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Generations of Valor



The occasion of this photograph was a Veterans Day Commemoration at Dallas City Hall on 11 November 2004.

The Veteran pictured is Houston James, a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, and the Marine is Staff Sgt. Mark Graunke Jr., a member of an ordnance disposal team who lost his left hand, one leg, and an eye while defusing a bomb in Iraq in July 2003.

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Our next Meeting is 0900 hrs Saturday, **December 16th** 2006 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 October 21st, 2006
29 Members present

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

The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0905. 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 present

Paymaster: Jim Krudwig present
Chaplain: George Wujcik present
Sgt at Arms: Cal Racine present
Historian: Jim Krudwig present

Other Members in Attendance

Bertling, David	Bertling, Greg	Bollman, Paul	Brewer, Glen	Bustamante, Mark
Duffin, Doug	Erdman, Don	Heiman, Carl	Huf, Walter	Koski, Kevin
Lucka, Gilbert	Mathews, Glen	Meeks, Todd	Montag, Fred	Oelerich, Barry
O'Toole, Danny	Schleif, Paul	Smith, Doug	Straub, Hugo	Unertl, Ken
Wallace, William				

New Members

New Member, Kevin Koski was sworn in. Welcome Aboard Marine! Barry Oelerich, Danny O'Toole and Ken Unertl were presented with Life Membership Cards, Congratulations Marines!

Guests

There were no guests in attendance although several people had been invited to participate. Contact John Stern with info on any interested possible new Members.

Reading of the Minutes

With no corrections to the September Meeting Minutes as posted in the October Newsletter Fritz Montag made a motion to accept them as written. Danny O'Toole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paymaster's Report

The Paymaster went over the September financial statement. After reviewing the past year's expenditures the Paymaster has deposited some of the funds raised this year into two separate Certificates of Deposit (one 3 month, and one 6 month) as they earn better interest for the Detachment. The Paymaster reminded the Members that the long-term savings could be eventually used for purchase of a clubhouse or other major projects. Any Member wishing to review KetMorDet's financial records should contact the Paymaster. With no corrections or additions Doug Duffin made a motion to accept the Financial Report as written. Cal Racine seconded and the motion carried. Life-Members and Officers wishing to obtain patches for their red covers should see the Paymaster for price and availability.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain sent out several get-well cards to Members and their families. The Membership wishes that all recovered quickly.

Correspondence Received/Delivered

Several notes have been received from troops overseas. Certificates of Appreciation have been sent out to our Major/Corporate sponsors. Several more solicitations have been received from charitable organizations requesting donations and will be gone over and brought before the Detachment later.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: The Honor Guard Commander received a request for a funeral Honor Guard detail, but had to turn it down, as he was unable to muster enough trained Members to participate. He plans to conduct additional training sessions and get more Members involved so that this will not happen again.

Flag Presentation Team: Four dates are currently set for presentations: October 24th for the Slinger Rotary at MJ Stevens, November 2nd in Mequon, November 7th in Kewaskum, and November 9th in Mequon.

Scholarship: Nothing new to report.

Uniforms: The Color/Honor Guard Members raised enough money at the new Germantown Wal-Mart fundraiser to purchase winter jackets and winter gloves. There was discussion whether the KetMorDet logo on the new jackets should be screen printed as originally planned or embroidered. The Membership left it up to the Paymaster. Cost of screen printing and the jackets would be under \$75 each. Roger Cross stated he could possibly get the embroidery donated at no cost to the Det. He would check on the price of embroidery and let Jim Krudwig know quickly. Cost will be the deciding factor on which way to go and if the embroidery cost is prohibitive, that factor will have to be considered.

Troop Welfare: John Stern has assumed the responsibility from the Paymaster for the KetMorDet "Support the Troops" program and has sent some "Care Packages" to troops serving overseas. They have been well received and several "Thank You" notes and letters from the troops were passed around for Members to read. John would like to get more packages out but needs names/addresses and the troops' email addresses if possible. Anyone serving in the armed services overseas is eligible. Contact John Stern with that info and he will send them a KetMorDet "Care Package". The troops also appreciate magazines and used paperback books (no Harlequin romances please). Bring them to a meeting.

