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ALLIES OR ENEMIES. YOU MAKE THE CALL

"I come in peace. I didn't bring artillery. But I'm pleading with you, with tears in my eyes: If you f*** with me, I'll kill you all."

~A reported quote by Marine General James Mattis, to Iraqi tribal leaders~

Be sure to come early to this month's Meeting and turn in your election ballots for the Detachments Officers for 2008-2009. The doors will be open at 0830, and ballots will be accepted at 0845.

Our next Meeting is 0845 Saturday February 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 January 19th, 2008
19 Members were present

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

The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0904. The Sgt at Arms presented the Colors, and the Chaplain said the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

Commandant: John Stern present
Sr. Vice Commandant: Bill Wallace excused
Jr. Vice Commandant: Glen Brewer present
Adjutant: Jason Waier present
Judge Advocate: Charlie Keller excused
Paymaster: Roger Cross present
Chaplain: Paul Bollmann present
Sgt at Arms: Cal Racine present
Historians: Jason Waier present
" Jim Krudwig present

Other Members in Attendance

Erdman, Don	Heiman, Carl	Link, Paul	Lucka, Gil	Montag, Fred
Oelerich, Barry	O'Toole, Dan	Rodriguez, Sean	Smith, Doug	Straub, Hugo
Unertl, Ken	Wujcik, George			

New Members/Guests

SSgt Tim Hall, the new NCOIC of the Marine Corps recruiting office in West Bend, was on hand as a guest. All Marines are encouraged to stop by his office and welcome him to the area. Member Don Erdman was presented with his Life Membership certificate by the Commandant.

Reading of the Minutes

Hugo Straub made a motion to accept the October and December Minutes as posted in the respective Newsletters with no corrections or comments. Motion seconded by Cal Racine. Motion voted on and passed.

Paymaster's Report

The Paymaster's Report was distributed to the Members. The Certificate of Deposit that matured at the end of December was renewed for a 7 month term earning 4¾% interest. The P.O. Box renewal fee was paid. The winter jackets that were requested by Members and were ordered following the December Meeting and will be available after Jan 23rd. Contact Roger Cross with any questions about the jackets. With no other comments or questions George Wujcik made a motion to accept the Paymaster Report as written. Paul Bollmann seconded and motion passed.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain asked that he be notified if there is **any** knowledge of ill Members so he can contact them. Glen Brewer has contacted Richard Schlice who said that he had been sick for several months but is getting better. The Commandant asked the Chaplain make a follow up call with him. The Chaplain is working on the spring picnic and asks if anyone is interested in helping to contact Paul Bollmann. He will report more later.

Correspondence Received/Delivered

The Adjutant reported receiving no new correspondence.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: There has not been any Honor Guard details for some time. The Commandant has been in contact with Leon Klinkenburg, of the Military Funeral Honors Program, to remind him that the Detachment is ready to perform Honor Guard details. Paul Bollmann asked if letters have been sent out to area funeral homes letting them know we can perform Honor Guard details. The Commandant stated that funeral home directors are to ask the family of the deceased if they want an Honor Guard. If the family would like one, the directors are to call Leon Klinkenburg in Madison who then contacts local organizations to perform. Dan O'Toole stated as the PAO he will write a letter to get out to the local funeral homes reminding them about the availability of the KetMorDet Honor Guard.

Flag History Presentation Team: Jim Krudwig stated that there are 2 upcoming presentations scheduled and that he is working on more.

VAVS: Contact the Commandant if interested in volunteering for this position.
PAO: Nothing new to report.

Fundraising: The Commandant is looking for a Member to take on the position of Fundraising Chairman for the upcoming fundraising season. If interested contact John Stern. This position will entail setting up fundraising sites, and dates. The Commandant also stated that the fundraisers may not be held during the big holiday weekends in 2008. Hopefully this would get more Members out to help during fundraisers.

Newsletter: The Editor passed out the new green and gold KetMorDet t-shirt to those Members that have obtained donations for three ad blocks. There are still a few ad blocks left yet. Contact the Editor if you know of a potential advertiser. It has been several months since any bios have been turned in. Contact Jim Krudwig and get yours completed.

