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The KetMorDet Flag History Presentation Team conducted a program for the Milwaukee Chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Their historian, Julia Miller, took some photos during the presentation and entered the picture shown above in the State Fair's *Photo Competition*. It received an award in the *Flag Category*. It was on display at the Fair from July 31st to Aug 10th in the Horticulture, Craft and Culinary Pavilion (in the event you did not see it when your wife took you through that building).

Our next Meeting is at 0900 Saturday August 16th, 2008 at the Trenton Town Hall.  
Located at 1071 State Hwy 33 East, West Bend WI 53095.

**Kettle Moraine Detachment 1203, Marine Corps League**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held on July 19th, 2008**  
**16 Members present**

The Meeting was held at the Trenton Town Hall in West Bend, WI.

The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0900. The Sgt at Arms presented the Colors, and the Adjutant said the opening prayer.

**Roll Call of Officers**

Commandant: John Stern present  
Sr. Vice Commandant: Glen Brewer excused  
Jr. Vice Commandant: Danny O'Toole excused  
Adjutant: Jason Waier present  
Judge Advocate: Sean Rodriguez present

Paymaster: Roger Cross present  
Chaplain: Paul Bollmann excused  
Sgt at Arms: Don Erdman present  
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" Jim Krudwig present

**Other Members in Attendance**

Chantelois, Steve	Coulter, Dan	Fleischman, John	Heiman, Carl	Keller, Charlie
Krause, John (ex)	Link, Paul	Lucka, Gil	Mathews, Glen (ex)	Schleif, Paul
Straub, Hugo (ex)	Unertl, Ken	Wallace, Bill		

**New Members/Guests**

There were no guests present at the Meeting.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Bill Wallace made a motion accept the June Minutes as posted in the July Newsletter. Motion seconded by Charlie Keller. Motion passed.

**Paymaster's Report**

The Paymaster distributed the Paymasters Report. The Paymaster noted the current fundraiser deposits and that a short term certificate of deposit could be purchased so that a better interest rate of 3.8% would be earned. Jim Krudwig made a motion to invest \$5,000 in a certificate of deposit. Motion seconded by Charlie Keller. Motion passed. The Paymaster has several different pieces of Det gear for sale. If interested in purchasing a KetMorDet baseball hat, the green Iwo Jima t-shirt, or any other Det gear, contact Roger Cross.

**Chaplain's Report**

The Chaplain was excused from the Meeting and is home recovering from knee replacement surgery. Glen Matthews' wife was in a car accident and is currently at home recovering. The Det sends best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery for both of them.

**Correspondence Received/Delivered**

A request for funds from Rustic Skies has been received. It is a non-profit organization that works with local schools, park systems, and youth organizations in an attempt to create interest in science and math through astronomy. Charlie Keller made a motion to pass on donating at this time. Seconded by Paul Link. Motion to not donate to Rustic Skies at this time passed.

**Report of Standing Committees**

**Honor Guard:** The Commandant thanked Roger Cross and Charlie Keller for stepping forward and representing the Det at the July 5th funeral for a retired Army Major. If interested in being the Assistant Honor Guard Commander please contact John Stern.

**Flag History Presentation Team:** The FHPT has stood down for the summer and will resume functions in the fall.

**Care Packages:** Several care packages are prepared and will be shipped out soon.

**VAVS:** Nothing new to report.

**PAO:** Nothing new to report.

**Fundraising:** Sign up sheets were again on hand for all the upcoming fundraisers. The Det is on the downhill side of the fundraising season. If you have not been able to participate yet, please be sure to do so soon and get your red polo shirt for helping out for a full day or two half days of fundraising. See the Calendar of Events for dates and locations.

**Newsletter:** If any Member would like something included in the Newsletter, email it to barona@att.net stating in the subject line that it is for the Newsletter. The Editor will no longer send out reminder notices to the Officers to get their reports in for the Newsletter. Have any input to the Editor by the first Monday of each month. On the photo page of the June Newsletter Tim Bertram was incorrectly listed as Tom Bertram.

**Color Guard:** Member Dan Coulter, representing the Allenton Parade Committee, requested that the KetMorDet Color Guard participate during the Allenton Parade on August 17th as has been done for the past several years. The Color Guard Commander will prepare a written report for the August Newsletter on the July 4th Parade in West Bend.