Color Guard: The Color Guard is set to march in Christmas parades on Nov 25th in Grafton and Nov 26th in West Bend (which it will lead). The Color Guard will also be at the Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony in Germantown on Nov 11th. Charlie Keller **STRONGLY** discussed how important it is for the Members that have signed on to stay actively involved in the Honor/Color Guard. During these events KetMorDet is highly visible and needs Member participation. It is essential that Members participate as often as possible to get a return on the investment of uniforms and equipment. Charlie Keller stated that KetMorDet is being readied to take over at least one parade in West Bend during 2007. Roger Cross said that any Members wishing to participate in parades, but are not in the Color/Honor Guard, could ride in his truck following the Color Guard. Doug Duffin said there is a Nov 4th Memorial re-dedication in Erin and asked if KetMorDet could participate. John Stern stated that if there are requests like that to get him the info. If enough troops can be mustered they would do it. John said that a detail can be put together in 3 days, but more notice is greatly appreciated.

Major/Corporate Fundraising: Guaranteed Screen Printing, through Roger Cross, has donated \$500. Roger was also helpful in getting Cornerstone Bank, National Exchange Bank, and West Bend Savings Bank to make donations. The Germantown Wal-Mart fundraiser was a success even though some inclement weather did not co-operate. Charlie said that Major/Corporate Fundraising is about over for the season. However, if anyone has more contacts, please see him.

Quartermaster: It was learned after the meeting that due to a family emergency, Doug Smith has stepped down from the Det. Quartermaster position. The Detachment hopes things get better for Doug and his family. KetMorDet is looking for a volunteer to become the new Quartermaster. Offer your services to the Commandant or at the next Meeting.

Toys for Tots: John Stern stated that the Vietnam Veterans Association in Newburg will no longer be participating in the Fox Company, USMCR Toys for Tots drive thus ending for KetMorDet's joint participation in that program.

Newsletter: The Commandant stated that he has received fantastic response from some Major/Corp sponsors on the quality of the **Newsletter**. The Editor said that the printer inadvertently mixed up the pages in the October Newsletter and that should not happen again. Biographies on all Members are still needed for historical purposes. Contact Jim Krudwig and get yours written up. The need for the 2007 Newsletter ads is coming up fast. Members are reminded that getting three ad blocks will win them the new, high quality, red KetMorDet T-shirt. A single block ad is \$75 or \$150 for a double. Send any printed info for the Newsletter to the Editor by the first of that month so it can be included.

Social Committee: Birthday Ball preparations are continuing on schedule. Doug Duffin queried why the Ball is on Sat instead of Friday, Nov 10th. Roger Cross said that it allows more people to be there and there was some concern about the availability of the Museum facilities on that Friday. Saturday just works out better for most people. It is a formal event so dress appropriate in uniform or coat and tie. Marine Captain William Klabo, an active duty Marine who participated in the initial push up to Baghdad in 2004, will be the guest speaker at this year's Birthday Ball. It should be interesting.

Old Business

There was no old business brought forward this month.

New Business

Dan O'Toole made a motion to donate \$200 to Toys for Tots. Seconded by Cal Racine. Wally Huf made a motion to donate \$100 to the Zablocki VA Hospital for their "Christmas with the Vets" program in Milwaukee. Seconded by Don Erdman. Paul Bollmann made a motion to donate \$100 to the US Marines Youth Foundation's "Tree of Light" program. Seconded by Wally Huf. National MCL HQ has increased its yearly dues by \$6 per Member. Paul Bollmann made a motion to raise KetMorDet dues to \$35 to cover most of this increase. Fritz Montag seconded. All motions were voted on and passed. Existing Life Memberships are not affected but new Life Membership rates increase in 2007 and again in 2009. The Paymaster has looked into the early payment of Life Memberships or paying dues early to beat the increases prior to 2007 and will publish the info in the Newsletter. Members can save a few bucks paying the old rate by early Dec. The Commandant stated that to facilitate MCL Hqs mandatory reporting of elections by May, they should to be held earlier in the calendar year with nominations in January, the election held in February and Officers installation in March. Nominations for all Officer positions will thus be open in January. This is the time to volunteer and throw your cover into the ring to be a KetMorDet Officer. Neither Tim Bertram nor Jim Krudwig will run for their respective offices in 2007.

