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Who says Marines don't have a sense of humor?

Our next Meeting is 0900 hrs Saturday October 21st, 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 September 16th, 2006
21 Members and 1 Guest present**

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

The Commandant called the meeting to order at 0902. 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 excused
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

Conde, Ted	Coulter, Dan	Duffin, Doug(excused)	Erdman, Don	Fleishman, John
Heiman, Carl	Huf, Walter	Lucka, Gilbert	Mathews, Glen	Moericke, Chris
Montag, Fred	Ramage, Jim	Schleif, Paul	Smith, Doug	Straub, Hugo

New Members

Paul Schleif was sworn in this month. Welcome Aboard Marine! Paul will be playing taps for the Honor Guard.

Guests

Steve Schandolice was in attendance as a prospective member.

Reading of the Minutes

With no corrections to the August Meeting Minutes as posted in the September Newsletter Fritz Montag made a motion to accept them as written. Dan Coulter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Paymaster's Report

The Paymaster handed out copies of the Paymaster report. Roger Cross noted that a \$63.80 credit is forthcoming from Badger Tag and Label due to a billing error on the last batch of labels they made for the Roses. The Paymaster said that he was looking for alternative sources to purchase labels and roses. With no questions or comments on the report Dan Coulter made a motion to accept it as written. John Fleischman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chaplain's Report

The Chaplain reported that get well cards had been sent out to Rollie Moericke and Jason Waier. The Membership hopes these Marines get well soon. The Chaplain also reminded Members if they know of someone who is ill to let him know so he can see if there is anything that can be done for them.

Correspondence Received/Delivered

A Thank You note has been received from a student following a Flag Presentation. Certificates of Appreciation have been sent to Major/Corporate sponsors and a plaque has been sent out the Mason's for their contribution. The Detachment now has a website. www.ketmordet.com. Check it out. More solicitations from charity organization have been received and will be discussed at future Meetings.

Report of Standing Committees

Honor Guard: The Honor Guard Commander contacted the WI Dept of Vets Affairs and advised that KetMorDet is ready to perform burial details. Honor/Color Guard Members will hold a Rose Distribution fundraiser the weekend of Oct 13, 14, and 15 at the new Germantown Walmart. The fundraiser will raise funds for winter jackets for the Color/Honor Guard Members. If a Member has a uniform and is not able to actively participate in functions, those Members may be asked to turn their uniforms so that someone else can use them. A complete uniform costs around \$400 and needs to be utilized to justify that cost. Five Members showed up for the Celebrate Fredonia parade out of 15 uniformed Color/Honor Guard Members. Members MUST participate or they may be replaced.

Flag Presentation Team: The Team has scheduled several presentation dates, including Nov 2, Nov 7, and Nov 9, with more tentatively set. Sign up sheets were available for Members to participate.

Scholarship: Request forms are available for Detachment level scholarships. See George Wujcik for info. It is now too late in the year to request scholarship funds from either the Dept of WI or National Marine Corps League

Uniforms: The October fundraiser will be to cover the cost of the winter jackets that cost \$65-\$85. If anyone is interested in purchasing a red MCL blazer or their own uniforms please contact the Paymaster. Wally Huf received his Det black t-shirt for time spent on fundraisers and Flag Presentations.

Color Guard: KetMorDet received a \$175.00 stipend for the Color Guard participation in the Celebrate Fredonia Parade. They will be participating in the Nov 25 parade in Grafton. The Detachment has also been asked to participate in the Veterans Memorial re-dedication Sept 23rd in West Bend, and will have a small unit there. John Fleishman will obtain info for the Kewaskum Christmas parade.

Fundraising: Sign up sheets were passed around for the Rose distribution fundraiser at Miller Park Sept 22, and 23.

Major/Corporate Fundraising: With help from Glen Brewer and Jim Ramage, both M&I Bank and Capitol Stampings have donated funds to the Detachment. Charlie Keller thanked these Members and remind all to let him know of any possible contacts. He said that there are several more possible Major/Corporate donations in the works.

