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Department of Connecticut Commandant's Corner



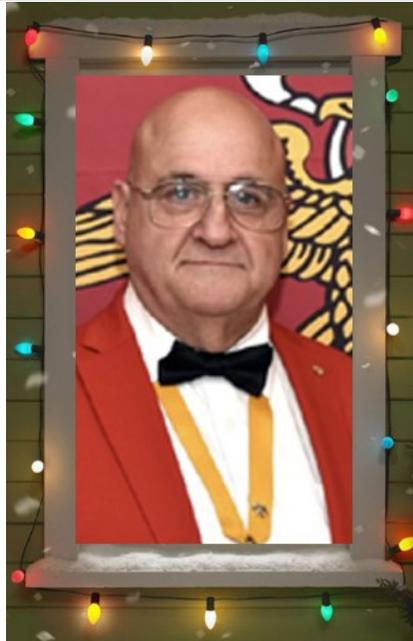
Hello Marines,

Happy Birthday Marines, we had a great time celebrating the 246th Marine Corps Birthday. This year is almost over but not before we squeeze in Christmas. As you can see by the photo I have already acquired my Christmas spirit. I want to take this time to wish all of my Brothers and Sisters both here and still serving a very Merry Christmas as well as a Happy New Year.

The past two years have been tough on all of us and beyond the personal sacrifices we all had to make in our personal lives, we also made many more as Marines. We missed opportunities to meet as a group and were unable to do the many things we do to serve our community as well as our fellow Marines. Going forward I would ask that you make an effort to get back into the things we do and performing the community services that people have grown to rely on. We need new members, we need more Pups and Dogs to insure we continue to fulfill our Mission. Please make every effort to help with this, it is very important.

The schedule on the right has some changes to it. The Department Meeting will not be held at Southington Memorial Detachment it will be held at Rocky Hill. However, Southington Memorial will still be having the ceremony at there location. If you are not attending the Department meeting in Rocky Hill, you may want to join them in this ceremony.

Semper Fi
David E. Rosa
Commandant
Department of Connecticut
Marine Corps League



Important Events

Dec. 5th– Pearl Harbor Ceremony at Southington Memorial 12:00

Department Meetings

Dec. 5th– Dept Meeting at Rocky Hill 13:00

Feb. 6th- at Rocky Hill 13:00

April 3rd– at Rocky Hill 13:00

June 11– Dept. Convention TBD

Growls /Glawakus & Pack

Jan. 9th- Valley TBD & 13:30

Mar. 13th- Rocky Hill 11:00 & 1:00

May 1st- Rocky Hill 11:00 & 1:00

June 10– Grand Growl TBD

Newsletters

December—January submissions due Nov. 26th

February—March submissions due Jan. 26th

April—May submissions due March 25th

June—July submissions due May 25th



We Had An Event And No One Came

I often get copies of Detachment Newsletters and when I do I often find events listed that were hosted by the Detachment. As I read them I wonder, don't you want others to attend? I have read about some good events that I personally would have like to attend and if I did, chances are others would have liked to attend as well. When you send out your Newsletter it reaches everyone in your detachment. When the Department Newsletter goes out it reaches the Department and The Division, and believe me others care about what you do. Also, others will attend your event if they are able. We have focused a lot in recent years about recruiting, in addition to getting our own member to come out an support the event, invite perspective members to come out and meet the guys. If there is food that we are doing provide them with lunch. If there is a t-shirt for the event give them one, its called marketing. Make sure you get the perspective member in the pictures and then send them a copy of the Newsletter you publish them in. Go to the Department website and look at Photos. They are listed by year. Go look at the photos from the past and look at the attendance that those events got. We actually had people to march in the parade for Veterans Day. Let's advertise the events and then lets all come out to support them. If you invite perspective members to an event make sure they have fun and enjoy it. Don't put them with Cpl. Eeyore, "Oh me oh my, things used to be so much better but now there not". We want them to remember what a great time they had and have them want to come back for more. The picture below is from the Bridgeport Convention, I would like to have a new Convention Picture each year and have it show how much we grew from the last year. I know you guys can do that, some of you are already doing it.

Walt Benson



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FATHER & SON = MARINE BROTHERS



On October 30th I arrived in Southern California to meet up with my son, Marine Captain Connor McMahon (also a



3000' with an approximately 2 mile ascent. The explanation for this was that the original six wanted those who visited the memorial to "sacrifice" on their way. Sadly, three of the original six were KIA the following year. Connor wanted to visit the memorial one last time, and invited me to join him. Hopefully the

