

# Leatherneck News

## Upcoming Events

- 19 August 2010—Regular Meeting of the Detachment , 7 PM. Jasper American Legion
- 21 August 2010—3rd Annual Fallen Heroes Bass Tournament
- 28 August 2010—Burger/Bake Sale at Rural King, Jasper. Fundraiser for the 2010 Birthday Ball. 10 AM --2 PM
- 9 September 2010—Marine Family Support Group Meeting, 7 PM Jasper American Legion
- 18 September 2010—Burger/Bake Sale at Rural King, Jasper. Fundraiser for the 2010 Birthday Ball. 10 AM --2 PM
- 18 September 2010—Spurgeon Sesquicentennial Parade.
- 25-26 September 2010—Department of Indiana Professional Development Training. Hosted by H. I. Bearrs.
- 15-17 October 2010—Department of Indiana Fall Conference. Merrillville, IN. Hosted by Howlin' Mad Detachment

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## Southern Indiana Leatherneck Detachment #931

### Strassenfest—2010

A beautiful, clear, but hot summer day was on tap for yet another Strassenfest Parade. Joining us this year were Sgt Joshua C. Orme, Sgt Brandon T. Wright Riflemen, Sgt Kerry N. Sans and Sgt Kenneth C. Warren , all from CO E 4th Tank Bn, Ft. Knox, KY.

This was the 32nd year of the event and the 9th year in which we've led the parade. The Marine Color Guard is a crowd favorite with many yelling their words of thanks and encouragement to these fine young men!

There are several parades on the calendar this year. Volunteers to man the colors are always appreciated.



8 August—Detachment and Marine Family Support Group members join Fort Knox Marines in the 2010 Strassenfest Parade

### Cub Scout Field Meet by Chaplain John Wagner

Earlier this year our Detachment, thru association with Chad Lawson (last year's DJ for the MC Ball) and being one of the Den Leaders of Cub Scout Pack 182, shared the idea of our detachment being an influential part of an outdoor event that the scouts could use as part of their advancement award program, to help promote the advantages of Scouting, motivating young boy to learn about the many physical and mental challenges of life. The idea was to provide a "Confidence Course" so that the cub scouts

could experience a glimpse of the challenges that all Marines go thru. Our Detachment set up three stations, Station One was called Accuracy Challenge, The station simulated the grenade toss, using bean bags to hit a target 75 ft. away if they missed they had to low crawl under simulated barbed wire (Bungee Cord) then throw 2 more bean bags and if they missed again they would have to run to another position and throw one more bag.

### Junior Vice Commandant's Report by JVC Ed Herzog

Our detachment membership rolls remain strong at 85 paid members (which include 34 'life members, 27 paid regular, and 24 associate members. Presently 4 members are unpaid on the current roster.

As always, we would wish to have more member participation in our many events especially during this busy time of our calendar year. The Burger-Brat-& Bake Sale several weeks back was another huge success, and was lots of fun for those who managed to free up several hours of their time to partici-

pate. Another is scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> of August (same time same place.) Come on out and have a ball with us, or at very least have your spouses prepare some baked goods items for the sale.

Our detachment will again be represented at the Strassenfest parade this year and all members are invited to join in. Those not wishing to walk the distance can find a sit-down spot on the trailer and ride the entire

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## Commandant's Corner

Many apologies to those of you who have been patiently waiting for this edition. Finding time to get this edition out has been a real challenge since I've begun my new adventure as a restaurant owner! For anyone unaware, myself and my partner Kim Mitchell have reopened "Snaps" in Jasper. Needless to say, when you reopen a tavern/restaurant that was originally built in 1872 and had been vacant for more than a year, there are some challenges! Thanks to the many of you who have already dropped by and wished us luck!

Speaking of challenges—there are a few out there for our membership. First we have a series of burger and bake sales to help raise funds for this year's birthday ball. These help to hold down the costs. Please participate as much as you can.

Second, we are fast approaching the time for this year's Bass Tournament. What's needed are raffle, auction, and prize sponsors. The auction is our biggest fundraiser and we fell a bit short last year. Please report any donations to Senior Vice Moriarty as soon as you get them.

