



BUCKTAIL DETACHMENT # 856
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DETACHMENT NEWSLETTER
 September 2008

ATTENTION ALL MARINES!!!

Our September Detachment meeting will be held at 1930, Thursday, 18 September 2008 at the **Sons of Italy** Building, 111 12th Street, Renovo, Pa. Plan to attend. Please mark your calendar now!!!

Check out our WEB Page on the Internet at:
<http://www.kcnet.org/~dmiller2/>

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Also, check out Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania’s Web page at:
<http://www.pamcleague.org>

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CHAPLAIN’S REPORT

If you know of a member or the family of a member who is in distress, sick in the hospital, or bereaved by the death of a family member please contact the Detachment’s Chaplain, **Art Kramer** at **923-1888**, and

if he is not available, one of the Detachment officers with the appropriate details.

PAYMASTER’S REPORT

A summary of the Detachment’s financial status as of the end of August 2008 is attached for information. The detailed report for each of our financial accounts is always available for your inspection at every monthly meeting.

EDITORS NOTES

We had about fifty people - members and their families - attend our annual family picnic last month. The weather for the day was super. As usual the food was outstanding with steaks that melted in your mouth. We have never had such tender, delicious meat. This year they were purchased from the Lucky Seven market in Lock Haven. Our chefs did a great job cooking them. As usual, our Commandant, **John Tarentella** and young John, were at the grill, but this year they was joined by one of our new members. We found ourselves a new cook in member **Leo Jenkins**. We now have a gourmet chef in our midst. Thanks **Leo**.

The fall season is right around the corner and that means that the Flaming Foliage Festival (FFF) is not far away. It has been agreed that we will have our Color Guard marching in the parade as well as operating our Foot-Long Hot Dog Booth. The manpower problem associated with operating the food booth this year appears to be solved. The Gavlock family has stepped to the bat and has agreed to operate it. Our many thanks go to them. We do have a lot of planning to do for the FFF and that planning will be one of the major items on the agenda at this month’s meeting. Be at this meeting and help us out.

I want to remind all of you again about our gun raffle. We have to get out there and sell those raffle tickets. I have said this before and I mention it again. “It is the profit from the sale of these gun raffle tickets that keeps us in business throughout the coming year”. It is imperative that we sell these raffle tickets. Our Jr Vice,

Joe Egger helped by several of our members to include **Dan Hills, Francis Van Kirkand** and Tom Bissman from the American Legion has done a great job selling these tickets at the Snake Hunt, the Chili Cook-Off and the Music Fest, but these people need all of the help they can get. See if each of you can match the sales made by **Dorothy Dickey**, wife of our member **Jack Dickey**

And speaking of the **Dickeys, Jack and Dorothy**, representing "Club 6" presented a check in the amount of \$500,00 to the Detachment at our annual family picnic. The contribution was made in honor of the Tarantella brothers, **John Sr., John Jr., Tom and Vince** in recognition of their service to their country. The Detachment sincerely thanks the **Dickeys**. Be assured that the donation will be well used in satisfying community service needs.



SYNDROME - CMS - WATCH FOR IT

With all the medical issues facing us each day, it appears that research has shown a new and insidious disease has been discovered. This disease affects men and women of all ages and races. It is called CMS (Chronic Marine Syndrome). There is no cure for CMS, and the VA has not recognized it as of this writing, but there are some treatments that have been successful.

Symptoms to look for are:

1. Pride in self and the organization they represent.
2. A strong willingness to pay extra attention to detail to get the job done.
3. May wear articles of Marine clothing; T-shirts, jackets, watches, etc well into their 80's.
4. Will stand to attention and put their hand over their heart, or even salute when the National Anthem is played or the National Colors are passing by.
5. Does not succumb easily to political correctness.
6. Is sure of who they are.
7. Is often either respected or hated by others, due to their abilities and talents.
8. Will give up their seat to a lady.
9. Some have been known to wear their hair in a high and tight into their 90's.
10. Will look you in the eye when talking to you.
11. Will give you a firm handshake.
12. Knows what HONOR, COURAGE, and COMMITMENT mean.

13. Can usually be found in some sort of leadership position in whatever organization they work in.
14. Will often regard their drill instructors with the same respect as their parents.
15. Often found in law enforcement or various other professions.
16. Is extremely thorough in what they do.
17. Does not wear a bunch of patches to adorn their uniform; Their title of MARINE is usually sufficient.
18. Often arrives at work earlier than expected.
19. Usually spent part of their youth in one of three places: Parris Island, San Diego, or Quantico.
20. May be able to field-strip a rifle up to 60 years after leaving active duty.
21. Can recite the nomenclature of the M-16, M-14, M-1, or 1911 A1, as appropriate.
22. You will often hear him say such phrases as "Once a Marine, Always a Marine", "OORAH", or "Semper Fi" to apparent strangers on the street.

Possible treatments include:

1. Frequent visits to bases where they served or looking at their Marine memorabilia.
2. Get them around other Marines to help them flourish. They need other Marines because they have shared experiences.
3. Have them get memberships in organizations such as the Marine Corps League, the Division or Air Wing Associations, or other Marine related organizations.
4. Some may require extra special attention such as watching Marine movies. This is only natural and nothing to worry about.

Whatever you do, remember that Chronic Marine Syndrome must be managed carefully.

A 70 year-old Marine shot two robbers when they tried to hold him up after robbing the Subway in which he was eating, as the Marine stated they disturbed his dinner.

In another case involving a Korean veteran Marine, a young man who tried to mug him was severely beaten.