Color Guard: Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Roger Cross has talked to Wally Miller at Miller Monument in Jackson and passed a copy of the inscription that will be on the brick that will be placed at the Veterans Plaza in West Bend. Info will be provided later on dates of when the stone will be placed. The "Museum of the Marine" is raising funds through the Marine Corps League to get a museum built in Jacksonville, North Carolina. There was no interest shown by the attending Members in donating to this now. In addition, there was no interest in donating to the Missing in South East Asia Foundation. Paul Link made a motion to purchase a Legacy Stone from The High Ground Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville, WI for $435. Motion seconded by George Wujcik and passed. Glen Brewer and Roger Cross volunteered to go the dedication on behalf of KetMorDet. They will also submit Detachment info to be retained in the registry books there for all to read. The date of the event will be provided later.

At the December Meeting Jim Krudwig inquired about purchasing long sleeve shirts and ties for the uniform. There are currently 28 uniformed Members. The cost would be around $1840 for the 28 shirts, with the ties, tie clasps, patches and tailoring. It was the position of the Officers at the Officers Call held earlier to wait on purchasing the shirts at this time for several reasons. The Officers stated that the current uniforms are under utilized by some Marines who already have them. While there are a handful of Marines that always participate in events, there are Members that have uniforms that seldom or never participate. It may also lead to more confusion as to what is to be worn at events so that all Members are in the same uniform. Several Members then made comments in favor of purchasing the long sleeve shirts. It was stated that it is the winter uniform which would be worn by the FHP Team and Honor Guard when the latter is inside. The long sleeve shirt is more comfortable in cold weather and it looks much sharper with the tie and clasp. It was pointed out that the Detachment has adequate funds to cover the costs, and that the FHP Team continues raising donations from its programs. The Color/Honor/FHP Commanders could advise the participating Members which shirt to wear for a particular event. Don Erdman made a motion to purchase the long sleeve shirts and accouterments. Motion seconded by Dan O'Toole and passed. Uniformed Members were asked to contact Jim Krudwig with sizes so that the shirts can be ordered.

The Adjutant read the card that will be sent to LtCol Gillette, thanking him for being the guest speaker at the Birthday Ball. Members signed the card after the Meeting. The Adjutant read the Thank You note written to Rush Limbaugh for his $2.1 million donation to the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation. Gil Lucka asked if any Eagle Scout Certificates have been given out yet. The Adjutant stated that although this has been brought up before he has never been provided with any names of new Eagle Scouts who should receive a Certificate.

New Business

Nominations for Detachment Officers for 2008-2009 were as follows: Commandant-John Stern, Sr Vice Commandant-Glen Brewer, Jr Vice Commandant-Dan O'Toole, Paymaster-Roger Cross, Adjutant-Jason Waier, Chaplain-Paul Bollmann, Sgt at Arms-Don Erdman, Historians-Krudwig/Waier, no one was nominated for Judge Advocate. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the JA position, let the Commandant know. If this position can not be filled, the Commandant will appoint someone to it. SSgt Hall has inquired if the Detachment would be interested in purchasing American flags that he would exchange for old tattered ones he sees while he is out recruiting. He would then give the old ones back to the Detachment for proper disposal. Dan O'Toole made a motion to purchase ten 3x5 nylon flags for $130, to be given to SSgt Hall. Sean Rodriguez seconded and passed. While Glen Brewer was at Walmart getting prices on flags he found out that the Detachment could apply for a $1000 grant. The Commandant will fill out and return the application.

Good of the League

Paul Bollmann brought in coffee and donuts for the Members to enjoy. Be sure to come in early and share some of those old sea stories with your fellow Marines/Corpsman. Jason Waier read a few quick e-mails from Member Chris Moericke who is currently stationed with Fox Company in Iraq. Future notes will be shared with the membership.

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, the Chaplain gave the closing prayer, and the Sr. Vice Commandant thanked all for attending and asked that they secure new members. All present sang the Marine Hymn before departing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Waier, Adjutant

O ROCK OF APES - A Tale of Conversion

I joined my platoon in Viet Nam (3rd Platoon C/1/9) as a green lieutenant at the Vandegrift base in August 1968. Vandegrift was set inside a valley perhaps ten kilometers (?) east of Khe Sahn. On each side high (roughly 550 meters), densely jungled hills arose. A few due-diligence rolls of concertina wire intervened between the bunkers and a brief flat area of low vegetation until the hills began to soar. At night, one could see lines of flashlights moving on top of the hills as NVA units marched south. - I did not know then that a recon team and I would meet up one day with one of those units on one of those hills. I remember being awed that first day by the length of perimeter one platoon was supposed to defend. There had to be 100 yards between each little bunker housing two or three men. My platoon, recent veterans of Khe Sanh, seemed unconcerned.

