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Having originally enlisted in the Marine Corps in December of 2000, and leaving Fond Du Lac in October of 2001 for Boot Camp, Sgt Schroeder is seen here during a re-enlistment ceremony on March 4th, 2009.

As an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Specialist Sgt Schroeder has been protecting military aviators around the globe, including two tours in Iraq.

Sgt Schroeder currently can be seen in West Bend recruiting the next generation of Marines from Washington and Ozaukee Counties

The next monthly Meeting will be held Saturday March 21st, 2009 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 21st, 2009
20 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 acting Chaplain said the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers

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

Paymaster: Roger Cross present
Acting Chaplain: George Wujcik present
Sgt at Arms: Don Erdman present
Historian: Jason Waier present
" : Jim Krudwig present

Other Members in Attendance

Bertram, Tim	Fleischman, John	Heiman, Carl	Lorenz, Jerry	Lucka, Gil
Oelerich, Barry	Ramage, Jim	Schleif, Paul	Straub, Hugo	Unertl, Ken
Wallace Bill				

New Members/Guests

There were no new members or guests present.

Reading of the Minutes

With no corrections or comments George Wujcik made a motion to accept the Minutes as posted in the February Newsletter. Jim Ramage seconded. Motion passed.

Paymaster's Report

With no questions or comments to The Paymasters report Jerry Lorenz made a motion to accept it as written. Seconded by Paul Schlieff. Motion passed.

Chaplain's Report

Chaplain Paul Bollmann was not present at the Meeting.

Correspondence Received/Delivered

A Thank You note was received from the West Bend Food Pantry for the recent donation made by the Det. Letters have been sent out to all the current newsletter advertisers introducing Jason Waier as the incoming Editor and soliciting them to continue donating to the newsletter. Since the letters have been sent out Romies Service and Eernisse Funeral Home have again donated to the Newsletter. Members are urged to go out and find new advertisers as some of the current ones will more than likely not renew. Dan O'Toole and Gil Lucka recently attended two separate Court of Honor's for two new Eagle Scouts. The programs for these events were given to the Historian. The ad that was approved during the January Meeting for the Central Div Handbook has been mailed in. A Letter of Recommendation for John Stern has been submitted to Dept of Wi, MCL for Marine of the Year. Election Ballots were also mailed out.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: There is a new procedure for obtaining blanks for the Honor Guard rifles. Copies of the instructions have been given to the Adjutant and the Commandant, who has submitted an order for replacement ammo. The Honor Guard has also performed for three funerals this past month.

Senior Vice Commandant: Danny O'Toole, John Stern, and Glen Brewer attended a Blue and Gold Dinner at Badger Middle School this past week for the Scouts. They performed a flag folding ceremony while demonstrating the different folds & what they represent. Glen Brewer thanked John and Danny for helping out on very short notice.

Junior Vice Commandant: Although calls have been made from the "Members at Large" listing from National Hq, MCL in our area no one has decided to join KetMorDet yet. The Detachment was VERY well received during the two Courts of Honor that were attended this past month. The Detachment has been invited the Court of Honor ceremony on March 8th at which four more Scouts will attain the rank of Eagle Scout. The Jr Vice has also called the Members that have not attended a meeting awhile to make sure everything is ok and noted that he was glad to see at least one of those Members in attendance for this meeting. Calls have been made to Ken Brown to see if they have someone ready to go on the next Honor Flight for the Detachment to sponsor, but he has not called back.

Flag History Presentation Team: Letters soliciting groups looking to host a Flag History Presentation have been sent out. Copies of the letter were also inserted into the Feb newsletter so that KetMorDet Members can take them to their church or other clubs to see if they would like to host a presentation. Please contact Jim Krudwig if interested in more info.

VAVS: Please be sure to check out the Camp Lejeune Water Study info under the VAVS tab at www.ketmordet.com if you were stationed there prior to 1987. Those traveling to a VA Healthcare facility for service related healthcare should be seeing an increase in travel benefits.

PAO: KetMorDet activities have been added to the Community Calendar sections in the West Bend Daily News, and the Washington/Ozaukee County Post, and will be continually updated as events warrant. Jim Krudwig made a motion that Jason Waier come up with a Membership Ad to be placed in the Wash/Oz Co Post to help raise awareness of the Det. It would be run bi-monthly the weekend prior to our Meeting for the next 10 months and not to exceed \$160. Seconded by John Fleischman. Motion passed.

