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"Once a Marine, Always a Marine"

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Now Hear This!

Jan/Feb 2012 • Call To Meeting

The next meetings of Belleau Wood are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 1900
Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 1900
Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 1900

If you'd like a ride, give an officer a call. All meeting start promptly at 1900 and seldom last more than one hour. Feel free to join us after the meeting for conversation, discussion, and general BS. All meetings are held at AMVETS Post 89 at 3535 Westerville Road, Columbus, Ohio, through the generosity of that post, and its senior officer, Commander Muncy. Thank you, Post 89.

Future Activities and Events

7 JAN The MCL Staff winter meeting will be held from 1100 to 1600 at the Elks Lodge #147, at 1760 Jefferson Avenue, Defiance Ohio. The Central Division of the League, which includes Franklin County and of course, Columbus and the Belleau Wood Detachment, needs a division Vice Commandant. If by chance you are interested, let Maurer know and you can ride up with him, on his otherwise lonely winter drive.

17-19 FEB National MCL Mid-winter Conference, Wash, D.C.

7 & 21 FEB — MEET THE YOUNG MARINES —

At 1730 the doors of the Central Ohio Young Marines meeting place, the Pleasant Valley Fire Station, 650 West Main St., Plain City, will open for the first time. The Miami Valley Young Marines, who meet at St. Peters Church in Huber Heights, Dayton area, will make an appearance. **ATTEND THIS, CAR-POOL?**, and let other folks know about it...pastors, relatives and friends with kids, co workers, schoolteachers, anyone who has contact with youths between the ages of 8 and 18. These Young Dayton Area Marines are truly impressive, and are not to be missed. MCL members, wear your uniform, if it fits. Events are scheduled to start at 1800, and better late than never. If all you ever can to do to help this Central Ohio Young Marines project startup, do this. **SHOW UP!**

A Word from the Commandant

Belleau Wood Detachment host a Department meeting? 2013 will now be a contest. The detachment from Mentor is going to submit a bid as the 2013 host, so we'll have to get our ducks in a row this year, with a submission at the latest at the spring meeting 23-23 March. It would be best if we had something for the 7 Jan Staff meeting. Get your ideas to Bailey, Eberle, Maurer, Rozzell, anybody. We will aim for sure hosting the **2015** annual Department Convention, which will be the one celebrating the **70th year** of the League in Ohio. We'd like to find \$\$ for the Silent Drill Team or something comparable, to make it one to remember. Marine Week 2012 will be in Cleveland next June 11 to 17. I am working on getting some rooms up there that week, so if you want to go, you gotta let me know.

Raffle for USMC Desk Lamp

A few years ago, probably when I was demoted to Detachment Commandant, I was given possession of a very attractive item that had been bought some time before for a BW raffle. It has since sat in my garage. It was brought to the October meeting for the sale of raffle tickets, but nothing has happened. No sales. The tickets will cost \$2 for three, \$5 for eight, \$10 for 20. Sgt at Arms Soltez will be collecting the money and disbursing and holding the tickets. Chip in guys...mail Paymaster Eberle a check (or even cash), and he will put your tickets in the pot for the drawing. Good luck to all entrants. (It used to be a clock, but now it is a lamp.) A beautiful USMC lamp. If I knew how to put a picture of it in here, I'd do it.

Central Ohio Young Marines unit established; recruiting underway

The Young Marines associated with the Marine Corps League is a national youth organization that achieves its motto of "Strengthening the lives of America's Youth" by providing boys and girls age 8 through high school graduation with quality youth development programs that promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines program is the proud four-time recipient of the Dept. of Defense's Fulcrum Shield Award for Excellence in Youth Anti-Drug Programs, an award recognizing military-affiliated youth organizations around the world that have made concerted efforts at spreading anti-drug messages throughout their communities.

A new Young Marines unit has been formed in Central Ohio, and youth, sponsor and staff recruitment is currently underway. The unit's base of operations is Plain City, in Madison County, just west of the Greater Columbus area. Outreach is being made to several school districts in Plain City and neighboring areas. "Meet the Young Marines" events are scheduled in Plain City on Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, 2012..

