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Pete Gallo



The latest on Pete's condition

To All, I had the good fortune to be able to visit with Pete Gallo this afternoon. Although he is putting up the good fight, his suffering is evident. He has a wonderful family that gives maximal support, and is now in a top grade facility for long term physical therapy. All this is encouraging, however, the problem is that side effects of medical procedures can be a source of additional discomfort, and long periods of bed confinement are just not on Pete's list of preferences. He asks for minimal visitation and phone calls, but sends to all his wishes as he expects to return as soon as possible. More when available. S/F

Robert Beck - Commandant

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2016 Schedule

Detachment monthly meetings 1st Wednesday of the month - starts 1930 ***UPSTAIRS HALL*** at Post #155 American Legion Home 13-23 Legion Place Whippany 07981 phone# 973- 884- 2494

Mar 2nd - 1930 meeting, up stairs hall at Legion Home

Apr 6th - 1930 meeting Legion Home

May 4th - 1930 meeting Legion Home

May 28th - Flag placement at Veterans grave sites Gate of Heaven Cemetery East Hanover Meet 0730 Legion Home May 30th - Memorial Day Parade - watch newsletter and your emails for full details .

Jun 1st - 1930 meeting Legion Home

Jun 14th - at dusk Flag retirement ceremony meet at Legion Home 1/2hr before dusk

Jul 6th - 1930 meeting Legion Home

Aug 3rd - 1930 meeting Legion Home - Nomination Committee

Sep 7th - 1930 meeting Legion Home - Election of officers.

Oct 1st - LCPL Chris Cosgrove III KIA by a suicide car bomber in Fallujah, Iraq 10 years ago: Chris was a active and dedicated member of the Slattery Detachment.

Oct 5th - 1900 Installation of officers Legion home - light refreshments served

Nov 2nd - 1930 meeting Legion Home Whippany

Nov 10th - Marine Corps Birthday

Dec 7th - Pearl Harbor Ceremony Legion Home Detachment meeting rescheduled to December 14

Dec 14th - Detachment meeting 1930 Legion Home.

Chucky Blazure Lunch Bunch Gathering



On Thursday, February 18th members of our detachment met at Charlotte's Web in Dover. Good food, good conversation, good Marines! Join us for our next lunch on Thursday, March 17th at Billy's Red Room, Whippany.

(L-R) Detachment Members, Keith Butler, Dan Danzi, Al Bischoff, Dan Daly, Tony Oszmainski and Jim Crupi.

LYONS FEBRUARY VISIT

"For those who fight for it, life has a flavor the protected never know."

Inscription on the back of a flak jacket worn by a Marine machine-gunner on the DMZ, RVN, 1968

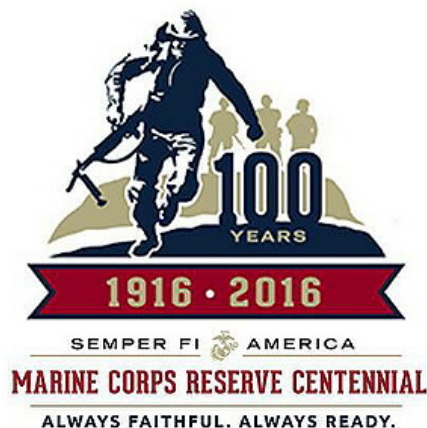
On Saturday, February 13th, 2016 a small band of our detachment gathered at 0900 hours in the parking lot of the American Legion to form up and car pool for one of the quarterly trips to Lyons Veterans Hospital. Through wind biting at -4 degrees members; Dan Danzi (coordinator), Al Bischoff, Dave Katz, Tom Miller, Lee Minton, Tony Oszmainski and Art Williams dispatched from their vehicles and set up in a small dining room on the second floor of the nursing home section. They cheerfully served more than a few of our local disabled veterans. Despite the frigid temperatures outside the visit appeared to warm the hearts and lift the spirits of those present. Veterans bonded and shared stories over a cup of hot joe, a freshly baked pastry and buttered roll. It was a honor to serve those who bravely fought and served in the armed forces for their country! Please come join us for our next outing

Thank you pillowcases for the troops



Photos of the Chatham Middle School Builders' Club 'thank you pillowcases" that the kids made which will be included in OJC's care packages for our troops in Afghanistan.

