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Monthly Drawing

July's monthly drawing winner would have been: **Gene Tabor** if he had been at the meeting. The kitty is now up to \$20.30. What is this drawing? you ask. Well this is how it works: Those of us who attend the monthly meeting drop a quarter (or more if you like) into the kitty, each paid up member of the detachment has a poker chip in the can with his/her name on it. Guests, if they want to play, get a different colored chip to go into the kitty. A drawing is held at the end of the monthly meeting. If the name drawn belongs to someone there, then winner takes all.

Exception to the rule; if a guest wins, he must buy everyone a drink with the winnings. But, you will never win, if you don't attend. We have been doing this since the beginning of the year and so far we have had no winner. Attend next month's meeting and see if you will be the first winner.

National Convention in Albuquerque NM

Vern Wade, our own Detachment Judge Advocate. will be our delegate to the National Convention August 6th. He will give us a report on the events when he returns at our August meeting. The White House announced that Vice President

Chenney has said he looks forward to addressing the membership at the Joint Opening Session on that Monday morning.

Our Detachments First Eagle Scout Certificate Awarded

Nicolas Lovell, of Syracuse was the first Eagle Scout in the Serge B. Simmons detachment's area to receive, from us, the Good Citizenship Award for obtaining the Rank of Eagle Scout, Sunday, July 29 at his Eagle Court of Honor. It was presented to him by our Sr. Vice Commandant Ben Setter.

Got Aluminum Cans?

We are beginning to collect aluminum cans and recycling them to establish a detachment Chaplain's fund. Bring to the meetings, or drop them off at Ben Setter's home to be recycled. Want to help? Let me know.



PFC James Jay Williams MCL Auxiliary Unit #445



By Lucille Knowlden
We held a Sloppy Joe dinner on the 14th of July. Unfortunately, that was the same day the Rocky Mountain Division and the "F" Company family picnic at Ft. Douglas were held. We did manage to

make a small profit, due to the people at the American Legion Post where we held the dinner. Interest was expressed for us to hold another spaghetti dinner, so that will be happening again this Fall. We will be having a "Swap Meet" at the Riverdale drive-

in this September the date to be announced. We are currently working on plans for something special which we are very excited about. More on this later. A great big thank you goes to the Clearfield American Legion Post for their support.

Rocky Mountain Division Conference

The Rocky Mountain Division Conference is now past. Utah was well represented there. A new Division Vice Commandant was elected; Thomas Krueger, the former Division Assistant Vice Commandant. The new Division Assistant Vice Commandant is now our own Department of Utah Commandant, Joe Surace. Utah is now involved nationally. We will have more info later.

Maybe this will solve the "Great Debate." ...

Some Information on USMC Uniform Regulations for those planning to attend a Marine Corps Birthday Celebration or other Ceremony.

(reprinted from Elk Grove, CA Detachment #1238 Newsletter) Leatherneck, June 2007, gives a couple of extracts from the Marine Corps Uniform Regulations.

"Retired Marine Corps officers may bear the title and wear the uniform of their retired grade.

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"Former Marines not on active duty who served honorably in time of war in the Marine Corps may bear the title, and as authorized by regulations prescribed by the President, wear the uniform of the highest grade held during that war"

DOD Directive 1334.1 "...the uniform may be worn by those

former Marines as authorized above to military funerals, memorial services, weddings, and inaugurations or to parades on national or state holidays; or other parades or ceremonies of a patriotic character in which any Active or Reserve United States military unit is taking part".

The Marine Corps Birthday Celebration is one such occasion. *(Semper FI Newsletter Editors Note: Now, if only I could get into the Dress Blues I wore 45 plus years ago.)*

Nice School Story

Editors Note: I have read several slight variations of this story over the past year. In order to get a more accurate story to you I printed this version from the Urban Legends Reference Pages (www.snopes.com) on the Internet.

In September of 2005, a social studies schoolteacher from Arkansas did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with permission of the school superintendent, the principal, and the building supervisor, she took all of the desks out of the classroom. The kids came into first period, found no desks. They asked, "Where are our desks?" The teacher said, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn them."

They thought, "Well, maybe it's our grades." "No," she said.

"Maybe it's our behavior." She replied, "No, it's not even your behavior."

So they came and went in first period, second period, with no desks. third period. By early afternoon television news crews had gathered in the class to find out about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of the classroom. The last period of the day, the instructor gathered her students.