**Quartermaster:** The Quartermaster will be updating the Det. gear including uniform equipment held by individual Members. All Members should start inventorying any Det. gear they have so a comprehensive list can be maintained.

**Adjutant:** Annual dues are coming up for Sean Rodriguez (Aug) and Paul Schleif (Sep). Members who have not taken a life membership should watch for their renewal notice and get their dues to the Paymaster.

### Old Business

Bill Wallace reported on the "Take a Vet Fishing" event in Port Washington. There were 84 Vets and 38 staff members on 34 boats. Members Fritz Montag, Bill Wallace, and John Stern participated. After spending several hours on Lake Michigan fishing, lunch was served at the Legion Post in Port Washington. Although it seemed like organized chaos a good time was had by the Vets and all participating.

The Scholarship Award for Amanda Sonneman is ready and will be presented as soon as she can come to a meeting.

At the June Meeting Jim Krudwig asked for a more formal policy in notifying delinquent Members about their status. The Officers looked at the following procedure: formal written notification will be from National Headquarters, Marine Corps League. Written notifications will also be posted in the monthly Newsletter by the Adjutant. At 60 days past due the Jr Vice Commandant (Membership) will try to contact the Member by phone. At 90 days past due the Membership will vote to drop the delinquent Member from the rolls. Paul Link made a motion to accept this notification process which was seconded by Charlie Keller. Motion passed.

The Commandant reminded everyone that they are welcome to attend the National MCL Convention in Florida from Aug 10-16. Travel expenses will not be reimbursed. Several key items will be looked at during that convention.

### New Business

There was no new business brought up during the Meeting.

### Good of the League

The Commandant thanked Members who have been able to participate during the fundraisers and asked everyone to continue to keep up the good work. Dan Coulter stated that it may give some incentive to those participating if there was an idea of how the money would be used. In years past, there was a sense of purpose to those doing the fundraising. As of late, there seems to be no direction or urgency in how to use the money raised. Although funds are still being spent on the troops and some charitable organizations, there is more that can be done. Ideas expressed by Members during the meeting ranged from making a \$100 donation to a different local charity each month to finding a more permanent location for the Detachment where all of the equipment can be stored... A dedicated purpose may even help bring Members to the Meetings because they would have something to "be excited about once again". The Officers will discuss these ideas and will report back at the August Meeting.

At the conclusion of the August Meeting there will be an Honor/Color Guard practice session. All Members are encouraged to attend the practice. If you are not in either the Color/Honor Guard but would like to participate, contact John Stern or Charlie Keller so arrangements can be made to issue you a uniform.

### Meeting Closed

With no further business to be conducted, the Commandant gave the order to close the Meeting. The Sgt at Arms retired the Colors, and the Adjutant gave the closing prayer. The Commandant thanked all for attending and asked that they secure new members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jason Waier, Adjutant

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### KETMORDET OFFICER REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2008

In order to expedite the regular monthly meeting, the Commandant has requested that all Officers and standing Committee Chairs provide their input to the Newsletter by the first Monday of each month. Members are also welcome to submit something. This will enable all members to review items of interest and reduce discussion at the meetings. Additionally, it provides any Member who cannot make it to a regular meeting, the opportunity to remain abreast of current Det. activities. Any submission may be edited and use depends on available space.

#### COMMANDANT JOHN STERN REPORTS:

**Support the Troops Packages:** Three Packages were mailed out in July. Two packages submitted by Marine Heiman for Marines Schneeberg and Koaharek and one submitted by Mike Mason for Marine Strening. Special thanks to Marine Krudwig for procuring an ample supply of donated "chew" from the Smoke Shop in West Bend which will be included in future packages. I'm going to be updating the list of items normally included in these packages and will be requesting our returning Marines, the Moericke's, to assist me in determining what items will be included in future shipments.

