As a Lieutenant and Captain, he served as platoon commander in 1st Marine Division, and later as Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer in 2d Reconnaissance Battalion during Operation DESERT STORM. He also served on the Officer Selection Officer in Roanoke, Virginia. As a field grade officer, General Berger was an instructor at Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One (MAWTS-1) in Yuma, Arizona; instructor at III Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group; and served on the Joint Staff as a policy planner in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5. General Berger commanded 3d Battalion, 8th Marines from 2002 to 2004, deploying the battalion first to Okinawa, and later to Haiti in support of Operation SECURE TOMORROW. As a Colonel, General Berger commanded Regimental Combat Team 8 in Fallujah, Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. While serving as Assistant Division Commander of 2d Marine Division, he was appointed to the rank of Brigadier General. He then deployed to Kosovo, where he served for one year as Chief of Staff for KFOR Headquarters in Pristina. From 2009 to 2011, he served at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps as the Director of Operations in the Department of Plans, Policies, and Operations. In 2012, he deployed to Afghanistan as the Commanding General of 1st Marine Division (Forward) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In July 2014, General Berger was promoted to Lieutenant General and assumed command of I Marine Expeditionary Force and subsequently assumed command of U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific. On 28 August 2018, General Berger assumed responsibility as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, and the Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. In addition to a B.S. in Engineering, he holds a Master of International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and a M.S. in Military Studies. His formal military education includes the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Advanced Course, U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and U.S. Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, U.S. Navy Dive School, and U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Reconnaissance School.

General Berger is the 38th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Commandants of the Marine Corps

Thirty-eight men have served as the commandant of the Marine Corps. The first commandant was Samuel Nicholas, who took office as a captain, though there was no office titled "Commandant" at the time, and the Second Continental Congress had authorized that the senior-most Marine could take a rank up to Colonel. The longest-serving was Archibald Henderson, sometimes referred to as the "Grand old man of the Marine Corps" due to his thirty-nine-year tenure. In the history of the United States Marine Corps, only one Commandant has ever been fired from the job: Anthony Gale, as a result of a court-martial in 1820.

- 1 Samuel Nicholas 1775-1781
- 2 William W. Burrows 1798-1804
- 3 Franklin Wharton 1804-1818
- 4 Anthony Gale 1819-1820
- 5 Archibald Henderson 1820-1859
- 6 John Harris 1859-1864
- 7 Jacob Zeilin 1864-1876
- 8 Charles G. McCawley 1876-1891
- 9 Charles Heywood 1891-1903
- 10 George F. Elliott 1903-1910
- 11 William P. Biddle 1911-1914
- 12 George Barnett 1914-1920
- 13 John A. Lejeune 1920-1929
- 14 Wendell C. Neville 1929-1930
- 15 Ben H. Fuller 1930-1934
- 16 John H. Russell, Jr. 1934-1936
- 17 Thomas Holcomb 1936-1943
- 18 Alexander A. Vandegrift 1944-1947
- 19 Clifton B. Cates 1948-1951
- 20 Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. 1952-1955
- 21 Randolph M. Pate 1956-1959
- 22 David M. Shoup 1960-1963
- 23 Wallace M. Greene, Jr. 1964-1967
- 24 Leonard F. Chapman, Jr. 1968-1971
- 25 Robert E. Cushman, Jr. 1972-1975
- 26 Louis H. Wilson, Jr. 1975-1979
- 27 Robert H. Barrow 1979-1983
- 28 Paul X. "PX" Kelley 1983-1987
- 29 Alfred M. Gray, Jr. 1987-1991
- 30 Carl E. Mundy, Jr. 1991-1995
- 31 Charles C. Krulak 1995-1999
- 32 James L. Jones, Jr. 1999--2003
- 33 Michael W. Hagee 2003--2006
- 34 James T. Conway 2006--2010
- 35 James F. Amos 2010—2014
- 36 Joseph Dunford 2014—2015*
- 37 Robert B. Neller 2015—2019
- 38 David Berger 2015— Current



General Berger July 11, 2019

38th Commandant of the Marine Corps

Other Facts about Commandants of the Marine Corps:

