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EXECUTIVE MEETING
AMERICAN LEGION HALL, MARGATE

MAY 21ST 2008
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AMERICAN LEGION HALL, MARGATE

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From the Commandant

Since my last report we have lost another member, a very active & dedicated man, Marty Sucoff. I have not been able to contact the family & don't have any details at this time. Marty was a WW II veteran & the recipient of 2 Purple Hearts. He was also very active at the local VA clinic for fifteen years. He will be missed.

Nominations and elections were held at our April meeting, Cliff Handerhan was re-elected Commandant for a third term, also elected were John Palermo as Sr. Vice Commandant, Joe Motes as Jr. Vice Commandant and Joe Mirsky as Judge Advocate.

It has been decided that we will be publishing the Rollcall Newsletter bi-monthly starting with the June issue.

This past month I attended awards ceremonies, along with Jr. Vice Cmtd. Joe Motes, for the Coral Springs Civil Air Patrol held at the Carolina Club. This is a fine organization of dedicated young men & women. We awarded three medals & certificates to this year’s winners, the Gold to Timothy Bayley, the Silver to Thor Cutler, and the Bronze to Zachary Lieberman. This is just one of the 31 groups we honored with the JROTC, covering JROTC units, 5 Civil Air Patrol squadrons and one Naval Sea Cadet unit. It was announced at the ceremonies that two of the recipients will be attending the Air Force Academy & one will be attending the Coast Guard Academy.

Everyone should check out the updated version of our web site Joe has done a great job with the site. See www.tamaracmcl.us

Important dates in history: 13 May 1846 Congress declares war on Mexico; 15 May 1862 Cpl. John Mackie first Marine to receive the MOH; 1 May 1898 Adm. Dewey destroys Spanish fleet at Manila Bay. Marines occupy Cavite Naval Station. 31 May 1900 Marines arrive in China to defend our Legation during the Boxer rebellion. 22 May 1912 1st. Lt. Al Cunningham is first Marine aviator. Marine Corps Aviation Birthday. 15 May 1916 Marines begin occupation of Dominican Republic. 77 May 1945 Germany surrenders unconditionally. 6 May 1946 Cmdt. A. Vandergrift tells Senate "the bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps." 23 May 1948 First Marines flown ashore by helicopters at New River, NC, 8 May 1954 Dien Bien Phu falls in Indochina. 14 May 1975 Marines board the Mayaguez whichCambodians had seized. 12 May 1980 Marines rescue U.S. Ambassador from mob in San Salvador. 30 May 1997 Marines evacuate 2,500 from Kinshasa, Zaire. 6 May National Teachers Day. 11 May Mothers Day. 17 May Armed Forces Day. 26 May Memorial Day.

Please attend meetings whenever possible. Patronize our advertisers; they are helping us, return the favor.

Cliff Handerhan Jr.
Commandant
FLORIDA VET PROPERTY TAX RELIEF: The Florida House of Representatives approved a joint resolution on 19 MAR that will give Floridians a chance to vote for a constitutional amendment during the November general election to provide property tax credits to deployed military personnel who own homestead property in Florida. If approved by the voters, the measure could save Florida military personnel $14.9 million on their 2010 tax bills, assuming current millage rates. According to the Florida Department of Military Affairs, approximately 25,525 military personnel who claim Florida as their home of record are currently deployed overseas on active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The amount of the credit is determined by the number of days those members are deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii in designated military operations. The measure passed unanimously, 115-0.

