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Commandant's Message



Marines,

Well, as we enter October, Indian summer is upon us and it's actually hotter than most of the summer?! I hope everyone is doing well and staying cool; and ready for some fall weather I'm sure. We're already a few weeks into Football season and for me, Hockey starts this month ;-)

It is a very exciting time of year! I just got back from the National Toys For Tots conference in Virginia and it was great! A lot was review for our program but there were also a lot of great ideas shared and some new administrative procedures to learn as well. I had a lot of fun meeting other LCO's (Local Community Organizers) as well as raising a few pints for the honor of our Corps. I will be holding our Toys For Tots kick-off meeting on October 6th at the Vet's Hall from 5-6:30PM. Any MCL member who would like to be part of our "Core-Team" you are welcome to attend. We continue to strive to provide a quality program for the needy children and families in our area and continuously improve the TFT program.

Our planning will go a long way to ensure that Christmas will happen for these families and be as easy as possible for us and our volunteers. This meeting is not for volunteers, sponsors or the public. Please bring your thinking caps, a good attitude and a smile if you're interested.

I can tell that October is here because my kids are talking about Halloween costumes and how much candy they can fit in their mouth at one time! Almost time to roll the clocks back, the days are getting shorter and the Marine Corps Birthday is approaching. Although we're not hosting a Ball this year, we are planning a little something so come find out what's going on.

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Happy Birthday!!!

October:

- Rick Berringer
- Burt Duer
- Steve Hoss
- Peter Waskowitz

November:

- Jim Brodeur
- Sherrick Hiscock
- Art Leitherer
- Matthew Sharp
- All Marines!!!

From the Adjutant's Desk

Birth of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps

By 1775, the snake symbol wasn't just being printed in newspapers. It was appearing all over the colonies... on uniforms... on paper money... and of course, on banners and flags.

The snake symbol morphed quite a bit

during its rapid, widespread adoption. It wasn't cut up into pieces anymore. And it was usually shown as an American timer rattlesnake, not a generic serpent.

We don't know for certain where, when, or by whom the familiar coiled

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rattlesnake was first used with the warning “Don’t Tread on Me”.

We do know when it first entered the history books.

In the fall of 1775, the British were occupying Boston and the young Continental Army was holed up in Cambridge, woefully short on arms and ammunition. At the Battle of Bunker Hill, Washington’s troops had been so low on gunpowder that they were ordered “not to fire until you see the whites of their eyes.”

In October, a merchant ship called The Black Prince returned to Philadelphia from a voyage to England. On board were private letters to the Second Continental Congress that informed them that the British government was sending two ships to America loaded with arms and gunpowder for the British troops.

Congress decided that George Washington needed those arms more than General Howe. A plan was



hatched to capture the British cargo ships. They authorized the creation of a Continental Navy, starting with four ships. The frigate that carried the information from England, The Black Prince, was one of the four. It was purchased, converted to a man-of-war, and renamed The Alfred.

To accompany the Navy on their first mission, Congress also authorized the mustering of five companies of Marines. The Alfred and its sailors and marines went on to achieve some of the most notable victories of the American Revolution. But that’s not the story we’re interested in here.

What’s particularly interesting for us is that some of the Marines that enlisted that month in Philadelphia were carrying drums painted yellow, emblazoned with a fierce rattlesnake, coiled and ready to strike, with thirteen rattles, and sporting the “Don’t Tread on Me”.

Semper Fi

Gary Miller, Adjutant

Detachment Scuttlebutt

The September 13th meeting was started at 1804 by Senior Vice Commandant John Bynes. The meeting was called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Baldwin. Officers present included Bynes, Brodeur, and Baldwin. The memorial wall was discussed revealing problems with the existing site plans. Brodeur will help Bynes with plan preparations and Bynes will present the new plans for a half wall to the Planning Commission. The half wall is necessary because of a sacred tree obstruction revered by city officials. Let’s hope the dog doesn’t eat our home work this time.

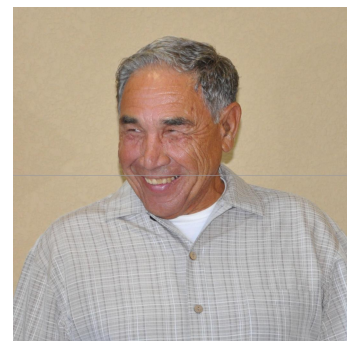
Inducted into the Detachment at this meeting was Tony Pagan (pronounced pa- gon). Tony was an Air Delivery Staff NCO.

A member of the Auburn MCL Detachment announced their Marine Corps Ball being held November 10, 2010, at the Ridge Golf Course off Bell Road. Tickets are \$25 apiece, with meal selections of Tri-Tip, Roasted Chicken Breast, or Pescetarian. Doors

open at 1215, Ceremony will start at 1300; lunch will be served at 1530. Anyone wanting tickets can contact Frank Stanovich.