1. Archibald Henderson was the longest serving Commandant at 38 years and 81 days.
2. Jacob Zeilin was the first Commandant to be appointed as a General Officer.
3. John A. Lejeune is credited with establishing the Birthday Ball and the Marine Corps League
4. Alexander A. Vandegrift was the first Commandant to be appointed the rank of General.
5. Robert Barrow was the last WWII Veteran to serve as commandant.
6. 4 Commandants were Medal of Honor Recipients—Louis H Wilson Jr, David M. Shoup, Alexander Vandegrift and Wendell C. Neville.
7. 2 Commandants were court martialed — Franklin Wharton (acquitted) and Anthony Gale (Guilty and removed as Commandant)
8. General Dunford was the second Marine to appointed as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His term began in 2015.
9. The first Marine appointed as Chairman of the JCS was General Peter Pace in 2005 and he served for 2 years. He did not serve as a Commandant of the Marine Corps.
10. James T Conway was the first Commandant to have not served in Vietnam .
11. James F. Amos was the first Naval Aviator to become Commandant
12. William Burrows, the first De Jure Commandant is credited with establishing many organizations with in the Marine Corps including the United States Marine Corps Band which is the oldest military band and the oldest professional music organization in the United States.



Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744

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Omelets; Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Gravy

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Coffee; Orange Juice & Pastries

Adults: \$12.00, Seniors: \$10.00

Children Between 6 and 10: \$6.00 & Children under 5: Free

Bring your family and friends

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*John Basilone
Parade Committee*

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THE ONLY PARADE IN AMERICA HONORING A WAR HERO

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, September 22, 2019, the Borough of Raritan will host its 38th Annual John Basilone Memorial Parade honoring its National World War II hero, Marine Sergeant John Basilone. Sergeant Basilone received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his gallant action during the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942 and the Navy Cross posthumously for more heroism in the Battle of Iwo Jima where he was killed in 1945.

The parade continues to grow in size and popularity each year. Last year, many units marched along with military and high school bands before thousands of spectators, many of whom came from different parts of the country to attend this annual event.

Parade expenses increase each year and although funds are provided by the municipal budget for this occasion, we rely on the generosity of many people like you for the success of this yearly tribute. We respectfully request your support and thank you in advance for your contribution.

We invite your organization to join us in making this year's parade the biggest and best ever. Participating units are to report for registration and line of march assignments at 11:30 AM at the Raritan Train Station located between Thompson and Anderson Streets. The parade will begin promptly at 1:00 PM.

Please respond on the enclosed card and include your email. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Pacifico".

John R. Pacifico, Chairman
John Basilone Parade Committee
908-429-8868 (phone)

Please make checks payable to John Basilone Parade Committee.

**If you are unable to present this invitation to the organization designated on the enclosed card, kindly forward it to the appropriate person. Thank you.*

Military Humor

Commanding the dumb

As we stood in formation at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, our Flight Instructor said, "All right! All you dummies fall out."

As the rest of the squad wandered away, I remained at attention.

The instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with me, and then just raised a single eyebrow. I smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh sir?"

His military etiquette

Officer: Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: Sure, buddy.

Officer: That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again.

Do you have change for a dollar?

Soldier: No, SIR!





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- The call center's Veterans provide information and referrals as needed.



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Important Numbers and Websites

	Phone Number
Health Care Benefits:	1-877-222-8388
Bereavement Counseling	1-202-461-6530
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA)	1-800-733-8387
Dept Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Depts)	1-800-857-0648
Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
Psychological Health Outreach Program Fort Devens, MA MFR-PHOP .North	east@serco-na.com
eBenefits (General Questions & Technical Issues)	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Federal Recovery Coordination Program	1-877-732-4456
Foreign Medical Program	1-888-820-1756
Gulf War Veterans Hotline	1-800-749-8387
Homeless Veterans	1-877-222-8387
Income Verification and Means Testing	1-800-929-8387
Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477
Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
National Call Center for Homeless Veterans	1-877-424-3838
National Cemetery Scheduling Office	1-800-535-1117
National Personnel Records Center	1-314-801-0800
National Resource Directory	https://www.nrd.gov/
Pension Management Center	1-877-294-6380
Presidential Memorial Certificate Program	1-202-565-4964
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned or Veteran-Owned Small Business	1-202-303-3260
Special Health Issues	1-800-749-8387
Spina Bifida/Children of Women Vietnam Veterans	1-888-820-1756
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)	1-800-829-4833
VA Caregiver Support Line	1-855-260-3274
VA for Vets	1-855-824-8387
VA Inspector General	1-800-488-8244
VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs	1-202-461-7600
Veteran's ID Theft Hotline	1-800-333-4636
Veteran's Employment and Training Service (VETS)	1-866-487-2365
Women Veterans	1-202-461-1070
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