VIETNAM CENSUS STATS: Some interesting Census Stats and “Been There” Wanabees:
- 1,713,823 of those who served in Vietnam were still alive as of AUG 95 census figures.
- In the AUG 95 census 9,492,958 Americans falsely claimed to have served in-country.
- As of the August, 2000 Census, the surviving U.S. Vietnam Veteran population estimate is: 1,002,511. If this loss of 711,000 between ‘95 and ’00 is accurate it equates to 390 deaths per day.
- During this Census count, the number of Americans falsely claiming to have served in-country is: 13,853,027. By this census, four out of five who claim to be Vietnam vets are not.
- The Department of Defense Vietnam War Service Index officially provided by The War Library originally reported with errors that 2,709,918 U.S. military personnel as having served in-country. Corrections and confirmations to this errored index resulted in the addition of 358 U.S. military personnel confirmed to have served in Vietnam but not originally listed by the Department of Defense. (All names are currently on file and accessible 24/7/365).
- Atrocities: Americans who deliberately killed civilians received prison sentences while Communists who did so received commendations. From 1957 to 1973, the National Liberation Front assassinated 36,725 Vietnamese and abducted another 58,499. The death squads focused on leaders at the village level and on anyone who improved the lives of the peasants such as medical personnel, social workers, and school teachers per the Nixon Presidential Papers.

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Renewals are $45.00. Thank You for your participation and cooperation.

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(Sponsor—where applicable) Applicant’s Signature

Upon completion turn in to your detachment sponsor with your payment

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We look forward to meeting our new members at our regular monthly meetings.
We are always seeking new members.

If you don’t have a blank membership application you will be fined one dollar. To benefit youth activity programs.

Editors Note:
If you find an error in this publication, please feel free to bring it to the my attention. I will be happy to make any
necessary corrections in the next edition.
Thank You!
Your Editor,
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Please include your Date of Birth & Extended four-digit zip code on all membership renewals.
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VA DENTAL TREATMENT:

Outpatient dental benefits are provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs according to law. In some instances, VA may provide extensive dental care, while in other cases treatment may be limited. Veterans are eligible for outpatient dental treatment if they are determined by VA to meet one of the following criteria:

- Those having a service-connected compensable dental disability or condition are eligible for any needed dental care.
- Those who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those whose service-connected disabilities have been rated at 100% or who are receiving the 100% rate by reason of individual unemployability are eligible for any needed dental care.
- Those who are participating in a VA vocational rehabilitation program under 38 U.S.C. chapter 31 are eligible for dental care necessary to:
  1.) Enter into a rehabilitation program, achieve the goals of the veteran’s vocational rehabilitation program; or prevent interruption of a rehabilitation program; or
  2.) Hasten the return to a rehabilitation program of a veteran in interrupted or leave status; or
  3.) Hasten the return to a rehabilitation program of a veteran placed in discontinued status because of illness, injury or a dental condition; or
  4.) Secure and adjust to employment during the period of employment assistance; or
  5.) To achieve maximum independence in daily living.
- Recently discharged veterans with a service-connected noncompensable dental condition or disability who served on active duty 90 days or more and who apply for VA dental care of within 180 days separation from active duty, effective 28 JAN 08 may receive one time treatment for dental conditions if the dental condition is shown to have existed at the time of discharge or release and the veteran’s certificate of discharge does not indicate that the veteran received necessary dental care within a 90-day period prior to discharge or release. This includes veterans who reentered active military, naval, or air service within 90 days after the date of a prior Note: Veterans discharged between 1 AUG 07, and 27 JAN 08, are eligible for the dental benefit by making application within 180 days (formerly 90 days) of their discharge. Veterans previously denied this one time dental benefit because application was made outside of the previously mandated 90 day period after separation will be contacted to review and correct, as appropriate, your application denial. Affected veterans may also contact their local medical center to review and correct, as appropriate, their denied application.
- Those having a service-connected noncompensable dental condition or disability resulting from combat wounds or service trauma are eligible for repeat care for the service-connected condition(s).
- Those having a dental condition clinically determined by VA to be currently aggravating a service-connected medical condition are eligible for dental care to resolve the problem.
- Those with nonservice-connected dental conditions or disabilities for which treatment was begun while the veteran was in an inpatient status in a VA medical center, when it is clinically determined to be necessary to complete such dental treatment on an outpatient basis.
- Those receiving outpatient care or scheduled for inpatient care may receive dental care if the dental condition is clinically determined to be complicating a medical condition currently under treatment.
- Certain veterans enrolled in a VA Homeless Program for 60 consecutive days or more may receive certain medically necessary outpatient dental services.

