

RAFFLE

Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th from 1000 till 1700 the raffle table will be set up at Wal-Mart to sell tickets on the Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle.

This is a task that needs the attention of all available members in order to make it successful.



Marine Corps Birthday Ball

November 7th

At our April meeting it was decided the 234th Marine Corps Birthday Ball would be held at Cherokee Harrah's Casino and Hotel. The Ball Committee is working hard to make this a successful Ball and look forward to everyone attending. The cost is \$30 per person and \$50 per couple. This will be a BYOB event, and the way it will work is, you bring your adult beverage and place it at the bartender's station. When you want a drink, the bartender will pour it for you. No tips or cash will change hands in this transaction. At this time the beverages allowed are beer and wine. The tribal members will be voting on June 2nd as to allow distilled liquors. As soon as we know the outcome of the vote, it will be announced. This will be a sit down dinner, consisting of roasted chicken and pork tenderloin (plated) served with cinnamon apples, and chef's choice of vegetables, appropriate starch/rice, fresh baked rolls, mixed green salad, New York Style Cheesecake with berries. As in the past, we will have a memorabilia table set up for you to display your uniforms, 782 gear, pictures, and any other historical items you want to share with others. I will be announcing the setup times as we finalize details with the event venue. Hotel rooms are available at the Ramada Limited, across the street from the event site, with Harrah's providing shuttle service between the hotel and event site. The cost of the hotel rooms is \$79.00/inclusive per night. Additional \$10/night for each adult over 2. We have a block of 20 rooms reserved under the name "Marine Corps Birthday Ball". It is a first come first serve basis. There is a 30 day cancellation policy on the rooms. The last day to reserve a room in this block is October 23rd.



HOLD ONTO YOUR MEMORIES...

If you've lost or can't remember if you got a boot camp photo, you're in luck. Recruit photos has boot camp photo negatives dating back to 1939. The negatives can be turned into 8"X10" pictures of your platoon and your individual Dress Blues portrait. Beware that some years are missing, so not everyone may be lucky enough to recreate those memories. The cost is \$9.95 per photo and can be ordered from MCCS Recruit Photos, MCAS Building Number 553, PO Box 55018, Beaufort MCAS, SC 29904. They are open 0730 until 1600 Monday through Friday. Their phone number is (843) 228-1555/1546. Remember to provide the platoon number, month and year of graduation. There is a 4 weeks to 90 days wait for delivery. You can visit them at www.mccs.sc.com

Report from DoNC Quarterly Meeting

Commandant Hunt attended the DoNC Spring Quarterly meeting held in Southern Pines, NC on April 18th and brings back the following information:

- An audio portion of a recording by Baxter Black was played, which provided a very moving and patriotic theme. It can viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0rQzUVQjd8>
- During the reports given it was announced that there are now 54 MCL Detachment in the State of NC, with 2761 members. This made me aware that we are not out here alone; we are as strong as ever, going back to the slogan "Marines stand together and never leave a brother behind".
- Any member in good standing can pay for and switch to life membership. The key to remember is that you have to be in good standing to accomplish this.
- Since the Winter Quarterly meeting, Taps for 19 MCL Members have been reported.
- 4 new Detachments have been chartered this quarter.
- The 2010 National MCL Convention Committee is working hard to ensure the event is a huge success. It's hard to believe that this will be the first time the National Convention will be held in NC. You can visit mcl2010.org for more information regarding the convention.
- If any MCL member is interested in running for DoNC office, get with Commandant Hunt on procedures for being nominated and getting those nominations into the appropriate hands on the Department level.

VETERAN'S ISSUES

Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial: "The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lejeune Memorial Gardens will create an environment where friends, relatives, as well as, the general public can come to remember & reflect on the men & women who were taken from us during the Vietnam conflict." This is the description on the brochure for the memorial to be located at the entrance to Camp Johnson, and to be situated within the memorial garden. They will be holding a First Phase Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, June 13th at 1100. You can visit their website at www.onslowvietnammemorial.org for more information.

As of October 6, 2008 the complete implementation of "Honor Our Fallen Prisoners of War Act" which was enacted by Congress in 2006, has been finalized. This ensures that the Purple Heart will be presented posthumously to all prisoners of war who die in captivity. Family members with questions may contact the Marine Corps Military Awards Branch at 730-784-9340.

If you are a wartime veteran with a limited income and you are no longer able to work, you may qualify for a Veterans Pension for Veterans 65 or older. You can qualify for this without being disabled. You may be eligible if you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND you served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time. You can apply by filing out VA Form 21-526, Veteran's Application for Compensation or Pension. You can also apply online through the VONAPP website, <http://www.vabenefits.vba.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BENEFIT INFORMATION CONTACTS

1-800-827-1000

VA Benefits
Burial
Death Pension
Disability Compensation
Disability Pension
Education
Medical Care

1-877-222-8387

Health Care Benefits

1-800-749-8387

Special Issues – Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation

1-828-349-2151

Macon County Veterans Service Officer
Jim DuBose

United States Marine Corps Knowledge Test

Who said it?

1. "I have just returned from visiting the Marines at the front, and there is not a finer fighting organization in the world."
2. "But always remember this: Marines die. That's what we're here for. But the Marine Corps lives forever. And that means you live forever!"
3. "Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue."
4. "The deadliest weapon in the world is a Marine and his rifle."
5. "Come on you sons of bitches! Do you want to live forever?"
6. "Son, when the Marine Corps wants you to have a wife, you will be issued one."
7. "Freedom is not free, but the U.S. Marine Corps will pay most of your share."
8. "The bended knee is not a tradition of our Corps."
9. "Marines I see as two breeds, Rottweilers or Dobermans, because Marines come in two varieties, big and mean, or skinny and mean."
10. "Goddamn it, you'll never get the Purple Heart hiding in a foxhole! Follow me!"



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Answers:

1. Gen. Douglas MacArthur
2. R. Lee Ermey – "Full Metal Jacket"
3. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz
4. Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing
5. Gunnery Sgt Dan Daly
6. Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller
7. Capt. J.E. "Ned" Dolan
8. Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift
9. Rear Adm. "Jay" R. Stark
10. Capt. Henry P. "Jim" Crowe