#### Notes from the troops:

We received a hand written note from one of the Moericke Marines which can be found at [www.ketmordet.com](http://www.ketmordet.com)

#### *Cpl Strening sent the following:*

Sgt Stern, Thank you for the package you and your group sent. I'm sure you know how much of a morale booster mail is, especially when it comes from people you don't even know that donate their time and money just to send thank you notes and packages. It really does help when we receive mail from groups such as yours. I am an avionics technician with VMA-311, an AV-8B Harrier squadron. We are based out of Yuma, AZ. Right now, we are in Al Jaber, Kuwait. From one desert to another, it always seems to be hot and sandy. We are attached to the USS Peleliu right now, and we are out here doing some ground training and joint exercises with the Kuwaiti Air Force. Thank you once again for your efforts. All of my Marines and I appreciate it. Semper Fi, Cpl Strening

#### Fund Raising: KetMorDet has 3 fundraisers remaining:

- (1) August 16th at Geidel's Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum (contact John Fleishman)
- (2) August 22, 23, and 24 at the Hartford Walmart (contact John Stern if you can help out on the 23 and 24)
- (3) Sep 26 at Miller Park (contact Bill Wallace if you can participate).

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A reminder that at the July meeting it was suggested that the Det. become more active in financing local Charities/organizations. Accordingly, I ask that all members submit names of various charities/organizations to whom Monthly contributions might be made. It should be a different charity each month. Please be specific in what the Funds would be utilized for to aid in the decision process by the Members.

**A Few Good Men:** Thanks to Maine Keller for stepping up and filling the post of assistant honor guard commander. As Marine Keller is only a part time resident; I am currently seeking a full time resident to assist me in this post.

**SR VICE COMMANDANT GLEN BREWER:** Nothing reported.

**JR VICE COMMANDANT DANNY O'TOOLE:** See the excellent letter from Danny's son in this Newsletter.

**ADJUTANT JASON WAIER REPORTS:**

Marines, Good news! The unit replacing our Marines from Fox Co is now in Iraq. By the time this is published, Fox Co should be on their way home! It has been a long year for them and I am sure will have many stories to tell. It has come to my attention that there is some question as to why I mark some Members as (ex) excused in the Minutes. My reasoning is simple. If a Member wants to attend a monthly Det Meeting, but for whatever reason is unable to attend and yet takes the time to notify of such an occurrence, I will take the time to mark them as excused. I hope this helps clarify why some Members get marked as excused. Please feel free to ask me questions at any time. A reminder that Sean Rodriguez' annual dues date is August and Paul Schlieff is in Sep. Watch for your renewal notification from MCL National Hqs.

**PAYMASTER ROGER CROSS:** Nothing reported.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS DON ERDMAN:** Nothing reported.

**CHAPLAIN PAUL BOLLMANN OR ACTING CHAPLAIN GEORGE WUJCIK:** Nothing reported.

**FLAG HISTORY PRESENTATION TEAM COMMANDER JIM KRUDWIG REPORTS:**

The Historian for the Milwaukee Chapter of the DAR took photos during the KetMorDet FHP there on April 4th. The cover of this Newsletter shows some of the participating Members that day. It was posted at the State Fair. Members who participated include Erdman, Heiman, Kaczmarek, Krudwig, Moericke, Montag and Unertl.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** It should be noted that over the past couple months we have several new Ad donors for the Newsletter: Miller Furniture, Kewaskum Frozen Foods and Miller Funeral Home, all in Kewaskum, thanks to Hugo Straub; and Albiero Plumbing in West Bend thanks to John Krause. Members are requested to consider supporting all of our advertisers as their donations make the high quality of photographs and printing possible as well the number of pages in each month's edition. There are still a couple of empty Ad blocks that need to be filled.

**MILWAUKEE BREWER FUNDRAISER:** The fundraiser at Miller Park on July 29th did well, surpassing our previous collections there. Those participating included Members Heiman, Krause, Krudwig, Montag, Unertl, and Oelerich (and his 13 year old son, Kevin). After the game started, the Members celebrated with a tailgate party in the parking lot.

**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER CHARLIE KELLER REPORTS:**

The West Bend 4th of July Parade attracted a huge crowd. Once again, we were the lead unit. Thanks and "Well Done" to the following Marines that participated: Cross, Keller, Montag, Oelerich, and Straub.

