



Marine Corps League



The Pickle Jar



June 2023

Newsletter of Detachment 1143 Eastern Panhandle Marines of the Marine Corps League

Who are we? Marines, FMF Corpsman (Navy), and Associate Members

What do we do? Outreach to forgotten veterans (all branches) in nursing homes, honor Marine gravesites, support Marines and their families, promote reduction of veteran suicide, support Young Marines (youth program), conduct annual Military Ball.

WW II MARINE AWARDED LONG AWAITED SILVER STAR

By
Marine Tim Paulin



Col. Lou Schott USMC Ret.

I have the honor of knowing Marine Col. Lou Schott (Ret), who was initially awarded a Bronze Star medal during WWII, which was recently upgraded to a Silver Star thanks to the efforts of other veterans. Marine Schott is a member of my former detachment, the Karl G. Taylor Detachment 1084. I frequently I drove him to American Legion and MCL functions. At 102 years of age he had recently suffered a stroke so he was not able to attend the award ceremony in person but was able to view it via Facetime. I share Marine Schott's impressive biography with you:

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COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Detachment Commandant John J. Stollery Jr.



As we all moved through our time in the Marine Corps, the fact that we were each part of the history of our Corps and country really was not what we dwelled on to get through each day. Just being in a unit sent to a hot spot puts all those Marines in the proverbial "history books" and gives each Marine material for many stories in the years to come. I too have been in many events of Marine Corps history that have made the red-letter dates on historical calendars, and danced around the edges of others, so here is one of those stories.

In May of 1978 I was a butter bar Lieutenant waiting to proceed to flight school, but "stashed" in an office job at HQMC in the Division of Public Affairs. Technically I was an "action officer," realistically I was a Lance Corporals aide. A lot of the time I was helping the troops

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Det. Meeting: Wednesday 21 June 2023
Moose Lodge 201 Woodbury Ave.
Martinsburg W.V. 19:00 (7:00 P.M.)

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Louis J. Schott was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1920 and after graduation from high school, attended LaSalle College where he played on their Ice Hockey Team for the 1941-1942 Season. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Lou joined the United States Marine Corps because his older brother said "the Marines are the best." But prior to becoming a Marine, Lou completed his academic studies and graduated in 1942.

Louis J. Schott was ordered to Marine Corps Officer Training in December 1942; he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the USMC Reserve in April 1943. Following his completion of Basic Infantry Officer School, Lou was ordered to the Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific, where he was assigned to Able Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment as a Rifle Company Platoon Leader. Lieutenant Schott then led his Marines in three separate combat campaigns starting with New Britain, then Peleliu, and concluding with the Okinawa Campaign; he then continued to lead his Marines during the occupation of North China following the formal end of WWII.

The fight for Peleliu was considered by historians to be the bloodiest fight of the entire Pacific Campaign. Lieutenant Schott's Rifle Platoon of 44 Marines only had 10 Marines still standing by the 10th Day of the Battle, and on that same day Lieutenant Schott himself was wounded by an enemy mortar round – and that wounding earned him the Purple Heart.

On June 20th, 1945, during the final days of the Battle for Okinawa, Lieutenant Lou Schott assumed command of Able Company, First Battalion, Fifth Marines when his company commander was severely wounded seven times by enemy machine gun fire. It was during this time that Lieutenant Schott's selflessness, disregard for personal safety, and acts of gallantry were witnessed by his Battalion Commander. Three weeks later in July 1945, the First Battalion Commander formally submitted an award recommendation for Lieutenant Lou Schott to receive the Silver Star Medal. This recommendation was favorably endorsed by Lou's Regimental Commander, the First Marine Division Commander, and the Commanding General of the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. The award was finally approved 3 months later by the Department of the Navy, but the award was approved as a Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device instead of a Silver Star. Lieutenant Schott and his chain-of-command humbly accepted the award decision made by the Department of the Navy and the United States Marine Corps.

