



# Semper Fi News

For Marines and FMF Corpsman of the Greater Ogden Area

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Lt. Serge B. Simmons Detachment 1159

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## Marine Unit Burned to the Ground

**Editors Note: This information was passed to me by a friend in one of my past detachments in California. 2/3 was also my unit in Vietnam. They have recently replaced 1/3 in Iraq. The following is for your information only. However, we could “adopt” a unit in Iraq,**

### **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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**July 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.**

**Keeping in mind, of course, that F Co, in Salt Lake City will be deploying soon.**

June 25, 2008.

One of our battalion's small unit positions in Iraq was burned to the ground today. Praise the Lord there were no injuries. Among other things, 14 buildings and all their contents were destroyed. As a result, there are a couple of squads of Marines and their corpsmen who are now without anything other than the clothes they are wearing and their weapons. That makes about 30 Marines and a handful of Navy corpsmen who now need to replace all their hygiene gear, clothing, etc.

If you can help out, it is much appreciated. If you are not in a position to send items, please pray for this group of men.

Here is a list of the things all these young men will be needing as of today and for the foreseeable future.

Black boot socks

Green t-shirts (plain, no logos)

Underwear (no particular requirements, just men's sizes) All types of hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, dental floss, shampoo, etc.) Towels Washcloths Shower shoes (flip flops) Green PT shorts White athletic socks Boot inserts Sunglasses, (plain, black or dark brown frames, no mirrored lenses) Alarm clocks, battery powered Batteries, (AA), Baby wipes. Any other miscellaneous comfort items a 20 year old man might like.

All supplies need to be sent directly to the address below. I suggest you use the new Military Priority Mail Boxes. Please let me know if you will be sending items. THANKS!!

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Unit 40145  
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## Short Rounds

**The May Attendance Drawing: \$3.00**, was won by **Bryon Lewis**, unfortunately, he left early and was therefore disqualified to receive it. (You must be present to win). Perhaps next month Byron.

**A Biker Story...** A biker is riding by the zoo when he sees a little girl leaning into the lion's cage. Suddenly, under the eyes of her screaming parents, the lion grabs her by the cuff of her jacket and tried to pull her inside to slaughter her. The biker jumps off his bike, runs to the cage and hits the lion square on the nose with a powerful punch. Whimpering from the pain the lion jumps

back letting go of the girl, and the biker brings her to her terrified parents, who thank him endlessly.

A reporter from a well known New York newspaper has watched the whole event. The reporter, addressing the biker, says, "Sir, that was the most gallant and brave thing I've seen a man do in my whole life." The biker replies, "Why, it was nothing, really. The lion was behind bars. I just saw this little kid in danger, and acted as I felt right."

The reporter says, "Well, I'll make sure this won't go unnoticed. I'm a journalist from a well known New York newspaper, you know, and tomorrow's paper will have this story on the front

page. So, what do you do for a living and what political affiliation do have?" the biker replies, "I'm a U. S. Marine and a Republican."

The journalist leaves. The following morning the biker buys the New York Times to see if it indeed brings news of his actions, and reads, on the front page: "U.S. MARINE ASSAULTS AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND STEALS HIS LUNCH."

Hope everyone had a wonderful July Fourth.

### 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

## For Conspicuous Gallantry



### 1Lt Harvey Barnum

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty Forward Observer for Artillery, while

Attached to Company H, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against communist forces at Ky Phu in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam, on 18 December 1965. When the company was suddenly pinned down by a hail of extremely accurate enemy fire and was quickly separated from the remainder of the battalion by over five hundred meters of open and fire-swept

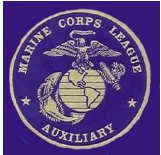
Ground, and as casualties mounted rapidly, Lieutenant Barnum quickly made a hazardous reconnaissance of the area seeking targets for his artillery. Finding the rifle company commander mortally wounded and the radio operator killed, he, with complete disregard for his own safety, gave aid to the dying commander, then removed the radio from the dead operator and strapped it to himself. He immediately assumed command of the rifle company, and moving at once into the midst of the  
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**Conspicuous Gallantry** (from page 2) heavy fire, rallying and giving encouragement to all units, reorganized them to replace the loss of key personnel and led their attack on enemy positions from which deadly fire continued to come. His sound and swift decisions and his obvious calm served to stabilize the badly decimated units and his gallant example, as he stood exposed repeatedly to point out targets, served as an in-

spiration to all. Provided with two armed helicopters, he moved fearlessly through enemy fire to control the air attack against the firmly entrenched enemy while skillfully directing one platoon in a successful counter-attack in the key enemy positions. Having thus cleared a small area, he requested and directed the landing of two transport helicopters for the evacuation of the dead and wounded. He then assisted

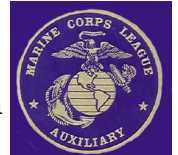
in the mopping up and final seizure of the battalion's objective. His gallant initiative and heroic conduct reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.

Lyndon B. Johnson  
President of the United States



## PFC James Jay Williams MCL Auxiliary Unit #445

By Lucille Knowlden



The Convention is over, what a fantastic event and enjoyed by us. So much planning and work went into making it a success. Thanks and Kudo's go to Ben Setter for all his determination and expertise. For all those who did not attend missed out on a show of

support for this Marine brotherhood and you were sorely missed. Thanks to all who bought chances on the Marine Quilt and pillows. Lloyd and Caroline Hall were the winners. Congratulations, it was a great experience. Our Unit will be at the Ogden Park on

July 4th with the selling of roses and finishing up on our section of highway to have it look nice. Hope to be in the July 24th, Pioneer Day Parade. Come on guys, support us.

Semper Fi,  
Lucille



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

The only news pertaining to this detachment is that members Ken Hipwell and

## Devil Dog News

George Wahlen were initiated into the pound as Devil Pups.

## Ogden Pioneer Days

The Ogden Pioneer Days Parade is July 24th. It starts promptly at 9:00 am. The Parade begins on 31st Street and proceeds North on Washington Blvd., ending on 20th Street in Downtown Ogden. We will be in the parade, along with the Auxiliary, provided we can get a vehicle we all can ride in. Anyone have one?

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## **Department Convention**

The Department Convention is now over and was a complete success. The Serge B. Simmons Detachment, along with the PFC James Jay Williams Auxiliary Unit were responsible for making it a huge success and a standard the other detachments in the Department of Utah can build upon to make future Department Conventions even bigger and better! Friday, June 6 was the Military Order of the Devil Dog Pound meeting and 10 new pups were inducted into the Order, among them our own George Wahlen and Ken Hipwell.

Saturday, June 7, most of the Department business was conducted, with the highlight of the day the awards banquet held that evening at 1800 (6 PM for those not properly indoctrinated). Many awards were given out with a plaque given by Diane Kearney, the Auxiliary Department of Utah President to Joe Surace, our Department of Utah Commandant for his service. Sunday, the POW/MIA Memorial Service was presented by 1159's Chaplain, Byron Lewis. This was one of the best memorial services I have ever witnessed! Those of you who

weren't there really missed something. Wonderful job Byron.  
The bad news; The convention depleted the detachments treasury. We are now down to \$40.00.

## **Semper Fi Editor Needs Help**

I'm not sure you are aware, but it's difficult to come up with ideas and information to make this an interesting/entertaining monthly newsletter. I need your help. Send have ideas, articles, even jokes, Phone/Fax/Email them to me. Otherwise, it won't be long until the newsletter is discontinued. Ben