

# JARHEAD SCOOP



## RIVERVIEW DETACHMENT 1226

### *Marine Corps League* 2014 Fall Conference



**Hosted by:**  
**Riverview Detachment 1226**  
**&**  
**Auxiliary Riverview Unit 1226**

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As you should all know by now the Detachment will be hosting the 2014 Fall Conference. Jack Skelding and Peter White are spearheading this operation with much help from Bernie Kotrady, Ed Becker, Larry Westcott, Houston Tucker, Hank Wolons, Pat Skelding and Walt Ryan, if I have forgotten anyone I apologize.

It would be nice to see 100% of the membership attend some portion of this event in order to show your pride in this Detachment. The leadership school will be held on Friday, the general membership meeting is Saturday morning and Saturday evening there will be a formal banquet. If you have any questions about this conference please contact one of the Detachment officers.

*Jack Skelding*

### Marine Corps Birthday Celebration

The detachment will celebrate the 239<sup>th</sup> birthday of our beloved Corps on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the American Legion Post 148, Riverview, FL. All are invited, the cost is \$15 per head, uniform of the day is the BEST Marine Corps League uniform that you own or appropriate business attire. I.e. sport coat and trousers (NO SHORTS). Our guest speaker is Jarosz, Jeffrey L Col USMC from SOCOM. The dinner will be a splint entree of roast beef and chicken parm, potato's and gravy and a vegetables, with ceaser salad and rolls.

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### **OFFICERS**

- Commandant - Bernie Kotrady
- Sr. Vice - Sal DiFonzo
- Jr. Vice - Ed Becker
- Adj. - Jack Skelding
- Judge Advocate- Walt Ryan
- Paymaster - Houston Tucker
- Chaplain - Dave Blizzard
- Sgt. At Arms - Larry Westcott

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## Commandants Message



*Another quarter has gone by and we are now approaching one of the busiest times for our Detachment. We are hosting the Fall Conference in October, together with several Rose fund drives and Honor Guard events that are also on the calendar. Additionally we will be participating in the annual Ruskin Veterans Day parade, Toys for Tots, and the USMC Birthday celebration in November, these events are over and above our bi-weekly yard sale and monthly VFW breakfast..*

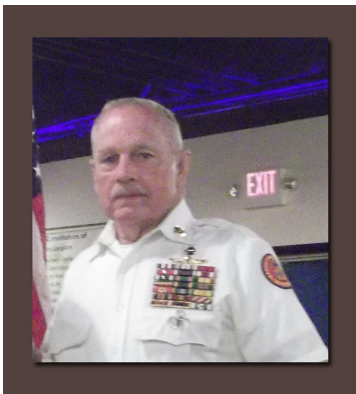
*We can not do this without YOUR help. Therefore I am asking you to get involved. If you have interest in any of these events either to actively take part as a worker and/or just to attend socially, do not hesitate to contact me*

*at 813-689-8575 or any of the officers or chairpersons for more information. I would also like to thank all who have made our past events a success we could not do it without YOU.*

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## Col. David Blizzard



We all know what a dedicated Marine, true professional and all-around great person Dave Blizzard is. He also happens to be our Detachment Chaplain. So It is no surprise that Colonel Blizzard was nominated and awarded the: McDaniel College Alumni Professional Achievement Award for the year 2014. Mr. Frank Kidd nominated Dave for this Prestigious Alumni Achievement Award. This award is in recognition of an Alumni's Achievements in various categories including service to the college, professional accomplishments and community service. George H. Harmeyer, Major General (Retired) US Army, Class of 1965 WMC/McDaniel who indorsed Dave writes:

Dave's exceptional record is well chronicled by Frank's nomination. Dave's life has been exceptional from his days on The Hill, throughout his Marine Corps career and will continue to be well into the future. He is indeed legend in our military's Special Operations Community. There are very few heroes like Dave. He is the consummate professional. His service to our country brings great credit to our College, The Marine Corps, our entire military and our Nation. A few of Dave's awards include the Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the El Salvadoran Medalla de Oro. Our Detachment Newsletter is not large enough to include all of Dave's Marine Corps Service citations and accomplishments.