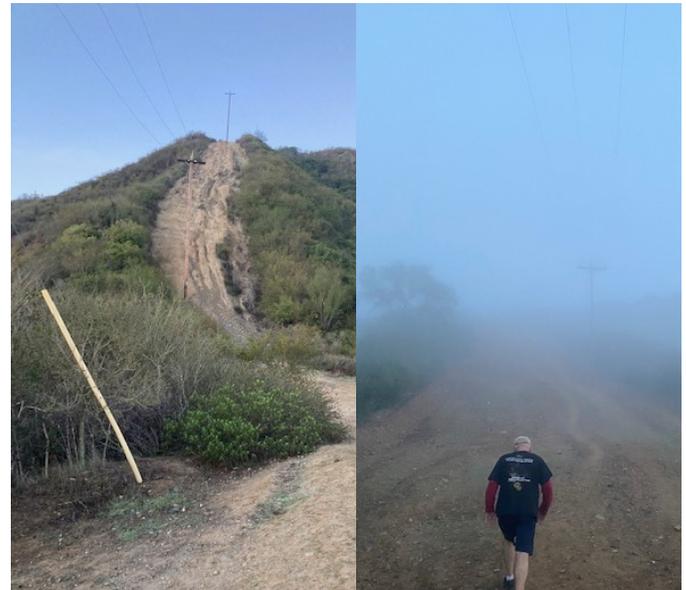


member of Thames River Detachment #1334) who had recently returned from his second deployment. He had received orders for Weapons Station Yorktown VA and I was driving cross country with him. It was a tremendous trip; with an exceptional moment and a memora-

ble one. The exceptional moment came on day three with me being able to witness Marine McMahon receive a Navy Achievement Medal from his BN CO for his performance during his last two deployments. He explained to me that it was "no big deal", but as the award was read, I was immensely proud as both a dad and fellow Marine.

**Regards & S/F
Patrick McMahon
Thames River Detachment #1334**

The memorable moment came on day four of



this trip. As Marine McMahon explained to me, in 2003 six members (5 Marines and 1 FMF corpsman) of 2nd Bn. 1st Marines (2/1) established a memorial within Camp Horno (Pendleton) to honor members of 2/1 KIA post 9/11. The memorial was erected at an elevation of





Awards or Recognition

I would like to commend the Detachments that managed to have a Birthday Ball as well as those that tried. I attended The Brass City Ball and it was a Great Time The are some Pictures on another page including my table which had a great time and managed to score 3 wins in the raffle, including the K-bar, not me but it's the closest I've come to it. I also attended The Paul C. Houghton Ball with many gleeful attendees and if you didn't go to this one you missed out because it was free. You should be sorry you missed a free meal and you should also be asking how they do it, so that you could do it as well.

It was a bit of a ride but it was a great time and this is the first time I made it this far north for a Ball. Top Lee was the Master of Ceremonies and he actually did look like he had done this before, but when he led us in all three courses in the Marine Corps Hymn, Lets just say I felt comfortable.

One highlight of the evening was when Jane Dougherty presented Quilts of Valor to three of the attendees. Malcolm Rhines, Elizabeth Buzalsky and John Sarantopoulos. This is a Great Project and they are always looking for Volunteers as need for these quilts is endless and as Jane puts it, these machines are like Power Tools.

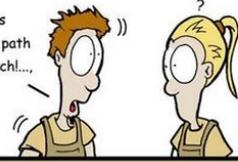
I also attended the Semper Fi Society luncheon in Boston at the Convention Center with 1600 of our fellow Marines, which was really a fantastic show. As you approached the Convention Center, the Jumbotron showed a turning Eagle Globe and Anchor, it was a breathtaking sight to behold. It was supposed to have Gen. Berger, The Commandant of the Marine Corps but he cancelled at the last minute, but we did have his Drum and Bugle Corps to preform as well as some other entertainment. The Boston Police Gaelic Column preforming the Marine Corps Hymn on Bagpipes and Drums. When I weighed it all out on one hand I have General Berger and on the other hand I have the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps and Bag Pipes, I want to be politically correct but you know what the winner was, sorry General better luck next year.

It featured some long overdue celebration as we all missed celebrating last year. One highlight was the swearing in of new Marines Poolees. When I weigh out all of what adult Civilian Life has become I would go back in a heartbeat even to repeat boot camp. After the swearing in, the General went down the line and shook hands with every Poolee. It has been 52 years 8 months and 28 days since I stood on the yellow footprints and I haven't shaken hands with a General yet. What the hell are you people doing? Do you tuck them in at night as well? Is this Marine Corps Lite? I'm so sorry Chesty. **Walt Benson**

Marine Corps Humor

"It's crazy, Marines are the toughest SOB's on the planet, they destroy everything in their path and that's before they flip on the "MEAN" switch!..."

There's only one thing that weirds me out..."

