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Sound Off!



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Important events that happen next Month and in History December

- 4th:** 1950 Jesse Brown the Navy's first Black pilot is killed in Korea 1950: LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.
- 6th:** **Happy Birthday Marine Ken Snider Det. 995 Sgt at Arms**
- 7th:** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 1941 Japanese bombers attack US ships at Pearl Harbor. 2,403 women, children and men killed. 1,177 on the USS Arizona alone. 109 Marines KIA.(total) 72 of those Marines went down with the Arizona.
- 8th:** 1941 The United States declares war on Japan 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.
- 11th:** 1941 War declared on Italy and Germany / 1620 The Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock.
- 15th:** 2011: End of Operation Iraqi Freedom. / 1948: The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.
- 16th:** 1944 The Battle of the Bulge begins in Belgium. / 1773 The Boston Tea Party, angry colonists dressed as Indians dump English tea into Boston Harbor.
- 21st:** First Day of Winter
- 22nd:** **Happy Birthday Marine Gregory Shultz Det. 995 Judge Advocate**
- 25th:** **Christmas Day**
- 31st:** **New Years Eve** / 1945 Official End of WWII

Please make suggestions as to what you would like to see covered in future newsletters. Semper-Fi!

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 I hereby certify that I am currently serving or have served honorably in the U.S. 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 U.S. 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 Corpsman who has trained with Marine FMF Units in excess of ninety (90) days and earned the Marine Corps Device or Warfare Device worn on the Service Ribbon authorized for FMF Corpsmen. If discharged, I am in receipt of a DD Form 214 or Certificate of Discharge indicating "Honorable Service". ("Honorable Service" will be defined by the last 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 (MOPF), 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. (*Korean War Era Marines Sea National Bylaws, Article 6, Section 600)

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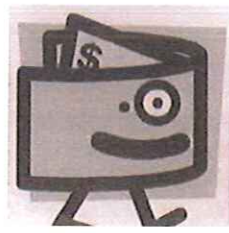
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REMINDER.....



Have you remembered to pay your dues????
 All dues are payable each and every year unless you are a Life Member.
 The Detachment **does not** send out an invoice due to mailing costs so please make a note to pay your dues by the due date.

Notable Veterans News



Marine Corps Birthday

On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces with the fleet. This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps. Serving on land and at sea, these first Marines distinguished themselves in a number of important operations, including their first amphibious raid into the Bahamas in March 1776, under the command of Captain (later Major) Samuel Nicholas.

The first commissioned officer in the Continental Marines, Nicholas remained the senior Marine officer throughout the American Revolution and is considered to be the first Marine Commandant. The Treaty of Paris in April 1783 brought an end to the Revolutionary War and as the last of the Navy's ships were sold, the Continental Navy and Marines went out of existence.

Following the Revolutionary War and the formal re-establishment of the Marine Corps on 11 July 1798, Marines saw action in the quasi-war with France, landed in Santo Domingo, and took part in many operations against the Barbary pirates along the "Shores of Tripoli".

Marines took part in numerous naval operations during the War of 1812, as well as participating in the defense of Washington at Bladensburg, Maryland, and fought alongside Andrew Jackson in the defeat of the British at New Orleans.

The decades following the War of 1812 saw the Marines protecting American interests around the world, in the Caribbean, at the Falkland Islands, Sumatra and off the coast of West Africa, and also close to home in operations against the Seminole Indians in Florida.

George Washington received his appointment as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army the next day, and formally took command at Boston on July 3, 1775.

"These Good Men"

I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite.
Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep.

Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best, men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped raw, right down to their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the U.S. Marine Corps.
But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust.
They were willing to guard something more precious than my life.
They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me.

It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another. I cannot say where we are headed. Ours are not perfect friendships; those are the province of legend and myth.

A few of my comrades drift far from me now, sending back only occasional word. I know that one day even these could fall to silence. Some of the men will stay close, a couple, perhaps, always at hand. As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day.

I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades...such good men!
by *Michael Norman*



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Please plan to join us and celebrate the
239th Marine Corps Birthday Ball
Monday November 10th 2014 @ 1800

*Held at Mac D's Pub 1400 W. Locust St.
Wilmington, Ohio 45177*

Casual Dress Invite a guest, all are Welcome
Enjoy the Camaraderie of fellow Marines and Corpsmen

"Once a Marine - Always a Marine"

Semper Fidelis!

Veterans Dinner and Dance

Honoring Our Military Everyday (H.O.M.E.) is sponsoring a free pasta dinner and dance for all veterans, their spouses and children Saturday, November 8th.

The event will be hosted by the Wilmington American Legion Post 49.



*American Legion Post #49
Wilmington, Ohio*

The all you can eat "Bill of Fare" for the evening will be spaghetti with meat or meatless sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee or tea.

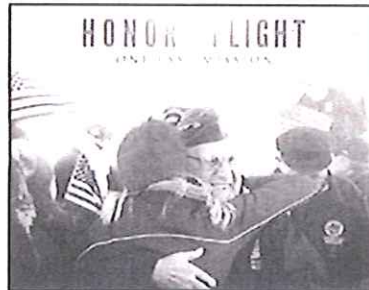
Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm until 7:30 pm at Post 49, 140 E. Locust St (upstairs, street entrance) Wilmington, Ohio. Dancing to the sounds of "Looking Back" will begin immediately after dinner. (Cash bar available)

Veterans are also welcome to bring other family members. A donation of \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child is requested.

H.O.M.E. and the American Legion invites all veterans to come out to eat, dance, relax and visit with other veterans on the Saturday before Veterans Day, November 11th.

Honor Flight Movie

The Murphy Theater and the City of Wilmington announces the free showing of the movie "Honor Flight" on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. An invitation is extended to all veterans and National Service Organizations from the surrounding area and in particular the American Legion Riders, VFW Riders and the Patriot Riders. Special parking arrangements are being planned for motorcycles.



Allow us the honor of your presence and come celebrate your special holiday with us. The Historical Murphy Theater is located at 50 W. Main Street, in Wilmington, Ohio. For more information, contact City Councilman Joe Spicer (937) 218-6356 or click on <http://www.themurphytheatre.org>.

Sound Off! Newsletter

Special Birthday Meeting Monday **November 10th** 2014 @ **1800** No other meetings in November!

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Brothers and Sisters,*

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