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DEVIL DAWG MONTHLY

COMMANDANT'S CORNER:

Marines,

I have just returned from my overseas trip followed by a week-end at the Department Convention in Kissimmee. I was joined at the convention by our Jr. Past Cmdt, Jr. Vice Cmdt. and the Paymaster/Adjutant. At the convention we had the opportunity to elect the new Department Officers for this next year. I am proud to say that our Jr. Vice Cmdt Ken Zolna was appointed as the Department Sgt at Arms. Congratulations Ken.

Our new Department Commandant, Dave Sargent has made it one of his goals that at a minimum 50% of all our donations go to Marines or Marine Programs. I intend to help him to reach this goal.

I am sure that everyone is still working hard recruiting sponsors and supporters for the Poker Run on Sept. 19th. It is not just the job of the committee to get this done. We all need to pitch in and help out. So please contact anyone that you think might be willing to support us.

I am looking forward to the Detachment annual picnic at Fred's house on June 20th. I hope that I will see as many of you that can make it there. We always have a lot of fun and it gives a chance to meet and greet each others families. I always say it gives us a chance to drink beer and tell lies.

Mike Sherman is moving forward with standing up the Young Marine Unit. If you are able to help him I am sure that he will appreciate it.

Our membership seems to be at a stand still. We all need to be recruiting new members at every opportunity.

Once again I would like to remind the membership that this is your Detachment not mine and we can only be as good as you want us to be. I only have the privilege of serving as Commandant because you elected me. I will do the best that I can while I continue to serve but I can not do it without your help so please pitch in wherever you can.

See you at the July 2nd meeting.

Semper Fi
Jack Skelding
Commandant

Email: If you received this by regular mail and have an email address, please contact me via email so we may add you to the list.

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We need your ideas. If there is other information you would like to see posted or certain topics you would like us to discuss, please let me know

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

Here is it June and summer is upon us. We finished up May with a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Hillsborough Veterans Part on the last Sunday in May. It was well attended and Cheryl Ferretti & I had the privilege of presenting an anniversary cake to

the guest speaker, Col. Miller & his wife who were celebrating their 17th anniversary on that day. On Monday there was another Memorial Day ceremony held at Serenity Meadows Funeral Home. Again it was well attended by our members and some of our Auxiliary ladies served the refreshments after the ceremony. I want to thank all who participated in either or both ceremonies. So thank you Peggy Grant, Marce Strom, Cheryl Ferretti, Nancy Horman, Elsie Amos, Ruth Fisher, Pat Schenck. If I missed anyone I apologize but be assured you have my thanks.

Don't forget the Annual Picnic will be Saturday, June 20th at 1:00pm at Fred and Rehtse Regenhard's home. Please bring a dish to share and looking forward to seeing everyone for a really good time.

Just returned last night from the Dept. of Florida Convention that was held in Kissimmee. On Friday evening we held the initiation for new Crawlers to join the MODD Fleas. Cheryl Ferretti survived with flying colors & is on her way to becoming a Flea. Congratulations Cheryl!! Congratulations are also in order to the Detachment's 4 members who advanced to Devil Dog status. A big WOOF WOOF to Commandant Jack Skelding, John Bain, Willie Little and Ken Zolna.

Before the Dept. of Florida elections were held, awards were presented to the various Units based on the reports that we all filled out at the end of the year. WE WERE AWARDED 3RD PLACE IN DONATIONS FOR AMERICANISM!!!! This was the first time we have won an award & I was most proud to accept the certificate. Thank you ladies – as you can see keeping track of everything you do, spend or participate in really does pay off. Again a big Thank You to you all.

Elections were held & it gives me great pleasure to announce that Pat Skelding was elected to Jr. Vice President, Dept. of Florida. Congratulations, Pat. Our new President is Janet Voltaggio, Sr. Vice President is Wanda Russell, Jr. Vice President is Pat Skelding, Judge Advocate is Joan Cecil.

Also at the MCL and MCLA joint meeting the outgoing Commandant presented to Roz Smith, the outgoing MCLA president, the Unit Meritorious Ribbon. This is bestowed upon all MCLA unit members and I will have them for everyone at next meeting. I also presented our check of \$500.00 to Dale Condy PDD who is in charge of the Scholarship Fund.

