



Semper Fi News

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Detachment and Auxiliary Kick off Marine Rose Program

On Saturday, August 30, members of our detachment and auxiliary units worked together to kick off the Marine Rose Program. We set up a table outside the Riverdale WalMart from 0800 to 1600 to hand out Marine Roses. Since the detachment

Detachment Officers

- Commandant: Bob Poe
- Sr. Vice Commandant: Jay Knowlden
- Jr. Vice Commandant: Ken Hipwell:
- Judge Advocate: Vernon Wade
- Adjutant/Paymaster: Ben Setter
- Chaplain: Byron Lewis
- Sgt.-at-Arms: Robert K. Palmer

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September 17th meeting will be held at Golden Corral Restaurant, 988 Washington Blvd., at 7 PM in Ogden. Come at 6:30 PM to eat and visit with each other.

was short of roses and time (there is a 90 day backlog on rose orders at National). Our sister organization the PFC James Jay Williams Unit #445 of the Auxiliary was kind enough to share their roses and efforts with us. This was an extremely successful event and both units were able to increase their treasuries handsomely. We split our efforts into 2 hour increments, and always had at least 2 people manning the table. To our surprise, we ran out of roses by 1430 and were forced to go home early! As of this writing both the Auxiliary and the Detachment have sufficient roses for another venture. We will be attending a Swap meet, with the auxiliary on September 21, where we will again be passing out Marine Roses and selling other items to increase our Treasuries. Working with our sister unit and sharing the workload makes for an enjoyable event.

History and use of the Marine Rose Program from the Marine Corps League National website:
The Marine Corps Rose

In 1778, during the War of Independence, the Marine Corps Rose was dedicated to those Marines who made the Ultimate Sacrifice for their country. This tradition was continued by the French during World War One when the Marines attacked the Germans in the trenches at Belleau Wood, roses were planted by the grateful French people at the graves of the Fallen Marines. When and wherever you see Leaguers or Young Marines distributing these remembrances take and wear one proudly. **THE PROGRAM:** Started by Marine Eddie Gallagher from New York, designed to parallel the VFW "Poppy" program to provide funds for detachments to assist veterans and youth and provide other services to the community:

- Health and comfort items for hospitalized veterans.
- Support programs such as bingo or holiday parties for hospitalized or retired veterans in Retirement

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Short Rounds

There were no attendance drawing for July and August there were not enough members in attendance to even make a quorum. For the August meeting, in the last 1/2 hour we ended up with just enough members to make a quorum so we could complete some business. I realize with Summer, there are a lot of things to do, but mark your calendars for the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except December) and our monthly meeting.

The passing of John Estrada, our former Department/Detachment Chaplain, brought sadness to all of us. He was buried August 18th at the Veteran's Cemetery in Draper. He will be



Sgt. John Basilone

For extraordinary heroism and conspicuous gallantry in action against enemy Japanese forces, above and beyond the call of duty,

missed!

Delinquent Members List

We received a letter from National with several delinquent members names. I was shocked by the number, but upon investigation, found most of the names were quite old and many of them were transfers to other units throughout the state. However, we have been asked by National to follow up on those who we know are delinquent and to check with them to try to get them "back into the fold," so to speak. The Adjutant/Paymaster will be contacting them to do so. If you are a delinquent member, let us know what we need to do to make this an organization that you will continue your membership with. National wants us to send them and the Depart-

ment of Utah a list of constructive responses so that we can better fulfill the needs of our members.

Toys for Tots The Toys for Tots Coordinator will be going back to Virginia for the annual Toys for Tots Conference. This is a requirement of the Toys for Tots Foundation to update all Coordinators (this year there are 650 of them nation-wide). This will take place September 11th through the 14th. Then we kick off the Toys for Tots Program October 1. Unfortunately the Golf Tournament we had hoped for on September 20th fell through. We had the okay from the folks at Wolf Creek Resort and the Golf Pro there, however, because of several unforeseen problems all the sponsorship fell through. So, next years planning will start much earlier.

