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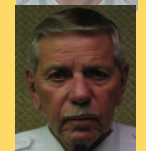
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Parade Protocol

A brief explanation of the order of preference for Color/Honor Guard units in a parade or display of flags, seals, emblems, etc. is as follows:

First would be a multi-service unit that carries the flags for each of the military branches. The order of placement is based on the official dates of inception, or what is considered as the birthdays, for each of the services.

The Continental Congress officially authorized the already existing standing Army on June 14, 1775. The Marine Corps was officially established on November 10, 1775, even though it was a force in readiness before the Army or the Navy. Congress officially recognized the Navy by resolution on October 13, 1775.

Although the Marine Corps is officially recognized as part of the Department of the Navy, why does the Marine Corps have precedence over the Navy in official formations and when their respective flags, seals, emblems, insignia, etc. are displayed? The first Captain of Marines was commissioned on November 28, 1775. The first Commander-in-Chief of the Navy was not commissioned until December 22, 1775. The process of procuring and outfitting ships, enlisting and commissioning Navy personnel followed thereafter.

The Coast Guard has its roots with the formation of the Revenue Marine on August 4, 1790. Subsequently the name was changed to Revenue Cutter Service. On January 28, 1915, the U.S. Coast Guard was officially authorized. In the 1930's the former Life Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service were merged into the Coast Guard.

Although the Air Force was officially authorized on September 18, 1947, it was originally part of the U.S. Army and known as the U.S. Army Air Corps. Consequently the Air Force has precedence over the Coast Guard.

Service organizations were organized as follows: Veterans of Foreign Wars, September 29, 1899; American Legion, March 16, 1919; Marine Corps League, June, 1923 and received its Congressional charter on August 4, 1937.

The order of preference in a multi-unit Color/Honor Guard and carried by the respective service member would be an Army rifleman, American flag carried by someone in the Army or Army veteran, The Army flag, Marine Corps flag, Navy flag, Air Force flag, Coast Guard flag and Marine rifleman.

If the parade does not have a multi-unit Color/Honor Guard, then the Parade Chairman will designate which military unit will lead the parade. The Parade Chairman will also determine the order of marchers and where they will be positioned in the parade. It's important to maintain those positions so when the group is announced at the reviewing stand, they are where they're supposed to be and are recognized accordingly. Whichever Color/Honor Guard unit leads the parade, the remaining members are assigned locations by the Parade Chairman. There is no protocol for the other members of the unit to be placed directly behind their Color/Honor Guard.

Lakeland Detachment should consider ourselves fortunate that we have been asked by the Parade Chairman to lead the Memorial Day Parade in Pompton Lakes for many years. I hope we continue to be asked to represent our League and our Corps. It is a great honor and one to be proud of as Marines.

The title Marine is not to be taken lightly, it represents a commitment to be the very best and to follow and adhere to our core values of HONOR, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT.

Semper Fidelis,

Charlie

HONOR---COURAGE---COMMITMENT



Joint Service Color Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns



The Marines Prayer

Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family, give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.

If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.

*Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.
AMEN.*

Over the last few months we have assembled several times to honor our fallen brothers. During these times I reflect on the Marine Prayer.

"Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will." As I read these words I search my soul.

"Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow marines, my loved ones and Thy without shame or fear" Think of the meaning in your life as you read the words.

"Protect my family. Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with vigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance." At times we need to ask ourselves if we are giving our all to the tasks at hand.

"Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity, and let it remind me daily of the tradition which I must uphold" In this age of constant turmoil we must continue the values and traditions instilled by The Corps.

As I go fourth today and every day I try to remember the final words of the prayer:

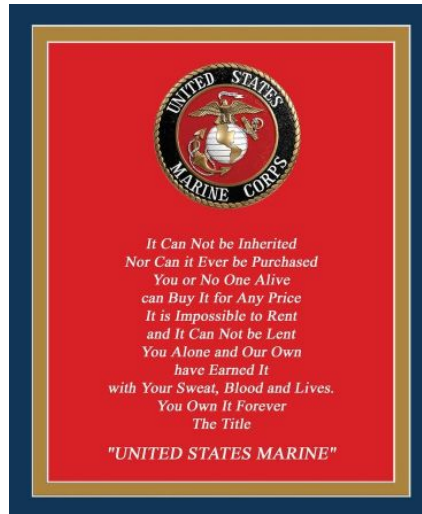
"If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; If I am tempted, make me strong to resist; If I should miss the mark, give me the courage to try again. Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer. - Amen"

May God Bless these United States of America, the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and our families.