The Commandant recommended changes needed in the By-Laws concerning dues increases and clarifying when elections would be held. The Adjutant will get the proposed By-Law changes into the mail so that all Members can review and vote on them at the Dec. Meeting.

Members wishing to donate checks or items like cookies and candy to the VA Hospital in Milwaukee for the Vets Christmas program should bring them to the Dec 16th Meeting. All will be delivered to the hospital following the meeting.

Good of the League

Greg Bertling said that all Golden Corral restaurants would be offering free meals to Veterans on Nov 13th, the Monday following Veterans Day. Dan O'Toole suggested that Det. Meetings need to be shorter as several Members were getting restless during the two hour long Meeting.

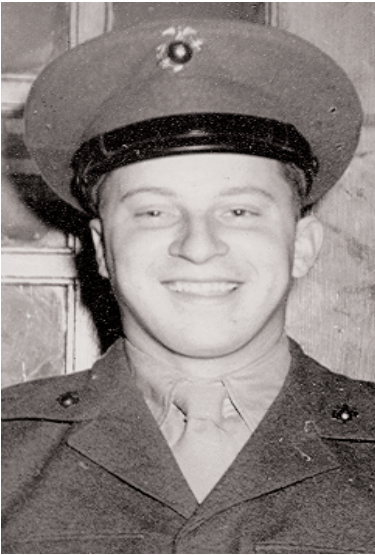
A reporter at the West Bend Daily News, Zak Mazur, wants to speak to Korean War Vets. Call him at 800-924-3142. Roger Cross has made up some nice Marine EGA and Kettle Moraine Detachment decals for your vehicles or other needs. They are available for \$1.50 each.

Meeting Closed

With no further business to conduct, 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. The Meeting closed at 1118 hrs. The next meeting will be held 0900 December 16th at the Trenton Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Jason Waier, Adjutant

Ken Unertl - Marine of the Month



Ken Unertl was born in Milwaukee on Aug 19, 1930 (76) and later lived on a farm near Iron Ridge and Horicon. Following school, he worked for five years at the John Deere plant in Horicon assembling power lifts on farm equipment. He had thought about joining the Marine Corps but having a good job and a nice car, remained a civilian. Then, he became a Selective Service Draftee on Oct 12, 1951 and was given the opportunity to choose either the Army or the Marine Corps. The Marine draftees traveled to California on an old steam powered troop train. Marine Boot Camp was quite an experience for a small town country boy. 55 years later, Ken still has many memories of becoming a Marine. After completion of Boot Camp at San Diego, he was transferred to Camp Del Mar at Camp Pendleton where he took the Amphibious Tractor Mechanic's course. Upon graduation from the course, he was promoted to Corporal. He and his buddies enjoyed liberty and seeing Southern California. He recalls that Hospital Corpsman training was also at Camp Del Mar and he felt that their training was tougher than the Amphib course. The Corpsmen always ran everywhere they had to go.

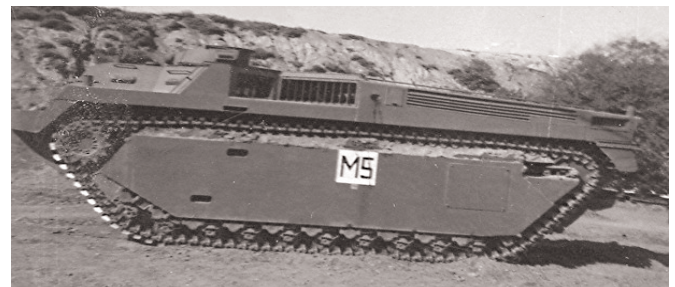
Ken was transferred to Weapons Company, Schools Demonstration Troops at Quantico, VA where they gave frequent demonstrations of their amphibious equipment. They would load Platoon Leader Course members (PLC's) aboard LVT's (Landing Vehicle Track) and hauled the troops to shore in mock landings. He enjoyed working with the PLC's who were college students striving to become officers. They would take the PLC's out on the Potomac River and a large man-made lake aboard the Quantico Base and make landings. One of the LVT's had a howitzer mounted on it and they would fire it during the landings. He recalls that one time, the water was so rough and the Amphib tractor's hatches were closed, with many of those aboard getting sick. Ken laughs about the fact that a Marine could get sick on the Potomac River. It was great duty and Ken saw a lot of the Washington, DC sights while on liberty. His platoon marched in President Eisenhower's inaugural parade. He and a buddy pulled duty at the enlisted club the night before the parade so they became alternates and were given liberty to view the parade. He said that the Marines were the best unit in the parade. He said that was probably the highlight of his active duty career.