When Lou describes his first 3 years as a Marine, he

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stuff envelopes or making copies of documents. There were several of us 2ndLt's working in the department waiting for a slot to open so we could travel to NAS Pensacola and start flight school. We made the best of it and kept a low profile. There are no jobs on the TO (Table of Organization) for Second Lieutenants, so we stuck out like sore thumbs.

The Deputy Director of the department was a female Colonel, Margaret A. Brewer, hailing from Durand, Michigan. I did not work directly for Colonel Brewer, but in the adjacent office. A fellow butter bar had the duty to come in early and scan the newspaper "early birds" for any mention of Marine Corps personnel or business and point that out to Colonel Brewer. The early birds were photocopies of newspaper articles of national or military interest that was put together by a dedicated organization in the Pentagon, then delivered to designated offices throughout the Pentagon, Navy Annex, etc.

As it happened the 2ndLt had received his orders to ship out to P'cola and I was tagged to train for the early bird job, then to train a new 2ndLt to take over and I would go back to my regular envelope stuffing duties. The departing guy trained me then I started training the new

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Margret A. Brewer Brigadier General USMC

First woman to achieve the rank of General in the Marine Corps.

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notes his most memorable day was when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant -- but his most defining days were when he led US Marines in combat. He loved being a United States Marine, and he felt profoundly privileged to have led Marines in the Pacific Theater of Operations during WWII.

Like many of our service members from the European and Pacific Theaters of Operation, Lou returned to the United States and was released from Active Duty in February 1946; he then joined the Active Marine Corps Reserve. 20 years after his release from Active Duty, Colonel Lou Schott transferred to the Retired Reserve in 1966.

In August of 2020, the Ellicott City, Maryland, American Legion Post 156 Commander initiated an Award Reconsideration Request with the Department of the Navy. After over 2 ½ years of persistent follow-up, the Secretary of the Navy favorably ruled on the reconsideration request; the Bronze Star with "V" device was rescinded, and the award of the Silver Star was signed and approved on May 12, 2023. Lieutenant Schott's valorous battlefield actions on June 20, 1945, in Okinawa were finally recognized with the award of the Silver Star Medal, as originally intended.

Colonel Schott's military awards and decorations include the Silver Star Medal, that Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, two Presidential Unit Citations, a Navy Unit Citation, an Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with Four Battle Stars, a China Service Medal, a Navy Occupation Ribbon, an Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal, an American Campaign Medal, a WWII Victory Medal, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.



WW II Era Lt. Schott as Rifle Company Platoon Leader.

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guy. We would report into the Colonel as per MC tradition and point out the clippings that had Marine Corps mentions, which was usually not much at all. On the morning my new guy was to do the complete report for the Colonel, he missed a big article about guy being charged with a felony, and he was a former Marine. After my new guy failed to mention the article about the former Marine, Colonel Brewer asked about it. It was readily apparent Col Brewer had already read or scanned the early birds and knew all about the wayward former Marine. We both had the proverbial egg on our faces.

On 11 May 1978, Colonel Brewer was promoted to Brigadier General by Commandant Wilson in a ceremony at the USMC Barracks, Eighth & I St, that I attended. It was a big deal. All the other General officers at HQMC were there. Margaret Brewer was the first woman to become a General Officer in this man's Marine Corps. I went through the receiving line to congratulate General Brewer and shook her hand, then the hand of Commandant Wilson. As I stepped away from General Wilson he called me back. "Lieutenant, are you waiting to go to flight school?" I replied, "Yes sir, I sure am." Just a little piece of personal Marine Corps history.



General Louis H. Wilson, 26th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. A WW II recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions during the battle for Guam.



Chaplain's Corner:

Our Detachment works hard to insure that no Marines are forgotten. With that in mind it's important to be mindful of those detachment members that are sick in quarters. An email, ecard, paper card, letter, or phone call go a long way in someone's day that is not feeling well.