My first night, there occurred what seemed to be a standard event. One of the positions thought they detected movement in front. A fire mission was called in and the area was blasted. I sent out a small patrol in the morning to look for any bodies. Nothing. Then came what was apparently the stock reason for such lack of results: "It must have been rock apes, sir." I did not ask what "rock apes" actually were. I assumed these were mythical beasts. Clearly they were immune to, and existed beyond the realm of, mere artillery. Stories abounded, I discovered, about rock apes. There was, for example, the Marine, ensconced in his fighting hole, whose buddy had the habit of knocking him on the helmet at night when it came time to be relieved. Finally, the Marine got mad, turned around and took a swing at his buddy. But lo, this time it turned out to be a rock ape. The rock ape (using non-standard combat techniques?) proceeded to beat the crap out of the Marine.

With such stories as these, who could dispute the existence of these creatures? But I and I know many others, refused to believe. The status of the rock ape remained mythical in my uncomprehending mind (I am ashamed to confess to all) for most of my tour.

So, fast forward. It is mid-1969, I now have a recon platoon (3rd Recon Battalion), and I am on a recon patrol with one of my teams (six men), somewhere, Lord knows, but in the middle of the jungle perhaps somewhat south and west of Vandegrift. We are moving slowly, pausing as usual for several minutes to listen for NVA, when we hear something coming through the jungle. Immediately we move into our standard mini-defensive perimeter and nervously wait. The sound of movement comes quickly louder and closer - if it is an NVA unit, it appears to be moving through the trees! And then gazing down upon us all, to include five well-aimed M-16's and an M-79, and one radio ready to call in an air strike, is - it has to be - may the Great Commandant have mercy on unbelievers - a rock ape. He is hanging by one arm from the tree branches - a large ape with gray fur, as large as an Orangutan - but he is not an Orangutan. He can only be, yes, a rock ape. For a few moments he regards his astonished and now enlightened audience, then disdainfully turns and swings back through trees. We hear him moving off. I resume our patrol, shaken, unworthy. I vow to never again question the Marine wisdom of the natural world.

The author of this adventure, Steve Robbins, entered OCS at Quantico in November, 1967 and landed in Viet Nam in August 1968. He split his tour as a platoon commander with C/1/9 and A/3rd Recon, returning to the States in September, 1969. On leaving the Corps in 1970, he earned a PhD in Educational Psychology, to include a good bit of computer science, from the University of Minnesota. He was a college professor for a year in Pittsburgh, and then began a career as a software analyst and manager with Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh and later West One Bancorp in Boise, Idaho. He is currently an AVP and Application architect with Metavant Corporation in Milwaukee. He lives in Colgate with his wife, Susan, who is head of the reference department at West Bend Community Memorial Library. He has a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Christopher, who is an Armor Officer attached to the 101st Airborne in route shortly to Afghanistan. Steve still writes for peer-reviewed academic journals where he has published a dozen articles on perception, memory and the problem of the brain and consciousness.

The Detachments activities the past several months have been filling the Photo Page up with some great shots. As things have slowed down we now have time to recognize several new Members. Please be sure to welcome them with a hearty OohRah next time you see them!

