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"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the Officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

Our next Meeting is 0900 hrs Saturday March 17th, 2007 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 February 17th , 2007
25 Members present

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

The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0855 hrs. The Sgt at Arms presented Colors and the Chaplain said the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

Commandant: Tim Bertram present
Sr. Vice Commandant: John Stern present
Jr. Vice Commandant: Roger Cross present
Adjutant: Jason Waier present
Judge Advocate: Charlie Keller excused

Paymaster: Jim Krudwig present
Chaplain: George Wujcik present
Sgt at Arms: Barry Oelerich present
Historian: Jason Waier present

Other Members in Attendance

Bertling, Dave	Bertling, Greg	Bollmann, Paul	Brewer, Glen	Conde, Ted
Duffin, Doug	Erdman, Don	Fleischman, John	Heiman, Carl	Huf, Walter
Lorenz, Jerry	Lucka, Gilbert	Moericke, Roland	Montag, Fred	O'Toole, Dan
Straub, Hugo	Unertl, Ken	Wallace, William		

New Members

There were no new Members presented this month. The Commandant presented Dan O'Toole and John Fleischman with their metal Life Membership cards and pins. A motion was made for KetMorDet to provide the cloth Life Member patches for the red cover free to those Members achieving that status. Motion carried.

Guests

There were no guests present this month.

Reading of the Minutes

With no corrections to the January Meeting Minutes as posted in the February Newsletter, Rollie Moericke made a motion to accept them as written. Motion seconded by Carl Heiman and carried.

Paymaster's Report

With no questions or comments about the January financial report, Don Erdman made a motion to accept it as written. Fritz Montag seconded and it carried. Dan O'Toole and Doug Duffin volunteered to audit the Paymaster's books prior to his passing them on to Roger Cross, who will begin his tenure as the new KetMorDet Paymaster at the March meeting.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain reported he had received a note from a family friend in Iraq stating they have recently lost several Marines in combat. Although they have been shaken by these losses they very much appreciate what KetMorDet is doing for them back here and thanked all for their support.

Correspondence Received/Delivered

Marine Helicopter Squadron 361 Veterans Association is restoring a Vietnam era H-34 Helicopter and is looking for donations. The likelihood that they would ever be in the Washington/Ozaukee county area is very slim. Members showed no interest in donating to this at this time. It was felt that local charities could better use Detachment donations. Individuals wishing to make a private donation for this cause can find more info at www.34restoration.org.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: Training would be conducted immediately following the Meeting.

Historical Flag Presentation Team: Two new dates have been set. March 4th 1200hrs at St. Peters Church in Slinger, and May 16th with more info to follow on this date. Several other possible dates are being worked on.

Scholarship: Nothing new to report. Scholarship forms can be found at www.ketmordet.com

Quartermaster: The Detachment still needs a volunteer Member to fill this position.

VAVS: " " " " " " " " "

PAO: " " " " " " " " "

Uniforms: Roger Cross displayed the new waist length jacket for Members. It will be embroidered with the KetMorDet logo on the front and back just like the Color/Honor Guard coats. Any Member can purchase the jackets for everyday wear. The cost will be \$60. Roger was given the go ahead to purchase the jackets. Any Member wanting this classy jacket should contact Roger to place an order by the end of the March Meeting. All of the jackets will be ordered at the same time. Orders will probably be placed only once a year or so to get a good price for a volume purchase.

Newsletter: The Editor asked Members to contact him about their bio's. Comments keep coming in as to how good the *Kettle Moraine Marine* Newsletter is, but Member input is needed to keep it going. The limited edition RED KetMorDet T-Shirt was given to Fritz Montag, Dan O'Toole, and John Fleischman for each having obtained donations for at least three of the 2007 Newsletter ads. Members participating in any KetMorDet events are asked to take photos for the Newsletter and Historical purposes. The Historians cannot make it to all the events, and are asking for help on this.

Fundraising: John Stern contacted the West Bend Walmart and confirmed June 29, 30, and July 1 as dates for a Marine Rose Distribution Fundraiser. Because of a new store policy to keep dates open for all groups, subsequent dates cannot be made until the first fundraising date has passed. Cal Racine is checking into the Memorial Day weekend date at Saukville and will report back.

