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It's Official: Newly Elected Detachment Officers!

April's meeting was election night. All officer nominees had no opposing candidates. All nominations and elections were unanimous.

The following are our newly elected officers for the Lt Serge B. Simmons Marine Corps League Detachment #1159.

Commandant:

Bob Poe

Sr. Vice Commandant:

Ben Setter

Jr. Vice Commandant:

Ken Hipwell

Adjutant/Paymaster:

Cindy Davidson

The positions of: **Judge Advocate, Chaplain and Sgt.-at-Arms** are

still open and will be appointed by the new Commandant after he is installed. If you would like to help in one of these open positions, please contact him. Don't worry, if you don't have any experience, we will guide you and instruct you on what needs to be done. Let's all get involved!

The installation ceremony will be performed by our Sr. Past Commandant, Jay Knowlden, during our May meeting. Everyone show up this month and welcome our new officers and thank our past officers for a job well done. Friends and family are encouraged

May Meeting is the 16th at 1900 at the Clearfield American Legion Post, 345 South Depot Street. Come early for a light meal.

to come. We will attempt to have something to eat prior to the meeting, around 6:30 PM, hot dogs and chile, or something equally "nutritious," so we won't have to sit through the meeting and ceremony on empty stomachs.

Got News?

Do you have news for the detachment regarding something of interest? Email it to us at: news@ogdenmarines.org or mail to Semper Fi News C/O Ben Setter 3848 Prestwick Drive, Syracuse, UT 84075 or fax it to (801)773-7145.

OUR APOLOGIES

We apologize to those who didn't receive the past two issues. Our mailing list was in error. It should be all straightened out with this issue. EDITOR



PFC James Jay Williams MCL Auxiliary Unit #445



By Lucille Knowlden

We are having a swap meet at the Riverdale Drive In. This will be held the last Sunday of June.

Still in the planning stages, but will happen July 16th,

we will be holding a fund raiser at the American Legion Post in Clearfield where Lt. Serge B. Simmons meeting is held, in the basement. We will be serving Sloppy Joe's and Salad. This is the raise funds for the Little Angeles Program.

The PFC James Jay Williams MCL Auxiliary Unit #445 will be attending, as a unit, to the Department of Utah Convention in Salt Lake City June 2nd.

Rocky Mountain Division Conference

The Rocky Division Conference will be hosted by the Albuquerque Detachment of the Department of New Mexico this year.

Information on the 2007 Rocky Mountain Division, MCL Conference is now available for download on the Rocky Mountain Division Web site. www.mcleagueckymntdiv.org.

Please inform your Officers and detachments that it is available. If you are planning to attend, hotel reservations need to be made by 25 June, 2007. When you are calling for hotel reservations please state that you are with the Marine Corps League

Department of Utah Convention in June

The Lt. Serge B. Simmons detachment will not be hosting the 2007 Department of Utah Convention, after all. Through a series of mix-ups the site we had picked found they already had a wedding planned for that date, a small room was offered, but, unfortunately it was too small. The Convention will be Saturday, June 2 in Salt Lake City. Everyone plan to attend and see how much larger we have grown in a year.

16th SgtMaj. of the Marine Corps Assumes Post

Carlton W. Kent

Date of tour

April 25, 2007 through Present

Sgt. Maj. Kent completed re-



cruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C., in March 1976 and was assigned to the 1st Marine Brigade. In May 1978, Sgt. Maj. Kent was transferred to Marine Security Guard Battalion where he served as a Marine Security Guard. He served at American Embassy, Kinshasa, Zaire and Panama. In June 1981, Sgt. Maj. Kent transferred to Fort Benning for Airborne School and Parachute Riggers School at Fort Lee, Va. In June of 1982 he was assigned as 2nd Air Delivery Platoon Commander, and parachute rigger billets in various commands aboard Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In February 1983, Sgt. Maj. Kent was transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., for duty as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor and battalion drill master with First Battalion. In January 1985, he was meritoriously promoted to Gunnery Sergeant. In May 1985, Sgt. Maj. Kent transferred to 3rd Air Delivery Platoon as Platoon Sergeant. In June 1986 he transferred to Engineer Company, BSSG-1 1st Marine Brigade, Hawaii, as Company Gunnery Sergeant. In March 1988, Sgt. Maj. Kent was assigned to Noncommissioned Officers School, 1st Marine Brigade as the NCOIC. In

February 1989, Sgt. Maj. Kent transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C., as a student at Drill Instructor School. After completion of Drill Instructor School, Sgt. Maj. Kent was assigned to Naval Aviation Officers Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla., as a Drill Instructor, Chief Drill Instructor, and First Sergeant. In February 1990, Sgt. Maj. Kent was promoted to First Sergeant and assigned as First Sergeant, MATSG, Pensacola, Fla.

In June 1992, he transferred to 4th Marine Regiment for duty. In June 1993, he transferred to the Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. After graduation, in February 1994 he was transferred and assigned as First Sergeant, Battery L, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. In December 1994, he assumed the duties as Sergeant Major, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment. In August 1997, Sgt. Maj. Kent was transferred to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., where he was assigned duties as Sergeant Major 2nd Recruit Training Battalion and in September 1999 as Sergeant Major Recruit Training Regiment.

