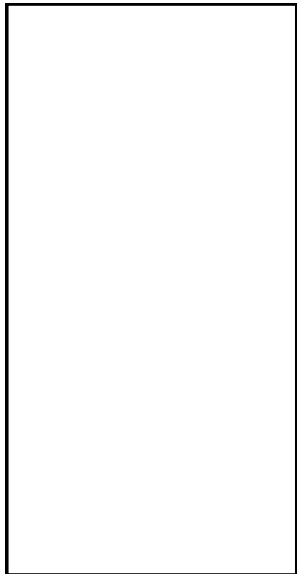




**Semper Fi**

**Melvin M. Smith Detachment  
Marine Corps League  
300 W. Mission Ave.  
Spokane, WA 99201-2366**



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE  
MELVIN M. SMITH DETACHMENT #586  
MCL AUXILIARY UNIT #305  
JIM CHAMBERLAIN POUND #185  
SPOKANE, WA  
October, 2011  
Editor: Randy Ott "Otter"**



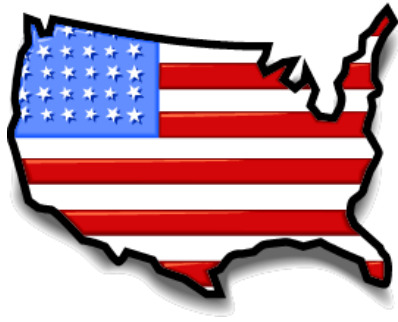
## COMMANDANT'S CORNER

We had another busy month in September, and I want to thank everyone for coming out to our meeting at the VFW. I had a lot of fun in the kitchen with all the volunteers as we served many hungry folks that came out to support. Dick Jamieson and I attended the Lost in America ceremony for Veterans remains that were never claimed or recognized by family or friends and held at funeral homes or mortuaries awaiting internment. I thought it amazing that we had 62 veterans, two of them wives that we finally got to show our respect and give them a proper farewell. There are still thousands out there that need to be found and put to rest in a Veterans National Cemetery. We are asked to pass the word around to family and friends around the country to help locate those Vets who haven't been identified. The last Coffee Stop I think was another successful event spent with Pat Rowand on the 19th and Dick Jamieson 21th. The most enjoyable part of working the coffee stop is the people you meet, some stories, some hungry, some just tired and want a fresh cup of coffee and a break from the road, and then there are the kids with the big eyes for a cookie. Well for the month of October it looks like a trip to Yakama for the state convention before our next monthly meeting followed by breakfast at the VFW. Thank You again for all your support and I hope more of you can come out and enjoy an hour or two at some of our events. We have a lot coming up in the next three months with the Breakfast in October, The Marine Corps Ball in November, and Toys for Tots thru December. Hope you can come out and join us in the fun and camaraderie we have.

Thank You All.

**Semper Fi!  
Hank Melanson  
509-385-2726**





## Greetings from our Senior Vice Commandant

*Greetings Marines, Corpsmen & Associates,*

*We will continue to collect aluminum for our relief fund. Manny Esparza is on the north side of town and I am in the Valley. You can bring them to the meeting or make contact with either of us to get the cans collected and cashed in. Thank you for your support at our recent SOS Breakfast on Sept. 17th. It was a hearty success! We will do it again in October. Don't be shy, spread the word and invite your friends. We encourage your families to join us. A hearty Semper Fi!*

*Pat Rowand  
Sr. Vice  
590-7547*



## Auxiliary News Update...

The Ladies of the Auxiliary held a very friendly Tea Party on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept at 2 pm. If your wife didn't make this event, she missed a great time, great company and even better tea and treats. The ladies had a lot of laughs. Please encourage your wife to contact the Auxiliary because they are a great group of ladies and would love to have her join the fun. Any questions can be directed to:



Lori Ott  
Jr. Vice President  
MCLA Unit #305  
509-998-9030  
[otterpops.ott@gmail.com](mailto:otterpops.ott@gmail.com)

Sgt. Dakota Meyer, the only living Marine recipient of the Medal of Honor from our current conflicts, was recently awarded the MOH for his actions in Afghanistan, which saved a number of lives.