Liz Hackett



Living Marine Daily Affirmations for Life

Let's face it life is not a bucket of roses while drinking margaritas on sandy white beach listening to music that lolls you into a state of utter bliss! There does not exist such a reality. As anyone can declare the world can drop some really stinky, nasty, piles of bricks in your path on a daily basis. A certain majority feel the solutions to overcome life's challenges can be found by popping in a CD or going to the local bookstore to spend oodles of hard earned cash on books. These daily affirmations explain in detail how to breathe in and out, talk to oneself while driving or contort the body just to get through a supposed bad day. Quite frankly, this author has come to the realization that a Marine would simply put boots to the ground and kick the bejesus of those bricks! The following are USMC quotes that can easily be applied to any situation, or drama in one's life minus the popcorn. Yes, disclaimer, it is not the intention of the narrative to offend those who purchase such guide manuals. In the words of General A.A. Vandegrift, 18th CMC; " The bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps." Meaning, when life sucker punches me in the stomach I stand and say, "Is that all you got?"



For instance, when boarding the airliner for a tropical destination and the fear of possible engine failure grips me, I call upon the words of veteran marine William Overgard; "If there's anything more arrogant than a marine on a horse, it's one in a plane." Remember these brave service members are being dropped from high altitudes or exit via a large ramp into enemy territories. I am are sitting comfortably on a plane which most likely is being piloted by an armed forces veteran to gently land in an island oasis. The only perimeter I need to actively secure is the area surrounding my beach chair and umbrella for the perfect ocean view. It's all about one's perspective.

Next, to say I have run my body into the ground like a 1970 VW Bug with 3 flat tires is a half truth. Through numerous illness and sixteen surgeries, suffering was only an option. This was because of my first physical therapist; a Marine veteran by chance, who demanded I complete the final set of arm curls after the removal of part of my elbow. He politely shouted, " Pain is weakness leaving the body." Well, okay then I could buck up for a set of eight! For many a gravely injured Marine has continued to march, fight, or command through battle to either defend or save others from imminent harm. It's about adjusting one's attitude.

And when the scuttlebutt of educational peers, the occasional disruptive nature of students or competition of keeping up on a restaurant hot line made me want to do an about face, I remember the words of Major Gen Ben Fuller to Col Frederick M. "Dopey" Wise, CO 2d Bn., 5th Marines, 2dDiv, AEF. "Retreat Hell! We've Just got here!" I realize my worse day is better than having to stand point in a jungle or frozen mountain with the enemy shooting at me from all directions. So "Ear, open. Eyeballs click", and become a hard charger in any situation that arises in my civilian life! It's all about seeing another's point of view.

Finally, the particulars for these epiphanies. 1972, West Hospital approximately 0600 hours. Seven year old faces strep infection through body and tumor in neck. She fears she cannot see her way out of the soup sandwich. Wakes to a police detective asking her to be his brave little Marine. He quietly instructs her on the meaning of honor, courage and commitment. He explains that Marines don't quit and tells her to " get her Marine on." As he leaves the room he begins to whistle the Marine Corps Hymn. Because of that day, I decided to live my life Marine and by the words of these brave warriors. So remember, when life tries to knock you down, " The Corps is in you, Let it Out!" OOHRAH!

Free Counseling Service for Military and Veteran Families

Subject: Re: Free Counseling Service for Military and Veteran Families. New Hope Village 4 Veterans, Inc.
www.newhopevillage4veterans.com

This Month in USMC History

Selected March Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

2 March 1867: Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1864, was this date promoted to the rank of Brigadier General Commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute, however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of Commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin's retirement.

8 March 1965: The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at DaNang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at DaNang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

11 March 1778: Marines participated the action when the Continental Navy frigate Boston, enroute to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship Martha. As the drum of the Boston beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate's captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

13 March 1943: The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women's Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. The Navy's willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women's Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

17 March 1967: The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty, Master Sergeant Barbara J. Dulinsky, began her 18-hour flight to Bien Hoa, 30 miles north of Saigon. MSgt Dulinsky and the other officer and enlisted Women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section providing administrative support to Marines assigned as far north as the DMZ, but two Lieutenant Colonels, Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O'Holleran, served as historians with the Military History Branch, Secretary Joint Staff, MACV.

