

Leatherneck News

Southern Indiana Leatherneck Detachment #931

Upcoming Events

- 9 October—Family Support Group Meeting, Jasper American Legion, 7 PM
- 12 October—18th District Volunteer Firefighters Parade, Otwell, 1PM
- 16 October—Marine Corps League Birthday Ball Meeting 6:30PM. Regular Meeting, Jasper American Legion, 7 PM.
- 20 October—**LAST DAY TO PURCHASE BALL TICKETS**
- 31 October—7PM, Rehearsal for Birthday Ball Ceremony—All participants
- 1 November—Marine Corps League Birthday Ball, Jasper Inn & Convention Center
- 4 November—Election Day
- 8 November—1pm TFT working party. Meet at Hedinger Roofing. Pickup up boxes
- 10 November—Happy Birthday Marines!
- 15 November—Toys for Tots boxes go out
- 14 December - Toys for Tots boxes come in

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Deadline Near for Ball Tickets!

The time to purchase a ticket to the ball is rapidly closing. The ball committee needs your RSVP so that the order can be placed with the Inn. Remember, all current members of the Detachment and Marine Family Support Group should have received an invitation by now. If you haven't, that means your address in the database is not up to date. Members of the Detachment are also able to invite guests but are responsible for their conduct.

Page 3 of this newsletter contains a copy of the RSVP Form. If you haven't done so yet, cut it out, fill it in, and get it to a Detachment Officer or mail it to the Detachment address. Make as many copies of it as needed, and be sure to fill in your choice of meals.

Huntingburg Herbstfest



28 September 2008—Marines Ed Herzog and Tina Moriarty join Marine Family Support Group member, Marine Mom Bev Atkins greeting the spectators on the streets of Huntingburg.

2008 Department Fall Conference

Serving once again as the Department's host, Marines of the Southern Indiana Leathernecks put together this year's fall conference. 68 representatives from across the state gathered at the Jasper Inn on the weekend of 4 and 5 October to discuss Marine Corps Leagues affairs.

Starting with a Commandant's Call on Saturday, Department Commandant Mike Lieber laid out current issues and future plans for the Marine Corps League within the state of Indiana to Department Officers and Detachment Commandants. A Joint Opening with the Department and Auxiliary packed the room beyond capacity. Later that evening, the Devil Dogs conducted their semi-annual growl.

During the business meeting on Sunday, attendees received a number of briefings. Highlights of the National Convention indicated there was 11,289 unpaid members across the country. A total of \$70,000 was disbursed to 512 recipients through the National Scholarship Program. Additionally, Marines were reminded that miniature medals are

the only medals authorized for the red blazer.

Highlights of the Department Conference:

-Our Chaplain, John Wagner was appointed to the position of Department Chaplain.

-The Department Website, www.marinesofindiana.com continues to provide up to date information and is now receiving income from advertising.

-More signed petitions are needed to garner a League License Plate from the Indiana BMW

-Crumbo Scholarship invites donations from all detachments

-2009 Spring Conference will be held at the I-70 Holiday Inn in Terre Haute 7-8 April.

-The Detachment received the following awards
 Honorable Mentions—National Newsletter Competition and the National Americanism Program
 Certificate of Appreciation, Department of Indiana

Commandant's Corner

Parades, Toys for Tots, Marine Corps Ball....and the list goes on and on! Coordination and communication are key to smooth operations.

Speaking of smooth, thanks to the efforts of Allen Fritz, Pat and Tina Moriarty, Betty Dee, Marian Altmeyer, John Wagner, and Pat O'Keefe, the 2008 Department of Indiana Fall Conference went swimmingly well. With a record setting attendance, all attendees were pleased with the event.

Next on the list is the 18th District Firefighters Parade. You'll want to be in Otwell between noon and 12:30PM to get decent parking. From my understanding, we'll line up just as we do for the 4th of July Parade.

The deadline for ball tickets is set in stone. You must have it in by the 20th of October if you plan on coming to the ball. So far, the RSVP's are coming in very slowly.

The Toys for Tots warehouse will be located at 555 Cathy Lane which is Skillman Associates, Tablex facility. (Corner of Terry Lane and Cathy Lane). Please note the dates and events for TFT. If you have box locations, please coordinate

prior to November 15th and be sure to pick up your materials on November 8th.

Congratulations to our Chaplain, John Wagner, for his recent promotion to Department Chaplain. John's professional demeanor, steadfast devotion to duty, and his reputation as a consoler made him the perfect choice for the position.

The VA recently announced amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also called Lou Gehrig's Disease, will become a presumptively compensable illness for all veterans with 90 days or more of continuously active service in the military. This will minimize delays in compensation for this disease.