Toys for Tots: Jim Ramage stated that Dec 3rd Toys for Tots drive would be held from 1200-2000 hrs at the Newburg Firehouse. Fox Company, USMCR will be providing Marines to help. KetMorDet will be doing the "Meet and Greet" on Dec 18 and there will also be a toy distribution. Help will be needed to sort the toys. Anyone having an idea as to where toy barrels can be placed should contact Jim Ramage.

Newsletter: Members wishing to submit anything in the Newsletter are asked to get it into the Editor by the 1st of each month. Member Bio's are needed to serve as a historical record and allow everyone to get to know you better. Contact the Editor to get yours included. The Newsletter continues to evolve. We will be looking for new ads in the near future. Contact the Paymaster for info. Remember 3 ads get you one of the NEW red KetMorDet t-shirts.

Social Committee: The Social Committee has had some preliminary meetings and has a working plan for this years Birthday Ball. Ted Conde stated that it would be held at the Washington County Historical Society (the Old Courthouse) on November 11, 2006 with cocktails at 1800, and dinner at 1900. Last year 47 people attended. If 60 people were to attend this year the Committee estimates it would cost around \$1645 for the evening, which would include a buffet style dinner. Dan Coulter made a motion to have the Detachment cover UP TO \$500 of the Ball expenses. Seconded by Gil Lucka and motion carried. This would help keep ticket prices to around \$20-\$25 per person.

Old Business

Dan Coulter made a motion to accept the Paymaster report from August, as a vote had not been taken on it last month. Gil Lucka seconded the motion. Motion voted on and carried. Roger Cross discussed the "Take a Vet Fishing Day" results. 20 Vets from Union Grove and 56 volunteers went out to a rainy, windy day on Wind Lake where not many fish were caught, but many smiles and good memories were made. There were some funds left over which will be put toward the next event. KetMorDet had donated to this cause. Roger Cross stated that more info would be coming for "Christmas with Vets" at the VA in Milwaukee.

New Business

Badger Detachment will be celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday at Bluemound Gardens on Nov 10th from 1100-1400 hrs all are welcome to attend. Jim Krudwig and Jason Waier will be attending the Fall Conference for the WI Dept of the Marine Corps League Fall Meeting in Beloit on Sep 23.

Good of the League

Chris Moericke stated that after two years of work he has re-enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve. He is now a member of Fox Company in Milwaukee along with Tim Bertram's son. Although it is a different attitude in the USMCR, Chris is looking forward to serving once again.

Roger Cross distributed some catalogs that he had received from US Medals.

Meeting Closed

With no further business to be conducted, the Commandant gave the order to close the Meeting. The Sgt at Arms retired the Colors, the Chaplain gave the closing prayer, and the Sr. Vice Commandant thanked all for attending and asked that they secure new members. The Meeting closed at 1043 hrs. The next meeting will be held 0900 October 21 at the Trenton Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Jason Waier, Adjutant

Letters From the Troops

John Stern has assumed the responsibility as the KetMorDet "Support the Troops" Chairman, and sent out "Care Packages" on Sep 28th to a number of military personnel overseas, including 3rd Bn 14th Marines, Marine Helicopter Squadron HMM 463 and an Army combat medic. Some of these have direct ties to the Washington/Ozaukee County areas served by KetMorDet. The following are notes that he has received back from some of them.