25 March 1945: After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On the night of 25 March, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force till morning but suffered heavy casualties --more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force was killed in the battle.

27 March 1953: The 5th Marines, supported by the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous evening of Outpost Vegas on Korea's western front, counterattacked to regain enemy-held positions. Companies E and F of 2/7, down to only three platoons between them, managed to regain partial control of Outpost Vegas that day.

31 March 1801: On this date, LtCol Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for "a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on." President Jefferson was a personal friend of the Commandant, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps and accompanied Burrows on horseback on the morning of 31 March. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, at 8th and I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.

****The Vietnam Cross of Gallantry****

The Vietnam Cross of Gallantry is the equivalent of the French Croix de Guerre. The VCOG was originally authorized only to specific individuals and units. In May, 1974 the Government of (South) Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam) authorized the VCOG all foreign www.amervets.com/replacement/vcog.htm#nlig military personnel and units for valorous achievement/participation during the Vietnam conflict, March 1, 1961 through March 28, 1973. In April 1975 the GVN re-authorized the VCOG to all foreign military personnel who served in Vietnam until the end of the war, including foreign personnel who risked their lives in the final evacuation operations (General Order 8, MACV). _All recipients of the Vietnam Service Medal and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam) are also authorized the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry._

The VCOG is a symbol of gratitude to all Allied soldiers, sailors, Marines and air personnel who worked and fought and sacrificed themselves for the freedom of the Republic of Vietnam. Authorization to all foreign military personnel was presented by the GVN to Military Assistance Command, Vietnam and all subordinate units under General Order 8, 1974 br> Submitted by Tony Modzelewski.

*Click on link for full details *(authorization. cost, shipping, instructions, etc..) on how to order your 8/1/2 x11 display certificate through the Records Chief of The American War Library www.amervets.com/replacement/vcog.htm#isr

Thank you to Kim Goulding, Mario Monaco & Bob Beck for help with this months newsletter.

Pacific Theater History



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A Speech By Jack Gartenberg

Many have narrated on film and in books regarding the Pacific Theater during World War II. Yet there is absolutely nothing that quite compares to listening to Purple Heart recipient Jack Gartenberg speak of their campaigns and outcomes. In fact, on Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at exactly 1400 hours he commanded a room in the Reserve Center for Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines at Picatinny. When he began to talk everyone accounted for gave reverence for the words to come forth. He is truly a hero and a walking encyclopedia on the subject of all things Marine.

Jack began by giving everyone, approximately 13 Marines and 6 visitors, a brief summation of the reasons and conflicts leading up to the fierce five week battle on Iwo Jima. You could hear a pin drop from two miles away, for the audience was so engrossed in his recollections. His speech left the participants with valuable insights. Such as ,if the 4th Marine division had stayed in Shanghai China in November 1941 the tragedy of Pearl Harbor might have been avoided. The fact that during the beginning of World War II, most Americans did not have a complete understanding of who or what was the 1st Marine Division. Also, one day after the iconic flag raising picture hit newsstands, everything changed and the Marines were viewed as heroic on Iwo. Yet there were so many firsthand accounts and historical facts provided it literally filled nine pages of a notebook in one hour.