Parades are what get our detachment noticed. Our color guard has become the favorite choice for what I call special events such as town anniversaries, conventions, and parades. Most parades are short, less than 1/2 mile. Presentation of colors is also normally not an extremely time consuming event. It would be great to have a bigger pool of Marines to draw from when fielding these color guards. Please find or make the time to help out.

As I write this, the Annual National Convention has wrapped up and is in the history books. A number of significant bylaw changes were submitted for review by the membership. Of note, a request to increase the annual dues was turned down by the voting membership. The election of National Officers took place with Senior Vice Commandant Vic Voltaggio taking command of the National Headquarters and replacing outgoing Commandant Laskey.

More information concerning the Convention and bylaws will be disseminated at the Department Fall Convention.

## Junior Vice Commandant's Report (Contd)

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length. Wear a red polo type shirt and link up with your Marine brothers/sisters and be noticed within the community.

Along the lines of membership, a rather disturbing note. Listed upon the latest 'inactive member list' are forty six (46) former members of this detachment. Thirty eight (38) of which were at one time regular members (Marines) who have for one reason or another left the ranks of membership. This figure is more than half our Marines currently active members.

Whether they have become disillusioned with the ongoing events, or perhaps time constraints which would not allow them to participate, nonetheless is of dire concern. We as Marines owe it to our fellow comrades, just as we once were committed while on active duty, to not let a single brother or sister behind, nor to neglect those who might be in need of assistance on any level.

As membership chairman I find this to be the most difficult of my duties, to understand the reasoning for the loss of these members. Is it something that we've done, as fellow members, or possibly something that we've failed to do that has driven them away?

There certainly is no question as to the fact that current members, although perhaps a month or more behind on their dues submittal, are much more likely to remain among the ranks than those who have been inactive for long periods of time. Some of the names upon this list have not been active for a number of years, quite a few in fact I've personally never met or even knew that they were once eligible members.

Although it presents a challenge to attempt to re-instate these Marines and associates, I feel it is most worthy of the effort, and at the next regular meeting (August 19<sup>th</sup>) I'm going to ask for several volunteers to assist me in this matter. Perhaps even ask our Commandant to appoint 2 or 3 bodies to form a committee which individually could make contact with some of the individuals known personally by the current members. If we would be successful in resigning even a portion of those inactive members I believe that they, by taking the reins to re-instate, would be likely to remain with us this time around.

Some of those listed are of the age that would qualify them for 'life membership' at the very least amount of the life plan.

Additionally I'm asking you (the readers) and current members, to step-up, should you personally be aware of any members of years past that may have been active during the same period in which you may have participated in various events together, and notify me if you think you might have any influence in resigning these men and women. Better yet, come to the next scheduled meeting and become involved, who knows one or more of the inactives' listed may be some of your very best personal friends, or someone that you see frequently. I will be glad to supply you with a list of those names.

Please contact me @ (812) 695-3115 or email me at [smprfi@psci.net](mailto:smprfi@psci.net) if you feel you can be of any assistance in this matter.

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## Marine Family Support Group

We have 4 Marines who have been , or are about to be deployed.

SGT. Logan Fromme

Cpl. Mitch Atkins

LCpl. Lucas Kerstiens

Pfc. Aaron Nordhoff

Please keep them, theirs families and all our Military in your prayers!!

Have a great week!!

THE MARINE FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Cindy

### Raffle/Auction Items Needed

Time is running out to gather events for the fundraising raffle and auction at the 3rd Annual Fallen Heroes Bass Tournament. If you have something for the event, please contact Senior Vice Commandant Pat

Moriarty immediately to have it added to the list and to make arrangements to get it to the lake.

A lighter than normal field is expected this year due to the economy, so much of the fund-raising will come from the auction and raffle. A field of 45-60 boats is expected if this year's trend continue.