The following detachment members have been reported as Sick in Quarters:

Marine Frank Barna

Marine Bob Wade

In respect of their privacy we ask that any detachment member wishing to brighten the day of our Brothers to please contact Marine Tim Murphy our Adjutant/Paymaster for their contact information at: timurf@comcast.net. As always, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

At our monthly meetings we honor our fallen Detachment Members at the conclusion of all business. Their names are read while all present stand in silent respect. In prayerful remembrance the Chaplain then leads those present in the following:

*Our fallen Brothers and Sisters were Believers,
They believed in God and Family,
They believed in the men and women they
fought alongside,
They believed in the Marine Corps,
They are Guarding Heaven's Streets.
At the Going Down of the Sun,
And in the Morning,
We will remember Them*

It is asked that you also hold dear their memory.

Semper Fi,
Bobbi Butka, Chaplain

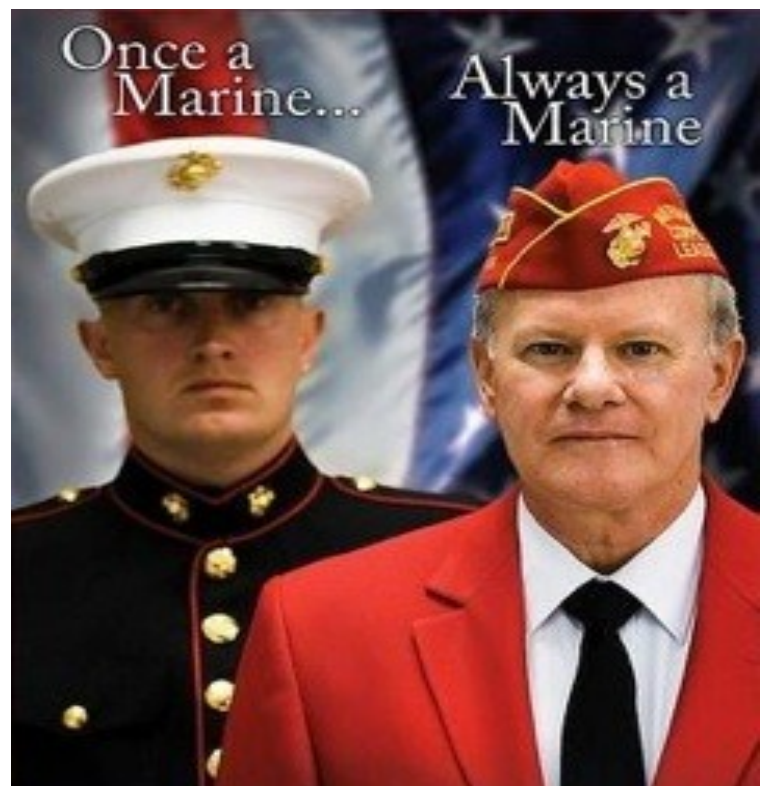
Detachment Officers Elected and Installed on 04/19/23 at Regular Meeting



Congratulations to the following Detachment Members that were elected and installed as follows: John S. Stollery Jr., Commandant; Larry D. Turner, Senior Vice Commandant; Joseph F. Hutton Sr., Junior Vice Commandant; Tim Poulin, Judge Advocate; Tim Murphy Adjutant/Paymaster, Christine Kain, Junior Past Commandant, Bobbi Butka, Chaplain, and Michael Cox, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Officer Board made the following appointments: Tim Murphy, Marine-4-Life Editor, and Kristina Stone Thompson, Historian. Congratulations to them.

The oaths of office were administered by Robert Speaks, Past Commandant, to all elected and appointed participants.

As required by National Bylaws a Report of Officer Installation Report was filed with the Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League. Semper Fi. *JS*



DETACHMENT MEMBERS ATTEND MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT WAR MEMORIAL PARK



May 29, 2023, A Memorial Day ceremony was held at War Memorial Park Martinsburg, W.V. Members in attendance from Detachment 1143 Eastern Panhandle Marines, representing the Marine Corps League, were led by Commandant John J. Stollery Jr., and were Marines Joseph F. Hutton Sr. (Junior Vice Commandant) Tim Murphy (Adjutant/Paymaster), Charles Stanley, Michael Wiltshire, and Associate Member Roberta Butka (Chaplain).