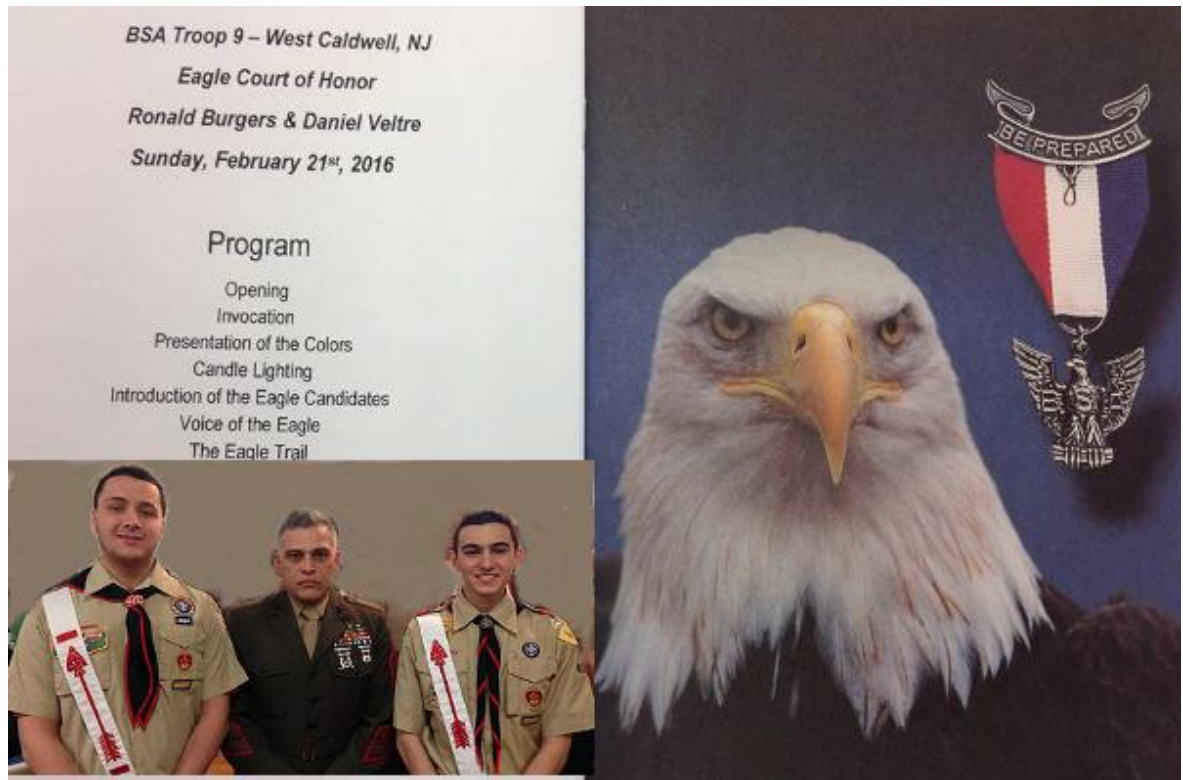
Afterwards, Jack called for questions and these Marines present appeared honored for a chance to pose their queries to him. First up was 1stSgt Piazza who requested information about the gear he carried and living conditions on Iwo. Jack replied by stating, " We overdressed during the day and didn't have enough to wear at night. I was a rifleman at first with a shiny new M. They took it away and reassigned me to a machinegun section. I had to use a bedroll as a sling for it." Next was SSgt. Krepp who made a inquiry regarding morale and what they were thinking as they approached the island. Jack said, "As we came closer to Iwo the kamikaze planes came out. They caused heavy damage to the Saratoga. We were more concerned with them. This was the fourth battle for the old timers on the ship, for some it was the first, so feelings were mixed. But everyone was anxious to get off after being on board for two months." At the closing, Major Polidora and 1stSgt Piazza presented our Jack, a certificate of appreciation for his inspirational words on the 71st anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. Also, they gave him a vile of sand collected from the landing beach Red. It was heartwarming to observe as these brave Marines quietly gathered around him. Their expressions of awe and their upmost respect reminded this average American citizen that we had the great pleasure of being in the company of a living "National Treasure". And his name is Jack Gartenberg. Semper Fi.

Photo by Keith Butler

Story by Kim Goulding

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Eagle Scouts



Guitars For Vets Donation



Since 2007, G4V has worked with military veterans to provide them with guitars and lessons as a way of dealing with the effects of PTSD. This month the East Orange Chapter #74 was the recipient of a donation from our detachment #206. This particular G4V chapter has about a year under its belt with one graduate and three more in the process. Dan Zurich, the D4V Coordinator, stated in a letter, " You can rest assured that the money is going to do a mountain of good in providing lessons and guitars for our Veterans." As of today, the nationwide organization has given over 20,000 guitar lessons and handed out more than 2,000 guitars to Veterans!

(L-R) VA Dr. Eileen Caufield, VA Dr. Sam Spinelli and VA Dr. Chris Gates.