They were sitting on the floor around the room. She said, "Throughout the day no one has really understood how you earn the desks that ordinarily sit in this classroom. Now I'm going to tell you." She went to the door and opened it, as she did, 27 U.S. veterans, wearing their uniforms, walked into the room, each one carrying a school desk. They placed the desks in rows, and then stood back. By the time they had finished placing the desks, those kids, for the first time I think perhaps in their lives, understood how they got those desks. Their teacher said, "You don't have to earn your desks, these guys did it for you. They put them out here, but it's up to you to sit here responsibly, to learn, to be good students and good citizens, They paid a price for you to have that desk, and we must never forget it."

Whoda Think?

There is an email running around the internet about WD-40 claiming it can do everything from being edible to being able to clean graffiti off brand new cars. I again checked the Urban Legends web site. This information is from the manufacturer of WD-40. If what you see here is not on your list, it doesn't necessarily mean it won't work, but that the manufacturer doesn't recommend it. By the way, it is not made from fish oil. The main ingredient is a Petroleum product... I certainly wouldn't want to eat it.

Here's the list:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Loosens stubborn zippers.
4. Untangles jewelry chains.
5. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.

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Short Rounds

This space will be reserved for short bits of information you might want to share with the rest of us. If you have something to share. Send me a note. We want to hear from you. Editor.

Where did the June and July newsletters go? They didn't happen. I simply ran out of time to do them. I thought retirement was going to be easy. Unfortunately, I've managed to spread myself way too thin. So, I'm asking for a little help. If you find something of interest you would like printed, or have something you would like to share, please feel free to mail it, or hand it to me. I'll get it printed. I have no problem compiling, but I'm running out of things to write about. At July's meeting I asked those in attendance what they would like to see in the newsletter, They really enjoyed reading "For Conspicuous Gallantry," so that will be staying. It will be a long time before we run out of articles for that column. Editor

By now everyone has heard about

Department of Veteran's Affairs Secretary, Jim Nicholson's resignation. As usual, there are those who express regret and those that express relief. I think the situation was best explained by a VA employee (who wishes to remain anonymous). "Political appointees come, political appointees go, but the VA goes on." Who's next?

Congratulations to Joe Surace on his election to Division Assistant Vice Commandant.

Still looking for a Few Good Men

We are still looking for a "few good men" (and women) to write articles for this news letter. Got something to share with us? Have you read something interesting you think we would like to know? Contact me at news@ogdenmarines.org.

The 2007 Toys for Tots Program is about to get underway. Ben Setter will be going back East to attend the annual Coordinators Conference in September. Then the work begins!!

For Conspicuous Gallantry

Each month we will publish a citation for a Marine or Navy Corpsman Medal of Honor recipient.



PFC. Richard B. Anderson

For conspicuous gallantry and

intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with the Fourth Marine Division during action against enemy Japanese forces on Roi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, February 1, 1944. Entering a shell crater occupied by three other Marines, Private First Class Anderson was preparing to throw a grenade at the enemy position when it slipped from his hand and rolled toward the men at the bottom of the hole. With insufficient time to retrieve the armed weapon and throw it, Private First

Class Anderson fearlessly chose to sacrifice himself and save his companions by hurling his body upon the grenade and taking the full impact of the explosion. His personal valor and exceptional spirit of loyalty in the face of almost certain death were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States

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Whoda Think? (from page 3)

6. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
7. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
8. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
9. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
- 10 Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
11. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
12. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
13. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
14. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
15. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.

16. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
17. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
18. Removes all traces of duct tape.
19. Florida's favorite use is: "cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers."
20. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.
21. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks. Wash off after use.
22. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!

As mentioned earlier, I wouldn't eat it And here's why:

The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for WD-40 aerosol indicates the product is primarily petroleum-based, with the main ingredient being

"solvent naphtha, petroleum, medium aliphatic" (also known as Stoddard Solvent):

- solvent naphtha petroleum, medium aliphatic, > 60%
- petroleum base oil as paraffinic distillate, heavy, solvent-dewaxed (severe), 15% to 25%
- corrosion inhibitor unregulated, 1% to 10%
- wetting agent unregulated, 1% to 10%
- fragrance unregulated, 0% to 1%
- carbon dioxide, 2% to 3%

None of that sounds too delicious to me. (Or healthy)

August Meeting is the 15th at 1900 at the Clearfield American Legion Post, 345 South Depot Street.