Color Guard: The Det has received a request to participate in the Veterans Day Parade in Milwaukee on Nov 7th from Sgt Major

Hertz. This would be a very prestigious event and should be considered. A request for the Action in Jackson Parade has also been received for June 14th at noon. More will be reported next month.

Quartermaster: Nothing new to report.

Adjutant: Life Membership dues have increased. The current rates are now \$500 for those 18-35 yrs of age, \$400 for 36-50 yrs, \$300 for 51-60 yrs, and \$150 for members 61 and older. The Dept of Wisconsin, MCL is awarding 4 scholarships of \$500 each. The scholarship application can be found under the Contact/Forms tab at www.ketmordet.com. All applications must be post marked no later than April 10th, 2009. More forms and certificates had to be ordered from National HQ MCL, and the receipt was turned in to the Paymaster. Challenge Coins will be given out to anyone getting 3 or more Newsletter advertisers. Jim Krudwig and the Adjutant attended to North Shore Det. meeting and stated that they are going through the same growing pains that our Detachment did in its early stages. They currently have 43 members of which 11 were present. They also had a large contingent of Fox Co Marines from Milwaukee there. They are also in the very early stages of planning a trip to the National Marine Corps Museum. They are not looking for anything from our Detachment. They are however looking for more people to go. If interested please contact Paul Ciletti at 262-853-0940. The next Stars & Stripes Honor Flight to the WWII Memorial will be departing April 25th. In appreciation for ten years in Wisconsin Panera Bread has joined with the Honor Flight program. They are committed to raising \$50,000 throughout Wisconsin by fundraising and matching funds until April 24th. The Milwaukee Military Historians meet the 3rd Monday of every month at the American Legion Hall in Grafton. There is dinner followed by a guest speaker every month. An Iwo Jima Marine was the guest speaker in February. It costs \$8 to hear the speaker only or \$20 for dinner and the speaker. Four Lakes Detachment held a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser in Madison Jan 31st to raise money for the Fallen Warrior statues that are being given to all the Wisconsin families that have lost someone due to the War on Terror in Iraq or Afghanistan. Rollie Moericke and Jason Waier attended on behalf of the Detachment. They were happy and surprised to see that we traveled that far to support them. They had local TV news coverage and were very well prepared. I am sure that they met their goal of 300 people.

Fundraising: Jason Waier contacted Mike Serio of the Milwaukee Brewers to see if there were any fundraising dates still open at Miller Park for fundraising. Mr. Serio stated that there were some still open but they were filling up fast and suggested we submit a request soon. As time was imperative the Adjutant did submit for and receive three fundraising dates: April 10th, and 11th (home opening weekend against the Cubs), and August 16th against Houston. Please keep these dates open and help the Detachment during these fundraisers. These have always been good events for the Detachment and with a good turnout can be again this year.

Old Business

The terminally ill Marine from Cleveland WI has been sent to home hospice for his remaining days.

New Business

Officer voting ballots were collected from 0845-0900 and counted at the opening of the Meeting. The Sr Vice and Adjutant verified the ballots. All 20 Members present turned in ballots. There were again 2 blank ballots turned in this year. The remaining 18 were checked and all nominated Officers were elected and will be sworn in on March 21st by the State Commandant Vern Riedle. Congratulations to our 2009-2010 Officers. Be sure to come to the March Meeting and welcome them and meet Vern Riedle. Danny O'Toole made a motion for \$100 (\$50 cost) savings bonds be given to all future Eagle Scouts during their Court of Honors that the Det attends. Seconded by Jim Krudwig. Motion passed. Jim Krudwig noted that most other Det's have their name sewn onto their red MCL covers and suggests that KetMorDet does the same. John Stern stated that he would look into doing so per MCL uniform rules and report back next month. Jason Waier noted that he has unofficially been looking into prices of renting/leasing a more permanent Detachment home. A place that could be used for fundraisers, or a Toys for Tots drop off location, a place where Members could get together for things other than just Meetings, and could also store all the Det gear. John Fleischman made a motion that Jason chair a committee to look into finding a "home" for the Detachment. Seconded by Tim Bertram. Motion passed 19-1. He will talk to the city building inspector, and get more prices on locations and report at the March Meeting his findings. It is only to be a cursory look at this time to find out if it would even be something feasible for the Detachment to do. Roger Cross submitted a report on the Detachment weapons stating one of them was unserviceable. The report is done every three years and verifies the serial numbers on the weapons and their current state and sent to the Army. The return correspondence was sent to Jim Krudwig's address as he was the original point of contact. The letter was turned over to Roger.