Ken did his job and kept his nose clean, staying out of trouble and was promoted to Sergeant and later Staff Sergeant. He was released from active duty when his two years of draft service were up on Oct 12, 1951. Ken must have been an "AJ Squared Away Marine" to be a draftee promoted to Staff Sergeant during his two years of duty. Ken felt that being a Marine made him a better man. He learned that despite hardships, he could work his way through most anything. It made him a lot tougher.

Ken returned to Wisconsin where he tried working in an office and decided that it was not for him. He eventually gravitated to become a Carpenter's Apprentice and continued in that trade for the next 50 years. (Using those skills, he has since constructed the two traveling flag containers that are used to carry KetMorDet's Colors and the Flag Presentation Team's flags.) He worked on building many houses and commercial buildings over the years.

In 1954, Ken married his first wife, Dorothy, and they had nine children, five boys and four girls. Gary, one of the sons, enlisted in the Marine Corps and spent four years playing trombone with field bands at Quantico and Parris Island. After 28 years of marriage, Ken lost Dorothy to cancer. He said that he was alone for five years with his youngest daughter who was nine when her mother died. Ken married his second wife, a widow, Audrey, who he lost after seven years due to a heart attack. Being alone again, he met a nice widow, Nettle, and they have been married for ten years.

Ken was not involved with any Marine organization for more than 50 years until he saw an ad about the formation of a Marine Corps League Detachment in the area and he joined KetMorDet in early 2005 as a Charter Member. He says that he has really enjoyed spending time with other former Marines and likes being part of KetMorDet's Flag Presentation Team. The Detachment is also very fortunate having a knowledgeable carpenter aboard.



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*New Member Kevin Koski
being sworn in.
Welcome Aboard, Marine!*



Providing an Honor Guard escort at the Veterans Memorial re-dedication in Erin were KetMorDet Members: Roger Cross, Bill Wallace, and Carl Heimann



Special Thanks go out to Doug Duffin for getting the info needed to get KetMorDet involved in this activity.



Here is Marine initiative in action. Q: A Marine Harrier is coming in for a landing...with the gear stuck up. What do you do? A: Put out a bunch of mattresses to land on and save the plane. Outcome: The plane and pilot landed safely. Sadly one mattress was lost.



A MARINE IN IRAQ RESPONDS TO SENATOR JOHN KERRY

(Taken from the Internet - author unknown) *This was written by my husband, Aaron, who is currently deployed to Iraq, in defense of a recent comment made by Senator John Kerry. Pass it along; it might inspire someone else to speak up! ~ Michelle*

John Kerry said, "**You know education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework, and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well and if you don't, you get stuck in Iraq.**"

So I wrote him a letter:

I am a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. I am current on my second tour in Iraq, a tour I volunteered for. I speak Arabic and Spanish and I plan to tackle Persian Farsi soon. I have a Bachelors and an Associates Degree and between deployments I am pursuing an M.B.A. In college I was a member of several academic honor societies, including the Golden Key Honor Society. I am not unique among the enlisted troops. Many of my enlisted colleagues include lawyers, teachers, mechanics, engineers, musicians, and artists just to name a few. You say that your comments were directed towards the President and not us. If we were stupid Senator Kerry, we might have believed you.

I am not a victim of President Bush. I proudly serve him because he is my Commander in Chief. If it were you who was President, I would serve you just as faithfully. I serve America, Senator Kerry, and I am also providing a service to the good people of Iraq. I have not terrorized them in the middle of the night, raped them or murdered them as you have accused me of before. I am doing my part to help them rebuild. My role is a simple one, but important. You see, Senator Kerry, like it or not, we came here and removed a tyrant (who terrorized Iraqis in the middle of the night, and raped and murdered them). And we have a responsibility to see to it that another one doesn't take his place. The people of Iraq are recovering from an abusive relationship with a terrible government and it's going to take some time to help them recover from that. We can't treat this conflict like a microwave dinner and throw a temper tantrum because we feel like it's taking too long.