For more information about eligibility for VA medical and dental benefits, contact the Health Benefits Service Center at 1 (877) 222-8387 or www.va.gov/healtheligibility. Note: Veterans awarded a temporary total disability rating by the Veterans Benefits Administration are not eligible for comprehensive outpatient dental services.
SOCIAL SECURITY TAXATION UPDATE 06: PLAN carefully before starting Social Security benefits of any type if you are continuing to work. This is especially important if you are thinking about taking reduced Social Security benefits before you have reached full retirement age, or a reduced spousal or widow’s benefit. Once you start Social Security, there are special rules about how much you may earn without reducing your benefits. And once you factor in taxes, it’s entirely possible that you may have only a small gain or even lose money because of the earnings. If you are under your full retirement age in 2008, you are allowed to exempt $13,560 in earnings for the year, or $1,130 per month without a reduction. If you earn more than that, $1 in benefits will be withheld for every $2 above the limit. You are allowed to earn substantially more in the calendar year in which you attain full retirement age.

In 2008 retirees may earn $36,120 for the year, or $3,010 per month in the months prior to turning full retirement age. If you earn more than that, $1 in Social Security will be withheld for every $3 in earnings above the limit.

Full retirement age is not so easy to figure out though, because it’s rising. Seniors born in 1943, for example, have a full retirement age of 66. Because these seniors will not turn their full retirement age in 2008, they may only exempt $13,560 or their benefits will be reduced. If, on the other hand, you were born in 1942, your full retirement age is 65 and 10 months. Only people born in January and February of 1942 attained full retirement age in 2007. Everyone else, people born in March through December of 1942, attain full retirement age January through October of 2008. If you reach full retirement age in 2008, you may earn $3,010 per month until your birth month without a reduction in benefits. The month you reach full retirement age, you can start earning as much as you want with no reduction in benefits. The amounts are adjusted annually. The annual earnings test can also reduce the Social Security of dependents who receive benefits based on your work record, like a spouse or a disabled child. Additional earnings could possibly subject your Social Security benefits to higher Medicare premiums if your income exceeds $82,000, or $164,000 if you are married. Seniors who are working after starting benefits should call Social Security at 1(800) 772-1213 or visit www.ssa.gov to learn more about Social Security’s earnings restrictions, and other things you should know about working after starting benefits.

MIGRAINES: Perhaps the most troublesome headaches are migraines. About one in 10 people (more women than men) has had a migraine headache. Most people have their first migraine between 15 and 45 years of age, and most migraine sufferers have a close relative who also has them. Migraine headaches are caused by changes in blood vessels in the brain. The vessels can dilate and put pressure on nerves, which causes pounding pain. Although very debilitating when they occur, migraine headaches generally do not signify a more serious medical problem. Perhaps one-fifth of migraine sufferers have “classic” migraines with a warning sign, or aura, that precedes the headache. Auras might be caused by a temporary constriction of a blood vessel in the brain. Common auras include seeing stars or zigzag lines, tunnel vision, or a blind spot, and can typically last 20 minutes to an hour or until the headache begins. About 75% of migraines are “common” migraines, which don’t have an aura and usually are characterized by a pounding, severe, one-sided headache. Nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity to light can occur with a migraine. There might be numbness or tingling in the face, neck, or upper extremities. The headache can last a few hours to a day or two. The day after the headache ends a migraine sufferer still can feel fatigued, tired, and mentally exhausted. There also can be residual neck pain.

Migraines occur less frequently if you can identify and avoid triggers. Common triggers include bright lights; loud noise; physical or emotional stress; lack of sleep; skipping meals; caffeine, alcohol, or nicotine; and hormonal changes. Some foods are triggers, including fermented foods such as soy sauce, aged cheese, and red wine; nitrate-containing foods such as bacon, corned beef, hot dogs, and salami; foods containing MSG; and other foods, including chocolate and nuts. Going to a quiet, dimly lit room during a migraine can help. Drinking fluids is important to keep from being dehydrated. Biofeedback is often a useful tool in treating migraines, and some patients find self-hypnosis valuable.