Brodeur mentioned the rose pens again, stating he has all the info including required materials; as well as, knowing how to complete the pens. We are reminded that Kathy McCammon volunteered to help finish the rose pens. Hooorah Kathy!!

Baldwin announced that our detachment provided a color guard for the Welcome Home Vets event at Gateway Park in Penn Valley. We also provided a color guard for the Constitution Day Parade. Great



Tony Pagan at his Induction 10-13

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thanks goes out to those Marines representing the detachment at our local events. Baldwin also mentioned that October 15th and 16th will be the Marine Corps League Ball Conference held in Santa Rosa, and we are invited to participate.

The 50-50 raffle was won by Mac McCammon. The meeting closed at 1850.

Staff meeting was held September 22, at 1730. Present were Voors, Miller, Brodeur, Skip and Sparky Rankin, Baldwin, and Leitherer. Voors reported on the Toys-4-Tots convention in Virginia. He also called for volunteers to populate the Core Group. Distribution of toys will be December 14th to December 18th. Casino night is scheduled for May 14, 2011 at the Veterans Hall. Voors also mentioned that the Reno Marine Corps Ball was excellent, and will be held at the Peppermill November 6, 2010.

Marine Corps Tactical Warfare — part three

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The F-8 was similarly used from December 1965 to May 1968. VMF-212 embarked in *Oriskany* in 1965 and flew strikes in both North and South Vietnam. On April 1, 1966, the USMACV was authorized by CinCPac to conduct air strikes in the demilitarized zone (DMZ) and north of it in a strike zone known as Route Package One. By midsummer, 1st MAW aircraft were assigned to hit targets in this package, most of them artillery and rocket sites. Late in 1966, Marine A-6s began striking targets as far north as Hanoi and Haiphong, and continued until the bombing halt in 1968. Most of this work was done at night and EA-6As provided electronic jamming, with F-4Bs flying escort.

The EA-6A was indeed a welcome arrival at the 1st MAW late in 1966. By that time, the surface-to-air missile strikes had reached serious proportions and it was only a matter of time before Marine aircraft were frequently encountering the threat. Again

VMCJ-1 carried out a major portion of the area reconnaissance and electronic warfare mission for USMACV, just as it did for 5th AF in the Korean War with its photographic reconnaissance. VMCJ-1 provided escort for B-52s, support for tactical air strikes, and collection of all forms of electronic intelligence. On the photo recon side, VMCJ-1 was operating in a science which had become much more sophisticated and was now called "imagery intelligence."

Employment of transports was essentially a story of two aircraft, the KC-130 and the ancient and honorable C-117, the old R4D-8. Normally the C-117 was organic to each MAG and only assigned at a level of one per group. The old Skytrain was certainly the queen of the three-war group, serving in WW II, Korea and Vietnam. VMGR-152, the 1st MAW's KC-130 squadron kept a four-plane detachment at Danang. It did everything in the air transport line that could be done.

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As we plan for our events here at home, we also pray for those deployed in harm's way and for their safe return to us and their loved ones. A sobering statistic is that as of 25 September 2010, for only the Marine Corps, 10,979 Marines have been wounded in action and 1,274 KIA between Iraq & Afghanistan. Pray for their families and for all the Marines that continue to bring the fight to the enemy, sharp minds, strong bodies and decisive action.

Lastly, personally, I want to ask that you bring a new Marine to our meetings. Now is a GREAT time to recruit! There are lots of Marine Vets in our area and most would do something to help us with TFT if only asked. What better way

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Membership

The Dues for this month which are all past due are:

March: Harkins, Dan

*June: Harkins, Eric
Spencer, Dave*

August: Rankin, Skip

Rankin, Sparky

Salinas, Estaban

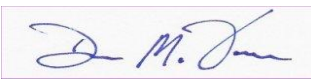
Sharp, Matt

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to ease them into our band of brothers and let them see our Esprit de Corps. Most importantly though, come to the meetings! Some of you have been away for a couple of months, some on vacation but come back and be at the next meeting. Connect with your brothers in arms and enjoy yourselves. Share the camaraderie that only other warriors and Marines know.

I look forward to seeing you all there. Come and get the latest details about coming events and be part of deciding our future. "We will do our best to advance our cause and have a good time doing it!"

Semper Fidelis,



Dave Voors, Commandant

Upcoming Events

- **October 4, 2010 — Regular Meeting**
1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Be on time and bring a friend!
- **October 20, 2010 — Staff Meeting — 1730**
3rd Wednesday of every month
- **November 1, 2010 — Regular Meeting**
1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Be on time and bring a friend!
- **November 10, 2010 — MC Birthday**
- **November 17, 2010 — Staff Meeting — 1730**
3rd Wednesday of every month
- **December 6, 2010 — Regular Meeting**
1800 at the Grass Valley Vet's Hall. Be on time and bring a friend!
- **December 15, 2010 — Staff Meeting — 1730**
3rd Wednesday of every month



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