Good of the League

Jim Krudwig acknowledged and thanked Jason for all his efforts the past couple of months, and would hope that other Members would take his lead and by going out to other Det and State meetings also. There is a lot of good info out there that is being missed.

Meeting Closed

With no further business to be conducted, the Commandant gave the order to close the Meeting at 1012. The Sgt at Arms retired the Colors, and the acting Chaplain gave the closing prayer. The Sr Vice Commandant thanked all for attending and asked that they secure new members. The Marine Hymn was sung and the Meeting was closed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Waier, Adjutant

KETMORDET OFFICER REPORTS FOR MARCH 2009

In Order to expedite the regular monthly meeting, all officers and standing committee chairs are afforded the opportunity to 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 is unable to make it to a regular meeting, the opportunity to remain abreast of current Detachment activities. Any submission may be edited and use depends on available space.

COMMANDANT JOHN STERN: Nothing reported.

Honor Guard: Nothing reported.

Support the Troops: Nothing reported

SR VICE COMMANDANT GLEN BREWER: Nothing reported.

JR VICE COMMANDANT DANNY O'TOOLE: Nothing reported.

JUDGE ADVOCATE SEAN RODRIGUEZ: Nothing reported.

ADJUTANT JASON WAIER REPORTS: Marines, It has been my pleasure and honor to have been your Adjutant these past four years. I have spent too many hours to count conducting month to month business for the Det. They have been very rewarding hours though. I would like to congratulate all the Officers and wish them the best and offer my support to them. I hope everyone will do the same. Jim Ramage will be starting out in a corner though as he has to appoint an Adjutant right out of the starting block. I am a little bit let down that no one in the Detachment was willing to step forward to fill this vacancy. As you can see by my reports I have been busy doing many other things these past few months and am looking forward to doing much more, but I have had my turn as Adjutant and it is time for someone to take it over and give it a fresh face. I am hoping the Det will be willing to work with Fox Co Marines and Toys for Tots this year and will be bringing many more ideas forward in the coming months. Late dues: Brian Rahn. Please wish Paul Bollmann, Barry Oelerich, and Sean Rodriguez Happy Birthday next time you see them. Semper Fi

PAYMASTER ROGER CROSS REPORTS: Nothing reported.

CHAPLAIN PAUL BOLLMAN REPORTS: As we approach this year, the time of the year for planting and renewing our batteries to carry us through the year, to renew our commitments to family, Churches and memberships to our organizations we belong to. Since Our Lord has given each one of us free will to choose our way of life, He also asks that we fulfill our obligations that we have made. Now it's up to each one of us.

To continue the survival of our Detachment, since none of us is getting any younger, we need to put forth an effort to attend meetings, recruit new members, assist in fundraising, different committee's and also volunteer to take a hand in running our Detachment.

Unfortunately, by not attending meetings, members will miss out on most of the Service Officers Reports that give updated information and warnings, both from the State Level and Federal Veterans Departments. The Decision is yours!

Looking forward to seeing you at the next Detachment meeting!

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER BILL WALLACE: Nothing reported.

FLAG HISTORY PRESENTATION TEAM COMMANDER JIM KRUDWIG REPORTS:

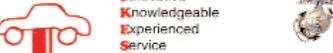
Responses are coming in as a result of the FHP letters sent out to schools, etc. See dates for FHP's already set up on KetMorDet Schedule of Events on the last page of the Newsletter. There will be more to come. We still need additional Members to participate, particularly when others can't make it.