If you have migraines as often as once a week, preventive medication, taken daily, may be prescribed. If your migraine headaches are less frequent, medication can be taken at the first sign of a headache (or aura). The medication can be injected (by the patient) or taken in the form of a nasal spray, rectal suppository, or fast-acting oral preparation. The goal is to provide treatment as soon as possible and to ward off a more serious headache. Migraine medications have various side effects, especially for patients with heart disease or other health problems. Some medications affect the vascular system, while others are strong painkillers (which can become habit-forming if taken too frequently). Always work closely with the physician prescribing your medication. For more information, visit www.headaches.org.
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I would appreciate everyone who receives this newsletter to email me or call me with your Date of Birth if it did not appear here, we are trying to update our records, Thanks!
praised the move as a good way to promote public awareness of the contributions of those who served in Vietnam. But some said they present custom is due for a change.

Arlington’s tradition of providing a ceremony is the same as it has been in the more than 17 years. Most enlisted troops receive “standard honors” — military pallbearers, a firing party led by a noncommissioned officer, a bugler and, on request, a chaplain. All others receive variations on “full honors,” which also include a horse-drawn caisson, a band and, if requested, escort troops. The only enlisted troops who may receive full honors are those in the highest enlisted grade, E-9. Medal of Honor recipients, regardless of rank, also rate the caisson in addition to standard honors. The two types of funerals are dramatically different. The issue has been raised that Honors rendered should be rendered fairly, based on actions, not rank and the circumstances of death. “That is the custom that has been prescribed,” said Jack Metzler, the superintendent at Arlington for the past 17 years. Most enlisted troops receive “standard honors” — military pallbearers, a firing party led by a noncommissioned officer, a bugler and, on request, a chaplain. All others receive variations on “full honors,” which also include a horse-drawn caisson, a band and, if requested, escort troops. The only enlisted troops who may receive full honors are those in the highest enlisted grade, E-9. Medal of Honor recipients, regardless of rank, also rate the caisson in addition to standard honors. The two types of funerals are dramatically different. The issue has been raised that Honors rendered should be rendered fairly, based on actions, not rank and the present custom is due for a change.

Metzler said there are two reasons why this cannot or should not be done. The biggest roadblock, he said, is the limited availability of assets for full-honors funerals. Each service provides its own troops for funerals at Arlington. But these ceremonial troops also must support presidential and other official functions in the Washington area. Arlington has two caisson units; each can do four of the stately funerals per day. It takes time to do the “turnaround” from one funeral to the next, Metzler said. For example, the horses must be watered and inspected after each ceremony.

Hundreds of veterans visit the central research room each year "to examine the documents that may enable them to establish their rights, and, just as with the wall, to honor, remember and appreciate," said Allen Weinstein, archivist of the United States. "And historians increasingly turn to these essential records to explain the significance of the Vietnam conflict in American history. The site will help provide greater access to our critical holdings on this subject," he said. The interactive wall allows people to post photographs they may have of a deceased veteran and to make comments. There is currently no charge for Vietnam War information; the company is deciding whether to charge fees for some of the 50,000 National Archives photos now digitized. The goal is to tell the stories behind the more than 58,000-plus names on the wall’ polished black granite, with information such as specialty, rank, posthumous decorations, regiment, cause of death and whether the body was recovered, the company said. Veteran’s advocacy groups praised the move as a good way to promote public awareness of the contributions of those who served in Vietnam. But some said they would like to see the effort expanded to provide electronic access of records for living Vietnam veterans. Many of them must go through a lengthy process of searching for records at the Archives and elsewhere to establish a disability claim with the government.

VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL UPDATE 01: The National Archives is joining with a Web site to make historical records of tens of thousands of deceased Vietnam War veterans available electronically for the first time. The interactive site is a Web recreation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall. The site allows access to thousands of pages of casualty reports and agency photos. People can search by name, hometown, birth date, tour date, or dozens of other categories. Such information now is typically found only at National Archives locations, including the headquarters in College Park MD, and by poring through files organized by topic. That makes searches a hit-or-miss proposition with long odds of finding relevant information, the agency said. At www.footnote.com/thewall & www.youtube.com/watch?v=scwMAgCLdks can be found a short video about how one veteran found a fallen friend on The Wall using this site and information on how to add your own tribute to anyone listed on the wall that you know.

VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL UPDATE 01: Footnote and the National Archives held a press conference 26 MAR in Washington, D.C. to unveil a new interactive online Vietnam War Memorial. This Footnote project features the largest photo of The Wall on the Internet (at full size, the photo on Footnote is about 460 feet wide). The project has been several months in the making and provides an interactive experience for locating the 58,320 names on The Wall as well as service record and casualty report information for each serviceman listed. Viewers can also upload photos and create tributes connected to any name on The Wall. There is no charge for Vietnam War information; the company is deciding whether to charge fees for some of the 50,000 National Archives photos now digitized and available on their site. At www.footnote.com/thewall & www.youtube.com/watch?v=scwMAgCLdks can be found a short video about how one veteran found a fallen friend on The Wall via the internet and information on how to add your own tribute to anyone listed on the wall that you know. Users can browse by name, enlistment type, service, and/or hometown to locate those who died as a result of Nam service. The online Military data is based on information supplied from The National Archives.

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY UPDATE 02: An enlisted service member killed in battle and posthumously awarded the Silver Star for heroism is rendered lesser honors at Arlington National Cemetery than an officer who dies in a car crash the day after being commissioned. That statement took officials at several veterans’ organizations by surprise. But it is true: Burial honors at Arlington, the nation’s most storied military cemetery and home of the Tomb of the Unknowns, are accorded strictly by rank, not by the circumstances of death. “That is the custom that has been prescribed,” said Jack Metzler, the superintendent at Arlington for the past 17 years. Most enlisted troops receive “standard honors” — military pallbearers, a firing party led by a noncommissioned officer, a bugler and, on request, a chaplain. All others receive variations on “full honors,” which also include a horse-drawn caisson, a band and, if requested, escort troops. The only enlisted troops who may receive full honors are those in the highest enlisted grade, E-9. Medal of Honor recipients, regardless of rank, also rate the caisson in addition to standard honors. The two types of funerals are dramatically different. The issue has been raised that Honors rendered should be rendered fairly, based on actions, not rank and the present custom is due for a change.

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Also, the band isn’t always available, as other official functions beckon — although, Metzler said, “only a handful” of people opt to wait until the band is available. The average wait for a funeral at Arlington is five weeks; cemetery workers work to limit the wait to two weeks for Iraq and Afghanistan war dead, Metzler said. Arlington averages about 27 funerals a day, five days a week, he said; none are held on Saturdays or Sundays. There has been an increase of about one funeral per day since the start of the Iraq war, but most of the burials involve the World War II generation. “The ability to have more full-honors funerals for everyone, all day long, isn’t there,” Metzler said. “It’s the caissons. It’s the chapel. It’s the traffic.”

An equally important, and more contentious, reason for not rendering honors based on the circumstances of death rather than rank is having to decide who rates full honors and who does not, Metzler said. “Where do you draw the line? Someone will come back and say, ‘My loved one had a Bronze Star with a ‘V’ device, and it was awarded three times. Is that the equivalent of a Silver Star?’ I would think that it would be difficult to implement.” As of 18 MAR, only 473 of the 4,443 service members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan through 1 MAR (i.e. 10.6%) had been buried at Arlington, with highs of 117 burials in 2005 and 2007, and a low of 48 in 2003, Metzler said. Most were enlisted members, most were killed in action, and the highest decoration most received was the Bronze Star with “V” device for valor, Metzler said, adding that he has no way to check the precise number of awards earned by individuals buried at Arlington. The Army is responsible for operations at Arlington. Army Secretary Pete Geren and Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey did not respond through a spokesman to a request for comment. Several veterans’ groups also declined comment. But Joe Barnes, executive secretary of the Fleet Reserve Association and a co-chairman of the Military Coalition, an umbrella group of more than 30 military associations, said “rendering burial honors based on rank “is not a slight against anyone. This decision is out of respect for the few who were accorded the opportunity and responsibility to lead”.