Do your best to spread the word about CMS to others who may suffer from this disease.



THE OLD GENTLEMAN

As I came out of the supermarket that sunny day, pushing my cart of groceries towards my car, I saw an old man with the hood of his car up and a lady sitting inside the car, with the door open.

The old man was looking at the engine. I put my groceries away in my car and continued to watch the old gentleman from about twenty five feet away.

I saw a young man in his early twenties with a grocery bag in his arm, walking towards the old man. The old gentleman saw him coming too and took a few steps towards him. I saw the old gentleman point to his open hood and say something.

The young man put his grocery bag into what looked like a brand new Cadillac Escalade and then turn back to the old man and I heard him yell at the old gentleman saying, "You shouldn't even be allowed to drive a car at your age." And then with a wave of his hand, he got in his car and peeled rubber out of the parking lot.

I saw the old gentleman pull out his handkerchief and mop his brow as he went back to his car and again looked at the engine. He then went to his wife and spoke with her and appeared to tell her it would be okay.

I had seen enough and I approached the old man. He saw me coming and stood straight and as I got near him I said, "Looks like you're having a problem."

He smiled sheepishly and quietly nodded his head. I looked under the hood myself and knew that whatever the problem was, it was beyond me.

Looking around I saw a gas station up the road and told the old man that I would be right back. I drove to the station and went inside and saw three attendants working on cars.

I approached one of them and related the problem the old man had with his car and offered to pay them if they could follow me back down and

help him.

The old man had pushed the heavy car under the shade of a tree and appeared to be comforting his wife. When he saw us he straightened up and thanked me for my help. As the mechanics diagnosed the problem (overheated engine) I spoke with the old gentleman.

When I shook hands with him earlier he had noticed my Marine Corps ring and had commented about it, telling me that he had been a Marine too. I nodded and asked the usual question, "What outfit did you serve with?"

He had mentioned that he served with the first Marine Division at Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal . He had hit all the big ones and retired from the Corps after the war was over.

As we talked we heard the car engine come on and saw the mechanics lower the hood. They came over to us as the old man reached for his wallet, but was stopped by me and I told him I would just put the bill on my AAA card.

He still reached for the wallet and handed me a card that I assumed had his name and address on it and I stuck it in my pocket. We all shook hands all around again and I said my goodbyes to his wife.

I then told the two mechanics that I would follow them back up to the station. Once at the station I told them that they had interrupted their own jobs to come along with me and help the old man. I said I wanted to pay for the help, but they refused to charge me.

One of them pulled out a card from his pocket looking exactly like the card the old man had given to me. Both of the men told me then, that they were Marine Corps Reserves. Once again we shook hands all around and as I was leaving, one of them told me I should look at the card the old man had given to me. I said I would and drove off.

For some reason I had gone about two blocks when I pulled over and took the card out of my pocket and looked at it for a long, long, time.

The name of the old gentleman was on the card in golden leaf and under his name....."Congressional Medal of Honor Society."

I sat there motionless looking at the card and reading it over and over. I looked up from the card and smiled to no one but myself and marveled that on this day, four Marines had all come together, because one of us needed help. He was an old man all right, but it felt good to have stood next to greatness and courage and an honor to have been in his presence.

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Veterans Military Hand Salute

The president signed the Amendment to Section 9 of Title 4 of the U.S. Code which was attached with the H.R. 4986 Bill under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008. The amendment reads:

SEC. 594. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND **VETERANS** OUT OF UNIFORM DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF UNITED STATES FLAG.

Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking `all persons present' and all that follows through the end of the section and inserting the following: `all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. **Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons** present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.'

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ONE MAN'S IMPRESSION

The below note is from a friend whose son is stationed across seas and he writes about his experience. I know we all have our differences, but he felt it important to let others know of how the soldiers feel!

--- I don't know each of your personal political convictions, and apologize if anyone finds this offensive. I thought it was important enough to share.

This is Jeff's first hand view of Senator Obama.

Hello everyone,

As you know I am not a very political person. I just wanted to pass along that Senator Obama came to Bagram Afghanistan for about an hour on his visit to "The War Zone". I wanted to share with you what happened. He got off the plane and got into a bullet proof vehicle, got to the area to meet with the Major General (2 Star) who is the commander here at Bagram. As the Soldiers where lined up to shake his hand he blew them off and didn't say a word as he went into the conference room to meet the General. As he finished, the vehicles took him to the ClamShell (pretty much a big top tent that military personnel can play basketball or work out in with weights) so he could take his publicity pictures playing basketball. He again shunned the opportunity to talk to Soldiers to thank them for their service. So really he was just here to make a showing for the American's back home that he is their candidate for President. I think that if you are going to make an effort to come all the way over here you would thank those that are providing the freedom that they are providing for you.

I swear we got more thanks from the NBA Basketball Players or the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders than from one of the Senators, who wants to be the President of the United States . I just don't understand how anyone would want him to be our Commander-and-Chief. It was almost that he was scared to be around those that provide the freedom for him and our great country.

If this is blunt and to the point I am sorry but I wanted you all to know what kind of caliber of person he really is. What you see in the news is all fake.

Inservice,
CPT Jeffrey S. Porter
Battle Captain
TF Wasatch
American Soldier

MONTHLY CASH DRAWING

Don't forget about our monthly meeting cash drawing! At the conclusion of each meeting a member's name is drawn from the hat and the winner receives a cash prize. However to claim the prize, the member must be in attendance. This sounds to me like a darn good incentive to be at each meeting. The prize is increased by ten dollars each month to a