From: SPC Ryan McGrew US Army Sep 27, 2006

I would like to take the time to thank you for your e-mail. It was very nice to hear from some former veterans back in my home territory. I am doing well over here and staying busy. I am a combat medic and support a platoon doing convoy security all over the country of Iraq. Our battalion has been here now for two months, and we will be here for about another 10 months. The address you have included is correct, and I greatly appreciate your generosity and help. My mother and great grandmother are quite proud of me and our unit for the job we are doing over here. We are absolutely blessed to live in our great country, and I am proud to be doing this job. I will also let my guys know that you are thinking about us, and share anything you send. We all appreciate what you do for us. Have a wonderful day, God bless, and thanks again. SPC Ryan McGrew

From: Major Richard G Erickson (3/14) Oct 7th, 2006 - (Fast response to packages sent out Sept 28th)

Subj: Care Packages to Task Force MP 3/14 Iraq

Dear Comrades of Marine Corps League, Kettle Moraine Detachment:

On behalf of the Marines of Task Force MP 3/14, thank you sincerely for the care packages that we just received here in Al Asad, Iraq. In particular, thank you from the Marines of Hqtrs Battery (Philadelphia, PA) and Golf Battery (West Trenton, NJ). They have enjoyed the contents of your packages just prior to heading out to provide combat security for convoys and to perform detention operations. As you may know, 14th Marines is an artillery reserve regiment that has been reassigned to perform missions that more closely fit with the counter-insurgency that we are fighting here. The Marines went through months of transitional training at Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton and 29 Palms, and they are doing an incredible job throughout Al Anbar Province. They are, after all, Marines.

Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we look to close this latest chapter in our proud Marine Corps history. I am attaching a photo of our battalion upon completion of Mojave Viper Training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, CA. Semper Fidelis, my brothers, Rick Erickson

NOTE: The Detachment is looking for additional military personnel overseas to whom we can send packages. Names, addresses, and e-mail address should be forward to John Stern for participation consideration.

Agencies Requesting Donations from KetMorDet

- 1) The Salvation Army, Wauwatosa, requested donations from the Det. (2 requests)
- 2) The American Cancer Society requested donations for its 2006 Annual Fund "**West Bend Drive**" (3 requests)
- 3) The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation has request sponsorship for a full page Ad in USA Today on Nov 10, 2006 to commemorate the dedication of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. (\$250 due by Sep 30, 2006 - Too Late)

NOTE: These requests can be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

Fundraising

The Rose Distribution Fundraisers at Miller Park previously scheduled for Sept 22nd, 23rd & 24th were cancelled as only two Members had signed on for one day and only one Member for the other days. Calls from two other Members were received after the cancellation. A lot of effort went into getting these dates. If we continue to disregard our scheduled dates in the future, we can assume that the Milwaukee Brewers organization will discontinue honoring our requests for open dates. The Detachment will not be able to continue this fundraising effort if there is no interest shown by Members.

Dues

The National Headquarters of the Marine Corps League has advised all Detachments that it has raised the National share of the annual dues by \$6 which means that new Member dues for National will be \$23 and annual renewal dues thereafter will be \$18. The Dept of WI MCL has not yet advised that it will be raising its dues but this should be considered as a likely eventuality. In order to keep up with the increasing dues, KetMorDet will have to consider raising its annual dues as well. This will be a matter of discussion at the next Officers Call and monthly meeting, as the Detachment has to notify National MCL of any change in dues by October 31st 2006. If the Detachment fails to notify National Hqs by then, they will automatically send out bills to you for the old KetMorDet amount but then charge the Detachment for the new higher rate.

One way to get around these dues raises is to consider taking a life membership, which can be done anytime after the first year of Membership. Those rates will be going up in 2007 as well.

New Wisconsin Salutes Veterans License Plates

Beginning Sept 18th, the WI Division of Motor Vehicles began issuing its newest special plate. Wisconsin Salutes Veterans license plates have a white background with black numbers and letters. An American bald eagle, flanked by both the US and WI flags, is on the left. In red letters, "Wisconsin" is at the top and "Salutes Veterans" is printed at the bottom. The plates can be obtained for automobiles, some motor homes, and some light trucks. There is a \$15 issuance fee associated with non-personalized plates that is applied to the Veterans Trust Fund. Personalized plates are also available and are charged a separate annual \$15 personalized plate fee. *Special-plates.dmv@dot.state.wis.us* -or-