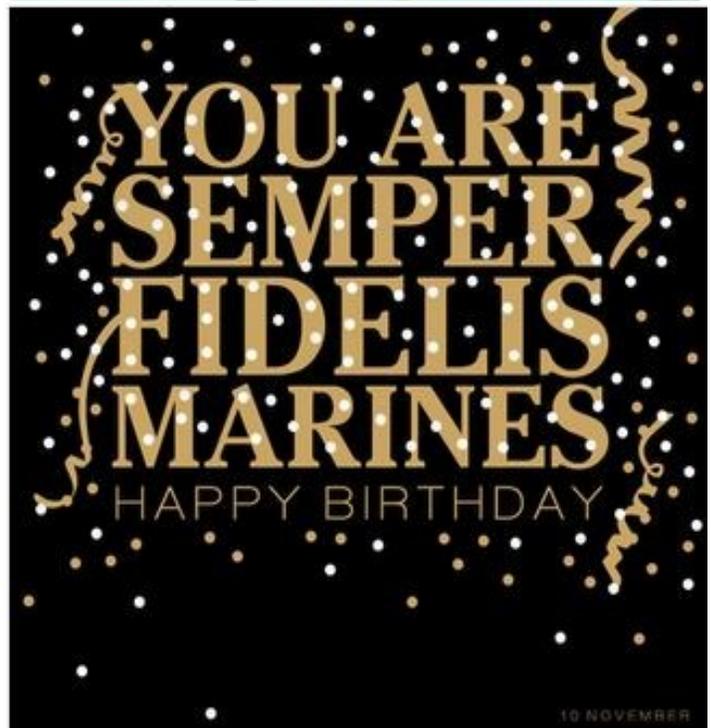
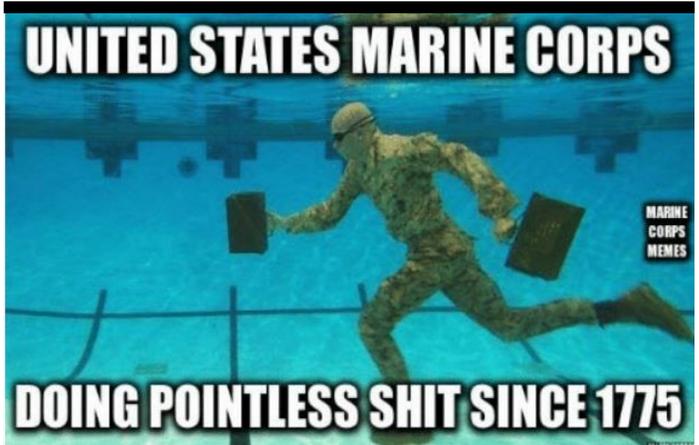


"GIVE ME A FLUFFY PUFFY MOCHA WITH POODLE CHOCOLATE DROPS AND A MARY POPPINS HUG MY HEART MUFFIN WITH A BUNNY TAIL..!!"



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Art by GySgt Charles Wolf (USMC/Ret.)





RECRUITING "IT'S JOB ONE"!!

Walt Benson



At the end of every meeting, the last instruction given is from the **Senior Vice Commandant -"Marines, the Department of Connecticut thanks you for your attendance and requests that you secure new members, and further that you favor us at every future meeting with your presence, so far as your circumstances will permit"**. The purpose of this section is to share ideas that will help us meet that goal.

Here is an idea anyone can try. We already have talked about advertising the detachment meetings on Social Media, why not add to that and invite Marines and veterans to the meeting. Some detachments offer coffee, add some donuts or cookies to the mix and its a party. Introduce yourself sit with the guests and tell them what we do. Nothing bothers me more than when I speak to a Marine and he tells me he doesn't have time for the league because he's a member of the Legion, Did you serve in The Legion? Which Branch are they? There is nothing wrong with the Legion but if you only have time for one, this is where your home is. You are one of us. We are different than the others. I often look back at the time I have spent in the Marine Corps League and cannot help but realize how much better we are. Yes, Marines are better, if you are an associate member we see you as one of us. We don't look down on the other branches of the service but it is great to harass them, and they give almost as good as they get. But lets look at what we do: Funeral Honors, dearest to my heart and one of the most important and rewarding things we do. Seven



riflemen all delivering honors in perfect unison and attention to detail. Then there are the Parades and Honors at local monuments. The crowd always seems to cheer louder as

The Marines go Walking by. We usually march behind a band and the Marine Corps Hymn is usually playing as we pass before the dignitaries of the Town or City. Flags flying high and all in step, "The Proud". We also stand alone as the lone warrior at a town



Ceremony held for Memorial Day with a decorated hero from the Korean war Era. I can't say this enough but who

else has this? Who else does this? I have been down streets in Connecticut that had so many Marine Corps Flags, signs and License Plates you would swear you were on a Marine Base.

When the parades are finished and honor has been paid we look to comfort our sick and visit them, because they are our brothers and sisters.



Edison C. Occhi
10/21/1931 to 6/10/2020

Semper Fidelis



We recognize members of the Community for the support they give us in accomplishing our Mission. These awards go a long way to further and inspire others to volunteer and that volunteerism is

what we need to survive. BINGO for Hospitalized Veterans, and Holiday Celebrations.