Jim Krudwig said that he has arranged for and the Det. has paid for 15,000 Marine Roses for the upcoming year to be purchased and assembled by an impaired workshop group. Previously, the Paymaster had to shop around for good prices for materials and then find a place to have them assembled. The price is the same as last year except that they do the purchasing and assembly all at the same facility.

Jim said that someone from the Det. should contact the Milwaukee Brewers before all the good open dates are gone. John Stern suggested that the Badger Det. be contacted before doing a fundraiser in Milwaukee. Jim said that, in the past, the Badger Det. Commandant had suggested that KetMorDet do fundraisers at Miller Park and had asked KetMorDet to arrange some dates for Badger as well. Jim will make the contact.

Care Packages: No new info.

Old Business

A straw poll was taken to see if there was still interest in helping to bring a Marine Band to the area over the mid-August Allenton Parade weekend. The discussion had come up previously and Charlie Keller had asked Jim Krudwig last year about having the band also provide a concert in West Bend that weekend. The cost to bring a Marine Band in would be split between the Allenton Parade group, the West Bend Parade Committee and KetMorDet, which would be responsible for approximately 1/3, which is estimated to be about \$3000. This would benefit both the Detachment and Marine Corps recruiting. The biggest issue would be KetMorDet Member participation in crowd control during the festivities. It will take a concerted Det. effort from all to get it done. Members agreed that it would be a good idea to help sponsor this and to look into it further. Jim Krudwig will report back as something develops.

New Business

Elections were held prior to the Meeting with the results being read at the beginning. All positions were filled as noted on the ballots. Don Erdman reluctantly had to turn down the Sr. Vice Commandant billet due to medical/personal reasons. As there were no volunteers for this position, the incoming Commandant, John Stern, stated that per Det. Bylaws, he would appoint someone to this billet if no one comes forward and volunteers for it. The Dept of WI MCL Commandant, Tim Baranzyk, will be on hand at the March meeting to install all of the Officers. Congratulations and good luck to the new board of Officers. Thanks go out to those leaving their current billets for a job well done. Marines being installed as Officers were asked to wear their black KetMorDet t-shirt and black trousers for the event.

Jim Krudwig said that State Commandant Baranzyk asked at the Winter Dept Meeting in Jan. that all Detachments purchase a "Fallen Warrior" statue to be given to local families of those Marines killed in combat during the current hostilities. The statues cost \$230 each. John Stern asked if there was room on the statue to engrave it indicating that it was from KetMorDet. Gil Lucka stated there is room on the bottom for a brass plate with the info. Wally Huf stated that the original full size statue is in Madison, and that the names of the fallen are added to it. Gil Lucka stated he has one of these statues and that it could be used if needed. Dan O'Toole made a motion to replace Gil Lucka's statue if his is ever needed. Roger Cross seconded and the motion carried.

Also at the Jan. winter meeting, Dept of WI Veterans Affairs rep, Jeff Johnson who is a retired Marine MSgt, asked that all MCL Det's work closely with the Marines and other veterans returning from tours in war zones to assist them if possible.

The Adjutant, Jason Waier, said that an advertising company has been in contact with him at his regular job. One of the items they offer is a pen with advertising on it. The pens could have an EGA emblem, the Det's full name, address, and contact info printed on them. It could be given out to Members, at fundraisers and other events, and would be a good source for getting some advertising out about KetMorDet. Gil Lucka made a motion to purchase 500 of these pens. Bill Wallace seconded and motion carried. After the vote, it was brought up that Member Brian Rahn also sells similar advertising items. Jason said that he would contact him and see what kind of price he could get on the pens. If it is close in price, the Det. could purchase them from Brian.

Meeting Closed

With no further business to be conducted, the outgoing Commandant, Tim Bertram, thanked the Detachment for the opportunity to serve as Commandant for the 2006 year and wished the new Officers luck in their endeavors. He then 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. The Meeting closed at 0955 hrs. The next meeting will be held at 0900 hrs on March 17th, 2007 at the Trenton Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Waier, Adjutant

Thank You Note Received by KetMorDet

Marine Captain Kevin Kryst was killed in Iraq during Dec. 2006. KetMorDet Members provided an Honor Guard at the Memorial Service on Dec 29th. The following card of thanks was received from the Kryst Family.