FORECLOSURE: Are you having trouble keeping up with your mortgage payments? Have you received a notice from your lender asking you to contact them?

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4. Know your mortgage rights. Find your loan documents and read them so you know what your lender may do if you can’t make your payments. Learn about the foreclosure laws and timeframes in your state (as every state is different) by contacting the State Government Housing Office.
5. Understand foreclosure prevention options. Valuable information about foreclosure prevention (also called loss mitigation) options can be found on the internet at www.fha.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm.
6. Contact a HUD-approved housing counselor. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds free or very low cost housing counseling nationwide. Housing counselors can help you understand the law and your options, organize your finances and represent you in negotiations with your lender if you need this assistance. Find a HUD-approved housing counselor near you at http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm or call (800) 569-4287 or TTY (800) 877-8339.
7. Prioritize your spending. After healthcare, keeping your house should be your first priority. Review your finances and see where you can cut spending in order to make your mortgage payment. Look for optional expenses-cable TV, memberships, entertainment-that you can eliminate. Delay payments on credit cards and other “unsecured” debt until you have paid your mortgage.
8. Use your assets. Do you have assets—a second car, jewelry, a whole life insurance policy—that you can sell for cash to help reinstate your loan? Can anyone in your household get an extra job to bring in additional income? Even if these efforts don’t significantly increase your available cash or your income, they demonstrate to your lender that you are willing to make sacrifices to keep your home.
9. Avoid foreclosure prevention companies. You don’t need to pay fees for foreclosure prevention help-use that money to pay the mortgage instead. Many for-profit companies will contact you promising to negotiate with your lender. While these may be legitimate businesses, they will charge you a hefty fee (often two or three month’s mortgage payment) for information and services your lender or a HUD-approved housing counselor will provide free if you contact them.
10. Don’t lose your house to foreclosure recovery scams! If any firm claims they can stop your foreclosure immediately if you sign a document appointing them to act on your behalf, you may well be signing over the title to your property and becoming a renter in your own home! Never sign a legal document without reading and understanding all the terms and getting professional advice from an attorney, a trusted real estate professional, or a HUD-approved housing counselor.
The official opening of the new South Florida National Cemetery was attended by Cliff Handerhan, John Palermo, Ed Webber, and Joe Motes.

Nominations and elections were held at our April 16th meeting, Cliff Handerhan, John Palermo, Joe Motes and Joe Mirsky were sworn into office by 10th District Commandant Jesus Pintos, afterward Jesus presented our chapter with a Department Meritorious Unit Citation.
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2) Or Volunteer NOW at the following website: www1.va.gov/volunteer/volnowDB.cfm
Fill out and submit the form. Someone from your local VAVS office will contact you with additional information.
To all Leaguers and Auxiliary Members: SPONSOR A TABLE

As most of you know, the Department of Florida will be hosting the 2008 National Convention to be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL. Many of our members are already volunteering to make this the best National Convention but we still need a great deal of additional manpower and donations.

The Department is asking all Detachments and Auxiliary Units to not only have volunteer’s signup at the next conference, but to also solicit funds to sponsor banquet tables. A completely sponsored table would cost $600, but any donation would add to filling the sponsorship. The sponsored tables would seat Marines who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and any wounded Marines that are in the James A. Haley VA Hospital and can travel to Orlando, and their families. It will be costly but what better way to say thank you to our fighting warriors.

There are two ways to donate: One is by check made out to DEPT OF FL MCL 2008 and notate SPONSORED TABLE and mail to Bill Maher, Dept. Paymaster, 10312 Calle de Flores Dr., Clermont, FL 34711 or on the Department web site: www.mclfll.org/2008NationalConvention where you can make a donation using your credit card via Pay Pal.