The list of things we do is endless and I could go on and on.

A Holiday named after one of our own Samuel K. Beamon Day, July 27th in Waterbury CT, a day of service to commemorate his volunteerism. Lastly, we come together in Brotherhood, no sex, no race, no nationality, just Marines. WE DO MORE THAN JUST HELP VETERANS, WE DO IT ALL.



Samuel K. Beamon
July 27, 1947 - October 28, 2018



☆☆☆ AWARDS ☆☆☆ HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Arthur	Brainard	12	12/06/46
Elmer	Gendreau	12	12/11/35
Parker	Hanssen	12	
Carol	Krohn	12	12/03/40
Adam	Krzymowek	12	12/24/59
Edward	Lee Jr.	12	12/31/49
Daniel	Lutty	12	12/06/47
John	Malley	12	12/16/35
Robert	Marchese	12	12/19/35
Andrew	McKinn	12	12/03/68
Edward	Orlowski	12	12/26/25
Henry	Otte	12	
Richard	Rampone	12	12/01/41
Francis	Russell	12	12/02/48
Dennis	Taricani	12	
Caron	LeRoy	1	01/07/44
Clark	John	1	01/30/30
Connors Jr.	William	1	01/26/70
Enriquez	Robert	1	01/08/40
Fitzpatrick	Leo	1	01/04/38
Lantz	Richard	1	01/09/83
Lugo	Angel	1	01/20/38
Madigan	Charles	1	01/11/44
Mullaney	Garrell	1	01/06/47
Ostertag	Donald	1	01/10/73
Padelli	Matthew	1	01/31/48
Parker	Thomas	1	01/01/37
Rivard	Raymond	1	1/9/1934
Smith	Robert	1	01/18/48
Wilson	Marion	1	01/12/35
Wisneski	Stephen	1	

PCDD Doug Fisk and NEVCDD Cherie Monnell Presented PDD Larry Herrmann with The Past Chief Devil Dog Award given by the Past Chief Devil Dog Society to Pedigreed Devil Dogs (PDD) in recognition of their exceptional service to the Order and to their Community. This award is second only to the Kennel Dog of the Year as the most prestigious award given by the Order.

Larry is the official Kennel Jester, which I believe is his favorite position in the Dogs except for maybe Mad Dog, he was my Mad Dog when I became a PUP. He is the legal advisor to the New England Division and I don't think there is anyone in the league who doesn't know him. He advocates for Marines everywhere, going above and beyond, recognizing their accomplishments with a constant focus on what they are doing right. In recent years he advocated for the Peter P Monaco Detachment and their brilliant comeback from their almost total demise. Larry spoke of what they did often trying to spread the ideas and methods they used to grow to be used by everyone, so that we all might benefit.

Recently he was named as one of the Top One Hundred Trial Lawyers in the Country and one of the top criminal lawyers but according to Larry this award means so much more. Larry is an Advocate, a mentor, a brother and a friend.

From what I have seen and Know of Larry, he is first and always a Marine. If you ever get to a meeting or Growl early you will usually find Larry Already there and willing to talk to anyone. Then when the meeting or Growl begins Larry will always have a joke or a story to brighten your day. You deserve this Brother and I'm proud to know you.

Walt Benson





RED RIBBON WEEK



Hello everyone! My name is Young Marine Sergeant Major MaKayla Barstow, and I am currently sixteen years old, a junior at Plainfield High School, and I am heavily involved in the Young Marines Program. I have earned the title of this year's Division One Young Marine of the Year, and also have the honor of serving as the Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League Samuel K. Beamon Young Marine of the Year.

In the last week of October, the Young Marines Program works vigorously to push our message of living a healthy drug-free lifestyle during Red Ribbon Week. Many Young Marines from around the country participate in this event in honor of Special Agent Enrique Kiki Camarena, who was a DEA Agent that was kidnapped, tortured, and killed by drug traffickers in Guadalajara, Mexico while working on the trail of marijuana and cocaine drug traffickers.

On October 23, 2021, I had the opportunity to attend the Natchaug River Young Marines annual 5K Drug Demand Reduction dash in honor of Camarena. Throughout the Young Marines' morning run, all of them showed pure motivation and determination, even when they felt like giving up. The words of encouragement from the Adult Volunteers and civilians watching the run greatly benefited the Young Marines.

That night, I had the pleasure of attending the Natchaug River Young Marines mess night as well. There were many Young Marines, civilians, veterans, and distinguished guests present. I had the honor to

serve as the President of the Mess for the evening, and it was an indescribable feeling to see all of the guests' faces when they learned the purpose of mess night, and why we host them. One of the most heart-warming moments from the entire night by far would have to be when the veterans were sharing stories from their time in the service, and the Young Marines were listening intently and sharing their stories from being involved in the Young Marines Program.