Senator Kerry, you don't have to agree with this war. You don't have to say nice things about those of us who choose to make sacrifices for the rights of every American rather than sit back and simply feel entitled to it. But please, Senator Kerry, if you're going to call me a stupid murdering rapist, stick by what you say. Don't tell me that I misunderstood or that you would never insult a veteran because you are one too. Having been there and done that does not give you a free pass to insult me.

My suggestion for you, Senator Kerry, is to remember that your speeches are recorded, and broadcast to us simpletons over here. You may want to write down what you want to say before you say it; maybe have somebody look at it before you say it and tell you what others might hear. Remember that we can't read your mind; if there are any misinterpretations in what you say, it's because you didn't communicate clearly.

Good luck to you Senator Kerry; if nothing else it's always entertaining to watch you try and climb out of the holes that you constantly dig for yourself.

Sincerely,

Somebody who is watching his daughter grow up in photographs so that you can have the right to say whatever you want about him.

(The following was also taken from the Internet)

Senator John Kerry
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Kerry:

We are still laughing over here in Iraq at your joke about the troops being dumb. We do recognize that you are a lot smarter than we are because you were able to get out of combat in three months. This is why we are seeking your advice. Please give us guidance.

- 1) Where is the least painful area on the body to inflict a wound?
 - 2) Does it have to bleed or will a scratch do?
 - 3) Where do you get the forms to fill out recommending yourself for a Purple Heart?
 - 4) Do you need a witness? If so, how much does that cost?
 - 5) Are three Purple Hearts still good for a trip home?
 - 6) What is a realistic period of time in which to acquire these wounds? Less than three months sounds a little suspicious even to us.
- Thanks for your help and keep the jokes coming.

Notes from the Troops

Dear Kettle Moraine Detachment #1203. I wanted to thank you for your **care package**. They were very nice and the contents are great! I needed socks, so now you have given me plenty. The phone cards are great and I plan to call my family. I love beef jerky and it is a great snack for long hours on the road. I shared the candy and razors with my fellow soldiers and they all say thank you. It was very nice of you guys to send me a **care package**. I really appreciate your support, and want to thank you. You are all heroes and kind people. Thank you again for everything and God Bless you guys. Have a wonderful day and I will look forward to hearing from you guys again.
Spec Ryan McGrew, "C" Company, 1 Bn, 121 FA (SecFor) Camp Navistar, Iraq.

Following comes from Major Richard G. Erickson, USMC

I just returned from my latest trip to Hadassah, Haqlaniyah and Barwanah, all of which are booming with insurgent activity right now. My office was filled with **care packages** and I wanted to thank you and let you know that the Young Marines are enjoying your many gifts. I brought a box with me and delivered it to the Marines occupying the battle position at Barwanah. They have very little out there and are in combat with the enemy every day. The Marines actually name the streets after their favorite fast food and candy bars, so they were pleased to get Snickers bars and other treats they rarely enjoy.

The attached photo (not shown here) is from my interrogation of a "sayiq" or driver suspected of using his taxi to deliver ordnance (for roadside bombs) to insurgents. I am with my interpreter, "Mike 2" and one of my security Marines. Part of my job as judge advocate and Geneva Conventions evaluator is to ensure that no abuse of detainees occurs when they are captured by US Forces. This man insisted that he was treated very well. He told me that the Marines showed him respect (very important in their culture) and that he was fed at night in deference to daytime fasting during Ramadan. This is the standard that I see followed in Anbar province. In fact, I have yet to see anything else.

The problem is that some Iraqis in these rural areas still believe that the Baathists (Sunni) rule Iraq. And men like this taxi driver say they are forced by death threats to help insurgents who intrude into their otherwise peaceful communities. I am learning that the key to winning this counter-insurgency is satisfying the hearts and minds of the populace. This populace, however, has been manipulated by fear and treachery for many years. It is all they know. When we released this man, for example, he kept turning around in apprehension because he felt that there was something suspicious about being treated so well. He initially resisted being released from our custody.