Please post this on your web sites and send it out in your newsletters. Any questions, please contact me at 352 553-2408 or Lou Calleja at 561 747-8124. Semper Fi,

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Selected May Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

2 May 1946: Marines from Treasure Island Marine Barracks, under the command of Warrant Officer Charles L. Buckner, aided in suppressing the three-day prison riot at Alcatraz Penitentiary in San Francisco Bay. WO Buckner, a veteran of the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, ably led his force of Marines without suffering a single casualty.

5 May 1983: In Beirut, Lebanon, a UH-1N helicopter carrying the commander of the American peacekeeping force, Colonel James Mead, was hit by machine gun fire. The six Marines aboard escaped injury. Colonel Mead and his crew had taken off in the helicopter to investigate artillery and rocket duels between rival Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen and Christian Phalangists that endangered French members of the multinational force.

8 May 1995: In the wake of the most devastating storm to hit the New Orleans area in more than 200 years, a group of Marines and sailors from Marine Forces Reserve demonstrated the quick response synonymous with the Navy/Marine Corps team. Within 24 hours of being called, Marines assisted in the evacuation of 2,500 civilians, and Navy corpsmen treated scores of flood victims.

10 May 1945: The 22d Marines, 6th Marine Division, executed a pre-dawn attack south across the Asa River Estuary and seized a bridgehead from which to continue the attack toward Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

15 May 1862: Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service in the USS GALENA during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff which blocked the James River approaches to Richmond.

16 May 1945: The 22d and 29th Marines continued the attack against Half Moon Hill, a day characterized by the 6th Marine Division as the "bitterest" of the Okinawa campaign. By the 18th, the famed "Shuri line" had been broached.

22 May 1912: First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham, the first Marine officer to be assigned to "duty in connection with aviation" by Major General Commandant William P. Biddle, reported for aviation training at the Naval Aviation Camp at Annapolis, Maryland, and Marine aviation had its official beginning.

23 May 1988: The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tilt-rotor aircraft, made its debut during rollout ceremonies at Bell Helicopter Textron's Arlington, Texas, facility. More than 1,000 representatives from the military, industry, and media, gathered to hear various speakers, including Gen Alfred Gray, Commandant of the Marine Corps, praise the versatile rotor craft designed to meet the needs of 21st Century battlefields.

26 May 1969: Operation Pipestone Canyon began when the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines began sweeps in the Dodge City/Go Noi areas southwest of Da Nang. It terminated at the end of June with 610 enemies killed in action at a cost of 34 Marines killed.
MARINE CARE PACKAGE PROGRAM

All Detachment 755 Members, starting with the July meeting, we ask you to please bring two of the following items listed below for our Marines serving overseas. Most Requested Items Are:

Snacks and non-perishable food items, particularly tuna kits, beef jerky, canned fruits, nuts, coffee, canned meats and other ready to eat meals;

Undershirts (white, short sleeve); Socks (cotton, boot cut, black, or green—try military surplus stores); Magazines;

Sunglasses, goggle-style sunglasses, goggles; Cigarettes, Copenhagen and Skoal; Single-use cameras (disposable);

AT&T Global pre-paid Military Calling Cards (calling cards to work in Iraq and Afghanistan must be these specific cards);

Music Cds (new and used); Movie DVDs (new and used); Flashlights with Red lens; 72” bootlaces (brown or tan preferred);

Batteries (AA are most requested, then AAA); Disposable, instant hand warmers; Ziploc plastic bags;

Lotrimin AF or Tinactin for Athletes foot; Sun block, Aloe Vera; Eye Drops (to relieve dry eye, not redness); Blistex, Chapstick, Carmex; Aspirin, Motrin, Tylenol, Pain Relievers; Saline Spray / Drops for Sensitive nasal passages;

Q-Tips; Laundry Soap Tablets; Baby Wipes; Liquid Body Wash; Super Glue; Pre-sweeten flavored beverage mixes.

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