Having the opportunity to attend Young Marines events fills me with joy when I get to see Young Marines learning, being mentored, and overall having a good time. And I can confidently

say that I have seen that many times throughout these past six months.

Young Marine Sergeant Major MaKayla Barstow
Division One Young Marine of the Year
Natchaug River Young Marines, Danielson, CT





WHO LET THE DOGS OUT!!!



Many of us have been asking Marines to join us in the Military Order of Devil Dogs, and we have not had the response we were looking for, nor what we expected. So let me share with you the History of Devil Dogs. This was taken from the MODD website.

As members of the Military Order of Devil Dogs, perhaps many of us know little to nothing about what happened in June in the year 1918.. What happened over the following days , brought the United States Marine Corps to the forefront as an elite fighting force for the first time as well as a demonstration of military fire-power that was viewed by all nations.

Just before 5 P.M. on June 6, 1918 three companies of Marines led by Major, Benjamin S. Berry approached Belleau Woods, with lines of steel helmeted Marines with fixed bayonets. Their quest was a mile square hunting preserve, with its dense underbrush, huge boulders and trees. It made great cover for the game and birds along with the German machine guns and their gray-uniformed crack troops, considered at that time, as the "Worlds Finest."

As the attack started at 5 P.M. forty-four year old First Sgt. Dan Daly, recipient already of two Medals of Honor, crouched with his men of the 73rd Machine Gun Company in a wooded grove at the edge of the wheat field.

Floyd Gibbons a war correspondent described in the Chicago Tribune what he observed. The bullets nipped the tops of the wheat and ripped the bark from the trees, three feet from the ground, on which the Marines lay. An old Gunnery Sgt. commanded the platoon in the absence of the lieutenant who had been shot and was out of this fight. This old Sgt. was a Marine veteran, and his cheeks were bronzed with the wind and the sun of the seven seas. The service bar across his left breast showed that he had fought in the Philippines, in Santo Domingo, at the walls of Peking and in the streets of Vera Cruz ...

As the minute for the advance arrived, he arose from the trees first. He jumped out onto the exposed edge of the field that ran hot with lead. The field where the Sgt. and his men were about to charge across. Then he turned to give the charge orders to the men of his platoon, his mates, the men he loved. He said, "Come on you sons-of-bitches, do you want to live forever?" Those first waves were severely slaughtered. Most of the Marines who survived were pinned down in the wheat field, and after dark crawled back to the safety of the edge of the original Marine line.

In the advance, Major Berry was severely wounded in the left forearm and correspondent Floyd Gibbons trying to help the Major took three bullets. Gibbons sent to Paris a dispatch reporting that the Marines were entering combat. The censor hearing that the reporter was wounded and apparently killed in action, passed the story unchanged. Though against the rules to identify units in combat, the censor's sentimentality allowed the world to know that the Marine Corps was in action at Belleau Wood.

On Berry's right, the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines moved out under Major Berton W. Sibley. His young lieutenants shouted, "follow me!" And the Marines swept across the fields in four waves at right dress into the

Southern end of Belleau Wood. The Germans aimed low, shooting the Marines in the legs. A 49 year-old Colonel Albertus W. Catlin watched on proudly from a rise, until a snipers bullet sent the former Marine and Medal of Honor recipient at Vera Cruz home after an eight hour ambulance ride to Paris.

Several Marine units reached the woods and 2nd Lt. Louis F. Timmerman Jr. led his platoon straight through the mile-wide woods without any major incident, .but when exiting were the target of fire from every side. They charged back into the woods and captured two machine guns. Though Lt Timmerman was shot in the face, he pulled his six surviving men of his platoon back into the shelter of the woods. Joined by .small groups of other Marines he soon commanded 40 Marines. They manned the two captured machine guns and held the captured ground. Timmerman was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions.

Major Thomas Holcomb's 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines faced a relentless Enemy barrage and in 40 minutes, Lt. Graves Erskine's platoon of 58 Marines were reduced to 5. Then the lieutenant sent a wounded Marine to get help and to say . they were unable to advance. He returned an hour later and reported that the Captain said, "Goddammit, continue the advance."

Holcomb's 96th Company stormed the village of Bouresches at the southeast. corner of the woods. Lt. Clifton B. Cates, the 4th platoon commander had been momentarily knocked out by a bullet, upon recovering his senses and with an abandoned French rifle led his men into the town. It became a bitter street fight. Twenty-three Marines held the town for an hour, before other Marines arrived.

The 6th Marines command post had word that the Marines in Bouresches were low on ammunition. Two Marines volunteered to take a truck loaded with ammo into Brouresches on the shell-pocked road. Through shelling and on a slippery road and with a broken wheel, they finally reached the desperate Marines and delivered the ammo. Those two Marines 2nd Lt. William Moore and 48-year old Sgt./Maj. John H. Quick were both awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Navy Cross.