Anyway, I wanted you all to know that we are making a difference. I have seen it. Don't give up hope on this mission.
Major Richard G. Erickson, USMC,
Staff Judge Advocate, Task Force MP 3/14
OIC, Detentions Evaluations & Assessment Program

KetMorDet "Support the Troops" Chairman, John Stern, e-mailed the following note and received the response below it:

Spec 4 Harazin:

Greetings from the Kettle Moraine Detachment - Marine Corps League, I hope that this e-mail finds you and your unit safe and in good spirits. One of our organization's many missions is to support servicemen and women like you currently serving our country. Our organization holds numerous fund raisers throughout Ozaukee and Washington counties using the proceeds to purchase socks, baby wipes, beef jerky, hand sanitizer, phone cards and other items we think might be of use. I plan on shipping out boxes next week and would like to include you as a recipient. While I can't make any promises, if there is any item that you particularly are in need of, please let me know and I'll bring it to the attention of our membership. Once you have confirmed the address given to me by Ken Koski I'll get that package in the mail. The address he has given me is:

Spec 4 Josh Harazin
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Unit 5014-0014
APO AE 09378

Sgt Stern:

Thank you very much for your support. The address you have is correct, and anything the Marine Corps League can send out would be met with the utmost appreciation from myself and the soldiers who serve alongside me. The only item we can't use is the phone cards, the phone center here only allow cards purchased through them (But at 4 cents a minute, nobody's complaining).

Thank you again for your kind words and support, I'll be sure to pass them along. SPC J. Harazin (e-mailed Nov 5 2006)

Chaplain's Corner

On Nov. 3rd, Member Mark Bustamante and his wife, Stephanie, had a baby boy, Quintin August Bustamante, who weighed in at 6 lbs 6 oz and was 20 inches long. A future Marine. Congratulations!

A card was sent to Jim Ramage who was hospitalized and was looking forward to getting back to work on Nov 7th.

KetMorDet sent a sympathy card to Doug Smith's family after his father passed away.

Rollie Moericke has again been admitted to St Joseph's Hospital in West Bend for additional tests.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to all our Members and their families.

Uniform/Equipment

A Det. uniform was purchased and tailored for Honor/Color Guard Member, Don Erdman. Members Paul Schleif, the Det. Bugler, purchased his own uniform and Gil Lucka has ordered his own uniform. The winter coats for the Honor/Color Guard have been purchased. It was ultimately decided that an embroidered logo would look better than the screen-printing that had been previously discussed. Initial cost was approximately the same for the embroidery but that cost will probably increase for future orders. Roger Cross is arranging for the embroidering of the KetMorDet logo on the winter coats. Kerry Juech at Printing Concepts, who originally had been picked to do the screen-printing, agreed to purchase the new winter coats for the Detachment for his cost of \$42 plus shipping. Retail cost of those jackets is \$119. That was very generous on Kerry's part who took no mark-up on the coats as he lost the screen-printing order when it was decided to have them embroidered. Kerry has been doing a good job of printing and providing the various KetMorDet T-Shirts and red windbreakers since the Det was formed.

Color Guard

See the KetMorDet Schedule on the last page for dates of events.

Honor Guard

John Stern organized Members to participate in the Town of Erin Veterans Memorial Dedication ceremony held on Nov 4th. Participating KetMorDet Members were Bill Wallace, Carl Heiman and Roger Cross who provided escort for those Vets being honored or the families of deceased Vets. Member Doug Duffin is on the Erin Memorial Committee.

Additional training sessions for new Honor Guard Members are being planned. If you are interested in participating in the Honor Guard, contact John Stern.

Flag Presentation Team

The Det Flag Presentation Team conducted several events in the area which all were well received. They are as follows:

Nov 2nd at Virginia Highlands Elementary School in Germantown.

Nov 7th at Kewaskum Elementary School

Nov 9th at Highland Newcastle Nursing Facility in Mequon

The following note was received.

Hello Mr. Stern,

I want to thank you again for the flag presentation at Virginia Highlands last week, very informative and moving. My father served with the 3rd Marine Division, Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, Platoon 806 and was a Purple Heart Vet sustaining a gunshot wound while fighting on Guam. Thank you on behalf of him and the thousands of other Vets just as yourselves.