The question came up from a couple Members as to why the incoming FHP requests would be sent back directly to me by the requesting school etc. During the past couple years, a number of requests went to Officers or Members and the info provided was incomplete which then required me to get back to the requestor for complete info. That made KetMorDet look like it is not very well organized. On one occasion, a Member received a request and passed it to another Officer who received it in May 2008. He in turn said that he mislaid it and it was not forwarded to me until Sep. That made it impossible to cover that school's earlier request for a FHP. The best way to handle it in the future was to have the requests come straight to me and then it should be handled with the least amount of turmoil. When things are sometimes mailed to the Det PO Box, they do not get to the intended person until the next meeting.

Another question came up about using the ranks of the FHP Members. The audiences, particularly children, are impressed when all the participating Members are introduced as LCpl, Cpl, Sgt, SSgt, whatever their rank was in the Marine Corps.

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ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION OF TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no such agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign.

The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children." Bill Hendricks, a Marine Reservist on weekends, was in civilian life, the Director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio. This enabled him to convince a vast array of celebrities to support Toys for Tots. In 1948, Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo, which is still used today. Disney also designed the first Toys for Tots poster used to promote the nationwide program. Nat "King" Cole, Peggy Lee, and Vic Damone recorded the Toys for Tots theme composed by Sammy Fain and Paul Webster in 1956. Bob Hope, John Wayne, Doris Day, Lorrie Morgan, Tim Allen, Kenny Rogers and Billy Ray Cyrus are but a few of the long list of celebrities who have given their time and talent to promote Toys for Tots. First Lady Nancy Reagan served as the national spokesperson in 1983. First Lady Barbara Bush served as the national spokesperson in 1992 and in her autobiography named Toys for Tots as one of her favorite charities.

From 1947 through 1979, Marines collected and distributed new and used toys. On Reserve drill weekends during October, November and December, Reserve Marines refurbished the used toys. From Christmas 1980 through the present, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys.

Three factors dictated this change:

First, the Secretary of Defense's Total Force Program, introduced in the 1970's, assigned Reserves a greater role in America's defense posture. As a consequence, Reservists had to dedicate every minute of weekend drill time to honing and polishing combat skills. No time was available to refurbish toys.

Second, public awareness of the health and safety aspects of toys that developed during the 70's made distribution of used toys legally inadvisable.

Third, distributing "hand me down" toys does not send the message Marines want to send to needy children. The goal is to deliver a message of hope, which will build self-esteem and, in turn, motivate needy children to grow with responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. A shiny new toy is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U. S. Marine Corps and official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve.

In 1996, the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve expanded Toys for Tots to cover all 50 states by authorizing selected Marine Corps League Detachments and selected local community organization (generally veteran Marines), located in communities without a Marine Reserve Center, to conduct toy collection and distribution campaigns in their communities as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

Over the 62 years of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, Marines have distributed more than 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children. This charitable endeavor has made U.S. Marines the unchallenged leaders in looking after needy children at Christmas. Over its 18 year life span, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supplemented local toy collections with more than 70.2 million toys valued at more than \$387 million; plus has provided promotion and support materials valued at over \$4.7 million.

Extracted and updated from a 2007 article written by Colonel William L. Hendricks USMCR Retired.

***The safest place in Korea was right behind a platoon of Marines.
Lord, how they could fight. MGen Frank Lowe US Army***

***Marines know how to use their bayonets. Army bayonets may as well be paperweights.
Navy Times, Nov 1994***

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Apparently, these same Members who are non participants in the FHP are offended by this use of rank. We could bring it up at a Det meeting for discussion. Personally, I feel it is petty as the individual bringing this up prefers to use a title which he once acknowledged to me that he had obtained in two weeks from a diploma mill in California.

Still another question came up from these disgruntled Members about my expending \$91 of Det funds to have the FHP letters with color photos on the reverse side printed up on stationary to be sent out to schools, nursing homes, civic groups, scouts, etc. Also postage was paid to send out those letters. This discussion comes from one Member who has, in the past, stated that he does not care to distribute roses in fundraising because it is "begging for money". When he was scheduled to run a fundraiser, he showed up in the morning to drop off the cans and roses and came back in the afternoon to pick up the money and gear. One wonders where our Det funds would be should we all think the same and not conduct the rose distribution. The Det fund would be pretty low if it relied solely on other sources. The second Member was the aforementioned individual who forgot to forward the FHP request to me for three months. He had, in the past, authorized excessive and unapproved expenses for a Det Birthday Ball. On a later occasion, he attempted to spend several hundred dollars of Det funds for something that had not been discussed or approved by the Det. As a result, a majority of the sitting Det Officers proposed and a change to the by-laws was made by the membership so that nobody can expend more than \$100 without approval by the Members at a meeting. So, as the FHP Team Commander and sitting Det Historian, I expended \$91 for 200 copies of the FHP letter. Should the membership as a whole feel that I did something wrong, I will reimburse the Det for that amount. It should be noted that the Det sometimes receives donations from \$25 to \$200 for our conducting FHP's, probably bringing in up to \$500 a year to the Det fund.