A Color Guard detail was provided by the Berkeley County Schools Air Force Junior ROTC (**pictured above**). A welcoming message was given by Barby Frankenberry of the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. The guest speaker was Charles Longley, Vice-Commander, American Legion Post 14. "Taps" was played by Joshua Jolliff, a Musselman High School student. Semper Paratus



Doughboy statue honoring WW I fallen.

MARINES DEFENDING OUR NATION FROM CYBER ATTACKS



When it comes to cyber attacks, we are all at risk. The number of these incidents are on the rise. Try and think of something that is not directly or indirectly controlled or influenced by computers. As Marines we have a pretty good track record of defending our nation and the Corps has expanded that umbrella of protection to include cyber attack.

Reserve Marines with Defensive Cyberspace Operations-Internal Defensive Measures Companies A and B, 6th Communication Battalion and Marine Innovation Unit participated in Cyber Yankee at Camp Net, CT, May 14-28, 2023. Cyber Yankee is a force-on-force regional, joint-service exercise that simulates a nation launching a cyber-attack on public utilities. This exercise gave Reserve Marines a unique opportunity to act as an attacking force against the other the branches of service as well as advise and help increase the skill level of the opposing teams.

The goal of Cyber Yankee is to train military cyber operators, local, state, and federal level government officials, and private companies how to defend themselves from a cyber-attack.

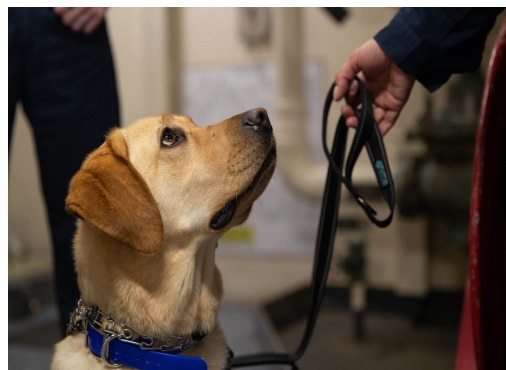
Marines from MIU served as technical advisors and worked to advance public and private partnerships that are focused on the mission of securing and defending our nation's critical infrastructure, while Marines from DCO-IDM Companies A and B acted as the attacking force. "We are the protectors. Think of an anti-virus software on your home computer that keeps the 'bad things out,'" said 1st Sgt. Jason Foust, company first sergeant of DCO-IDM Co. A.

"We ensure those types of tools are on your network, and if there is something bad, we go and search for it. We are always threat hunting and looking for threat actors. In the military we often say 'intelligence drives operations' so we take those intel reports to guide our hunting and defending."

Partial reprint from USMC Press Release "Cyber Yankee" 06/09/23

A NAVY FIRST: DEPLOYMENT OF SEAGOING SERVICE DOG FOR SAILORS AND MARINES

The first-in-class carrier Gerald R. Ford deployed this week with a first-of-kind asset for its Sailors and Marines: a service dog.



Sage, a 3-year-old female yellow Labrador retriever, is the first dog to deploy with a ship's crew through a pilot program meant to address mental health and resiliency.

The Virginia-based nonprofit Mutts with a Mission trained Sage and loaned her to the crew for the deployment. The dog will comfort Sailors and Marines and is trained to help them cope with operational stress. It's part of what is dubbed, in typical military-speak, the Expanded Operational Stress Control Canine program.

Cmdr. Genevieve Clark, the chaplain for the Gerald R. Ford Carrier Strike Group, will serve as Sage's primary handler and underwent 120 hours of training with Mutts with a Mission. Three other sailors have volunteered to help care for the canine during the deployment, which could last around six months.

Mutts with a Mission was founded in 2008 to train service dogs for wounded warriors with PTSD and mobility disabilities. The organization in 2019 expanded its mission to train dogs for law enforcement and first responders.