God Bless You All

I have e-mailed my son in regard to sending you his info. He has given me the go-ahead so here it is:

Staff Sgt Jeffery Schied

TFMED Kandahar

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Respectfully & Sincerely

Karen Schied, West Bend, WI

(Mrs. Schied's son is serving in Iraq and will be the recipient of a KetMorDet "Care Package")

French Deer Hunting

A French journalist was interviewing Nugent, an avid hunter. The journalist asked, "What do you think the last thought is in the mind of a deer before you shoot it? Is it, "Are you my friend?" or is it "Are you the one who killed my brother?"

Nugent replied, "Deer aren't capable of that kind of thinking. All they care about is, what am I going to eat next, who am I going to screw next, and can I run fast enough to get away?"

They are very much like the French."

IMPORTANT NOTICES

NO REGULAR DETACHMENT MEETING IS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER, as the Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be held on Nov 11th. If you show up on the third Saturday of Nov at Trenton Town Hall, you will have to hold the meeting alone. Forward your minutes of that unscheduled meeting to the Adjutant for consideration.

Pay your dues early and make "THE BUCKS STOP HERE". A call to National MCL Hqs revealed that a Member in good standing could renew his dues ahead of time at the current rate of \$25 for as many years in advance as is desired. The renewal dues will go up to \$35 annually beginning Jan 1st 2007 so you could now pay for six years at \$25 per year and get two years for free. It is assumed that annual dues will most probably continue to increase every few years. Get your payment at the old rate in to the KetMorDet Paymaster by Dec. 1st so he can get it into the National MCL Hqs on time. This is a one-time offer.

BETTER YET - The best deal is to take an early Life Membership now at the lower rate and never have to pay dues again. The Life Membership fees will also increase after Jan 1st 2007 and again in 2009. If you can afford it, the best deal is to obtain it now and **never have to pay dues again** at the higher renewal or Life rates.

Example 1: A **30-year-old Member** who purchases a Life Membership at \$325 before Jan 2007 would compare to annual payments for about nine years. If he lives another fifty years to age 80, he would have saved at least \$1500 not counting expected dues increases over the years.

Example 2: A **51-year-old Member** paying \$200 for a Life Membership now would compare to annual payments for less than six years. By age 80, he would have saved at least \$850.

Example 3: A **61-year-old Member** paying \$100 now would match that amount in just about three years of regular payments. Make **"THE BUCKS STOP HERE"**. Questions - Call the Paymaster.

(If I had bought that Lifetime Subscription offered by Playboy Magazine for \$150 back in the 1950's, I sure would have saved some money over the years.)

Rates and changes are:

AGE	CURRENT RENEWAL RATE	EFFECTIVE JAN 2007	EFFECTIVE JAN 2009
35 & Under	\$25 Annual/\$325 Life	\$35 Annual/\$400 Life	\$35 Annual/\$500 Life
36-40	\$25 Annual/\$300 Life	\$35 Annual/\$350 Life	\$35 Annual/\$400 Life
41-50	\$25 Annual/\$275 Life	\$35 Annual/\$350 Life	\$35 Annual/\$400 Life
51-60	\$25 Annual/\$200 Life	\$35 Annual/\$250 Life	\$35 Annual/\$300 Life
61 & Older	\$25 Annual/\$100 Life	\$35 Annual/\$125 Life	\$35 Annual/\$150 Life

DETACHMENT'S SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 13 Mon		No Officers Call this month
Nov 18 Sat		No Regular Meeting this month
Nov 23 Thu		Thanksgiving Day - Fly the Flag Proudly
Nov 25 Sat		KetMorDet Color Guard in Grafton Christmas Parade
Nov 26 Sun		KetMorDet Color Guard in West Bend Christmas Parade
Dec 7 Thu	1900	Pearl Harbor Ceremony at the War Memorial, 740 Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee
Dec 11 Mon	1900	Det Officers Call - MPTC West Bend
Dec 16 Sat	0900	Det Monthly Meeting - Trenton Town Hall
Dec 16 Sat	1730	Deliver Member donations of cookies, candies, & checks to Christmas with the Vets at VA Hospital in Milwaukee
Jan 20	1000	Dept of WI MCL Staff Meeting at Double Days Inn - Cottage Grove

Reminder: Newsletter Ads are needed now. Any Member obtaining donations for three ads will receive the new 2007 KetMorDet Red T-Shirt with the Det EGA Logo - Be the first in your Squad to get one.

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