Upon joining a local Young Marines unit, youth undergo a 26-hour orientation program, which is spread out over several meetings. During this initial Young Marines "boot camp" training, youth learn general subjects such as history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure. During the routine meetings that follow initial training, Young Marines have the opportunity to learn more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marines uniform and work toward ribbon awards for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid, and drug resistance education.

The new Central Ohio Young Marines unit is led by CO Ed Evans. Additional staff members include Dan Willoughby, Adjutant; Don Wojciechowski, Paymaster; Jennifer Jenkins, Public Information Officer; Joe Bennett, Supply Officer; Katelyn Evans, Medical Officer; Lee Atwell and Gean Vanhouse, Training Officers.

Please help promote Central Ohio Young Marines' recruiting effort by letting others know about the new unit and directing them to the unit's website at www.CentralOhioYoungMarines.com or the Central Ohio Young Marines page on Facebook. Prospective recruits, staff members and sponsors can also contact Ed Evans by email at eevens2@columbus.rr.com. Ed will have COYM posters available for distribution, so get some from him or Belleau Wood Commandant Maurer and get them out and around, please. Semper Fi. Lt.Col. Jenkins, PIO

Major Events in Marine Corps History

10 January 1995: The Pentagon announced that 2,600 U.S. Marines would be deployed to Somalia for Operation United Shield to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peacekeeping troops from Somalia. The decision came in response to a UN request for American protection of its peacekeeping forces serving in the war-torn African nation. **11 January 1945:** The first elements of Marine Aircraft Group 24, commanded by Colonel Lyle H. Meyer, landed at Lingayen, Luzon, Philippine Islands, to provide close air support for Army forces. Over the next three months, MAG-24 and MAG-32 would fly a total of 8,842 combat sorties and drop more than 19,000 bombs as part of the Fifth Air Force in support of the Sixth Army. **16 January 1991:** Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm as forces of the allied coalition launched an all-out air campaign against targets in Iraq and occupied Kuwait in an effort to liberate Kuwait and enforce the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. Overall, in the theater of operations, the coalition forces included more than 415,000 U.S. troops. **18 January 1951:** Marines of the 1st Marine Division began mopping-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang area, South Korea, following the Division's return from its epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir. **20 January 1968:** The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North. More than 100 of the enemy were killed. Eberle was wounded here. **21 January 1918:** The 1st Aeronautical Company arrived at Ponta Delgada, Azores, for anti-submarine duty. That unit was one of the first completely equipped American aviation units to serve overseas in World War I. **22 January 1969:** Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed. **22 January 1969:** Operation Dewey Canyon, perhaps the most successful high-mobility regimental-size action of the Vietnam War, began in the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys when the 9th Marines, commanded by Colonel Robert H. Barrow, and supporting artillery were lifted from Quang Tri. By 18 March the enemy's base area had been cleared out, 1617 enemy dead had been counted, and more than 500 tons of weapons and ammunition unearthed. **25 January 1856:** Marines and seamen from the U.S. sloop DECATUR went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids. The Indians launched a seven-hour attack but were driven off later that day after suffering severe losses. Incredibly, only two civilian volunteers were killed and no Marines or sailors were lost. Poor Indians. **27 January 1988:** About 400 Marines and sailors from the 2d Marine Division, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and 2d Force Service Support Group deployed for the Persian Gulf. The Contingency Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF) CM 2-88 would relieve Contingency MAGTF 1-88 in the volatile Persian Gulf and provide the effective landing force capability to Joint Task Force Middle East. **29 January 1991:** The first serious ground fighting of Operation Desert Storm broke out when Iraqi troops mounted an attack into Saudi Arabia along a 40-mile front. Iraqi units centered their efforts on Khafji, a port city six miles south of the border. Saudi and Quatari troops, supported by artillery from the 1st Marine Division and attack helicopters and other allied coalition aircraft, recaptured the town two days later.