**MEMBER BILL WALLACE REPORTS:**

June 18th was the day of the 35th Annual Disabled Veterans Fishing Outing put on by the Port Washington American Legion. John Stern, Fritz Montag and I worked as volunteers to help load 84 Vets and 38 staff from the VA hospital onto 32 fishing boats for a day of fishing. Fritz and I also went along with the Ozaukee County Rescue & Recovery boat to check on the fleet out on the lake, along with several members of the Army from the Helicopter Squadron at West Bend Airport. After the boats came back in, they were treated to lunch and prizes at the Am Leg Post. Some caught fish and they all enjoyed a beautiful day on Lake Michigan. Semper Fi.

**MEMBER JOHN FLEISCHMAN REPORTS: ATTENTION ALL KETMORDET MARINES**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Det's. Fundraiser - Kewaskum Brat Fry at Geidel's Piggly Wiggly - has been changed from August 30th to Saturday August 16th. Please come to Kewaskum after our monthly meeting and buy a brat or stay to help if you can. Thanks in advance for your support of another KetMorDet fundraising effort.**

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**ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID:**

*You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.*

*You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.*

*You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.*

*You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.*

*You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.*

*You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.*

*You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.*

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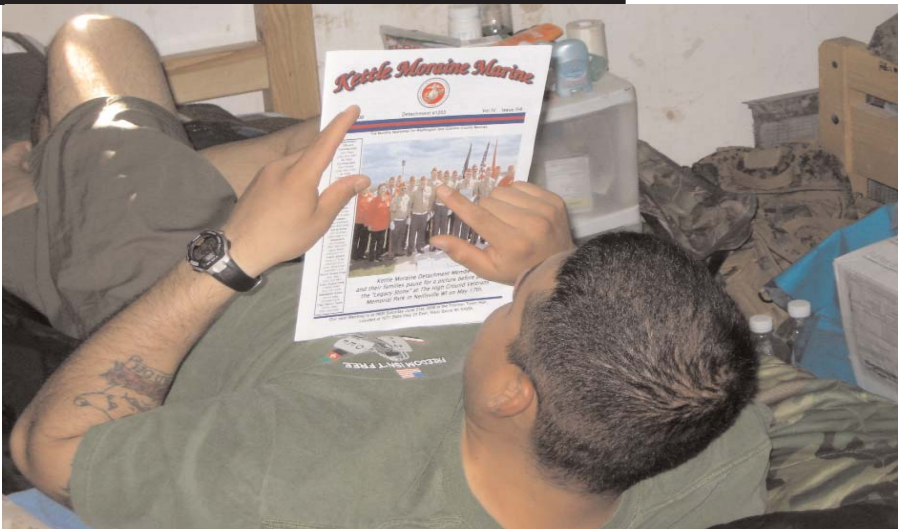
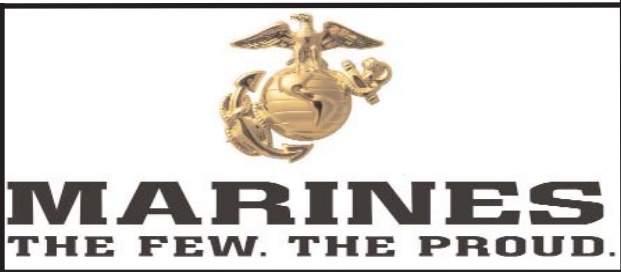




Here we see KetMorDet Member Andrew Moericke getting promoted to his current rank of Corporal in the hot and sand swept lands of Iraq.



Tim Bertrams' son David is seen here while on patrol in Iraq. This is his 2nd tour in Iraq with Fox Company.



Pictured above and to the left are a couple of Fox Co 2/24 Marines relaxing after a hard days work in Iraq, reading copies of the Kettle Moraine Marine no less! Ooh Rah Marines!