In the darkness of the night an impending storm, units became disorganized and several times Marines fired on their own comrades. Major Sibley's Marines lay on their stomachs, the flank of their line entirely unprotected. Yet Sibley had no intention of withdrawing.

Now let us take one step back and see what led up to this day. Though the Marines were in the so called "Brush Wars" of Haiti and the Dominican Republic; to enter France was a totally new dimension for the United States Marine Corps. The world-wide, wholesale slaughter of World War I started with the Marine Corps at 511 officers and 13,214 enlisted men.

On June 14, 1917, saw 2,759 Marines of the 5th Marine Regiment sail in naval transports to circumvent a reluctant Secretary of War. Most Marines saw their duties as to support the Navy, but Commandant George Barnett insisted that the Marine Corps was a Force-In-Readiness, able to share the Western Front with the Ar-



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A week after the sinking of the Lusitania by a German submarine in May 1915, Col., John A LeJeune, then Assistant to the Commandant said, "That if the United States were to fight a naval power, the Marine Corps would defend advanced naval bases; but if it faced a non-naval power the Corps would be the advance guard of the Army ... First to set foot on hostile soil in order to seize, fortify and hold a port from which as a base, the Army could prosecute its campaign."

Once the United States declared, Commandant Barnett pushed for a Marine combat role and said, "I don't want the Marine Corps to be considered a police force." There were two disputes that raged openly, between Pershing and the Marines. He used the Marines in communications and military police assignments and they had to fight for combat assignments. But by the wars end the Corps fought under the slogan, "First To Fight."

We must now examine the conditions Marines were forced to fight under. Something that the Marines in World War II and Korea would once again experience. Outmoded and shortages of weapons. There weren't any mortars or grenades available. The types of weapons that were sorely needed, when fighting in trench warfare. Otherwise it was and would be a hand-to-hand combat situation. Now let us go back to Belleau Wood

Before the attack by the Marines on Belleau Wood had began; the French intelligence had told the Marines that Germans had vacated Belleau Wood. The Marines never checked on it by sending out scouting patrols, in case the French were wrong. The Germans were there a regiment strong. It was the hard-nosed tip of their push towards Paris.

On that morning of June 6th Gunnery Sgt. Ernest A. Janon of the 49th Company spotted 12 Germans with automatic rifles crawling towards the Marine lines. He yelled a warning and then killed the first two Germans with his bayonet. He had saved the Company. The 39 year old Sgt. who served under the name of Charles Hoffman was the 1st Marine in World War I to win the Medal of Honor and first Devil Dog so decorated.

As June 7th began with the battlefield littered with dead and wounded. An advance by the Marines was stopped, as the German's defense was too strong. Artillery barrages continued on into the 8th and 9th of June.

The days of the 10th through the 14th found the Marines in bitter hand-to-hand combat. Then on the morning of the 15th Capt. Roswell Win and a Medal of Honor recipient from the Dominican Republic gained a foothold on the western side of the woods. His unit was relieved later that night and the bearded and exhausted Marines went to the rear. In two weeks of battle the Marines had taken more than 50 percent casualties.

The Army's 7th Infantry untried in battle, who replaced the Marines, were unable to move the Germans from the woods. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was brought back to clean the Germans out of the woods but it too was badly mangled. The Marine Brigade took over the front again. On June 25th at 5 P.M. after an all day barrage the Marines began moving through the woods and the Germans out of reinforcements began pulling back.

On June 26th at 7 A.M. Capt. Robert Yowell's 16 Company reached the Northern edge of Belleau Wood and the Battalion Commander sent this message,

The French Parliament declared July 4th a National Holiday in Honor of the Americans fighting on French soil. A gigantic parade was set in Paris and the 2nd Division sent a Battalion of hand picked old hands to go to the rose-strewn welcome in the Capitol. There the Marine Corps Flag was hailed by the cry and cheers of, "VIVE LES MARINES!"

After a night of celebration the Marines headed back to the front. The French Commanding General of the 6th Army ordered that henceforth the Bois de Belleau would be called the "Bois de la Brigade de Marine."

Yet the price had been high, 126 Officers and 5,057 enlisted men of the Marine Brigade dead and wounded. That included 1,062 battle deaths. General Pershing wrote the 2nd Division; "You stood like a wall against the enemy advance on Paris."

But the battle had an unhappy aftermath, as a rivalry broke out between the Marines and the soldiers of the Division. The Army smarted under the new found glory... and publicity... won by the Marine Brigade.

The bitterness simmered for a generation and is the given reason for keeping the Marines out of Europe in World War II. The fortunes of war placed the Marines at Belleau Wood, shoved them into battle where they stopped the Germans and drove them out of Belleau Wood.

It was the Marine Corps biggest moment and they grabbed it. They would fight again but henceforth the name United States Marine Corps would be known around the world. Now let us get to the name Devil Dog. Why and how it was tacked on the Marine Brigade at Belleau Wood.