Les Derbyshire

Chaplin





Service Officer's Report

I promise this is going to be a short report this month. With luck we have seen the last of the snow, and we can again enjoy the warm sun beating down.

I just want to remind everyone that we will have a Family Day Picnic for our brothers and sisters, who are stationed at Picatinny On May 6th. We expect to feed over 500 Marines and their families. The American Legion Membership have stepped up and volunteered to help us with the Picnic, working the Chow line and spending time with our young Marines, but we can't do it with their help alone. My list of Marines who have volunteered is not as large as we need. So, in case I have missed your name, send me an email so I know who will be on the team for May 6th.

My email address is: koreke@optonline.net. If you can't send me an email, please call me at 1-201-317-1678 (cell) or 1-973-835-4388 (home). May 6th will be here before we know it and we really need to have everything set.

Our next Bingo at the VA Nursing Home in Paramus will be on Tuesday, April 10th at 2PM.

As always, any questions about veteran's benefits, please feel free to Call me at 1-201-317-1678

Semper Fi,

Ed Korek

Service Officer



National Museum of the Marine Corps

Editor's Page

As I start to write this month's column, I reflect on the news of Cliff Kozikowski's passing. While I personally was not acquainted with Cliff (I've only been a member for about 3 years now) and have little in common other than Marine Boot Camp at MCRD Parris Island, it was with a feeling of honor as I read his biography which appears on the page 8 of this month's Grunt. It is an honor to be associated with the Marines of this wonderful detachment. Each of us served with a common purpose, to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, for God, Country and Corps. And each of us continues to serve through our association with the Marine Corps League.

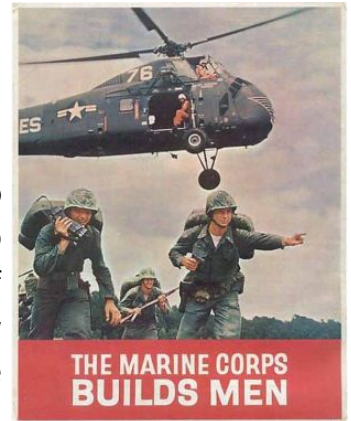


One of my pet peeves, if you will, is the unwillingness of veterans to share their story even with other veterans. My father was a WWII veteran and served in the Army Signal corps from 1943 through 1945 when he was returned to the United States through the massive reduction in force. All I know is that he served as part of SHAEF and was stationed in Paris in 1944 /1945. He passed about 8 years ago so the memories of his service are buried with him. My uncle also served as an Army Medic, landing with the first wave at Omaha Beach. How he survived the horrors of that battle as a non-combatant, I'll never know as he passed away about 28 years ago and I never really got to know him. During WWII, under the Geneva Convention, Medics could not carry weapons and were considered non-combatants. In fact, I only learned about his service in the past couple of years during discussions with my cousin. However I don't know anything else. My brother in law, served as an Army MP in Vietnam 1969 to 1970. Short of a few stories that he shared about convoy duty, I don't know anything about his service either and won't as he passed away 5 years ago. There was only one time that I was privileged to witness any discussion about Vietnam and that was between Albie and one of his friends (Jack). I learned that Jack was a Sergeant in the Army and out in the bush for all of his 365 day tour in Vietnam. Through this discussion, I caught a short glimpse into what it might have been like. The only other veteran from Vietnam that I know anything about is our Ben Casio who is directly responsible from my joining this awesome detachment.



One of the most important things that we leave on this earth is our legacy and whether we like it or not, our service is a big part of that legacy. It is important that we not only ask about the service of our relatives (parents, grand parents, aunts, uncles, sons, daughters, nieces or nephews etc), but that we share our experiences as well.