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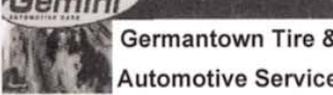
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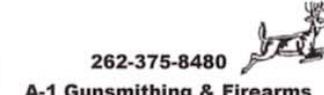
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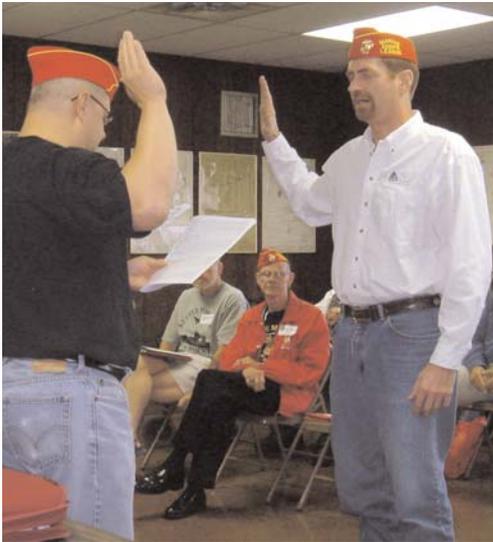



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Welcome Aboard!

New Member Paul Schlice being sworn in by Commandant Bertram.



The highly anticipated new movie by Clint Eastwood about the photograph that has come to symbolize the courage and indomitable will of America, opens Oct 20th 2006.

"The raising of that flag on Suribachi means a Marine Corps for the next five hundred years."
James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy; 23 February 1945

Christmas With The Vets Zablocki VA Hospital December 16, 2006




18th Annual
"Christmas With the Vets"
www.war-veterans.org/Xmas.htm

This program is put on to Honor our Nation's Veterans, and bring some Holiday Cheer to those who are hospitalized during this upcoming Holiday Season.

December 16th

Veterans will be at the East entrance to the hospital if you have baked goods or door prizes to drop off from 5:30pm-6:00pm.
Jeff will pick up any Donation's/items/baked goods during the week of Dec.11-15, 2006 if you cannot drop them off Dec. 16th.

We need Home Made Xmas Cookies-Cakes-Doughnuts!
We need Cheese/Sausage trays-Crackers
We need small Door Prizes to hand out! 225 Vets bags to fill
We need "YOU" to help make this a successful Event!

Thanks from the entire Christmas With The Vets crew for helping us with this "18th Annual Holiday Presentation" our Troops!

If there are any singing groups that would donate their time to perform for the Hospitalized Veterans for 1/2 hours Please Call us.

We need "CASH" donation's to help with the Entertainment-Bingo!





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Shown below are the Marines of Task Force MP 3/14, who recently received one of KetMorDet's "Care Packages". Please be sure to read the note that was attached to it on page 4.



Marine of the Month - Douglas L. Smith

Douglas L. Smith was born on September 14, 1962 (44) in Hartford, WI where he grew up and began high school. His grandfather died and he moved to Milwaukee so he could assist his grandmother. He spent his senior year there and graduating from Riverside High School in 1981.

Doug enlisted in the Marine Corps on December 7, 1982 (the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bombing) and attended boot camp at MCRD San Diego. Following that he completed infantry training at Camp Pendleton and was assigned the 0311 MOS.



In May 1983, Doug was transferred to Guam where he said that the heat was so bad when they debarked from the plane that it sucked the oxygen out of their lungs. (The editor can confirm that feeling as it happened to him as they stopped on Guam on his first trip to Viet Nam.) Doug was assigned guard duty at the Nuclear Weapons Storage site. He recalls working lots of convoys between the base and the harbor. He was promoted to PFC and later was assigned dress up guard duty at the Communications Station where they sometimes did funeral details. After his promotion to Lance Corporal, he worked as the Sergeant of the Guard. A Samoan child was reported missing and the Marines began a search and rescue mission to find him in the jungle. Doug recalled that a native man used an Ouija Board to look for the boy in the jungle without success. The boy was eventually found back at his uncle's house. One of the interesting things on Guam was the Tweed Caves, which had been the subject of an earlier movie. Doug recalls that a Japanese soldier who had survived in the jungle since World War II was found a few years before his tour began there in 1983.

