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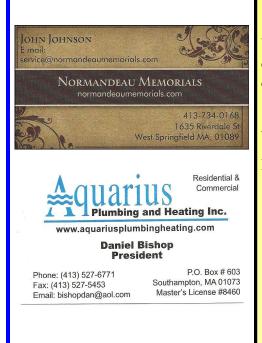
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Commandant Dan Bishop

Commandant's Corner.....

Recruit, Recruit, Recruit

Recruiting is the backbone of every organization. As our Marine Corps league members mature we need to bring in new Marines, FMF Corpsmen, and Navy chaplains to our organization. For our April meeting, could we each try to bring in a new prospective member? If you know of someone seeking information have both of you contact our Junior Vice Commandant. It is extremely important for you to shepherd the new member through the entire process.

Our Annual Kids Ice Skating Party at Amelia Park will be on Thursday, February 18th from 2:00 - 3:20 pm for Skate time. Get your families out on that ice and have some fun. (It's a fun time for ALL even if you don't get on the ice.) Skates, snacks and something to drink will be provided. Volunteers contact Dan Bishop @ bishopdan@aol.com, donated treats/drinks also welcome.

(1:00pm set up in the room until 4:00pm.)

We've already sent letters to Geisslers Supermarket and Walmart of Westfield for our Mother's and Father's day flag pin event. We'll have more information regarding these two events at one of our future meetings.

How does everyone like the appearance of our barracks renovation? A hearty thank you to JR for all the work that he has done.

PS. Don't forget to check out a new bulletin board.

Semper Fi!

Daniel J Bishop, Commandant

Detachment 141 meets monthly on the second Monday at 1900. Social hour at 1800. Detachment phone number is 413-562-4850. February 2016

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Happy Birthday to our following members:

February

(3) Glenn Brault, (7) Allan Ardito, (9) George Kedzierski, Alfonse Piela, (10) Donald Sauvageau, (11) Richard Rutowicz, (12) Elizabeth Brewer, (14) Joseph Delaney, Robert Potito, (18) Warner Robinson, (26) Robert Tessier

From the Paymaster:

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We ask our members to remember their generosity by mentioning them to friends and family.

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January and February Dates in Marine Corps History

From Jr Vice Commandant Marty DeVasier

16 January 1991: Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm launching all out air campaign against Iraq.

18 January 1951: 1st Marine Division begins mopping-up operations against guerrillas following its epic battle at the Chosin Reservoir.

20 January 1968: 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines begin attacking a North Vietamese Battalion near Hill 881 in Khe Sanh. More than 100 enemy killed.

22 January 1969: Operation Dewey Canyon, the most successful regimental size action of the Vietnam War, began by the 9th Marines in the A Shau/Da Krong Valley. By March 18, the enemy's base area was cleared out, 1617 enemy dead and 500 tons of weapons and ammunition was unearthed.

29 January 1991: The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm against Iraqi troops that seized the port city of Khafji. Saudi troops supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters were able to recapture the city two days later.

1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II began in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3rd Marine Division. During the 48 day mission 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed.

6 February 1968: Parts of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines and the2nd Battalion, 5th Marines re captured Hue's hospital, jail and provincial headquarters. It took three more weeks and 1000Marines either killed or wounded before the imperial city is secured.

15 February 1898: The battleship Maine was sunk in Havana harbor, killing 42 Marines and 232 sailors. No evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, but the cry went up, "Remember the Maine" and by late April the US and Spain were at war.

17 February 1967: Operation Deckhouse IV which lasted until 3 March, was conducted near Quang Ngai city. Special Landing Force (BLT Y4 and HMM363) accounted for 280 enemy killed.

23 February 1945: Four days after the initial landing on Iwo Jima the American flag was raised on top of Mount Suribachi.

24 February 1991: The 1 Marine Expeditionary Force began the final ground assault against Iraqi defenses. The 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions stormed from the front and heavily armored allied forces attacked from behind. In 100 hours the Iraqi Army was defeated.

28 February 1991: Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. 1 Marine Expeditionary of more than 92,000 making Operation Desert Storm the largest Marine Corps operation in history. A total of 24 Marines were killed in action during the Gulf War.

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