**VA Bingo, is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1900. Come join the fun! Our Veterans love the fun and company. Next session is Oct 12th.**



# **Breakfast in October!**

**When: 10:00 to 12:00, Saturday, Oct 15th**

**Where: VFW Post 51, 300 W. Mission Ave.**

**What: USMC S.O.S., or Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, or Sausage, Hash browns, Coffee, Milk & OJ**

**Cost: \$7.00 per person (Small price change)  
Kids under 12 are \$5.00**

**Please come join us!  
Enjoy some good times  
and okay cooking!**

**Open to the Public**

## **Members Celebrating Birthdays in October**

**Norm Rubin**

**Joe Bollman**

**Don Crain**

**Jim Eggers**

**Bryan Smith**

**Tim Savage**

**Congratulations Marines!**



**We are still looking for a few good Marines & Corpsmen. If you know one, then bring them to the next meeting so they can learn about our fine Detachment. If they join, you get a great USMC Ball cap.**



**Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Brown  
Jr. Vice Commandant  
(509) 599-3456  
maestrosemperfi@q.com**

## From the guy in the back of the room...

With Veterans Day approaching I thought sharing these facts appropriate. Interesting Veterans Statistics of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Some thing to think about - Most of the surviving Parents are now Deceased. There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties. The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

- There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.
  - 39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger. 8,283 were 19. The largest age group, 33,103 were 18. 12 soldiers were 17. 5 soldiers on the Wall were 16.
    - One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15.
    - 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.
    - 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.
      - 31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.
      - Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.
  - 54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.
    - 8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.
  - 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.
    - Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.
  - West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.
  - The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.
    - The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245.
    - The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 ~ 2,415.
- For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors. All gave some, some gave all.

Semper Fidelis!

Jim Bennett

KE7ZPF 509-701-3829

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**12 BINGO @ VA 19:00**

**13 MCL/MCLA @ 19:00**

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**15 SOS Breakfast @ VFW 51, 10-12, \$7.00**

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**9 BINGO @ VA 19:00**

**10 USMC 236th Birthday**

**MCL/MCLA @ 19:00 with cake and ice cream**

**11 Veterans' Day**

**12 MODD Growl @ Perkins on N. Division 08:00-10:00**

**USMC Birthday Ball at the Dbl Tree Downtown (see ball**

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**19 USMC Breakfast @ 10:00-12:00 \$6.00 Open to Public**

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## From the desk of Doug,

The final coffee stop of the year is now history. It took the extra one this year to get the great real or maybe they were make believe stories. If you want to know what really happens in the military you should think about volunteering for a shift or two at next years stops. Ask me or one of the other volunteers for the true (???) scoop from our veterans (??) who stopped by and shared some time with us. Doc Kaltenbaugh and I did get to meet a "white beret" but you have to ask Doc for that story. The financial report will be given at the October meeting. As usual the eastbound was a success even though it was on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The biggest day was Wednesday but I will blame it on the cold windy mornings on Monday and Tuesday. If you have not volunteered and intend to do so next year dress for any type of weather. It seems it's always either colder or hotter at Sprague Lake than when you leave home. Next years stops (3) will all be at Sprague Lake eastbound on weekdays, so those of you who maybe working plan your vacations accordingly. The dates for 2012 are June 4 to 7 (4 days), August 6 & 7 (2 days) and August 20 to 22. If you want to shoot in the MCL postal rifle match time is getting short, scores have to be submitted by the end of October. Contact me and I will arrange range time to get your shots off and we will hope they are all in the black. The Spokane Rifle Club is holding their hunter sighting in days October 3 to 15 and the range is usually crowded during this time.

***Your thought for the month:*** Stu Grimson, Chicago Blackhawks left wing, explaining why he keeps a color photo of himself above his locker: "That's so when I forget how to spell my name, I can still find my clothes."

Semper Fi,  
Doug Phone (509) 328-5837



**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT DETACHMENT EVENTS. PLEASE COME JOIN US & SHARE IN THE FUN. ☺**

**KEY VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS ARE:**  
Doug Shurtleff, Jim Brown, Dennis Dressler, Jim Bennett, Hank Melanson, Pat Rowand or Randy Ott. Just call one of them to find out what's happening.

If you are at the VAMC, say howdy to Mike O'Flaherty.



Dear Marines and Friends,

You and your guests are cordially invited to join with other Marines in the camaraderie of celebrating the Two Hundred and Thirty-Sixth Anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps.