Doug considers the 16 months of duty on Guam as his best tour while in the Corps. He learned to love the island despite his early impression of the heat and humidity. The troops could go fishing most anywhere and also caught lobster and octopus and would sometimes cook them on the beach.

Around August 1985, Doug was transferred to Camp Lejeune, NC and assigned to 2ndBn, 4th Marines, 2nd Marine Division. In about October 1984, the whole unit moved to Okinawa. Doug said that the Lieutenant who was his Platoon Commander asked him what he thought of the platoon and he got an honest response back. The Lieutenant did not care for the answer that he received and tore up Doug's Corporal warrant in front of him. Doug was awarded the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon on Sept 24, 1985. He later transferred back to Camp Lejeune in Nov 1985 and was Released from Active Duty on Dec 6, 1985 at the completion of his three-year enlistment. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Doug returned to Hartford and eventually began working for a security company. He currently works as a Security Officer for Franciscan Health Care, which provides security for St Francis, St Joseph and several other hospitals and nursing facilities in the Milwaukee area. He works up to 70 hours a week. He also has a part time job with security at Alexian Village. He says that his military training



comes in handy with disruptive patients and visitors.

Doug is currently single, having been married twice. He has a 16-year-old son who lives in Iowa. He enjoys being a Member of Kettle Moraine Detachment and wants to participate as time permits.



Together We Served

By Raymond Sturm, Special Agent, U. S. Secret Service (Edited)

Honor, Courage, Commitment

Last Friday my family and I had the pleasure of attending the Sunset Parade at the Marine Barracks, 8th & I, as guests of the Commanding Officer, Colonel Terry Lockard. You may remember Col Lockard as our Operations Officer in 1/5 during Desert Storm.

As you would imagine, the evening was perfect from the minute we arrived at the Barracks. There were numerous Marines assisting with every aspect of the Parade, from parking, giving directions, checking names and helping people cross the street. These Marines, whether LCpl or MGySgt, displayed obvious pride in being there, and represented the best of our Corps. The Marines were striking in their ceremonial uniforms complete with medals. I saw numerous Silver Stars, Bronze Stars, and Purple Hearts on some young men barely old enough to buy a beer.

As guests of the Commanding Officer, we were afforded the opportunity to mingle with other VIPs in the Center House on the grounds of the Barracks. A Major, a Captain, and a Warrant Officer who happily served drinks to the guests tended the bar. At the appropriate time we were escorted to our seats. We sat field level second row back at the 40-yard line. (The Commandant's guests get the 50.)

You have all seen the Silent Drill Team perform, but this was the first time my family was at our Oldest Post. I knew what to expect. It was going to be an amazing evening. Just as everyone was settling in, there was a small commotion to the left. Their fellow Marines escorted several wounded Marines into the Parade area. Each was in a wheelchair, some attended by their wives. Blankets covered most of their wounds, but I could see some seriously damaged bodies. They received a standing ovation from the spectators as they passed by. The wheelchairs made their way toward us and one of the wounded Marines stopped about 2-arm intervals from me.

That Marine sat upright in his wheelchair with his scarred legs immobile straight out in front. He was carrying his daughter on his lap. She was maybe a year old. His wife sat behind him in the bleachers. I was amazed at his mood as he played with his daughter and moved her arms in rhythm to the music played by the President's Own (Marine Band).

I could see he was uncomfortable at times as he tried to reposition his blanket or cushion. To move his legs, he had to grasp his shoelaces, which were tied with extra long loops. He then had to lift and attempt to maneuver his legs. I watched him do this several times and had to fight the urge to assist him. After all, his wife was just a few feet away and certainly she knew when to help and when not to.