For Conspicuous Gallantry

while serving with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in the Lunga Area, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, on October 24 and 25, 1942. While the enemy was hammering at the Marine's defensive positions, Sergeant Basilone, in charge of two sections of heavy machine guns, fought valiantly to check the savage and determined assault. In a fierce frontal at-

tack with the Japanese blasting his guns with grenades and mortar fire, one of Sergeant Basilone's sections, with its gun crews, was put out of action, leaving only two men able to carry on. Moving an extra gun into position, he placed it in action, then, under continual fire, repaired another and personally manned it, gallantly holding his line un-

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Marine Roses (from page 1) homes

- Scholarships
- Assist youth programs
- Humanitarian Aid

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

- Purchase roses from MCL National Headquarters, Ships Store
- Coordinate with local businesses or organizations to set-up a table or booth at their location

- Use a coffee can or other type container as a collection can
- Advertise what the Marine Rose Program is for and what the donations will be used for.
- Conduct each year in conjunction with the Marine Corps birthday, or whenever you feel it will be most effective.

Please note: As members of The Marine Corps League,

we should all know about the Marine Rose Program. As we collect these funds, we will be putting much of them to use for our community and fellow Marines. This will help our detachment to accomplish many of our goals.

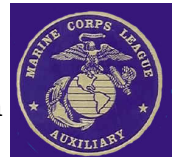
Delinquent Dues

Look at your label on this newsletter, you will see the date your membership has expired. Please renew your membership and help us grow.



PFC James Jay Williams MCL Auxiliary Unit #445

By Lucille Knowlden



What a Summer this has been! I'm really looking forward to Fall and anxious to get busy with much needed fund-raisers. Our unit will be holding one big Swap Meet at the Riverdale Drive-In. This will be September 21st. We'll get set up by 8:00 A.M. Also look-

ing forward to helping out Detachment #1159 in road cleanup in September. We'll be working with them on the Rose program too. Much is to be accomplished to get this going. We really must work on increasing our membership. It seems no one wants to be in-

involved. What has happened to patriotism? I'm so grateful to our members who give such dedicated support. God bless them, That's all for this month. Semper Fi,

Lucille Knowlden
President



Editor's Note: Until we become large enough to have our own pound, we will reprint the news from the only pound in Utah.

Devil Dog News

month. All MODD members should have received their Woof-O-Gram from the Chief Devil Dog at National.. If you haven't yet received it, let me know and I'll get a copy to you. Ben

Woof woof, there is no news from the pound for this

Ogden Pioneer Days

Our participation in the Ogden Pioneer Day Parade was a big bust. The only member able to provide transportation for the parade had to work that day so the only 4 members who were going to participate were unable to attend. Ladies and gentlemen, we have a year to prepare for the next one. We need someone to step up to the plate and become the chairman of this committee so we won't be embarrassed next year.

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Conspicuous gallantry
(continued from page 2) til replacements arrived. A little later, with ammunition critically low and the supply lines cut off, Sergeant Basilone, at great risk of his life and in the face of continued enemy attack, battled his way through hostile lines with urgently needed shells for his gunners, thereby contributing in a large measure to the virtual annihilation of a Japanese regiment. His great personal valor and courageous initiative were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.
**Franklin D Roosevelt
President of the United States**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gun Show There will be a recruiting opportunity for the detachment at an upcoming gun show the first or second week in October. A table has already been reserved for us. The time and date in has not yet been announced. We will be sharing the area with the Western Military Association.
Detachment Meeting on the 17th at 7PM at the Golden Coral Restaurant, as usual. **Riverdale Drive-in Swap Meet.** We are scheduled to be at the Riverdale Swap Meet on Sunday the 21st. This is an excellent

opportunity to increase the funds for the treasuries for both the detachment and the auxiliary. Let us know if you have something you can donate for the swap meet and/or you can help out. **Roadside Cleanup** will be Saturday, September 27, meet at the Chevron Station on the corner of Highway 126 and Pioneer/400 North at 0900.