So my challenge to everyone, is to write a brief autobiography of your time in the Marine Corps. Be sure to write about your dates of service, what your MOS was, what your rank was and where you served. Important Note: by all means do include any awards or medals that you are entitled to wear. You may include details if you wish as they are important to you but there isn't any pressure to do so. If you have any pictures, that would also be welcomed. I also ask that you do the same for other veterans that you might know. There is a generation of Americans that does not know or understand the who, what, where, why and how we did the things we did and the school history books aren't telling the whole picture if any picture at all. It is important that we share our stories so this generation and the generations afterwards are prepared should they be called upon to defend our great country. Please email your autobiography to me at krgysbers@yahoo.com. Use MCL744 Autobiography in the subject line and include your full name in the body. With permission, I'll add them into future editions of the Grunt.



Semper Fi,
Ken Gysbers
Editor



Quartermaster's Report

We've set up a new location for the Ship's Store at the 3rd Saturday Breakfasts. And we have been successful to a degree since setting up back in the back right hand corner on the stage. As stated previously, any suggestions for items to carry would be appreciated. Please note: While I will try to honor requests as much as I can, (and I am working on some of them), items of a personalized nature are not feasible. I would likely have to pay as much as you would and upcharge to cover shipping costs so the detachment doesn't lose any money. Please remember that all of the funds which are made by the Ship's Store go directly to support the activities of the detachment so thank all of you for your continued support. I'm looking for a volunteer to be Assistant Quartermaster. Please contact me if interested. Thank you.

Semper Fi,
Ken Gysbers
Quartermaster

In Memorium



Sgt. Clifford M. Kozikowski

Our Father in Heaven has seen fit to call another one of our Marines to guard Heaven's Shores. Sgt Clifford M. Kozikowski was called to eternal rest during the evening of Thursday March 29th.

Cliff graduated from Hackensack High School in 1965 and attended one semester at William Paterson College. In 1966, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After attending basic training at MCRD Paris Island and advanced infantry training (ITR), he was assigned to Communication School, NAS Pensacola, FL. After graduation, he was assigned to Second Radio Battalion/ Second Force Recon at Camp Geiger, N.C. In June of 1966, he attended Jump School at Fort Bragg, N.C. and earned his Gold Jump Wings.

Later in 1966, Cliff was assigned to Vietnam for his first tour where he was severely wounded. In 1967, he was reassigned back to Second Radio Battalion/ Second Force Recon at Camp Geiger. In February 1969, Cliff received orders sending him back to Vietnam for a second tour on TAD orders to Third Force Recon. Cliff's unit consisting of 24 other 3rd Force Recon Marines was assigned a dangerous mission which behind the lines. They parachuted in to secure a North Vietnamese Nuclear Site. The unit was ambushed and 24 Marines were killed leaving Cliff as the lone survivor. He was able to gather all of his men's dog tags before he was wounded and captured. He escaped captivity one week later and after avoiding the North Vietnamese for 5 weeks he made it back to our lines. Later in 1969, he was assigned to Sub Unit One Ammo Company, Supply Battalion, Nuclear Ordnance, Okinawa, Japan. In 1970, Cliff retired from the Marine Corps and for the next 31 years worked for New Jersey Bell / Verizon, retiring in 2001.

Sgt Clifford M. Kozikowski was awarded the following for his exemplary service in Vietnam:

Silver Star, Bronze Star, Three (3) Purple Hearts, Prisoner of War (POW) Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Merit Unit Citation, National Defense Ribbon, Vietnamese Campaign and Service Ribbon and Marine Good Conduct Medal.

Cliff enjoyed sailing as a past time and was an active member of Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment 744 until recent health issues prevented him from doing so. He will be missed by all. Job well done and rest in peace, Marine.

Semper Fi, Cliff



IMPORTANT

SAVE THE DATE!