Outer Card: "Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express"

Inner Card: "Dear Marine Corps League Members, Thank you for your support and presence at our Son Kevin's funeral. Kevin loved being a Marine and we are so proud of him." Liz and Glenn Kryst and Family

A Note from the Troops

"Gentlemen,

I have just received your package, and I would like to extend my deepest gratitude! Everything you sent will be put to great use. It is especially nice to get things that some servicemen either have trouble getting, or don't get because they are a little short on money. The phone cards, I know will be a hit along with the magazines and razors. I personally took some jerky, but everything else will be passed along to my Platoon for their enjoyment! On behalf of them and myself, thank you very much for thinking of us and sending us such wonderful things.

Thank you for your continued support, and hopefully we can get together sometime in July or August back in good old Washington County!

If you need anything, please let me know

Thanks again!

1LT Eric Beine"

The KetMorDet Chaplain advises that recently there have been some requests for the words to the Marine Hymn. All of our Members learned it in Boot Camp and surely remember it well. Here it is for any one else who does not know the words. Taken from the old red Guidebook For Marines, Fourth Revised Edition, June 10th, 1954, the green Eighth Revised Edition, June 1st, 1962, and the white Twelfth Revised Edition, January 1st, 1971

Marine Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma - To the Shores of Tripoli;

We fight our country's battles - In the air, on land and sea;

First to fight for right and freedom - And to keep our honor clean;

We are proud to claim the title - Of the UNITED STATES MARINE.

~

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze - From dawn to setting sun;

We are found in every clime and place - Where we could take a gun;

In the snow of far off northern lands - And in sunny tropic scenes;

You will find us always on the job - The UNITED STATES MARINES.

~

Here's health to you and to our Corps - Which we are proud to serve;

In many a strife we've fought for life - And never lost our nerve;

If the Army and the Navy - Ever look on Heaven's scenes:

They will find the streets are guarded by - UNITED STATES MARINES.

Marine S.O.S.

Submitted by: E. Wickenheiser

It's said that an Army fights well on a full stomach and the Marine Corps is no exception. Always and foremost, in training or in combat, the breakfast meal is number one. For every "grunt", "airedale" and/or "pinky" at the start of the workday. Breakfast is the link to "making it" that day, and "a breakfast without SOS is like a day without sunshine."

We can only imagine or guess at what the meals and types of food were being served at Tunn's, or with O'Bannon in Tripoli, but I'll bet you, they had some sort of S.O.S.

The original creamed ground beef now served at every Marine breakfast had many stories of origin, the story that I was told was, that it was first served during World War I in France.

The Marine forces on the line were served meals that were prepared by the Army, from field kitchens in the rear. On this one occasion during a battle, the Marines moved so fast forward that the Army Mess Company couldn't keep up with the advancement. On that particular evening the cooks had prepared a meal which was roasted beef with a cream gravy (Boeuf le Creme de Argonne) and sent it up to the front lines.

It took the mess men all night to find the location of the fast moving Marine Brigade, and the meal was not delivered until the next morning.

Not wanting to waste the food and not having the tools to serve it properly, the Marine First Sgt. ordered that the meat and gravy (sauce) be placed on the dry bread and handed to each man. The men being very hungry did not complain but instead requested that this meal be served again, but with the proper utensils.

Over the following years the recipe changed depending on the availability of supplies and the mood of the cook. Do to the lack of funds given to the Marine Corps by the Navy, especially in hard times (like now), many of the cooks could not afford to purchase the beef roasts needed in the recipes for "Boeuf le Creme de Argonne" and other beef dishes. They therefore substituted the less expensive, ground beef in place of the roasts.

This was quite popular as an evening meal and was served a number of times a week. One big advantage that the cooks liked was that there was little or no waste, leftovers could be served the next morning. It grew in popularity more for breakfast than for the evening meal and today it's never served other than for breakfast.

The other branches of service (Army, Navy, etc.) will also serve their version of SOS, but they haven't mastered the Marine's technique of preparing this marvelous breakfast presentation. The Army uses chipped and salted dried beef (yuk), and the Navy uses beans and tomatoes in their recipe (barf !), the Air Force gave up trying and our friends in the Coast Guard now eat breakfast in the nearest Marine mess hall.