Ahead of this deployment, Mutts with a Mission brought Sage onboard Ford several times "to visit with the crew and become more accustomed to life on a warship," Navy spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Dawn Stankus told Navy Times. Based on those visits, Mutts with a Mission "has no concerns with the dog remaining on the ship for deployment."

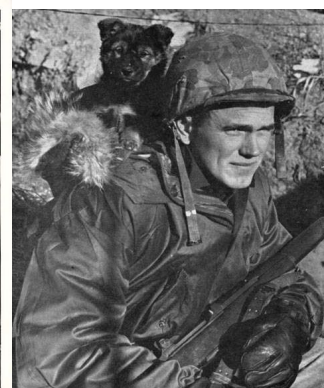
Still, Sage's handlers and the ship's senior medical officer were all trained in canine first aid, the ship is stocked with basic canine medicines, and the Army Veterinary Services is on standby for telemedicine calls if needed, Stankus said.

The Navy will evaluate the effectiveness of this program during Ford's deployment and determine whether future carriers or other ships might deploy with dogs of their own. That evaluation will consider the number of interactions between Sailors, Marines and Sage, whether she increases their morale and willingness to seek out help, and how well she adjusts to life at sea.

Sage's daily schedule — which will include general visitation hours, morale-boosting events and time alongside mental health providers — will be made available to the crew.

But certainly the most adorable new gear deploying on the carrier will be Sage's supplies, provided by Mutts with a Mission: bedding in Clark's stateroom, a waste collection mat, a life vest and protective gear including paw, hearing and eye protection.

Marines may have been ahead of the curve in recognizing the value of a dog to improve morale in the military setting. Dodging the enemy, regs, and hardnosed superiors, Marines have always found ways to have their own four-legged canine morale booster. Semper Fi. *JS*



Top (L-R) WW II battle wounded "Sparky" with Corpsman and Marine. A Marine in Korea with his foxhole buddy. Bot. (L-R) A Marine in Vietnam and a Marine in Afghanistan with their canine buddies.

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D-DAY: THE ALLIED INVASION OF FRANCE. THE LARGEST AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION EVER. WHERE WERE THE MARINES?



6 June 1944, some Seventy-nine years ago, 175,000 American, British, and Canadian soldiers made amphibious landings on the beaches of Normandy. Notably absent were the U.S. Marines, who specialize in amphibious assaults. Marines trained the soldiers who would participate in the raids and even rode along as observers, but Gen. Eisenhower barred Marines from landing at Normandy. Apparently this was done to avoid repeating what had happened to the Army in WWI, in that the Marine Corps was given a lot more positive media coverage than the Army.

Although the Marine Corps deserved a lot of praise and admiration for the performance of Marines in WW I, the media gave them credit for battle victories that Marines were not even present at. This of course left a bad impression on our Army brethren. So much so that at Normandy when an Army Ranger unit was perilously close to mission failure on one of the beaches and a shipboard detachment of Marines were preparing to assist them, the Marines were told to standdown by Army brass as they did not want news headlines of Army Rangers being “rescued” by Marines.

According to historians the Marines had their fingerprints all over the invasion from training the Pathfinders who parachuted behind the enemy lines at the beachhead to training the key personnel in the massive amphibious operations. A handful of Marines were present as advisors, but lost in the huge numbers of Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Allied personnel. Additionally, Marines on the larger naval vessels took on the traditional roles similar to Marines in Revolutionary times by positioning themselves high on the ships’ superstructures and firing weapons at and detonating live mines placed by the Germans to block the English Channel.

A Bit of Marine Corps History for the Month of June

The Marine Corps, more so than any other branch of America's military, values and embraces its history. Beginning in boot camp, every Marine is educated on the Corps' proud and storied past as they learn what it means to be a Marine.



15 June, 1944, the V Amphibious Corps assaulted the west coast of the island of Saipan in the Mariana Islands. The assault was preceded by hours of naval gunfire and airstrikes and by nightfall the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions had established a beachhead 10,000 yards wide and 1,500 yards deep despite heavy Japanese resistance. The courage of the Marines and the eventual capture of Saipan enabled the use of the B-29 bomber by putting it within range to begin heavy aerial bombardment of the Japanese homeland.