As you may or may not be aware, the MCL & MCLA has ended for the summer our participation in the Legion's monthly flea market. Ken & I met with the Salvation Army truck and cleared out the container. Needless to say, we will be in need of items to sell come September when it reopens. So as you look around your homes, clean out drawers, closets or garages, please keep in mind the flea market. It has been a real money-maker for both of us. Also we are always looking for new members. Detachment members please speak to spouses about the good the Auxiliary does alone or as a joint venture with the Detachment and encourage them to join. We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at the American Legion & car-pool to the VFW on Riverview Dr. for our 7:30pm meeting. Our next meeting will be July 7th.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER.

Mary Zolna

CAR WASH

Car washes have been suspended until the water restrictions are lifted.

YARD SALE:

Need donations to keep this going. Contact Jack or Ken for further details. This has been a moneymaker for the league



Members of the Detachment who went through the ritual of advancing to the rank of Devil Dog in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs at the 2009 Department Convention are pictured left to right. CMDT Jack Skelding, Jr. Past CMDT John Bain, Jr. Vice CMDT Ken Zolna and Paymaster/Adjunct Willie Little Jr

“LOOKING GOOD LADIES, I MEAN MEN”

MEMBERSHIP CORNER:

* 2009-2010 Membership Retention Goal is 100% based on roster report dated 3/31/09(memberships that were current).

*May's past due was as follows:
None

*June-July Membership Expirations

Dennis Antle	June
Nathan Kidd	June
Bernard Sherman	June
Frank Strom, Jr.	June
Sid Atwater	July
Keith Bro	July
Robert Collins	July
Terry Graham	July
John Grant	July
Arthur Kemp	July
Joe Stajkowski	July

LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY AGE CATEGORY

61 & OVER	\$150.00
51 TO 60	\$300.00
41 TO 59	\$400.00

Please contact Willie Little, Jr regarding **life membership** at 813/972-7711.

S/F
Willie

New Members :

No New Members

Ill Members

Debra Steele's son Keith

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

*Contact Willie Little for visits to the VA Hospital to show our support for our fellow soldiers.

*Poker Run Update: Registration will be at the Harley Davidson in Brandon starting at 0900 on September 19, 2009. PLEASE RECRUIT AS MANY SPONSORS AND/OR RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS AS POSSIBLE. This is for an extremely good cause.

*If you are interested in becoming a member of the Honor Guard, please contact Ken Zolna.



YOUNG MARINES OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - - *We need to step up for this cause*

They now have a location to meet (Riverview Moose Lodge) and just need some volunteers to step up to help with the program. Please contact Mike Sherman for details.

Visit our Website at www.mclriverview.org

MILITARY NEWS

TRICARE Prime Travel Access Standards Changes

As a practical matter, DoD never really enforced TRICARE travel access standards. But it will be enforced now. TRICARE has long had established policy to help beneficiaries receive timely health care. The standards require that enrollees shouldn't be assigned a primary care manager (PCM) at a military hospital or clinic that's more than a 30-minute drive from the beneficiary's home address. If they want to continue to be seen in the MTF, current Prime enrollees in the U.S. who live farther away than a 30-minute drive from the MTF will have to request a waiver of the drive-time standard from the MTF commander or the TRICARE Regional Office. To learn more, read the following articles on Military.com:

Free Entry to National Parks

Free entry to 147 U.S. national parks will be available three weekends this summer: June 20-21, July 18-19 and Aug. 15-16. The National Park Service typically waives entry fees for everyone on National Public Lands Day (the last Saturday in September) and for military service people and veterans on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. But, this is the first time in 20-plus years that the fees being waived for entire weekends for the public. For more information, visit the [National Parks Service](#) website.

MARINE TIDBITS:

Semper Fidelis was adopted about 1883 as the motto of the Corps. Before that, there had been three mottoes, all traditional rather than official. The first, antedating the War of 1812, was "Fortitudine" ("With Fortitude"). The second, "By Sea and by Land," was obviously a translation of the Royal Marine's "Per Mare, Per Terram." Until 1848, the third motto was "To the Shores of Tripoli," in commemoration of O'Bannon's capture of Derna in 1805. In 1848, after the return to Washington of the Marine battalion that

took part in the capture of Mexico City, this motto was revised to: "From the Halls of the Montezumas to the Shores of Tripoli" – a line now familiar to all Americans. This revision of the Corps motto in Mexico has encouraged speculation that the first stanza of "The Marines' Hymn" was composed by members of the Marine battalion who stormed Chapultepec Castle.

It may be added that the Marine Corps shares its motto with England's Devonshire Regiment, the 11th Foot, one of the senior infantry regiments of the British Army, whose sobriquet is "the Bloody Eleventh" and whose motto is also Semper Fidelis.