We have secured the renowned Spokane Doubletree City-Center with its superb reputation for fine food, service and décor. Like Marines, they have a lot of pride in their reputation. Visit their website for directions and more information at: [www.doubletree1.hilton.com](http://www.doubletree1.hilton.com)

80 rooms have been blocked at the Doubletree Spokane City-Center at the Government Rate. Please contact the Doubletree at **1-509-455-9600** and state that you would like to make a reservation as an attendee of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

Additionally, this year's Guest of Honor will be Colonel Ken Moore. We are expecting a large number of attendees, so please submit your registration as soon as possible.

Actual tickets will not be issued as all attendees who return registration forms will be placed upon an attendance roster for initial check in the day of the ball. **Ensure you place an email address on the confirmation form, as registration verifications will be sent via email.**

**ALL ATTENDEES  
WILL RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY  
20oz commemorative glass  
and event coin!**

For any questions please contact Ball Coordinator, Staff Sergeant Nelson: (cell) (207) 449-6573 / (office) (509) 327-4216 ext 2 (email) [eric.c.nelson@usmc.mil](mailto:eric.c.nelson@usmc.mil)

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
**Two Hundred and Thirty Sixth Anniversary**  
Doubletree Spokane City-Center  
Saturday, November 12, 2011

**Ticket Prices:**

Staff NCOs and Officers: **\$65 per ticket**

NCOs: **\$60 per ticket**

Non-NCOs: **\$55 per ticket**

Civilians: **\$55 per ticket**

**\*former military will pay prior service rank fee,  
"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"**

**Schedule of Events**

1730-1830	Social Hour
1830-1930	Ceremony
1930-2030	Dinner Served
2030-2350	Dancing

**This is a formal occasion, therefore the dress code will be coat and tie, proper Marine Corps Uniform, and ladies should dress accordingly as well.**

**Proper Marine Corps Uniform**

Field Grade Officers— Evening Dress

Company Grade Officers— Dress Blue "A"

SNCO's— Evening Dress/Dress Blue "A" or "B"/Service "A"

Sgt & below— Dress Blue "A" or "B"/Service "A"

Marine Corps League — Mess Dress or Red Blazer

If you would like to sit together with your friends, then put your order in together. Tables seat 8. No table switching will be allowed.

This page was intentionally left blank due to lack of stories from our members. If you have a story to share (I know everyone does because I've heard some of them), send it to me and I will post it because everyone wants to hear from you. Share a laugh or a joke. If you want it anonymous, not a problem. All submissions for the newsletter are due to the Editor by the 25th of every month. This gives him time to put things in format and get the mailing out before the 1st.

Editors attempt at humor...this page isn't really blank...Hope you laughed a little bit anyway...

## Combat for Dummies as submitted by Dick Jamieson

"Aim towards the enemy." --Instruction printed on U.S. Rocket Launcher

"When the pin is pulled, Mr. Grenade is not our friend." -- USMC

"Cluster bombing from B-52s is very, very accurate. The bombs are guaranteed to always hit the ground." --USAF Ammo Troop

"If the enemy is in range, so are you." --Infantry Journal

"A slipping gear could let your m203 grenade launcher fire when you least expect it. That would make you quite unpopular in what's left of your unit." --Army's magazine of prevention maintenance

"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed."  
--U.S. Air Force manual

"Try to look unimportant; the enemy may be low on ammo." --Infantry Journal

"Tracers work both ways." --U.S. Army Ordnance

"Five-second fuses only last three seconds." --Infantry Journal

"Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid." --David Hackworth

"If your attack is going too well, you're walking into an ambush." --  
Infantry Journal

"No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection." --Joe Gay

"Any ship can be a minesweeper....once." --Anonymous

"Never tell your DI you have nothing to do." --Unknown Marine Recruit

"Don't draw fire; it irritates the people around you." --Infantry Journal

"If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him." --USAF  
Ammo Troop

Copyright ownership of the **Marines' Hymn** was vested in the United States Marine Corps per certificate of registration dated 19 August 1891, but it is now in the public domain. In 1929, the Commandant of the Marine Corps authorized the following verses of the **Marines' Hymn** as the official version which is below:

"From the Halls of Montezuma  
to the Shores of Tripoli,  
We fight our country's battles  
On the land as on the sea.  
First to fight for right and freedom,  
And to keep our honor clean,  
We are proud to claim the title  
of United States Marine.