## SPECIAL NOTE FROM A PILOT IN AFGHANSITAN

KetMorDet's Jr Vice Commandant Danny O'Toole's son, LtCol Timothy Ryan O'Toole, is a former Marine Major, having flown for 14 years while in the Marine Corps. When the Corps decided to reduce the number of F-18 Hornet pilots, he left the Marines and joined the PA Air National Guard so he could continue flying war birds. His civilian job as a pilot for Jet Blue Airlines is currently on hold while he serves a second combat tour, the first having been in Iraq. The current tour is in Afghanistan flying the A-10 Warthog which is quite an aircraft. You may recall photos of the damage it did to Iraqi tanks and vehicles as they tried to escape from Kuwait during Desert Storm. Danny passes some of his son's notes to us on e-mail. This one reads:

*Dad, Just flew my second sortie and am having a blast! This is the wildest flying you can do in the A-10. Our field is at 5000 feet MSL, and we carry shitloads of bombs and it's hot as hell with 21,000 foot mountains in the AO (area of operations). It's definitely a challenging environment. If you get a chance, can you send me some Odwalla pure protein and Odwalla Green monster bars? Like Iraq, we miss at least one meal a day due to flight ops and the power bars are great filler while flying. The living conditions are a bit tough, 8 pilots per plywood hooch, but overall this place is great. Love, Tim.*

Does anyone in KetMorDet want to make a motion to send LtCol O'Toole a case each of Odwalla pure protein and Odwalla Green monster bars? If so, come to the next meeting and get your two cents in there.

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### THE STATE OF THE MARINE CORPS!

Brigadier General Robert E. Milstead Jr, Director, Marine Corps Public Affairs, on Feb 19 2008 addressed the **Wounded Warriors Foundation** in Charlotte, NC

Thank you and good evening. Thanks for the introduction...but to introduce me as the mouthpiece of the Marine Corps is an exaggeration to say the least. Regardless, its an honor to be here this evening and to support such a worthwhile cause as the Wounded Warriors Foundation.

Today is a very special date in the history of our Corps. Sixty-three years ago today, at 0859, the first assault waves of the 4th and 5th Marine Divisions landed on the beaches of Iwo Jima. Before that battle was over, the Marines would suffer 26,000 casualties. 6,000 Marines were killed taking that island. Twenty-two Marines were awarded Medals of Honor, the most ever awarded for a single engagement. On an island only 7+ square miles in size, almost 100,000 men were locked in mortal combat. 21,000 Japanese died in place. It is said that for every piece of terrain the size of a football field, one Marine was killed and five were wounded. But before I continue, I'd like to acknowledge Admiral Spiro, he's sitting over here. He was on a Destroyer off the coast of Iwo Jima that morning providing fire support to the Marines. Admiral, thank you for your service, especially during World War II.

Why do I begin my remarks speaking of Iwo Jima? Because it is the benchmark we Marines use to judge all other battles. Also because it speaks to valor and determination two key characteristics we see in the young men and women serving today in this global war on terror. This is a generation conflict, and we are closer to the beginning than we are the end.

In my current assignment, I am often asked by the media and others about the health of our Corps. How do I reply? Tonight I will tell you what I tell them. We are indeed in good health. Our Corps is in the best shape I have seen during my 33 years of service. The young men and women serving today are our nation's next generation. They are taking the baton from the likes of Admiral Spiro. I have been in combat with them twice and can say they are a national treasure, they are our future leaders and we are in good hands.

Speaking specifically about our Corps, We are the youngest of all the services. The average age is 24. Approximately 65% of the Corps is under the age of 25. Almost a quarter populates that beloved rank of Lance Corporal. We have almost 26,000 teenagers. Last year we recruited over 38,000 young men and women, 95% of them high school graduates, and every one of them joined knowing full well they will likely move toward the sound of cannons. This year we are well on our way to recruiting another 40,000. This is a generation that understands the meaning of service. As long as we continue recruiting men and women like this, our Corps will remain healthy.

Several months ago I had the privilege of being the reviewing officer for a graduation parade at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Standing out on that parade deck were six platoons, 571 young men lean and mean after the rigors of boot camp. I asked the battalion commander who was the honor graduate. He told me it was Lance Corporal Sanchez, from Baytown, Texas. I asked if his parents were there. Yes sir, he answered, they are in the reviewing stand behind you. I want to meet them, I said. Mr. and Mrs. Sanchez were indeed proud parents. Taking her hand in mine, I thanked Mrs. Sanchez for giving us her son and told her that although I couldn't guarantee his safety, I would guarantee he'd be taken care of. With tears in her eyes, she explained this was not her first. You see, both LCpl Sanchez's older brother and sister were already Marines, and another sister was a Navy Corpsman. I will tell you that as long as we have American families like the Sanchez family, our Corps will remain healthy.