Remember I told you earlier how the Marines were under supplied with Grenades, mortars and etc.,? This came into play in the tenacity that the Marines displayed at Belleau Wood. In the hand-to-hand combat the Marines were said, "To have actually bitten their German adversaries noses in the heat of battle. Thusly they bit Like a dog and the Germans responded by calling them Tefelhunde...DEVIL DOG

Now perhaps you can better understand what the name Devil Dog stands for. Honor, there was no fun at Belleau Wood. The name Devil Dog was earned at the cost of 1,062 Marines who gave their all. We may not have the right to use the title Devil Dog as it something sacred and was earned by Marines in 1918. But since we do we should bring no shame upon it. We all at one time have been accorded the privilege of being called Marine. We must never lose sight that to be also accorded the title Devil Dog, was earned many years ago, in 1918. And is a distinct honor.

It is still a distinct honor today and we are asking Marines in Good standing to come and Join us in the Dogs. Reach out to one of the existing dogs and ask them how.

Walt Benson



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BIG NEWS FOR NEW ENGLAND DOGS !!

Back in September PDD Cherie Monnell VCDD of New England asked for a patch to be created for The New England Division of Devil Dogs. There were two patches submitted, one from PDD Walt Benson, and one from PCDD Don Garland which was created by the Kennel artist. They were then put out for a vote on which one the dogs wanted and the patch by PDD Benson won. There were 21 votes Benson got 13 votes while Garland got 8. The patch you see opposite this is the chosen Patch.

PDD Rich he would of his and if more than dog pay for PDD Walt this story was a



Daigle decided give each one dogs a patch, they wanted one then the would have to the extra Patch. Benson heard and thinking it good Idea, deci-

ded to follow the example of Sir Pound Keeper PDD Rich Daigle's example, with one exception. Sir Pound Keeper, PDD Walt Benson will give each of his dogs in the Pound a patch but he would ask that they take the amount it would have cost them and donate the 5 Big Bones to The Kennel to help us reach our goal of 100,000 Big Bones to give to the Children's Hospital at this years National Convention. I also know that Sir Pound Keeper PDD Walt Benson and The Glawackus Pound are Challenging Sir Pound Keeper Rich Daigle and the Hooch Pooch Pound to see which Pound are the Top Dogs in the Pack. The pound keeper can keep the Bones separate until June at the Grand Growl when we will forward these bone to the Kennel for the Children's Hospital. PDD Benson barked that he was tired of having Growls that were boring and just going through the motions. It is time to breed life back into the Pounds and Pack, and maybe this challenge is what we need to have fun again, besides its for the kids.

I think this is a good idea to spark some life into the Pack, while boosting morale and doing some good for the children who need this so.

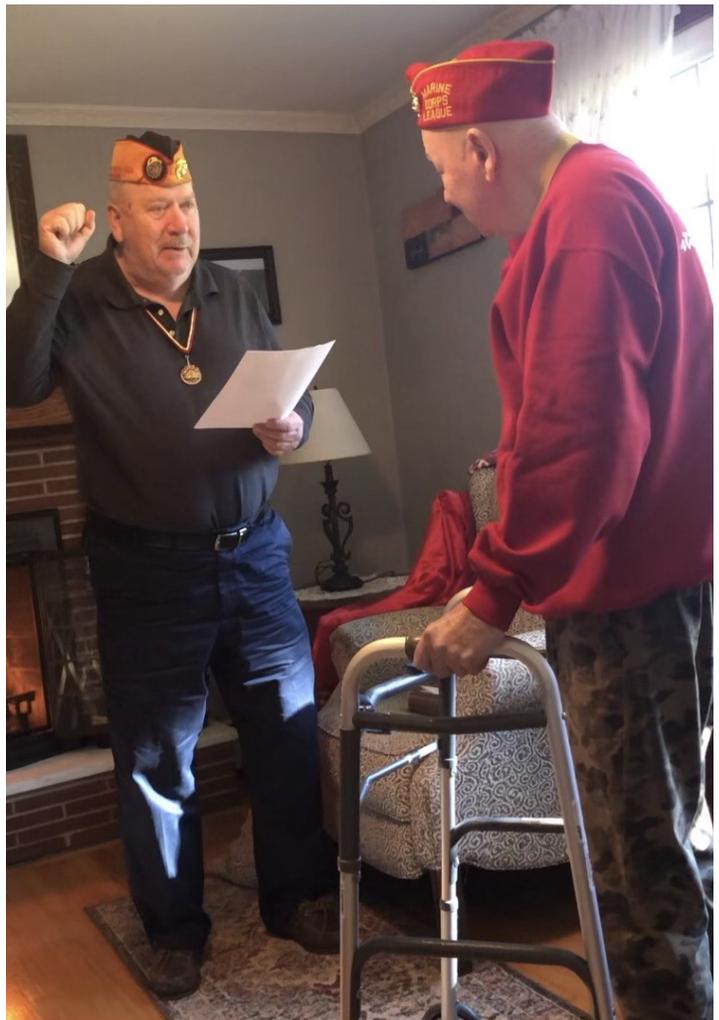
Woof, Woof

David E. Rosa
Worthy Pack Leader
Connecticut Pack

CHIEF'S MAKE HOUSE CALLS

Who Knew? Certainly not me, but the 49th Past Chief Devil Dog, Doug Fisk, made a house call to advance DD Richard Roderick to the ranks of PDD's. Rich is a member of Lap Hound Pound #142 in Southington. Rich received a waiver as he is not allowed to travel due to some medical issues and cannot travel.