Election day is not too far away. My words are few and simple: If you don't vote, you don't have a right to complain about government.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who called, stopped by, or sent cards while Karen was in the hospital. She's at home now on the road to recovery.

See you at the Ball, Semper Fi

This Month in Marine Corps History

1 October 1997: The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank of colonel. She was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.

5 October 1775: Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

6 October 1945: Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

8 October 1899: A force of 375 Marines under command of future Commandant George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novaleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and linked up with U.S. Army troops. There were 11 Marine casualties.

9 October 1917: The 8th Marines was activated at Quan-

tico, Virginia. Although the regiment would not see combat in Europe during World War I, the officers and enlisted men of the 8th Marines participated in operations against dissidents in Haiti for over five years during the 1920s. During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2d Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and earned three Presidential Unit Citations.

11 October 1951: A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline combat position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

19 October 1968: Operation Maui Peak, a combined regimental-sized operation which began on 6 October, ended 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy were killed in the 13-day operation.

23 October 1983: At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans--including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for

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This Month in Marine Corps History Contd

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Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

28 October 1962: An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2d Division units and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups

were deployed at Key West, Florida, or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

31 October 1919: A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Birthday Ball— RSVP—Cut out and mail to Detachment Address

Rank/Name _____ Date of Birth _____

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Phone # _____ Prime Rib _____ Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Requested Table Partners (6-8 per table) _____

Date of birth only required for Marines, to help us determine oldest and youngest Marines!

ONE COUPLE PER FORM

COPY FORM IF NEEDED

Apply

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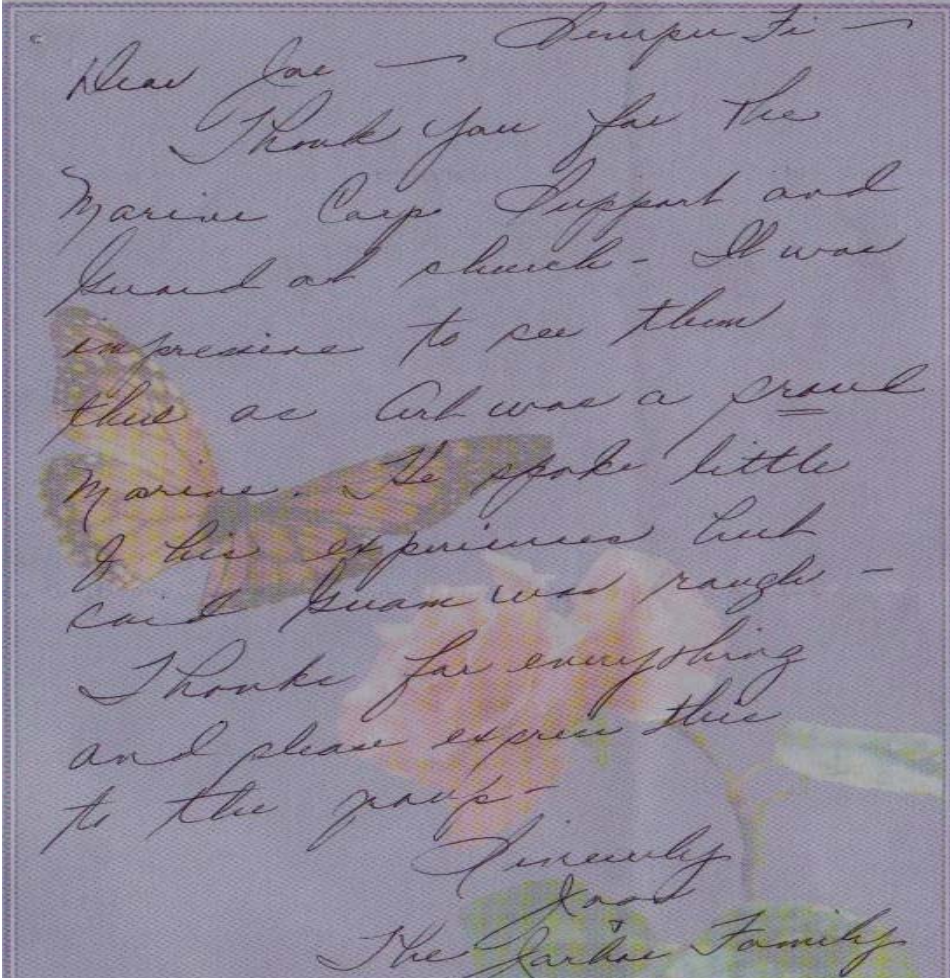
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