A number of years ago (back in the 70's), San Francisco's own Marine Artillery General (Brigadier) Tiago, requested/ordered that a recipe for the Marine Corps famous S.O.S. (creamed beef on toast) be developed so that it could be serve to a small group of about eight (8) persons, this way the general could have his wife make it at home. The official recipe for the mess halls is for serving 300 or more. This challenge was taken up by his chief field artillery cook, M/Sgt Bernie Parker. After many tries and a few mistakes "Top" Parker came up with the following, near perfect, recipe.

Recipe for "Marine Breakfast"

(Serves 8 or two hungry Marines)

1/2 lb. Ground Beef (ground chuck for flavor)

1 tbs. Bacon fat (lard/Crisco or butter)

3 tbs. Flour

2 cups Whole milk (add more milk if you want it thinner)

1/8 tsp. Salt

Pepper (to taste)

8 slices of dry toast

Using a large skillet (12"-14"), crumble and brown the ground beef with the fat and salt, remove the pan from the heat and let cool slightly.

Mix in the flour until all of the meat is covered, using all of the flour. Replace the skillet on the heat and stir in the milk, keep stirring until the mixture comes to a boil and thickens (boil a minimum of 1 minute).

Serve over the toast. Salt & pepper to taste. "Semper fi"

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JIM LEHRER'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE MARINE CORPS MUSEUM

On, November 10th, 2006, the 231st anniversary of the Corps, PBS News Hour's Jim Lehrer gave a very interesting talk on his time on active duty at the dedication of the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico.

Mr. President, generals, colonels, majors, captains, lieutenants, warrant officers, sergeants, corporals, privates, ladies and gentlemen.

We are the Marines. And in this museum, our story is told. It is a single, monumental story, made up of 231 years of many separate stories of heroism and courage, of dedication and sacrifice, of service to our country and to our Corps, of honor and loyalty to each other in war and in peace; 231 years of professionalism and pride, of squared corners and squared-away lockers, perfect salutes and good haircuts, well-shined shoes, and eyes right, 231 years of Semper Fi's and DI's.

The first time I came to Quantico was 51 years ago. I came as an officer candidate, a PLC on the train from Washington, having just traveled from Texas on the first airplane ride of my life. On the orders of a drill instructor, a DI, I fell in at attention with 40 other candidates on the platform at the train station over at Quantico.

And the DI told us to answer up, "Here, sir!" when our name was called. And he got to mine and he said "Le-here-er-er" And like some kind of idiot, I blurted out, "It's pronounced Lehrer, sir!" There was silence, absolute silence. And then I heard the terrifying click, click, click of leather heels on the deck of that train station platform coming in my direction. And suddenly there he was, the DI, right in front of me, his face right up in mine. And I paraphrase and cleanse it up a bit, but he said, "Candidate, if I say your name is Little Bo Peep, your name is Little Bo Peep!" "Do you hear me?"

Oh, I heard him all right. And I think it was at that very moment that I really became a United States Marine. I'm still one today and I will remain one forever, as did my late father, and as is my older and only brother. I came from a family of Marines into the family of Marines. My father served in the 1920s under the great Smedley Butler right here at Quantico. He saw combat in Haiti and came out a corporal. My brother and I were both 1950s Cold War Marines in the Third Marine Division in the Far East.

Since our Corps was founded on this day in 1775, there have been more than 4 million men and women who have worn the uniform of a United States Marine. This museum is about all of them, including us three "Le-here-er-ers," and even the Little Bo Peeps. That's because this museum is about what it means to be a Marine, no matter the time, the length, place, rank, or nature of the service.

It's about the shared experience the shared knowledge that comes from being a U.S. Marine, such as knowing that you are only as strong and as safe as the person on your right and on your left; that a well-trained and motivated human being can accomplish almost anything; that being pushed to do your very best is a godsend; that an order is an order, a duty is a duty, that responsibility goes down the chain of command, as well as up, as do loyalty and respect; that leadership can be taught, so can bearing, discipline and honor; that "follow me" really does mean "follow me"; and that Semper Fidelis really does mean "always faithful"; and that the Marine Hymn is so much more than just a song.

My Marine experience helped shape who I am now personally and professionally, and I am grateful for that on almost a daily basis. And I often find myself wishing everyone had a similar opportunity, to learn about shared dependence, loyalty, responsibility to and for others, about mutual respect and honor, and about the power of appealing to the best that's in us as human beings, not the worst.