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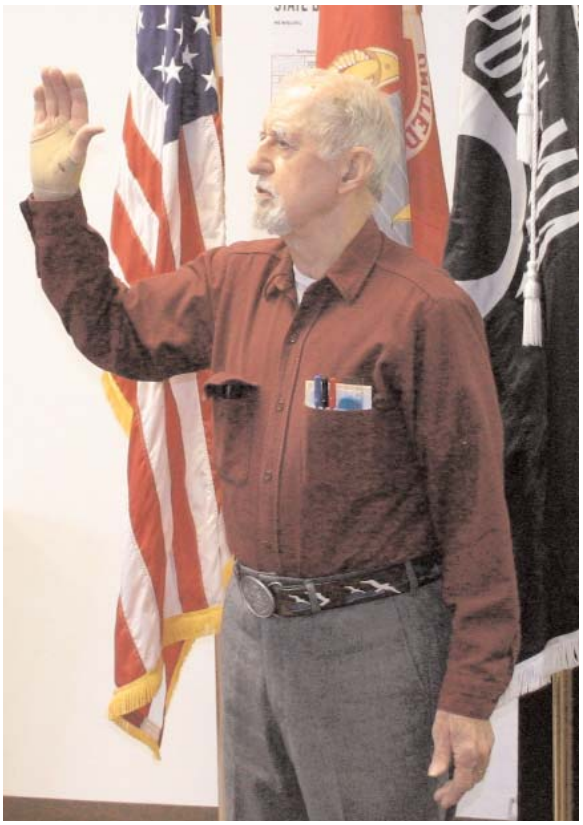
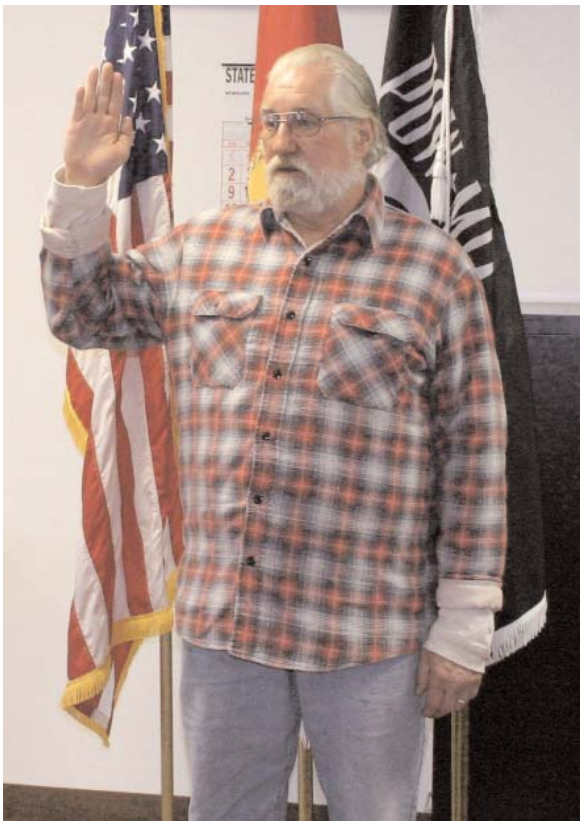
Marine Andrew Moericke. Joined September 2007. Currently serving with Fox Company 2/24 in Iraq.

Right:
Marine Sean Rodriguez. Joined September 2007.



Left:
Marine Steve Chantelois. Joined December 2007.

Right:
Navy Corpsman Paul Link. Joined December 2007



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KETMORDET OFFICER REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2008

In order to expedite the regular meeting time, the Commandant has requested that all Officers and Committee chairs provide their input to the Newsletter Editor by the first week of each month. Members are also welcome to submit something. Any submission may be edited. This will enable 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 Det. activities.

COMMANDANT JOHN STERN: Nothing reported.

SR VICE COMMANDANT BILL WALLACE REPORTS:
Thanks to all who accepted nomination to be Detachment Officers for 2008. You can count on my support.

JR VICE COMMANDANT GLEN BREWER: Nothing reported.

JUDGE ADVOCATE CHARLIE KELLER REPORTS:
I would like to take this time to thank all the Marines who came forward to accept a position as a new officer in our detachment. Also, congratulations to those Officers returning for another year of service. Your dedication is greatly appreciated. Semper Fi

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ADJUTANT JASON WAIER REPORTS: Marines! The ballots for this year's Officers have been mailed. If you have not received yours yet, fear not. It is posted on the website (www.ketmordet.com) and there will be extra copies available at the regular Meeting. There is still an opening for Judge Advocate, and there is room on the ballot for write-ins. Please be sure to come early and get your ballot turned in, and your voice heard. Gil DeLaurier and Greg Bertling dues are due this month. Members Brian Rahn, Mark Bustamante, Ken Heinecke, Kevin Koski, Jerry Lorenz, and Richard Schlice are currently behind on dues. These Members are asked to contact Roger Cross to verify their due dates. Semper Fi

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PAYMASTER ROGER CROSS: Nothing reported.

CHAPLAIN PAUL BOLLMAN: The Chaplain advised earlier that he had spoken to Member Doug Duffin who said that his condition is not too good at the present. He is in the process of planning the time frame when he will have a mechanical device implanted in his chest to regulate the blood flow and pressure between the compartments of the heart. He is currently off the heart replacement list. A card and note was sent to him on behalf of the Detachment. Members are asked to keep our fellow Marine Doug Duffin in their prayers.