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I'll then tell of the wounded Marines I met while visiting Brooke Army Medical Center and the Army Burn Center in San Antonio. I'll tell of the young Lance Corporal who was burned when his vehicle was hit by an IED. His face is not bad at all, he looks if he merely has some road rash. But his hands are pretty badly burned and his therapy is painful. Mustering some courage, I asked him if he felt it was worth it. His reply was as you'd expect from a Marine, and I'll clean it up some. *"F\*\*king A sir, no regrets. I'd do it again in a second."* So I'll tell you that as long as we have young men like him, our Corps will remain healthy.

I'll also talk about the Corporal I met down there at the burn center. Now he was burned much worse. He still wears a protective cap and gloves and has had 37 surgeries. He tells of the time, when he could finally go out in town, of coming out of a restaurant, and a small child, as honest and straight-forth as only a child can be, said in voice that he could hear, *"look mommy, it's a monster."* That child's mother, instead of whisking her son away in embarrassment, got down on a knee, and looking her son in the eyes said, *"no honey, that's not a monster, that's a very brave man who was badly hurt protecting you and me. You need to go over and thank him."* And with trepidation as you can imagine, the young child walked over, and reached out his hand taking the Corporal's gloved hand in his, and said *"thank you."* The Corporal will tell you that as long as there are people like that, he can endure another 37 operations. I will tell you that as long as there are mothers like that child's, our Corps will remain healthy.

As I close, I will offer you a couple of figures... There are about 1.5 million of us in the active forces that wear a uniform. If you add all the reserves and the National Guard, the total is somewhere close to 3 million. That is only 1% of our nation's population. We are a military at war, not a nation at war. Unfortunately, many Americans just don't get it. But you get it. Oh yeah, you get it. If you didn't, you wouldn't be here tonight. So I'll end by saying that as long as we have folks like you, our Corps will remain healthy.

Thank you for being here tonight, thank you for your support of our brave servicemen and women, and especially thank you for your support of our wounded warriors. God bless you, I pledge your Marine Corps will remain healthy, and Semper Fidelis.

Taken from the internet - <http://themilitaryobserver.blogspot.com>

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### **FROM ONE VETERAN TO ANOTHER "IT'S AN HONOR TO BE IN YOUR COMPANY. THANK YOU VETERAN!"**

(What follows is true whether you retired from the military or just spent some time in the military.)

When a good Veteran leaves the "job" and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the "job" and merely being allowed to leave "active" duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God" and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

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#### **Civilian Friends vs. Veteran Friends:**

**CIVILIAN FRIENDS:** Get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.

**VETERAN FRIENDS:** Are glad to see you after years, and will happily carry on the same conversation you were having the last time you met.

**CIVILIAN FRIENDS:** Have never seen you cry.

**VETERAN FRIENDS:** Have cried with you.

**CIVILIAN FRIENDS:** Borrow your stuff for a few days and then give it back.

**VETERAN FRIENDS:** Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.

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CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Know a few things about you.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will kick the crowd's ass that left you behind.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Are for a while.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Are for life.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have shared a few experiences...

VETERAN FRIENDS: Have shared a lifetime or experiences no citizen could ever dream of...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will take your drink away when they think you've had enough.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will look at you stumbling all over the place and say "You better drink the rest of that before you spill it!" then carry you home safely and put you to bed...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will talk crap to the person who talks crap about you.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will knock the hell of THEM...for using your name in vain.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will ignore this.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will forward this.

**A VETERAN** - Whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made "payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including my life."

**FROM ONE VETERAN TO ANOTHER, IT'S AN HONOR TO BE IN YOUR COMPANY. THANK YOU VETERAN!**

*Author unknown. Obtained from an old military acquaintance on the internet.*

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Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE NEW (BSD)\* MEDAL/RIBBON

ALMAR Directive

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Due to an increase on request for additional medals and ribbons from veterans that served in South East Asia, 1962/1973, the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, Gen. James T. Conway, has ordered the manufacture and issue of a new medal (FSD)\* for all personnel that meet the eligibility criterion and want extra medals for showcasing. Medals are to be issued immediately upon request.

PRINCIPAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERION:

(1) SERVED IN-COUNTRY REGARDLESS OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY OR RATING, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE RENDERED SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE UNDER HOSTILE TAUNTS FROM ON-LOOKERS, WHILE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN AT LEAST ONE DETAIL ORDERED BY HIS COMMANDING OFFICER OR SQUAD LEADER.

(2) SERVICE IN A COMBAT OR NON COMBAT AREA AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLES A SERVICE MEMBER TO WEAR THE (BSD)\* MEDAL.

(3) INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PERFORMED MORE THAN 5 (BSD)\* DETAILS ARE ENTITLED TO WEAR A JP-4 CAN INSIGNIA ON THE RIBBON IN LIEU OF A SECONDARY MEDAL.

(4) THE COMMANDANT MAKES IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT ANY SERVICE MEMBER THAT DOES NOT MEET THE ABOVE CRITERION CAN STILL REQUEST THE NEW MEDAL FOR HIS WALL DISPLAY CASE.

(BSD)\* MEDALS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER PREVIOUSLY ISSUED MEDALS OR RIBBONS AND ARE TO BE WORN OR DISPLAYED WITH PRIDE.

**\*(BSD) = BURNING SHITTERS DETAIL**

## LETTER FROM A FARM KID IN MARINE BOOT CAMP...

Dear Ma and Pa,

I am well, Hope you are. Tell Brother Walt and Brother Elmer that the Marine Corps beats working for old man Minch by a mile. Tell them to join up quick before all of the places are filled.

I was restless at first because you got to stay in bed till nearly 6 A.M. but I am getting so I like to sleep late. Tell Walt and Elmer that all you do before breakfast is smooth your cot and shine some things. No hogs to slop, feed to pitch, mash to mix, wood to split or fire to lay. Practically nothing.

Men got to shave but it is not so bad, there's warm water. Breakfast is strong on trimmings like fruit juice, cereal eggs, bacon, etc. but kind of weak on chops, potatoes, ham, steak, fried eggplant, pie and other regular food. But tell Walt and Elmer that you can always sit by the city boys that live on coffee. Their food plus yours holds you till noon when you get fed again.

It's no wonder these city boys can't walk much. We go on "route marches" which the platoon sergeant says are long walks to harden us. If he thinks so, it's not my place to tell him different. A "route march" is about as far as to our mailbox at home. Then the city boys get sore feet and we all ride back in trucks.

This will kill Walt and Elmer with laughing. I keep getting medals for shooting. I don't know why. The bulls-eye is near as big as a chipmunk head and don't move, and it ain't shooting at you like the Higgett boys at home. All you got to do is lie there all comfortable and hit it.. You don't even load your own cartridges. They come in boxes.

Then we have what they call hand-to-hand combat training. You get to wrestle with them city boys. I have to be real careful though, they break real easy. It ain't like fighting with that old bull at home. I'm about the best they got in this except for that Tug Jordan from over in Silver Lake. I only beat him oncet. He joined up the same time as me but I'm only 5.6" and 130 pounds and he's 6'8" and near 300 pounds dry.

Be sure to tell Walt and Elmer to hurry and join before other fellers get onto this setup and come stampeding in.

Your loving daughter, Carol

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### KETMORDET'S REPORTED SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS (Always subject to change)

Aug 16	Sat	0855	Regular Monthly Meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East of West Bend
Aug 16	Sat	1000	Honor/Color Guard practice following meeting - All Members invited
Aug 16	Sat	?	Geidel's Piggly Wiggly in Kewaskum Brat Fry Fundraiser
Aug 17	Sun		Allenton Parade - Color Guard tentatively scheduled to march
Aug 22	Fri		Fundraiser - Hartford Walmart - volunteers needed
Aug 23	Sat		" " " " "
Aug 24	Sun		" " " " "
Sep 1	Mon		Labor Day - Fly your flag proudly
Sep 20	Sat	0855	Regular Monthly Meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East of West Bend
Sep 26	Fri	1500	Fundraiser - Milwaukee Brewers/Chicago Cubs Game - Volunteers needed

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