As a journalist, there has been one overriding effect of my Marine experience: While debates over sending Americans into harm's way are always about issues of foreign policy, geopolitics and sometimes even politics-politics, for me, they are also always about young lance corporals and second lieutenants and other very real people in all branches of the U.S. military, people with names, ranks, serial numbers, faces, families, and futures that may never be.

When Marines stand for or sing the Marine Hymn, as we will at the conclusion of this ceremony, it's never for ourselves personally. It's always for the Marines who went before us, with us, and after us, first and foremost for those who gave their lives, their health, their everything at places such as Tripoli, Belleau Wood, Haiti, Wake Island, Guadalcanal, Pelilu, Iwo Jima, Chosen, Inchon, Danang, Khe Sanh, Beirut, Baghdad, Fallujah and Ramadi.

The death rate among Marines in Iraq has been more than double that of the other services. That's a first-to-fight, first-wave pattern that has pretty much held since the Revolutionary War, when 49 of the very first U.S. Marines of our country died in combat. Their mission was aboard ship; there are still Marines who serve at sea.

There are others who fly and maintain jets and helicopters, man the artillery, operate tanks and trucks, feed and supply the troops, compute and collate, train and inspect, march and make music, recruit, guard and escort, radio and communicate, patrol and snipe, as well as save tsunami, earthquake and other disaster victims around the world, collect toys at Christmastime for American kids in need, stage a marathon run through Washington, D.C., for charity, or do whatever else needs to be done, particularly if the need is for it to be done well and done immediately.

We are the Marines, And in the language of the rifle range, we are always ready on the right, ready on the left, all ready on the firing line, whatever kind of firing is required and wherever that line may be.

Taken from the internet: http://www.dcmilitary.com/stories/111606/trident_28025.shtml

OFFICER REPORTS

Outgoing Commandant Tim Bertram reports:

I just wanted to say that it has been an honor serving the Detachment as Commandant this past year and as Senior Vice Commandant before that. I want to thank all of the Officers for their support and help in the past year, and wish John Stern the best of luck as our new Commandant, and congratulate all of our Officers for this coming year. I am looking forward to continuing serving the Detachment as a Marine Corps League Member. Semper Fi, Tim Bertram

Outgoing Senior Vice Commandant John Stern: Nothing to report.

John will move up from the Sr Vice Comm position to assume the duties as the new KetMorDet Commandant after the Dept of WI Commandant swears him in at the March Meeting.

Outgoing Junior Vice Commandant Roger Cross: Nothing reported.

Roger will move from the Jr Vice Comm position to become the new KetMorDet Paymaster

Reelected Judge Advocate Charlie Keller: Nothing reported.

Reelected Adjutant Jason Waier reports:

Marines of KetMorDet, Thank you for coming out and voting for your Officers at last month's Meeting. The results were read immediately following the opening of the Meeting, and posted on line. You can now also find the Scholarship Application Form, the Detachment Bylaws, and the current and past issues of the Kettle Moraine Marine Newsletter on your Detachment's website: www.ketmordet.com please be sure to visit it often.

I contacted Member Brian Rahn concerning the Bic pens with the KetMorDet logo, which were discussed at the last Meeting. He stated that he would get back to me on a price but never did. John Fleischmann referred another person who deals in such things. I contacted her and she said that she could not match the price that we previously discussed at the Feb Meeting. I have place the order with JZ Promotions, a local agency, for 500 pens.

I have sent a letter to Mark Grams, Dept of WI MCL Rep, informing him that Carl Heiman is the KetMorDet "Marine of the Year", and asked him to accept Carl as the KetMorDet nominee for the Department of Wisconsin, Marine Corps League "Marine of the Year".