We here at Marine Corps League Detachment 1226 are honored and proud to have Dave Blizzard as a friend and our Detachment Chaplain.

Sal DiFonzo

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## Auxiliary President's Message



So many things going on at this time of year. The Unit would like to welcome a new member, Mary Cormier from Riverview. Also it is that time of year that our annual dues needs to be renewed. Renewal is \$28.00 a year, so if you haven't paid please send in your dues. We are gearing up for the Fall Conference sponsored by the Detachment in October. We will be assisting them anyway we can.

We are still working our breakfasts at the VFW on the third Sunday of the month. If you can help us please let me know.

We have done our annual cleaning of our container and we are looking for CLEAN serviceable ems that we can sell. We open the second and fourth Sundays of the month and we need volunteers to work this.

This time of year is busy for us. We have many events at the Veterans Park. Before you know it the Marine Corps Birthday will be here. Mark November 15th on your calendars and make sure

you sign up for our dinner to be held at the Legion. We will be announcing our 2014 Member of the Year.

If you have any questions about any of our events please call me at 813-748-6233. Looking forward to a great last quarter of the year.

Semper Fi

Pat Skelding PDP

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## VFW Monthly Breakfast

Support your Detachment by attending our monthly breakfast at the VFW Post 8108. The breakfast is on the third Sunday of each month from nine until noon & open to the public. Bring your family and friends for an all you can eat meal prepared by former mess duty personnel. Price is \$7, menu includes: eggs to order, bacon, sausage, hot cakes, grits, sausage gravy, biscuits, juice and coffee. Mark your calendars: Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21.

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## Upcomming Honor Guard Events

Sept. 21/22 Run for the Fallen At Veterans Park

Oct. 11. Memorial Services at the Dept. Fall Conference.

Oct. 11. Field of Honor at the Veterans Park

If you are interested in joining the Honor Guard, contact Walt

Raysick @ 813-326-0694

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## Marine Humor

*It was a dark, stormy, night. The Marine was on his first assignment, and it was guard duty. A General stepped out taking his dog for a walk. The nervous young Private snapped to attention, made a perfect salute, and snapped out "Sir, Good Evening, Sir!" The General, out for some relaxation, returned the salute and said "Good evening Marine, nice night, isn't it?"*

*Well it wasn't a nice night, but the Private wasn't going to disagree with the General, so the he saluted again and replied "Sir, Yes Sir!". The General continued, "You know there's something about a stormy night that I find soothing, it's really relaxing. Don't you agree?"*

*The Private didn't agree, but then the private was just a private, and responded "Sir, Yes Sir!"*

*The General, pointing at the dog, "This is a Golden Retriever, the best type of dog to train."*

*The Private glanced at the dog, saluted yet again and said "Sir, Yes Sir!"*

*The General continued "I got this dog for my wife."*

*The Private simply said "Good trade Sir!"*

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## Yard Sale



The yard sale is once again accepting donations of CLEAN and SERVICEABLE I repeat CLEAN and SERVICEABLE items to be sold. If you have anything that you would like to

donate please contact Jack Skelding at 813-672-1778 (H) or 813-830-1138 (C) to arrange for a delivery time.

Also help is needed to staff the yard sale on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 0700 until 1200. If you are able to help with this fund raiser please contact Jack Skelding at the above phone number or reply to this e:mail to get on the schedule. Auxiliary members are welcome to participate and the



We don't have much to report yet, but here is what we have set up so far:

Kick-off - Since the typical friday for kick-off falls on Halloween, we have decided to push the event to November 3rd (which is a Monday). The warehouse will serve as the place. Looking at 10 AM.

Distribution - We will be doing the bulk of our distribution from and through our warehouse. We will however have 3 additional sites. Beth el, Riverside, and a site in Plant city (TBD) will be our other distribution sites. We will look to hold distribution on the 18th, 19th and 20th of December (Not all sites will distribute all three days). This will probably require many more volunteers for these days specifically.

Thanks, Ed



## 911 Remembrance Day



Lett to right: George MaMaster, Sal DiFonzo, Jack Skelding