In May 2001, he was transferred to Marine Forces Europe/FMF Europe, Stuttgart, Germany, where he was assigned the duties as the Sergeant Major of Marine Forces Europe. In April 2004, he was transferred to I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif., to serve as the Sergeant Major of the I Marine Expeditionary Force. Sgt. Maj. Kent assumed his current post as the 16th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on 25 April 2007.

PTSD, Who me?

The May Jun 2007 issue of Semper FI Magazine (What? You don't have a copy? You would if you were a paid member) has a very interesting article entitled "The Shadow enemy The Long War Against Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder" I found it to be very good reading..

As a member of this group, I put off seeking any help from after my Vietnam days until I was in my fifties. Like everyone else, I thought it was a sign of weakness to admit something like that. I learned a few things when I did this. First I was not alone. It seems too many of us think we can handle anything, but we really can't. It seems by us handling things by ourselves and not seeking help, we not only cause ourselves to suffer, but our loved ones our working relations and just about every aspect of our lives can be affected. I also learned that by putting off help the problem comes back to bite us big when we reach our fifties. Please read the article. If you find it touches a nerve, contact the VA. They can set you up with group or private counseling. I prefer the private approach myself, as I am not yet ready to share my experience with others. Who know? You might just learn something about yourself, you didn't know.

Ben

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.

We can use your empty aluminum cans!

John Estrada, the Department of Utah Chaplain, has been collecting aluminum cans and using the money to support the Wounded Marine Fund. So far, money from these cans, as well as other sources have provided over \$9,000.00 to the Wounded Marine Fund for our Wounded Marines in Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego and the Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital. If you have empty aluminum cans and would like to help, contact Ben Setter, 525-0147. He has been collecting them for the past year from various people, when he has plenty of cans (he is still trying to fill 2 30 gal barrels with crushed cans, we will turn them over to John as he has contacts that pay a premium price for the aluminum. This is one painless way to help our wounded Marines.

Postage Stamps are now \$.42 for first class postage. Help us save \$\$\$. If you have an email address, have us send you the Semper Fi News via email. Each \$.42 you save is \$.42 less out of my pocket. Email us with your email address and news@ogdenmarines.org. Thank you.

Our prayers and best wishes go out to Commandant-elect Poes daughter Nicole, who has been in a coma since her auto accident in Texas last month. He will be absent for the New Officers' Installation this month as he will be with her in Texas.

We're Still looking for a Few Good Men

We are still looking for a few good men (and women) will to write articles, etc for this little bit of news letter. Got something to share with us. Have you read something interesting. You think we might like to know? Contact me at news@ogdenmariens.org.

For Conspicuous Gallantry

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



LCpl Richard A. Anderson
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Assistant Fire Team Leader with Company E,

Third Reconnaissance Battalion, Third Marine Division, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. While conducting a patrol during the early morning hours of 24 August 1969, Lance Corporal Anderson's reconnaissance team came under a heavy volume of automatic weapons and machine-gun fire from a numerically superior and well-concealed enemy force. Although painfully wounded in both legs and knocked to the ground during the initial moments of the fierce fire

fight, Lance Corporal Anderson assumed a prone position and continued to deliver intense suppressive fire in an attempt to repulse the attackers. Moments later he was wounded a second time by an enemy soldier who had approached to within eight feet of the team's position. Undaunted, he continued to pour a relentless stream of fire at the assaulting unit, even while a companion was treating his leg wounds. Observing an enemy grenade land

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Conspicuous Gallantry (Continues from 5)

between himself and the other Marine, Lance Corporal Anderson immediately rolled over and covered the lethal weapon with his body, absorbing the full effects of the detonation. By his indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and selfless devotion to duty, Lance Corporal Anderson was instrumental in saving several Marines from serious injury or possible death. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the service of his country.

Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States

VA Advisory Panel to Improve Services for Returning Combat Veterans

WASHINGTON (May 8, 2007) Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson today announced the formation of a formal, 17 person committee that will advise him on ways to improve the VA programs serving veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and their families. "This panel will report directly to me," Nicholson said. "I am asking for their ideas and input on how VA can consistently ensure world-class service to American's newest generation of heroes, particularly severely disabled veterans and their families." The Secretary's announcement about the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) panel, called the Advisory Committee on OIF/OEF Veterans and Families, comes on the heels of his presentation April 24 of recommendations from a presidential task force

improve services to the nation's newest generation of combat veterans. "A number of panels already have been asking tough questions about our programs for veterans transitioning to civilian life," Nicholson added. "This committee, to be chaired by retired Lt. Gen. David Barno, consists of OIF and OEF wounded veterans, family members, survivors, leaders of the major veterans organizations and long-time veterans advocates." "This group of people have experienced war and our system of care and can advise me from first-hand experience on how we are doing and what we need to do better," Nicholson added. The new OIF/OEF advisory committee will hold a three-day inaugural meeting, beginning May 14 in Alexandria, Va. The committee is scheduled to discuss its general work program, future meeting dates, and plans for site visits to VA facilities around the country.