25 June, 1966, *Operation Jay* began approximately 20 miles northwest of the central Vietnamese city of Hue. The operation, which lasted nine days, saw the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines land north of the North Vietnamese 812th Main Force Battalion, while the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines landed south of the enemy's position. Caught between the two Marine units, the North Vietnamese battalion suffered more than 80 dead during the course of the operation.



Morning Chow attendees on 05/27/23. **Top (L-R)** Marines Anna L. Pickering, John S. Stollery Jr., Charles Stanley and Associate Member Roberta Butka. **Bot. (L-R)** Marines Tim Murphy, Christine Kain, Veterans Advocate Kathleen Stotler and son Tyler.

Morning Chow is an informal gathering for breakfast of Detachment members, their family, friends, guests, and any Marines or someone considering joining the Detachment. The next Morning Chow will be on Saturday 24 June, at 10:00 Hrs. (10:00 a.m.).

Location: **Martinsburg Diner, 1001 Foxcroft Ave., Martinsburg, WV 25401** (Ph. 304-901-5930). It is located on Foxcroft Avenue in Martinsburg just two doors down from the Chick-Fil-A. It is a pay as you go event. Please join us and bring your best sea story.

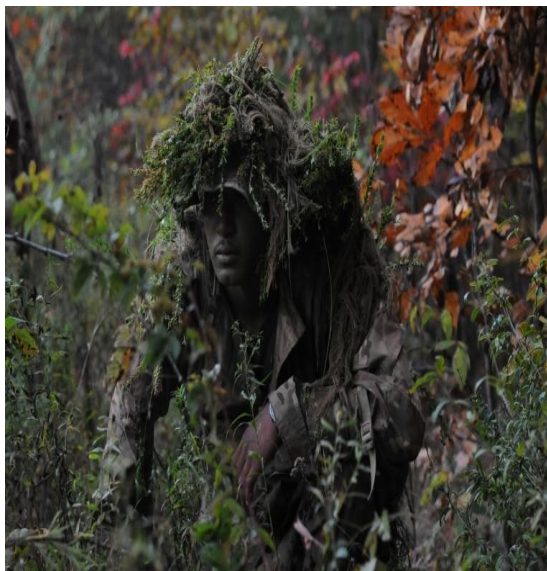


Additional attendees: **Top (L-R)** Marine Charles Younger and grandson Christopher, Marines Younger and Kain. **Bot. (L-R)** Eric Thompson and Associate Member Kristina Stone Thompson, Marines Kain and Joe Cox.



Additional attendees: **(L-R)** Susan Paulin, son Douglas, and Marine Tim Paulin.





RECON REPORTS (UPCOMING EVENTS)

Detachment Meeting: 21 June

Fundraising: Raffle Sales Ongoing: 1. Grill/Smoker.

2. 9mm Pistol

Nursing Home Visits: Planning.

Editor's Notes: **Starting Jan. 17, Veterans in suicidal crisis can go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for free emergency health care. (see VA website for details/limitations at www.va.gov)**

This issue of the Pickle Jar contains a story of what I think is a promising positive step forward by the Navy in trying to place psychological support in the military workplace. All branches of the Armed Forces have experienced rates of suicide that defy explanation. In fact reports indicate that since 9/11 deaths from suicide are four times higher than combat deaths. Outside of the active military it is just as dismal. It is estimated that among veterans about 20 veterans a day take their own lives. Like PTSD, veterans don't have the monopoly on suicide. Sadly, suicide is now the second leading cause of death for children and teens in the U.S. While billions have been spent on research and programs to prevent suicide the current rates don't indicate any significant remedy and the number of suicides remain fairly constant. Recent research indicates that access to treatment significantly reduces suicide risk. Treatments that work tend to be easy to understand, grounded in theory, and focused on treating patients as partners. They target identifiable skills such as emotion regulation and problem-solving, emphasize patient-driven management of care, and improved access to treatment and crisis services. Studies also show that effective brief therapy containing the components mentioned earlier work well so given proper care more doesn't necessarily mean better. There is 24/7 help at hand to help get you on the path to feeling better. Be kind to yourself and each other. Please see box below. Semper Fi. *JS*

ARE YOU A VET STRUGGLING WITH THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE, DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, PTSD?