The Parade progressed as all parades do. At the command, "Pass in review," the Marines faced to the right and began the march off the Parade Grounds. After some quick drum beats to get everyone going, the combined President's Own (Marine Band) and Commandant's Own (Marine Drum and Bugle Corps) began playing the Marine Hymn. To my amazement, the Marine next to me started lifting his legs off the rests on his wheelchair and planted his feet on the grass. He held on to the arms of the chair, and strained to push himself up. His body was far from straight and actually resembled a question mark, but in his eyes and those around him, he was standing tall. He was shaking, struggling not to fall over, but he was at attention when our Colors passed. I can't remember ever seeing such determination and pride. I didn't have to look far to find a hero that night. He was sitting (and standing) just two arm lengths away.

Recruit Turns Down Disney to Serve in Corps

MCRD Sand Diego, CA - Leaving behind the world of cartoon art and an opportunity of a lifetime to work at Disney/Pixar, Inc, one man chose to pick up a M16-A2 rifle and train to become one of the few and the proud. PFC Nathaniel W. Griggs, Platoon 2017, graduated from Marine Corps recruit training to make his dream of becoming a Marine come true.

When Griggs was in the delayed entry program in his hometown of Moline, IL, he entered a piece of art, created with ink pen and colored pencil, into a contest and won second place. His artwork drew Disney/Pixar's attention and they offered him an apprenticeship as a cartoonist with their company. Although he was excited about the offer, Griggs decided to turn it down and stick with his decision to join the Marine Corps as a reservist while he furthered his education in art. When his recruiter asked him what he hoped to gain from the Marine Corps and life in general, Griggs said the most important things to him were education, professional development and challenge. Griggs realized how much value the Marine Corps could hold for him and knew he could go to college anytime, but he wouldn't always have the chance to be a Marine.

He became interested in artwork modeled after the armed forces similar to the one he entered in the contest. Griggs said he believed being in the Marine Corps would provide him with a solid foundation to better express his thoughts of the noble aspect of military service. Griggs helped paint his Platoon's range flag, which is carried for motivation during the rifle range training. Platoon 2017's flag brandished a fox holding a standard issue service rifle, targets and Senior DI's name.

Griggs said he believes the values and traits instilled by the Marine Corps such as discipline and integrity will help him with his art and aid him in his ongoing search for self-improvement. "I think joining the Marine Corps was the best thing I could have done because it supplies me with the best way to find out the full potential of what I have to offer myself and others around me," said Griggs.

Excerpted and edited from an article in the MARINE CORPS NEWS - LCPL Alicia Small - October 9, 2006

Marine Nominated for Medal of Honor

A U.S. Marine from Albuquerque who was killed in Iraq has been nominated for the Medal of Honor, the U. S. Military's highest honor for bravery on the battlefield. Christopher Adlesperger was nominated after killing at least 11 enemy soldiers while recovering the body of a buddy and two WIA's. The last time a U.S. Marine received a Medal of Honor was for the Viet Nam War, according to Headquarters, U.S Marine Corps Public Affairs. The nation's highest recognition for bravery is reserved for those who have shown conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty. Two-thirds of the Medals of Honor awarded to Marines since the beginning of WW II have been posthumous.

PFC Adlesperger was a member of Kilo Company, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines whose mission was to search for insurgents. They called it the "squeegee tactic". Like window washers trying to clean a grime-streaked window, the Marines would sweep methodically through Fallujah, searching each house for insurgents. The insurgents, having learned from earlier fights with the Marines, were no longer fighting in the streets. Instead, they waited inside homes, ready to spray bullets as Marines pushed through a door or entryway. Some had injected themselves with lidocaine, Novocain or adrenaline, allowing them to fight even after receiving mortal wounds, a spectacle the Marines called the "Night of the Living Dead".