I guess there really is a circle of life as PCDD Fisk was the dog who presided over making Richard a pup. The ceremony was performed at Richards Home with his daughter and some members of the pound in attendance. Congratulations to PDD Richard Roderick on his advancement you are a great role model to the other dogs in your pound and the Pack.





BRASS CITY DETACHMENT



THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 246 TH BIRTHDAY BALL



**Cutting The Cake
The Youngest and the Oldest
Jake Phillips &**



**As Frank Sinatra Sang
New York, New York
The Brass City Chorus Line Assembled**



**Dept. of Connecticut Commandant
Dave Rosa and his Wife Rose**



**Guest Speaker
Captain Richard Scappini USNR JAGC**



**Walt & Teri Benson; Bill & Linda Lamb; Tom Jackson ; Jack
Dougherty; Kathy Dougherty, and Rich Daigle**



PAUL C. HOUGHTON DETACHMENT



246 TH BIRTHDAY DINNER



Dave & Rose Rosa with Doug Fisk



M.C.

**Bill
Lee**



**Walt Benson, Rose Rosa,
Doug Fisk**

Paul C. Houghton Detachment had a dinner rather than a Ball, meaning it was casual attire and the focus was on fun. MC Bill Lee was stellar in his performance covering all the highlights of the evening. Good Food, Open Bar, Great People and even a presentation of Three Quilts of Valor to three members of the Detachment. There were no dry speeches just fun, fun, fun. If you have any doubts look to the left at my smile, Marines don't smile like that, at least that was what I have been told. My person that I met that I didn't know before was Elizabeth Buzalski pictured below. The amazing thing about this is that any of us can do what this detachment did and we should do more of this, being less formal gives us the opportunity to enjoy OUR BIRTHDAY as Brothers and Sisters and not just people going through the motions of marking an Event.

Semper Fidelis

Walt Benson





HOUSATONIC & PETER P. MONACO



JOIN THE 246 TH CELEBRATION



Jack Dougherty , Bob Belmonte, Joe & Maureen Kubik Don Pavia



Orrie Barber
Senior Marine



Janet & Rich Daigle Tom Jackson and Jane Dougherty



ON a night where the evening began with two tornado's in New Haven County and One in Norwich reported and the temperatures quickly fell to 32 degrees, Peter P. Monaco braved the cold and held an overnight camp out to celebrate The Birthday. Not even I would try that, it is dedication above and beyond. That being said since I have limited photos here and no words from my self proclaimed reporter I would be happy to add more on this event in the next Newsletter. I don't see anyone shivering and I assumed no one perished in the night so I'm going out on a limb here and saying you had a Good Time. Semper Fi Brothers and Sisters. Happy Birthday.



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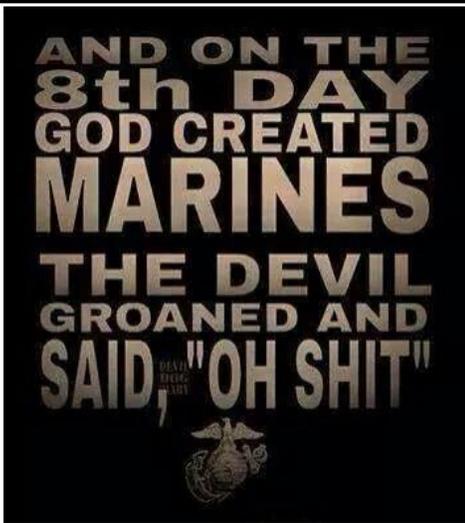
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Regardless of the situation, the Marine Corps has an answer for almost everything.

A 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. 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.

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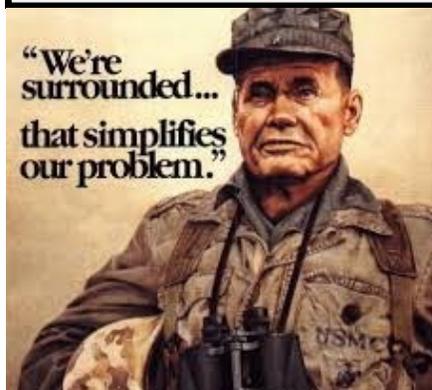
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