"Our flag's unfurled to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in every clime and place  
Where we could take a gun.  
In the snow of far-off northern lands  
And in sunny tropic scenes,  
You will find us always on the job  
The United States Marines.

"Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve;  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve.  
If the Army and the Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,  
They will find the streets are guarded  
By United States Marines."

Please tune yourself to sing the Marines' Hymn at the 236th Birthday Ball in its entirety. You won't be expected to sing on key, just do it with gusto!

### Melvin M. Smith Detachment Business Meeting Minutes for Sept 8th, 2011

The meeting was brought to order by Commandant Hank Melanson at 19:00. The Roll Call of Officers revealed that Jr. Vice Brown was excused and our Opening Ceremony was held.

**Introduction of Dignitaries:** Appropriately held with the following Past Commandants present: Don Crain, Dennis Dressler, Doug Shurtleff, Randy Ott, Jim Bennett, Dick Jamieson. National Officers present were Dennis Dressler and Doug Shurtleff

**Introduction of Guests:** Nan R. Kenton, Capt. USMC, active volunteer in many other local VSOs.

**Quorum of Board of Trustees (Elected Officers) Present: YES**

**Application(s) for Membership:** Jr. Vice Brown is missing, no update.

**Presentation of Life Memberships:** None.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** No minutes from the August meeting due to the BBQ in lieu of meeting. Motion to accept the non-minutes from Dick Jamieson, seconded by Norm Sanborn. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Report of Adjutant/Paymaster:** A full September report was given and an August report was turned into the Officers. Balance in the accounts and membership are in a healthy status. Membership is at 111. The old Wells Fargo account is going to be closed. A new account was established at the INB. Bryan Scott motioned to accept as read. Seconded by Norm Sanborn. Motioned carried.

**Report of Sickness/Distress:** Chaplain Town reported on our many members and their status. The following Marines/Corpsmen have passed since our last meeting: Gerald Bell, 88; Dr. George Blane, 92; Charles Turner, 87; Roy F. Jahfra, 92; Dr. Robert Davis, 89, his funeral was attended by the several members of the Detachment. James R. Nesbitt, 72; Louis Arapa, 61; Donald Dobbs, 88; Vernon Petis, 82; Kenneth Porter, 82; Harry Levesque, 85; Gerald Greene, 79; Gordon Heath, 88. A moment of silence was held.

**Reports of Elected Officers:** None

**Reports of Standing Committees: VAWS**—Report from Sept's meeting was updates on VAMC progress and our upcoming BBQ in January. **Membership**—Ed Thew's son, Andrew Thew, applied for membership. He is currently a college student at WSU. DD214 was verified and he will be sworn in at the next meeting he is available to attend. **Awards**—Department Meritorious Unit ribbons were given to new members present, star will be recorded for old members. **Newsletter**—Randy Ott has opened the Newsletter to members to share a story, joke, pictures, anything. Get the info to him before the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month and he will get it into print. **Coffee Stop**—Doug Shurtleff reported successful stops this summer. He motioned that we buy 2 tall chairs for the coffee stop at \$29.95 each. Second by Chaplain Town. Motioned carried. **Calling Committee**—No change in status. **Reports of Special Committees: Funeral Details**—Supported one funeral in August. **Memorial Day**—No report. **Americanism**—Work in progress with Marcus Poulin stepping forward to work on the 2011/2012 History. **Homeless Vets**—No report. **Veterans Court**—update from the Commandant on mentors needed for the court. The court is doing well, but needs support for the young Vets in need.