1 February 1967: Operation Prairie II was begun in Quang Tri province by elements of the 3d Marine Division. During the 46-day search-and-destroy operation which terminated 18 March, 93 Marines and 693 of the enemy were killed. **2 February 1944:** The 4th Marine Division, as part of the first assault on islands controlled by the Japanese before the start of World War II, captured Namur and eight other islands in the Kwajalein Atoll. **6 February 1968:** Two reduced Marine battalions, the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines with two companies, and 2d Battalion, 5th Marines with three, recaptured Hue's hospital, jail, and provincial headquarters. It would take three more weeks of intense house to house fighting, and nearly a thousand Marines killed and wounded, before the imperial city was secured. **11 February 1922:** BGen John H. Russell was appointed U.S. High Commissioner and personal representative of the President to the government of Haiti. This nine-year assignment placed this future Commandant in supreme command of both the occupying American force and the Haitian Gendarmerie. **15 February 1898:** On this date, 28 Marines and 232 seamen lost their lives when the battleship MAINE was mysteriously sunk by an explosion in the harbor of Havana, Cuba. Though no definitive evidence linked the Spanish with the sinking, the cry went up, "Remember the Maine!", and by late April the U.S. and Spain were at war. **17 February 1967:** The first full day of Operation DECKHOUSE VI, which lasted until 3 March, was conducted near Quang Ngai city. The Special Landing Force (BLT Y4 and HMM-363) accounted for 280 enemy killed. **23 February 1945:** Four days after the initial landings on Iwo Jima, 1stLt Harold G. Schrier led 40 men from Company E, 2d Battalion, 28th Marines, up Mt. Suribachi to secure the crest and raise the small American flag that battalion commander LtCol Chandler Johnson had given Schrier. Within an hour, the patrol reached the rim of the crater. After a short fire-fight with Japanese defenders emerging from several caves, the small American flag was attached to an iron pipe and raised over the island. On this same date, the immortal photograph of the flag raising of Iwo Jima was taken by photographer Joe Rosenthal, over the left shoulder of Marine Sergeant Bill Genaust, who took the moving picture film of that same event. Sgt. Genaust's film, because it was movie film, was sent to Guam to be developed, which took a couple of weeks, while Rosenthal's still photo was developed aboard an offshore ship the next day, and became immediately famous. Genaust, nine days later, on his way to another photo shoot, ducked into a cave with another Marine to escape a sudden downpour, when they both were killed by Jap soldiers hiding deep inside. The entrance to the cave was then collapsed with the remains of the two Marines still inside. In approximately 2007 their remains were repatriated. **24 February 1991:** The I Marine Expeditionary Force and coalition forces began a ground assault on Iraqi defenses in the final chapter of Operation Desert Storm. The 1st and 2d Marine Divisions stormed into the teeth of Iraqi defenses while heavily armored allied forces attacked the Iraqi defenses in Iraq from behind. In 100 hours, U.S. and allied forces defeated the Iraqi Army. **28 February 1991:** Operation Desert Storm ended when the cease-fire declared by President George Bush went into effect. I Marine Expeditionary Force has a strength 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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Other Scuttlebutt from the 508th

New Members

Joe Miller, USN, Retired, 1990-2010, Associate Member
sponsored by Don Wojciechowski

RIFLE/PISTOL SHOOT INFO

The piston shooters long ago completed another year in the MCL sanctioned shoot, and Dave Litteral is s'posed to have sent in the scores. I hope he did, and I hope to hell we'll learn later how we have done. There will be a photo of some shooters in an upcoming issue, if the newsletter editor could ever figure out how to do that. We need a real newsletter editor.

Life Membership Dues

Birth to 35 - \$500

36 to 50 - \$400

51 to 60 - \$300

61 to over the hill - \$150

Note from Adjutant/Paymaster Eberle!

I would like to emphasize to all that any request for a change of address at any level be first forwarded to the detachment Adjutant/Paymaster so that all detachment, department and national records can be properly coordinated, synchronized and maintained. This is a standing order.

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Committee Assignments
for Belleau Wood Detachment

The Commandant serves on all committees.
To have your name added or removed from a committee, contact the Commandant or Adjutant.

Awards

Marine Needed

Birthday Ball

Next November

Burial

Rozzell, Eberle, Muncy, Bailey, everyone.

Fund Raising

All members

Membership

All members

Nominating

Don Wojo for 2012!!

Parades & Observations

Steve Stiverson

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Earl Bailey
614-429-0601

Young Marines

Ed Evans
614-580-4228

Website

Rick Rozzell
478-1703

Rifle and Pistol

Muncy and Litteral
267 5194 579 1770

Semper Fidelis!