YOU'RE NOT ALONE! HELP IS CLOSE AT HAND:

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

National Mental Health Hotline: 866 – 903 – 3787

If you are struggling with anxiety, bipolar, depression, panic attacks, PTSD, or schizophrenia connect with a trained crisis counselor.

V. A. Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800 – 273 – 8255, press 1 or text 388255 on your smart phone.

Online Live Chat: veteranscrisisline.net

Vet2vet Crisis Line 1-887-VET2VET (838-2838) to speak to a trained vet

Crisis Text Line for Veterans: text “connect to 741741” to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

Give an Hour: giveanhour.org licensed counselors offering free in-person counseling for veterans.

Stop Soldier Suicide: stopsoldiersuicide.org get help with emotional issues, financial aid, housing, alternative therapies, vet/family retreats, education, and service dogs.

Check for state, municipal, and private programs in your area that specialize in assisting veterans with mental health issues.

A LOOK AT OTHER MARINES AROUND THE GLOBE

by
JS


Russian Naval Infantry



Country: Russia 

Founded : 1696-1917

1992-Present

Branch: Russian Navy 

Type: Naval Infantry and Special Forces

Size: 12,000 including 800 Commando "frogmen."

Nickname(s) : "Black Death"

"Black Berets"

Motto(s): Where We Are, There is Victory!

Beret: Black

March: The Crew-One Family

March of the Marines

Anniversaries: November 27

Engagements:

Russia-Swedish Wars

Russo-Turkish War

Napoleonic Wars

Russo-Japanese War

World War I

Russian Civil War

World War II

First Chechen War

Second Chechen War

Russo-Georgian War

MV Moscow University hijacking

Anti-Piracy Operations

2014 Ukraine Intervention

Syrian Civil War

2022 Ukraine Invasion

Throughout its long history the size, strength, and equipping of the Russian Naval Infantry has varied depending on the needs of Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union and the present nation of Russia. Peter the Great created these Russian Marines in 1705 to increase the capabilities of the Russian Navy in both ship based and land based operations. During the Soviet era (post 1917) the Naval Infantry was made a branch of the Soviet Navy and played a crucial role in WW II carrying out amphibious assaults, coastal defense, and naval operations. During the Cold War they were an integral part of the Soviet plan for world domination conducting amphibious exercises regularly in the Black Sea, Baltic Sea and the Far East. With the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 the Naval Infantry fell upon hard times with the depletion of the Soviet Union's military budget.

In the 2000's the Naval Infantry came under improved economic times and underwent a period of modernization and increased operational capacity. They saw combat in Chechen, Georgia, and most recently in Syria and the Ukraine.

Russian political and military leaders anticipated that the incursion into Ukraine would be easy and any resistance encountered would be put down in a few days. That of course did not happen and we are closing in on a year and a half of combat in Ukraine with an unclear outcome as both sides are experiencing gains and losses. The Naval Infantry was used in several assaults and in some cases were successfully repelled by the Ukrainian defenders. One thing that the Russian politicians and military did not count on was dissension in the mid-level leadership of the Naval Infantry which happened in the ordered naval assault on the Ukraine region of Pavlivka. The Naval Infantry refused to attack and steamed back to Russia aboard the invasion vessels. Elsewhere in the Ukraine another Naval Infantry Regiment balked at the lack of support and their commanders said they were being used as "cannon fodder." While looking for images of Russian Marines I found several with them working alongside Ukraine forces in past years. To me this might explain the reluctance to engage, as some personal friendships, family ties, and alliances might outweigh politics. Because of the lack of Russian transparency it is not clear how the Naval Infantry was treated in these matters or how they will be treated in the future. Semper Fi. JS



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The “Pickle Jar,” what’s in a name?