Outgoing Paymaster Jim Krudwig reports:

Fellow Marines, it has been a great pleasure to work with all of you getting KetMorDet organized, chartered and in a healthy financial and working condition. Together we have accomplished an exceptional feat, building a strong MCL Detachment in less than two years, which far exceeds most others that have been in existence for five, ten or more years. It has been accomplished through the teamwork of most of the Members. We have many outstanding Members who pitch in wherever they can. We continue to grow and have lost only a few who either did not like the way things were being done or chose not to be involved anymore. Both Tim Bertram and I have been involved from the very first meeting in Feb 2005. I personally financed the Det. for its first four months until we finally earned some funds to pay our bills. I established the Detachment's Newsletter, Fundraising, Recruitment programs, Support the Troops effort and pushed to get the Color Guard, Honor Guard, and Flag History Presentation programs and Birthday Ball celebration going. I also arranged for procurement of our rifles and uniforms and initial Color and Honor Guard training. Other good Marines stepped in and took over most of those programs. In that first year or so, I spent two to three weeks each month and drove many miles working on KetMorDet business. I vowed to get things moving for the first year or two and then back off so others could take the Detachment on to greater achievements. We can grow and do better. We do not need a dynasty of leadership but should bring in fresh ideas every couple years with new Officers. The time has come for me to step back and it is a relief to realize that we have some really excellent Members in most of the leadership positions that will continue our work to make KetMorDet great. I will be around to observe and assist where needed. I do not look for a pat on the back but want to show you that you all can make a difference in the Det. I know that I did. Remember, it is your Detachment, not just the Officers, and you have a right and responsibility to make certain that it continues in the right direction. If an Officer or Member says they will do something, then it is their job to get it done. That means that you should also continue to assist where needed. Thanks to all of you and your spouses for working together to keep things moving. As I said in the beginning, it has been a genuine pleasure working with you all. If ever there is anything I can do for you, let me know. Jim

Reelected Chaplain George Wujcik: Nothing reported but did request that we print the Marine Hymn in the Newsletter.

Reelected Sergeant At Arms Barry Oelerich: Nothing reported.

Working Committees: Nothing reported.

Military Rules

US Marine Corps Rules:

1. Be courteous to everyone, friendly to no one.
2. Decide to be aggressive enough, quickly enough.
3. Have a plan.
4. Have a back-up plan, because the first one probably won't work.
5. Be polite, be professional, but have a plan to kill everyone you meet.
6. Do not attend a gunfight with a handgun whose caliber does not start with at least a "4".
7. Anything worth shooting is worth shooting twice. Ammo is cheap. Life is expensive.
8. Move away from your attacker. Distance is your friend. (Lateral and diagonal preferred.)
9. Use cover or concealment as much as possible.
10. Flank your adversary when possible. Protect yours.
11. Always cheat: always win. The only unfair fight is the one you lose.
12. In ten years nobody will remember the details of caliber, stance, or tactics. They will only remember who lived.
13. If you are not shooting, you should be communicating your intention to shoot.

Navy SEALS Rules:

1. Look very cool in sunglasses.
2. Kill every living thing within view.
3. Adjust Speedo.
4. Check hair in mirror.

US Army Rangers Rules:

1. Walk in 50 miles wearing 75-pound rucksack while starving.
2. Locate individuals requiring killing.
3. Request permission via radio from "Higher" to perform killing.
4. Curse bitterly when mission is aborted.
5. Walk out 50 miles wearing a 75-pound rucksack while starving.

US Air Force Rules:

1. Have a cocktail.
2. Adjust temperature on air-conditioner.
3. See what's on HBO.
4. Ask, "What is a gunfight?"
5. Request more funding from Congress with a "killer" Power Point presentation.
6. Wine and dine 'key' Congressmen, invite DOD and defense industry executives.
7. Receive funding, set up new command and assemble assets.
8. Hurry to make 1345 tee-time.

US Navy Rules:

1. Go to Sea.
2. Drink Coffee.
3. Watch porn.
4. Deploy Marines.

(Provided by Dan O'Toole, KetMorDet Member, Former Marine, and Retired US Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer)

(The following was taken from the Internet - author unknown.)

A Marine Squad was marching north of Fallujah when they came upon an unconscious, badly injured Iraqi Terrorist.

On the opposite side of the road was a US Marine in a similar but less serious state. The Marine was conscious and alert and as first aid was give to both men, the squad leader asked the injured Marine what had happened.

The Marine reported, "I was heavily armed and moving north along the highway here, and coming south was a heavily armed insurgent. We saw each other and both took cover in the ditches along the road. "I yelled to him that Saddam Hussein was a miserable, lowlife scumbag, and he yelled back that Ted Kennedy is a good-for-nothing, fat, left wing liberal drunk."