FLAG HISTORY PRESENTATION COMMANDER JIM KRUDWIG REPORTS:
Requests for presentations have slowed following the holidays. However, it is anticipated that prior to Memorial Day, we will have a lot coming in. Now is the time for Members to speak to their schools, churches, scout units, civic groups, and local businesses to encourage them to request a presentation. It is done as a public service by KetMorDet Members and all who see it come away impressed having learned a little more about our country's heritage.
The winter long sleeve uniform shirts, ties and tie clasps have been ordered.

NEWSLETTER: The Newsletter is still short of advertisers. The donations made by the generous firms cover our printing postage, labels, an occasional cartridge, and paper and photo supplies for the graphics. If the Members cannot support the Newsletter, it appears that we may have to reduce it in size by dropping a couple pages each month until advertising picks up. So, all Members should beat the bushes to find supporters for ads in our award winning Newsletter.

YA JUST GOTTA LOVE THE MARINES.

Two California Highway Patrol Officers were conducting speeding enforcement on I-15 near MCAS Miramar. One of the Officers was using a hand held radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching near the crest of a hill. The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 miles per hour. The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and turned off. Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact locked on a USMC F/A-118 Hornet which was engaged in a low flying exercise near the location. Back at the CHP Headquarters, the Captain fired off a complaint to the USMC Base Commander.

Back came a reply in true USMC style: "Thank you for the message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it. Furthermore, an air to ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto your equipment. Fortunately the Marine Pilot, flying the Hornet, recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status, and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched and your hostile radar was destroyed. Thank you for your concerns."
Submitted by Member Danny O'Toole from the internet.

CONTRACTORS CAN NO LONGER WEAR MARINE CAMMIES

By Andrew Tilghman - Staff writer (possibly from Marine Times)

Soon, it'll be even easier to tell who is a Marine - and who isn't. A new service wide directive prohibits civilians from wearing the Corps' standard-issue, camouflage uniform while deployed.

After several years of allowing contractors, technicians and some government civilians to suit up and blend in with Marines downrange, the Corps is drawing a line in the sand. And it comes as no surprise to uniform expert Owen Conner.

"You can't have any slob wearing the uniform," said Conner, curator of uniforms and heraldry at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, VA. "If you have too many people wearing it, they start looking like park rangers or postal employees rather than military."

Nobody will mistake a bearded contractor with a beer gut and unbuttoned blouse for a real Marine after the policy takes effect June 30.

"Leaders are directed to stress the importance of proper wear of the (Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform) by all personnel and enforce regulations," said the Jan 30 administrative message issue by Commandant General James Conway.

Civilians will be permitted to wear the Defense Department-issue three-color desert utility uniform.

Troops used to spend hours ironing and starching uniforms, shining boots and polishing brass belt buckles. But much of that has changed. The new policy may mean a renewed focus on uniforms.

"Over the years, we've seen devolution in the formality of the uniform. Uniforms are becoming less and less formal and more and more like sportswear or working clothes. It's sort of been devalued to the point where the other people will throw them on like coveralls," Conner said. "Maybe the Marines have become concerned about the blurring and decided they still need a little control over that. A uniform is a badge of pride, and you want to show that."

Taken from the internet.

DON'T MESS WITH A MARINE WHO'S TRYING TO EAT

A 71-year old retired Marine who opened fire on two robbers at a Plantation, FL Subway shop recently, killing one and critically wounding the other, is described as John Lovell, a former pilot for two presidents.

He doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke, and he works out everyday. Lovell was a man of action that night.

According to Plantation Police, two masked gunmen came into the Subway shop just after 11 PM. There was a lone diner - Lovell, who was finishing his meal. After robbing the cashier, the two men attempted to shove Lovell into a bathroom and rob him as well. They got his money. But then Lovell pulled his handgun, opened fire, shooting one of the thieves in the head and chest and the other in the head. When police arrived, they found one of the men in the shop. K-9 units found the other in the bushes of a nearby business. They also found cash strewn around the front of the sandwich shop according to the Plantation Police Department. Both men were taken to Broward General Medical center, where one, Donico Arrindell, 22, of North Lauderdale died. The other, 21 year old Frederick Gadson of Fort Lauderdale is in critical but stable condition. A longtime friend of Lovell, was not surprised to hear what happened.

"He'd give you the shirt off his back and he'd be mad if someone tried to take the shirt off your back." Lovell worked as a pilot for the Marines, flying former Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. He later worked as a pilot for Pan Am and Delta. Lovell is not married and does not have children. He is not expected to be charged, authorities said. "He was in fear for his life." These criminals ought to realize that most men in their 70's have military backgrounds and aren't intimidated by idiots." Something tells me this old Marine wasn't in fear for his life even though his life was definitely at risk. The only thing he could be charged with is participating in an unfair fight. One 71-year young Marine against two punks. Two head shots and one center - body - mass shot = good shooting! (Florida law allows law abiding citizens to carry a concealed weapon.)