Finally, our Adjutant brought up the idea at the Feb meeting that the Det should consider renting a permanent site where meetings can be held and to store the ever increasing Det equipment all in one place. This would include bringing the rifles which are currently stored in a Member's residence in the country to the proposed meeting place in town should a new Det Hqs. be selected. In the past the Det discussed purchasing a weapons storage safe. I have a proposal to make to the Det to obtain such a safe. I have a full unsealed bottle of Jim Beam Bourbon Whiskey in a collector decanter showing a Marine Devil Dogs logo. It was distributed by the James B Beam Distilling Company around 1979 and has a value of \$450 to \$475 per a note from a collector found on www.google.com/ebay. I have held this bottle for several years trying to figure how it can best be used. Either the Det Members could bid on it or I could put it up for sale on eBay with the proceeds used to go for the purchase of a KetMorDet rifle safe. This also could be discussed at a Det meeting.

KETTLE MORAINÉ MARINE NEWSLETTER: In January 2005, the Dept of WI Commandant of the Marine Corps League set up an information meeting in Jackson to see if there was interest in establishing a new Detachment in Washington and Ozaukee Counties. Several prospective Members were in attendance. Tim Bertram and I took it upon ourselves to set up a meeting. I arranged for our first meeting to be held at the Chase Bank Building (old Bank One) in West Bend on Feb 19th, 2005 and published an information bulletin which was sent out to prospective Members. I published our first four page Newsletter in March advising that 17 possible Members had attended with six signing up to be charter members. Tim agreed to take on the Acting Commandant position while I volunteered to do the Paymaster, Newsletter, and Fundraiser responsibilities. Several others offered to assist. At our second meeting on March 12, 2005, reported in issue 2 of the four page Newsletter, a group of acting officers was selected and annual dues set at \$30. Discussion about preparation of Det By-Laws, celebration of the Marine Birthday Ball, fundraising for charities and Det. activities and equipment purchases was conducted. I purchased American, Marine, and POW/MIA colors to be used until the Det later had adequate funds to purchase parade flags in August. The red KetMorDet windbreaker jacket was displayed and orders taken. The third issue of the Newsletter published in May discussed the April meeting. We needed 20 Members to submit a request for the Det's charter so I visited prospective Members at their homes and restaurants. We ended up with 28 paid Charter Members. I arranged to purchase 10,000 miniature roses and several Members and their wives assembled them with labels obtained at the last minute. Our first fundraiser two days later was held in Saukville on Memorial Day 2005. That first fundraiser brought in \$2767. After repaying me for expenses incurred up to then (printing, flags, gavel, etc), the Det was solvent with over \$2000 in the bank. The June Newsletter issue advised that the State Commandant would swear in the officers and all Members at the June 18th meeting. The black KetMorDet t-shirts were approved and purchased to be given to those Members who participate in Det activities like fundraising and Honor Guard. I continued to edit the Newsletter alone through June and July until Jason Waier agreed to become the Graphics Editor in August 2005. Our Newsletter became much better looking as a result of Jason's magic with photos and graphics. We earned a national honorable mention award for it in 2007.

So, it is with some regret that I give up this position of newsletter editor but realize that new ideas and viewpoints are needed to keep it fresh. Also, I am a bit worn out by the job of writing articles, assembling and mailing it after over four years. I will be available to assist Jason when needed and may occasionally throw in an article just to keep involved. Let's all support Jason in taking on the job as the new Editor of the *KETTLE MORAINÉ MARINE*.

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Among other things, the rating chart shows fund raising costs per \$100 raised for each charity. Some of the figures are truly shocking!