The Bn had drawn one of the most dangerous sectors, the Jolan neighborhood in Fallujah's northwest corner, where Marines had encountered stiff fighting during an aborted offensive in April. The houses were close together, and the curving, rubble-filled streets were too narrow to allow the Marines to use tanks. On Nov 10th, shortly after dawn, the Marines pushed out. They had cleared hundreds of buildings during the day. For hours, they faced only minor resistance. A few more buildings and they could stop for the night. Then they came to one that had a wall around it like a lot of Iraqi buildings. There was a courtyard and an outside stairway leading to the roof. As the fireteam's point man, Adlesperger attempted to knock down the gate while his buddy, Erick Hodges, moved forward and was immediately felled by a hail of bullets from inside, probably from a concealed opening in the masonry wall. As they rushed the house, a Navy Corpsman was hit in the stomach and another Marine hit in the leg. Marines and insurgents exchanged gunfire from no more than 20 feet. The insurgents also threw grenades from inside the house. Adlesperger fired at the insurgent's machine gun position as he ran toward the two wounded men. He helped them up the outside stairway to the roof. As insurgents tried to storm the stairway, Adlesperger would kill them before they could reach the roof. This was at such close range that he could hear the blood gurgling in their mouths and noses. From his rooftop position, he could see insurgents peppering Hodges' lifeless body with bullets, including two to his head. Unable to penetrate the building with his rifle to neutralize the machine gun inside, Adlesperger shifted to the grenade launcher. Standing on the roof, he blew holes in the building and then rained gunfire on the insurgents below him. They returned fire and then fled. From his rooftop position, Adlesperger killed four insurgents who had fled into the courtyard, each with a shot to the head.

On Nov 10, 2004, in 30 minutes of close combat, Adlesperger, a soft-spoken, religious young man who loved poetry and art, attacked an enemy stronghold and killed at least 11 insurgents who were heavily armed and probably high on drugs - and who had just killed his close friend, LCpl Erick Hodges. He protected two wounded squad members from attack and saved innumerable Marines. Shrapnel bloodied Adlesperger's face and he had bullet holes in the sleeve and collar of his uniform. He refused to be evacuated until Hodges' body was recovered. The Bn CO said that "It was a tremendous bit of fighting. He was a quiet kid, but he was remarkable. He was one tough bastard." The building had been an insurgent command and control center.

Because of his actions that day, Adlesperger who had just turned 20, was promoted to LCpl on Thanksgiving weekend. He was in charge of his own fireteam and being considered for the prized sniper school.

A month after the firefight for which he has been nominated for the Medal of Honor, Adlesperger led Marines in storming another building where insurgents were hiding. He was shot in the heart and died instantly.

Fear - and Courage

Centuries of warfare have not entirely answered the question of why some fighters, in times of maximum chaos and danger, act in a heroic fashion, putting concern for their own lives in abeyance. For a military force dedicated to ground combat such as the Marine Corps, the issue is of surpassing importance. How do you train young men to put the needs of the mission above their own instinct for survival?

Bing West, a Marine infantry officer in Vietnam and now the premier chronicler of the Marines in Iraq, estimates that even in the Marine Corps, no more than one in 10 shows a talent above his training for taking the fight to the enemy and killing.

Much of the Marine philosophy about bravery can be found in the classic study "The Anatomy of Courage," published in 1945 by Lord Moran, a British physician who served at the front during World War I and then as physician to Winston Churchill for 25 years. The book is on a Marine Corps reading list given to sergeant on up through captains. Moran's thesis is that men fight not just for survival or patriotism in response to strong leadership - and because they have grown to identify with their group so tightly that any threat to the group is seen as intolerable.

Courage, Moran suggests, is a morale quality that comes from an unwillingness to quit. Fear, he says, is a critical part of it. Without fear, he argues, there is no courage; fear provides the energy, the resolve.