That'll teach them not to get between a Marine and his meal. Don't you just love a story with a happy ending?

Received on e-mail from a friend, retired Marine Major Sam Moyer of Tampa.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AS SEEN BY SOME POW'S

In light of a recent Appeals Court ruling in California, with respect to the Pledge of Allegiance, the following recollection from Senator John McCain is very appropriate:

"As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Viet Nam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971, the NVA (North Vietnamese Army) moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room.

This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs who were 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provided for people who want to work and want to succeed.

As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to received packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing. Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed in on the inside of his shirt.

Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance. I know that the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day, the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it. That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could.

The cell which we lived in had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to Pledge allegiance to our flag and country."

So, the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world. You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country."

Submitted by outgoing Senior Vice Commandant, Bill Wallace, who obtained it on the internet. It has been bouncing around for several years and you may have seen it before but Bill saw the importance of passing it on to all.

Two U. S. Navy Corpsman serving with Marines, wrote an impressive poem and we have re-copied it here for your.

BURY ME NEXT TO A MARINE

Bury me next to a Marine
When my time has come to an end,
So I can spend eternity,
Beside my brother and friend.

I've served beside them for years
And they've inspired me every day.
They've never asked for anything,
So a debt I can never repay.

None of them served for glory,
None for money or fame.
But they've served in every clime and place,
Heroes with but one name.

No one will ever outdo them,
Their honor is never outdone.
They will all go down in history,
As America's favorite sons.

Marines will never fail you,
And their guard will never cease.
Please bury me next to a Marine,
So I may rest in peace.

HM2(FMF) Robert L. Owens
August 31, 2007
HM1(FMF) Jerry D. Walker
January 8, 2008

"Considering the corpsman I served with, I would welcome their presence….."

"SEMPER FI"

The US Justice System should not tolerate even minor assaults on military personnel. In the case of an Illinois Marine, we're glad to see the system work, even if it took an Internet generated push. Thanks to a few Marines, both active duty and retired, the story ends well.

On Dec 1, 2007, Chicago lawyer Jay Grodner took offense at "Semper Fi" Marine Corps license plates on a black BMW. So the anti-war activist keyed the car.

The car's owner, Marine Sergeant Michael McNulty, saw him do it and had him arrested. The police wanted to charge Grodner with a misdemeanor. McNulty held out for a felony charge, which the damage warranted. The prosecutor felt it was a minor case and urged the parties to make a deal, but neither was inclined to do so. Complicating matters was the fact that McNulty was enroute to Camp Pendleton for his second deployment to Iraq. He was slated to report January 2. The case was set for December 31st.

At this point, a military affairs blogger, BlackFive (www.blackfive. Net), posted the story. A BlackFive reader attended the Dec. 31st hearing and reported a crowd in the courtroom supporting McNulty, along with a new prosecutor - Patrick Kelley, USMC 1969-72. Grodner also had the misfortune of having his case assigned to Judge William O'Malley, USMC 1961-64.

The case was resolved when Grodner pleaded guilty. The judge couldn't resist a little lecture. From the transcript:

"You probably wondered why there was a whole crowd of people here today, Mr. Grodner……That's because there is a little principle that the Marine Corps has and has had since 1775, when they fought and lost their lives so that people like you could enjoy the freedom of this country; and that is a little proverb that we follow, that no Marine is left behind……So, Sergeant McNulty couldn't be here, but other Marines showed in his stead. Take him away."

Grodner will do community service, spend a year on probation, pay restitution and then, if his promise to a newspaper columnist can be believed, move to France.

To the online Marine community, congratulations on a gratifying victory. And to Sgt McNulty, come home safe.

Taken from the internet by Adjutant Jason Waier

KETMORDET'S REPORTED SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 16	Sat	0845	Regular Monthly Meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East of West Bend, Officer Elections
Mar 15	Sat	0855	" " " " " " " " " " Installation
Apr 4	Fri	Noon	Flag History Presentation, Daughter of the American Revolution luncheon, WI Club Milwaukee
Jun 10	Sun	1930	" " " Theresa Lions Club with supper, Theresa Town Hall

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