

Semper Fi News

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- Sr. Vice Commandant: Jay Knowlden
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- Judge Advocate: Vernon Wade
- Adjutant/Paymaster: Ben Setter
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- Sgt.-at-Arms: Robert K. Palmer

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Detachment Officers Installed

Officers for the 2008-2009 year were installed during May's meeting, by the Department of Utah Judge Advocate, Vern Wade. Vern just happens to be our detachment's own Judge Advocate.

New Recruiting Idea

Beginning this month all paid up members attending the monthly meeting will be given a business card with which to invite a new member to the meeting. The detachment will pay for the invited recruit's meal that evening. This idea was voted in during April's meeting.

Eagle Scout Certificates

A Good Citizen Certificate for Eagle Scouts was awarded May 22 to John Jorgensen of Syracuse. If you know of a deserving young man who is about to be promoted to Eagle. Check with his parents to see if they would like him to have one of these beautiful certificates then contact Ben Setter, (801) 525-0147.

Roadside Cleanup.

We began our roadside cleanup project last month and completed the East side of the road. Members in attendance were Bob Poe, Jay Knowlden and his family and Ben Setter. After 4 1/2 hours of cleanup we decided to continue with the West side of the road in June. So this month we will work on with the West. Let's meet at the Chevron station on the corner of

Pioneer/400 North and Highway 126 on Sunday, June 14 at 1000. The more people we have, the quicker it will go. Remember, we are only obligated to clean the road 3 times a year for the next 2 years.

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.

June Meeting will be held at Golden Corral Restaurant, 988 Washington Blvd., at 7 PM in Ogden. Come early to eat and visit with each other.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball

With the Department Convention just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about what we are going to do for this years Marine
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Birthday Ball (from page 1) Birthday Ball. We need a committee formed and get EVERYONE involved. There are only FIVE months left to decide what we want to do, where we want to do it and how to fund it. What kind of entertainment (if any) and who is invited. Don't forget, this could also be a means to recruit more Marines and help us grow. But most of all, a way for us to celebrate the 233 anniversary of our Corps!

Short Rounds

The May Attendance Drawing: \$45.00, was won by **Will Gaskin**, a new member of 3 months! So beginning with the June meeting we will start the pot again. Perhaps we will

start the pot again. Perhaps we will have something else too.

Sound Off! Some thought is being given to a sound Off Column. What's your take on it? Email me at ben_setter@ogdenmarines.org. Subject: Sound Off.

What is a Veteran?

A Veteran' — whether active duty, discharged, retired or reserve — is someone who, at one point in his life wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America, for an amount up to and including his life! That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact!!

Operation Never Forget will be holding an unveiling

ceremony June 21 at Weber State University under the support and direction of WSU Services for Veterans Students Office. The unveiling will be busts of:

SPC Daniel Dolan of Roy, Sgt Michael Lehmillier of Clearfield and Cpl Michael Purcell of Hooper. If you can, please attend this ceremony to give our support. This ceremony will be attended by members of the Marine Corps League from Kentucky and Virginia, who are also members of Operation Never Forget.

The next 3 busts to be cast for Utah will be of Marines. So far, Utah has lost 30 members of the Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For Conspicuous Gallantry



L/Cpl Jedh Barker

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner

With Company F, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 September 1967. During a reconnaissance operation near Con Thien, Corporal Barker's squad was suddenly hit by enemy sniper fire. The squad immediately deployed to a combat formation and advanced to a strongly fortified enemy position, when it was again struck by small arms and automatic weapons fire,

Sustaining numerous casualties. Although wounded by the initial burst of fire, Corporal Barker boldly remained in the open, delivering a devastating volume of accurate fire on the numerically superior force. The enemy was intent upon annihilating the small Marine Force and, realizing that Corporal Barker was a threat to their position, directed the preponderance of their fire on his position. He was again wounded, this time in the right hand, which prevented him from operating
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(from page 2) his vitally needed machine gun. Suddenly, and without warning, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the few surviving Marines. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal Barker threw himself upon the deadly grenade, absorbing with his own body the full and tremendous force of the

explosion. In a final act of bravery, he crawled to the side of a wounded comrade and administered first aid before succumbing to his grievous wounds. His bold initiative, intrepid fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death undoubtedly saved his comrades from further injury or possible death and reflected great credit upon himself,

the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Richard M. Nixon
President of the United

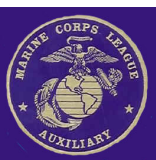


Devil Dog News

The Beehive Pound #324 of Utah is looking for some new Devil Pups. If you are a member in good standing (dues are current) of the Marine Corps League for at least one year and are interested in becoming a Devil Dog, contact Ben Setter at (801) 525-0147. They will be holding a growl at this month's Department Convention on Friday, June 6 at 2000. MODD is the fun and honor society of the Marine Corps League.

Ads will help offset the growing costs of

It has come to my attention (by my wife, of course) that the cost of printing this newsletter is getting larger and larger. Ink, alone is getting out of control! Not to mention postage, paper, and anything else involved in this project. While the distribution is not yet large enough to obtain big advertisers, as our membership increases so will distribution.



PFC James Jay Williams MCL Auxiliary Unit #445

By Lucille Knowlden



The May meeting will be held at my house on the 31st at 11:00 AM.

At the time of this writing, we have 20 reservations for the Awards Banquet. Place cards have been made for those attending.

The quilt for the convention raffle is completed and will have 2 pillows to go with it.

Heads up for our yard sale, which will be held either the end of June or in July for sure.

Volunteers Needed for Security of Moving Wall in June

The Vietnam Moving Wall is coming to Ogden June 12 to the 14th. It will be on display behind the Sears Store at the Newgate Mall.

Volunteers are needed to help with security in the evening to prevent vandalism and keep honest people honest.

The wall is being sponsored by VFW Post 1481 of Ogden as part of their Flag Day program.

There will be someone on site who will be able to help those trying to locate a relative or friend who was lost in that war.

If you have never been to the Vietnam Wall in Washington DC or the Moving Wall display, I encourage everyone to attend this beautiful moving monument to our Vietnam fallen. And please, if you can help with security, let me know. Ben Setter

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All the brochures and packages have been mailed to all the detachments in the state. The ladies of the Auxiliary are taking care of the banquet .

We lost the block of rooms because there were not enough booked by the deadline of 20 May. Along with the Block of rooms went the free Hospitality Room as we needed to have at least 10 rooms booked and didn't.

I moved the drop dead date

for an add in our booklet to no later than June 1. Presently all the detachments are being requested to place an add in the Convention book, but so far we have had only 1 detachment do so.

If you plan to attend the Awards Banquets on Saturday, June 7th at 1800, but have not yet made a reservation; Contact Lucille Knowlden at (801) 393-7165 or Susanah Knowlden at (801) 737-2689. They need to have the menu selection and money turned in to Jeremiah's no later than June 4. Any questions,

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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. If you have ideas, articles, even jokes, Phone/Fax/Email them to me. Otherwise, it won't be long until the newsletter is discontinued. Ben