"So I said that Osama Bin Laden dresses and acts like a frigid, mean-spirited Lesbian! He retaliated by yelling, oh yeah? Well, so does Hillary Clinton!"

"And there we were, in the middle of the road, shaking hands, when a truck hit us."

Letter from the Mother of a Marine in Iraq (Tale of the Tampon)

My son told me how wonderful the care packages that our Marine Moms group had sent them were and wanted me to tell everyone thank you. He said that one guy who we'll call Marine X, got a 'female' care package and everyone was giving him a hard time. My son said, "Marine X got some really nice smelling lotions and everyone really likes it, so every time he goes to sleep, they steal it from him." I told my son that I was really sorry about the mistake, and if he wanted I would send Marine X another package. He told me not to worry about Marine X because every time I send something to him; Marine X thinks it is for him as well. He said that when the last care package that my husband and I sent arrived, Marine X came over to his cot and picked up the box, started fishing through it, and asked "What did we get this time?" Apparently, they had the most fun with Marine X's 'female' care package. They weren't sure who that package was meant for but the panties in it were size 20 and one of the guys got on top of the Humvee and jumped off with the panties over his head, yelling 'Look at me, I'm an Airborne Ranger!!!' One of the others attached the panties to an antenna and it blew in the wind like a windsock. He said it entertained them for quite awhile. Then of course, they had the tampons.

When my son brought up the tampons, my imagination just went wild. He said that they had to go on a mission and Marine X wanted the Chap Stick and lotion for the trip. He grabbed a bunch of the items from his 'female' care package and got into the Humvee. As luck would have it, he had grabbed the tampons too, and everyone was teasing him about 'not forgetting his feminine hygiene products.' Things went well for a while, then the convoy was ambushed and a Marine was shot. The wound was pretty clean, but it was deep. They were administering first aid but couldn't get the bleeding to slow down, and someone said 'Hey use Marine X's tampons.' They put a tampon in the wound. At this point my son profoundly told me, "Mom, did you know that tampons expand?" 'Well yeah!' They successfully slowed the bleeding until the guy got better medical attention. When they went back to check on him later, the surgeon told them, "You guys save his life. If you hadn't stopped that bleeding, he would have bled to death." My son said "Mom, the tampons sent by the Marine Moms by mistake saved a Marine's life."

At this point, I asked him, 'What did you do with the rest of the tampons?' he said, "Oh, we divided them up and we all have them in our flak jackets, and I kept two for our first aid kit." I am absolutely amazed by the ingenuity of our Marines, and can't believe that something that started out as a mistake, then turned into a joke, ended up saving someone's life. My sister said that she doesn't believe in mistakes. She believes that God had a plan all along. She believes that the 'female' care package was sent to Marine X to save the Marine who was shot. Either way, our efforts have boosted the morale of many Marines, provided much needed items for our troops, AND saved the life of a Marine! God bless every one of you for your efforts and hard work, and God bless our Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force and everyone. GOD BLESS AMERICA AND KEEP IT SAFE!
A proud Marine Parent (Taken from the internet)

Quote of the Month

"It appears we have appointed our worst generals to command forces, and our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspapers! In fact, I discovered by reading newspapers that these editor/geniuses plainly saw all my strategic defects from the start, yet failed to inform me until it was too late. Accordingly, I'm readily willing to yield my command to these obviously superior intellects, and I'll in turn, do my best for the Cause by writing editorials - after the fact."

Robert E. Lee 1863

KetMorDet's Schedule of Upcoming Events

Mar	12 Mon	1900	Det Officers Call - MPTC West Bend
Mar	17 Sat	0900	Det Monthly Meeting - Trenton Town Hall
Mar	31 Sat	1400	Dept of WI MCL Spring Staff Meeting at Voyageur Inn - Reedsburg - All Members Invited
Apr	2 Mon	1900	Flag History Presentation - for Boy Scouts - Cedarburg - Info to be passed at meeting
Apr	4 Wed	1800	USMC Recruiter potluck for recruits & families-Camelot, Lomira - All Members invited - See Jim
Apr	13-15		MCL Central Division Conference, Moline, IL - All Members invited
Apr	16 Mon	1900	Det Officers Call - MPTC West Bend
Apr	21 Sat	0900	Det Monthly Meeting - Trenton Town Hall

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