(Information on this page is from excerpted articles published in the Los Angeles Times and Albuquerque Tribune newspapers, which have been edited and condensed.)

Officer Updates

Chaplain's Report:

I have sent a get-well card to Don Erdman's mother on his request. George Wujcik

Flag Presentation:

The West Bend Cedar Ridge Assisted Living facility's Flag Presentation on Sep 20th had 60 people in attendance. There was a favorable response from those in attendance.

Members are needed to sign up for the Flag Presentations scheduled for November. See dates below. The sign-up sheet will be out at the October Monthly Meeting.

Honor Guard Commander's Report:

The Detachment Honor Guard has participated in several practice sessions with the next scheduled following the October 21st Monthly Meeting at the Trenton Town Hall.

Mr. Leon Klinkenberg, head of the Military Funeral Honors program of the WI Dept of Veterans Affairs has been notified that KetMorDet is now available to render military honors within Ozaukee and Washington Counties. The way the program works is that all funeral homes licensed by the State of WI ask the family if the deceased was a veteran, and if they desire military honors at the funeral. Mr. Klinkenberg is then notified and will contact the Detachment. The Honor Guard Commander then contacts the funeral director to determine the honors to be rendered, dates, times, locations and in turn contacts members of the Honor Guard. John Stern

Paymaster's Note:

When KetMorDet was formed, I advised all that I would participate for up to two years and then step aside to have others take on some of those responsibilities. As the Paymaster, I personally financed the Detachment for the first four months until we had our first fundraiser in 2005 when I was reimbursed. Thankfully, we are solvent now and the Paymaster can write checks. In that our annual election of officers will be moved up to an earlier date in 2007, I would like to encourage anyone interested in taking on the Paymaster position to give me a call. We can go over the duties to see if you want to provide this invaluable service to the Detachment, which is second only to the Commandant in importance. If we don't continue to raise funds for the troops/other charities and watch our spending, we could be out of business. Jim Krudwig

Detachment's Schedule of Upcoming Events - Add to your calendar

Oct 16	Mon	1900	Det Officers Call - MPTC West Bend
Oct 21	Sat	0900	Det Monthly Meeting, Trenton Town Hall
"	"	1030	Honor Guard Practice " " "
Oct 25	Wed	1900	Quantico Marine Band Live in Concert - Monona Terrace, One John Nolen Drive in Madison Free Admission, Arrive Early - Limited Seating
Nov 2	Thu	1400	Flag Presentation, Virginia Highlands, Germantown
Nov 7	Tue	1230	Flag Presentation, Kewaskum Elementary
Nov 9	Thu	1400	Flag Presentation, Highlands New Castle, Mequon
Nov 10	Fri		Marine Corps Birthday - Fly the Flag
"	"	1000-1400	Badger Det Marine Corps Birthday Party, Bluemound Gardens, 11700 W. Bluemound Blvd (414) 771-3000 \$15-\$20 per person. Pay your own.
Nov 11	Sat		Veterans Day - Fly the Flag
"	"		Veterans Day Banquet: Honoring All Military Veterans, Milwaukee County War Memorial
Nov 11	Sat	1800	KetMorDet 231st Marine Corps Birthday Ball Celebration, Wash Co Old Courthouse Museum in West Bend - Dinner, Drinks, Entertainment and 2006 MC Birthday goblet included. All for \$20 a person. Guest Speaker recently returned from Iraq. Men: Dress Uniform or Coat & Tie; Women: Evening Dress. Reservations and Payment needed by Oct 21st Monthly Meeting.
Nov & Dec			Christmas Parades for Color Guard - Dates to be announced
Dec			Toys for Tots - Dates to be announced
Jan 20	Sat	1000-1400	Dept of WI MCL Winter Meeting, Cottage Grove, Double Day Inn

Reminder: Newsletter Ads are needed in December. Any Member obtaining donations for three ads will receive the new Red KetMorDet T-shirt. - Be the first on your block to have one.

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