May 6, 2018

Family Day and Picnic

For Golf Co, 2nd Battalion 25th Marines

At Picatinny Arsenal

Location and times

To be determined





Mariner Corps League
Lakeland Detachment 744
Important Dates for 2018

Executive Board Meetings

7 PM 2nd Tuesday of the month

Tuesday February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12, July 10th, August 14th,
September 11th (subject to change), October 9th, November 13th & December 11th

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Breakfast Dates

3rd Saturday of every month

0800 to 1200 Hours

**February 17th, March 17th, April 21st,
May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th,**

September 15th, October 20, November 17th & December 15th

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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

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

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



Marine Hornet Flyover Kuwait



Desert Storm First Offensive Ground Attack

Desert Storm by Jake Hayes



Marine Corps League Lakeland Detachment #744

Invites you to our Third Saturday Monthly Breakfast

At The American Legion Hall

65 Oak Street, Oakland, NJ 07436

SATURDAY APRIL 21ST. 8AM-12NOON

Come have an Outstanding Breakfast and a Good Time

Enjoy Fresh Eggs Made to Order

Eggs Benedict

Omelets; Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Gravy

Pancakes; French Toast & Waffles

Bacon; Sausage; SOS & Corned Beef Hash

Home Fries & Biscuits

Donuts; Bagels & English Muffins

Coffee; Orange Juice & Pastries

Adults \$10.00

\$9.00 Seniors & children under 10 free

Bring your family and friends

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Marine Corps History for April

3 April 1945: On Okinawa, Marines of the III Amphibious Corps continued to make good progress all along their front, clearing Zampa Misaki and seizing the Katchin Peninsula, thus effectively cutting the island in two. By this date (D+2), III AC elements had reached objectives thought originally to require 11 days to take.

5 April 1947: Five Marine guards were killed and eight wounded when attacked by Communist Chinese raiders near the Hsin Ho ammunition depot in Northern China. This last major clash between Marines of the 1st Marine Division and Communist forces occurred shortly after withdrawal and redeployment plans from China were issued for the 1st Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 1 April.

10 April 1959: Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. was named as one of the original seven Project Mercury astronauts selected for space training. The seven astronauts, all volunteers, were selected by NASA from an initial group of 110 leading military test pilots. Three years later, on 20 February 1962, Col Glenn would become the first American to orbit the Earth.

12-13 April 1918: Marines of the 4th Brigade suffered their first gas attack on the night and early morning hours of 12-13 April when the Germans bombarded the 74th Company, 6th Marines near Verdun with mustard gas. Nine Marine officers and 305 enlisted Marines were gassed and evacuated, and 30 Marines died from the effects of the gas shells which hit in the middle of the reserve area cantonments in which they were sleeping.

15 April 1962: Marine Corps operational involvement in the Vietnam War began on Palm Sunday when HMM-362 with its Sikorsky UH-34s arrived at Soc Trang in the Delta south of Saigon. The task unit was called "Shufly" and its first operational employment involved lifting Vietnamese troops into battle.

18 April 1983: One Marine Security Guard was killed and seven were wounded when a large car bomb exploded just outside the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Lance Corporal Robert McMaugh was standing guard at Post 1, just inside the front entrance when the bomb exploded outside the door. The explosion killed 61 people including 17 Americans. LCpl McMaugh was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 26 April.

21 April 1951: Marine carrier-based airplanes made their first aerial contact with enemy planes over the Korean front lines. Captain Philip C. DeLong shot down two YAK fighters and 1st Lieutenant Harold D. Daigh destroyed one more and damaged another in the heavily defended Pyongyang-Chinnampo area. Both pilots were with VMF-312 flying from the USS Bataan.

27 April 1805: First Lieutenant Presley N. O'Bannon, who with seven other Marines was part of a force of Greeks and Arabs led by American Consul William Eaton, raised the United States flag for the first time over a conquered fortress of the Old World at Derne, a stronghold of the Tripolitan pirates. Two Marines were killed and one wounded in the assault on the walled city.

28 April 1993: The last A-6E Intruder departed from Marine Corps service. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 332 transferred the last Marine A-6E to St. Augustine, Florida, and prepared for the squadron's transition to the F/A-18D and eventual movement from Cherry Point to Beaufort, South Carolina





U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Health Care Benefits: 1-877-222-8387

Additional Numbers and Websites

Resource	Phone Number/Website
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
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Call Center for Homeless Veterans Hotline	1-877-424-3838
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

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
Wounded Warrior Resource Center	1-800-342-9647

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