Americans gave millions of dollars in the past year to veterans charities designed to help troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, but several of the groups spent relatively little money on the wounded, according to a leading watchdog organization and federal tax filings.

Eight veterans' charities, including some of the nation's largest, gave less than a third of the money raised to the causes they champion, far below the recommended standard, the American Institute of Philanthropy says in a report. One group passed along 1 cent for every dollar raised, the report says. Another paid its founder and his wife a combined \$540,000 in compensation and benefits last year, a Washington Post analysis of tax filings showed.

Richard H. Esau Jr., executive director of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation, based in Annandale, said the cost of fundraising limits how much his group can spend on charitable causes. 'Do you have any idea how much money it costs to advertise? It's unbelievable the amount of money it takes to advertise in the print and electronic media,' he said. 'I'm very proud of what we do, and we certainly do look after everybody. The point is we do the right thing by veterans.'

Borochoff said many veterans charities are 'woefully inefficient,' spending large sums on costly direct-mail advertising. 'They over solicit. They love to send out a lot of trinkets and stickers and greeting cards and flags and things that waste a lot of money that they get little return on,' said Borochoff, who plans to testify before Congress today.

The philanthropy institute gave F's to 12 of the 29 military charities reviewed and D's to eight. Five were awarded A-plus-es, including the Fisher House Foundation in Rockville, which the institute says directs more than 90 percent of its income to charitable causes.

One group received an A, and one received an A-minus...

Jim Weiskopf, spokesman for Fisher House, said the charity does not use direct-mail advertising. 'As soon as you do direct mail, your fundraising expenses go up astronomically,' he said.

One egregious example, Borochoff said, is Help Hospitalized Veterans, which was founded in 1971 by Roger Chapin, a veteran of the Army Finance Corps and a San Diego real estate developer. The charity, which provides therapeutic arts and crafts kits to hospitalized veterans, reported income of \$71.3 million last year and spent about one-third of that money on charitable work, the philanthropy institute said.

In its tax filings, Help Hospitalized Veterans reported paying more than \$4 million to direct-mail fundraising consultants. The group also has run television advertisements featuring actor Sam Waterston, game show host Pat Sajak and other celebrities.

Bennett Weiner, chief operating officer of the Better Business Bureau, said the agency has 20 standards for reviewing charities, including that a charity's fundraising and overhead costs not exceed 35 percent of total contributions.

The American Institute of Philanthropy, a leading charity watchdog, issued a report card this month for 29 veterans and military charities. Letter grades were based largely on the charities' fundraising costs and the percentage of money raised that was spent on charitable activities. The charities that received failing grades are in bold type:

Air Force Aid Society (A+)
Fisher House Foundation (A+)
Armed Services YMCA of the USA (A-)
Army Emergency Relief (A+)
Blinded Veterans Association (D)
Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (A+),
National Military Family Association (A),
National Vietnam Veterans Committee (D),

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Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (A+),
Soldiers' Angels (D),
United Spinal Association's Wounded Warrior Project (D),
USO (United Service Organization) (C+),
Veterans of Foreign Wars and Foundation (C-),
Veterans of the Vietnam War & the Veterans Coalition (D),
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (D), World War II Veterans Committee (D),
Disabled American Veterans (D),
American Ex-Prisoners of War Service Foundation (F),
American Veterans Coalition (F),
American Veterans Relief Foundation (F),
AMVETS National Service Foundation (F),
Disabled Veterans Association (F),
Freedom Alliance (F),
Help Hospitalized Veterans/Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (F),
Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation (F),
National Veterans Services Fund (F),
NCOA National Defense Foundation (F),
Paralyzed Veterans of America (F),
Viet Now National Headquarters (F).

VETERANS WIN

NCOA Participates in US Supreme Court Case

Congratulatory Message, February 26, 2009

TO: Non Commissioned Officers Association of the USA

BRIEF AMICI CURIAE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART, INC., THE NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE USA, VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR, INC. & THE VETERANS COALITION; AND AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER

Congratulations! We won! Yesterday the US Supreme Court handed down its opinion in Pleasant Grove City v. Summum and upheld the right of governments everywhere to erect what otherwise lawful monuments they may choose without having to erect any monument any group wants to make them erect. In relevant terms, this means governments from the local to the federal level can continue to commemorate our veterans with memorials without having to tear them down or put up monuments that might dishonor our veterans. This is huge. Because of your involvement in this case, the Court referenced or discussed veterans memorials in at least half a dozen places in its opinion, at one point citing directly to YOUR brief. Perhaps most significantly, on page 17 of the opinion the Court directly recognized a main point of your brief as "well founded:" had Summum gotten its way, "[e]very jurisdiction that has accepted a donated war memorial may be asked to provide equal treatment for a donated monument questioning the cause for which the veterans fought." The Court decided that this was an unacceptable result.