**Old Business:** None.

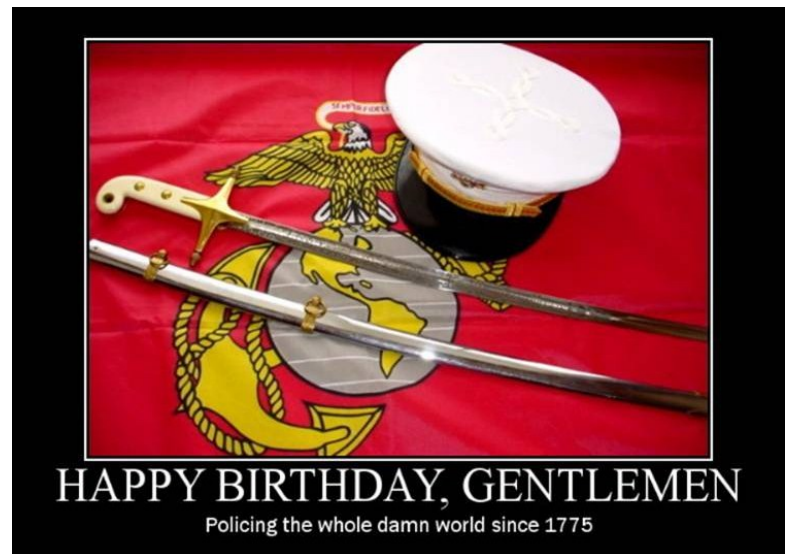
**New Business:** Marine Jim Eggers stood forward to make a motion the concept of awarding Eagle Scouts the Marine Corps League Certificate and be the liaison for this event. Discussion for the numbers was the concern, cost was going to minimal. Dennis Dressler made the second that we accept this endeavor. Marine Ott read a letter to chair and form a building committee to research the concept of a new home for the Detachment, Auxiliary and the MODD. A copy of the letter was sent to all current and past Commandants/Officers. A copy of the letter will be made available to the committee and those that ask for it. Dennis Dressler moved that this be approved and Randy be the chair. Second by Doug Shurtleff. Motioned carried.

**Good of the League:** Marine Shurtleff moved to form an audit committee for the accounts. Commandant Melanson asked for volunteers for the audit. Volunteers were assigned and will report back in January 2012. Sgt-At-Arms Esparza asked to carry on the work of Kay Morse to help with recycling. Manny didn't know that Sr. Vice has been doing this. So the two will work together to cover the town and collect cans. Marine Shurtleff asked for shooters interested in the shooting team that could participate before the October deadline. See him for details. Sr. Vice Rowand asked to find a driver for moving the Toys for Tots trailer into place for the setup of the warehouse. Discussion to get it started now before we run out of time. **Ceremony of Installation of Officers:** N/A.

**Announcements:** MIAP program will be held at the Medical Lake Vets Cemetery on Monday, Sept 12. 62 remains will be placed by all branches of service. MODD Growl on Saturday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at Terry's on Trent. Breakfast will be held on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at VFW Post 51 from 1000 to 1200. The Commandant called forward Doc Kaltenbaugh for an overdue Certificate of Distinguished Service.

**Closing Ceremony:** Appropriate. **Next Meeting:** 1900 on October 13, 2011 **Present at Meeting:** Members (28)

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## Our Fourteen Leadership Traits "JJ did tie buckle"

**Justice** - Giving reward and punishment according to merits of the case in question. The ability to administer a system of rewards and punishments impartially and consistently.

**Judgment** - The ability to weigh facts and possible solutions on which to base sound decisions.

**Dependability** - The certainty of proper performance of duty.

**Integrity** - Uprightness of character and soundness of moral principles; includes the qualities of truthfulness and honesty.

**Decisiveness** - Ability to make decisions promptly and to announce them in clear, forceful manner.

**Tact** - The ability to deal with others without creating offense.

**Initiative** - Taking action in the absence of orders.

**Endurance** - The mental and physical stamina measured by the ability to withstand pain, fatigue, stress and hardship.

**Bearing** - Creating a favorable impression in carriage, appearance and personal conduct at all times.

**Unselfishness** - Avoidance of providing for one's own comfort and personal advancement at the expense of others.

**Courage** - The mental quality that recognizes fear of danger or criticism, but enables a man to proceed in the face of it with calmness and firmness.

**Knowledge** - Understanding of a science or an art. The range of one's information, including professional knowledge and an understanding of your Marines.

**Loyalty** - The quality of faithfulness to country, the Corps, the unit, to one's seniors, subordinates and peers.

**Enthusiasm** - The display of sincere interest and exuberance in the performance of duty.

### Sick List

Chaplain Town has been busy calling and visiting quite a few members. Please keep them in your thoughts and drop them a line of encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul "Bill" Town  
Chaplain  
489-8407



## TIDBITS FROM OTTER

OHHRAH!!!



I have a few shout outs for the incredible volunteers that we have in this Det. Not only did they put on a great breakfast, but after we got done cleaning up, the Auxiliary put together a fabulous Tea Party to cap a wonderful day spent with Marines & Corpsmen. What could be better than that? My hats off to the Auxiliary for all they do with us and for us.