As with most of our events, a small circle of volunteers is needed to make this event a success. Please contact Senior Vice Commandant Pat Moriarty to see if there's something for you. Usually a couple of hands are needed for the early morning routine, but most of our work occurs just before, during and just after the weigh-in which occurs mid-afternoon.

Some of the items that have been collected in the past have included: baked goodies (pies, cookies, etc), canned homemade jellies, lawn chairs, fishing tackle, jackets, a generator, games, lanterns and knives.



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### Attention Marine Family Support Group

We appreciate deeply all the help and support that the Family Support Group members have provided in the past as well as what they are doing currently and plan on doing for us in future events. Without your assistance we as a detachment would not be anywhere nearly as successful as we have been.

It's been said one of the toughest jobs in the Marine Corps is being a Marine wife, and likewise being the mother of a Marine ranks right up there alongside.

Parents of Marines currently on active duty worry about the safety of their sons and daughters who may be in harm's way, deployed to a war zone as so many of America's brave troops are today. It's only natural to wonder where he or she may be at any given time, and what hardships they may actually be required to endure.

They are proud Marines willing and eager to serve their country to the best of their abilities. They stand tall behind the Eagle-Globe- and Anchor which they wear so honorably, and carry the colors of the red, white, and blue wherever they go.

You as parents, should be equally as proud, to see your own flesh and blood standing up for all of our rights and principles.

Speaking to those of you who are Family Support members but who may not be MCL members yourselves, surely know

that we detachment members are behind your sons and daughters all the way. We are as proud of them individually as we were of our very selves when it was our time to serve. We have banded together in our post service years, our retirement lives, and some who are still actively employed, to support all military personnel who are serving, or have served our nations forces.

We are bound together by our past, forever and ever regardless of where we have settled during our civilian lives.

I would like to appeal to YOU, the parents of those currently in uniform whether Marines or other branches of the military to insure that your proud warriors continue to remain with their true brotherhood and sisterhood of Marines and other military veterans. There is still remaining before Christmas, a period of five months. What a wonderful heartfelt gift it would be for you to give a membership in the Marine Corps League to your son or daughter as a Christmas gift. Only thirty dollars per year dues gets the job done.

Of course most of today's younger vets are of an age group where life memberships are mostly out of the question for them to consider personally, however with our life member installment plan now available, the parents would have an opportunity to pay for such a purchase over a period of time.

Something to consider, seriously! Insure that he or she remains in close contact with fellow Marines forever.

Semper Fi

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## Cub Scout Field Meet (Contd)

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The Leaders of Pack 182 also used the opportunity to allow the scouts to earn Patches for Chess, Bat mitten and Physical Fitness. The Course was part of the National Guard Armory's physical training course adjacent to the JC Park and Jasper City Pool.

The event was attended by over 75 scouts, parents and siblings. The main event of the day was a contest for all Cub Scouts, divided into their Dens. Each scout was timed to see who could run the whole course the fastest. The Detachment helped to sponsor the contest and provided five SILD logo'd Baseball Caps which were presented to one winner from each den.

The Dubois Co. Bombers were also there helping to the scouts learn about baseball. Our very own Sgt. Steve (Lindauer) and Allen Fritz were in charge of that event, while Tim Rue And John Wagner were manning the Rope Climb. Doc. Ryan (Sherer) and Steve Wagner were in charge of Sit-Ups (During the Contest they switched to the crooked wooden beams). Pat and Tina Moriarty also provided photo's of the event, guidance and motivation for all the participants, Pat and Dave provided the embroidered baseball caps. Dubois Block and Brick provided sandbags.

## Detachment T-Shirts Available

Detachment Paymaster Tina Moriarty notes that there is still a quantity of 2007, 2008, and 2009 5K T-Shirts available for purchase. 2007 and 2008 shirts are marked down to the bargain-basement price of \$6.00. 2009 T-Shirts, which are 3/4 length sleeves Raglan style shirts are only \$8.00. A very limited quantity of 2010 shirts are available, but sizes are limited.

Please contact Paymaster Moriarty for information about sizes and to place your order. All shirt proceeds go directly to the Detachment general fund.

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