In the “Old Corps” on payday we grunts would stand and work our way down the table collecting our monthly pay in cash, and settling up our various bills, such as dry-cleaning, and at the end of the line would be a pickle jar that you were encouraged to make a deposit in for various benevolent causes.



We keep that tradition alive at our meetings having a pickle jar near the sign-in sheet to pay for any chow served and to support our Detachment’s projects.

Marine Paul Turner picked the name as the founding editor and we owe kudos for making it happen and starting a great tradition for the Detachment, first published in March, 2012. When Paul stepped aside to become the Toys for Tots Regional Coordinator Marine Cy Kammeier took the helm and with his strong background in publishing and writing brought the “Pickle Jar” to the level of “award winning” until failing health took hold.

Both of these Marines are hard acts to follow and I hope my efforts will be worthy of the standards that they have established.

Semper Fi JS



Can’t make it to a meeting?

Our Detachment bylaws allow all members in good standing to attend a meeting and cast votes electronically if for any reason they are unable to physically attend a meeting. You can join your Brother and Sister Marines on Zoom or by telephone. Instructions and links are provided by email prior to every scheduled meeting.

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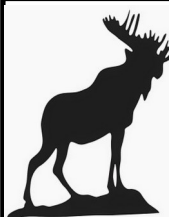
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The mission of the Marine Corps League is to promote the interest and to preserve traditions of the United States Marine Corps; strengthen the fraternity of Marines and their families; serve Marines and FMF Navy Personnel who wear or who have worn the Eagle, Globe and Anchor; and foster the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism.

How you Can Help

We are an all volunteer organization made up of Marines, FMF Corpsmen (Navy), and friends of Marines (Associate Members). We rely solely on outside funding to carry on our efforts. If you'd like to join us please fill out the application below and follow the submission instructions. If you'd like to make a monetary donation we are a registered (federal and state) non-profit organization— 501-C-19. Please make check payable to Detachment 1143 MCL. You can send your tax deductible donation (no cash please) to: **Mailing address:** Detachment 1143 Marine Corps League, P.O. Box 1934, Martinsburg, WV 25404.



WHERE WE MEET

We meet the third Wednesday of every month as guests of the Moose Lodge at 201 Woodbury Ave., Martinsburg, WV. Meetings begin at 19:00 Hrs. (7:00 p.m.) Free parking is on site. Meals are served after the meeting and member donations to the pickle jar at the sign-in sheet cover the costs of the meal.

Membership Application for Marine Corps League Detachment 1143 Eastern Panhandle Marines

Full Name..... Phone
 Email.....Street Address.....
 City..... State..... Zip Code.....
 DOB / / Service or SS Number..... Type of membership application: Regular Associate.....
 Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes.... No....

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP : I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, "ON ACTIVE DUTY," for not less than ninety (90) days and earned the Eagle, Globe and Anchor;* or have served or am currently serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and have earned no less than ninety (90) Reserve Retirement Credit Points; or that I have served or am currently serving as a U.S. Navy Corpsmen who has trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device (clasp) or the Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon, authorized for FMF Corpsmen; or have served or are currently serving as a U. S. Navy Chaplain and have earned the FMF Badge serving with Marines; if discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or a Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge that the applicant received). *General Discharge under Honorable Conditions is acceptable.* By signature on this application, I hereby agree to provide proof of honorable service/discharge upon request. I hereby authorize the National Executive Director, Marine Corps League to obtain an un-redacted copy of my latest DD Form 214 from the Marine Corps custodian of Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF), and/or verification of honorable service if deemed necessary to verify my eligibility for regular membership in the Marine Corps League. I understand the DD Form 214 may contain information such as military awards, training, and character of service.

I agree to all the above and attest that all the above is true (signature).....

Date.....

You may mail to Det. 1143 MCL, P.O. Box 1934, Martinsburg WV 25404 or hand deliver to a Detachment member, or present at a Detachment meeting. Note: Annual Dues are \$30, but will be waived if on active duty.