Reference Section
History and Museums Division

Submitted by Debra Sid's absence.

INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING:

Discussion:-

Webmaster Larry Ludwick announced that Dept. of Fl Judge Advocate has approved our detachment's plans to sell advertisement on our website. Annual business fee will be \$25.00 while individual's fee is \$5.00. We may also have our detachment's members sponsor the website for a fee to be determined.

Thanks/Awards:

- David Blizzard was recognized and presented his life membership card and pin..

HERO OF THE MONTH

The Magnificent Captain Gamble

In the long and illustrious history of our Corps one ocean-going Marine stands above all others with his maritime exploits. Of course, I am referring to John Marshall Gamble, who when he was a 23 year old 1st Lieutenant commanded a United States ship. The time

was 1812 and the fledging nation United States was again involved in a war with Britain.

Gamble was commanding officer of the Marine detachment aboard Captain David Porter's ship the USS Essex. The Essex had virtually destroyed the entirety of the British whaling fleet in the Pacific between October 1812 (when she left Delaware) and April 1813.

It was in 1813 that 1st Lieutenant Gamble was given command of a captured British ship renamed the USS Greenwich. Gamble and a prize crew of 14 Marines and seamen soon engaged the British raider HMS Seringapata off the Gálapagos Islands. In classic 18th/early 19th century sea-battle style Gamble closed with, engaged and fought the Seringapata until the British ship struck her colors. Gamble took the Seringapata as a prize and interned the crew.

After the engagement Captain Porter, the Squadron Commander, had so much faith in the nautical abilities of Gamble he put him charge of all the prisoners and captured ships that were now anchored in the Marquesas Islands. While headquartered in the Marquesas Gamble fought two more sea engagements against British warships. It was after the second engagement that the prisoners rose up against Gamble and the Marines. The mutinous prisoners set upon Gamble and the Marines and quickly overcame them. Gamble was wounded and along with two midshipmen was then taken out to sea and set adrift in an open boat with one set of oars, some powder and three old muskets. With no compass Gamble was able to navigate his way back to the Marquesas and after a short engagement took back the Greenwich.

Now a captain (although he didn't know it until a year later) Gamble decided to run before the trade winds in the hope of reaching the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii). He succeeded, but only to fall into an engagement with HMS Cherub. The Cherub outgunned, outmanned and was more maneuverable than was the Greenwich. After a short fight Gamble was forced to submit. Gamble and his surviving men (three seamen and three Marines) were taken by the British to Rio de Janeiro and there, when news of

peace arrived, were released penniless and five thousand miles from home. It was August 1815 before Gamble, still limping from his wound, found a ship to take him and his men back to New York.

For his gallantry, leadership, seamanship, and ingenuity Gamble was brevetted major and subsequently died a Lieutenant Colonel in 1836. David Porter, now an Admiral, upon hearing of Gamble's death wrote a letter to the Secretary of the Navy: "No Marine Officer in the service ever had such strong claims as Captain Gamble, and none have been placed in such conspicuous and critical situations, and none could have extricated themselves from them more to their honor."

Gamble remains today the only Marine ever to command a United States ship.

The Essex crew captured three English whaling ships which were fitted for combat, and Gamble was given command of one of them, Greenwich.

In 1813, Gamble and a crew of 14 men engaged a British whaler. The American commander used the best of naval strategy to block the escape of the English ship, then maneuvered into position for a few broadside cannon volleys and convinced the English sailors to strike their colors in surrender.

The ship was Seringapatam--the terror of American whalers in the Pacific until that day in July when the English vessel and crew encountered the Marine-commanded warship in the Gálapagos Islands.

Gamble later had a big problem with a mutiny after being left to hold some fortifications in the Marquesas Islands. The main body of ships and sailors was to return later, but were instead captured. Gamble was soon beset with the mutiny, which he, his Marines and some loyal sailors were unable to contain. They fled, were later captured in the Sandwich Islands and held captive until the end of the war.

Gamble later reached New York during August 1815, where he was promoted to major and later Lieutenant Colonel. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1834.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7 League Mtg 1930 MCLA Mtg @ VFW 1930	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<p>Look Ahead: September 19, 2009 at 0900 hrs 3rd Annual Poker Run for the Haley House November 7, 2009 Marine Corps Ball November 11, 2009 V.A. Hospital Veterans Day Parade November 14, 2009 Marine Corps Birthday Celebration</p>						