Just so we're clear, you just helped write the law. And you just helped write it in such a way that protects and defends the honor of anyone who has ever worn the uniform. On behalf of myself and the other veterans at this firm, thank you for your willingness to stand. We're proud to have stood with you. You should let your members and the public know what you've done.

Again, congratulations. You stood for the right and the right was upheld.

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SOME ADDITIONAL HISTORY ON THE MAMELUKE SWORD

A Mameluke sword is a cross-hilted, curved, scimitar-like sword historically used by Mamluk warriors from whom the sword derives its name. It is related to the shamshir, which had its origin in Persia from where the style migrated to Indian, Egypt and North Africa. It was adopted in the 19th century by several Western militaries, including the French Army, British Army and the ceremonial Side arm for some units to this day....

Marine Corps lore states that a sword of this type was presented to Marine First Lieutenant Presley O'Bannion by the Turkish viceroy, Prince Hamet, on Dec 8, 1804, during the First Barbary War, as a gesture of respect and praise for attempting to return the prince to his throne. Upon his return to the United States, the State of Virginia presented him with a silver hilted sword featuring an eaglehead hilt and a curved blade modeled after the original Mameluke sword given him by Hamet. Its blade is inscribed with his name and a commemoration of the Battle of Tripoli Harbor.

Perhaps due to the Marines' distinguished record during this campaign, including the capture of the Tripolitan city of Derna after a long and dangerous desert march, Marine Corps Commandant Archibald Henderson adopted the Mameluke sword in 1825 for wear by Marine officers. After initial distribution in 1826, Mameluke swords have been worn except for the years 1859-75 (when Marine Officers were required to wear US. Model 1850 Army Foot Officers' Sword), and a brief period when swords were suspended during World War II. Since that time, Mameluke swords have been worn by Marine Officers in a continuing tradition to the present day.

Mameluke swords were carried as dress swords by Officers of most light cavalry and hussar, and some heavy cavalry regiments in the British Army at various points during the 19th century, started in the period after Waterloo. The current regulation sword of generals, the 1831 Pattern is a Mameluke-style sword as were various Army Band swords. The US Marine Crops Officers sword has been suggested as also being influential. The 1831 Pattern General Officers' Sword is, indeed, very similar to the USMC Mameluke that pre-dated it.

Napoleon raised a number of Mameluke units during his Egyptian campaigns in the French Revolutionary Wars. The Duke of Wellington carried a Mameluke sword from his days serving in India.

(Extracted from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

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

Mar 21	Sat	0855	Regular Monthly Meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East of West Bend, State Commandant Vern Reidle to be on hand for the installation of officers
Mar 28-29			Dept of WI MCL State Conference in Fitchburg, WI
Apr 9	Thu	0845	FHP Badger Middle School, West Bend
Apr 10			Dept of WI MCL Applications for Scholarships must be turned in
Apr 10	Fri	1500	Fundraiser at Milwaukee Brewers vs Chicago Cubs Home Opener Game - Members needed
Apr 11	Sat	1100	Fundraiser at Milwaukee Brewers vs Chicago Cubs Game - Members needed
Apr 17-19			2009 National Marine League, Central Division, Conference in Neenah
Apr 18	Sat	0855	Regular Monthly meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East of West Bend
Apr 25	Fri	1330	FHP Wayne Elem School, Town of Wayne, CTH H
May 16			Armed Forces Day
May 16	Sat	0855	Regular Monthly meeting, Trenton Town Hall, Hwy 33 East of West Bend
May 27	Wed	0900	FHP Farmington Elem School, Hwy 144 North, to CTH H East to Boltonville Rd
Jun 14	Sun	Noon	Tentative - Color Guard for Action in Jackson Parade

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