The leadership thanks everyone of our volunteers for doing things for our veterans, families and community. We do it as a team and everyone wins. Consider volunteering somewhere close to home or at one of our events.

Respectfully,  
"Otter"  
509-998-9031  
randyottjr@yahoo.com

This challenge coin has been available as a fund raiser since July. To date, we've sold over 300. We have more on hand and you can get yours for \$10. Please consider buying one to help both causes. \$1.00 goes to the 9/11 fund, and we keep the rest.



## The Eleven Marine Corps Leadership Principles

- 1. Know yourself and seek self-improvement.**
- 2. Be technically and tactically proficient.**
- 3. Develop a sense of responsibility among your subordinates.**
- 4. Make sound and timely decisions.**
- 5. Set the example.**
- 6. Know your Marines and look out for their welfare.**
- 7. Keep your Marines informed.**
- 8. Seek responsibility and take responsibility for your actions.**
- 9. Ensure assigned tasks are understood, supervised, and accomplished.**
- 10. Train your Marines as a team.**
- 11. Employ your command in accordance with its capabilities.**

You may have gotten out of the Corps, but the Corps will never be out of you! These traits and principles can be used in your everyday life with some modifications and adaptations. That is one of our mottos: "Adapt, overcome and conquer". At least that's what Gunny Highway said in "Heartbreak Ridge"

OHH RAH!!!



***This Month in History***  
***Selected October Dates of Marine Corps***  
***Historical Significance***



**1 October 1997:** The first African-American female colonel in the Marine Corps was promoted to that rank during a ceremony at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina. Colonel Gilda A. Jackson, a native of Columbus, Ohio, made Marine Corps history when she achieved the rank of colonel. She was serving as Special Projects Officer, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing at the time of her promotion.

**5 October 1775:** Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the 2d Continental Congress used the word "Marines" on one of the earliest known occasions, when it directed General George Washington to secure two vessels on "Continental risque and pay", and to give orders for the "proper encouragement to the Marines and seamen" to serve on the two armed ships.

**6 October 1945:** Major General Keller E. Rockey, Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, accepted the surrender of 50,000 Japanese troops in North China on behalf of the Chinese Nationalist government.

**8 October 1899:** A force of 375 Marines under command of future Commandant George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novaleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands, and linked up with U.S. Army troops. There were 11 Marine casualties.

**9 October 1917:** The 8th Marines was activated at Quantico, Virginia. Although the regiment would not see combat in Europe during World War I, the officers and enlisted men of the 8th Marines participated in operations against dissidents in Haiti for over five years during the 1920s. During World War II, the regiment was assigned to the 2d Marine Division and participated in combat operations on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa, and earned three Presidential Unit Citations.

**11 October 1951:** A Marine battalion was flown by transport helicopters to a frontline combat position for the first time, when HMR-161 lifted the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, and its equipment, during Operation Bumblebee, northeast of Yanggu, Korea.

**19 October 1968:** Operation Maui Peak, a combined regimental-sized operation which began on 6 October, ended 11 miles northwest of An Hoa, Vietnam. More than 300 enemy were killed in the 13-day operation.

**23 October 1983:** At 0622 an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, where more than 300 men were billeted. The massive explosion collapsed the building in seconds, and took the lives of 241 Americans--including 220 Marines. This was the highest loss of life in a single day for Marines since D-Day on Iwo Jima in 1945.

**28 October 1962:** An 11,000-man 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade left Camp Pendleton by sea for the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis. One week earlier, the entire 189,000-man Marine Corps had been put on alert and elements of the 1st and 2d Marine Divisions were sent to Guantanamo Bay to reinforce the defenders of the U.S. Naval Base. Other 2d Division units and squadrons from five Marine Aircraft Groups were deployed at Key West, Florida, or in Caribbean waters during the Cuban crisis.

**31 October 1919:** A patrol of Marines and gendarmes, led by Sergeant Herman H. Hanneken, disguised themselves as Cacos and entered the headquarters of the Haitian Caco Leader, Charlemagne Peralte, killing the bandit chief, and dispersing his followers. Sergeant Hanneken and Corporal William R. Button were each awarded the Medal of Honor.

